The English Register of Godstow Nunnery.
The English Register of Godstow Nunnery, near Oxford, Written About 1450.

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TEMPORARY PREFACE

This text, of which the first and slightly larger portion is now issued, is taken from an admirable transcript of Rawlinson MS. B 408 in the Bodleian Library, made for the Society by Mr. Thomas Austin. Reference from the transcript to the original in a number of doubtful places seemed fully to establish its fidelity.

A detailed account of the MS. and its sources will be given in an Introduction, which has been completed for press and will be published when the text is finished. A short note, however, is necessary for present appreciation of these pages.

The first folios of the MS. are of somewhat earlier date than those which follow. These give an English rendering of some portions of the Breviary, and the presumption is that the writer intended to turn the whole service-book into his mother tongue. When the Register was sent to the binder, this fragment, although absolutely unrelated to it, was sent with it, probably with a view to its preservation. In preparing this portion of the MS. for press, I have to acknowledge most hearty assistance from Canon Wordsworth, Rector of St. Peter’s, Marlborough, whose helping hand will be more fully apparent in the commentary contained in the Introduction.

The rest of the MS. presents us with the Register of Estates of Godstow Abbey. This possesses the singular interest of being, in all probability, the only complete English version of a cartulary that was ever made for a monastic house. The conditions under which it was prepared are naively told in the quaint Prologue (p. 25).
This Register in a multitude of places proved extremely hard reading. It was plain that, either from fault of the scribe, or from incapacity on the part of the translator, the meaning of the deeds had been destroyed in many places. Recourse was, therefore, had to a slightly earlier Latin Register, now among the Exchequer MSS. in the Public Records Office (King's Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, no. 20). By its help, the text has been cleared up and patched in a great many places. Unfortunately, this Latin copy is a fragment only, and does not fully cover the English Register.

As a piece of English writing, the Register preserves forms, both phonetic and inflexional, which will be welcome to special students. There were at least two scribes engaged in the work, the first one giving over at leaf xlvi or 58 (p. 204, note 1). My own feeling is that there were also several translators, the continuator or continuators using a somewhat different dialect from the man who began the translation. Most unfortunately, the volume, before it was bound up, seems to have fallen in pieces; and I know not how to discover its original sequence. Specialists, however, will be able to determine the point from internal evidence. The many place-names, in different localities, invite comparison and linguistic analysis. There are also some accessions for our English Dictionary.

As a translation, the Register has certain marked peculiarities. One is the tendency (page 302, note 1) to translate a single Latin word by two words, one of Latin origin, the other English. We are constantly reminded of the 'acknowledge and confess,' 'dissemble nor cloke,' 'assemble and meet together,' of the Book of Common Prayer. Another is the failure of the translator to perceive that the Latin order was intelligible only because of its case-endings, and could not be retained in English, where only the position of the words indicated the difference between nominative and accusative. A third feature is the reduction of the 'I,' 'me,' 'mine,' of the Latin to the third person. This was done with a view to shortening the style, but it has brought with it much darkness, numerous errors, and frequent inconsistencies.
There are also indications that the translator was no great Latinist; genitives of the first declension are often mistaken for datives, and datives of the second declension often mistaken for ablatives.

The deeds abound in valuable, though scattered, bits of information about the condition of English land and houses, and the management of estates, in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth centuries. There are numerous incidental references to historical events. Several obscure points in early church history in England are touched upon. Much is added to our knowledge of the history of Godstow, so poorly set forth in the Monasticon. The fresh material for local history is considerable. These matters, so far as I am capable of handling them, have been taken note of, and will be set out in the promised introduction. Meanwhile, the notes and side-notes may serve to point out many of them.

The order of deeds in the original MS. being desperate, I have re-arranged the whole series, giving (a) those deeds (nos. 1–6), which related to the foundation of the nunnery; (b) those (nos. 7–865), which related to estates; and (c) the general charters (nos. 866–903), granted by bishop and archdeacon, sovereign, or pope. The estate-deeds have been arranged by counties; within each county, by places in alphabetical order of the modern spelling (retaining, however, the spelling of the MS. in the head-lines); and within each place, by subject, and, as far as possible, by order of time.

Many difficulties arose in the course of the work. To solve these, I was not bashful in asking help, and I have to express my warm thanks to many correspondents who have answered inquiries. I may mention by name G. E. Cokayne, Esq., Dr. R. L. Poole, Rev. F. W. Weaver, and two members of Lincoln College, Rev. W. Floyer Cornish, and Rev. S. Spencer Pearce. Nearly every page of the text has gained something in accuracy from the continuous assistance of Mr. Herbert Hurst, my old fellow-worker and a devoted student of Oxford antiquities, and of Rev. Herbert E. Salter, who has given these documents the benefit of his intimate
knowledge of the cartularies of Godstow's great neighbours, St. Frideswyde's Priory and Oseney and Einsham Abbeys. A special word of thanks is due from me to Dr. Furnivall, our Director, not only for advice and correction when the text came to be printed, but for encouragement and sympathy throughout the long delays which interrupted its preparation.

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(Rawlinson MS. B. 408)

PREFIXED LITURGICAL PIECES

ARTICLES OF EXCOMMUNICATION
(two first leaves cut out)

2 * In constituc[ione] Oct[obonis], ca[pitul]o 'q[wu]m in armis.'

† Alle pat helpeth pe sarezenes azens cristen men, in armys or in any oper pinge. In q[ua]d[a]m ex[tra]uagante in cle[mentinis], qu[a]e incipit 'mutta multa.'

4 † Alle me[n] of religio[n] pat howsleith, or weddith, or anelith any man or woman, with-out leve of his proper preste; or assyeth any man a pena & culpa, with-out special pr[u]elege of pe pope; or makith or ledith any man, be sayre wordes, or be-hestis, to be-hote or to swere to be biried among hem, from his pariss[sh] church: or zif pei haue chose her biiring among hem, for to lette hem for to change hit, pey be acursed. extra de lucr[etu]s c[apitol]o 'Religiosi.' & extra de penis & re. ca[pitul]o 'Cuplentes inde.'

† Alle pat knoweth heresy, wicchecrafte, enchauntement, Nigroma[n]cy, coniurisones or any fals beleve azens the feyth of 16 holichurch, but zif pei distroye hit be þer power. And al pat ben ordened to enquere per-o[n], zif pei leue the sute þerof. Extra de sentencia ex[communicationis] 'quicunque' li[br]o * 5o.

† Alle lorde[s] pat maketh her priestes to syng her messe in churchis entidered, and bellis rynge[n] clepit folke to messis; or forbedith her subiectes þat ben acursed to go out of þe church, and al þat beth done out of church by name, but zif pei gone out ano[n] when pei ben bede by 24 þa preste thryes, & hold' hem out of al churches vntil pei be reconciled and y-come to Amendemente, pei mowe

* leaf 2.

† Causes of Ex-commu-nica-tion.

Monastics
(i) giving sacra-ments, without parish priest's leave;
(ii) giving absolu-tion, without pope's privilege;
(iii) persuading people to be buried in conventual church;
(iv) forbidding people to withdraw their promise, if afterwards they wished to be buried in their parish church.

Conniving at heresy or witch-craft.

Great folks
(i) forcing priests to disregard interdict;
(ii) en-couraging followers to resist ex-commu-nica-tion.

1 The present foliation allows for one leaf.
2 Clarendon type represents the rubrics of the original.
3 i.e. Sexti Decretalium libro v. tit. xi, cap. 11.
not be assoyled of her rebelte but of pe pope alone. *Extra de sentencia ex[communicationis] 1 ca[pitulo] 'Grauis' in cle[mentinis].

If Alle po been A-cursed pat in parrelle of dethe beth assoyled 4 of hym pat hath no power be pe lawe, and haue y-hote to seche absolucon of hym pat hath power, zif pei do hit not anoyn as sone as pei may, pei alle azen in pe cursyng pat pei were in before & worse for her vnbuxumnesse. *extra de sententia 8 ex[communicationis] 'eos qui' li[br]o 5o.

If Al po pat by name be acursed for lechery, men or women, but zif pei departe company anoyn, and al pat comenyth with hem pat be acursed; in etynghe or in drynyng; helpyng or 12 receyvyng or fauryng; but onlich in hope to brynge hem in-to amendement.

If Alle po pat lettith, by worde or be dede, partyes pat ben wrothe, or in stryvyng; or in pletyng, to be made at cone, ben 16 acursed and mow not be assoyled tille pey haue restorid pat yat was wronge and so much more to pore meyn. In constitucione oct[obonis] ca[pitul]o 0 'Cum propter.'

If Alle secular lordes and bayles pat lettith the ordinarie of 20 holichurch to dispose the goodis of men dyinge with-out testamen tes in payng of her dettis or in almes Seeving for her sowles. In constitucione Strafford ca[pitul]o 0 'Accidit.'

If Alle po pat customably come to lyches and occupy hem 24 with vanytees and rybawdry, wher pei shuld pray for pe sowle. Many o[per] poynetes per be sette in pe lawe of holichurch, for pe wiche he pat vseth hem customablich, and wil not amend hym per-of, is acursed and putte out of comenyng of cristen 28 meyn. Of pe wiche oon is pis: he pat customablich swerith by pe here of criste, *or by his hede, or any o[per] maner vsith blasphemyng azenes god or his seyntis, zif he is in order of holichurch, he shal be deposes d perfor; And zif he be A lewde 32 mañ he shal be acursed perfor, as hit is seyd in Canohn. [causa]. 22. q[uest.] 1. Siquis per capillum dei uel per caput iuraurerit uel amodo blasphemia vsus fuerit, si in ecclesiastico ordine est: deponatur. Si laycus est: 36 Anathematizetur.

1 eos qui li[br]o 5o followed: struck out, because belonging to next section. It is cap. 22 of lbv. v. tit. xi.
Also al maner of haserdowres and comyn dyes players, 3if pei at wereynge of holichurch seye not ther-of, pei shulle be acursed; as lawe of holichurch seyth. d[istantione] 3ij. ca[pitule]o . . . :
3if a bishop or a preste vse such haserdying or dyseplayng, but 3if he leue hit, certeuly he is dampped: 3if a deken or a subdeken or any clerke vse hit, he shal be put out of comenynge of cristene men: Also 3if he be a lay man, he shal be a-cursed:

Also in þe ciule hit is wrytten. Codice de episcopis & clericis. Auctentica. We interdicten al bysshopes, prestis, dekenes, subdekenes, and al men of religion what-soener pei be, pat vsen haserdying or dyseplayng, or ells maken hem parteneres or ells come to be-holden such maner men playing:

Siquis autem ex his in hoc deliquerit, iubemus hunc tribus annis venerabili misterio prohiberi & in monasterio redigi. Sed si medio tempore se penitentem ostenderit: liceat sacerdoti sub quo constitutus est muneri. . . t . . . Et hunc rursus proprio misterio reddere.

Excommunicacio.
By þe auctorite of our lorde god almy3ti, and our lady seynt mary, and al þe seyntes in heuen, of angelis and archa-angelas, patriarches and prophethis, apostolis et euangellistis, Marteres, confessoris and virgyynes, and also by þe power of holichurch þat our lorde Ihesu christe 3aue to seynt Petur and to al his successoris,

We denownce al þo openly acursed þat we haue þus rekened to 3ow; and al þo þat mayntein hem in her synnes, or þeþem any halpe þerto or courseff. So þat þei be departed fro god an[d] al holy church, and þat þei haue no parte of þe passion of cristene ne no parte of prayeres amonget cristene folke, but þat þei ben acursed of god and of al holichurch, fro þe sole of her [fote] to þe crowne of her hede, slewynge and wakynge; styffing or stondying, And in al her workes workyng and in al her wordes spekyngs. And but 3if þei haue grace of god for to amende hem here by her lyfe, for to dwelle in þe payne of helle for euer with-out ende. And riȝt as pis Candle fe is qwenched and departed fro l¾t: so þei for to be departed fro god þat is l¾t of pis worlde for euer and to dwelle in helle all way in derkenesse without onde. Fiat Fiat. Amen.
DEVOTIONAL PIECES

[Invocation to the Cross.]

* Here begynneth pe . A . B . C. of deuocion :

(1) Help us, O cross, of ihesu criste be euer oure spede,
And kepe vs from perel of synnes and Payne.
Blessid be pat lorde pat on pe crosse dide blede,
Crist, god and man, pat for vs was slayne:
Dede he was and rose vp agayne.
Euer helpe us, crosse! with hym to a-ryse
Fro deeth to lyue, and synne to dispise.

(2) Gracyous crosse! now grawnt us pat grace
Hym for to worship with al oure mynde,
In wordes, in werkes, and in euery place
Knelyng and kyssyng pe, where we pe fynde.
Late us be neuer to hym vnkynde
Mercyfully pat made vs to be men
Nomore to kepe but his heestis ten.

(3) O blissful crosse! teche us al vertu
Plesyng to god for oure saluacion,
Quenchyng alle vices in pe name of ihesu
Rauson for payng for oure dampnacion.
Sende us suche grace of convuersacion
That we may stye and glorified be
Where crist is kyng pat dyed on tre.

(4) O Christ, Crist, pat dyed on pe holy roode!
I pray pe, good lorde! with al my myght,
Sende us summe part of al thy goode,
And kepe us from yuel euer day and nyght,
Contynuyng þi mercy sauyng al ryght.

Titulle of þi passion Poynþ us saue
As to thy × reuerence we may haue.

[Metrical versions of some General Acts of Devotion.]
Devotional Pieces: Pater noster

(5)

In nomine patris & filii et spiritus sancti. Amen.

In the name of pe blessid trinyte,
The fader, pe sone, and pe holi goost,
I make pis ✝ to defende me
Fro myne enemies and per boost:

Blesse me, lorde ihesu, pat I be not lost,
Thorgh vertu and grace of pis ✝ holy syne,
Where-on þow suffred þi passyon pyne.

(6)

* Pater noster, qui es in celis, sanctificetur nomen tuum. *

Oure fader in heuen halowed be þi name,
As Ihesus þi sone tawst us to say:
Kepe us þi children from synne and blame,
That we ben saued at oure laste day.

Thi name in us halowed be may
If we make clene oure tempil with-ynne.

Now kepe us, fader! fro deedly synne.

(7)

Adueniat regnum tuum.

Fader! þi kyngdom late come to us,
That we may come and dwelle with the:
Thy sone, oure broþer and oure lorde, ihesus,
Bought us þat kyngdome on þe rode tre.

Now, for his loue þat dyed for me
And hath oure flessh þere in his region,
Lete me come aftur with true confession.

(8)

Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in celo, & in terra.

Fader! þi wille late euer be done,
With us in erthe, as it is in heuen:
And as ofte as we make any trangression,
The werkes of mercy late helpe us seuen

In oure a-countes þat we stande euen,
So þat þi wil fulfilled may be

With feyth and hope and trew charite.
Devotional Pieces: Pater noster

(9)

Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie.
Geue us pis day oure every dayes brede,
Oure bodily sustynaunce and gostely also,
That wheper we be a-lyue or dede
Oure gostely fode with us may go
To make us stronge a-zenst oure fo,
Euer vpon us pat lythe in a-wayte
To take pi children with hokes and bayte.

(10)

Et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut & nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.
And also, fader! forseue oure dettes,
To al oure dettours as we forjene;
And when oure enemye wil caste his nettes
To cacche pi children, 3ene hym no leuc.
Suffre us neuer pe for to greue,
For3eyng al pat ys done before;
And grawnt us grace to greue pe nomore.

(11)

* Et ne nos inducas in temptacionem.
And lede us not, fader! in-to temptacion,
Ne suffre us neuer to falle per-ynne.
The fende bryngeth us fals delectacion;
Our flessh is redy euer to synne;
The worlde is besy us for to blynne.
When per temptaciones meueth our entent,
Suffer us neuer to graunt nor consent.

(12)

Sed libera nos a malo.
But, fader! delyuer us from al ylle
Thorgh pese peticiousus pat ihesus vs taught,
And suffre oure sowles neuer to spyle
For whom pi sone so manly hath faught.
And in oure batayle piif we be caught
Raunsom us, fader! with mercy and grace,
And bryng us al to pi blisful place. Amen.
Devotional Pieces: Creed

(13)

Auc, maria, gracia plena; dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, & cetera.

85 Hayle mary, virgyn so ful of grace!
Oure lorde almyghty is fully with pe.
This salutacion is oure solace.
A-boue al women blessid mot pow be,
89 And blessid be pe frute of pi wombe so fre.
Ihesus, oure lorde god is sone and pyne,
91 Pray hym for us, blessid lady myne.

(14)

Credo in deum patrem, & cetera.

92 I beleue on god in persones pre,
The fader, and sone, and holigost;
Maker of heuen, with angels degre,
And erthely pinges, both este and most.
96 All pis he made with-oute any cost:
His worde was seyd, and al was done.
98 And lyke myghty is euery persone.

(15)

99 I beleue on ihesu chrest, pe secound partue,
The sone of god, pe holygost worchying;
Was man conceyued, a-boue al resone;
And borne of a mayde with-out hyre hurtyng.
103 But he was hurte, with myche payne sufferyng:
Crucified, deed, and leyde on his graue,
105 Descendyng to helle his seruauntes to saue.

(16)

106 * The priddle [day] aftur po he a-roos,
And to his discipullis ofte he dide apere.
He stied to heuen with his body cloos,
Sendyng his holygost peyn for to chere:
110 And atte domes-day he wil come nere
To deme pe worlde, al qwykke and dede,
112 Aftir pe lyfe as pei dide here lede.
I believe in Holy Church, and the Seven Sacraments.

I believe in al holichurch, With þe seuen sacramentis after þe feith.

Crist gawnt us grace truly to worch, With true bileue as holichurch seith.

The communion of seyntis now for vs preith, In whom I beleue, as holichurch techith, And as þe clergy to þe pepul prechith.

I believe more-ouer, in fulle remyssyon Of al oure synnes, in worke or þought, With shrifte of mowth and herte contricyon, Thorgþ crist is mercy, þat us hath bought. Than, synful man! dispayre þe nought; For þif þi synnes be many and grete, Aske mercy, and amende, and god wil forgete.

I believe at þe laste in þe resurreccyon, When al oure bodies shal rise aȝeyne. Then cristes passion beoure proteccyon, When he shal see al oure lyif pleyne. God saue us from euerlastyng peyne, Helpynge oure lyfe her to amende; And graunt us þe life þat neuer ende.

I knowlech to god, with veray contricon, Vn-to seynt mary, and his seyntis alle, Þat, þorgh my frealte and wrecchid condicion, In-to many synnes ofte haue I falle. But aftir mercy now wille I calle, With true confession, repentaunce, (God graunt me space), and due penaunce.
Devotional Pieces: Confession of sins

(21)

141 *First: I knowlech pat I haue broken
   His x. commandementis in many a place,
   In werke, in worde, in pought, in token;
   And ofte be vnkynd vn-to his grace;
145 Sweryng by his body, or by his face,
   Taken in ydul his blessid holy name:
147 Wherfore y knowlech me gretely to blame.

(22)

148 I haue not loued hym and dred as I shuld,
   Neither serued hym in kepyng myne holyday;
   But rather to playes and Iapes y wolde,
   Then to serue god, rede, syng, or pray.
152 Al pe circumstauace y can not say,
   So synful y am and so vnstable,
154 For my defautes ben innumerable.

(23)

155 My fader and moder I haue not obeyed,
   As y shuld haue done, with helpe or mekenesse.
   The balance of vertues I haue mysweyed;
   With sleyng of tonge, or with wilfulness,
159 With lechory, or with pefte, or fals witnesse,
   Couetyng wykkydly man or mannes wyfe
161 And oober gode pat longed to per lyfe.

(24)

162 The seuen dedely synnes I can not excuse:
   For I am gylty, in many maner wyse,
   With delectacyon, consente, and vse;
   Al now to reherce I may not suffyse;
166 In Pryde, Envye, wrath, Lechory, & couetyse,
   Sleuth, and Glotony, with al per spices.
168 Alas! al my life is ful of vices.
General Prayers.
I have misused my Five Senses.

Devotional Pieces: Confession of sins

(25)

And my fuyte wyttes I haue ofte myspend;
To many vanytes castyng: my syght,
And with my heeryng ful ofte y offend;
My smellyng, my tastying, I spend not ryght;
My handes to synne haue ben ful light.
Thus haue I gouerned my wittes fyve,
And in synne mispended al my lyve.

(26)

* leaf 5, back.
I have omitted the Works of Mercy;

* The werkes of mercy I haue not fulfilled,
Aftir my power, as ofte as I myght.
To helpe pe pore I was not beste willed;
With mete and drynke and cloping: pem dyght;
\[\text{The gostely werkes y haue lefte also,}\]
\[\text{To councel and teche pem pat were lewde},\]
Geuyng no comfort in socour and wo,
Neyther to chaste such as were shrewde,
And so pem harmes not sore me rewed;
Neyther forgeuyng with true pacience
Or prayed for pem pat dide me offence.

(27)

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Or prayed for pem pat dide me offence.

(28)

I haue not reuerensed pem seuen sacramentes
Fat ben ordenyd for my saluacion,
But of pem sore synned pat me repentes.
Aftir my baptym and confirmacion,
My orders or wedlok standith in accusacion.
\[\text{God graunt me penawnce, and holy brede},\]
\[\text{And holy anoyntyng; or I be dede}.\]

\[1\text{ Of is elsewhere used for oft.}\]
\[2\text{ Sic.}\]
(29)

Al pis I knowlechi in general,
Of synnes doyng, and leuyng good werkes.
If I shulde nombre pe branches especial,
I shulde occupie to wryte per-of many clerkes.
With synful lyfe my sowle derkes
That I can not see and lasse my defeutes,
And euer my enemyes maketh many sautes.

(30)
Now light me, holygost! with pi presence;
And 3ene grace my lyfe to amende,
With drede, and pyte, and trew science,
With gostely strength to make a good ende.

(31)
* Precor sanctam mariam, omnes sanctos, et cetera.

I pray pe, lady! pe moder of crist,
Praieth joure sone me for to spare,
With al angels, and Iohn Baptist,
And al joure company pat now ys thare.

Al holichurch, for my welfare,
Graunt me of joure merites a participacion,

(32)
Misereatur mei omnipotens deus, & cetera.

Now, god almyghty! haue mercy on me,
For maryes prayers and al pi sayntes,
To whom, wepyng and knelyng on kne,
Thus now I make my complayntes.

For sorow and shame my hert ful sayntes;
Wherfor of al my synnes mercy I cry,
And pray the to bryng to heuen an hy.
Devotional Pieces: Prayers

General Prayers.

Last thing at night; commendation to God.

[take = give.]

Grace before and after meat.

Prayer for benefactors.

Pro graciis Agendis.

Grace before meat.

Prayer for the dead.

Retribuere dignare. & cetera.

Anime omnium fidelium defunctorum, et cetera.

Explicit.

[Kalendar: (i) lunar, (ii) dominical, (iii) Roman, (iv) church.]
Kalendar

* Ianuarius.

(1)


b iiij Ns In þe begyning as of þe new yer.

c iij N Kepe me euer from al confusyon.

d iij Ns When þat I shal stonde at myne answere,

xix e Nonas Lorde graunte me grace wel for to apere;

viiij f viij Ids And for þi worshipful Epiphanye,

g vij Ids Graunte pou me good lyfe, and wel for to dye. 259

(2)

vij A vij Ids Now pray for me, blessid Seynt Lucyan, 263 8. Lucianus, Prosb.

v b vj Ids That I myght be hadde forth vnto youre daunce,

c iij Ids There god reulith both angel and man

xiiij d iiij Ids In right true loue with-outen variaunce.

ij e ij Ids Gife me some comfort as of acqueyntaunce, 264 13. Hilarius, Episc.

f Idus Confessor and bishop Seynt hillary,

x g xix Kl s With good Seynt felice pat ioyeth þe by. 266 14. Felix, Prosb.

(3)

Axviij Kl s O sacred abbot Maure! kepe me from vyce,

b xvij Kl s With help of þe, pope and martir, Marcel.

c xvij Kl s I pray þe teche me, blessid Seynt sulpice,

d xv Kl s With þat holy virgyn Prisce, syng nowel.

e xiiij Kl s O bysshop wlstan, gife me good counsell,

iiij f xiiij Kl s And þese martirs Fabian and sebastian,

g xij Kl s With þe virgyn Agnes pat wel help can.

(4)

xij A xj Kl s Sette my pacience, halowed vincent,

j b x Kl s That hit may grow with yyne my inwarde saule.

c ix Convert pou us from al euel entent,

ix d viij Ids Glorious conversion of seynt Paule,

e vij Kl s That we escape þe wikked fendes braule.

vixij f vj Kl s Help us, Seynt Iulian! to be vnbound;

vj g v With þe virgyn Agnes now þe secound.

(5)

A iiij Kl s Kepe us dayly from al maner of synne,

xiiij b iiij Kl s Quene Batylde! in especyal from pryde:

iiij c ii Suffer us neuer for to dye þere-ynne.
Kalendar

* Februarius.

1. Brigida, V.
   d KL Ihesu! for pi holy virgyn Seynt Bryde. 284
2. Purificatio B. V. M.
   xj e iiij Ns O puryfied lady, be now oure gyde. 285
3. Blasius, E. et M.
   xix f iiij Ns Teche us to lyue wel, o bysshop Seynt Blase,
   vij g ij Ns For pis wrecchid lyfe is but as a mase. 287

5. Agatha, V. et M.
   A Nonas Lede jou us, virgyn and martir Agas,
   xvj b viij Ids And þe bishhopes Vedast and Amand:
   v c viij Ids We walke now here in pis derkenes, alas!
   d vij Teche us to þruth for to vnderstond;
   xiiij e v Delyueryng us from the fendas bond:
   ij f iiij Ids Help þu us, holy virgyn Seynt scolast,
   g iiij Until pis short lyfe here be ouer past. 294

12. Scholastica, V.
   x A [ijj] Ids Be of good comfort and ioye now, herþ myne:
   b Idus Wel mayst þu glade and verray lusty be.
14. Valentinus, Episcop. et M.
   xvij c xvij For, as I hope truly, Seynt valentyne
   vij d xv Kl Be of good comfort and ioye now, herþ myne:
   e xiiij O virgyn Tulyan, I chese now the
   xv f xiiij Kl To my valentyne, both with herþ and mouth:
   iiij g xij Kl To be true to þe wold godþ pat I couth. 301

and love-dittles}

16. Juliana, V. et M.
   A xj I hope and trist to lerne for to pursewe 302
   xij b x Kl After þese valentynes be metre.
   j c ix I loue þem al wel, both olde and newe,
   d viij With cathedraciōn of Seynt petre. 306
   ix e viij No more of loue y me etremetcre.
   f vj I pray þe now, apostil Seynt Mathye,
   xvij g v For cristes trueloue I to lyue and dye. 308

22. Cathedra Patri
   in Antiochia.
   vj A iiij O true valentyne is oure lord to me. 309
   b iiij Kl Al his body on þe crosse he spredde,
   xiiij c ij And for þat my soule his spouse shuld be.

1 MS. — om.
Kalendar

* Marcius.

iiij d Kl With his blode, Seynt dauid! he did me wedde: 312 1. David, Episcop.
e vj Ns Pray for me now, with sacred Seynt Chedde, 313 2. Cedd, Episcop.
xj f v Ns That I to hym my couenaunt wole holde

That for me was both bought and solde. 315

(10)

ix A iiij Ns In pis world? here shul not we longe ben;

viij b iiij Ns Vn-to a noper contrey we ben bought.
c Nonas Now pray for us, moost holy virgyn!

xvj d viij Ids That inoure wey no wise we erre nought,
v e viij Ids But al oure werkes both in worde and bought

f vj Ids Be made so plesaunt vnto pi hyse spouse

xiiij g v Ids That we may ben seruantes in his hyse house. 322

(11)

ij A iiij O holy doctour, blessid pope Gregour!

b iiij Ids That sendist seynt Austyn in to Englonde,

c iiij In my temptacion I may fynde socour

d Idus. By comfort of pi moost gracions sounde:

xvij e xvij But 3it by pi writyng I vudurstonde 327

vij f xvj Kl8 That al pis wrecchid lyfe is here ful harde.
g xv Now pray for us, blessid kyng Seynt 18. Edwardus, R. et M.

Edwarde.

(12)

xv A xiiij We ben ful myche dayly in goddes dette;

iiij b xij Kl8 Good bishopp Cuthbert, pray þu now for us;

c xij Kl8 And þou holy Abbot, good Seynt Benette,

xij d xj Help whyle we stond in þe myre now þus,

j e x That oure good lord now, swete ihesu,

f ix Kl8 May make us perof a mytigacion

ix g xvij In reuerence of his Annunziacion. 336 26. Annunziatio Do- 
imia.

(13)

A Vij O blessid lady! with pis Emanuel, 337

xvij b vj Kl8 Now for his glorious Resurreccion,
vj c v Helpe us, with pine angel Gabriel

d iiij For his worshipful salutacion,

xiiij e iiij Kl8 And for his mervelous incarnacion

iiij f ij Which þat wrought was porgþ þe holigost.

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*Aprilis.

Kepe us, lady, vnder pe blissid ost. 343

(14)

$\text{g Kl} \quad \text{Now thenke on gentil oft chose,}$ 344

$xj \quad \text{A iiij Ns} \quad \text{For pe riȝt good prayer of Seynt Richard,}$

$b \quad \text{iiij Ns} \quad \text{And for pe huge loue of doctour Ambrose,}$

$\text{vij d} \quad \text{Nonas. For þis world is now ful fals and hard:}$

$\text{vij} \quad \text{Turne not, swete lady, þi chere a-wayward;}$

$\text{v f} \quad \text{Id}$

$\text{For, al poȝh þat we ryȝt synful be,}$

$\text{g} \quad \text{The more nede, lady! haue we now to þe.}$

(15)

$\text{xiiij A v Ids} \quad \text{Who spareth to speke, he spareth to spede:}$ 351

$\text{ij b iiij Ids} \quad \text{Therfor we ought to cry, both day & nyght,}$

$\text{c iiij Ids} \quad \text{Now helpe us, good lady! in oure nede,}$

$\text{x d iiij Ids} \quad \text{For þi halowed son ys ful of myght.}$

$\text{e Idus. Of the blessid sonne-beem þeue us summe light,}$

$\text{xvij} \quad \text{For Seynt Tyburse and for Valorian,}$

$\text{vij g xvij Kl} \quad \text{And shew us þu art a gentil woman.}$

(16)

$\text{A xvij} \quad \text{Whiles þat I lyue, y wil no wyse sese}$ 358

$\text{xv b xv Kl} \quad \text{To crye on hym þat ys my sourcayn lege.}$

$\text{iiij c xiiij Kl} \quad \text{Halowed kyng Theseu! now sende us pese,}$

$\text{d xiiij Kl} \quad \text{For þe holy prayer of Seynt Alphege.}$

$\text{xij e xij Kl} \quad \text{I wil now me walke from sege to sege,}$

$\text{j f xj Kl} \quad \text{And pray to help me now euer syant,}$

$\text{g x Kl} \quad \text{For vn-to hym I made þere my complaynt.}$

(17)

$\text{ix A ix Kl} \quad \text{O sacred Seynt George! our lady knyght,}$ 365

$\text{b viij Kl} \quad \text{To þat lady þu pray now for me.}$

$\text{xvij c viij Kl} \quad \text{þeueþ me, Seynt Marke! some goostely sight}$

$\text{vj d vj Kl} \quad \text{þat I may my self þe bettur to se.}$

$\text{e v Kl} \quad \text{Alas! myne yse is blynd in his degre,}$

$\text{xiiij f iiij Kl} \quad \text{But þitte y pray þe, marter Seynt vital,}$

$\text{iiij g iiij Kl} \quad \text{Helpe me to lyue wel when þat I dye shal.}$

(18)

$\text{A ij Kl} \quad \text{And þe two apostelis, now both in fere,}$ 372

$\text{1 Sic.}$
Kalendar

* Mayus.

** May.

1. Philippus et Iacobus, Apost.
2. Ascensio Crucis.
3. Inventio Crucis.
4. Ascensio day.
5. Johannese ante Portam Latam.
6. Johannes de Beverlaco.
7. Gordanus et Epimachus, M.M.
8. Nereus, Achilleus, Pancreatus, M.M.
10. Whitsun-day.
11. Deposition Duns.
12. Depositio Aldhelmii.
13. Corpus Christi.
16. Petrocellis, V.

(19)

v A Nonas. Now, glorious seynent Iohn of Beuerlay, I pray pe herelye draw not a-bache:

b viij Iyd Ga dre us floures of heuenly maye,

ij d vij With martyrs Gordian and Epimache,

e v And cureth per-with oure grete soules ache.

x f iiiij Iyd Now Nerei, Achille, And Pancrace,

g iij Seyth forceuenes as of oure trespace.

(20)

xvij A iij Iyd Good seynetes! make pe al oure soules hole

vij b Iduus. A-zenst pe hyge fest as of Pentecost,

c xvij Iyd Pat we ben cladde in a snow-wyht stole

xv d xvj Thrgh pe vertue of pe holy goost.

iiiij e xv He us comfort, pat is of myghtes moost,

f xiiij Kl With pe holy prayers of seynent Dunston,

xij g xiiij For with-out hym forsoth wytte haue we noon.

(21)

j A xij God, pat is but one in personas thre,

b xj Holy Trynyte, with-oute begynnynge,

ix c x Kl Sende us such grace pat we saued may be

d ix When we shal passe at pis lyues endyng.

xvij e viij Helpe us, Seynt Aldelme, for oure amendyng.

vj f vij Kl With pe feste of corpus Christi; and Seynt

Austyne,

g vj Which pat taught us, to his seyna enclyne.

(22)

xiiij A v O pou blesssid bysshop Seynt German,

iiij b iiiij Kl I pray pe my petyceyon fulsyl.

c iiij I pray pe same as herulyly as I can.

xj d ij Helpe us, gentil virgyn, Seynt Petronyl!
Kalendar

* Iunius.

Also, Seynt Nichomede! I pray by good wille. Teche me 3oure daunce, Marcellyne and petre!

To whom I syng with pis sympl metre.

(xviij A) I cry vn-to 3ow now, al on a rowe, Nonas. In special to martyr Boneface

With al pi felowes, both hyse and lowe,

That 3e gete to us repentaunçe and space.

Medard and Gildard, now where is 3ouer grace?

Prayeth for oure synne, with [Seynt Edmund], And after pis lyfe to haue pe secund!

(xv) Kepe 3oue, now I pray 3oue, Vite and Modeste, And lyght oure goost eclipsed, Seynt Botulf.

xviij b j

Now, blessid Seynt Barnard! for us pou pray, With pe good Batylede, pe martyr and prest,

That we be cloped al in 3oure aray,

Where as he sitteth at his ryal foste.

Cyryce and Iulyyte, kepe us fro pe wulfe;

And lyght our goost eclipsed, Seynt Botulf.

(xvij f) Etheldrede of Ely, I pray now helpe me,

Wyth Seynt Iohanni Baptist pe natiuite.

(xiii b) I pray 3ow, martyrs both, Paule and Iohanni;

Wherof gladsom myrth we shal not mys,

For pat Leo pope endureth al one.

Now Petre and Paule, I trist 3ow vpon;

And Seynt Paule pi commemoracyon.

1 Sic in MS.
Kalendar

* Iulius.

xix g Kl Helpe us euer to oure saluacyon,

(27)

viij A vij Ns O 3e martirs Martynyan and Processe!

b v Ns Now al oure flouris begynneth to fade;

xvj c iiiij Ns In pis erth, Martyn, is but wrecchidnesse,

v d iiij Ns Syth pat Adam1 put per-on his spade.

e iiij Ns Now mercly god, pat al pinges hath made,

xiij f Nonas. For pe translacyon of Seynt Thomas

ij g viij Ids Bryng us ones to his endeles solace.

(28)

A vij Lo now, tyme passith of chyrry sayre;

x b vij Ids Therfor I pray you pen, Brethren seuyn,

c v That I may be one of Benet ys heyre,

xvij d iiij Where 3e ben yn Relyques of heyn.

vij e iiij Ids Ientyl bropher Ihesu! bryng us pe euyn:

f ij That were to me a graceful fortune.

xv g Idus Now help pe holy bysshop Swithune.

(29)

iiij A xvij I mette a-while with blessid Seynt Botulph:

b xv Kls Now, sacred Seynt Kenelme! with pe I mete,

xij c xv Prayng pe with hert, pis Seynt Arnulph,

j d xijj Bryng me to pat mery daunysng so swete.

e xijj A! gentyl mayden, O Seynt Margarete,

ix f xij KIs And noble Praxede, let me bere your trayne,

g xj And youre also, Lady Magdalayne.

(30)

xvij A x Seynt Appollinare, teche me youre games.

vj b ix KIs Make us, Seynt Crystyn! heuenny lepars.

c viij KIs Lete us dispute with pe, good Seynt James;

xiiij d viij Bryng us to Seynt Anne to oure verespar.

iiij e vj Make us to study, pe seuen slepars;

f v KIs Lede us, Seynt Sampson, to pe hyge seoles,

xj g iiij For pedir, Felyce! comen nofoles.

(31)

xix A iiij KIs O Abdon and Sennen! I me redesse.

b iiij KIs Good Seynt German, bring us to heuen blys.

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2 2
Kalendar

* Augustus.

The bonds of Seynt petur of lammesse

Vnbynde us, blessid pope Steven!

And, sacred Stephen deken,

Help with pi merytes many asfolde,

With pis kyng and martir Seynt Oswolde.

(32)

Seynt Sixte pe pope, for goddes loue and sake,

With Donate Bysshop, do pi diligence.

And with pi felowes, Seynt Cyriake,

With Seynt Romane, helpe pou oure conscience.

O pow worthy martir Seynt Laurence,

Pray for us now, with pis Seynt Tyburce:

I hope now hit wil be neuer pe worsre.

(33)

Seynt ypolyte, here my peticyon,

With Seynt Euseby, the holy confessour.

Now, lady! for pyne hy3e Assumpcyon,

3eue us pi hande, and pi holy socour,

That we nowe mowe sty3e in-to pi hy3e toure,

Where pat glorious Seynt Magne is with pe.

Lady in octavis, only socour me.

(34)

To my valentyne, lady! I chese pe,

Whom pat I wyl chauce neuer for no newe.

Now pray for me, halowed Seynt tymotho,

To my lady pat I euere be trewe.

Help me nowe I pray pe, Seynt Bartilmewe,

So worthy apostil as bow art one,

For better helpe pan prayer can I none.

(35)

Helpe us, Seynt Ruphe, pe martir of crist;

And Seynt Austyn, pe worthy hy3e doctour,

With Decollacyon of Seynt Iohn Baptist:

Seynt Felice! pray Ihesu chryst, oure saviour,

With blessyd Seynt Cuthburge, pat virgyn

flour,
Kalendar

* September.

xvj f Kl So that we may daunse with holy Seynt Gyle, 496 1. Aegidius.
 v g iiij Ns In heuen an hyse aftir þis litul whyle. 497

(36)

A iij Ns Al þis world ys ful of care and pyne:
 xij b ij Ns Now pray for us, holy bysshop Seynt Cuthbert,
 ij c Nona. With þe holy Abbot Seynt Bertyne,
 d viij Ids That we may now graciously asert.
 x e vij Ids Þitte I pray to þe, with al myne hert,
 f vj Ids Lady! for pi ioyful Natuyte,
 xvij g v Ids That, with Seynt Gorgone, þow þenke on me. 504

(37)

vij A iiij Souerayn lady! þyne Vtas we done holde
 b iij Ids With Prothe and Iacincte, A commemoracyon.
 xv c ij Muche grace of the, lady! haue I herde tolde:
 iiij d Idus. Now helpe, lady! in oure temptacyon.
 e xvij For þy holy Crosse Exaltacyon,
 xij f xvij Kl Pray for us now, martyr, atte oure moost nede,
 j g xvj With virgyn Edythe, for þe bettyr spede. 511

(38)

A xv Now, þow bysshop and martyr, Seynt lambert! 512
 ix b xiiij Kl Pray here for us al to swete Ihesu Crist
 c xiiij That he poure and close oure soules and herþ
 xvij d xij Fro al wikked, synful, and derkely myst.
 vj e xj Kl Help us, Seynt Mathew þe euangelist;
 f x And al þi felowes of Seynt Mauryce,
 xiiiij g ix With þe virgyn Tcele, to take a spyece.

(39)

iiij A viij That heuenly spyece hit is ful swete:
 b vij Kl Help us þerof, good bysshop Fermynye.
 xj c vij Sacred Cipriane, þif hit wold be gete,
 xix d v With Cosme and damiane wold I dyne.
 e iiiij Kl Lede us pederward, as ryght as a lyne,
 viij f iiij Seynt Myghel! To þat heuenly kyngdome,
 g ij Helpynþ þe holy doctour Seynt Jerome.
Kalendar

* October.

(40)

   xvij A Kl Now, holy Seynt Remyge! with al angeles, 526
   v b vj Ns Thorgh pe prayer of Seynt Leodegare,
   xiiij c v Ns Bringe us now from al wrecchidnesse,
   ij d iiij Ns Beyng ful of synne, wrecchid sorow, and care.
   e iiij Ns I wyl not loue pis world; I wil be wel ware: 530
   x f ij Ns For me hit is tyme as to leue pat warke,
   g Nonas. By help of 3ow, martirs, Marcelle and Markes! 532

10. Geron, M. 
    xviiij A vij Ids I wyl be as stedfast as any stone. 533
    vij b vij Ids Helpe, with pi felowes, Seynt Dyonyse,
    c vij So pat I may dwelle with Seynt Gerone,
    xv d v Ids And with Seynt Nichase, in hy3e paradysye;
    iiiij e iiij Ids For of pis lyfe I sette ful litul pryce.
    f iiij Ids I pray pe, Seynt Edward; confessour and kyng,
    xij g ij Ids That I may with Kalyxte both hoppe and syng. 539

    j A Idus. Teche me pe way, glorious Seynt Wolfran! 540
    b xvij To Myghel in pe mouit wold I ryde:
    ix c xvij Ids Flessh is my hors, sowle ys pe man.
    d xv I pray pe, Seynt Luke! for to be my gyde.
    xvij e xiiij Ids Helpe me, Ientyl virgyn, Seynt Fryswyde,
    vij f xiiij Klts One of pe floures here of Engeland;
    g xij With al holy virgyns Eleuens pousond: 546

    xiiij A xj That was a present made, al in a day, 547
    iiij b x Klts Ful worthy to god, Seynt Romaman.
    c ix Hys floures, in october as wel as I[n] may,
    xj d viij God gaderyth, Seynt Crysypyn and Cryspyynian.
    xix e vij Some of þem fadeth and wexith al wan.
    f vj Klts Why! for her maners be so lewde and rude,
    viij g v But prayeth for us now, Symon and Iude. 553

(44)

31. Quintinus, M. 
    [valentine.] A iiij I chese al seynetes to my valentyne; 554
    xvij b iiij Klts Trewly I hold hit ryght as for pe beste.
    v c ij Teche us for to Daunse, blessid Seynt Quyntyne. 555

1 MS. has Ids in error.
Kalendar

* November.

d  KL  With Al halowen, in his moost hyze feste, 557
xiij  e  iiij  Ns  Al Cristen sowles God jeue pem good reste 558
ij  f  iiij  Ns  A-bydyng hys mercy in purgatory, 559
g  ij  Ns  Suffryng for her synnes peynes bitturly. 560

(45)

x A  Nonas. Lord Ihesu Christ! po peynes ben ful scharpe, 561
b viij  Now, Seynt leonard; Helpe us perfere;
xviiij c  vij  Ids  Make pem easy with by moste dowcet harpe:
vij  d  vij  And pe Foure crowned I pray jow euermore,
e v  Helpynge with by sawtry, Seynt Theodore! 565
 xv f  iiij  Ids  That hit may aswage some-what our grete peyne,
iiij g  iiij  With pe prayers of holy Seynt Martyne. 567

(46)

A  ij  Ids  For pis holy daunce, mynstralcy ys gooode: 568
j c xvij  That cryste wassh me with his precyous blode,
d xvij  Kl8  Pray for us now al, sacred Seynt Machute!
ix e  xvij  Edmundne of Pounteney, now in 3oure sute 572
f  xv  Kl8  I wold pat I were, with sacred Seynt Hewe,
xvij g  xiiij  Kl8  Wheper hit were coloure whyte, rede, or blewe,

(47)

vj  A  xiiij  I wold be cloped in cristemasse lyueray: 575
b  xij  Kl8  Helpe me ber-to, holy Edmund pe kyng.
xiiiij c  xj  Of al pat huge festephere ys but a day,
iiij d  x  Where pat Seynt Cecily ys euer beyng;
e  ix  And per Seynt Clementys euer enduryng: 579
xj f  viij  Kl8  Bring me per, Crysogone, with my valentyne,
xix g  vij  So pat I may daunse with Seynt Kateryne. 581

(48)

A  vj  3eue me by blessid hond; Seynt Lyne pe pope, 582
viij b  v  Kl8  Wold god I cowth by steppes wel to sewe!
c iiiij  Helpe me to daunse in by halowed cope,
 xvj d  iiij  Kl8  With Seynt Saturne, pe martyr ful trewe.
v e  ij  Kl8  Pray for us pen, Apostel Seynt Andrewe,
Kalendar

* December.

xiiij f Kl
[iij] g iij Ns

As a-3enst oure lorde Secund aduent 587
So at domes day pat we be not shent. 588

A iij Ns A! lord! Thesu Christ! to pe now I cry, 589
b ij Ns Whome pis pat we we' offende with synnes, Alas!
c Nonas. Lord! haue mercy, for py moder mary,
xvij d viij Ids And also for pe loue of Seynt Nicholas.
viij e viij As truly, lord'! as she py moder was 593
f vj Ids Kepte from fyldeth in her Concepyon,
xv g v Wassh us from synne with py swete passyon. 595

iiiij A iijj Saue, lord'! py blesid spowse, holy church, 596
b iij Ids From erreours and heresyes pat doon spryng;
xij c iij And tech with feyth truly for to wurch,
j d Idus. With deuoute Seynt Lucy, pyn owl derlyng.
e xix Graunt us pyne hert as for to ioye and syng; 600
ix f xvij Kl With al oper seyntes in py presence,
g xvij Thy worthy so grete song; O sapience. 602

xvij A xvij Kepe al py peple which pat ben on lyue, 603
vj b xv Kl Them espeycal pat I haue of mynd,
c xiiij And al good sowles pat with py wounds fyue
xiiij d xiiij Whoom hit pleasith pe from peynes vnbynde.
iij e xij Kl Graunt us for to be with Thomas of ynde. 607
f xj A curyous caral pis Crystemassee
xj g x As to syng nowel when pat we hens passe. 609

xiij A ix Lo! now ys come pe moost glorious feste, 610
b viij Kl The holy Natuyte of oure lorde.
viij c viij Goode Stephen, make us al, moate and leste,
d vj With Seynt Iohn, in vertuus to acorde
xvj e v Kl That we may sitte at Innocentes borde, 614
v f iij With Thomas of Caunturbury, oure frende.
g iiij Now saue us, fader! with, oure flesh, py worde, 616
xiij A iiij For Seynt Siluester loue, at oure laste ende.

1 Misreading, for 'Whome 'tis that we offend.'
*Leaf I or 13.

Prologue, about 1460.

Reading begets understanding, and understanding begets carefulness and safety.

Nuns can't read Latin readily, and yet the documents necessary for proper management of their estates are in Latin.

The wyseman tawht hys chylid gladly to rede bokys, and hem weft vnduratione; for, in defaute of vndyrstondyng, is ofttymes causyd neclygence, hurte, harme, and hyndraunce, as experyence prevyth in many a place. And, for as muche as women of relygyone, in redynge bokys of latyn, byn excusyd of grete vndurstonedyng, where it is not her modyr tonge; Therfore, how be hyt that they wolde rede her bokys of remem-

braunce and of her munymetys wryte in latyn, for defaute of undurstondyng they toke ofte tymes grete hurt and hyndraunce; and, what for defaute of trewe lernyd men that all tymes be not rely hem to teche and counsayl, and feere also & drede to shewe her euydence opyny (that oftyntyme hath causyd repentaunce), Hyt we therapyt necessary, as hyt semyth to the undyrstondyng of suche relygyous women, that they myght haue, out of her latyn bokys, sum wrytyng in her modyr tonge, where-by they myht haue bettyr knowlyge of her munymetys, and more clerely yeue informacyon to her seruauntys, rent gedurarys, and receyuowrs, in the absent of her lernyd councelf. Wherfore, a pore brodwr and welwyllher[r]... to the goode Abbas of Godstowe, Dame Alice henley, and to all hyr couent, the whych byn for the more party in englyss bokys weff y-lernyd, hertly desyryng the worship, profyt, and welfare of that devoute place, that, for lak of vndurstondyng her munym[ten]tys, sholde in no damage of her lyflod her aftar fallyn, In the worship of our lady and seynt John Baptist, patron of thys seyd monastery, the sentence for the more partye of her munymetys

Godstow nuns are well-read in English. To help them with their estates, a well-wisher has made their Latin

1 This and other running numbers are added for cross-reference. They extend to No. 903.
2 The ‘Prologe’ and ‘Cronicle’ have been printed from this MS. in Dugdale’s Monasticon (edit. 1846), iv. 369, but with the pronoun forms ‘her,’ ‘hem,’ altered to ‘ther,’ ‘them.’
3 Gap left in MS. for insertion of the translator’s name.
Register into English, giving the sense of it page by page: Alice Henley, being Abbess.

Story of the foundation, which took place about 1130.

Edyve of Winchester,

a lady dear to God, widow of Sir William Lancelyne,

obeyed the warning of a vision, and came to Binsey near Oxford.

Here, a voice bade her build a nunnerie where she should see light from heaven falling upon earth.

Henry I helping,

conteynyd in the boke of her regystr in latyn, aftyr the same forme and ordyr of the seyd boke, hath purposyd with goddys grace to make, aftyr hys conceyt, fro latyn in-to englyssh, sentencyosly, as foloweth thys symple translacion.

2. The chronicle Of the hows and Monasteri of Godstow makyth mensyon how that place wace fowndyde fyrst by reuelacyon in thyss wyse in wynchestre.

In wynchester was a lady bore of the worthyest blood of thyss reme; dame Edyfe was she callyd; hyr fadyr and modyr had no mo chyldyr, but her onely; and for that, she was more loyvd and chyrssshed. She was fayre and comly, and weft was 8 with the kyng almyhty; and syth was maryd to a knyht, syr william lavcelene. By the grace of god they had thre chyldre to-gedyr, that mucche were fayre and euinaunt, oon sonne and too dowhtyrs: the sonne was Abbot of Abendon. Now of the lady y shal yow sey, in whych maner and in whych wyse she lyued in goddys seruise. Aftyr the decese of her housbond, ofte to her come by a vysyon that she shulde goo nye to the Cyte that Oxenford was I-callyd, and there she shold a-lyhtyth, that mucche were fayre and euinaunt, oon sonne and too dowhtyrs: the sonne was Abbot of Abendon. One voyce in a nyht she herd, the whych to her seyd what she shold do:—"Edyve, Edyve, ryse the up, and, with-oute abydyng, go ye there where the lyht of heuyn a-lyghtyth to the erthe from the firmament, and there ordeyne ye Mynchyens to the seruise of god, xxiiiij. of the moost gentylwomen that ye can fynde." And thus was fyrst thyss abbey founded. Now syth is thys lady Edyve to the kynge, henry the fyrst, I-goo; and aft him hath shewyd what god in a vysyon her had sende. Whanne add a John to the list of abbotts of Abingdon, probably between Ingulph (died 1158) and Roger (abbott 1175-84).

1 'Wylleam Launcelene' in the Exchequer MS.
3 Mult estoent beaux e[t] avenaunz, ibid.
4 Un fiz jeanoit, que de eux fu ne, a Abindone estoit puz abbe.' This seems to
the kyng had herd all that she say wolde, by-twene hem they hab the I-commund how and what wyse they myht brynge thy good dede to an ende. And so be they besy in goddys seruise how they myht best bylde a chyrch in the worshyp of god, and of our lady, and seynt John Baptist. Now is thys lady, dame Edyue, the Abbas in her chyrche, and xxiiiij. ladys with her. Of hyr too dowhtyrs, the eldeste, Dame Emmhe was her name, the prioras of thys hows; and Dame Hauis, the secuade dowhtyr, the secunde prioras so longe as she lyuyd. Now byn they to god commendyd, that was of pe modyr bor, that for us synners wolde rowchesafe to dye. He us graunt, yf hym plesyde, to hys Joy to come. Amen.

[Note.—In the Latin copy (Exchequer MS., at top of first page of table of contents) is a notice of the foundress which the translator has omitted:—'Tempore regis Henrici primi locus iste cepit esse domus Dei in vigilia paschae per bone memorie dominam Edivam Lancelene, primam abbatissam, que domum istam rexit L. et unum annos et in senectute bona obiit in domino.']

[3.] The chartur of syr John synt Iohn of the londe of Godestowe.

The sentence of thys dede is, how John of synt John hathe grauntyd and yene to Edyue, fyrsr Abbas of Godstowe, to all the Mynchyns of hyr congrecacion, and to all hyr successours, the lande I-callyd Godstow and all thynge perteynyng ther-to, to-hole and quietly, in perpetua¿t almus, for hys fadyr and modyr soule and for the soulis of the antecessours that the seyd lande fyrs$t gate and purchasyd, pat, aftyr the dethe of the forseyde Ediue, sholde non odyr gouernir ne Abbas be take or chose but of the same congrecacion in the same plase. Thys wytnesssyth Alysaunder, of lyncolne bysshop, and many odyr; and thys was confyrmyd a-fore the bysshop of Salysbury in the tyme of herry the fyrs$t, kyng of yngleland.

[Note.—Among the witnesses are Alexander, bishop of Lincoln (1123-47), and the second Robert D'Oylly (died 1142). Roger, bishop of Salisbury (1102-39), was regent for Henry I (1100-35).]

1 Mis-read 'they hathen and command how,' in Dugd. Monast. 2 The Latin is printed in Monast. iv. 363. 3 'solidi' in the Latin.
Consecration and First Endowments

Consecration, 1133.

The 1st dedication of the churche of Godestow by Alysaunder bysshop by lincolne.

The sentence of thys letter testimonial makyth mension that Alexander, busschop of lincolne, dedified 2 and halowed the chyrche of Godstowe the yer of our lord anno M. C. xxxviiij., the fowrthe yer of the regnyne of kynge Stephyn, 4 the tyme of Edyue Abbas, that noble modyr, that 3 with hyr propur labour costys and almys edified the sayd churche in the honour of oure lady and seynt Iohñ Baptist fro the fyrst ston, byengy present the seyd kyng Stephyn and hys 8 quene Matild, with mony erels, barons, lordys, & busshopps in the seyd letyr rehersyd.

Also it makyth mension of the grete yftys that the seyd lordys indowyd the seyde churche. The kyng 12 grawntyd, of hys propur loryshyp, C. shillings valour in land in the *stret callyd walton; Also Matild the quene, x. mark worth lande; Also Ewstachius her son, yerly C. shillings in money, vn-to the tyme that he myght purchas so 16 moche land & valour; Also Theobald, busschop of Cawntyrbury in lifelode, C. shillings; Also the seyd alisawnder, busschop of lincolne, of the tol of Banbury yerly C. shillings; Also Robert, busschop of exetur, yerly xl. shillings, viz. xx. 20 shillings in a pension of seynt Mari chyrch of Glwcestyr I-callid the Crist, & xx. shillings in a pension of the churche of farindon in hampton-shyre; Also Roger, busschop of Salisbury, a mylle I-callyd boye-mille with the lande 24 that lyeth ther-to; Also the Abbot of Westmynster, yerly lx. shillings; Also Ingulf, the Abbot of Abendon, lx. shillings; Also Iohn of seynt Iohn, a mille of iiij ij. of rent in wlgarcote, & the mansions of ij men with the pertin-28 ence, & a parcel of land a-fore the yate of the forseyd chyrch in the yland that lyeth bytwene ij. waters, & half

2 In all these deeds the Exchequer MS, (Latin) has the first person, and is therefore much clearer. Here the English version is very brief. There is no word exactly corresponding to this: the nearest phrase being ‘misterium dedicationis.’
3 The Latin gives more prominence to the co-operation of benefactors contemporary with the foundress: ‘loci illius ecclesiam proprio sumptu et labore collatisque fide- lium elemosinis... a primo lapide pru- denter edificavit.’
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the medew that is callid lambey; Also of Robert of olley, that odyr half of the seyd mede of lambe, and a busshef of whete euery ye; Also Mile of Glovchester, constable, xx. *shillings* 4 worth; Also the Citteseyns & burges of Oxenford, the land in pormeneit 1 that segrim held 2; Also Robert, erel of leycester & hys wyf Amice, Countesse, ix. *shillings* in land in hals; Also Hugo of tywe, ix. *shillings* in Oxenford; Also Seuarus, in the 3 same town, vij. *shillings*; Also 3, at london, in est chepe, ix. *shillings*; Also Roger of almeryk, xxx. acris erable euery yere in Blechyndon and 4 as mony to wareny; Also Galtere of pery, a yerd lond & v. acris in the same town; Also Reynold 12 of seynt walery, heryngysham, & boieham, & the fysshyngye were with the pertynance, & al the yland betwene to briggis 5; Also Edwyn 6 the son of Godgose, the churche of seynt Gyllys with-out Oxenford, and on that othy party of the same town, toward 16 Abendon, xviiij *shillings*; Also Robert of Wyttham, the parte of the mede be-sydes the seynt churche of Godstow; Also Rapli, Rogers son, v. *shillings* in Shyptonne; Also Nicholas Basset, j hyde of londe at risendynne; Also simon of wahelle, half the 20 churche of pattyshul with the pertenance; Also the seyd kyng Stephyn hathe I-graunted 7 them the feyre of iij days in the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist; Also Galtere, archydiacon of Oxen- ford, the tythe of hys lorfshyp of Cudleslaue.

24 Alle these yftys a-boue I-sayd the lord busshop & pope's legate Albericus, that tyme in Engeldond, by the popis auctorite hathe the haloid & annexit to the seyd churche of Godstowe.

28 And all these yftys kyng Stephyn by the pruilege by king Stephen, of hys regal power hape strenghyd & confermid.

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1 The Latin has, more correctly, 'Port-
man eit.'
2 In Stephen's confirmation, no. 872, sum-
marized in the English version, the Latin (printed in *Monast. iv. 365*) adds here the clause:—'and of the gift of Ralph, the chancellor of the queen, a marc of silver until he get land' (to that value).
3 In Stephen's confirmation, the Latin puts Senarau's gift at iiiz., and the East-
cheap land at xis.
4 The Latin is: 'xxv. acres unoquoque anno ad seminandum in Blechesdona et totidem ad ware[c]tandum,' i. e. fifty acres in the common fields, one half to be under crop, and one half to be in fallow.
5 The Latin adds: 'et supradicta quae Johannes de sancto Honore dedit in dedicatione memoratae ecclesiæ,' Here 'Ho-

nore' is a slip for 'Iohanne.' The clause is a confirmation of John of St. John's gift (p. 27) by Reginald of St. Valerie, who (as Rev. H. Salter informs me) held from 1154 to 1166 the properties formerly held by John of St. John.
6 Latin 'Elwinus.'
7 A marginal note is added: 'For the

feyere.'
And all the seyd yftys the seyd bussshop of Cavnturbury, with alle the hole company of busshoppys ther present, by her holy busshoppys power & autorite confermyd, so aft they, with on assent, on wit, & on voyce, decreyd the senteunc 1 of cursynge to 4 aft hem that aftur that tyme maliciously take a-wey, or lesse make 2, hurte, or in-to worsse chaunge 3, eny of the seyd yftys, or eny odur in tyme to come her-aftur in augmentacion profit or dotacion of the seyd church, with-out satisfaccion & dewe 8 penaunce or he passyed.

Fyrthyrmore the seyd legate, by the popis power, gafe grete perdun to all good doers & visitours or comforters of the seyd place 4.

Thys wrytyn, undur the sel of the bussshop of lincolyn, was confermyd by the hole chaptyr of the churche of lincolne, amen.

[Note.—The translator strangely cuts short the indulgence. Its terms are (Monast. iv. 363) 4 to the bestowers of the above benefits the legate Alberic, by apostolic authority, released one year of penances enjoined; and he granted 40 days indulgence in each year to all who with devout heart visited Godstow church die Prece virginis (Frisca V. = Jan. 18) or on Nativity of S. John Baptist (June 24).]

* leaf II or 14, back. About 1180.

* A graunt 5 I-made to the kynge by bernarde of seynt walery.

The sentence of thys dede is, how Bernarde 6 forsayd, 16 with wyft & consent of hys wyf [Anorid] 7 & of hys sons (Reginald 8) Bernard & Thomas, hathe yeue & grauntyd for euyr to kynge henry the seynd the place of the abbey of Godstowe & all the lordshyp, right, & patron 20 age, & the advoydans of the seyd abbaye 7 that I 8 haue hadde in the same house, fre & quite, for me & aft myn eyrys, from aft seruice & seculer exaccione, to hym & hys successours, kyngys of ynglond; So that the 24

1 In margin: 'I pe curse agaynst alle mysdooers of this churche.'
2 In Latin: 'minuere.'
3 In Latin: 'in deterius mutare.'
4 In margin: 'Se the pardon.'
5 Printed in Monast. iv. 364.
6 The MS. omits the wife's name, and adds 'Reginald,' who is not in the Exchequer MS.
7 The Latin is: 'sedem abbatiae et totum dominium et ius advocationis eiusdem abbatiae.'
8 The translator accidentally retains the first person of the Latin.
forseyd Abbey here after be had fre & in the chef crowne of
the kyng, as 1 the Abbey of seynt Edmund & odyr real
Abbeys 2 of Englonde, except only to hym 3 & to hys eyrys the
4 preyours almys & suffragis of the seyd Mynchynas. Also the
hole maner of wolgarcote 4 with all hys pertenance hathe
yeue & grauntyd to the seyd kyng, with the consent & the
wyf of hys seyd wyf & hys eyrys, holdynge ferme & stable
8 what euyr he wolde do ther-with, & neuyr to haue more
clayme, ne eny of hys eyrys, for euyr-more: and thys ys with-
out date.

[Note.—About 1170–5 Godstow seems to have experienced some sense of
insecurity; see the protections by Henry II, nos. 883–5. Rosamond Clifford’s
burial there (about 1176) perhaps commended the place to Henry II’s larger
patronage. The patronage, vested in the heirs of John of St. John (no. 3), had
now come to his son-in-law, Bernard of St. Valerie (p. 29, n. 5). Accordingly,
to permit of Godstow becoming a royal foundation, Bernard of St. Valerie, by
a ceremonial act, transferred his rights in the abbey to the Crown. See Henry II’s
third charter, 1182, no. 892, which recites this transference.]

[6. *Presentation by Godstow to the conventual
church.]

Reuerendo in christo patri et domino, domino Iohanni
12 permissione diuina Lincolnensi Episcopo, vestrove vicario in
spiritualibus generali et officiali principali seu commissario
cuicunque vestro, humiles et deuote in christo filie, margareta
Tewxburye dei paciencia abbatissa domus siue monasterij beate
16 marie virginis et diui Iohannis baptiste de godstowe ordinis
sancti benedicti et lincolnensis diocesis et eiusdem loci conventus,
onnimodas obedientias et reuerentias tanto Reuerendo patri
debitas cum honore. Ad Rectoriam ecclesie parochialis de
20 Godstowe iuxta ecclesiam conventualem nostram predictam site
et eidem annexe, iam legitime vacantem et ad nostram presenta-
cionem pleno Iure spectantem, cum suis Iuribus et pertinenciis
vniuersis dilectum nobis in christo magistrum matheum Smythe,
24 sacre theologie professorem, vestre Reuerende paternitati intitu
charitatis presentamus, humiliter et deuote supplicantes qua-

* Lincoln
records. 1533,
Oct. 13:
To John
Longland,
bishop of
Lincoln
(1521–47),
Godstow
presents

Matthew
Smythe,
D.D. (prin-
cipal of

1 In the margin is added; *the fredom as gret as of seynt Edmundisbury.*
2 Latin is: *libera et in capite coronae,* i.e. to Bernard of St. Valerie.
3 'Wolgarcoscite,' in the Latin.
Conventual Church

Brasenose College, 1510-48, for institution to the rectory of Godstow.

tenus eundem magistrum matheum ad eandem ecclesiam admit-
tere velitis, eunque in eadem canonice instituere, atque curam
ibidem tam secularem quam abbatisse et monialium ibidem
committere, atque ipsum in realem possessionem eiusdem ecclesie 4
fore introducendum pronunciare (cum suis Iuribus et pertinen-
ciis vniuersis, Rectori ibidem ab antiquo debitis, et a nobis antea
qualitercunque concessis) dignemini graciose, Ceteraque peragere
et facere que vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali. 8
Datum in domo nostra capitulari sub sigillo nostro communi
xiiij die mensis octobris Anno domini Milliesimo quingentesimo
xxxiiij.

[Endorsed: Oxonie. xiii o (!) octobris Anno domini 1533 apud 12
... personaliter fuit admissus, et rector institutus canonice in
eadem, etc. Iuramentum canonice obedientiae [cepit] & cetera.]

[Note.—Extant drawings and measurements, old and modern, show that,
immediately to the north of the convent, there stood a large church, fifty yards
long by nineteen yards wide. The inmates of the convent had access to it by
a private passage from their own buildings. Outsiders entered by a door, beside
a large square western tower, outside of the conventual enclosure. The above deed,
found by Mr. T. Austin among the Exchequer Gate Records at Lincoln, shows that
this church served as the parish church for the district around Godstow. There is
attached a broken seal, 2 inches high by 1½ inches wide, showing windows at the
top and a doorway arch at the foot.]
GODSTOW ESTATES
BERKSHIRE

[Blewberry: see also in North Moreton.]

[7.] *A Charter of Iohane, the doughtir of John Tureuyle, confermynge ij. hydys of lond in Blebyry.

* leaf 92.
About 1205.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohane, the doughtir of John Tureuyle, with the consent and the assent of her husband, yaf and graunted & cetera, for the helpe of the soules of his fadirs and modirs and of all his aunctwurs and successours, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, ij. hydys of lond in blebyry, that is to sey, tho that they held of the priour and couent of Nimgun; with the mese where they were wonyd to abide in the same towne; and with all other pertynentis and fredomes longyng to the same lond, in toftis in croftis, in wode and mede, in wyes and pathes, in londes I-telyd and not I-telyd: To be hold and to be had, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and in passe for euer, and that in the most fre and best wise as euer they held hit of the Monkis, yeldying therof yerely xx. shillings, at Mighelmasse to the forsaid priour and monkis of Nimguna for alt seruyce longyng to the same priour and Couent, sauynge the kyngis seruyce. And she and her heires warantized the forsaid lond with all his pertynentis aforesaid to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe ayenst all men and women, & cetera.  

1 The name 'Osbert Turpin' is given in the Latin copy.
2 'Nimgun' also in the Latin copy.
3 Witnesses: William, Walerand, Hubert, Henry, chaplains of Godstow; Sir Ralph Harange; Reginald Basset.
CUMNOR

[8.] * A charter of hugo Abbot of Abendon for iiiij. burthyns of thornys.

The sentence of thys charter is; that Hugh, Abbot of Abendon, & all the Couent of the same place, with one assent, yaf & grauntyd to the Mynchons of Godstow, for the loute of god, in-to pari & perpetual almyns, fowre burdynes of thornys of her wood of 4 Cumnore, to be hadde euery day thorow the yere by the syht of her forester, as they haue be wonydy hauie in tyme here a-fore: & that they be not greuid, ne let by the gryef of any man, in any tyme, of these burduns of thornys to be hadde. The forseyde 8 Abbot & his couent confermyd the same graunt with her wyntyng, & settyng to of her seeles: these beyng wytnes: & is with-out date.

[DUXFORD, on the Thames, in Longworth parish.]

[Note.—The probability is that the abbes and convent of Bertinecourt in Normandy held the feudal superiority of this property, and that therefore the tenant, Henry of St. Valerie, could not impose a rent-charge on it without their permission. For this leave they imposed the problematical rent, that Godstow should acknowledge the overlordship of Bertinecourt by payment of 12d. when the abbes of Godstow visited Bertinecourt. Godstow seems afterwards to have accepted a smaller rent-charge in consideration of obtaining powers of distrain for arrears. The rent-charge does not occur either in Pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, or at the dissolution in 1540.]

* leaf 150. [9.] * A Charter of henry of seynt walerye, for the myllye of dudekesforde to the holy mynchons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry of seynt walerye 12 yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther survyng god; for the helth of his soule and of his aunceturys and of his heires, xij. shillings of yerely rent of the myllye of dudekesford; with all encres that myght come of 16 the myllye, as hit is conteyned in the charter that he made of the abbesse and covente of Bertancourte: To be had & to be hold; into fre and perpetuel almesse, by service that he ought to do to the said abbesse of Bertancourte, that is to sey, by xij. 20
[10.] A Charter of the abbess of Bertancourte for the mylle of Dudesforde, confermyng the yifte of Henry of seynt Walerye, the which yaf and conferred hit to the abbesse and covent of Godestowe, of xij. shillings of yerely rente of the mylle of Dudekesforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margarete, by the grace of god abbesse of Bertancourte, and all the Couent of the same place, graunted and conferred with ther charter, the yifte of Henry of seynt Walerye the whiche he made and conferred with his charter to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of xij. shillings of yerely rente in the mylle of dudekesforde, with encresyng and makynge more that may come of the forsaid mylle, as hit is conteyne in the charter that the said Henry of seynt walerye had of them. Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[11.] A-nother Charter of the same abbesse of Bertancourte, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for the mylle aforsaid:

The sentence of this charter is, that Margarete, by the grace of god abbesse of Bertancourte, and all the couent of the same place, ordeyned the abbesse of Godestowe to receive of ther rente in Ingland, that is to sey, vpon xij. shillings yerely of the mylle of dudekesforde, with the pertynentis, the whiche * henry fit3 henry fit3 Symeon of Oxenford held of them. They graunted also to the said abbesse the same power that they had in that mylle, to distreyne the forsaid Henry, and who-so-euer held pat mylle, after the lawes and customs of the Reame of Englond, but he yelded the said rente to the same abbesse at the termes I-sette. And into witnesse of this thynge they made ther lettres

[1] The Latin copy supplies the tenure: 'per duodecim denarios reddendos apud Bertincurt cum abbatissa de Godestowe ibidem personaliter fuerit, pro omni servitio.'

[2] This clause suggests that the sum of 12s. may have been fixed by way of tithe, and was to increase if the mill became more profitable.
patentis, for ever to dure to the forenamed abbesse, And that hit be levied to the same abbesse in every courte as to them surely for them and vpon ther thyngis to be do. The date the yere ofoure lord a M. CCxlvi, in the moneth of Iule.

* leaf 150. 1246.

Orders by Bertancourte abbey, to their tenant, Henry, son of Henry Simeone of Oxford, to pay 8 years' arrears of the rent-charg (as in no. o), and to pay it duly in future, with confirmation to Godstow of power of distrain.

* leaf 151. About 1255.

**A Charter of the Abbesse of Bertancourte, I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe, for xij. shillings, yerely.**

The sentence of this Charter is, that Margarete, by the grace of god, abbesse of Bartancourte, and the Couent of the same place, commaunded to her wellbeloued Henry the sone of fitz henry, and bad that he shold lettre not to yelde ther rente of the mylle 8 of dudekesford; that is to sey, xij. shillings yerely, to the abbesse of Godestowe that was for the tyme, with the arreragis of viij. yere, without ony agayn saiynge: they made the abbesse of Godestowe ther receive of the said rente, yeldynge to the same 12 all her power to distreyne them and every holder of the same mylle for the forsaid yerely rente, also ofte tyme as hit were nede, so moche therof makynge that they have no more vexacio ofr by yow. Farewel: god kepe you. The date at Bertancourte, 16 the yere ofoure lord a thousand, two hundred, fourty and Sixe.

**A couenaunte bitwene dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestow, and Henry Symeon for vj. shillings of yerely rente of the mylles of Dudekesforde.**

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place of the one partie, and Henry Symeon of the other partie, that is to sey, that the same henry Symeon knowleched hym-self and his heires or his assignes to be hold to the mynchons of Godestow and to ther successours in vj. shillings of yerely rente, of the mylles of dudekesford with ther pertynentis, frely vtablet and quyetly for ever, that is to sey, at the fest of myghelmasse iij. shillings and at the natiuete 1 of our lady iij. shillings. And yf hit happened 28

1 'Nativity' of Mary is September 8. No doubt the term meant is 'Annunciation,' March 25.
that the same Henry Symeon or his assignes or his heires pained not at the termes afore-named the seid' rente, hit shold be lawfull to the seid' mynchons and to ther successours to distreyne and nyme, by ony certayn servant, in the said' mylles or in ther pertynentis, the said' henry or his heires or his assignes, tille hit were fully I-satisfied' to the said' mynchons and to ther successours. And the said' abbesse and mynchons of Godestow and ther successours shold' acquyte and defende the forsaid' henry and his heires or his assignes ayenst the abbesse and counte of Berhemcourte, and of the vj. shillings of yerely rente kepe them harmelesse. And that this afore couenaut, & cetera.

[14.] A lettre of attorney to William Wurth and Roger Fynacourte, I-made of the abbesse of Godestowe, to aske the arreragis of the mylle of Dudekesforde.

12 The sentence of this lettre attorney is, that Alice Gorges, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couente of the same place, made, ordeyned, and sette, theire welbeloued in criift William Wurth and Roger Fynacourte, to axe and to take in ther name all the arreragis dew to them of the yerely rente of xij. shillings of the mylle of Dudekesforde, the whiche ben behynde to them of xvij. yere and more, yevyng to them or to the other of them power for the same, in the mylle aforsaid or in his pertynentis wher-

so-euer they saw hit best to spede, to neme or to distreyne tille hit were fully I-satisfied' to them in ther name or them of the forsaid' arreragis, also with the yerely rente in the termes afterward of ye forsaid' mylle with his pertynentis to be paid. Into witnesse of the whiche thyng, they made these her lettres patentes to them. The date at Godestowe, the Tewesday next after the fest of seynt Martyr, the xxv. yere endyng of the reigne of kyng Edward:

[15.] *A Charter of Iohn at the Grove of Longeworth, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for x. shillings of yerely rente at Mighelmasse of the mylle of Dudekesford.*

28 The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn of the Grove of Longeworth the bound hym-self to the lady abbesse of Godestowe,
stow, by John at grove, of obligation to pay 10s. rent-charge out of the mill,

and to the covent of pe same place, in x. shillings of yerely rente yerely to be paid for euer to the same in the same house of Godestowe at Mighelmasse of the mylle of dudekesforde. And to that paiyng of the forsaid rente, he bound hym-self, his heires and assigns, and all his londes and tenementis in longeworth, and in all other places, that, trewly and without gile, to be do for euer, to the same and to ther successours, yerely at the forsaid term x. shillings, into whos-so-euer handis they come, also with the mylle aforsaid, waters, fyshweres, and all other property, to the constreynyng and distreynyng of pe forsaid abbesse, Couente, or ther baillifs, that they myght distreyne them and reteyne the distreynyngis tille the arreragis of the 12 forsaid rente of x. shillings, yf ther were ony (that god forbede), also with the harms and expensis, yf the forsaid abbesse and Couente susteyne the myll by that occasion, they shall be fully I-paid. And yf hit happened the forsaid mylle, in ony case fallyng, to falle downe, to be cast downe, or vitterly to be distroyed, or to be brennyd, pat (that notWITHstanding) he shall be bounde, for hym and his heires, and also for all other holding afterward his londes and tenementis, to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, in the forsaid x. shillings of yerely rente for euer, of the forsaid londis and tenementis, at the forsaid term euery yere fully to paye, as hit is aforsaid, by the forsaid distreynyng. And to more suerte of the same of the paiyng of the forsaid rente, as hit is I-seid before, to be do, he bounde hym-self and his heires to the distreynyng of ony maner Iuge of the chirch the which the forsaid abbesse and couente wolde chese, that they myght compelle them by the censure of the chirche to the forsaid paiyng, all excepcions I-put be-hynde. Into witnesse of this he put to his scale. The date at Godestowe, the thursday next after the fest of scynt George, the xxvj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyngge Henry.

[George = Apr. 23].

[NOTE.—Early in the history of the convent, Godstow's interest in this parish was forgotten, and consequently erroneous readings have crept in at most mentions of it in the Registers, both Latin and English. A branch of the St. Valerie family possessed considerable lands here. About 1200 Wido of St. Valerie (possibly a younger brother of Bernard) gave Godstow a rent-charge (nos. 16, 17) of 6s. 8d. over these lands to endow an obital service for his father. About 1225 Wido's

[Berkshire: Dudekesford.]

[KNIGHTON, in Compton Beauchamp parish.]
son, Reginald, sold his Knighton property to St. Frideswyde's priory (Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, 1896, ii. 297–306). The Rev. H. Salter has shown me that Mr. Wigram, following Dugdale, has assigned the sale to the great Reginald (died 1166), whereas the conveyance is dated 'in die Translacionis B. Thome Martiris,' and cannot therefore be earlier than 1224. In 1286, in an exchange of rent-charges over each other's property, Godstow (no. 509) gave up this Knighton rent-charge to St. Frideswyde's priory. The service for the founder's father was provided for by transferring the obligation to Godstow property in North Oxford, where, at the dissolution in 1540, we find this 6s. 8d. still charged (*Monasticon*, iv. 370). When, some 150 years later, the compiler of the Latin Register transcribed the deeds about the obit, he could not make out the locality. He had recourse to two subterfuges. Two deeds (nos. 17 and 18), owing to the founder's name, he attached to St. Valerie donations elsewhere. A third (no. 16) he put into his unidentified set at the end, under *Cniscetuna* (for Cnigetuna). In the general charters he has even wandered into Cumberton.]


The sentence of this charter is, that Wydo of seint Walere, for his soule and for his fadir and modir and brother sowles, yaf and graunte* half a marke, to god & cetera and to the holy 4 mynchons of Godestow there servynge god, in-to perpetuel almesse, in cniscetuna every yere in the annuiuersarye of his fadir a-foresaid* These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[17.] *A chartur wyde of seyn walere of halfe a marke of syluer I-gyfe to the couent of Godestowe.*

The sentence of thys dede is that Wydo of seint walere, by 8 the consent of hys wyfe Anbreche 1 and Reynald* hys heyr, hath 3yf & grauynyd to the Mynchyens *of Godstowe, in perpetual almys, half a mark of syluyr euyry yere, to be take in the obit of hys fadur, at the fest of seynt Gyle, of the land that Gerard 12 hath hold: thys wytnesith Thomas, Chapeleyn of Godstowe, & many othyr with-in rehersyd*; & is with-out date.

[18.] A chartur I-made by Reynolde f3t wydo.

Thys is a confirmacion of Reynold of seyn* walery of the yft of Guido a-boue seyd, of the seyd* halfe marce, as it is a-boue 16 rehersyd* in the next dede a-fore : theyes wytnes, & cetera. And is with-out date.

1 'Albredra' in Latin.
Osbert and Ioan Turpin, for the welfare of themselves and for the souls of their ancestors and successors, gave to Godstow a medity of all their holding in North Morton, viz. of 7 yardlands, 4 being in demesne ¹, and 3 in villenage. 4

In demesne:—in Est felde 6 acres which are called Hang-indelond on the east, and 14 acres against the ditch on the west, and in middel forlong 10 acres towards the north and 10 in Blakelond next the north. In West felde 22 acres, 8 viz. in Northlongelonde towards the north, and in Westlongelond 20 acres towards the north at the head of the same land with a "furrow." And, in addition, half of the whole messuage which is called Parthes ² next the north and half of all the meadow ¹² called Souene acre on the south and half of the meadow which is called Riscoft towards the north, and 3 acres of meadow in North meade. And 6d. of yearly rent at Michaelmas from Richard Turepin and his heirs.

In villenage:—John Suth, with all his land and all his sequela and their chattels; and Matilda, widow of Thomas Brun, and all her land and all her sequela and their chattels; and Alice, widow of Iohn of Withham, and all her land and all 20 her sequela and their chattels.

All this was given to Godstow in free alms, to be held by Godstow by 1 lb. of cumin at Michaelmas.

Witnesses:—Sir Henry Basset; Sir Philip of Sandenuill; 24 Sir William of Seuekesworth; Sir Henry of Baywerthe.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 92. About 1255. 

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Basset, feudal

1 'In dominicia, ' in villenagiis,' 

2 'Parce' in no. 21.
belonging to his fee of Northmorton. For this confirmation Godstow gave him 9 marks of silver.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Wyldesor; Sir Philip of Sandeuill; Sir Henry of Baywerth; ‘Sir’ Nicholas, then steward of Abingdon; Peter Torold of Oxford; Richard Threatwald of Dunsingeton.]


Said William for the health of his soul and of the 8 souls of his heirs and ancestors, confirmed to godstow the gift of Osbert Turpin and Ioan of Blebiri, viz. of half of the croft called parc and of half] of the vij. yerdis of lond* with ther pertynentis in northmorton: To be had’ and to be hold; to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into fre and perpetuellt almesse, after as the charter of the said Osbert and of Iohane his wyf the which they made therof shewith and witnessith. And for this graunte and confirmacion of this charter, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym I [half*] mark of siluer. And that this his graunte shold be sure, & cetera *.

[22. *Charter 5 of Ioan of Blebiri, formerly wife of Osbert Turpin of Northmorton.

Ioan of Blebiri in her lawful widowhood, for the welfare of her own soul and of the soul of her late husband Osbert Turpin, gave to Godstow half of all her holding in Northmorton with all its pertynentis, viz. half of 7 yardlands (4 in demesne and 3 in villeinage), to be held by Godstow on payment of 1 lb. of cumin for all services, except foreign service; and confirmed the gift made by her husband and herself.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Wyndlesor; Robert Basset; John of Hakeburne; Philip of Sandrevile; Hugh of Kenetwode; Milő of Morton; James of Hauchent *.

1 Peter son of Torold died 1257: Wood’s City of Oxford, iii. 460.
2 The English Register begins again after a lost leaf.
3 Added from the Latin.
4 Witnesses are: Sir William of Seenukesworth; Sir Roger of Withtham; Sir Henry of Baywerto; James, steward of Godstow. ‘Sir,’ in some instances, no doubt describes the parish priest, not a knight.
5 Given in duplicate.
6 ‘De Hauncia,’ in the duplicate.
[23.] *A Charter of Milo Basset of Northmorton remytyng and quyte-claymyng to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe all his right and clayme that he had toward the forsaid abbesse and mynchons vpom homage and relefe, & cetera. The sentence of this charter is, that Milo Basset remitted and furthermore quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for euer, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god; all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue toward the forsaid abbesse and the forsaid mynchons vpom homage, relefe, warde, and sute of courte, of the tenement that pei held of hym in northmortoin, the which tenement they had of the yfte of Iohan Turpyne of Blebyry, So that nother he nother his heires myght no thynge axe after-ward of the forsaid abbesse and mynchons of the forsaid homagis relefis wardis and sutiis of courte, but all the kyngis seruyce, as they were I-wonyd to do afores. And for this remytyng and quyte-claymyng the forsaid abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym viij. mark of silver. And because hit shold be sure, & cetera.1


Iohan of Turevile, in her lawful widowhood, confirmed to Godstow 2 yardlands in the fee of Morton, viz. a yardland which Thomas of Harewelle once held to farm of her, and a yardland which Alice widow of Fule held, to be had and held by Godstow by payment of 1 pair of gloves or 1d. at Michaelmas for all service, the convent also making said Ioan partaker of all good deeds and alms which should be done at Godstow.

Witnesses:—Sir William of Suuekewerthe; Sir Roger of Withtham; Robert of Botteleye; William Calamund; James, steward of Godstow; Henry, porter.

[Seacourt or Seckworth.] [Norke.—Seuecurda, Soueworth, Seckworth (Wood's City of Oxford, i. 325-8), and, more recently, Seacourt, was once a considerable village in Berkshire, between Wytham and North Hincksey, of which little now survives except the name (now pronounced 'Sec-urth' by Wytham folks). Its decay probably dates from the con-

1 Witnesses: Sir Alan of Fernham, Robert of Sandervill, &c.
struction of the Seven Bridges Road (formerly, Botley Causeway) which gave a more convenient access from Oxford across the many-streamed Thames valley to the road to Bath and the west. Before that, the route went north from Oxford through Walton for about a mile; then turned westward; crossed the main Thames at Binsey ford; and thence advanced across various branches of Thames by bridges, whose abutments remained till living memory, to Seukeworth, just south of the branch of Thames which parts Oxfordshire from Berkshire.

There is some confusion about the dates of the de Seukeworth family. Wood, basing his judgement on Brian Twyne's excerpts, assumed that William of Seukeworth gave the tithe of his mills (no. 25) to Godstow at the foundation, in 1138. This cannot be, since the first list in which the grant is mentioned is Henry II's second charter (no. 879), i.e. about 1165. The family descent seems to be—Robert of Seukeworth, about 1140; William, about 1165; Robert, 1200; Sir William, 1230; Dionysia, 1260.

The church (no. 27), or chapel-of-ease, of Seukeworth was a benefaction of the family to Studley Priory in Oxfordshire.

At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned (Monast. iv. 375) a parcel of meadow called Secourt ham, valued at 3s. 4d. a year, and then reckoned to be in Wytham parish.]

[25.] *A chartur of William of Seukeworth of the tythe of ij. myll & oper commodityes in ye same.*

The sentence of thys chartur is, that William of Sewekeworth willith to be know that he graunyt & gaf to god & to our lady seynt Marye, & to the churche of Godstowe, & to the holy mynchyns there seruinge god, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys chyldryn, & of hys auncters, with hys wyf: also, the whyche he toke\(^1\) to kepe to the forseyd holy mynchons to serue god:—that is to say, he graunyt & gaf to the holy my[n]chons a-foreseyde tethe of hys too Millis of Sewekeworth in corne, money, & fysshes; Also v. acris of hys demayne medewe, namede heahitte\(^2\); Also, by hys owne consent & meuynge of hymselfe & of hys wyf, Turstyne, hys sone of wedloke, gaf & grauntyd to the forseyd churche of Godstowe the churche of esdome & a yerde of londe of hys owne demayne, & tythe of the same towne a-fore-sayd. He, hys wyf, & hys sone, gafe & grauntyd all these thynges to be hadde for euyr in almys to the churche of Godstowe, And gaf goddys-curs to all aduersaries & by-nemers of thys gyft, & prayed veniquence of god to falle to hem: these beynge wytnes: & is with-out date.

\(^1\) *Take* is used as equivalent to *give.*

The Latin is: 'cum uxor mea, quam in lillis praefatia sanctimonialibus ad deo servien-
dum commisi.'

\(^2\) Latin is: 'heahite.'

\(^3\) In margin is put: '§ for Sewkeworth.'

\(^4\) Latin is: 'ablatores.'
[26.] *A chartur of Robert of Seuecorthe for the same.*

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert of Sevecowrthe gaf & grauntyd & confirmyd with hys chartur, with the assent of hys eyerys, to god & to our lady Seynt Marie & to seynt John Baptist of Godstowe, & to the mywchons there seruinge 4 god, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys auncesturs, in-to pure & perpetual almes, tythe of hys two myllis fuleree in Sevecowrthe, & that hys gyft shulde be sure, & never be broke, he made hyt stronge by settyng to of hys seele; these beynge 8 wytnes: & is wt-out date.

[Note.—The mills of which the tithes were given by the father (no. 25) were corn-mills (the Latin having 'in bladis et nummis et piscibus'). These, in the son's gift, must be different, being fulling-mills for the felting of woollen-cloth ('decimas duorum molendinorum meorum fuleree in Seuecordia').]

*Exchequer MS. [27. *Grant by William, lord of Seuekeworth, to the church of St. Mary of Sewkeworth.*

Grant by William of Sewkeworth, to the church there, of tithe of the meadow held by Godstow (no. 25).

I, William of Seuekeworth, grant to the church of Sewkeworth the tithe of that meadow which my ancestors gave to Godstow, and, in augmentation of the tithes, if they are in-12 sufficient, pasture for two oxen in my meadows with my own oxen in wood and plain, etc., and the half of the water-course of Dudwell. Confirmed by the seal of the bishop of Salisbury. Witnesses:—Thomas, then vicar of Sewkeworth; William 16 Moreton, archdeacon of Berkshire and dean of Abingdon; Walter of Sewkeworth; Robert of Boteley.]

[Wytham.]

[1. Charters about Godstow conduit.]
Wytham, for a collecting-reservoir, and of leave to bring the connecting pipe over his lands.

[29.] a chartur of Robert calamunt for the cundit.

The sentence of thys dede is, that Robert Calamunt² of Wythham hath grauntyd ' & confermyd ' to the Myncyns of Godstowe free lycence to make a cundit to her cowrt of Godstowe bothe by hys arable londe & also by hys medewe, vndur the condicion that they satisfye & make goot ' to hym thorow whose londys they make her cundyt for the harmys, by the discrecion of neyburs, for his hurt in the deaffe of reparacion of the same: & is with out date.

[30.] a chartur of Robert Newman made to pe couent of Godestowe of pe cundit at wytham.

The sentence of thys dede is, how that Robert Newman of wytham yaf and grauntyd, in pure & perpetuall almys, for hym & hys eyrys, to the Myncyns of Godstowe & here successours, a parcel of londe, xij. fete of lengthy & x. of brede, in largeing & augmentyng the hede of the cundyte & for the howse byldyng there-vpon, the whycye hede was grauntyd' of Robert the sone of Vincent, as hyt shall be more playlyny shewyd in the next dede folowyngg³, with fre entres and re-intres to belde & repayre the same. Also he grauntyd that the forsasyd Myncyns mowe repayre & amend the forsayd cundyt, aftur her owne wytt, as oft as nede requiryth, so that for the harmys be made amendes by the dyscreation of Neyburs to hem that be hurtyd by occasyon of suche reparacion, & cetera. And is with-out date.

[Note.—I take this conduit to be for the supply of drinking water to the nunnery. Somewhere beyond the village of Wytham, a reservoir seems to have been constructed to catch one of the springs which gush out of the foot of the Berkshire

¹ Now no. 29. ² Probably the same as Robert, son of Vincent. ³ Now no. 28.
hills. Mr. H. Hurst points out the difficulty of supposing engineers at that date to be capable of conducting a stream of water under the branches of Thames which lie between Wytham and Godstow. But Osney Abbey (Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 205) was supplied by a reservoir at North Hincksey, and portions of the lead-pipe (enclosed in stone), by which the water was conveyed across the Thames valley and probably under the streams, have been dug up in modern times. Otho Nicholson's conduit (Wood, i. 441) at Carfax, built in 1610, of which the reservoir-house still stands on the slope of Hincksey hill, is a later and more famous example. Mr. Hurst has drawn my attention to a remarkable work to supply the tanks within the nunnery enclosure and the large fishponds outside. To the west of Godstow there is a small, winding branch of Thames, called 'Wytham brook.' From this, by a straight artificial canal, a stream of water was led along most of the west side of the gardens, parallel to the convent. When near the south-west corner, this canal turned sharply eastwards, was brought under the west wall by a fourteenth-century arch (which still remains), formed within the court two largish baths or ponds, passed through the east wall by an arch, no doubt fed the fishponds (which had one arm 65 yards by 9 yards, another 23 yards by 8 yards, both of about 4 feet deep: all filled up in 1887) which lay just south of the convent; and thence escaped to the Thames by a channel which was filled up in 1885. This was called the 'Sanctuary Stream.' The field enclosed between this stream on the west and the convent buildings on the east is called 'Sanctuary Field'; that west of it is called 'Sentry Field,' probably from memory of the 1645-6 campaigns. At the point where Sanctuary stream leaves Wytham brook, an elm-tree was blown down in 1899. The cattle, trampling over the spot, brought out the foundations of a rectangular building which had no doubt been erected to keep the water in the canal at a just level. Mr. Hurst, who made the discovery, thinks that this is the 'head' described in no. 28. I do not agree, for I cannot find here any 'arable land,' for the crossing of which (nos. 28, 29) permission had to be obtained. I must, however, add that Mr. Hurst opines that the levels of the water round Godstow have been greatly altered, and that lands now meadow may have been formerly plowable.]

[2. Dispute about tithe at Wytham.]

*leaf III or [31.] * A chartur I-made by dyuers iuggys a-geynst pe person of wytham.

The sentence of thys dede is, that the Prior of seynt Iamys of Northampton had receuyyd a maundment of Gregori pope, as hyt a-peryth by the wrytyng ther "Nouerit vnuiueritas vestra me mandatum domini pape," & sequitur,

Gregorius episcopus servus servorum dei, how that Robert, person of wytham, shewyd to hym & playnyd that the Abbys of Godstowe & here couent, Iohn lucy, prest, Roger wytham, & othyre clerkes & lay men of the diocesis of Lincolne & Salisbury, 8 wrongdy hym & dyd vnryht to hym vpon certen possessiouns, tethys, dewteys & othyre thynges; wherefore oure holy fadur the pope be-fore rehersyd commaundid that the seyd Prior of seynt
Iamys shuld calle the partyes & here the cause by-twene hem, appele put a-syde, wronge & vnryhtful withholdyng ceasyng; & that he shuld make a dewe ende by-twene hem. Also, that

that he decreyd & ordeynyd be-twene hem, he shold charge ferme & stabiliche, to be kepyd by the censur of the churche. The wytnes that be callyd; yf they wythdrawe hem to sey the trowth, for fauror, haterede, or drede, that he shuld constreyne 8 hem vndur pynye of curse, appele ceasyng & set a-syde. I-gyi at sent Iohn lateranense, the Modur churche of rome, the syxt kalendes of aprile the xv. yere of hys popehede.

By the autorite of thys maundement, the seyd prior before callyd the Abbas of Godstowe & he? couent a-fore hym aftur the ordyr of lawe. A-geynst whom the seyd Robert, person of wythlam, purposyd hys entent in thys maner. Robert, person of wythlam, seyth a-geynyst the Abbas & couent of Godstowe that they a-geynst sey1, a-geynst ryht, to pay to hym, & to hys churche, tethys comynge forth of a croft callyd wydeheyn with-in the boundes termys or markys of hys churche of Wythlam, & longyng to hym aftur the comyn lawe: for thys cause, he askyth the seyd Abbas & couent of Godstowe to be constreyndye, by censur of the churche, to a graunt to be made of the seyd tethys to hym & to hys churche. Also he askyth in the name of arreragis of tethys take of the seyd' crofte for vj. yerys passyd 24 xviij. skillings aftur estymacion, the whych he desyrythe the seyd Abbas & Couent to be condempnynd in by the arbitriment of the forseyd prior: furthyrmore makenge a protestacion that, yf hyt be shewyd in ony wyse the seyd Abbas & couent to be free & excusyd by ony special pruilege for the grauntynge of the seyd tethys, that, as the lawe ingleȝ, he to leue of hys askyng & petition. To whose intent was it answeryd in thys maner:—The Abbas & couent of Godstow seyn that the place markyd or shewyd, aftur, & in entent of, the seyd person, actor & doer, is not with-in the boundes of hys parisse of wythlam, & so he may not aske tethys ther-of by the commune lawe; & yf the same place be with-in the boundes of the seyd parisse, they be not bound to pay the tethys of hyt, for hyt is 'nouale,' that is to sey, a feld yerly tyllyd, or ellys euery othyer yere. Also theybyn excusyd & pruilegid by the pope fro the graunt of

1 i. e. refuse: 'contradicunt.'
2 Read 'from.'

[Form of instructions to a papal commission.]

Robert, parson of Wytham, claimed tithes of a croft in Wytham, and arrears for six years.

[27 March, 1241.]

Godstow claimed exemption, by papal privilege, because the croft is nouale.
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suche tethys; & to preue thys, they haue shewyd in iuggement the priuylege of the pope excusyng hem fro the payment of tethys of feldys yerly or euery othyr ye[ri] named. It was askyd of the seyd person whether the seyde place wer of suche condicion or none. With hys owne mowpe he seyd: so. And vppon thys they 3 browht forth wytnes more in euery excepcion to preue that it was so. Then, whenne hyt was shewyd that the seyd person preuyd nothyng of hys entent, & hyt was shewyd opynly by confession made of the part in iuggement, & what by lawfule preuynge & by preuylege of the pope, that they shuld be cler fro gyfynge of such maner tethys, we haue gyf for the sake of god the sentens in thys maner.

In nomine patris & f[iliij] & s[piritus] s[ancti] amen. Visis & inspectis & c[e[tera]].

By the authorite of our holy fadur the pope we assoyle & lowse, sentencially & by iuggement, the Abbys & counte of Godstowe & hys successours, in the name of the monastery, fro the vnyrthful askynge of the seyd Robert, person of the churche of 16 wytham, of the gefynge of tethys askyd, & we put hym, hys successours, & hys churche, to perpetual silence vppon askynge of the seyd tethys.

To the whyche wrytyng hys seele I-put to is wytnes: The 20 yere of the incarnacion of our lorde a thousand two hundurth & fowrty. iiiio. Idus februiarij in the church of seynt petur at Northempton.

[3. Early charters about lands in Wytham.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the only piece of Godstow property separately noticed (Monast. iv. 375) is 'Our Lady's House,' rented at 10s. The other Godstow lands in this parish were no doubt reckoned in with lands in Wolvercote as forming the home-farm of the convent, as described in Monast. iv. 376.]

1 The translator has blundered over the contraction-form 'immunes,' and made it 'unmed.' The clause in the Latin is: et ips[a]e immunes sunt a pettione decimarum de noualibus.'

2 Read probably 'Some,' i.e. 'partly.' The Latin is: when it was asked of the plaintiff 'an dictus locus esset novale, confessus fuit in iudicio, viva voce, quod novale fuit pars.'

3 I. e. Godstow.

4 Latin: 'omni exceptione maiores,' i.e. too weighty to be cavilled at.
The sentence of thys dede is, that Vincent of Wytham hath
grauntyd & confermyd to the Mynchyns of Godstowe the londe
that is callyd midelei, the whyche Robert hys sadur gaf to the
seyd Mynchyns, in perpetual almys, with hys thre dowhters in
the same place Mynchyns. Also he hath grauntyd, with assent
& consent of mold hys wyfe & hys eyrys 7, to the seyd Mynchyns,
with hys two dowhters there I-sacryd to god, v. acrys of medewe
8 of hys owne herytage, the whyche medewe is callyd reuenere,
with all the purtenaunce, frely, for the helthe of hys sowle &
(Beanvere [Nun's auncet-wrs]: & is without date.

[33.] *A chartur of Roger abbot of Abendon of
pe londe callyd pederysham.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger, Abbot of
Abendon, & aft the couent of pe same place, by her commune
assent yaf & grauntyd to the Mynchons of Godstow, for the
loue of god & askynge of the kyng, in-to perpetual almys, the
londe that is callid pedersesham. Thys londe is nyhe &
boundynge to the gardyn of the Mynchons, conteynynge v. acris,
& they willid that these v. acris sholde be firme & clene with-
out ony c[h]alenge to the seyd Mynchons for euyr; & is
with-out date.

[4. Later Charters about lands in Wytham.]

[34.] * A Charters of Richard Ieodewyne, of wightham, and Alice his wyf, condermyng to Thomas Pacokes
a mesuage with a crofte and half an acre of arrable
lond in the towne of wyghtham.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Ieodewyne 2 of
wyghtam and Alice his wyf hath yovene and graunte and by

An initial 'h' has been erased.

This name is of Oxford interest, as giving a reasonable derivation of 'Jaw-
Pacokes, by Richard and Alice Jodeowyne, of a mesuage, croft, and half-acre, there present chartire confirmed to Thomas Pacokes a mesuage with a Crofte and an half acre of arrable lond lying in the towne of wytham, which they had of the yffe and graunte of Symond Iodeowyne, the which is sette bitwene the mesuage of Henry 4 Bolteres toward the Sowthe, and bitwene the lond of Richard Foxe toward the Northe: To have and to hold all the forsaid mesuage, with the forsaid Crofte and half acre of arrable lond; with all his other pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas his heires and his assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by servuice dewe and of right accustomed; for ever more, yeldying thereof yerely to the lord of a mesuage which is called Calemondesplace viij. i. at the termes of Seynt Thomas the appostle, the Annunciation 12 of oure lady, the Nativity of Seynt Iohn Baptist, and Seynt Michiel the Archangeli, by evynse porcions; And to the warde of wyndesore, whan hit comyth, at every terme I-sette by the yere, i. obolus, For all other seruycis. And the forsaid Richard 16 and Alice his wyf and ther heires, all the forsaid mesuage with the forsaid crofte and half acre of arrable lond; with all ther other pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas his heires and his assignes ayenst all maner of peple shalwarantize for ever more. In witnesse wherof to this present chartir they sette to there seales. Thise beyng witnesse, Robert of wytham, william of Sanford, Raaf wheler, Thomas atte Hole, walter Mason, Symond Corpel, and many other. The date at wygt- ham, the xxix. day of Iuy, In the yere of the regne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest xliij i.

[35.] * A Chartres of Thomas Pocokes of wytham confermyng to william Brothure of the same, and Edithe his wyf, Luce and Alexandre theire children, a mesuage and an acre of arrable lond, to the same mesuage liyng, in wytham, called Cartersplace.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Pocokes of Wytham hath yove and graunted and by his present charter confirmed to William Brothure of the same, and to Edithe his wyf, Luce and Alexandre their children, a mesuage and an acre of arable lond lying to the same mesuage, in wytham aforforsaid, the which is called Cartersplace, and hit is I-sette
next the mesuage that is called Boltaresplace: To haue and to holde, the forsaid mesuage and the said acre of lond with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid William, Edith, Luce and Alexandre and to their heires and to their assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruycis therof dewe and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires the forsaid mesuage and the said acre of lond with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid William, Edith, Luce, and Alexandre, and to there heires and there assignes, ayenste all maner of peple shaft warantize and defende for ever-more. In witnesse wherof to this present charter he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse, Robert of Wytham, Sire walter, person of the chirche of wytham, Symond Cogbel, Thomas of wormenhale, Clerk, and many other. The date at wytham, the Sunday next affir the fest of the Purificacion of our Lady seynt Marie, In the yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the thirde affir the conquest xliij. 

[36.] A Chartene of Symond Ieodewyne of wytham converyng to Raynold atte wykes and to william atte wykes all his place in wytham and half a yerde lond with medis lesues pastures and all other pertynentis longyng to the same place.

The sentence of this charter is that Symond Ieodewyne of wytham yaf graunted and by his charter conferred to Raynold atte wykes and to william atte wykes all his place in wytham aforesaid; and one half yerde of lond, with medis, lesues, pasturis, and all other pertynentis, lyng to the same place: Whiche forsaid place is called yonge Calemondesplace: To haue and to hold, the forsaid place and half yerde lond, with medys, lesues, pasturis and other his pertynentis, to the forsaid Raynold and william and to their heires and their assignes, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyce therof dewe and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaid Symond and his heires the forsaid place and half yerde lond, with medys, lesues, pastures and other his pertynentis, to the forsaid Raynold and William and to there heires and there assignes ayenste all maner of peple shaft warantize for evermore. Also the forsaid Symond yaf and graunted vnto the same Raynold and william * all his goodes and catalles, mevable and vnmeuable, which he. * leaf 200.
had in the town and feldis of wyghtham aforesaid or in any other place in any wise for hens-forthe to be challenged of them or any of them. In witnesse whereof to this present charters he put to his scale. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wyghtham, Thomas atte hole, William Tatyn, William Sandford, Thomas Padbury, Walter Daundesey, Robert Carter and others. The date at wyghtham, the vjte day of Iuyne, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the Seconde after the conquest the First.

[37.] A Charter of Alexandre, the sone of Edithe late the wyf of william Brether of wyghtham, confermyng to Symond Ieodewyne the yonger of wightham, and to Iuliane his wyf, a mesuage with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond:

The sentence of this charter is, that Alexandre, the sone of Edithe late the wyf of william Brether of wyghtham, hath yoven and granted and by his charter confirmed to Symond Ieodewyne the yongere of wyghtham and to Iuliane his wyf a mesuage, with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond to the same mesuage liyng, and his pertynamtis, in wyghtham aforesaid; which mesuage is I-sette bitwene the tenement which at that tyme Richard Bolles held on the south partye, and the crofte called Chalcrofte of the north partie, and the same acre of arable lond lie in the same crofte: To haue and to holde, the aforesaid mese and Crofte, with half an acre of arable lond and the pertynamtis, to the aforesaid Symond and Iulian his wyf, and to the heires and assignes of the seid Symond for evermore, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyces therof dewe and accustomed. And the aforesaid Alexandre and his heires the aforesaid mese and crofte, with half acre of arable lond; and his pertynamtis, to the aforesaid Symond and Iuliane his wyf and to the heires and assignes of the same Symond ayenst all maner of peple shal warantige and defende for euermore. In witnesse wherof to this charter he sette to his scale. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wyghtham, william Tatyn, Symond Ieodewyne the eldirc, Thomas atte hole, Thomas Padbury, Walter Daundesey, and others. The date at wyghtham, the vjte day of Ianyvere, In the yere of kyng Richard the seconde after the conquest of Englonde the vjte.
[38.] A relese and quyteclayme of Alexandre, the sone of Edythe late wyf of William Brether of wightham, I-made to Symond Ieodewyn the yonger of wightham and to Iuliane his wyf [of] all the right that he had in a mese and a crofte and half acre of londe.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Alexandir, the sone of Edythe late wyf of William Brether, relese[d] and al[w]ey for hym and for his heires for euermore quyteclaymed to Symond Ieodewyn the yonger of wightham, and to Iuliane his wyf, and to the heires and assignes of the same Symond, for euermore, all the right and clayme which he had or myght haue in any maner wise in a mese with a crofte and half an acre of arable lond liyng to the same with his pertynentis in the towne and feldes of wightham. So that neither the forsaid Alexandre, neithere his heires, nor none other in his name, ony maner right or clayme in the forsaid mese with crofte and half acre of arable lond and his pertynentis nor in no parte therof fro hens-forth make ony chalenge for euermore to be vttirly excluded. Furthermore, the forsaid Alexandre and his heires the forsaid mese with crofte and half acre of arable lond and his pertynentis to the forsaid Symond and Iuliane and to the heires and assignes of the same Symond aynest all maner of peple shal wartantie for euermore. In witnesse wherof to this presente writynge he hath sette to his scale. These byeng witnesse, Robert of wightham, William Tatyn, Symond Ieodewyn the elder, Thomas atte hole, Thomas Padbury, Walter Daundeseye, and other. The date at wightham, the xij. day of Ianyvere, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the seconde after the conquest of Englonde the vjte.

[39.] A Charters of william Tatyn the Elder and Iohn Missendene of Abyndor confermyng to Symond Iudefwyn the Yonger of wytham there tenement beyng in the towne of wytham next to the mese of Richard Bollus.

The sentence of this charter is, that william Tatyn the elder and Iohn Mussyndene of Abendor hath yovew and Quit-claim to Simon Jeodewyn
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junior, by W. Tatyn and J. Missenden
(possibly husbands of William Brook's widow and daughter:
no. 35),
of all right
in no 38.
* leaf 201.

grant and by there present charter confirmed to Symond Iuddywyne the yongere of wytham a teneinent beyng in the towne of wytham next to the mese of Richard Bollus; To haue and to hold; all the forsaied tenement, with all his pertynentis about, Of the chief lordes of that fee, to the forsaied Symond his heires or his assignes, frely quetyly holy wele and in pease, rightfully for euermore, by servyce therof dew and of right accustomed. And the forsaied William and Iohn and *there 8 heires the forsaied tenemente, with all his pertynentis aboute, to the forsaied Symond his heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantig and surely defende for ever-more. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they sette to there scales. These beyng witnesse, Robert of wytham, walter Daundeseye, william Sanford, Thomas Padbury, Iohn Pynche, and other. The date at wytham, the x. day of the moneth of Ianyvere, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the Seconde after the 16 conquest the xij.

1390,
June 21.

[40.] A Charter of Symond Ieodwyne of wingham and Juliane his wyf confermyng to william atte wyk and to Raynold his sone an acre and an half acre of arable lond, and an acre of mede, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Symond Ieodwyne of wingham and Juliane his wyf hath yovyn and granted and by there present charter confirmed to william atte wyk and to Raynold his sone an acre and one half acre of arable lond and one acre of mede, wherof one half acre of lond aforssaid lieth in the vppirmostfeld of the towne of wingham toward the Cottage of the parson of wingham, and one half acre lieth in the Rede lond; and another half acre lieth in Depsford; And half an acre mede lieth in the mede aboue vndir Godestowe, and a yerde of mede lieth in Schedday, And a-nothere yerdemede lieth in Horshey: To haue and to hold; the forssaidij, acres 28 and half acre of lond and mede, with all theire pertynentis, to the forssaid William and Raynold his sone and to there heires and assignes, Of the chief lordses of that fee, by servyces ther-of dew and of right accustomed, for evermore. And the forsaide 32
Symond and Juliane and there heires, the forsaid iij. acres and an half of lond and mede with all his pertynentis, to the forsaiide william and Raynold his sone and to there heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shal wartantiz for evermore. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they have putte to there scales, Thise beyng witnesse, Robert of wighton, william Tatyn, Robert Carter, Thomas Paddebury, walter Daundeseye, Thomas Pocok, Iohn Lye, and other. The date at wighton, in the fest of whitsonthyde, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the second aftir the conquest of Englonde the xix.

[41.] A Charter of william atte wyk and of Raynold his sone confermyng to Symond Ieodwyne and to Juliane his wyf an acre and an half of arable lond and an acre of mede in Wightham.

The sentence of this charter is that william atte wyk and Raynold his sone yaf graunted and by ther present charter conferred to Symond Ieodwyne of wighton and to Juliane his wyf an acre and an half of arable lond and an acre of mede: Wherof one half acre of the forsaid lond lieth in the vppirmost feld of the towne of wighton toward the Cottage of the parson of wighton, and another half acre lieth in Redelonc, and another half acre lieth in Depford, And half an acre of mede lieth in the mede aboue vndir Godestowe, and a yerde mede lieth in Shedday, and another yerde mede lieth in Horshey: To have and to hold, the forsaiide iij. acres and an half of lond and mede, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaiide Symond and Juliane his wyf and to the heires and assignes of the forsaiide Symond, frely to-gedir and in pease for euer-more, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyce therof dew and of right accustomed. In witnesse wherof to this present charter they sette to ther scales. These beyng witnesse; Robert of wighton, william Tatyn, Robert Cartere, walter Daundeseye, Thomas Pekok, and other. The date at wighton, in the fest of the holy Trynyte, In the yere of the reigne of kyng Richard the second after the conquest of Englonde xxj.

1 i.e. 'above Under-Godstow,' a part of the village.
[42.] A Charter of William Caldecote of Aylesbury and of Elizabeth his wyf confermyng to Symond Iedewyne of Wighton an acre and a butte of arable land and a butte of mede, &cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Caldecote of Aylesbury and Elizabeth his wyf hathe yovyn and graunte d and by ther present chartire confermed to Symond Iedewyne of Wighton and to his heires and his assigns an acre of arable land liyng in Byrweye in the feldis of Wighton called Carters, and a butte of arable land liyng in Litelt Chaleueye, and also a butte of mede liyng in Shorte shuddaye at Stonelake, strecchyng hit-self into the water of Thamyse: To haue and to hold, the 8 foresaid acre and butte of arable land and the foresaid butte of mede, with his pertynentis, to the foresaid Symond and to his heires and to his assigns, for evermore, Of the chief lordis of that fee, by seruyece therof dewe and accustomed. And the 12 foresaid William and Elizabeth the foresaid acre and butte of arable land and the foresaid butte of mede with his pertynentis to the same Symond Iedewyne and to his heires and to his assigns ayenst al manner of peple shaff warantije and defende. In-to witnesse of the which thynge to this present charter they sette to there scales. Thise beyng witnesse, Robert wighton, Richard wighton, Roger Fulbeck, Thomas Poco K, John Hotchale, and other. The date at wighton, the x. day of August, In the yere of the reigne of kyng henry the Fourthe after the conquest of Englonde the vth.

[43.] A Charter of Symond Iedewyne of wighton grauntyng and confermyng to Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu and John Otale all his londes and tenementis that he had in the towne and feldes of wighton.

The sentence of this charter is, that Symond Iedewyne of wighton yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confermed; to Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and John Otale, all the londes and tenementis which he had in the towne and feldes of wighton aforseid; To haue and to hold; all the foresaid londes and tenementis, rentes and seruycis, with medys lesues and
pasturis, and all ther other pertynentis, to the foresaid Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and Iohn Otale, yeldynge therof yerely vnto the chief lordes of that fee seruyces dew and accustomed; And the foresaid Symond and his heires all the foresaid londes and tenementis, with all his pertynentis, to the foresaid Richard Bannebury, Richard Mountegu, and Iohn Otale, [and] to ther heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shalt 8 warantije and defende for euermore. Into witnesse wherof vnto this present charter he putte to his scale, These beyng witnesse: Iohn Eburton, Richard Wightham, Iohn Coventre, and many other. The date, the viij, day of Iuy, In the yere 12 of the reigne of kyng henry the iiiij. after the conquest viij.

[44.] A charter of Iohn Leyot, deane of Chestire, con-
fermyng to William Golafre an acre of arable lond
called Carters and ij. Buttis of lond and mede in the feldis of Wightham.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Leyot, deane of Chestire, yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confermed; to William Golafre an acre of arable lond called Carters lying in 16 Byrweye in the feldes of wightham, with ij. Buttis of lond and mede lying in the feldes aforsaid, wherof one Butt of arable lond lieth in liteft Chalueye, *And another Butt of mede lieth in Shorte shoddaye at Stanelak and hit strechith into the 20 watir of Thamyse: To haue and to hold; the foresaid acre of lond with the foresaid ij. Buttis and all there other pertynentis, to the foresaid william Golafre and to his heires and his assignes, frely to-gedire and in pease, Of the chief lordes of that fee, 24 by seruyces therof dewe and of right accustomed; for euermore, yeldynge therof vnto the foresaid Iohn Leyot, his heires, and to his assignes, in the fest of Seynt Mighell the archaungell ij. d. obolus of yerely rente duryng euermore for all otheres seruyces and 28 demaundes. And the foresaid Iohn Leyot and his heires the foresaid acre of arable lond with the foresaid ij. Buttis of lond and mede, with all there pertynentis, to the foresaid william Golafre and to his heires and his assignes ayenst all maner of peple shaft warantije and defende for euer in the forme aboueseid:

In witnesse wherof to this present chartire he sette to his scale, These beyng witnesse: Iohn Golafre, Edmond Spersholt, Richard


Grant to William Golafre, by John Leyot, of land and meadow, as in no. 42.

* leaf 202, back.

Quit-rent, 2½d.
wightham, walter daundeseye, Richard' wodesford, Iohn Otale, Roger Bosse, and other. The date at wightham, the xiiiij. day of Septembre, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the Fourth after the conquest the xijth.

142\3, March 3.

[45.] A Charter of Robert Schelleston of Bokelond and Margery his wyf late the wyf of Symond Iedewyne of wightham confermyng to Iohn woderove of wightham and to Isabelle his wyf a mese called Cartersplace in wightham, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Schelleston of Bokelond and Margery his wyf late the wyf of Symond Iedewyne of wightham hath yove\n and granteed and by their present chartir confermed to Iohn woderove of wightham and to Isabelle 8 his wyf a mese called Cartersplace, in wightham afo\said; which is I-sette bitwene a voide place called Boters of the South parte, and the lond that is called Prynkeshalfacre on the north parte: To haue and to hold, the said mese with londis, medis, 12 lesues', and pastures, with the pertynentis, to the afo\said Iohn woderove and Isabelle his wyf, to there heires and there assignes, for evermore, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by servyces therof dew and of right accustomed. Into witnesse of the which 16 thynge, to this present charter they sette to there scales, These beyng' witnesse: Thomas Denton, Richard Burton, Thomas Gibbes, Richard Iedewyne, Migh\n Norton, and other. The date at wightham, the thirde day of Marche, The yere of the 20 reigne of knyge henry the Sixte aftir the conquest the vijth.

[46.] *A Chartere of Iohn Wylcokys and Richard' Smert confermyng to Iohn Woderove of wightham and to Iohane his wyf all that tenemente with gardeyne liyng to in wightham called' Cartersplace with londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, with all other pertynentes.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn wilcokys and Richard' Smert hath yove\n, and by there present charter con\formed; to Iohn woderove of wightham, and to Iohane his wyf, 24 all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham afo\said,' 11, c. lesues, leswes, or leasowes = pastures.
called Carter'splace, with londes medowes lesues pastures wodes and all other pertynentis liyng to the same tenement, Which the forsaide Iohn wilcokkis and Richard late had of the yfte and 4 feffement of the forsaide Iohn woderove as in the charter of the same Iohn woderove to the mag made more playnly hit appereth:

To haue and to hold, the forsaide tenemente with gardeyne liyng to, londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodis, and all his other pertynentes, to the forsaide Iohn woderove and Iohane his wyf and to ther heires and assignes, frely quetyly were and in pease for ever. Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces thereof dewe and of right accustomed. And the forsaide Iohn wilcokkis and Richard and ther heires, the forsaide tenement and gardeyne liyng to, londes, medis, and all other pertynentis, to the forsaide Iohn woderove and Iohane his wyf and to ther heires and assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warantize and defende for ever. In witnesse of the which thyng to this present charter they sette to theirse scales, These byeng witnesse: Iohn Golafre, Squyere, william Fitz waryne, Hugh Roose, Thomas Denton, Henry Lucas, and other. The date at wightham, the thursday next before the fest of Seynt Mathie the Apostle,

The yere of the regne of kyng heire the Sixte after the conquest of Englonde the ixth.

[47.] A Charters of Iohn woderof of wightham and Iohane his wyf condermyng to Richard Stonley there cosyne all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham, called Carter'splace, with londes medis lesues pastures and all other pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn woderof of wightham in the Counte of Berkshire and Iohane his wyf hath yoven, and graunted; and by these present charter condermed to Richard Stonley ther cosyne all that tenement with gardeyne liyng to, in wightham afsaid; called Carter'splace, with londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, and all other pertynentis longyng to the same tenement, which the forsaide Iohn and Iuliane late to-gedir had of the yfte and feffement of Iohn Wylokkys and Richard Smert of Bynsey, in the towne and feldes of wightham afsaid, as in a charter of the said Iohn wylokkys and Richard to them made playnly appereth. Also they yaf, and

Of Carter'splace (as in no. 34), and lands which go with it, perhaps as cancelling of a mort-gage.

[St. Matthias = Febr. 24.]

1442, Nov. 5.

Grant to Richard Stonley, by John Woderove, of Carter'splace (as in no. 34)

* leaf 203, back.
granted, and by ther present charter confirmed, to the same Richard Stonley, iiiij. Buttes of lond liyng in the north parte in Chalcrofte in wightham aboueseid: To haue and to hold; the forsaid tenement, gardeyne, lond; medys, lesues, wodes, and his pertynentis, and the forsaid iiiij. Butts of lond in Chalcrofte, to the forsaid Richard Stonley and to the heires of his body lawfully begote, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dew and accustomed; for euer. And yf hit happe the 8 same Richard Stonley with out heire of his body lawfully begote to dye, that than they wolle and graunte, by this present writyyng, that the forsaid tenemente, gardeyne, lond; mede, lesues, wodes, and there pertynentis, And also the iiiij. Buttti of lond in Chalcrofte afsaid, shall remayne vnto kateryne, the modir of the forsaid Richard Stonley, and to her heires and assignes for evers: To be holde, of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces aboueseid; for euer. And the forsaid Iohn and Iohane his wyf and ther heires, the forsaid tenemente with gardeyne londis medis lesues wodes and there pertynentis, And also the forsaid iiiij. Butts of lond in Chalcrofte aboueseid, to the forsaid Richard Stonley and to the heires of his body lawfully begote, and also, for defaute of such heires of the same Richard Stonley, to the forsaid kateryne Stonley and to her heires and to her assignes, ayenst alt maner of peple they shall warantiz3e for ever. In witnesse of which thyng to this present charter they sette to there seales: These beynge witnesse: Robert Harecourt, knyght, Richard Harecourt, Squyere, william Gyles, Richard Blakemaund of Eynesham, Robert Mulleward of the same, and other. The date at wightham afsaid; the v. day 23 of the moneth of Nouembere, The yere of the reigne of kyng: Henry the vyte after the conquest of Englund xxj4i.

[48.] A Charter of Richard Stonley and kateryne Stonley confermyng to Thomas wylokkis, Clerk all that mese or tenement with a gardeyne liyng to in wightham called Cartersplace with all other pertynentis longyng to the same.

* leaf 204.

Grant to Thomas Wilcooks,
tenemente with gardyne liyng to, which is I-sette in wightham in the Counte of Berkshire, called Cartersplace, with londes, medis, lesues, and pastures, wodes, and all pertynentis to the

4 same mese or tenement perteynyng in any maner wise: which

forsaid tenement or mese, with all other before named, and ther

pertynentis, the forsaid Richard late had of the yifte and

seffement of Iohn woderoF, late of wightham afsaid; and of

8 Iohane his wyf. Also they yaf, and graunted; and by ther

present charter confermed; to the forsaid Thomas iiiij. Buttes of

arable lond liyng in a crofte called Chalcrofte, in the north

porte of the same crofte, in wightham afsaid: To hane and to

12 hold; the forsaid tenemente or mese, with gardyeyne, lond; medis,

lesues, pastures, wodes, and all other pertynentis, And also the

forsaid Buttes of arable lond, with ther pertynentis, to the

forsaid Thomas his heires and to his assignes, Of the chief

16 lordes of that fee, by servyces therof dew and of right accus-

tomed, for ever. And the forsaid Richard and kateryne and

ther heires, the forsaid tenemente or mese with gardyne, and

also the forsaid iiiij. Buttis of lond, and all that is before I-named;

20 with all ther other pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and to his

heires and to his assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shaft

warantije for ever. In witness of the which thynge to this

present charter they have putte to ther sealis, These beyng

24 witnesse: Thomas DentoF the eldir, Thomas DentoF the yonger,

William Ielys, Iohn Langfeld; Iohn DentoF, and other. The

date at wightham afsaid; the iiiijth day of Iuy, The yere of

the reigne of kyng henry the vj. after the conquest xxxj.

[49.] A Charter of Thomas wylcokkis, Clerk, con-

fermyng to Alexandre Martyne, Edmond Argenteine

and Iohn Rudyng Clerkis all that mese with gardeyne

liyng to called Cartersplace with londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, vndirwodis and iiiij. Buttes

of arable lond with all ther pertynentis in wightham.

28 The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas wylcokkys,

Clerk, yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confermed; to

Alexandre Martyne, Edmond Argenteine, and to Iohn Rudyng;

Clerkis, all that his mese, with gardeyne liyng to, in the towne

by Richard Stonley, of Carter's-

place, and of

parcel of Chalcroft.
of wightham * in the Counte of Berkshire, called Cartersplace, with londes, medis, lesues, pastures, wodes, vndirwodes, and all other pertynentis overall. And also he yaf, graunted; and by his charter conformed; to the forsaid Alexandre, Edmond, and Io/n, iiij. Buttes of arable lond lying in a crofte called Chalcrofte, in the north parte of the same crofte, in wightham afsaid: which forsaid mese, with londes, medys, and all other before rehearsed; late I had of the yfte and seffement of Richard's Stoneley and katelyne his modir: To hawe and to hold; the forsaid mese, with a gardeyne liyng to, londes, medes, and all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Alexandre, Edmond, and Io/n, to there heires and to ther assignes, Of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyces therof dewe. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires, the forsaid mese, with gardeyne, and all other before named; to the forsaid Alexandre and Edmond and Io/n to there heires and to there assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shall warrantije for evermore. In witnesse of the which thynge, to this present charter he sette to his scale; These beyng witnesse: Io/n Denton, Thomas Peny, Clerk, William Hows, John Hows, John Fermere, and other. The date at wightham afsaid, the day of Septembre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest vte.*

* end of leaf 204, back.
1 The translator retains the first person, by a slip.
2 The last few deeds seem to have been copied into this English Register just subsequent to the completion of the translation of the Latin Register. They are incomplete, affording no clue as to how these lands and houses came to Godstow.
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

[BOARSTALL: see under Oakley]

[DINTON]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV’s Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, the Godstow properties at Dinton and Little Missenden are put together as being in Wendover rural deanery, and are estimated to be worth £1 7s. 8d. yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow received (Monast. iv. 374) from ‘Donyngton’ rectory and the yardland at Ford 16s. yearly, and paid 2s. quit-rent to the earl of Huntingdon, and 8s. 5d. to the poor, by doles at St. Thomas the Apostle and Easter. The deeds relating to the hamlet of Ford are given under its own name.]

[50.] *Chartur of Ali; of Mynchonsey of iij acris in doninton.

The sentence of this chartur is, Ṝat Ali; 1, Ṝe dowhter of pagane Ṝe son of Iohn, gaf & grauntid, to god & to Ṝe churche of seint petur of doninton, iij. acris of londe of her lordshippe, Ṝe whyche lien vppon Ackenham nihe Ṝe londe Ṝat was bawdewyne fraunces, & all Ṝe tithe of all her heî hei of doninton, in-to pure & fre & perpetuel almis, for the helthe of her sole & of all her auncturus: & Ṝat her gifte sholde not be reuokyd a-geine, she strengtheid hit with her writinge, & with her seele: & is withoute date.

[51.] *Chartur of Anneis of Mynchonsy Ṝe dowhter of pagane Ṝe son of Iohn of a winde-mille in donynton.

The sentence of this chartur is, Ṝat agenis, Ṝe dowhter of pagane Ṝe son of Iohn, for Ṝe helpe of his 2 sole & for Ṝe helpe of all his 2 auncturus & of all his 3 heiris, gaf & grauntid, in-to pure & fre & perpetuel almis, to god & to Ṝe churche of our lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to Ṝe Mynchons seruinge god; his 1 winde-mille Ṝat stondit vppon hoge wip-out 1 Agnes de Monte Canisio, or de Munchesesi, a great benefactress to Oseney (Rev. H. Salter). 2 ‘his’ should be ‘her.’ The translator often makes this mistake in charters where a lady is the donor.

*leaf XXV or 36, back. About 1170.

Grant to St. Peter’s church, Dinton, by Agnes of Mynchonsey,
*leaf XXVI or 37.

of three acres, and the tithe of hay.

Grant to Godstow, by Agnes of Mynchonsey,

of a windmill.
pe towne of doninton, nyhe pe hy wei pe whiche strecchith fro Oxenford toward Alisburi, & iiiij. acris of his londe hat bin next to pe wei & to pe mille & streccen fro pe mille toward pe est, to be had for euir & to be hold, freli & quieti fro alf seculer 4 servuce: & hat her graunt shold be sure & sad, she strengthid hit with her seele & is with-oute date.

[52.] * A Chartur of agnes the dowhter of Pagane of pe churche of doninton.

The sentence of pis chartur is, hat agnes, pe dowhtur of pagane pe sone of Iohn, gaf & grauntid, to god & to pe churche of oure lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe holi minchons peere seruinge god, nameliche to pe susteininge of seke mynchons of pe infrimarie, for pe helpe of pe soele of lorde henri kynge & of his sonis & of his graunte sire kynge henri & for pe helthe of his owne soele & of his predecessours & of his successours, his churche of doninton, in-to perpetuell almis, fre & quiete fro alf seculer servuce & exaccoun, with alf his pertinences, in tithis & offeringis, in londis & medis & pasturis. He grauntid also to pe foreseide holi minchons, if hit plesid god & pe Abbas of pe churche of Godestowe & to all pe soent, an bowse of her profession to be sette in pe foreseide doninton: & is with-oute date.

[53.] An oper chartur of doninton.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat annes, pe dowhtur of pagane pe sone of Iohn, gaf & grauntid pe churche of doninton, with alf his pertinences, to pe Infirmanie of Godestowe to susteine seke mynchons, in-to perpetuell almis & quiete fro alf ertheli 24 servuce, vndur this condicon pat Bartholmewe pe clerke, pe sone of Iohn clerke, sholde holde pe fore-seide church in-to a perpetuell vicariage, pat is to sei, in medis in pasturis & in londis, in tithis & in offeringes, & in all jinges pertaineinge to pe same churche, painge yerli to pe fore-seide minchons x. mark of siluer at iiiij. termis, at cristemas, ij. marke & j halfe; at estur, ij. marke & j halfe; at pe fest of petur & poule, ij. marke

1 i. e. her.
2 Coram viris honestis fide confirmavit.
3 for seke myynchons, note in margin.
4 i. e. She.
5 MS. dominton.
& j halfe; & at Mihelmas, ij. marke & j halfe: & þe fore-namid Bartholomew sware & confirmid a-fore honest men, by his trowthe, þat he sholde finde þe sony & þe dowhters of Iohn clerke his broþer aftar his power & aftar þat his goode miht suffise: & aftar þe deceas of þe fore-namid Bartholomew, þe fore-namid church shold bide vtturli quite to the fore-seide minchons. Also if þe abbas & þe convent of þe church of Doninton, 8 Godestowe wolde make an abbey þat minchons shold dwell fere, if þe sawe þat hit were to þe profite & availe of all þe convent: and is wyth-oute date.

[54.] * The institucion of doninton bi Robert Archidecun of Bukiingham.

The sentence of this institucion is, þat Robert, archidecun of bukiingham, willid to be know, to aif pepult at þat time & þat were to come afterward, þat he had lauffulli institute, & sette in, þe abbas of Godestowe, & aif þe convent of the same place, in þe church of Doninton & in aif his pertinences, & þat aif peticion, axinge, and presentacion, of aneis of Minchonsey: & þat þis institucion sholde be ferme & sure, he confirmid hit with his seele & writinge.

[55.] Chartur of Raph of Mynchonsey of þe church of doninton.

The sentence of þis writinge is, þat raph of Minchonsei gaf & grauntid, & confirmid with his writinge, to god & to þe church of our lady & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þere seruinge god, þe church of doninton, with all his pertinences, in-to perpetuefl almis, fre & quiete fro all 24 seculer seruice & exaccion, as aneis hir modur gaf & grauntid to þe foresaid Minchons, & as hir writinge witmessith: & is with-oute date.

[56.] * Chartur bitwene hugh alrede of forde & william helie.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat hugh alrede of forde gaf, 28 grauntid, & confirmid, to william helie, for his homage & seruice, ij. acris & j halfe of his arable londe with all his pertinences,
Buckinghamshire: Donington

Hugh Aldred, of 2½ acres, described in half-acre strips.

liinge in þe boundis of þe towne of donington: where-oft j halfe acre lieth of þe weste side of þe gardine of þe courte of donington, bitwene þe londe of william hirke of þe sowpe side & þe londe of walter bisshopiston of þe norþe side, & streccithec him-selfe towarde þe west in-to þe forowe of wature kniht & towarde þe est in la grene dice of þe west side of þe fore-seide gardine; & j acre liethe vppon goshei of þe weste parte, bitwene þe londe of Robert blake of þe sowthe parte & þe londe þat was 8 of Gefrei burgeis of þe northe parte, & streccithec his-selfe in-to þe kinges wei toward þe est, & j halfe acre of þe same acre more sowther streccithec in-to þe forowe of editha blakistan & an-opær halfe acre more northe streccithec him-selfe in-to þe forowe 12 of william paumer; & j halfe acre streccithec him-selfe in lengthe vppon þe hilt fro þe felde of hedenham vn-to þe londe þat Richard alboð helde toward þe est, & liethe in brede bitwene þe londe þat Richard cnihht helde & þe londe þat Thomas fitj 16 Godwine helde; & j halfe acre streccithec him-self in lengthe fro þe londe þat Robert dunston helde vn-to þe wei þat ledith to hedenham, & liethe in brede bitwene þe tenement þat william hirke hilde & þe arable londe of þe fore-seide william hirke: to 20 be had & to be hold, of him & of his heiris, to þe fore-seide william of heilei & to his heiris or to whom-so-euir or whenne-pat-euir he wolde gif, biquepe, selle, or assine hit for riht heritage, freli quietli pesibili & holli for euir, painge þerof yerli to him 24 & to his heiris v. d' of siluer at iiii. termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, at mihelmas j d' qua., at martinmas j d' qua., at cristemas j d' qua., and at estur I-flowrid j d' qua., for æt servieces customs & demaundis: & for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion þe fore-seide william heilei gaf to him xl. shillings of siluer in warison: & þe fore-seide hugh aldred & his heiris warantijid acquitid & defendid þe fore-seide ij. acris & j halfe of arable londe with æt his pertinences to þe fore-seide william heilei, & to his heitris 32 or to his assinis, ageiniste æt men liuinge for euir, bi þe fore-seide serviece. In-to witnes þer-of he sette to his seele: & is with-out e date.
[FORD, in Dinton parish; see p. 63.]

[1. Deeds about land.]

[57.] * Chartur of philip fitz hugh west de la forde of j mese with pe pertinencis in the same town.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat philip fitz hugh west de la forde gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to god & to pe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons of pe seruinge god & to serue for euir, alt his mese, curtillage, his hole crofte & mede dichid rownde a-boute & closid, in pe town of forde, euin as pe markis shewin, bitwene pe seide mese & pe mese of henri bacun vpon pe est side & pe londe that sum-time was of pikot vpon pe west side, pe whiche mese curtillage and hole crofte & mede hugh his fadur helde sum time of pe fore-seide minchons in fée & heritag; to be had & to be holde, with alt her pertinences, in medis pasturis & waters & alt oper fredoms longinge to pe fore-seide mese curtillage crofte & mede, of him & of his heiris or his assinis, to pe fore-seide minchons & to here successours, in-to pure & perpetuell almis, with-oute oni agein holdinge to him & to his heiris or his assinis for euir; & pe seide philip & his heiris or his assinis warantizid acquitid & defended for euir to pe fore-seide minchons & to here successours pe fore-seide mese curtillage croft & mede, with alt her pertinences, in alt places & fredoms & eschetes, ageiniste alle men & women bope Iues & cristinmen, with here owne costes: & for pis gift graunt warantizinge acquitinge defendinge & confirminge, pe fore-seid minchons gaf to him xiiij. marke of siluer a-fore hondis in warisone. Furpermore pat his gift graunt warantizinge aquityng & defendinge sholde be sure and stable for euir, he put to this writinge his seele: & is with-oute date.

[58.] * A quiete-claime of henri weste de la forde of j mese with pe pertinencis.

The sentence of pis quiete-claime is, pat henri west de la forde, pe sone of hugh west, relesid & vtturli quiete-claimid, for him & his heiris, to pe abbas of Godestowe & to pe minchons pere seruinge god, alt pe riht & claime pat he had or in oni

* leaf XXXVIII or 48, back.
About 1282.
Sale to Godstow, by Philip West, of a croft and meadow, held of Godstow.

[warranty against Jews.]
Purchase money, £8 13s. 4d.

* leaf XXXIX or 49. 1282, April 23.
Quit-claim to Godstow, by Henry West, brother of
wise miht haue in all pat mese, curtilage, crofte & mede I-dichid in euri side & I-closid; as pe markis shewin, in pe town de la forde, bitwene pe mese & pe crofte of henri bacun & pe londe pat was sum time of Iohn pikot, pe whiche mese curtilage crofte & mede with all here pertinences philip his brother gaf & incharterid to pe fore-seide abbas & minchons of Godestowe, so pat noper he ne none of his heiris sholde neuer aske ne chalenge oni riht or claime in all pat mese or in parte of pe curtilage & crofte & mede a-fore namid: In-to witnes of pis pinghe he sette to his seele: pe date at Godestowe, in seint Georgis dai pe martir, pe x. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde.

[59.] *A quiete-claime of william heri for ij. cotages & ij. curtilages in pe town of forde:*  

The sentence of pis quiet-claime is, pat william heri re- 12 mittid relesid & vtturli quiet-claimid, for him & for his heiris, to dame margeri dine, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe count of pe same place & to here successours, all his riht & claime pat he had or miht haue in oni wise in ij. cotages, with ij. 16 curtilages liinge per-to, in pe town of ford, pe whiche cotages with pe curtilages bin bitwene pe mese of agnies bacun & le buri wei, as certen markes pere yeuin & shewin; so pat noper he noper his heiris ne non oper in his name miht not aske ne 20 chalenge here-aftur in pe seide cotages with curtilages liinge per-to oni riht or claime in time to come. In-to witnes here-of he put to his seele: pe date at Godestowe, pe monedai next aftur pe faste of seint valentine, pe xiiiij. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde. 24

[Note.—‘14 of king Edward’ would be 1289, but Margery Dine was abbess in Edward III’s reign: and so it must be 14 Edward III.]

[2. Deeds about the chapel of Ford.]

[60.] *Courte 2 franciplege or lawdais I-holde for pe chaunteri of forde.*  

DONINGTON, at 3 pe lawdai, I-holde pe twisdai in pe feste of pe apostolis philip & Iacob, pe vj. yere of pe reine of kinge

1 Cpi. ‘Helle,’ p. 65.  
2 In the Latin copy: ‘Curia tenta franci plegii pro canteria de la ford.’  
3 ‘Ad visum franci plegii, tentum.’
Edwarde, william edrich, tetheman, & his felawis I-sworke, presentid pat pe chaunteri pat was wonid to be do in pe chapel of forde bi thre dais in euirï woke of pe yere, hit is withdrawe nowe 4 bi sire Robert pe vicari pat is nowe; & pat pe seide chauntri of pe seide chapel was do * fro pe time of pe fundacion of pe seide chapel bi pe persons of donington, pe which haddin of pe lorde pat was pat time j yerde of londe in forde in-to helpe to pe seid chapel to be susteinid & pe seide chaunteri to be do; Also pei sein plainli pat, aftur pe churche of donington was gif to pe abbas of Godestowe, pe seide chauntri 1 was euer I-do bi alt heu vicaris vn-to pe comin of j alein pat was heu vicare bi Mastur Robert kenelingworthæ, whiche withdrawe maliciusli & gilfulli pe seide chauntri, to pe disheritinge of pe lorde; & for-asmuchæ as pe abbas of Godestowe, pe whiche holdi pe same yerde londe, justisfeth not her vicare to pe seide chauntri to be don, ideo 1 & cetera in mercemente; & for pat, pat sir Robert, pat was pat time vicare, knowlichith for to do pe fore-seide chauntri in fúlt courte, & did hit not bi to yere to-gedur but with-drowe hit in-to preiudice of pe lorde, ideo 2 & cetera. 5

[Note.—The date is given as '6 Edward,' which, if Edward I, would be 1278, but in that year May day fell on a Sunday. The year is probably 6 Edward II (see preceding section), 1313, in which May day fell on Tuesday. The proceedings were taken in the court leet of Dinton manor, on presentation by the sworn jury of tithing-men (decenarii).]

[61.] *An eschete ageinist pe vicari of doningto[n] for pe chaunteri of pe forde.

20 The sentence of pis eudence is, pat petur of Salford, escheter of pe kinges in bokingham-shire, to John Stokes, Richard wedon, & hugh michel, of pe kinges be-halfe commandid, to the[m] I-joinid to-gedur & to eueriche of hem, pat alt pei or on of hem sholde distreine Thomas, vicari of pe churche of donington, porow alt his londis & catalf in his bailif-wike, & pat pei sholde answere of pe getinge of pe same to pe kinge, so pat he

1 'Dicta canteria semper extitit facta per quoscumque vicarios suos usque adventum cuinadam Alani qui ibidem fuit vicarius per magistrum Robertum de Kenewlworthæ, qui maliciæ et fraudulentæ ad exher[ed]itationem domini.' Something seems left out.

2 The ordinary formula of the manorial courts on finding a person guilty is 'ideo ipse est in misericordia,' the 'mercy' implying a fine not fixed by statute, but assessed by the two 'affecteres' of the court itself.
shulde finde a chapleyn to singe masse in þe chapel of forde euiri woke in þe yere bi thre dais, where-to þe seide Thomas & aff his successours bin bounde fro time oute of minde for j yerde-londe þat þe ladi of donington gaf to þe seide abbas of Godestowe in-to pure and perpetuel almis, & for to satisfi for þe time of withdrawinge of þe fore-seid chauntrsi bi viij. yere apaste & more, as hit is I-preuidi bi inquisicion I-made a-fore me: & how þe commandiment is executid, let me haue knowliche at s next shire. In-to witnesses of þis pinge þe seele of þe foressedi shreuehode was put þer-to.

[62.] *Sentence vppon þe chaunteri of þe chapel of Forde.

* The sentence is þis, þat sir Thomas malet, vicari of þe churche of donington of lincolne diocese, comperinge personali a-fore mastur william downe, officiaali of lincolne, in þe dai & place with-in I-wrette, seide þat he wolde cese strife I-meuid a-geiniste him a-fore þe discrete man, mastur John Cudington, person of þe churche of Stauntoun seint John, his commissarie special in þis parte, at þe instance of þe religious women, abbas & couent of þe monasteri of Godestowe of þe seide lincolne diocese, for þe occasion of with-drawinge of a chaunteri in þe chapelt of Forde with-in þe parisshe of þe seide church of donington sette. þe fore-seide vicari offered him-selfe a-redi to stonde to þe lawe thorowe all pinges & to supporte þe burden of þat chaunteri aftur þe custome of time I-passiða-fore; (& so forth hit folowith, euin þe same sentence worde for worde as 24 hit is I-write in þe iuggment a-fore1) & vppon þis he gafe iuggment þat, aftur his owne wilful confession he sholde be bounde to kepe þe seide chaunteri & to supporte hit, & þe iugge sittinge in iuggment condempnidid him lawfulli & customabli þorow all þinges. In-to witnesses of þese thinges he lette write & to publishte þis opin instrument þat is I-write hole in [the] boke of evidences & to strengthe hit bi þe hanginge to of his seele. These pinges were I-giðe & actið in þe parisshe of Carthrop of lincolne diocese þe yere fro þe incarnacion of our lorde, aftur þe cowrse & cowntinge of Inglonde, Millestmo CCCo lvj, þe ix. indiccion of þe bishophoð of þe moste holî sadur in crist &

1 Now no. 64.
lorde, lorde Innocent p.e vj., pope, p.e iiiij. yer, p.e xx. dai of septembre. & to kepe ait p.e fore-seide pinges & neuer to do ageiniste hem or oun of hem, p.e fore-seide vicari made a bodili ope, towchinge with his hondis the holi godspellis. & henri Elsham, clerke of p.e seide dioceze, a-fore a commune notari, sawe herdi & wrote ait p.esse pingis a-fore, & I-praiide made ait p.esse actes to be turnid'in-to a commune forme & sinid'hit with his 8 sine & name, in-to feipe & witnes of p.esse pinges a-fore I-put.

[63.] Instrument opin of p.e chaunteri of Forde.

The sentence of pis instrument shortli is, pat after pat he had made a wilfull knowlich & submittid' him selfe to supporte p.e seide chaunteri, p.e seide commissari, mastur william downe, asoiliid' him, & lete make vppe p.e instrument with his seele I-sette to & p.e sine of p.e notari aforseid:

[64.] * Iugement I-made bi p.e officiali of Oxenford:

The sentence of pis iugement was pis, pat religius men, p.e abbot of osenei, & p.e prior of frideswith, & p.e denis of Oxenford & of wendouer, of lincolne dioceze, assinid' iuggis bi p.e official of lincolne, bi-twene Thomas malet, vicari of donington of p.e seide dioceze, & p.e abbas of Godestowe & p.e couent of p.e same place, comperid' a-fore hem sittinge in iugement: where p.e seide Thomas knowliche pat bope he & his predecessours vicarijs, of p.e seide churche, did'to be do a chaunteri in p.e chapel of forde, monedai, wodenisdaï, & fredai, eueri yere; & p.ei knowleschid' p.e burden of p.e supportinge of p.e same chaunteri with her owne costis, & p.ei were wonid' to do, support, & knowe, & make to be seide, diuine services pere, bi a conuenient chapleyn, p.e fore-seide daïs, with her owne costes; & p.ei p.e same Thomas, for powrenesse of, his vicariage, as he seide, withdrow p.e fore-seide chaunteri bi certeine time, & wold' not knowe p.e burden of p.e same aftur p.e vse & maner of p.e time a-fore I-passid': willinge & consentinge expresli pat fro pat time forthe he wolde make to be do pat maner of chaunteri, & wolde bere p.e burden p.erof, like as hit was wonid'; & p.ei he sholde be condempned' sentencialli bi p.e seide iuggis to be vndur repelling the vicar of Dintons plea of the poverty of his vicar age, and binding him to perform them.

1356,
Sept. 20.
Acceptance of promise (as in no. 62) by the bishop of Lincoln's official.

* leaf XL
or 50.
1356,
Sept. 24.
Formal decision of the ecclesiastical court as to the services in Ford chapel,
supportid & know þe burden perpetuellt of þe fore-seide perpetuellt chaunteri in þe seide dais. After his owne propur confession I-do iudicialli a-fore hem, thei condempnid & commaundid him þat he shold do þis maner of chaunteri to be do as he was spedili astreinid. For þis cause, & for his knowlîch I-made a-fore þe seide official, þei, after his commission & maundement I-made to eueriche of hem & to aft to-gedur, sholde condempne þe fore-seide vicari to do þe fore-seide pinges & to obeï þe con-8 dempninge bi þe sensures of þe churche & þe aggresse of hem spedili. Furpermore, þe seid official chargid hem to compelle him lawfulli, as ofte & whenne þei were requirid dewli, for þe parte of þe seide abbas & couent. To þe which aft & eueriche 12 to be do, he committiid his stede to eueriche of hem, with þe powere of lawful constraininge; & what thei did in þis matters, þei sholde certifie bi here patente letters þe 1 & processe of þis- iuggement conteninge as ofte & whenne þei were requirid. The 16 date at Staumforde, xxiiij. dai of the moneth of september, þe yere of owre lorde Millesimo CCCIvj.

*leaf XXXIX or 49, back.
1374, Sept. 22.
Licence by John Buckingham, bishop of Lincoln, to the inhabitants of Ford, sanctioning their having services said in Ford chapel by competent chaplains.

[65.] *Confirmacion of Iohn bishop of lincoln of þe chauntrie of þe forde.

The sentence of þis confirmacion is, þat Iohñ, bishop of lincolne, grauntid to men dwellinge & women in þe towne of forde, in þe parisshe of donington of his diocese, þat þei miht lete to sei masses to be seide, & other divine services, lawfulli, bi convenient chapleinis, in þe fore-seide chapeï of þe towne of forde, so þat none other sacramentes of þe churche sholde be ministrïd þere; & lest þat oni preïduce weï do to þe person 2 or vicari bi hit, he grauntid special licence to hem, bi þe tenowre of þis writinge, [to] presente vn-to þe neste visitacion. In-to witnis of þis he put to þis present writinge his seele. The date at Sleford, xxij. dai of september, þe yere of owre lorde Millesimo CCCCxxiij 0 & of his consecration xij.

[Note.—This deed seems to imply that, since Godstow and the vicar appointed by Godstow failed to supply the services, the inhabitants now sought to do so by themselves paying a chaplain.]

1 Sic in MS. Something left out. 2 persona = rector.
[Hughendon.]

[NOTE.—The locality is fixed by the witnesses (Exchequer MS.), viz. Alexander of Hamden; Henry, parson of Hamden; William Russell of Coleshull; William Waud of Wycombe. This particular acquisition was soon lost amidst the Wycombe property of Godstow. There is no other separate mention of it.]

[66.] * A Charter of Raynold Denor fitz Richard I-made to Pagane of Godestowe for a Grove in his wode in the towne of Hegeden⁴, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raynold⁴ Denor fitz Richard’ yaf, & cetera, to Pagane of Godestowe, for his homage and seruye and xxviiij. shillings, the whiche he yaf to hym in 4 warison, I grove of his wode in the towne of Hegeden⁴, with his perteynyntis, that is to say, that [which] is I-called’ hegyn-grove, and hit strecchith hit-self in length toward the South and the northe bitwene the wey⁵ and the arrable lond; the 8 which conteyneth in length, fro the Beche⁴ to the north hede, by perche of xvij. fote, toward the stonycrosse by perchis of xvij. fote; and is in brede⁵ toward the sowth hede, of ij. perchis and i. fote, and in the myddel, of v. perchis and an half, and at 12 the north hede, beside the Beche afsaid’, of xxij. fete: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to them and to ther heires or whom-so-ever they wold’ yeve or assigne or bequeth hit, frely quyety wele and in pease heritably and holy, with alt 16 fredom to the said’ grove perteynyng, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes i. d. at Mighelmasse, for alt seruye and exaccion and for alt secular demand that myght be axed of the wode or lond: and Raynold’ afsaid’ and his 20 heires warantiz’d and defended’ alt the afsaid’ grove, with alt ther pertynentis, to the afsaid’ Pagane and to his heires or to whom-so-euer he wold’ yeve hit, assigne, or bequeth hit, ayenst all men and women, by the seruye afsaid’. And that this 24 yifte, & cetera.

¹ 'Hegenden' in the Latin copy (Exchequer MS.).
² 'Reginaldus de Denore,' ibid.
³ i. e. the highway.
⁴ 'Fago': probably some conspicuous tree. Read: 'which contains in length from the beech at the north end to Stoni-
croft, twenty-eight perches [measured] by the perch of eighteen feet' [used for measuring woodland]. So in Great Waltham manor, Essex, the arable was (1609) measured by 'the pole of 16½ feet,' but the woodland by 'the pole of 18 feet.'
⁵ i. e. in breadth at the south end.
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[**ICKFORD.**]

[Note.—First mentioned in pope Celestine III's confirmation, 1192. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow held (Monast. iv. 373) two copyhold yardlands in Ickford, receiving from them 15s. yearly.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64. About 1190. Grant to Godstow, by Bartholomew of Ickford, of a rent-charge of 6s. 8d., with feudal superiority over a virgate.


Bartholomew of Ycford, with leave of his lord Richard son of William, also with consent of his own wife Maud and his son William, for the souls of his father and mother and for the health of himself, his wife, and relatives, gave to Godstow half-4 a-marc of rent, viz. that land which Henry Flamang holds in Ycford with all its pertinents in wood and plain, etc., free from all services.

Witnesses:—Robert of Witefeld; Walter, chaplain of Godstowe; Robert of Bolebec; William of Baggehurst, etc.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64. About 1190. Confirmation to Godstow, by William, son of Bartholomew, of no. 67.


William son of Bartholomew of Hickford confirms to Godstow his father's gift, viz. of the yardland in Hickford, which Henry Flemyn held, and for which Henry Flemyn and his 12 heirs are to pay Godstow half-a-marc yearly.

Witnesses:—Adam, Walerand, Jordan, and Walter, chaplains of Godstow; William of Baggehurst; Fulc Brehille.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 64 and 64, back. About 1210. Confirmation to Godstow, by William, son of Bartholomew, of no. 67.


William of Hickford gives to Godstow a yardland in Hickford, 16 viz. that which his father Bartholomew gave, viz. that which Henry le Flamyn held.

Witnesses:—Robert le megre; Ralph Harang; Robert of Cesterton; Hugh le poure; Henry, steward of Godstow; Ralph, son of Ralph Harang.]

1 ? Grandfather.
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[70.] *A Charter of Henry Tullus of Ickeford; I-made to Robert Tullus, for a mese, with the pertynentis, in the town of Ickeforde, and a yerde londe, with the partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Henry Tullus of Ickeford, yaf, & cetera, to Robert Tullus his sone, for his homage and seruyce, i. mese, with the pertynentis, in the town of Ickeford, and a yerde of lond, with mede and pertynentes longyng to the forsaid mese in the medys of Ickeford, the which mese and the which yerde lond Henry Fleming sometime held: To be had and to be holde, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or his assigns, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quietly pesibly holy and fully, in weyes in pathes in medys in pasturis in waters and fedyngis, and with all libertees longyng to the forsaid lond, yeldynge of yerely to them and to ther heires i. d. at Mighelmasse, and to the Abbey of Godestowe subject to half a marke, that is to say, at the natuïité of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d. and at the fest of seynt Andrew thappostle xi. d., for all seruyce exaccion and demaund. And the forsaid Henry and his heires warantijed, aqyted and defended the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and the forsaid yerde lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or his assignes ayenst all men for euer. And that all these afore write 20 thyngis, & cetera.

[71.] *A Charter of Henry Tullus, I-made to Robert Tullus his sone, for a mese with the pertynentis and a yerde lond, with mede and pertynentis longyng therto in the feldis of Ickeford, yeldynge therof the same rente as hit is I-writte in the charter afore next, worde by worde, & cetera.

[72.] A Charter of Emme, the wyf of Henry Tullus, I-made to Robert Tullus her sone, for a mese with the pertynentis in the town of Ickeford and a yerde of lond with the mede and pertynentis longyng therto.

The sentence of this charter is, that Emme, the wyf of Henry Tullus, yaf, & cetera, to Robert Tullus her sone, for his homage...
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Tullus, by his mother Emma, daughter of Henry Flemyng, of no. 70, and servyce, i. mese, with the pertynentis, in the towne of Ickeford; and i. yerde of lond, with mede and pertynentis longyng thereto the said mese in the feldis of Ickeford; the which mese and the which yerde lond henry Flemyng somtyme held: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes, of her and her heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyety fully and holy, in weyes and pathes in medis and pasturis in watirs and fedyngis, and with other 8 liberteis longyng to the forsaid lond; yeldyng therof yerely to her and to her heires i. d. at Mighelmasse, and to the Abbesse of Godestowe half a marke, that is to sey, at the Nativity of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d' and at the fest of seynt Andrew xl. d'; for all servyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Emme and her heires warrantiçd aquyted and defended the forsaid mese with the pertynentis, and the forsaid yerde lond with the pertynentis, to be forsaid Robert and to his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women for euer. And that thise, & cetera.

* leaf 152, About 1220.

[73.] *A Charter of Emme, the doughtir of fitz henry Flemyng, somtyme the wyf of henry Tullus of Ickeford; I-mađe to Richard her sone, for his lond with mede and mese with theire partynentis in the towne and feld of Ickeforde.

The sentence of this charter is that Emme, the doughter of Henry Flemyng, somtyme the wyf of Henry Tullus of Ickeford, yaf & cetera to Richard his sone, for his homage and servyce, all her lond, with mede and mese and other pertynentis longyng to the said lond, in the towne and feld of Ickeford, the which she held of the abbesse and couente of Godestowe. She yaf also and graunted to the same Richard all the right, fredom, and 24 clayme that she had in the forsaid lond, with the pertynentis, or ever had or myght haue: To be had and to be hold; with all the pertynentis and liberteis, of her and her heires, to the forsaid Richard and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetyly 28 wele and pesibly, bothe with-out and with-in the towne, in all

* leaf 152, back.

1 in error for 'to.' 2 The Latin also has 'Richard.' The Christian name in nos. 70, 72 may be in error; or Robert may have died, and a brother Richard have taken his place.
Buckinghamshire: Ickeford

placis and esementis longyng to the said lond, yeldying therof yerely to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe half a marke of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the Natiuite 4 of seynt John Baptist iij. shillings iiij. d; And at the fest of seynt Andrew the appostle iij. shillings iiij. d; for all servyce secular, customs, and exaccions, sutis of courtis, and all demandis, savyng kyngis seruyce also moche as longith to the same tenement of the same towne of the same fee. And the forsaíd Emme and her heires warantijed aquyted and defended all the forsaíd lond, with all the pertynentes afore-named, as hit is aforsaid; to the forsaíd Richard and to his heires and assignes, by the forsaíd servyce, ayenst all men for ever. And for this yifte, graunte, & cetera, the said Richard yaf to the mynde Emme xl. shillings of sterlyngis before handes into warison. And pat pis, & cetera.


John of Hicford confirms to Godstow the yardland given by his father Bartholomew, viz. that which Henry le flemynge held.

Witnesses: John son of Nigel, knight; John of Greynvyle of Chilton; Odo of Watlington; Edmund of the park of Wodestoke.

At Godstow, morrow of St. Hilary, 1294.]

[75. *Charter of a yardland in Hicford of the gift of Sir Thomas of Appleton.

Sir Thomas of Appleton, knight, gave to Godstow a messuage in the town of Hicford with a yardland and the meadow belonging to it, which Roger son of Hereward fulb. once held in villagage, free of all service.

Witnesses: Sir Fulk of Ruycote, knight; William, master of Godestow; William, chaplain of Godestow; John, son of Nigel of Borstalle.]

1 His ancestor
The sentence of thys a-corde is, that bytwene the lady of Godstowe & the couent of that on party, & Raph Chendut & agnes hys wyfe of that othy party, at Godstowe, the sonne-day in the whycy is songe 'letare Jerusalem,' the yere of kyngge 4 houre the sonne of kyngge Iohanni xliij, so, that is to say, that the seyd Raph hathe thele & claymyd to be in rest for hym selfe, by the consent & the assent of agnes wyfe & of hys heyrys, all the ryht & clayme that they haddyn or myht haue in the londe 8 that is callid Anfric, the whycy sumtyme was of sir Raph of the checur, uppon ryngeshuff 1 in the parisshe of litil Myssynden, with all hys pertynences, in medewys, pasturys & in wodys, with out ony with-holdynge a-geyne, that may longe to hem or to heyrys in ony manner of wyse, to the seyd Abbys & couent of Godstowe & to heir successours for eyyr. For thys quiet-claime & releys, the seyd abbys & holy mynchons of Godstowe yafe to the seyd raph & agnes wyfe liij, marke & made 16 katerine, the systyr of the seyd agnes (wyfe of the seyd raph), Mynchon in the monasteri of Godstowe with the costys of the hows: & the same Raph, by the bettyr counself & prouidence of discrete men, with-out tariinge or sleuthynge, al so sone as hyt myty lawfully be done, with the hows costys, he sholde more-ouyr make hys wyfe to make the seyd londe to be charturd in the kyngys courte, out-take that the seyd raph shal fynde hors & harnes to hym-selfe & to hys wyfe & to hem that were of hys howshold al so longe as they laboryd a-bout the purchesynge of the kyngys chartur; and the seyd holy my[n]chons of Godstowe shold pay to the seyd raph & agnes wyfe xxv. marke of the forseyd liij. marke in that day in the whycy 28 the fore-seyd katerine sholde be delyuerd to hem to be norysshyd & to be made mynchon in the same place & in the whycy the

1 This, by the map, ought to be Kyngeshuff.
seyd penyes shold be payd; but whenne the chartur in the kynge's court was leneyid; in the place puruyid by the consent of both partys, aff the residewe of the forseyd summe of money 4 over xxv. marke vn-to liij, marke shold be satisfied to the seyd raph & agnes hys wyfe by the seyd abbas & holy mynchons, in the same daye that the chartur was leneyid; a-fore 1 or the chartur we? deliuyrd [to] the seyd holy mynchons, vndur peyne of x. marke 8 to be payd to raph & agnes wyfe to-gedur with the principal dete that was not payd. Also the seyde holy mynchons of Godstowe grauntyd that they myht dystreyne thorowe londys rentys & catell where-so-euyr they weryn in the power of the 12 kynge of almayne by the baillys to the forseyd couenaunt surely to be kept yf they may dystreyne lawfully. And yf hyt happyn that the seyd raph doo gyffully in ony maner wyse a-geynyst the forseyd couenaunt, that he shold be constreynd to hold 16 couenaunt by lyke dystreyynnge; & yf hyt happun or case sALLE that in no wyse the forseyd couenaunt myht be stable and sure by the seyd raph & agnes hys wyfe, the seyd raph shold paye ageyne *xxv. marke, payd by fore hond to the same raph, to the 20 seyd holy mynchons with-in iij. monethys next folowyngne, & that 3 was ingyd by dyscrete men, with lyke peyne as hyt is a-fore; & then the seyd lond of anfric, with hys pertynences, sholde byde in the state in the whyche hyt was a-fore thys couenaunt, tille 24 the tyme that hyt we?r ingyd, a-fore the kynge's iuge, who of hem had more ryht to hyt (that is to sey, whether the abbas of Godstowe & the couent, or the seyde raph & agnes hys wyfe), but 3 that pese were reformyd with a better condicion by-twene 28 hem & strife I-cesid. And, yse aff thynges as we?r a-fore dyuisid myhtyn haue a gode effecte & ende, aftur pse chartur were leuneyd, the seyd raph shold make to the seyde holy mynchons hys chartur of ffeyngne to hem & to her successors of all the forenamyd londe with hys pertynences for hym-selfe & hys heyrys or hys assynys. And that aff these thyngys a-fore seyd myhtyn a-byte ferme sure & stable, the seyd abbas & couent & the seyd raph of Chendut haue put to her seelys, euyrche 32 a-geynyst othyr, to the wrytyngne I-made like a chartur: & is with-out date.

1 i.e. or before. 2 i.e. whatever compensation-money was, &c. 3 but that = unless.
Buckinghamshire: Little Missenden

1253, March 24.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Ralph Chendut, of payment of £16 13s. 4d., in part payment of no. 76.

[77.] A quietans of Raph Chendut of xxv. marke made to ye mynchons of Godstow.

The sentence of thys quietans is, that Raph Chendut & agnes hys wyfe (the dowhtur of syr raph of the checur) wylydded to be knowe that they recceuyd of the holy mynchons of Godstowe xxv. marke of sterlyngys, of liij. marke in the whych the seyd 4 mynchons were I-bounde to pay to the forseyde Raph & agneys for the perce & couenant I-made by-twene ther bothe partyes for the londe of anfric, as hyt is conteynyd in the chartur by-twene bothe partyes forseyd I-made; & that none askynge were 8 there-of afterward of the seyd holy mynchons by the seyd raph & agneys hys wyfe of the forseyd xxv. marke. I-gyfe at godstowe in the vigil of the anunciacion of our lady, the ye of kynge henry, the sone of kynge John, xliij.

* leaf VII or 19. About 1259. Confirmation to Godstow by Adam Sperling, as feudal superior, of a portion of no. 76.


The sentence of thys chartur is, that Adam Sperlinge of kyngeshult gr auntyd & claymyd [to be] in pees & rest, for hym & hys heyrys, to the abbas of Godstowe & to the couent of the same place & to her successours, j. pece of londe with hys lynd of the same place & to her successours, j. pece of londe strechyth hyt self in lengthe nyhe the watur in the paryshe of lityl Myssynden euyn streyht a-geynyst the Mylle, willingly the for- seyd pece of londe to be had & holde to the same *Abbas and couent a-fore seyd & to her successours, herytably, frely & in rest, for hym & for hys heyrys, payngye yerly to hym & to hys heyrys iij. d; that is to say, at the fest of seynt Myhel 24 j. d. 0b., & at the fest of ou? lady in Marche j. d. 0b., for al service & daemundys; & that he he?-aftur ne none of hys heyrys miht axt any thynge of ryht or of clayme in the forseyd pece of londe; he set to hye secele to thys for-seyd chartur: & is with-out date. 28

*leaf VIII or 20. 1286. April.

Sale to Godstow, by the heirs

[79.] A final a-corde I-made in pe kynges court at wycombe by-twene the Abbas of Godstowe & william hyebrynge for pe londe of anfric.

The sentence of thys euydence is, that a final concorde was made in pe kynges cowrt at wycombe fro estur day in-to thre
wokys, the yeir of the reyne of kynge Edwarde, the sone of kynge
henry, the xiiiij, a-fore Iohn of walys, William of Maham, Roger
Loueday, Iohn of Metyngham, & Nicholas le gras, Justices
4 iurnaynge, & othyr trewe men of the kyngys part there beynge
present, bytwene william of hye-brynge & katerine hys wyfe &
raph the sone of raph Chendut, asker, and Mabili wafre, Abbas
of Godstowe, tenent, by Edmund of parke in her place or styd
8 to gete or to lese, of on yerdlonde with hys pertynences in
kynge-shuff in the paryshe of litil Myssyndyn, where-of 'Assise
[off] hys auncetur dede' was take by-twene hem in the same court,
that is to sey, the forseyde william & katerine & raph know-
lychyd, or made a recognicion, the foreseyd mese & londe with
hys pertynences to be the ryht of the abbas & of the churche of
our lady seynt Marye & of seynt Iohn baptist of Godstowe, &
they hae relesyd & claymyd hyt to be in rest of hem & her
16 heyrys raph & katerine, to the fore seyd abbas, & to othyr ab-
basses the wyhy shuff succede to hyr, & to hyr foreseyd churche
for eyur. And for thys reconysaunce, reles & quiote clayme,
fine & acorde, the same abbas gafe to the foreseyd william
20 katerine & raph x. marke of sterlingys.

[80.] A covenent I-made by-twene i
de Abbas of God-
stowe & Richard bachelor of ij. acris at anfric.

The sentence of thys convencion is, that a covenant was made
by-twene dame margery dyne, Abbas of Godstowe, & the counet
of the on part, & Richard' bachelor of lytlyft Missenden of that
24 othyr party, that is to sey, that the seyd' abbas (dame * Margerie)
& the counet tokyn & leten to the forseyd' Richard' & Malde hys
wyfe, for a summe of Money the whyche the forseyd' Richard' &
Malde yaf to hem by-fore hondes, to acris of londe with the
28 pertynences in the parryshe of litul Missenden; & th'o two acris
lien at anfric, in lengthe by-twene the lond' of henry taylfer
vpon the northe part & the kyngrys wye vpon the southe part,
& in brede by-twene the felde that is callid' the stonyfeeld e vpon
32 the west part and the kyngrys wye vpon the est part, as the
markes & departynghys vpon euer syde techen & shewyn. Also
the seyd abbas & counet willid' to the for-seyd' Richard' & Mald' the
fore-seyd' ij. acris of londe with her pertynences, to haue &
holde hem vn-to pe ende of her liuys, frely in rest, weil & pesybly, of the chefe lordys of the fee by the seruice dewe & vsyd ther-of: and the forseyd Dame Margery & the count warentyd the fore-seyd ij. acris of londe with the pertinences to the for-seyd Richard & Mald vn-to her liuys ende a-geynst a-geynst all pepull. In-to wytnes ther-of they put to here seelys to the wrytynge therof endentycT, euerych a-geynyst othyr. I-geyf at Godstowe in the fest of aft haloun the yere of kyng Edward 8

[Buckinghamshire: Ocle

[OAKLEY in Boarstall Parish.]

[81.] * A Charter of Emme Bray, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for half a mese in Ocle, j acre, j Crofte, j yerde lond; that is to sey, xij. acris vpon Innesdoñ and the other parte of bonde lond; with all ther pertynentis, and xl. hoggis in his wode quyte fro pannage.  

Grant to Godstow, by Emma Bray,  
of a messuage, lands,  
and pastur-right for 40 pigs.  

The sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bray graunted & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, for the helth of the soules of her fadir and modir 12 and of her children and of all her benefetours and for the helth of her sowle, half a mese that was of John Maunsell, and j acre, a crofte, a yerde lond; that is to sey, xij. acris vpon Innesdoñ and the other parte of bonde lond; with all ther pertynentis and 16 fre customes, in wode and playne, in mede and pasture, in weyes and pathis, and xl. hoggis in his wode quyte of pannage, into pure fre and perpetuel almesse, and quyte-fro all seculer seruyce and all exaccion that longith to hym, Savynge the kyngis seruyce: 20 To be hold of her and her heires for ever. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.  

[82.] A Charter of Emme Bray, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for j yerde lond in Borestatt, with j mese, and j acre lond: to the Crofte of that hyde that longith to Ocle, & cetera.  

Duplicate, but in slightly  
The sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bray graunted; & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther 24  

1 i. e. her.
seruyng god, for the helth of the sowles of her fadir and modir and children and of all her benefetours and for the helth of her soule, j yerde of lond in Borstall, with a mese, and j acre lond 4 to the crofte of that hyde that londith to Aclee, with all his pertynentis and fre customes, in wode and playne, and mede and pasture, and wyes and pathes, and x1 hogges in her wode quyte fro pannage, into perpetuel almesse, and quyte fro all secular 8 seruyce and all exaccion that longed to her, Savyng the kyngis seruyce: To be hold of her and of her heires for euer. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[83.] A Couenaunt I-made bitwene the Abbey of Tame and the abbey of Godestowe for j yerde lond in Oclee to be hold of them.

*The sentence of this writyng is that there was a couenaunte 12 I-made the ix. yere of kyng Richard, bitwene the abbey of Tame, and the Abbey of Godestowe, pat the abbey of Godestowe, with the assent of Emme Bray, toke, and in writyng confermed; to the abbey of Tame, j yerd on lond in Oclee, fynally to be hold 16 of them, with all his pertynentis and his fre customes, in wode and playne, mede and pasture, in wyes and pathis, fre and quyte fro all secular seruyce that longed to them, Savyng foreyn seruyce, for viij. shillings yerely at ij. termes, that is to sey, 20 half at Ester and half at myghelmasse. And this is the yerd lond of the which the forsaid Emme Bray yaf to the mynchons of Godestowe in Oclee and confermed hit with her charter. And she graunted to the same mynchons of Godestowe xl. hoggis 24 in her wode euery yere, quyte fro pannage to her yerde lond. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[84.] A Charter of Raaf Stonylle, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for half a marke of siluer of the mylle of Torweston, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Stonylle 1 yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther 28 seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for his helth and different words, of no. 81.

A.D. 1168. *leaf 153, back. Grant by Godstow, to Thame Abbey, of the land as in no. 81, at a quit-rent of 8e, reserving to Godstow the pasture-right for 40 pigs.

[TURWESTON.] Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Scovilla, Read 'Scouyll.' Radulfus de Scovilla of Turweston made gifts to Einsham and Oseney.

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Buckinghamshire: Torueston

for the helthe of laurence his wyf and for the sowles of his auncetours and for the helthe of his successors, with his body and the body of the forsaids laurence his wyf, half a marke of siluer yerely¹ of the rente of his mylle of Toruestoñ, into whos 4 euers hande the forsaids mylle were to be take, at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, atte fest of synt Petir that is I-called' Ad uincula, xl. d.; and atte fest of our lady in marche, other xl. d. And pat pis, & cetera.  

1308, May 10.

[85.] A Charter of Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, pardonyng to Emme that was somtyme the wyf of william of mylles of Toruestoñ all the arreragis of theire Rente, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde vptoñ, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, remytte, and pardoned to Emme, that was the wyf of William of the mylles of Toruestoñ, all the arreragis of theire rente the which they were behynde before, vnto the fest of the Natiuite of our lady the first yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde; So that the forsaids Emme and her heires shold make and bileague the forsaids mylle, with theire owne costis, afore 16 the fest aforsaid, And pay afterward euery yere the forsaids rente, that is to sey,vj. shillings viij. d. to them in wonyd termes, truly without gyle: or els this present writyng shold be had' for nought. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, 20 the x. day of may, in the yere abouesaide.

[WESTBURY (near Brackley).]

* leaf 151. [86.] *A Charter of Raaf Harange, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j oke and a cartlode of roddys in his wode of westbury.

Grant to Godestow, by Ralph Harange,

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf harange yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god; in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, for the helth 24

¹ The rent-charge is mentioned in the 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica of pope Nicholas IV, in Buckingham deanery.
of hym his wyf and his children, and for his fadirs and modirs sowles and aunceuturs soules, j oke and j cartlode of roddis in his wode of westbury, yerey to be take at these termes, that is to say, in march a cartlode of roddes, and at whitsontyde an oke. And he and his heires warrantied for euer that same almesse to the forsaid holy mynchons, & cetera.

[Wycombe.]

[1. Documents relating to the rectory.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the rectory was valued (Monast. iv. 374) at £16, and Godstow paid out yearly 7s. 8d. for procurations and synodals, and 16s. 8d. to the poor at Christmas and Easter.]

[87. * Charter of King Henry.]

Henry, king of England, lets French and English know that he has given to Godstow the church of Wycombe.


[88. * Charter of the church of Wicumbe.]


Witnesses:—Walter Baioc, archdeacon; Mr. P. Blesen-sis; William of Norhall; Mr. Robert of Inglesham.

[89. * Collation of Wycombe Church by W. bishop of Lincoln.]

P. surrendered the church of Wycombe, which he had of the gift of the king of England. The bishop [Walter de Constantiis, 1183–4] gave the church to Godstow.

Witnesses:—Robert [de Burnham], archdeacon of Buck-ingham; Osebert of the chamber of the king.

1 Perhaps in view of repairs to Godstow houses in Brackley. The feudal superior generally provided the timber for repairs of the housing of copyholds.
[90. * Charter of William of Boketot.]

William of Boketot confirmed to Godstow king Henry's gift of Wicumbe *as they held it in the time of king Henry and John, count of Moretain.

Witnesses:—Michael de Bosco, Robert Pemart, Ralph of Peletot.

[91. * A Couenaunte I-made, bytwene the Abbesse of Godestowe, and sire John Coleman, person of Glatton, and sir Robert at the walle, perpetuall vicary of Makesey, for the personage of wycombe to ferme I-sette for x. yere, & cetera.

The sentence of this couenaunte is this, that the xxvij. day of Nouembre, the fyfte yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the third, hit was accorded between the abbesse of Godestowe and 8 the Covente of the same place of the one partie, and sir John Coleman, person of the chirche of Glatton, and sir Robert atte walle of Newenden, perpetuall vicary of Makesey, ioynly and departynyngly of the other partie So that the one shold not better 12 than the other, that is to sey, *that the forsaid Abbesse and Couente toke, graunte, and lette to ferme, to the said sers Iohn and Robert and to her executours, fro the day of the translacion of eynt Thomas the martir next after the day of the makying of 16 this present writyng unto the ende of x. yere fully complete next folowyng; [the manor of the rectory of Wicumbe] with all cornys, heyes, wolles, and lambis, rentis, londis, and customs, and with all and everich profits and tythis, the forsaid terme 20 duryng, sallyng chaunsyng or longyng to the said Rectorie or personage in ony wise, out-take all lynnen and hemp comynyng to the said chirche, the whiche were reserved to the Covent of Godestowe. To the which couenaunte truly to be hold, the 24 forsaid abbesse and Couente bounde them self and ther goodes in pere maners, wherso-ever they were I-founde, to distreyngyn of all pe forsaid of the chirche or of the seculere parte. And for the said ferme the forsaid Iohn and Robert, pease I-supposed 28
Wycombe to manere, to abbesse half lofin ended terme, fynde that And in 87 And att therof And the And sowe lohn not 3 and 2 repaire maner abbesse to Abbesse to Godestowe xx. li. of good' and lawfull money in the 4 termes vndir-writte, That is to sey, in the fest of the Annun- ciacion of our lady, x. lii, and in the fest of Seynt Margarete, x. li; And to the Priour of Beke Harlewyne, viij. li, that is to sey, iijj. li. in the fest of Seynt Michele and iijj. li. in the fest of pe Annunciation of our lady; Also they shold pay to the Courte of wallyngford, half a marke by yere; and to sire Iohn Cromwelle, xij. d; And to the Burgeys of wycombe, rente dewe to them; And to the Archidekon of Bokyngham, procuration. And the forsaid Iohn and Robert [should find] one chapeleyne, with ther owne costis, dayly syngyng in the chirche of wycombe at all the terme aforsaid. And the saide Iohn and Robert shold pay euery yere, duryng the forsaid terme, iijj. mark to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe the which were specially assigned, that is to sey, to pay at the fest of all seyntis; And iijj. *shilinglyngworth of Cakys 2 specially I-assigned to the forsaid abbesse and Covente, That is to sey, To be paid at the fest of 28 seynt Iame. 3 And that the Abbesse in her euery comyng shold haue easementis of houses in the same maner aforsaid: And the said Iohn and Robert, the terme aforsaid ended; shold, as good husbondis, shold' sowe the londis of the said' maner to be sowe, and delyuere them so I-sowe into the handes of the said' Abbesse and Couent: And 4 they sowed' lesse of a quarter the yere last of the terme aforsaid than in the yere of this makyng were I-sowe, they shold' to the said' abbesse and Couente satisfye of the

The lessees to repair
(a) the manorial buildings,
(b) the chancel of the church (in ordinary cases),
Godstow providing timber.
Rent = £20 yearly, besides paying to Bec Abbey £8 yearly (no. 93), and 6s. 8d. to Wallingford Court- Leet, and other yearly dues. Lessees to provide a chaplain for the Walder chantry (no. 102); to pay to Godstow £2 13s. 4d. pitance on Nov. 1,

* leaf 184. and 44. worth of cakes on St. James's day; to give the Abbess houseroom in her circuits. Tillage conditions.

1 Latin: 'supposta pace illius patrie,' i.e. district. In manorial deeds 'patria' is used generally to express the township, or district, belonging to the manor.

2 Latin: 'quattuorsolidatesartocoporum.'

3 St. James = July 25.

4 'and' = if.
residue of the sede. And the said John and Robert shold make to carry the said Cakis vnto Godestowe with there owne costis. And yf hit happened the said John and Robert to hold stille the said payment, in parte or in all, as hit is aforsaid, over a moneth 4 after certeyne termes abone I-writte, or faile in the payng; hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente to the said maner of the parsonage to entir in, and to mynstyre the goodes ther I-founde, with-holde, and selle as they semed best, tille 8 they were fully I-satisfyed of the forsaid payment, with the mysis and expensis I-had by the defaute of the said John and Robert or of ther executours. To the which payment and couenaunte to be keppe truly in all these articles, the forsaid John and Robert bounde them-self and euerych of them in the hole and theirs executours and all ther goodes mevable and vnmeuable, londes and tenementis, where-so-ever they were I-founde, bothe in the same manere or elles-where, to the 16 distreynynge and cohercio of the seid Abbesse and Couente, and of all Iuges bothe seculer and of the chirch. And the terme of x yere I-ended, the forsaid maner of the parsonage of wycombe to turne agayne to the forsaid abbesse and Couente fully. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the day and the yere abouesaid:

[2. Documents relating to tithe in Wycombe.]

*leaf 177. A.D. 1335.*

Commission issued by pope Gregory IX (1227-41), to investigate the claim of Godstowe for tithes said to be withheld.

[A sentence for the tythes of Wycombe.

The sentence of this sentence is, that the Priour of Seynt Frideswithe of Oxenford and the deene of yfiteley toke the popes maundement in these wordes:—

Gregory, bishop, servant of the servantes of god; Sende willyng helth and his blisseyng to his welbeloued children, Priour of seynt Frideswithe and of yfiteley deene. The abbesse of Godstowe and the Couente of the same place shewed to hym that Abbottis of Beke and of Eynysham and some other of lyncolne wynchestir and worcestir diocises wronged hem vpon tithis and other thynges. Therfor he commaundeth by his

1 Helias, prior 1228-35. 2 Rural dean of Iffley.
writyngeis to ther discreció, that, the partyes I-called; they shold' here the cause, and appele I-put a-side, they shold' terme hit with a dew ende, makynge that that they decreid' surely to be kep'd by the censure of the chireche; and the witnesses that were I-called; yf they with-drew them-self for fanour, haterede, or drede, they shold' constreyne them by the same censure, appele cesyng; to bere witnesse to the trouthe. And yf ye may not all be at these thyngis to be executed; twynd of yow nathelesse shold' execute hit. The date at Anager, kalendis of Octobre, the vij. yere of his bishoprich.

By the auctorite of this maundement ther-for, they called 12 * before them the lordis and possessioners and tenaunts of the mylles in the parissi of wycombe afore them peremportir, the which I-sette afore them, the abbesse and Couente of Godestow, comperyng by sir Gilbert Vyam, ther procurator 16 I-ordyned to all the cause, pere content I-purposed afore ayenst the forsaid;[the] abbesse and covente of Godestowe axed'vndir this forme, in the maner of ther chirche of wycombe, the tithes of the mylles in ther parissi of the chirch of wycombe, that is to sey, of William Heryne, of his two mylles the whiche be 20 I-called' Burne mylles; of Alice Anguot and her partyners, of the mylle that is I-called' Bruge mylle; of Richard'of Croyedene, of the mylle that is I-called' pannmylle; of Henry Chesemonger and his partyners, of ij. mylles that ben I-called' Robynmylle; of William, of his mylles that ben I-called' Robynmylle; of John ludewater, of his mylle; of Martyne Fuller fulerant; and they axed' of all the forsaid', tythes of the forsaid' mylles, for they longe to them of the comon law, for they ben I-sette with-in the lymytes of ther parissi of wycombe, and they entende the axynge of the pnyng. The entente I-purposed, they graunted the said' tythes to be sette with-in the lymytes of ther parissi of wycombe. Wherfor the Iuges, herynge the knowlech aforsaid', jugged' difffynytify to the said' mynchons, in the name of ther chirch of wycombe, the said' tythes of mylles for evere, as I-sette with-in the lymytes of the parissi of wycombe, Comaundyng to 26 the deene of Merlawe that he shold' bryngye into the possession of the tythes of the said' mylles the said' mynchons, and that he shold' acurse solemnely the agayn-sayers and troublers of the said' possession, reseruyng to them-self power furthermore, whan [Formula of a papal commiss- sion.]

= 1234;
Oct. 1.

* leaf 177,
back.
Godstow, as rector of Wycombe, asked tithes of all mills in Wycombe,

viz. Burne
mills (2),
Bruge mill,
Pann mill,
Robyn
mills (2),
Gyuant
mill,
John Lud-
water's
mill, and the fulling
mill.

On the owners ad-
mittin that their mills were in Wycombe parish, judgement was given for God-
stow.

[Rural dean of Great Marlow.]
they sey hit to be expedient. And into perpetuel wissesse of the same thynge, they putte to this wriyng theirse scales, & cetera.

* leaf 171. About 1220.

Lease to Godstow, by Bec-Herlouin abbey, Normandy,
of the tithe of Milo Crispin's demesne,
and of a rent-charghe on the Exchequer:
rent £3 yearly.

[93.] * A Charter of Ranulph general procurate of the Abbot of Beke grauntyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all the tythes in Wycombe parisshe, & cetera.

The sentence of this composition is that Ranulph, procurateur of thabbot and Couente of Beke, havyng generall and fre admynstracion of all their goodes in England, willed to be know that, by the auctorite of the forsaid Abbot and Couente the whiche he had in this parte, to have graunted; to the chirche 8 of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, all their tythes that they had in Wycombe of the yfte of Milo Crispyne, that is to sey, all the tythes of the demayne of the same towne (excepte thrity acris the which 12 longith to the chirche of Wycombe), and xviiij. shillings that pei were I-wonyd to take at the chekour at londow of the rente of Wycombe: To be hold to perpetuele ferme, of the forsaid Abbot and Couente of Beke, vndir a pension of iij. li. at ij. 16 termes, that is to sey, in the fest of seynt Mighell xxx. shillings, and in the fest of our lady in marche xxx. shillings, And that this graunte, & cetera.

[Note.—Comparison with the Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 154, back) shows that the translation is inexact. The tythes in Wycombe given to Bec by Milo Crispin were 'of his desmesne in Wycombe, except the tithe of the thirtieth acre which should go to the church of Wycombe.' The witnesses are:—Hugh, abbot of Abingdon (died 1221), John of St. Elen, Robert of Seuecurd (=Seukworth). In the Exchequer MS., leaf 192, are some excerptes from the Great Roll of 6 Henry II (1160), in Buckinghamshire, showing that the chamberlain received £72 of the 'firma' of Wycombe with tithes, and that he paid out 18s. to the monastery of Bec, and 13s. 4d. to the church of the town.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 154. A.D. 1235. Decision by a papal commission in a suit

[94. * Suit between Bec abbey and Godstow about tithes in Wycombe.

The prior and precentor of Dunstable and the sacrist (as 20 sub-delegate of the prior) of Caldwel, acting on a commission, dated v kal. Maii, 7th year of his pontificate (=1234, April
27), of pope Gregory IX, issued to the prior and precentor of Dunstable and the prior of Caldewell to examine the complaint of Bec abbey that the abbeys of Abingdon and Tewkesbury and 4 others were withholding tithe from them, gave this decision between Bec and Godstow. Of the demesnes of G[ilbert] Baske and R. de Velpont 1, Bec shall take all tithes of the ancient demesne, saving to the mother church wholly the thirtieth acre, 8 as they were accustomed to take of old; but of the assarts and of all land hereafter assarted, Bec shall take two-thirds, reserving the other third to the mother church. Of all other tithes Godstow shall take two thirds, reserving the other third to the 12 parish church. Bec abbey agrees not to ask from Godstow costs of the suit.]

[95. *Of tithes in Wycombe parish.

FRIAR WILLIAM of Ginewill, proctor of Bec Abbey, granted Godstow a lease, beginning Peter and Paul (June 29), 1254, of 16 all the tithes, more or less, which Bec had in Wycombe, together with a rent-charge of 18s. issuing from the Exchequer, on condition that Godstow should pay yearly * at Ockeburn major 2 twelve marcs of silver to the proctor of Bec, viz. six marcs at 20 Michaelmas and six at Lady day, and incur a penalty of one marc (13s. 4d.) for each week the rent should be in arrear. Dated the vigil of Philip and James, 1254.]

[96.] *A Comenaunte or a Composicioñ bitwene the Abbot of Becke and the Abbesse of Godestowe for the tythes more and lesse that the Abbot of Becke hadde in Wycombe parcisse, & cetera.

The sentence of this composicioñ is, that Robert, by the grace 24 of god abbot of Becke, and the couent of the same place, willed to be knowe that they wolde haue the composicioñ I-be-gonne bitwene Frere William Enmenyylle 3 the generall procuratoure in England, of the one partie, and the religious women abbesse and 28 myynchons of Godestow of the other partie, I-ratified 4 and sure, upon the tythes both more and lesse that they hadde in Wycombe,

1 i.e. Robert de Vipont.
2 i.e. Ogbourne in Wiltshire, where Bec had a cell.
3 'William of Guynuill' in the Exchequer MS. (leaf 153, back).
with xviij. shillings they were I-wonyd' to take in the name of the tythe of the kyngis Eschekor, the whiche the saide procuratour take to the forsaidd' mynychons to perpetuel ferme, for xij. marke of good' and lawfull sterlyngis, to be paid' wele and holy 4 every yere of the said' mynychons, to ther procuratoure that shold' be for the tyme, or to his servuaut, at Okebourne the more, for ever at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, in the fest of seynt Mighelf vj. marke, and in the fest of the Anunnciacion of our 8 lady vj. mark: So that yf the said' mynychons faile in the paiyng of the said' ferme in ony of the termes aforsaid', in alle or in parte, for every woke in the whiche they ceased' they shold' pay to ther procuratoure j marke in the

[Leaf 1 missing.]

[97. * Grant by Edward III to Bec Herlewyne in Normandy.]

Edward III, Sept. 23 of his 31 year of reign in England and 18 of France, recites that he had seized into his own hands the £8 which Bec had in Wycombe. He now gave Bec leave to convey the rent-charge to John of Talworth.]

[98. * A Charter of a yifte I-made to Iohn Takworthe of Wycombe for viij. ti.]

To 2 the honourable lady of holy religion the Abbesse of Godstowe, Frere Piers, priour of seynt Steven of Okebourne, helth: he signysied that his hye Abbot of Beke, by the kyngis leve of Inglond, had' yeve and graunted' for aft day to Iohn Talworthe of wycombe aft the rente of viij. li. the which ye were I-wonyd' to paye to 3 yowre chirche of wycombe: wherfor he willed' the said' rente to turne and to be paid' to hym, after the shewynge of the patente that the kyng sende yow by the said' Iohn. Fulf 24 worshipful lady the holy gost have yow in warde or kepyng: By the Prioures of Okeburne.

1 No doubt contained the two preceding documents, nos. 94 and 95.
2 This document in the Exchequer MS. (leaf 154, back) is in French: the name is Peris of Seynt Steven, prior of Okebourn.
3 Read 'for.'
[3. St. John Baptist Hospital.]

[99.] * A Charter of the Abbess of Godestowe, yevyng licence to the maister of the hospital of seynt Iohn to sey masse in a Chauntry of hym, fyfe tymes in the yere.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert, by the grace of god, bisshop of lyncolne, toke the popes lettres in these wordes:

4 Gregory, bisshop, servaunt to the servauntis of god, sende to his welbeloved brothe bisshop of lyncolne halsyng and his blisseyng; willyng hym to know that his welbeloved children, maister and brether of the hospital of seynt Iohn Baptist of Wycombe, made a supplicacio mekely to hym that, for also-moch as they had a chapell I-made in their house, I woldeouchesauf to yeve them licence to haue ther owne * Chapelayne in the same; he willyng in his behalf to deferre hit to hym yat was bisshop of the place, therfor he, that is to sey, he comandede to his brotherhede that he wold yeve to them licence I-axed; yf he say hit to be goode withoute prouidence of others right. The date at Peruse, the xiiij. kalende of Ienyvere, of his bisshophode the viij. yere.

Therfore by the auctorite of these lettres, of the consente of the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and of hubert the vycarye of the chirch of Wycombe, and also of the maister and brether of the hospital a-forsaid, they graunted the chauntry in the forsaid chapell vndir the fourme vndir I-writte: that is to sey, that masse shold be solemnely I-songe alt-only in the same chapell fyfe dayes, that is to 24 sey, in bothe dayes of seynt Iohn Baptist, j masse; and in bothe festis of seynt Thomas the martir, j masse; And in the third Feria of Rogacions, j masse: Also, in the same v. dayes, the chapell shall Ioye alt offeryngis there I-do, and 28 to alt comers, to bothe parisshens and straungers visitying that place, shold be fre sittying: And hit shal be ronge alt-only in the same dayes to goddis service: And yf ony of the said festis falle on the sonday, First shal the masse [be i-songe] 32 in a compotent howre in the parissh chirche, lest hit be

Grant to St. John Baptist Hospital, Wycombe, by Robert Grosste, bishop of Lincoln, acting on instructions from Pope Gregory IX, * leaf 171, back.

[Perugia, Deo. 20, 1238.] and with consent of Godstow, of services in the chapel of the Hospital, on these terms:—

(a) High mass is to be sung only on five set days in the year, on which five daysthechapel shall retain all offerings and shall be open to the public, and bells may be rung. [If a set day shall fall on a Sunday, the parish church service to have precedence.]
defrauded in takyng of tythes. And aff other every dayes hit shold be lawful to synge j masse with a lowe voyce, and the belle suspended, and the parishshens of Wycombe I-excluded. And the chapeleyne that shold mynystre for the tyme in the said chapell shold take aff the offerynge (ou[t]-take tho that comyn in the foresaid fyfe days), he shold yelde them trewly to the modir chirche without lesnyng; and that he shold not do no sacrament but synge 8 yng of masses, as hit is aftersaid; in that chapelle, but in case a nede fille, or axid hit, that the said prest mynystred the sacraments of confession and penance to sike folke of the said hospitafl labouryng in their last; other annuell, other tenentafl, shold take of the parishshens of the modir chirche, but of licence and wille of the said vicary. Also the same chapeleyne in his entryng shold be presentd to the Archidekon of the place, and shold make to hym 16 regular obedience of the indemnyte of the modir chirche, vndir the puttyng away for ever and suspencion vnto dew satisfaccion; and shold make a suerte by othe, afore the abbesse proctoure, of the same. And 2 yf he were con- victed afore the Archidekon vpon ony of the foresaid pynges not I-keped by hym. The maister also that shold be for the tyme shold swere in his entryng; towchyng holy thyngis, that he shold kepe the * modir chirche thurgh all thyngis harme- lesse, after the fourme aboue I-writte. And, for al so moche that that is I-graunted for the nede of sike men for good deuociōn, hit shold not turne to other mensnes wronge, Aff the seculer men in the same howse mynystryng shold 28 come to the modir chirche as other parishyngs, with dew offeryncis and I-woynd; iiiij. sithis in the yere, that is to sey, Cristmasse day, Candelmasse day, Estyr day, and the day of the pryncipall fest of the chirche. And that wor- shippe myght encreas to the abouesaid modir chirche by this graunte, the said chapell shold yeve to the said chirche ij. sergis of ij. li. of wexe in the day of the pryncipall fest

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1 The Latin is: ' omnes oblationes (exceptis hiis que in quinque diebus pretacitis pervenerint) provenientes sine diminutione matri ecclesie fideliter refundet.'

2 The translator has dropped the first part of the clause 'under pain of perpetual removal, and suspension until full satisfac-
tion be made, if he shall have been con-
icted before the archdeacon of any of the foresaid things by him not observed.'
every yere. And [yf] the maister of the house, by hym-self or by any other, presumed to gete ony thyng ayenst this composicion or defiled the forme of the composicion in ony parte, when he were convicte or knoweledge' hit resonably, hit shold be lawfull to the Archideken of Bokyngham to suspende the said' chapelle fro the syngyng of divyne seruyce tille hit were competently I-satisfyed therof to the said' 8 modir chirche, as hit is I-provided. Into witnesse and strengthe of all thyngis he made his scale, with thabbesse and Couente sealis of Godestowe, and of the vicary afor-said; and also of the said' bretherin, to be putte to this writyn', the date at Missenden, the Ides of Nouembre, the 12 .iiij. yere of his bisshopricke.

[4. Foundation of Walder chantry.]

[100.] *A Confirmacion of William Walder confermyng the yifte that Adam Walder his brother made to the mynchons of Godestow for a tenemente in Frogmore, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that William Walder graunted and' conferme'd for hym and his heires, the yifte that Adam 16 Walder his brother made to the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of a tenement that Walder his fadir helde in Frogmore and of a tenement that Gerueyse lutered helde. And William Walder and his heires warantiz'd the forsaids tenement, with all the pertynentis, to the forsaids Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this his graunte, & cetera.

[101.] *A Charter of Adam Waldere, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for a house in Wycombe, a tenement, and vj. mesis and ij. seldis, and the rente of xx. shillings yerely, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Adam fitz Waldere of Wycombe graunted, lete, deluyuered; and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires for ever, to god & cetera and to the holy myn-

1 See in next deed.
of a chantry in Wycombe church, under patronage of Godstow, to say mass for the founder, his father, mother, and wife. He gave, as endowment (a) a house; (b) a tenement; (c) six messuages; [Temple = Knights Templars.] * leaf 172, back. (d) two booths in Wycombe market; (e) eleven rent-charges.

chons of Godestowe ther seruynge god, into pure and perpetuelt almesse, for the sowles of Walder his Fadir and of Aline his wyf, and for the helthe of his owne sowle and of Anneys his wyf, and commonly for all trewe eristen, quyk and dede, j 4 house in the which waldere his fadir somtyme dwelled in Wycombe, with the pertynentis, savyng the services of the chief lordes, that is to sey, ij. shillings by yere; and a tenement that Geruaise lutered somtyme held, with the pertynentis, savyng 8 the service of the chief lordes, that is to sey, ij. shillings by yere and j d. to the heires of the same Geruaise; and vj. mesis liyng evene streight ayenst the mylle that william fitz henry held somtyme, with his pertynentis, savyng the services of the chief 12 lordes, that is to sey, xij. d. to the temple and viij. d. to the lord of wycombe; And ij. seldis in the market of wycombe, with all ther pertynentis, the which lyen by the seldis that * Robert of Cromdene helde And the selde that Robert Rut helde; savyng the 16 service of the chief lordes, that is to sey, iiiij. shillings by yere; And the rente of xx. shillings yerely in the same towne, that is to sey, iiij. shillings of a mese that Walter Poderugge somtyme held, the which mese lieth bitwene the mese that Clement Smyth held and a mese that Thomas Budekyne held, and ij. shillings x. d. of a mese that Symond Tanner somtyme helde of the said Adam, that lieth bitwene pe mese that Robert hugedene helde and the mese that Symond held; And vj. d. of a mese that 24 the said Symond held, that lieth bytwene the mese of the fadir of the same Symond and the mese that Suteman helde, And xvij. d. of a mese that walter watte helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Rechel helde and that Geffrey Tanner helde, 28 And iiij. shillings of a mese that Robert Casyer helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Plomer helde and the water that is I-called gutter, And iiiij. shillings of a mese that Roger Sire helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Thomas Petir helde 32 and the kyngis weye, And iiiij. d. of the mese that Andrew Cotelere helde, that was of Ranf Dede, and ij. shillings of a selde that Richardus Sobyno held in the markette, And vj. d. of a mese that the same Richard held, that lieth bitwene the mese 36 that Thomas Wullere held and a mese that Roger Riseborough held; And ij. shillings of a mese that Adam Mercer helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Alisaundre Cyun held And another
Buckinghamshire: Wycombe

mese that the same Adam held; And vj. d: of a mese that Raaf Trepyneff helde, that lieth bitwene the mese that Geoffrey Coteler held of the hospitaifi of seynt Iohn And the mese that Iohn 4 Gutter held: To be had' and to be holde, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, for ever. And the Abbesse and the Couente of the seid place, that is to sey, of Godestowe, graunted and surely behete that, in the wey of charite, that they wold fynde for ever 8 a prest conuenient pat shold do a prestis service every day, namely for the sowles of the forsaid peple, another tyme of the said Abbesse and Couente I-shewed is conteyned: And the said Adam and his heires warrantied and defended for ever the 12 forsaid tenementis, with pe pertynentes, And with the forsaid rentes, by the forsaid seruyces, to the howse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther seruyng god. And that these aflorsaid thynges shold be sure, & cetera.

[102.] *A Charter of Amphelice, Abbesse of Godestowe, and of the Couente of the same place, grauntyng to Adam Waldere of Wycombe in the wey of charite to fynde a prest to sey commendacion, placebo and dirige, and masse for his sowle, & cetera.*

The sentence of this charter is that Amphelice, Abbesse, and the Couente of Godestowe, atte prayers of Adam Walder of Wycombe, graunted and behete, to god and to oure lady and to all the seyntis, and to Adam, for the sake of charite, that they 20 and all ther successours wolde fynde in the towne of Wycombe for ever vpon ther owne costis a Couenable prest the whiche shold do diligently a prestis seruyce, that is to sey, masse, commendacion, placebo and dirige, namely for the sowles of Waldere 24 of Wycombe and of Alyne his wyf, and for the soule of Adam Walder and Anneys his wyf, and comonly for alf trew cristen, quyk and dede, nether to none oper than to these fowre specially he shold bynde hym-self, but in all his prayers and 28 benefetis he shold pray to god for them, and he shold pray in the begynnyng of his masse al openely they that stond aboute to pray for them. And these thyngis, and all other content in this writyng towche that same prest, which-so-ever shold be

Undertaking by Godstow to provide a chantry-priest daily to say in Wycombe church the offices for the dead (viz. mass, commendation, vespers, and matins), with mention by name only of Walder and his wife Alyne and their son Adam and his wife Agnes.
The chaplain to take oath faithfully to do his office. During any vacancy of the chaplaincy, the service is to be said at Godstow by one of the nunnery chaplains. Godstow shall supply the chaplain with fitting lodging, clothing, and maintenance. Recitation of the extant dooms, as in no. 101, viz.

(a) house; (b) tenement;

* leaf 173, back.

(c) six messages;

(d) two booths in Wycombe market;

(e) eleven rent-charges.

sette for the tyme, he shold' behote, afore good' men and sadde in wycombe, openly, in the worde of god, hymself to kepe for his powere. And ye hit happened that, by the dethe or sikeness or any occasion the foresaid' servyce of the foresaid' preest be I-letted; they at Godstow by some of theirs chapeleyns shold' fulfille the lak of the foresaid' servyce tille that with in two monthes there a covenable chapeleyne were I-sette. They admytted also for ever the same seid' men and ther sowles into 8 all ther praiers and ther benefis. And they shold' fynde to the foresaid' prest for ever in wycombe sufficient vitaile and clothyng and howse and all necessities to hym. And the said' Adam yaf to them, into helpe of susteynyng of that prest, an house in the which walter his fadir dwelled in wycombe with the pertynentis, sauyng the servyce of the chief lordis, that is to sey, ij. shillings by yere; and a tenement that Geoffrey luted held, with his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the foresaid' house that walder the fadir of the said' Adam held and the kyngis wey, Savyng the service of the chief lordis, that is to sey, ij. shillings by yere, and j. d. to the heires of the same Geruayse; * And vj. mesis that lieth even ayenst the mylle, that william fitl henry held, with the pertynentis, sauyng the servyce of the chief lordis, xij. d. to the Temple, and viij. d. to the lorde of wycombe; And ij seldis in the markat of wycombe, with the pertynentis, the which lyn bitwene the seldis that Robert Croudene helde and the selde that Robert Buth held; Savyng the servyce of the chief lordes, that is to sey, iiiij. shillings by yere; And a rente of xx shillings in the same towne, that is to sey, iij. shillings of a mese pat Walter Puderugge helde, the which mese lieth bytwene the mese pat Clement Smyth helde And the mese that Thomas Budekyyn helde, And ij. shillings x. d. of a mese that Symond Tanner helde of the said' Adam, the whiche lieth bitwene the mese that Robert Hugendene helde and the mese that the same Symond' helde; And vj. d. of the mese that the said' Symond' helde, that lieth bytwene the mese that Adam Tanner the fadir of hym helde and the mese that lutenain helde, And xvij. d. of a mese that Walter Watte helde, that lieth bitwene the mese of Richard' Rechel held' and the mese

1 In the Latin the connexion is 'by any other occasion of the said chaplain, the said service be hindered.'
that Geoffrey Tanner held; And iij. shillings of a mese pat Robert Calier held; the which lieth bitwene the mese that Richard Plomer held and the water that is I-called Gutere, And iij. shillings of a mese that Roger Sire held; that lieth bitwene the mese pat Thomas Fitz Petir held and the kyngis wey, And iij. d. of a mese that Andrew Coteler held, the which was of Raaf dede, And ij. shillings of a selde that Richard Sobyn to held; the which lieth bitwene the selde that Robert Payntour held and the sold that William Walder held in the markat, And vj. d. of a mese that Richard held, that lieth bitwene a mese that Thomas Waller held and a mese that Richard Ryseborough held; And iij. shillings of a mese that Adam Mercer held, that lieth bitwene the mese that Alisaundre Cuny held and another mese that the same Adam Mercer held, And vj. d. of a mese that Raf Tropenet held, that lieth bitwene the mese that Geoffrey Coteler held, of the hospytaff of seynt Iohn and the mese that Iohn Cluter held.

And Amphelice, and all the Abbess succedyng her, shold fynde for ever of the forsaid rente to ther Couente yerely with- in the vtas of Seynt Micheff a pytaunce of j. half marke; And every day that the pytaunce was I-yove or shold be yove, the same day they shold have fully ther seruyce for the sowles of the forsaid; And some day in the woke wolde be fully seruyce in the chirche of wycombe for the sowles of the same. And the said Adam fitz Walder assigned vj. d. yerely of the rente of the vicariage of the same chirch, to a pytaunce, of a mese that Robert Cornemonger held; that liethe bitwene a mese that Abel Coteler helde and a mese that Iordan Miller helde. And these aforsaid tenementis, with the pertynentis, and the aforsaid rentes, the said Adam and his heires warantizd to them and to ther successours ayenst al men and women for ever. And Amphelice, and all abbesse succedyng to her, and ther covente, warantizd the forsaid graunte and behest or promysse, to the forsaid Adam and to his heires and to his assignes, ayenst al men and women. And to the confirmacion of this ther behest, they put to this writyng ther scale. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

1 The Latin 'vicarie' is ambiguous, but it ought no doubt to be here rendered 'to the vicarage.'
2 Matthew, archdeacon of Buckingham.
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[5. Charters of the Basset family, lords of the manor.]

*A fynall accorde bitwene Aleyne Basset and the abbesse of Godestowe for an acre of lond and j half acre in Wycombe.*

This was the fynall accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at westynyster, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, Fro the day of Seynt Migheï into one moneth, afore Stepheyn Segraue, Rauff harengé, Thomas heyden, Iustices, and other trew men of the kyngis than there beyng present, bitwene Aleyne Basset, axer, by Robert Fitz Mathew I-sette in his stede to gete or to lese, and the abbesse of Godestowe, holder, by Absoluë Staunton I-put in her stede to gete or to lese, of one 8 acre of mede and one half acre with the pertynentes in wycombe: whereof hit was I-pleted' bitwene them in the forsaid Courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Aleyne knowleched the forsaid acre of mede and the half with the pertynentis to be the right of the 12 chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and of the mynchons ther servyng god, and he remytted' to them and quyte-claymed', of hym and his heires, to the same abbesse and to her successours * And to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe 16 for ever. And for þis knowlechyn g; remission, fyne, and accorde, the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and the mynchons ther servyng god resceived' the forsaid Aleyne and his heires in all orisons and benefettis that shold' be do fro that tyme forth in their chirche of Godestowe, & cetera.

*A fynall accorde I-made bitwene Felice, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Aleyne Basset, for sutes and customs that he asked.*

The sentence of this fynall accorde is this, that ther was a fynal accord I-made, in the kyngis courte at Westmynyster, in the morow of the purificacion of oure lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, afore Martyne Patishufl, Raaf harang; Stepheyn Segraue, Thomas Haydon, Robert leynton, Geffrey Sauage, Iusticis, and other trew men of the kyngis than there presente, bitwene Felice, Abbesse of Gode-
stowe, pleynner, by petir of Duncton, I-put in her stede to gete and to lese, and Aleyn Basset, of sütis and customes that the same Aleyn asked of men of the same Abbess of Wycombe to be do atte courte of the same Aleyn in Wycombe.

Whereof the same abbesse playned that the forsaid Aleyn vexed vnrightfully and ayenst her libertieis her men, azyng of them customes and servyces that they shold not do, pat is to sey, of euery howse pat was of the fee of the abbesse iiij. d. by yere, and that Aleyn distreynd her men forsaid that they shold take to ferme the townie of wycombe with his men, And also that the same Aleyn wold have made that they shold have ben tempters or tapsters of brede and ale in the saide townie, Also that the same Aleyn made to carry the donges I-founde vpon the fee of the same Abbesse vpon his lond and [= if] they had I-ley ouer right [sic] in the strete, the which sutes and customes the same abbesse knew not to hym.

And hit was I-pletede bitwene them in the forsaid Courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse, for her and other abbesses that shulde succede her, agayn knowledged and graunte to the same Aleyn that he and his heires shold take euery yere, for the commune of the market, iiij. d. of euery behe house that was of the fee of the same abbesse of Wycombe and whos dore is opened toward the strete and in the which ben men dwellyng and smoke comyth out, so that other howses the dores ben not openyd toward the strete they myght no pynge take, nother of the howses in the which men dwelle not in though the dores ben opened toward the strete. And furthermore the same abbesse graunted that her men of wycombe shold be tempters or tapsters of brede and ale in the fee of the same abbesse and in the fee of the same Aleyn and of his heires, whan they were resonably I-chose after the resonable terme. And yf the men of the same Abbesse trespassed in ony that perteyned to the market of brede and ale or of oþer þynges perteynyng to the marcat in the day of the marcat, and while the marcat stode, and in the marcat, so that they fille into amersyng or a-mercement, the same Aleyn and his heires shold have a resona*ble amercement after the maner of the treppase, without ony agayn saiyng of the abbesse or the abbessis that shold succeed her.

And for this recognycion, graunte, fyne, and acorde, the same obligations of Godstow tenants in Wycombe.

Alan had sought to force them (a) to pay market-dues; (b) to join in leasing the town; (c) to serve as ale-tasters;

(d) to forfeit their manure if left in the street.

Decision: Godstow tenants (a) must pay 4d. yearly for every in-habited dwelling-house, whose door opens on to the street, but shall be exempt for houses otherwise situated or not in-habited; (b) must serve as ale-tasters when chosen in due rotation; (c) must pay fines incurred through actual breach of market-rules.

* leaf 170, back.
Aleyne granted to the same abbess that she, and other abbessis that shold' succede her, shold' frely have the dungeis, and the men of the fee of the same abbesse, and cary them with ther owne cartis upon ther owne demayne londe at ther wille and have ther resonable cariying thurgh all the fee of the same Aleyne and of his heires in the same towne; And yt peramenture the same Abbesse, or other pat shold' succede her, bere not a-way tho dungeis I-founde in his afsaid' fee, with-in a yere after they 8 have ben layed' there in the strete, with ther owne cartis, hit shold' be lawfull to the same Aleyne and to his heires to bere away tho dungis and to do therof his wille, and not afore. He granted also that aff liberteis I-granted to the charter of kynges henry and Richard, the which that ben' not ayenst this covenaunte, shold' be saaf to the same abbesse and abbasis succedynge to her. Also hit is to be know pat this ende was I-made bitwene them, sauyng to Aleyne and to his heires their re 16 resonable tallagis of the afsaid men of the abesse whan the kyng tallagith his demaynes thurgh Englonde. Furthermore hit is to be know that the same Aleyne and his heires shold; after that pat is I-said' before, of every house of the which the dore is opened' to the strete [take] iiiij. d; out-take houses that ben in the chief courte of the same Abbesse, & cetera.

[105.] * A Transcripte charter of philippe Basset I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe confermyng xl. shillings of Rente in Wycombe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Philip Basset, for the helthe of his soule, and of Dame Ele, Countesse of Warwyke, his wyf, and of the soules of his annceutors and successours, yaf; & cetera, to god; & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, to ther clothynge for evere, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, xl. shillings of yerely 28 rente, with all ther pertynentis, in his maner of Wycombe to be take of the tenementis vndir written, that is to sey, of the tenementis of Geffrey Martyne, iiij. shillings iiiij. d; at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xx. d; and at our lady 32 day in marche xx. d.; of the tenemente of Thomas Marchannte,

1 i.e. should have 'sima suæ.' 2 i.e. 'in.' 3 Lord of Wycombe, died 1271. 4 Died 1297.
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[iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of Walter Sclo, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of laurence Morgan, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of Roger Couper, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of John of the Brugge, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of Nicholas Fulom, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of Richard Brither, iij. shillings iiiij. d. at the same termes; Of the tenement of John fitz Walfrido, vj. shillings viij. cT at the same termes: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the same myncions and to ther successors ther seruyng god and to serve for ever, in-to fre pure and perpetuel almesse, the forsaide xl. shillings of 16 rente, with all ther pertynentis, frely quyetly and vttirly holy, with-out any agayn holding and seculer seruyce. And the said Philippe Basset warantijed aquyted and defended the forsaide xl. shillings of rente, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaide myncions and to ther successors there seruyng god and to serue for ever, into free pure and perpetuel almesse, ayenst all men for euer. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & cetera.

[6. Miscellaneous documents about property.]


William of Buketot gave to Godstow 20s. yearly out of his mill at the bridge of Wycombe, that Godstow should keep in memory himself, his wife, and his sons (‘pueri’), and kindred.

Witnesses:—Robert of Buketot, Robert of Horton, etc.]

[107.] * A charter of William fitz Thomas Waldere I made to the myncions of Godestowe for iijj. shilling worthe of Rente in Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is that William, sone and heire of Thomas Walder of wycombe, willed to be know to al peple that beholdith or herith this present writying, that whan the

* Exchequer MS. leaf 101, back. About 1200. Grant to Godstow, by William of Bucktot, of a rent-charge on the Bridge Mill.

* Rawl. MS. leaf 174. About 1240? Confirmation to Godstow, by William Walder,
said' Thomas his fadir yaf in ony tyme, to the abbesse and couente of Godestowe, iiiij. shillyngworthe of rente yerely, with the pertynentis, in the borough of wycombe, that is to sey, of the tenement that Cristmasse held in the strete that is I-called 4 vinychburgge iij. shillings, and of a meze of Roger Cordewaner in the same place xij. d., he willed to be know hym-self to have I-graunted the same yifte and conformed hit with this his present charter for hym and his heires: To be had' and to be 8 holde, to the forsaid Abbesse and Couente and to ther succes- sours, *frely, quyetyly, fully, pesibly and holy, for ever, into fre pure and perpetueft almesse. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera.

About 1240 ?

[108.] A Charter of Gregory Tropenell, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for xij. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is that Gregory Tropenel' yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, xij. d. of rente yerely, into pure and perpetueft almesse: To be had' and to be resceived of Raf Mar- chaunte and his heires at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, vj. d. at the fest of oure lady in Marche and vj. d. at the fest of seynt Michell. And Gregory and his heiris warantizd the for- said' xij. d. of rente to the Covente of Godestowe and to ther 20 successsours ayenst all men livyng. And for also moche that this his graunte and yifte, & cetera.

About 1240 ?

[109.] A-nother Charter of Gregory Tropenel' makyng Rauf Marchaunte his attourney yerely for xij. d. of rente to the Couente of Godstowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Gregory Tropenel' made attorney Rauf marchaunte and his heires to yielde yerely to the 24 Couente of Godestowe and to ther successsours xij. d. of rente, for his and his auncetours helthe, that is to sey, of tho iiij. shil- lings, the which he yielde' to hym by yere of that mese that he had'of his yifte, as his charter witnesseth. And leste that the 28 same Rauf or his heires shold' rynne into harme thereof after- warde by hym or by his heires, he strengthed' pis writyng with his scale. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.
A Charter of Mabile the doughtir of Sawarde of Wycombe I-made to the holy mynychons of Godestowe for here Mille.

The sentence of this charter is that Mabile the doughter of Sawarde of Wycombe yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe ther servyng god, her mylle as she helde hit of the kyng, and of the chirche of Wycombe to the light iij. shillings the whiche william wynchelege yeldcd. And xvij. d: the whiche walkelyne Tylare yeldd to hym, of the whiche which she yeldd to Rauf Bordwace, and ij. meses in the chirch yerde. These beyng' witnesse, & cetera.

[110 bis. * Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Mabilia filia Sawardi de Wicumbe dedi et concessi et mea carta confirmavi deo et sancte Marie et ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Godestowe et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo servientibus, molendinum meum, sicut ego tenui de Rege; et ecclesie de Wicumbe ad lumen ii. solidos quos Willelmus de Winchelege mihi reddidit (de quibus debent reddi regi xiiid.), et xviiij. denarios quos Galfridus filius Osberti mihi reddidit (de quibus regi iiiij.), et xviiiij. denarios quos reddidit mihi Walkelinus telarius (de quibus regi viij.), et soppam quam Saieva Scrippa tenuit, et vi. denarios quos reddidit mihi Radulphus Bordwace, et duo messuagia in cimiterio.

Hiis testibus:—Thoma, sacerdote de Godestowe; Ada, capellano de Wicumb; Roberto capellano; Henrico le mercer; Waltero diacono; Godofrido clerico; Roberto filio Godwe; Ricardo de malvines; Symone le masun; Godwino fabro.]

[111. * Charter granting the mill to William, son of Hervey.

Juliana, abbess of Godstow, and the convent, granted to William, son of Hervey, and to his heirs, the mill of Wycombe.

Since this charter is very obscurely expressed in the English, the Latin is appended for the sake of comparison. "of" is a mis-translation for "to."
Godstow, to which Mabel daughter of Seward bequeathed to them, subject
to a yearly rent-charge of 49 shillings.
Witnesses:—four chaplains of Godstow, Thomas, Walerand,
Adam, and Gilebert.

* leaf 175. About 1240 ?

**A Charter of Vyuncente Menge of Wycombe,**

I-made to be mynchons of Godestowe, for a place
in Wycombe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Vyuncente Menge of
wycombe yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of
Godestowe ther seruynge god and to serue for ever, one place of
his tenement in the towne of wycombe, the which conteynyth 8
in lengthe viij. perches and x. fote, and in brede to his ende
vttmost toward the tenement of the forsaid Vyuncete Menge
iiij. perchis, and iiiij. fote at the other ende, And hit strechithe
hit-self fro the tenement of Adam Gluter of the west side by 12
lyne, as the markes haue them self; vnto the tenement of Iohn
I-called knyght, of the Est parte: To be had and to be hold; with
all his pertynenctis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the
forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and 16
holy for ever, into pure and perpetuall almesse. And the said
Vyuncete Menge and his heires or his assignes warantijed afinityed
and defended for ever all the forsaid place, as hit is
divided afore, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons
and to ther successours, with the owne costis, ayenst all men
and women. And that this ther yfite, & cetera.

* leaf 178. 113. *A Charter of Iohn Waleys and Alice his wyf,*

* leaf 178, 
* back.

**A Charter of Iohn Waleys and Alice his wyf,***

quyte-claymyng * to the mynchons of Godestowe,

ij. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Waleys and Alice
his wyf yaf graunted and quyteclaymed, for them and ther 24
heires, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the
same place, ij. d. of yerely rente, the which they were I-wonyd
to haue, and had; of that mese that Richard Smyth held in
Wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Walter Slegh helde
and a mese that Geoffrey Agmodesham helde: To be had and to
be holde, frely and quietely, with all the right that they had or myght haue in the same rente and that mese aforsaid and in ther pertynentis; So that nother they, nother none by them or for them, myght axe or chalange ony right or clayme in the forsaid' rente or in the forsaid' meses or in ther pertynentis. And for this yifte and quyte-claymyng the forsaid' abbesse and Couente yaf to them ij. shillings of siluer. These beyng witnesse, & cetera. The thyngis were I-acted at the purificacion of our lady, the yere of our lord a thousand two hundred forty and nyne.

[114.] *A Charter of Alice Blythe, quyte-claymyng to Dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, a mese with all his pertynentis, in the town of wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Blythe yaf, & 12 cetera, and quyte-claymed; to dame Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couente of the same place, one mese with all his pertynentis, in the town of wycombe vpon the fee of the same abbesse of Godestow, that is to say, that mese that was of William Blythe her vnclle pat fille to her by the name of heritage of the parte of the same William Blithe her vnclle, and lieth bitwene the mese that Geoffrey Gutere held and that mese that Thomas Baker held; as the markes and departyngis teche and shew: To be holde and to be had, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid' abbesse and couente and to ther successours, wele and in Pease, with all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heires had or myght have, Doyng servyce to the chief lordis dewe therof. And for this yifte graunte and quyte-claymyng, the forsaid' Abbesse yaf to her xx. shillings of siluer before handes. And pat pis her yift, & cetera.

[115.] *A Charter of Walter Baker quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all his right that he had' in that mese that he helde of Richard' Alecod' of the fee of the chirch of Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is that Walter Baker and his 28 heires quyte-claymed, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all the right that they had' in that
mese that he helde of Richard Alecod of the fee of the chirche of wycombe, that is to sey, of that mese that is bitwene the house that was of Ieuewyn the Smyth and the house of Richard Alecod. And for this quyte-claymyng the forsaid Abbesse and Couente of the same place yaf to hym and to Liette his wyf and to his children viij. mark of rent. And walter and his wyf and his children abyured aff ther right of the forsaid mese and of aff the pertynentis of hit afore the Courte of wycombe. These 8 beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 181. About 1250.*

Grant to Maud Horsnayl, by her mother Alyne, of a plot of land (see no. 122).

[Marlow.]

* leaf 181, back.*

[clow-gilly-flower.]

The sentence of this charter is that Alyne, the daughter of Richard Horsnayl, yaf, & cetera, to Moolde her doughtir, one place of londe, with the pertynentis, in Wycombe, the which lieth in one place bitwene the londe the which william wander held of the yifte of Thomas Selewyne and the londe of Richard Archer in brede. And hit buttith to that hede yvoyn the brynke ayenst the mese of Symond Santerdo, and buttith at another hede vpon the londe of walter Carter, and streccith hit-self in length vnto the mese that Thomas wander held somtyme beside the stone that lieth in the way that ledith toward Merlawe in the forsaid towne of wycombe, beside the tenementes of Richard Airliche and that Richard Monnere somtyme helde, as the markes vpon euyrych a side * teche and shew: To be had and to be hold; to the same Molde and to her heires or her assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, also holy in aff thynges, with fre entryng and goyng out, as the same fore-named Richard horsenayl held that place, frely quyetyly by right heritage for ever, yeldying therof by yere to the chief lorde of the fee seruyces dewe therof, and to her and to her heires or her assignes one clowe gelofure at Estir, for aff seruyce, sute of courte, custome, and exaccioyn. And Alyne and her heires or her assignes warantijed, aquyted; and defended; to the same

1 Read 'silver' for 'rent.'
Molde and to her heires or to her assignes, the forsaid' place, with all his pertynentis, ayenst all peple for ever. And that this her yifte, & cetera.

[117.] *A Charter of Emme, abbesse of Godestowe, confermyng to Symond° Santyrdon all a tenemente with his pertynentis.

4 The sentence of this charter is that Emme, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, yaf, & cetera, to Symond° Santerdon, for his servyce, all that tenement, with his pertynentis, that William Oso held° of them in that strete that 8 ledith to the mese that was of Gilbert of Ireland, the which tenement lieth bitwene the mese that John Golde helde and the mese that Alecod° helde, as the markes and departyngis on euerych a side teche and shew: To be had° and to be hold°, of hym and his heires and his assignes, excepte bowses of Religion and Iewys, heritably frely quyetly and holy for ever, yeldyng yerely to them and to the Couente succedyng them iiij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt 16 Mighelf xvij. d° and at the fest of our lady in marche xvij. d°, for all servyce, customs, and sutis of Courte, and all demaundis, but hit were to the a forenenge courte and pat at ther resonable warnyng. And they and the couente succedyng them warantijed° the forsaid° tenement with his pertynentis to the *forsaid° Symond° and to his heires or his assignes, out-take houses of Religion and Iewys, ayenst all men for ever. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[118.] A Charter of Symond° Alecod; confermyng to Symond° Santerdoñ j pece of londe with his pertynentis, & cetera.

24 The sentence of this charter is, that Symond° Alecod° yaf, graunted°, & cetera, to Symond° Santerdoñ, for his servyce, j pece of londe, with the pertynentis, in the towne of wycombe vpon the fee of the abbesse of Godestow, that is to sey, that 28 pece of londe the which lieth in brede bitwene the tenement that Robert Fitç Wareyne held° and the tenement that William Hoso held° somtyme, and streccith hit-self in length fro the
of land,

quit-rent, ¼d.

About 1255.

[119.] A Charter of Moolde, somtyme the wyf of Symond Alecod, quyte-claymyng to Symond Santerdon aff the right in that mese afsaide, & cetera.

Sale to Simon Santerden, by Mand Alecod, widow, of her jointure right in a mesnage (see no. 123).

Purchase-money, 13s. 4d.

* leaf 180, back.

About 1255.

[120.] A Charter of Andrew fitz William Carter confirmed vnto Symond Santerdon one mese with all his pertynentis in Wycombe.

Sale to Simon Santerden, Carter yaf, & cetera, to Symond fitz William Santerdon, one
mese, with all his pertynentis, in the town of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that David Smyth held and the mese that Richard Archer held; as the markes and departyngis teche and shew: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires and his assignes, heritably frey quetyly and holy for ever, with all the right that he had or myght haue or that myght come to hym in ony wise, yeldynge to hym and to his heires ij. shillings ix. d. at ij. termes of the yere, that is to say, at the fest of seynt Migheft xvj. d. obolus and at the fest of our Lady in marche xvj. d. obolus, for all seruycis and all maner demaundes. And Andrew and his heires warantijed the forsaid mese, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symond and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes and cristenn, for ever. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Symond yaf to hym x. marke of siluer to warison. And for-asmoche that he willed this his yifte, & cetera.

[121.] A Charter of Sabyne, the daughter of Osbert, Cordewaner, of wycombe, quyte-claymyng to Symond Santerdon all the right that she had in a mese in wycombe.

The sentence of this writyng is this, that Sabyne, the daughter of Osberte, Cordewayner, of wycombe, quyte-claymed; for her and her heires, to Symond Santerdon and to his heires or his assignes, all the right and clayme that she had; or myght chalange or clayme, in that mese with the pertynentis in the town of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Danid Faber held and the mese that Richard Archer helde, as the markis and departyngis teche and shew. And for this quyte-clayme the forsaid Symond yaf to her ij. shillings of siluer into warison. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[122.] A Charter of Moolde, the doughtir of Alyne horsneyl, confermyng to Symond Santerdon, for j marke that the same Symond yaf to her into warison, j place with be pertynentis in wycombe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the doughtir of Alyne horsneyl yaf, & cetera, to Symond Santerdo, for one
marke of siluer *that the same Symond yaf to here before handes into warison, one place of lond with all his pertynentis in wycombe, the which lieth in one place bitwene the lond that william wauder held of the yifte of Thomas Selewyne and the 4 lond of Richard Archer in brede, and hit buttith to one hede vpon the brynke evene ayenst that mese of Symond, and hit buttith to another hede vpon the lond of walter Carter, and hit streccith hit-self in lengthe vnto a mese of Thomas wauder 8 somtyme helde, beside the stone that lieth in the wey the which ledith toward Merlaw in the forsaid towne of wycombe beside the tenement of Richard Alricle and the tenemente that Richard Monner held; as the markis and the departyngis vpon 12 everich a side teche and shew: To be had and to be hold, to the same Symond and to his heires or his assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, also frely in alle thyngis, with fre entryng and goyng out, as Richard horsneyl the fadir of the forsaid 16 Alyne helde somtyme that place, quyetly, in fre heritage for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of that fee servuicis dew therof, and to her and to her heires or to her assignes j clowe gelofure at Estir, for all servycis, suts of courtis, 20 customs, and exaccion. And moolde and her heires or her assignes warrantijed acquyted and defended; to the same Symond and to his heires or to his assignes, the forsaid place, with his pertynentis, as hit is I-saide afore, ayenst all peple. And that 24 this her yifte, & cetera.

*A Charter of Symond Santerdon quyte-claymed to the mynychons of Godestowe aff his right in an howse that he bought somtyme of Symond Aleco* in Wycombe.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Symond Santerdon relezed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to servu for 28 ever, aff the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in that house that he bought somtyme of Symond Alec, the which is I-sette bitwene the house the whiche william Wauder assigned to a chapeleyne seiyng for ever the masse of our lady 32 of the one parte, and the lane the which streccith hit-self
toward the house of Iohn Irlande of the other parte; Savyng

but subject to life-interests.
nathelesse that Godfray his brother and Milisente his wyf helde

Quit-claim
to Godstow,

alone the forsaid' house, with his pertynents, to there lyf,

by Simon
Santerden,

4 with-oute agayne-saiyng, doynge therof to the abbesse and

of his right
Santerden,

Couente of Godestowe dew servyngce and I-wonyd. And for-as-

in a messu-

moch as he wolde that this relesse and quyte-clayme, & cetera.

* leaf 182.

12 somtyme the mese of Reynere Baker and the mese somtyme of

subject to
quit-rents
to Marlow

Iohn Goab in the town of wycombe, as the markyngis and

priory;

departyngis teche and shew: To be *had* and to be hold; with

and to the
light in

all his pertynents, to the said' mynchons and vnto theire

Wycombe

perpetuelt

successours, frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, in-to fre and

church.

soules
to

topartyntis, to the right of

perpetuelt

lieth in the terme of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt

of

Wycombe

march vj. d.; And to the light of the

church.

gloves.]

chirche of the same town e. j. d. at the same termes; And to

\[white
gloves.\]

Alice, the doyghtir of Gonnyle, one paire of white gloves of

\[125.\] A Charter of Symond Santerdon\(\) quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe an house in the town of Wycombe.

the price of jobolus at Ester, for all seculer demaundes. And

\[1260.\] About

that this his yiste, & cetera.

\[124.\] A Charter of Symond Santerdon\(\) quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe one mese in Wy-

\[1260.\] About

combe, & cetera.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Symond Santerdon\(\)

Quit-claim
to Godstow,

8 yaf graunted and vttirly quyte-claymed; for his soule and for the

by Simon
Santerden,

soule of Molde his wyf and for the soules of his auncetours, to

of his right
Santerden,

god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng

in a messu-

god, that his one mese, that is to sey, that lieth bitwene

age;

12 somtyme the mese of Reynere Baker and the mese somtyme of

* leaf 182.

Iohn Goab in the town of wycombe, as the markyngis and

subject to
quit-rents
to Marlow

departyntis teche and shew: To be *had* and to be hold; with

priory;

all his pertynents, to the said' mynchons and vnto their

and to the
light in

successours, frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, in-to fre and

Wycombe

perpetuelt

topartyntis, to the right of

soules
to

lieth in the terme of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt

of

Wycombe

march vj. d.; And to the light of the

church.

gloves.]

chirche of the same town e. j. d. at the same termes; And to

\[white
gloves.\]

Alice, the doyghtir of Gonnyle, one paire of white gloves of

\[1260.\] About

the price of jobolus at Ester, for all seculer demaundes. And

\[1260.\] About

that this his yiste, & cetera.
sowle and of Moolde his wyf and of his auncetours and
successours, an house in the towne of wycombe, that is to sey,
that howse that is I-sette bitwene the house that Richard
Archer somtyme helde and the howse that David Smyth
somtyme helde, with\(^1\) all the medlyng be-yonde the watere,
that is to sey, that mede that the forsaid Symond bought of the
sons of Walter Buket, as\(^2\) the pathes of bothe sides conteyne
them-self and shew, with all his pertynentis overalle: To be 8
had\(\text{a}\) and to be hold\(\text{a}\), to the forsaid holy mynchons and to theire
successours for ever, Doyng therof to the chief lordes of the fee
seruyce dew and I-wonyd\(\text{a}\), that is to sey, at the fest of seynt
Michel\(\text{xvi}\). d. obolus and at the fest of our lady in marche\(^{12}\)
xvj. d. obolus, for all seruyce exaccion\(\text{a}\) and demasinde. And the
forsaid Symond\(\text{a}\) and his heires or his assignes warantijed\(\text{a}\) the
forsaid howse and mede, with all his pertynentis over a\(\text{a}\), to
the forsaid holy mynchons and to theire successours, ayenst all 16
men and women, and defended\(\text{a}\) and acquyted\(\text{a}\) for ever, for the
forsaid\(\text{a}\) service.\(\text{a}\) And for alsomoche that he wolde that this his
yifte shold be sure, & cetera.

About
1260.

\[126.\] A Charter of Robert Wareyn\(\text{a}\) confermyng to the
mynchons of Godestowe xij. d. of yerely rente in
Wycombe, & cetera.

* The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Wareyn, with 20
the consente and assent of Sare his wyf and of his heires, yaf,
& cetera, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the
same place, xij. d. of yerely rente in the towne of Wycombe
vpon the fee of the forsaid\(\text{a}\) abbesse, that is to sey, of the tene-
mente that Iohn Blake helde of hym, that lieth bitwene the
tenement that Alice Clement helde and the tenement that Symond\(\text{a}\) Aelco\(\text{a}\) helde somtyme: To be had\(\text{a}\) and to be holde, of
hym and his heires, to the forsaid\(\text{a}\) abbesse and Couente and to
ther successours, for right heritage frely quetyly pesibly, with
all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heiris had\(\text{a}\) or
myght haue for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his
heires one clowe. gelofure at Ester, for all servicis, customs, and 32
demaunderis. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid\(\text{a}\) Abbesse

\(^1\) The Latin is: 'cum toto prato iacente ultra aquam.'

\(^2\) Rather: 'as, by a path on each side, se continent et proportant.'
yaf to hym ix. shillings of siluere afore handes. And the forsaid Robert wareyne and his heires warantizeth and defended of yerely rente to the forsaid Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women, cristen and Iewes for ever. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[127.] *A Charter of Robert Wareyne and of Sare his wyf confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe xiiij. d. of rente yerely.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Wareyne, with 8 the consente and assente of Sare his wyf and of his heires, yaf, & cetera, to the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, xiiij. d. of yerely rente vpou the forsaid fee in the towne of wycombe: that is to sey, of a tenement that John Blake helde of hym, that lieth bitwene the tenement that Alice Clemente helde and the tenement that Symond Alecod held; xij. d., that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Mighelt vj. d; and at the fest of our lady in marche vj. d.; And of the tenemente that William Pruce somtyme held; that lieth bitwene his tenement of the Est parte, ij. d. at ij. termes afsaid: To be had and to be hold; of hym and of his heires, to the forsaid Abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, for right heritage frely quyetly and pesibly, with all the right and clayme that he or ony of his heires had or myght have for ever, yeldynge yerely to hym and to his heires one clowe gelofure at Ester, for all servicis, customers, and demandes. And for this yifte and graunte the forsaid abbesse and covente yaf to hym x. shillings vj. d. of siluere afore handis. And the forsaid Robert Wareyne and his heires warantizeth anewted and defended of yerely rente to the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, cristen and Iewes, for ever. In-to witnesse of whiche thynge, & cetera.

[128.] *A Charter of Thomas Lude confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe a tenemente with all his libertes and pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is that Thomas Lude graunted; & cetera, to the lady abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente
Lude, of a tenement, of the same place, a tenement, with all his libertes and pertynentis, in wycombe, that somtyme Robert Taillour helde, and strecchith hit-self in length fro the kyngis wey the which is I-called Croydenlane toward the Est vnto the graunge of the said Abbesse toward the west, and in brede fro the way vnto the graunge of the said abbesse fro the north parte vnto the wey of Roger Blunde of the southe, And hit buttith all ayenst the tenement that somtyme held Luce Cane and the tenement that 8 somtyme held William Furnere and the tenemente of John Clutere toward the southe, as the markes and departyngis vpon everich side techith and shewith: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsait abbesse and Couente of the same place and to ther successours and ther assignes, frely, quetytly, fully and holy, wele and in pease, by right heritage for ever, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, j. d. at the fest of seynt Mighel for all secular services, customs, suti of courtis and demaundis. And Thomas Lude and his heires or his assignes warrantijed aquyted and defended for ever the forsait tenement, with all his pertynentis, to the forsait Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours or ther assignes ayenst all men, Iewes and cristene. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsait abbesse yaf to hym before handis x. shillings into warisoyn. Into witnesse of which thyng, & cetera.

[129.] A Charter of Cristyne Lutered, quyte-claymyng to Isowde Duram, j. d. of yerely rente in Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is that Cristyne Luteried of wycombe, vn-wedded and in her owne fre power, graunted; lettre, and quyte-claymed for ever, for her and her heires, to Isowde Duram, *at that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the 28 Couente of the same place, and to ther successours, j. d. of yerely rente with his pertynentis in the borough of wycombe, the which yerely she was I-wonyd to receive of the attorney of the forsait abbesse in wycombe, that is for to sey, for a tenement that Walter Coteler helde somtyme in the burgh of wycombe, that lieth bitwene the tenement that Andrew lynnen-draaper helde and the kyngis wey that ledith toward Oxoyn, also with all
the right that she had or myght have in ony tyme in the forsaid tenement: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaid Isowde abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, frely and quyetly, 4 wele and in pease for ever, with-out ony with-holdyng of her or of her heires. And for this lettynge; grauntyng and quyte-claymyng the forsaid Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, yaf to her xij. d. of siluer before handes. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[130.] A Charter of Roger Blunde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, one kyngis wey in pe towne of wycombe.

About 1270.

Sale to Godstow, by Roger Blunde, * leaf 177.

of a lane.

[131.] *A Charter of Symond Hokede confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acres of mede in Wycombe, & cetera.

About 1270.

Purchase money; 6s. 8d.

* leaf 182, back.

Grant to Godstow, by Simon Hokede, of

[130.] A Charter of Roger Blunde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, one kyngis wey in pe towne of wycombe.

About 1270.

Sale to Godstow, by Roger Blunde, * leaf 177.

of a lane.

[131.] *A Charter of Symond Hokede confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acres of mede in Wycombe, & cetera.

About 1270.

Purchase money; 6s. 8d.

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About 1270.

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About 1270.

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and of his Annetours, ij. acris of mede in Wycombe, into pure and perpetual almesse; that is to sey, a mede at Pukehege that Richard Aynod helde, and iij. perches of mede in Est mede of wycombe, the whiche bein next to the mede of Walter Penne, that the same walter helde of Robert Ruem: To be holde, of hym and his heires for ever, quyte fro all secular seruyce and exaccion. And Symond and his heires warantijed the forsaid ij. acres to the forsaid chirche and to the forsaid mynchons ayenst 8 all men. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[132.] A Charter of Iohn Kyt confermyng to william pipinere one mese, with his partynentis, in Wycome, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn kyt yaf, & cetera, to william *Pipinere, for his homage and seruyce, and for xxij. *shillings of siluer the which he yaf to hym before handes, one mese, with his pertynentis, in wycombe, that lieth bitwene the mese that Robert Alecod held and the mese that william fitz Iohn wever held: To be had and to be holde, of hym and his heires, heritably frely and quetyly, yeldying therof yerely to the abbesse and counet of Godestowe ij. *shillings, that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche xij. d. and at the fest of Seynt Mighell xij. d.; And to hym and to his heires yerely j. d.; that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche j. obolus and at the fest of seynt Mighell j. obolus, for all seruyces and demaundis. And Iohn and his heires warantijed the forsaid mese, with his pertyntenys, to the forsaid william and to his heires, ayenst all men and all women. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[133.] A Charter of Anneys the doughtir of Robert Kyt quyte-claymyng to william Pipinere all her right of a mese in wycombe.

The sentence of this chartere is, that Anneys, the doughtir of Robert kyt, graunted and quyteclaymed, for her and her heires, in her fre powers, to william Pipinere, all the right that she had or myght haue of that mese, with all his pertyntenys, that lieth bitwene the mese that Robert Alecod held and the mese that william fitz Iohn helde in wycombe: To be had and
to be hold; to the forsaid William and to his heires, frely quetyly and peasibly for ever. And for this graunte and quyte-claymyng the said William yaf to her xx. shillings of sterlyngis.

And Anneys aforsaid, into witnesse of this graunte and quyte-clayme, put to this writyng her scale. Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[134.] *A Charter of Thomas, Chapeleyne, of Wycombe, quyte-claymyng to the howse of Godestowe, ij. mesis in Wycombe.

The sentence of this charter is that Thomas, Chapeleyne, of Wycombe, yaf and quyte-claymed, and conferred with this present writyng, to the howse of Godestowe for ever, for hym and his heires, for god and for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours, all the right that he had or myght have of ij. mesis with *the pertynentis in wycombe vpon the dowery of the chirche in the same towne: So that the forsaid howse of Godestowe shold resceive of Symond Alecođ and of his heires yerely iiij. shillings at ij. terms of the yere; And of henry Carter and of his heires of William Oscho iiij. shillings yerely at ij. terms of the yere, Savyng the tenementis to hym and to his heires. The forsaid howse shold yelde therof to the light of the chirche of wycombe yerely ij. d., And to hym and to his heires j. d. in Estir day. And for this yifte and quyte-clayme the abbesse of the forsaid howse yaf to hym xx. shillings of sterlyngis. And that thise afore writte thynges shold be sure, & cetera.

[135.] *A quyte-clayme of Petir fitz Robert Croenden, quyte-claymyng to the Couent of Godestowe a mese with the pertynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir Fitz Croenden graunteđ and quyte-claymed to Flandryne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couente of the same place, that mese, with the pertynentis, that he helde in the towne of wycombe in the lane that was of william daubre: To be hold; and to be had; to the same Abbesse and Couent and to there sucessours and to there assignes, so that Petir or his heires no right myght clayme in the
same mese nother in his pertynentis. And for this graunte and quyte-clayme, & cetera, the forsaid' Abbesse yaf to hym x. shillings of siluer, by the handes of Thomas Wandere, than ther steward there, & cetera. Into witnesse of which thynge, & cetera.  

* leaf 178. About 1300. 

[136.] *A Charter of the abbesse of Godestowe, con-
fermyng to William May of Wycombe, one howse 
and one Curtilage of her fee, & cetera. 

The sentence of this charter is that Alice, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, with one assente and consente, graunte[d], & cetera, to William May of Wycombe, one howse and one curtillage of ther fee in the towne 8 of Wycombe, with the pertynentis, the which lye in the suberbis of Wycombe, with-out the borough, in the strete toward the west and the Ryver that departith the forsaid' borough and with-oute, and strechith in length fro the tenement of Henry 12 Dyer toward the sowthe vnto the fee of sir hugh Spencer toward the northe, as the markes and depertyngis teche and shewe: To be had' and to be hold', of them and ther successours, to the forsaid' William May and to his heires and to his assignes all, 16 frely, quetyly and holy, pesibly and heritably for evere, yeldynge therof yerely to them and to ther successours iij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of our lady in marche xij. d. and at Mighelmasse xij. d., for all seculet.z 20 seruyces, customs, sutis of courtis, exaccions, and demaundes; so that the said William and his heires or ther assignes shold' susteyne for ever the forsaid' howse, or another vpon ther forsai(le fee, sufficient to neme and to distreyne for the forsaid' 24 rente and the arreragis of hit, yf ther happened'ony. And the abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantijed'aquyted'and defended'for evere the forsaid' howse and Curtilage, with the pertyn- 

entes, to the forsaid' William and to his heires and to his assignes, 28 aycenst all peple. Into witnesse of which thynge, & cetera. 

* leaf 176, 
back. 1307, Febr. 

[137.] *A Charter of Stephyn Agothe, I-pleyd' in the kyngis Court, for a tenement in Irelandes lane in Wycombe. 

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Stephen 

The sentence of this charter is, that Stephen Agothe willed' to be knowe to all cristen men that whan Moolde, Abbesse of
Godestowe, pletect in the kyngis courte by a breef I-called 'Cessauit per biennium' for the arreragis of the rente in the towne of wycombe that he helde of the same abbesse in Irelan
d 4 lane; Nathelesse that tenement, with all his pertynentis (of
certayne causes, that is to sey, bothe for arreragis of rentis and
for sutis of courtis and for other seruyces therof beyng behynde
to the forsaid' Moolde abbesse, with-oute ony of right or lord-
shippe) after that tyme he wolde yelde hit and vttirly quyte-
clame hit of hym and his heires for ever, So that nother he
nor none in his name myght axe in ony wyse ony right or clayme
in the forsaid' tenemente. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at
12 wycombe, in the purifiyng of oure lady, the xxxv. yere of the
reigne of kyngle Edwarde.

[138.] * A Graunte of Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe,
I-made to Richard' Fit; William simple of Clyfton,
for j pece of londe with dichis and heggis, and with
alle other partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Abbesse of
Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with theirs owne
16 assente and consente, yaf; & cetera, to William fit3 Richard'
simple of Clyfton, j pece of londe with diches and heggis liyng
to, with all his other pertynentes, aboue Ludewatir in the
parish of wycombe of the Southe parte, and buttith one hede
20 to the lond' of Sir Robert Fyneel of the west parte, and another
hede to the woode of the prioresse of Merlawe: To be had' and
24 wele and in pease, yeldying therof yerely to them and to ther
successours vj. d., that is to sey, at the fest of Seynt Migheft
iiij. d., and at the fest of our lady in marche iiij. d., for aif seculer
seruyce and demaundes. And the forsaid' Molde and the Couente
28 and their successours warantizd' all the forsaid' pece of lond;
dyches, and heggis, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid
William, to his lyf only, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, &
cetera.

Graunte of Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, 
I-made to Richard' Fit; William simple of Clyfton,
for j pece of londe with dichis and heggis, and with
alle other partynentis, & cetera.

* leaf 175, back. About 1310.

Grant by Godstow, to William Simple, for life-term, 
of an enclosure.

[Marlow priory.] * leaf 176.

24 wele and in pease, yeldying therof yerely to them and to ther
DORSETSHIRE

[MAIDEN NEWTON.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt of this rent-charge of £6 13s. 4d., less 13s. 4d. paid to the bailiff: Monast. iv. 375-6.]

* leaf 219, back.
A.D. 1270.

* leaf 220.

Grant to Godstow, by Pain de Chaworth (died 1278), of £6 13s. 4d. yearly, payable (at Hullavington) out of lands at Maiden Newton,

The sentence of this charter is, that Pagane de Cadurcijs yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confirmed; to god and to the chirch of our lady and seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstow and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore to serve, 4 for the helth of his soule and for the soule of hauyse his modir and for all his auncestors and successours, in fre pure and perpetuett almesse, x. mark of yerely rent, at hauyndoii, at ij termes in the yere for evermore to be taken; that is to say, at Estir 8 v. mark, and at the fest of seynt Migheff v. mark; and that of ser Iohn Chevereft, knyght, and his heires, for dyuerse tene- mentis which the forseid ser Iohn held of hym in the towne of Maiden Newton: * To be had and to be hold, the forsaid rente, of hym and his heires, to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours, in fre pure and perpetuett almesse for evermore. And the forsaid Pagane and his heires, the forsaid rent of x. mark, to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst 16 of which £5 6s. 8d. should be for a cloth- ing allow- ance; 13s. 4d. for a pittance on his mother’s anniver- sary; and 13s. 4d. for a pittance of peple shaft warantye acquyte and defende for ever- more. He willed and ordeyned that of the forseid rent the said Councent shold have for evermore viij. marke to ther clothynge; and a mark, to ther pytaunce the day of the holdyng of the 26 obite of Hawyse his modir; And a marke to their pytaunce the day of the holdyng of the obite of Eve his Graunt dame: So that the Abbesse, mother her Steward, no thyng elles do with the forsaid rent, neither to chaungge or to make other orde- nenance. And that this his yifte, graunte, and his charter con-
fermyng, shold stond ferme and stable for evermore, he
strengthed his present chartir with his scale. These beynge
witnesses: ser Robert of Owotot, and Robert of Mucegres, ser
Patrik, and hereuyke de Cadurcijs, his brethren, ser Robert of
lustehilf and walrand of Bluntsdøn, Iohn the sone of walrand;
Maister Robert Mayngnard, than keper of the hous of Godestow,
and many other.

[140.] A writyng fro Pagan de Cadurcijs to ser Iohn
Chevereft, & cetera.

8 The sentence of this writyng was made fro Pagane de
Cadurcijs vnto ser Iohn of Cheverell, knyght, and to his heires
and his assignes who-so-ever thei were: Sendith gretyng in god,
where [to] the religious ladies Abbesse and Couent of Gode-
stow, by his charter, in pure and perpetueff almesse, x. mark of
yerely rent of yow for certeye ne tenementsis in the towne of
mayden Newton, which to hym ye were wonte to pay at
ij. termes in the yere at hauyngdøn to be taken, for hym and for
his heires, for evermore he yaf and assigned; [he bade] yow, and
by the tenour of this present writyng yaf in comamendment, that
fro hens forthe, of the payment of the forseid rent at the same
termes and place to be made, vnto the forseid Religious or to
theire attorney, beryng thise lettres or ony other lettres of pro-
curacie, and with-out ony defaute be ye intendaunte, in full
payment makynge. In witnesse wherof to thise present lettres,
he put to his scale. The date is at Godestow, in the day of
seynt kenelme kyng and martir. The yere of our lord god a
thousand two hundred and Seventy.

[141.] *A Confirmation of Patrick de Cadurcijs con-
fermyng to the myncions of Godestow the forseid
x. mark of yerely rent.

The sentence of this confirmation is, that Patrik de Cadurcijs
Sendith gretyng in god: know ye vs that we have beholden the
Charter of ser Pagane our brother in thisse wordes: 'Be hit
knowen to aift maner of men to whom this present writyng shall
come to, that I pagane de Cadurcijs yaf, graunted; and by my
present charter confirmed; to god and to the chireche of our lady
seynt marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the

on his
mother's
mother's
anniver-
sary.

Letter by
Pain de
Chaworth,
directing
his tenant,
Sir John de
Cheverell,
to pay to
Godestow
the quit-
rents of
£6 1s. 4d.
due from
his free-
holds, as in
no. 139.
[Hullaving-
don, co.
Wils.]

* leaf 221.
1283,
June 6.

Confirmation
to
Godestow,
by Patrick
de Chaworth (died
1283),
of his
brother
Pain's
mynchons the serveynge god and to serve for ever, for the helth of my soule and for the soule of Hawyse me modir and for all myne auncetours and successours, in fre pure and perpetuall almesse, x. mark of yerely rent at Hauyn Devon at two termes in the yere to be taken for evermore: that is to sey, at Estir v. mark, And at the fest of seynt Migheff v. mark, and this of ser Iohn Chevereft and his heires for dyuerse tenementis which the seid Iohn held of me in the towne of Mayden Newton: To 8 have and to hold, all the forseid' rente, of liym and his heires, to the forseid' mynchons and to ther successours, in fre pure and perpetuall almesse for evere. And I the forseid Pagane and myne heires all the forseid' rent of x. mark, to the forseid' mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all maner of peple shaff warrantije acquyte and defende for evermore. I will also and ordeyne that of the forseid' rent the Couent haue yerely viij. mark, vnto their clothynge; and a marke vnto a pytaunce in the 16 day of the obite of hawise his modir, And a marke to a pytaunce in the day of the obite of Eve his graunt dame: So that the Abbesse or her Steward shall do none other thyng with the forseid' rent nor chaunge nor make ordenaunce. And that this my yifte, graunte, and charter confermyng, ferme and stable and vnhurt shaff abide for ever, this present charter I have I-strengthened with the prynte of my seale. These beynge wittnesse: ser Robert de Tybetot and ser Robert Musegrose, ser Patrik, and hereuyke de Cadurcijs his brethred, And many other. This forseid' yifte and graunte to stond ferme and stable for vs and for our heires, this present writyng we conferme. In wittesse wherof, to this present writyng we have put to our seale. These 28 beynge wittnesse: the worshipfulle Fadre Peter, bishop of Exeter, ser Richard of Colleshyft, ser Robert of Luffeteshuff, and ser Iohn walrand, knyghtis, Roger of wrytteft, and many other. The date is at Chynemareford, in the fest of whitsontyde, The 32 yere of the regne of king Edward pe xjth.

[Peter Quirol, bishop of Exeter, 1280–1291.]
Cheverell, knyght, and to his heires, and to his assigneis, what-so-ever thei be: Send' gretynge in our lord' god; wher, [to] the Religious ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestow, ser Pagane de Cadurcijs, our brother, by his charter, in pure and perpetuel almesse, x. mark of yerely rent at hauyngdoñ to be taken, for hym and his heires, yaf and graunted' and assigned': which forseid' yfte by our writyng we conferme; and vnto yow by this present writyng yeve in comauandement that fro hens forthe vpon the payment * of the forseid' rent at the forseid' termes to the forseid' Religious or to their attorney with-out any dificulte that ye take hede and full payment that ye make. In witnesse 12 wherof, to this present writyng We have put to our scale, and to perpetuel memorie thise our presentis we have made our lettres patentis. The date is at Chynemareford, in the fest of whitsondtype, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the 16 xjth.

[143.] *A covenaunte bitwene the Abbesse of Gode- stow and Alexandre Cheverell, sone of ser Iohn of Cheverell, knyght.

The sentence of this covenaunte is made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestow and the Couent of the same place of that one partie, and *Alexandre, sone and heire of Iohn Cheverell, knyght, on that other partie: That is to sey, that where-as Pagane de Cadurcijs to the forseid' Abbesse and Covent and their monastorie graunted' and yaf by his charter x. mark of yerely rent which he was wonte to have of the forseid' ser Iohn Cheverell, knyght, of dyuerse tenementis the which he held' of hym in Mayden Newnton, to be takeñ of hym to ser Pagane and his heires in the maner of Hauyndoñ where the same Iohn and his heires the forseid' rent shold' paye by his fessemente:

And afterward' ser Patrik' of Cadurcijs, brother and heire of the forseid' ser Pagane, by his charter, assigned' the forseid' Alexandre and his heires and assignes and all other that shold' hold' the forseid' tenementis that in aft wise to paye the forseid' rent to the forseid' Abbesse and Couent and to there Monastery afors- seid; So that to them forthwith to aunswere of the seid' rent. And the forseid' Abbesse, with one wille and assent of her Covent

Dorsetshire : Newton

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Chaworth, directing his tenant Alexander of Cheve- rell, to pay the rent-charges (as in no. 141), to Godstow.

* leaf 222.

[Cinder- ford, Gloucestershire.]

* leaf 220. A.D. 1283.

Agreement between Godstow, * leaf 220, back.
and Alexander of Cheverell, as to pay- ment of his rent-charge of £6 13s. 4d, (as in no. 139 and no. 141),
Dorsetshire: Newton

at Water-
eaton
manor near
Crikldae,
Godeslow
undertak-
ing to en-
tertain the
person who
brings the
money,
and pro-
mising to
claim no
'relief' or
other feudal
service,
and agree-
ing to
collect the
rent-charge
from the
holder's
guardians
during a
minority,
* leaf 221.

and Alex-
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Cheverell
subjecting
all his
Maiden
Newton
property
to distrain
t for said
rent-
charge.
aforseid; and in like wise of the assente of the forseid' Alexandre, assigned' the forseid' Alexandre and his heires and his assignes a certeyne place, that is to sey, at their Maner of Eton next Crikldae, to the payment of the forseid' rent there eve ry yere at 4 the termes to be made: So that the messanger that bryngith that rente thedir shaft have there all his expenses, by the same day and nyght, And more-over as longe as he abidith for the acquytance. And also they promysed, and bounden hem-self 8 and their house, to the forseid' Alexandre and to his heires and to his assignes, that thei ayenst all peple shaft acquyte and save harmelasse the seid' Alexandre and all other of the rent aforseid; yt hit happith therfor to be vexed 15 or troubled. And 12 also they shold not aske of the forseid Alexandre neither of his heires nother of his assignes, neither Relif nor other service, saaf only the forseid' rent fro yere in-to yere of x. marke. And yt hit happe that ony of the heires of the forsaied' Alexandre or 16 of his assignes or the heires of their heires to be in the kepyng and warde of the Chief lordis of that fee, of the which they hold 7 or shalle hold the forseid' tenementis by a knyght service, the forsai de Abbese and Couent, duryng the same kepyng of the 20 hondes of theyme that shaft hold the seid' tenementis, the seid' rent shaft 16 receive, So that the same heires whan that thei come to theire lawful age in no wise stonde bounden or be distreyneyd 17 for the arreragis therof, what-so-ever it be; Saaf 24 when they ben come to their lawful age, afterward for them-

self be bound to pay hit. And the forseid' Alexandre wolleth and grauntith, for hym, his heires, and his assignes, that all the other londes and tenementis that he holdith in Maiden Newton 28 [be bound] to the forsaid' Abbesse and Couent and to ther monas-
tery aforseid; [for] the forseid' yerely rent of x. mark, to be taken 32 yerely of all his londis and tenementis aforseid for evermore atte termes aforseid', that is to sey, the one half therof atte fest of 32 seynt Mighell and that other half atte fest of the Annunciation of our Lady at the forseid' Maner of Eton next Crikldae, as it is aforseid'. And yt hit happe that the forsaid' Alexandre, or his heires, or his successour who-so-ever thei be, to faile 36 of the payment of the forseid' rent, in parte or in all, at ony of the seid' termes, than it shaft be lefull to the forseid' Abbesse and Couent them that so faileth for the arreragis
Dorsetshire: Newton

therof in all the forseide tenementis and all catalles that therin may be founde resonably to distreyne, as hit was leful to the forseide ser Pagane and to his heires and his assignes, yf the rent aforseide thei held in their owne hondes. In witnesse wherof the parties aforseide to this present writynge, endented enterchaungeably, have sette to her scales. These beyng witnesse: ser Robert of Meysy, ser Richard of Ryvers, ser Iohn 8 Goolofure, ser Iohn walrand, ser william of Bluntesdon; knyghtis, and many other.

[143*. Quitrents1 at Maiden Newton.]

*Memorandum* the yere and Reyne of kyng hary the viijth after the Conquest the xj yere, of the Rent of Maydyn Newton

12 in dyuers parsell.

1 Item: of thomas Frome for ij tenementys .

Item: the heyrys of Iohn Chevereiff for on tenement . . . . . . . .

16 Item: Wylyam Cosere for ij akers & iiij rodyss and on close .

Item: Iohn Obley & Wylyam Edwardys for² bowe j lond for x acre of Arabyff lond callyd Bordlond with pastur for a c schype .

Item: Rychard Rowlond for v akers of Arabyff lond withx pastur for xl schip . .

Item: the same Rychard Rowlond for j close .

24 Item: Iohn baker & Edward Baker bowe for on tenement callyd bordlond with pastur for cccc schep . . . .

Item: for the Abbot of Ceryûn for a tenement callyd Bottreau . . . . xxxvijij s. v d.

The *Summa* of the holle vj li. xiiiij s. j d:

ye most haue yt of my lord schuse and my lord storstoû and the abbott of seryû³, and ye may strayne on for aûf, and aûf for onû, the hoff sum vj li. xiiij s. iiij d, wyche Eovyndese⁴ haue byn seynû, xj yere of kyng hary the viij.

1 This scribbling is the last writing in the MS. ² Possibly = 'bothe for.' ³ Possibly Zouch, Stourton, Cerne. ⁴ evidences.
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[Bourton.]

[Note.—The witnesses to this deed (in the Exchequer MS.) are Adam, Walerand, Jordan, and Walter, priests of Godstow; Thomas, priest of Dalesforde; Symon, of Suelle; Herebert, of Bradewell; Ralph, of Suelle; William, of Bageherste. These, according to custom, appear to be the clerics of the parishes Daylesford, Upper Swell, Broadwell, and Lower Swell which are next Bourton-on-the-hill. Donnington is a hamlet, somewhat to the north of Upper Swell and Broadwell. The benefaction seems later than Pope Celestine III's confirmation, 1192, and to have been alienated before pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio, 1291.]

* Chartur of william of Doninton of a yerdelonde in Bourton.

The sentence of this chartur is pat william of Doninton, pe sone of Iohn of bourton, bi pe consente of his heiris, gaf & grauintid; & confirmid' wip his chartur, to god & to pe churche of ouir ladi & of seinte Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons per seruinge god; in-to pure fre & perpetuel almis, for pe helpe of his sowe & of his wife & of his modur & of his children, with his dowhter Isabet, j. yerde of londe in bourton, pe whiche pe heiris of wido his vncl helde as heire, of 8 pe whiche thei sholde pay yerli to pe fore-seid minchons of Godestowe v. shillings vj. d; of whiche pe fore-seid minchons sholde pay oute yerli bi his hondis & his heiris to pe abbot of Eynisham xviiij. d; for all seruice pat longith to pat londe; & if hit falle pat pe heiris of wido faile, pe fore-seide londe sholde turne & abide fre & louse to pe churche of Godestowe, sauinge pe fore-seide seruice of pe abbot of Eynysham. Also he & his heiris sholde warantijpe to pe fore-seide Minchons pe fore-seide 16 londe for euir; & is with-oute date.

* The Latin has 'Euesham.'
[Cherrington, and Charlton in Tetbury Parish.]

[Note.—The document is incomplete, a leaf being lost. In the Latin Register (Exchequer MS.) there is no mention of this estate. The gift is later than the 1291 valuation of pope Nicholas IV. In 1540 Godstow was receiving (Monast. iv. 375) from it £1 14s. from the customary tenants and £3 5s. 8d. from the freeholds, and paying out 6s. 8d. for the bailiff's fee.]

[145.] *A Charter of Annore, somtyme the wyf of
Hugh Mortemere, confermyng to the mynchons of
Godestow Cheryngton and Charleton.*

The sentence of this Charter is, that Annore, somtyme the
wyf of ser hugh Mortymer, in her fre wedowhode and of her
owne wille and of her fre mariage, yaf, graunted; and by her
present charter confermed; to god and to our Lady seynt Marie
and to the chircle of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to
the holy mynchons ther servyng god, for the helthe of her soule
and of her lord: ser hugh Mortymere her husband; and for her
4 fadirs and modirs soule and for the soules of aff her auncetours
and successours, Raaf, bondman, of Cumbe, and Gonynlde his
wyf, with aff thire sequele; and Emme, wedow, of Cheryngton,
with aff her sequele; and Roger, the sone of Aleyne, bondman,
and Alice his wyf, with aff ther sequele; and Walter, the sone
of Hulyne, bondman, and Godihold his wyf, with aff their
sequele; and aff the rentis and service which william, the sone
of Helye, of Charleton, and Geffrey of Cheryngton, and Robert
of westropp, and Hugh Smyth of Charlton, and Iohn Everard,
of Charleton, with-in the parisshe of Tedbury, which to hym thei
ought and vset to make; with aff the londes of the bondmen,
with relefs, and heriettis, mariagis, Eschetis, and riafft services,
and with aff other rentis and thyngis which gone out or may
gone out of the forsaid lond: To have and to hold; to the fors-
seid mynchons of Godestowe, frely and quyety, in pure and
perpetuēl almes, with aff the forseid bondmen and their tene-
mentis, and with aff the services of the fre tenanntis, and aff
other pertynentis, with-out any with-holdyng.

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[DAGLINGWORTH.]

[Note.—The pension of 2s. paid by this church to Godstow is mentioned in pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio, 1291, and was still paid at the dissolution, 1540 (Monast. iv. 375).]

* leaf XXVI or 37. About 1150. Grant to Godstow by Ralph Bloet, of the advowson of the church.

[146.] * Chartur of Raph bloet for the churche of Daglingworthe.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat Raph bloet gaf, & grauntid; to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þer seruinge god; his churche of Daglingworth, wipe a† his pertinences, into 4 perpetuel almis, for þe helpe of his sole & of his predecessours, freli & quietli fro a† seculer seruice: & is with-out date.

[Note.—Witnesses are Matthew, archdeacon of Gloucester (died 1177); Robert of Meisi; Robert of Everci, &c.]

* leaf XXVI or 37, back. About 1150. Confirmation to Godstow by the donor's brother Walter Bloet, of no. 146.

[147.] * Chartur of watur bloet confirmino þe gyfte of þe churche of Dalingworpe.

The sentence of þis chartur is, pat watur bloet gaf & grauntid; & confirmid; with his writinge, to goð & to þe s churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestow, & to þe minchons þer seruinge god; for þe helpe of his sole & of his aunceturs & successours, þe gyfte þe whiche sire Raph bloet, his brother, made to hem & confirmid; with his writinge, Also 12 the churche of Dalingworpe, with a† his pertinens, in-to puþ & perpetuel almis: & þat his graunt shold be sure, he put to his seele: & is with-out date.

About 1220. Confirmation to Godstow, by the donor's nephew

[148.] Chartur of william bloet confirmino þe same gyfte a-fore of the churche of Dalingworpe.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat william bloet, for þe sake 16 of charite & loue, for his owne helpe & for þe sowlis of his aunceturs & successours, grauntid; & confermid; with his writinge, to god & to þe churche of our ladi and seint Iohn

1 Witnesses: (the donor) Ralph Bloet, and Stephen of Silcestria.
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baptiste of Godestowe & to his minchons bere seruinge god; he churche of Dalingworpe, with all his pertinences, in-to pure & perpetuel almis, fre & quiete fro aft seculer servuce & exaccion, as his vnclcs Raph & Walter bloet gaf & grauntid & confirmid to his fore-seide minchons, as her charturs wittnessin: & that his gifte & confirmacion sholde a-bide stable & firme, he put to his seele to his present writinge: & is with-out date.

[149.] *Confirmacion of Raph prior of wircetur general vicari of Roger bisshopp of wircetur for his churche of Dalingworth.

8. The sentence of this confirmacion is, that when Raph, prior of wircetur, kepide his stede of Roger, bisshoppe of wircetur, Raph bloet 2, knyht, grauntid & confirmid, in his presence of his seid prior & of mathewe, archedecum of gloucetur, to his abbas & to his monys of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, his churche of Dalingworth, in-to perpetuel almis, in seid chapitir of his clerkes of cicetur: his same raph also, bi his autorite that he had, confirmid to his fore-seid churche, abbas, & minchons, his fore-seid gifte, & strengthid hit by his ordre of his writinge, & bi settinge to of his seele; & is with-out date.

[150.] Conuencion I-made bi-twene his churche of Godestowe & Iohn of Cundewelle vppon his churche of Dalingworpe.

This was his convencion bi-twene his churche of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & Iohn of Cundewelle, clerke, vppon his churche of Dalingeworth: that he fore-seid Iohn sholde have to pension j. besaunt or ij. shillings yerli with-in his vutas of seint Iohn baptiste, in the name of his fore-seid churche of Dalingworpe, to be paid at Godestowe: & to his coenaut to be holde his fore-seid Iohn made an othe bodili in his presens of his Abbas & of all his counte & of many oper feipful men, cuin as he had made

2 The re-grant by the donor was possibly due to some confusion caused by the frequent vacancies in the see, bishop Simon dying in 1148; bishop John Pagham, in 1157; and bishop Alfred, in 1160.
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and oath of fealty to Godstow.

* leaf XXVI or 37, back. About 1200.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Maugere, bishop of Worcester (1199-1212), of no. 149.

[151.] *Chartur of Maunsel* 1 bisshoppe of wyrcetur confirminge the same gifte of pe churche of Dalingworthe.

The sentence of pis confirmacion [is], pat Mansel, bisshope of worcetur, willid & acceptid wilfulli gifte pat Raph bloet made to pe church & to pe holi minchons of Godestowe of pe churche of Dalingworpe, pe which pe seid Raph grauntid to 12 hem, in-to pur & perpetuell almis, & walter bloet his broder confirmid to hem, as he had sei bi her charturs: & pis gifte Raph, sumtime prior of wyrcetur, kepinge pe stede of goode william 2 sumtime bisshoppe of wyrcetur, Also confirmid hit to 16 hem: per-fore pat pis gifte myht bide firme & stable in time to come, he decreid, with pis present writinge, to confirme hit vndur pe witnes of his seele, & willid & ordeinid, bi the autorite pat he was 3 bisshoppe, pat pe fore-seid minchons sholde 20 take of pe fore-seide churche pe same pension pat pei wer 4 wonid to take in pe timis of his predecessours, pat is to sei, j. gilden or twei 4 shillings yerli, in pe feste of seint Mihel, to be paid to hem, sauinge to him & to his successors pe ryht pat 24 longyth to pe bisshoppe 5.

* leaf 152, back. 1225, April.

[152.] *A fynait acorde I-made bitwene William Bluet and felice Abbesse of Godestowe for the avowry of the churche of dalyngworth.*

Quit-claim to Godstow,

The sentence is pat a fynal acorde was I-made, in the kynges courte at westmynster, fro the day of Ester into a monthe, the

1 In error. The Latin has 'Mauger.'
2 In error. The Latin has 'Roger, of good memory, formerly bishop of Worcester.'
3 Read 'had as.'
4 The figures 'ii.' are written over the word.
5 Witness: W. de Verdun, archdeacon of Gloucester.
ix yeere of the reign of kyng Henry the sonne of kyng Ioyn, afore martyr of patishift, *Thomas of Muleton, Thomas Heydo, Robert Lexynto, Geffrey Sauuage, and other trew men of the kyngis there at that tyme being present, bitwene William Bluet¹, axer, and Felice, Abbesse of Godstowe, defforce, by Absolon, Chapeleyo, I-put in her stede to gete or to lese, of the Avowrye of the chirch of Dalyngworth, wherof hit was I-pleyd² 8 bitwene hem in the same Courte: that is to say, that the forsai’d William [knowliched] the avowry of the saide chirch to be the right to the same Abbesse and to ther chirch of Godstowe, and relese’d hit, and quyte-claymed; of hym and of his heires, to the same abbesse and abbessis the which shold succede to her; and to her chirch of Godstowe for ever. And for this recognicion, relese, quyte-clayme, fyne, and acorde, the same Abbesse receieved the same William and his heires in all benefitis and 16 prayers that shold be do afterward in the chirche of Godstowe.

[153. Presentation by Godstow to the rectory of Daglingworth.]

*Reuerendo in christo patri et domino domino Siluestro dei gracia Wigorniensci episco, eiusue vicario in spiritualibus generali, vestre humiles et deuote in christo filie, Isabella ²⁰ Braynton, permissione diuina monasterij beate marie virginis et sancti iohannis baptiste de godstow abbatissa, et eiusdem loci conventus ordinis sancti benedicti lincolniensis diocesis, omnimos obedientias et reuerencias tanto patri debitas cum honore. Ad rectoriam ecclesie parochialis sancti iacobii de daglyngworthe dicte Wigorniensic diocesis, per resignacionem Magistri Iohannis Wilcokes vitalmi rectoris eiusdem vacantem, et ad nostram presentacionem pleno iure spectantem cum omnibus suis iuribus et pertinencijs vnuersis, Salua nobis annua pensione vnus bizanie vel duorum solidorum infra octauas natuittatis sancti iohannis baptiste, nomine predicte ecclesie de Daglyngworth, apud Godstow predictam per rectorem soluendo-rum, ac eciam pensione quadam annua cuidam Magistro thome heywode in decretis bacallario quondamque rectori ibidem, videlicet, quadraginta solidorum ad duos anni terminos per

¹ See no. 148. ² ‘vestro’ is written over ‘eius’ as a correction.
eundem rectorem predicto Magistro heywode soluendorum, videlicet ad festa annunciacionis beate marie virginis et sancti michaelis archangeli per equales porciones, omnimodo salua, Dilectum nobis in christo Dominum I. A. Capellanum vestre 4 reuerende paternitati intuitu caritatis presentamus Supplicantes humiliter et denote quatenus predictum Dominum Iohannem ad rectoriam ecclesie parochialis de Daglyngworth sepdictam admittere velitis ipsumque rectorem in eadem canonice instituere 8 dignemini graciose Ceteraque peragere et facere que vestro in hac parte incumbunt officio pastorali. Datum in domo nostra capitulari sub sigillo nostro communi xxv die mensis maij Anno domini MCCCCD ix.

[Leaf 223, back, is blank.]

[DUNTISBORNE.]

[154.] *Chartur of Raph bloet for pe church of dantesburne.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Raph bloet gaf, & grauntid, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to pe churcbe of Godestowe & to pe holi minchons pere seruinge god, her churcbe of dantesburne, with aff his pertinens, in-to perpetuel almis, for 16 pe helpe of his sowle & of his pre*decessours, freli & quietli fro aff secular service: & is with-out date.

[155.] Chartur of Raph bloet, of his modur, & brethryne, to Iohn bisshoppe of vicetur for pe monasteri of Dancesburne.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Raph bloet, his modur, & brepyrn, willid' to be knowe to Iohn, bissoppe of wyrcetur, & 20 to his archedecuns & denis, pat pei had' grauntid' pe monasterij of Dantesburne, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn & to pe count of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis, pe whiche monasteri was of his patronage & of his fee: furpermore pei pried for pe 24 louse of god pat pe fore-seide bissoppe archedecuns & denis

Witnesses: Matthew, archdeacon of Gloucester (died 1177), Robert of Meisi, &c., and the chapter of Cirencester (Scirincestrie).

1 In the Latin (Exchequer MS.) 'Dag-lingworth' in the rubric, but 'Dantesburne' in the text.

2 'monasterium de Dantesburne.' Monasterium = church.
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wold grant his, & command to seysonne hem in hit, for he fore-namid' Raph & his brethirn sette here sistur to serve god & seint Iohn: & is with-oute date.

[FRAMPTON ON SEVERN.]

[156.] *Chaunter* of walter clifford of Framton for pe mille here & a litil mede.

The sentence of his evidene is, that walter clifford grantid & gafe, for he helpe of his sowle & for he sowlis of his wife Margaret clifford & of his dowhter Rosamunde & oper frendis & predecessours, to pe churche of Godestowe & to pe minchons per servinge god; his mille of framton with all his pertinences, & [a] litil mede liinge vnur pe mille, pat is callid lechtun, in-to pur & perpetuel almis, freli & quietli fro aff exaccion & demaunde, sauinge pe griste of his owne howsholde the which sholde be quiet to him & to his heirs of pe tolne; & of his salte in Whiche with all pe pertinences, he grantid & gafe also, in-to pur & perpetuel almis, perpetuelli to be holde, as freli & quietli as euir he helde hit whenne *pat he helde hit beste. This gifte made he, with pe consent & assent of pe kinge & his heirs: & walter clifford pe yungu?, pe sone & heire of walter clifford a-fore-seide pe whiche made his gifte, grantid hit euin as his sadur grantid & gaf hit. Also he confirmid hit with his scele for euir: & is with-oute date.

[157.] Chartur of walter clifford for pe mille of framton euin pe same pat is a-fore.

[158.] Chartur of richard clifford for pe mille of framton.

The sentence of his chartur is, pat richard clifford grantid, & confirmid, to god & to pe howse of Godestowe & to pe holi minchons here servinge god; pe mille of framton with all his pertinences, in-to pure & perpetuel almis. Furpermore he gaf &

1 A slip for 'charter.' Printed in Monast. iv. 366.
2 'quoddam pratellum.'
3 Omit 'of.'
Frampton, the donor's second son, of no. 156, and grant of the tol (exempted in no. 156).

[159.] Anop er acordinge to pe same, almo ste worde for worde.

[160.] Ageiniste pe vicari of framton for pe tithis of pe mille pere.

The sentence of pis evidence is, pat pope Gregori sende a delegaci to pe priores of lantoñ & of seint Oswalde, & to pe dene of Glouceutiñ, of worcetuñ diocese, pat pei sholde here 8 Stepheñ, vicari of Framton, plaine, & pei abbas, defendaunt, vppon tithis & oper thinges pat pe seide abbas & oper wrongin him; also ende hit lawfulli, aftur pat pei haue knowe pe cause bitwene hem, appele sette a-side; & pat pat pei decreid'pat pei make hit sureli to be kept: witnes pat bin callid' namid'; if pei withdrawe hem for fauor drede or haterad; pat pei be constreinid'bi pe censure of pe churche, appele cesinge, to sei pei trewthe; & if pei aß miht not be at pe doinge of pis, at pe leste 16 yet tweine sholde execute pis maundement: the date at rome, at Seint petuñ, pe viij idus of aprille, pe secunde yere of his popehode. pe abbas of Godestowe & pe couent I-callid'a-fore hem bi the autorite of pis maundement, whenne pat pei seide vicare askid'pe tithis of pe mille of framton bi pe commun lawe in pe name of pe church of framton a-fore hem of pe fore-seide abbas & couent pat pei sholde be assinid'to him; pe contrari parte seide ageine, pat pei were wrongfulli vexid' vppon pese 20 pinges, for asmuche as pei were I-privilegid'specialli of pe pope pat pei sholde pai no tithis of here millis. Thus aß pinges lawfulli I-do, aftur pei had'sei pe tenowre of pe foreseide privileges, & considerid'pat pei were wrongfulli I-callid' & vexid' bi lawe ageiniste 28 here privileges for to pai pe tithis of here millis, & pat pei wer exempte bi the auctorite of pe pope, pe a‰oild'hem fro pe fore-seide impeticion for cause of here privilege & bi pe counell of wise men; & put pe vicari a‰o-seide, pat vexid' hem for pe fore- 32 seide tithis, to silence: & in-to witnes of pis pei put to here see lis.
[161. Title absent.]

The sentence of pis endunture is, pat pe xxxij. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde, vpon seint margaretes dai virgin, hit was a-cordid* bitwene pe religius ladiis, dame Ali3 Gorges, bi pe grace of god* abbass of Godestowe, & pe couent of pe same place of pe on parte, & william of Framton, I-callid* carpinter, of pe oper: pat is to sei, pat pe fore-seide abbass & couent gaf grauntid* & toke to pe seide william & to his heiris here mille of framton, with all his pertinences, seutis, & libertes, to be hadi & to be holde, to him & to his heiris, freli quietli & for rilt heritage for euere, of pe chife lordis of pe fee, doinge to hem services dewe perof & I-wonid; painge perof yerli to pe seide religius ladiis xxx. shillingis of siluer, pat is to sei, at candelmasse, xv. shillingis, & at midsomur, xv. shillingis, for all services & secular demaundis: & pe fore-seide religius abbass & couent warantized* & defendid* to pe fore-seide william & to his heiris or assinis pe fore-seide mille with all his pertinences bi pe fore-seide services of xxx. shillingis: & if hit happinde pat pe fore-seide william cese in his paiment, in all or in parte, or pat pe fore-seide mille be drownid; brennid; or distruid* bi defaute of amendinge to be do here-aftur in oni wise, he bounde himselfe his heiris & all his londis & tenementes pat he hadi or miht haue in pe towne of framton & in all oper places in pe shire of Gloucetwr & also in all pe sheres of Inglonde to pe distressinge of pe attornei of pe seide religius women abbass & couent pat he miht distresse & kepe the distressis or sille hem also ofte as hit is cesid in pe paiment of pe seide rent, & pat pe fore-seide attornei (pe wiche pat pe seide religius women sende or make attornei bi hep opin writings) haue of pe goodis of pe seide william for euri distreininge I-made j halfe marke for her harmis & expenses. In-to witnes of pis, pei put to pis writinge endentid* heri seelis, euirich a-geiniste oper: & is with-oute date.


The sentence of pis composicion is pis, pat how william I-callid* carpinter, of pe towne of framton, gaf to Robert fitz godtow, of
pagane lorde of þe same towne, & confirmid bi his chartur of 
seffinge, j watur mille, with þe ponde, close, & pasture liinge 
per-to, & with þe seute of grindinge, & ait oper pertinences, in 
þe fore-seide towne, to be had & to be holde, to him & to his 4 
heiris or assinis as hit is fulli contined in his fore-seide chartur, 
for þe whiche mille þe same william a-fore was wonid to pai to 
þe ladi abbas and count of Godestowe, he willid to be knowe 
þat he was I-bounde bi þis present writinge for him-selfe & for 8 
his heiris all his maner of framton, with his mille perwith a-fore- 
seide, to pai þe xxx. shillings a-fore-seide of yerli rent 1 to þe fore- 
seide abbas of Godestowe & to þe count of þe same place fro 
ye? in-to yere, & for to kepe þe fore-seide william harmeles he? 12 
after for euir fro ait hurtes distreininges or greuis þerof. In-to 
witnes here-of his seele was hangid to þis writinge. The date 
at wode Eton, þe iiiij. dai of aprile, þe v. ye? of þe rcine of kinge 
Edwarde þe sone of kinge Edwarde.

[Gloucester City.]

[1. Deeds referring to a pension 2 out of St. Mary 
le Crypt church.]

[163.] *A evidence of xl shillings of rent in Glouceter.

The sentence of this evidence is, þat Robert, by the grace 
of God bysshop of exetur, 3af & grauntid to þe holy monchons 
of Godestow xl. shillings in-to perpetuel almys 3erly, þat is 
to say, in owre lady church of Gloucetur xx. shillings, and 20 
in the church of faryndoþ xx shillings. These beyng wytynys 
Stephyn, kynge of Inglonde; Theobald, Archebysshop of 
Caunterbyry, & mony other. And is with-owte [date].

[164.] A pension of Seynt mary chirch of Glouceter.

The sentence of this wrytyng [is], þat in þe church of seynte 24 
Nicholas of gloucetur, the saturday next after þe feste of seynte 
Fyde virgine, The 3ere of owre lorde a thowsande two hundred

1 At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was 
still receiving £1 10s. from Frampton
mills. 2 This pension was still paid to Godstow 
at the dissolution, 1540 (Monast. iv. 375).
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fowre score And nyne, A-fore he official of wyrechtur, whas a sentence diffinitif I-3ef, by-twene thabbesse and here Couent of pe oon parte & syre Gregorye, person of seynte marye towarde 4 pe sowth of Gloucetwr, pat pe same gregorye & euvrych & alle his successoures pat fore pe tyme helde pe sayde church were I-bounde euery zere to pe payment of the sayde 3erly pension; & also ofte as pe cesyd, pey to be campellyd to pat payment 8 by censur of pe church. And *to do this pe sayde gregorye, person of pe sayde church, agreying to pe fore-sayde sentence diffinitif, leyng & takyng the holy gospelys in his 1 handis, made a bodely vowe pat he wolde pay the foresayde pension 12 with-owte oony dilacion to thabbesse & couente of Godestow or to herc procutowrs in the feste of seynte myshel, Also longe as he leuyd & had pat church.

[2. Grant by Robert of Everci.]

[165.] *A charter of Robert Euersy of j tofte of Roddis and a mansion to Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, pat robert euersy, by the 16 [consent] of agas his wyfe & of his eyeris, 3æf & grauntyd his toft 2 of roddys, pat whas of turstane, Archedekun of glowcetwr, & A mansure or dwellyling place pat whas of robert Oisun, to god &c. & to pe holy mynchons there seruyng god, in-to 20 perpetuel almys, for pe helth of his sowle &c., frely & quiety. The[se] beynge wytnys & cetera.

[166.] A Charter of pe priour of seynt Oswaldes of Gloucester of ij shillings & j h of comyn.

The sentence of this charter is, pat wyliam, by the mercy of god prior of seynt oswalde of glowcetur, & his successouris 3, 24 & his couent, oft to pay 3erly, to thabbesse of Godestow & to here couent of the same place, for the londe with-owte Eluen-gate of Gloucetwr, the wyche robert of euersy yaf to pe church of Godestow, the which he helde of the sayde mynchons by 28 charter, ij. shillings of sterlynges & j f. of comyn at pe feste

1 MS. 'his his.'
2 Latin 'virgultum.'
3 This quit-rent seems lost before the dissolution.
of seynte hillary, & to pe kyng iiij. [shillings of] sterlynges for alle servuce, exaccion & demaunde. In-to wytnys of the which, he 3af to the sayde mynychons this present charter I-maade sure by the impreynyng of his [seele]. These beyng wytnys & cetera. 4

[3. Land acquired from Laurence, son of Richard.]

[167.] A charter of laurence fitz Richard of his lon de in Glouceter.

The sentence of this charter is, pat laurence fitz Richard fitz Iordan of Glouceter, in the wey of charite & for the helth of his sowle &c., 3af, graunted &c., in-to pure & perpetuel almys, aff pat londe pat his fadur Richard fitz Iordan bought of raph pynel, the which lyeth by-twene the londe summe tyme of thomas plecche & wyllyam hoyen, in pe grete strete afore the churche of seynte nycholas, to be holde and to be had, welle and in pece, Worschipfully frely quietly fro afl seculer custome & exaccion; And pe foressayde laurence fitz Richard fitz iordan & his eyeris warantijed to pe foressayde holy mynychons the foressayde londe Agaynste alle men & women, & Aquited the langabul: pese beynge &c. And is with-owte 16 date.

[168.] Julian abbesse of Godstow graunted to laurence fitz Richard, & cetera.

The sentence of this evidence is, pat Julian, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, & alle here couent, 3af & grauntyd & with þere charter confermyd to laurence fitz Richard fitz Iordan, for his homage & service, þere londe þat þey had in þe towyn of Glouceter þe which Richard fitz Iordan fadur of the foressayde laurence bought of Ranulph pynel, the which lyeth by-twene þe londe summetyme of thomas plecch & wylliam hoyen in the grete strete a-fore the churche of seynte Nicholas, to be holde & to be for ryȝht heritage, welle & in pece, frely & quietly, payyng þerof ȝerly to here & to here successoures v skyllings of syluer for þe service & custome longyng to þem, þat is to say, at þe feste of seynte hillary. These beyng wytnys & is with-owte date.
[4. Lands acquired from Walter, the writer.]


The sentence of his chartur is, pat Richard Ticedwell gaf, grauntid, & confirmid with his writinge, to walter scripotor otherwise writer of pe abbei of Gloucetur, vj. acris of arable 4 londe & iiij. acris of mede, of his londe pe whiche he hilde of pe abbot & coutent of Gloucetur: pat is to sei, iiij. acris of arable londe towarde pe kinges haft, pe whiche turnin\(^1\) to pe kinges hi wei, pe whech Gladewine fuller hilde of him; 8 & ij. acris at longeforde, tho twine, pat is to sei, pat lien bitwene pe londe pat walter Grute hilde of him & pe londe of Raph auenel; & ij. acris of mede in waltham, tho twine, pat is to sei, pat lien bitwene pe kinges mede & pe abbottes 12 mede of Gloucetur, & j acre of mede in londemede: to be holde & to be had all po acris a-fore namid; of him & of his heiris, to him & to his heiris for euer, for xij d' yerli to be paide to him & to his heiris in too termis, half at estur & half at mihelmas: & Richard & his heiris warantid to pe fore-seide walter & to his heiris & to whom-so-euir he wolde aftur him of pe fore-seide acris ageinste all men, bi pe fore-seide seruice I-do, acquitid of all services & seculer demaundis. For this gifte & graunte, pe fore-namid walter gaf to him a-fore-handis x. marke of siluer to acquite him of pe Iuis of Gloucetur. And for as muche po he wolde pat hit sholde be sure, he confirmide hit with pe impression of his seele: and is with-oute date.

[170.] *A charter of Walter Scriptor Writer of vj. acris of arable lond & iiij. acris of mede.

The sentence of this writyngis, pat water scripotor or wryter saf graun[tyd] & confermyd by his charter &c., as a-bove, syxe acris of Arable londe & thre acris of mede, the which he helde by heritage of Richard of tycedewelle, pat is to say, fowre

\(^1\) Form for plural: cp. 142/1, 143/22.
acris of arable londe the which turnyn vppon the kyngys hye wey to pe kynges halle of gloucetur, & twey acris of arable londe: & so forth, as his conteynyd be-fore I-wryte.

* leaf XLIII or 54, back.
About 1210.
Confirma-
tion to
Godstow,
by Richard
Ticedewell,
as feudal
superior, of
the gift as
in no. 170,
quit-rent,
18.


The sentence of thys charter is pat Richarde Ticedewelle 4 grauntid, & by thys present charter confermyd, to god & to the churche of owre lady seynte marye & of seynte Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe mynychons per seruyng god, for the helth of his sowlw & of alle his aunceturs, syxe acres 8 of arable londe & thre acris of mede: pat is for to say, fowre acris of arable londe by the kynges hye wey towards the kynges halle of gloucetur; & twey acris of arable londe at longesford, the which lyen by-wen the londe of raph Anenel & the londe 12 pat water grute helde; & twey acres of mede in Walham; & oon acre in Londemede, the which acris aft water scriptor alias wryter helde as eyere of me. Al these acres he grauntid & confermyd, to be holde & held of hym & of his eyeris, frely 16 & quietly for euer, in-to pure & perpetuel almys, for xij. d. therly to be payid to hym & to his eyeris for aft services & secular demaundis, in two termys, halfe at pe annunciaciun of owre lady & halfe at my3helmasse. And Richard & his 20 eyeres warantizd to pe sayde howse of Godestowe aft pe fore- sayde agaynste aft men. And to make hit sure, he confermyd thys wrytyng by pe settyng to of his seele.

[172.] *A Charter of Richard Ticedewell made to the mynychons of Godestow of vj acres lond' & iiij of mede.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Richard Ticedewelle 24 grauntid, & confirmid bi his writinge, to god & to pe churche of ouir ladi & of seint Iohn Baptist of Godestowe & to pe minchons per seruinge god; for pe helpe of his soule & of all his aunceturs, vj acris of arable londe & iiij. of mede: 28 pat is to sei, iiij acris of arable londe bi pe kingses hi wei towards pe kingses halle of Gloucetur, & ij acris of the whiche gladewyne fuller helde of hym; & twey acris at lonke-
The sentence of this charter is that William Cherchesdon, and Edith his wyf [of] vj acris londe & iiij of meede.

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wylliam & his eyeris warrantied to pe foresayde mynchons
Alf pe foresayde acris agaynste alf men & women for euer:
& Aquited of alle services & exaccions pat were in that tyme
or myght chaunse afterwarde. And for this confirmacion the
foresayde mynchons of Godestow yaf to hym oon marke pat
is to say xij shillings iij d' to his grete nede & tweyn
cronockes¹ of corne, oon pat is to say of wete & anoper of rye.
In-to wytnys of this thyng; he toke pys present wytryng to 8
hem I-seelyd with his seele. Mony wytnys beyng present.

About
1220.

Perpetual
lease by
Godstow, to
St. Oswald's
priory, of
the lands
described
in the pre-
ceeding
deeds, on
condition
of paying
quit-rent to
Godstow,
ros. on
Jan. 13,
and quit-
rent of 1s.
to the feudal
superior,
and a fine
of 3s. if the
payment be
in arrears.
*leaf XLV
or 55, back.

[174.] A charter of amphelice abbesse of Godestow
of vj acris and iij acris.

The sentence of this charter is, that amphelice, by the grace
of god Abbesse of godestow, & pe covent of the same, with
consent & assent of alle the chapitre, for vs & alle owre 12
successours grauntyd to pe prior of seynte oswalde of glow-
cetur, & to pe covente of the same place, & to alle pere
successouris, syxe acres of arable londe &c. as in the charters
Afore, to be holde & to be had, of here & of here successouris, 16
to hym & to his successouris, frely & quietly for euer, 3edlyng
to here & to here successouris erly x shillings ² at the feste
of seynt hillary, And to wylliam of chirchesdoun & to edithe
his wyfe & to here eyeris xij, d' of sterlynges at two termys
of the xere, pat is to say, at pe Annunciation of owre lady
vj, d' & at myshelmasse vj d'; for all servuces & demandis as
they were wonyd & oftyd to pay. Furpermore pe fore-sayde
prior & chanouns & pere successouris scholde 3ef to pe forsayde 24
abbesse & mynchons iij. shillings of sterlynges for a payne,
with-owe Agayne-saying, if they esse in oony ty*me of
the payning of here rente. In-to wytnys of the which thyng,
they maade bytwene them A wrytyng in the maner of A 28
charter, Of whiche the sayde mynchons token to pe fore-sayde
chanouns oon perte I-selyd with pe sele of there church, &
ythe a3enwarde toke to pe fore namyd mynchons pe same
charter I-selyd with pere sele. These beyng wytnys &c. 32

¹ In the Latin ‘duos cronocos bladi.’
² This quit-rent of 10s. was still paid at
the dissolution in 1540 (Monast. iv. 375).

See crannock in New Engl. Dict.
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[5. Land given by Richard of the cellar.]

[175.] *Emma abbesse of Godestow graunted to John Blunt & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, pat dame Emma bluet, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestow, And pe couent of pe same place, with oon assent & consent, 3af graunted & confirmyd by wrytyng to John blunt, burgeys of Gloucetur, A grounde in gloucetur with howsys byldynges & with all pertinences, pat is to say, pat londe pat Richard of pe celer 1 of gloucetur 3af them in-to pure & perpetuel almys, & pat londe lyeth in 8 Ebrugestre[te] of gloucetur, bytwene pe londe of the foresayde Iohn blunt & pe londe sumametyme of Iohn ferur, to be had & to be holde with all his pertinences, to pe sayde Iohn blunte & to his eyeris or his assynys, freely quietly vterly & hole for euer, paying pere-of 3erly viij shillings of sterlynges 2, pat is to say, at myhelmasse iiij. shillings & at pe feste of owre lady in marche iiiij. shillings, for alle seurice, exaccion & demaunde pat mytht chaunse to them & to pe successours for pe sayde londe. Also pe same Iohn & his eyeris or his *Assynys scholde do to pe chef lordes of pat fee aff seurice pat longyd to them of pat londe. And pe foresayde mynchons of Godestow & pere successours warantid & defendid to pe sayde Iohn blunte and to his eyeris or to his assynys alle pe foresayde londe with his pertinences for euer. And if pe foresayde rente be not payid in the termys Aforesayde, hit scholde be lawfull to pe fore-sayde mynchons & to pere successouris, with-owte oony Agayne-saying of pe sayde Iohn blunte & of his eyeris or assynys, by there baillifs, what-so-euer pe be, to distreyne & nyme ypponalle pe tenement of the foresayde Iohn blunte in the towe of Gloucetur tylle pe foresayde rente be fully I-payid. And pat pys wrytyng scholde be sure & stable for euer, both partyes maade hit stronge by puttyng to pere seelys, euerych to ooper. pese beyng wytnys &c. And is wit-owte date.

16 for pe sayde londe. Also pe same Iohn & his eyeris or his *Assynys scholde do to pe chef lordes of pat fee aff seurice pat longyd to them of pat londe. And pe foresayde mynchons of Godestow & pere successours warantid & defendid to pe sayde Iohn blunte and to his eyeris or to his assynys alle pe foresayde londe with his pertinences for euer. And if pe foresayde rente be not payid in the termys Aforesayde, hit scholde be lawfull to pe fore-sayde mynchons & to pere successouris, with-owte oony Agayne-saying of pe sayde Iohn blunte & of his eyeris or assynys, by there baillifs, what-so-euer pe be, to distreyne & nyme ypponalle pe tenement of the foresayde Iohn blunte in the towe of Gloucetur tylle pe foresayde rente be fully I-payid. And pat pys wrytyng scholde be sure & stable for euer, both partyes maade hit stronge by puttyng to pere seelys, euerych to ooper. pese beyng wytnys &c. And is wit-owte date.

[176.] Mabil abbesse of Godestow viij. shillings of rent.

The sentence of this charter is, pat dame mabile Wafre, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestow, & pe covent of the same

1 This benefactor has not been mentioned elsewhere.
2 MS. 'of sterly of sterlynges.'
Richard of the garden, place, by the commune assente & consente, 3af, grauntid, & by there wrytyng confermyd, to Richarde, burgesys of Gloucetur, viij shillings of 3erly rente in Ebruggestrete, pe which Iohn blunte burges of Gloucetur whas in certeyn termys to paye to 4 them, to be had & to be holde to pe sayde Richard of Gardeyne & to his eyeris or assynys, frely &c. for euer, paying there of 3erly vij shillings of sterlynges, pat is to say, at my3helmasse iij shillings And at pe feste of owre lady in marche iij shillings, 8 for a£ service, exaccion & seculer demaunde. And pe sayde mynchons of Godestow & pere successoures warrantizd & defendid for euer to pe foresayde Richarde of Gardeyne, to his eyeris or assynys, the foresayde viij. shillings of 3erly rente 12 Agaynste A£ men levyng. And if pe fore-sayde rente in the foresayde termys were not payid, hit scholde be lefuff to them & to pere successoures, with-owte oony agayn-saying or lettyng of the sayde Richard of Gardeyne, his eyeris, or of his assynys, 16 by there bailliffs, what-so-euer pey be, to distreyne & to nyme vpon alle pe tenement of pe foresayde Richard of gardyne of Gloucetur, tyl pe foresayde rente be fully payid. And pat pys present wrytyng scholde be sure for euer, the bothe partyes 20 a-seelyd euerych to oper in pe maner of A charter, these beyng wytnys: & is with owte date.

[6. Houses and quit-rents bought with dame Rose la moyne’s money.]

[177.] *A evidence of Iohn of pershore all londis & tenementis in Gloucestre.

The sentence of this evidence is, pat Iohn of pershore, burgesis of gloucetur, 3af, grauntid, & confermyd by his charter, 24 in-to pure & perpetuel almys, to pe religious women ladyis abbes & mynchons to god &c., alle londes & alle tenementes & alle 3erly rentes pat he hadde or myght haue in pe grete place towards pe sowthtate of gloucetur, the wyche londes & tene- 23 mentes lyen & been by-twen pe londe pat whas sumtyme of water Cramich & pe smythys strete thorowgh pe which me[2] go] to pe castell fro pe grete place; Also A voyde grounde, the which streccyth hit selfe towards the sayde smythys strete: 32
to be holde & to be had, with all pere pertinences, of hym & of his eyeris or his assynys, to pere fore-sayde religous women & to pere succesourss, freely, quietly, purely & utterly, welle hole & pesybly for euer, paying there-of 3erly to hym & to his eyeris or to his assynys oon rose At pere feste of seynte Iohn baptiste at Glocutur in the sayde tenementes or in oon of the sayde tenementes whenne pere hym been conveniently requisityd or
8 Avid, & to pabbot of seynt petur of Glocutur ij. skillings, & to pere churche of seynte oolde in the same towne iij. skillings, for all services, customs, secular sewtes, exacctions & demandis. And pere fore-sayde Iohn perschore his eyeris or his assynys scholde warrantizhe to pere fore-myndyd religous women, & to pere succesourss, pere fore-sayde londes, tenementes, 3erly rentes, & growde, with alle pere pertinences, Agaynste aff dedly men & women, and Aquite of pere Arrerages of pere sayde tene-
16 mentes if pere oony, & defende * for euer, for pere foresayde seruice. Furpermore for pere 3yfte, graunte, & confirmacion of his charter, pere sayde abbesse and myynchons 3af to hym by-fore handis fowre & twenty marke of syluer, I-3ef & assynyd to pere sayde religous women of a nowble-woman, dame roys la moyne I-callyd, to pere more plentyfutt susteynyng of the sayde monastery in tyme conyng. And pere his 3yfte, graunte, & confermyng of his charter, myght haue strength for euer, he maade sure this wrytyng by the impreyntyng of his secele. These beyng wytnys &c. Date & doynge, at Glocutur the nexte tywydjay after pere feste of the Assumpcion of owre lady, The 3ere of pere reyne of kyng Edwarde pere seventenyth.

[178.] A quyte-clayme of Agnes the wyf of Iohn pershore of j mese, iii. shoppis and v skillings vj d.

28 The sentence of this charter is, pere Agnes pe wyfe sumtyme of Iohn pershore, burgeys of Glocutur, beyng in pure wydew-
hode & in hir owen lawfult powere, grauntyd, remitted, & utterly quyte-claymyd, for here & for here eyeris, to pere religiouse women abbesse & holy myynchons of the monasterye of seynte

1 At the dissolution Godstow was still paying these quit-rents to St. Peter's abbey, and to St. Aldate's church, as also a quit-rent of 2s. to the sheriff of Gloucester to obtain exemption from attendance at his court (Monast. Iv. 375).
2 MS. jer.
3 & assynyd, in margin.
of her interest in a messuage, 3 shops, and 32, 6d. of quit-rent,
and quit-claim of all title in her deceased husband's property, as in no. 177.

Purchase-money, £5.

1306, Dec. 4.

Licence in mortmain by Edward I, pardoning a breach of the Statute of Mortmain, and releasing no. 178 to Godstow.

John baptiste of Godestow, alle here ry3ht & clayme pат sche had or in ony wyse my3ht haue in oon Mese, thre shoppis, fyfe shelyngworth and syx penys of 3erly rente, with pe pertinences, in glowcetur: and also in alle & in euerych oper londys & 4 tenementes pe which pe same Abbesse & holy mynychons had of pe 3yfte & levyng of pe foresayde Iohn sumtyme here husbonde in the same towne of Glowcetur, as hit is conteyned of feoffement I-maade thereof to pe same religiouse women, so pат noper sche, 8 noper here eyeris, ne none oper for here or by here, my3ht afterwarde axe or clayme ony thyng of ry3ht or clayme in the foresayde mese, shoppis, and rentes, or in oony oper londys and tenementes Aforesayde. For pe which grauntynge, relesyng, & 12 quite-claymyng, pe foresayde Abbesse & holy mynychons 3af to here A hundred shelynges of sterlynges be-fore handys. In-to wytnys of the which thyng of quyte-claymyng, sche put to here sele. These beyng wytnys &c. The Date, At Glowcetur, pe 16 two & twentieth day of septembre, The nyne and twenty 3ere of the reyne of kyng Edward the some of kyng harry.

[179.] A charter of kyng Edward of I mese iii. shoppis in Gloucestre by lycence.

The sentence of this charter is, пат edwarde, by the grace of god kyng of Inglonde &c.: know ye пат, by the fyne пат owre 20 welle-belouyd iп cryste abbesse of Godestow maade with vs, we haue I-perdonyd to пат same abbesse & to пат mynychons of the same place пат transgression пат пей dyd iп getyng to hem & to here successoures in fee oon mese & thre shoppis with пат 24 pertinences in glowcetur, of agnes, sumtyme пат wyf of Iohn pershore of Glowcetur, after пат publyschyng of vs I-maade of londys and tenementes not to be put to morte-mayne & of the entryng of them with-owte owre licence & lefe, the whiche mese 28 & shoppis for be cause of there transgression were take in-to owre hande; And whe haue grauntid to пат same abbesse & mynychons, for vs & owre eyeris also muche as is iп vs, пат пат mese shoppis & pertinences пат haue agayne, & holde to them 32 & to пат successoures, of the chef lordis of that fee, by services dew & customyd * there-of for euer, with-owte occasion or lettyng of vs or of owre eyeris, Justices, escheters, vndursh[r]euys, or
Gloucetershyre: Gloucetur

*Margarete abbesse & cetera to hugh Coke a corner tenement & cetera.*

The sentence of this endenture is, pat Merget Mounteney, Abbasse of Godestow, & pe covent of pe same place, toke, 8 grantid, & lete, to hugh Coke of Wircestur, burgeis of Gloucetur, alle pere cornere tenement, by pe smythys strete of Gloucetur of pe oon parte & pe tenement pat William Straddeff late helde of them & sytht Gylbert Chauntreff, helde of pe oper parte, to be had & to be holde, to same hugh, eyeris, & his assynys, to pere terme of thre score & ten 3ere fully complete, paying pere-of 3erly to hem & to here sucessouris xij. d. of lawfull money at pe feste of owre lady of pe annuaciacion, 3eldyng also & doyng for them & pere sucessouri to pe chef lordys *and to aff oper aff seruiices & bordennys pere-of dew & I-wonyd. And pe foreseeaye hugh his eyeris & assynys scholde make oon competente howse newe pere, with his owne costes & expensis, with-in pe 3ere nexte folowyng after pe date now presente. And also after pat hit is so I-bylde, thei scholde susteyne hit with pere owne costes duryng pe foreseeaye terme, & pey scholde also lefe hit in pe ende of pe foreseeay[de] terme in competente state. Also pat hit 24 scholde not be lawfull to pe foreseeaye hugh, his eyeris, and assynys, to lete to oony man the foreseeaye tenantry ne no perte of hit with-owte special licence of pe foreseeaye abbesse, of here Couente, & sucessouris. And if hit hap pat pe foreseeaye rente be 28 by-hynde, in parte or in alle, after oony afore-sayde terme by a moneth, pat ben hit scholde be lawfull to pe foreseeaye abbesse & Couente & to pere sucessouris to distreyne in pe sayde tenement & reteyne pe sayde distreyynynges tyl pat hit be fully 32 satisfied to pemer of pe foreseeaye rente & pe arrerages of hit. And if hit happen pe foreseeaye to be by-hynde, in parte or in alle, after oony A-fore sayde terme by a hole 3ere, or waste be made in the sayde tenement, or pat he bylde not pe howse (as hit

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*leaf XLVII or 57.
1386, March 27. Grant by Godstow, to Hugh Cook, of a portion of no. 177,
on a building lease for 70 years, quit-rent 13 years.*

*leaf XLVII or 57, back.*

Under covenant not to sublet without leave.

Powers of distraint,
Gloucestershire: Gloucetur

is set before) with-in þe sayde terme, or let ye owte the foresayde tenement or oony parcelf of hit agaynste þe forme aforesayde, þat fro þat tymse hit scholde be lawfull to þe fore-sayde Abbesse & Couente & to þere successoure to entre agayne in the sayde 4 tenement with his pertinences And to holde hit to them selue for euer, this letynge owte or dimission not-wythstandyng. And þe sayde Abbesse &c. warrantyzed þe sayde tenement &c., wnytur þe forme aforesayde. In-to wytnys there-of they set to þys 8 wrytyng the commune secle, and he his secle. The date at Godestow, in the chapitre, þe tywysday nexte the feste of þe Annuciacius of owre lady, the ynynth yere of 1 þe reyne of Richarde þe secunde. After þe conqueste.

[MEYSEY-HAMPTON.]

[Note.—In the deeds themselves we have simply ‘Hampton.’ The more precise indication of locality comes in the dissolution survey, 1540, when Godstow is put down (Monast. iv. 374) as receiving £1 13s. yearly from Cricklade, Chalworth, Ufton, and Meysey-Hampton. The Meysey-Hampton land was held by a small quit-rent, which would naturally be collected by the nearest Godstow centre; in this case Cricklade in Wiltshire.]

* leaf L or 60. About 1280.
Sale to
John of the
woodhyde,
by Robert
Senle,
* leaf 60,
back.

for £4, of
a messuage
and lands,

[exceptis
viris
religiosis et
Iudaeis.]
v. shillings at ij. terms of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas half and at our lady of the Annunciation the other half, for all seruice, custome, exactioun and demand; Savyng the kynges 4 seruice and of the chief lord also moche as longeth to suche a fre tenauntry in the same towne of hampton. Also the same Robert Senle ordeyned and graunted to the same Iohn, to his heires, and to his assignes, all the foresaid lord and all that 8 longeth therto. Also he graunted to the same Iohn resonable necessaries of the frutes of the said lord, also longe as he lived, in metis and drynkes and in howses of the foresaid lord, to-gedir with hym and Isabelle his wyf also longe as they lived. And for-12 asmoche as he wold that hit shold be sure and stable for ever, he sette his seale to this writyng. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.


The sentence of this evidence is, that Roger of Meysy yaf and graunted to the hous of Godestow the rent of a lond that 16 was of Ace, into pure and perpetuel almesse, to be hold of hym and of his heires, frely and quetyly for all service (save the kyngis service) for hym and his predeccessours, that is to sey, one mese, and one crofte, and vj. acres in the feld of west and 20 vj. acres in the feld of Est, and an acre of mede, the which held the foresaid Ace, and, to the encrese, an acre of lond at Battas yerely to sewe, and a parte of an acre in Flexland, and a pond of a stew to the brede of the foresaid crofte, and iij. heastes and 24 an hors and xxx. shepe * in 1 commone pasture with his men. Also he and his heires graunted and willed that Nicholas, servant of the reclus of hampton, and his heires, shold have and hold this yfte in the fredom I-graunted to them, for 28 ij. shillings yerely to be paid to the foresaid hous in the feste of the birth of Seynt Iohn Baptist. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[183.] A covenaunt I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestow and her mynchons and Raf Bullok of hampton for the hold of vj. acres with a mese and a tofte and a crofte and an acre of mede in the towne of hampton.

The sentence of this covenaunt, bitwene the abbesse and mynchons of Godestow and Raff Bullok, of Hampton, is this:

1 Comon of Pastur, in margin.
Gloucestershire: Hampton

that the foresaid Ralph shall hold of the house of Godestow, also longe as he liveth, viz. acres of land with a mese tofte and crofte and one acre of mede in the town of Hampton, that is to say, the same which somtyme Nicholas, the servant of the Recluse of Hampton, bought of Roger Meysy, paimynge yerely to the hous of Godestow iiiij. shillings at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist for all servicius, custumes, and demaundis. And for this accorde the foresaid Ralph yaf to the hous of Godestow xx. shillings. 8

And that this covenante shall be sure and stable also longe as the foresaid Ralph lived, bothe partes labored to make hit sure by the puttyng to of theire seles. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[184.] A covenante I-made bitwene the Abbessese and mynychons of Godestow and William the sone of Ralph Bullok of Hampton.

The sentence of this evidence is, that there was a covenant 12 I-made, bitwene the Abbessese and Mynchons of Godestow of the one parte and william the sone of Ralph Bullok of hampton of the other parte, that the foresaid william should holde of the house of Godestow, also longe as he lived, viz. acres of land with a mese tofte and crofte and an acre of mede in the town of Hampton, that is to say, tho the which somtyme Nicholas, the servant of the Recluse of Hampton, bought of Roger Meysy, paiyng therfor yerely to the house of Godestow v. shillings, that is to say, at the Natuuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist, makynge sute to the courte of Eton at the wille of the abbesse or of her bailiffes, as other tenantes of the same abbesse. And for this covenante the foresaid william yaf to the hous of Godstow xx. shillings. 24 And that this covenante, also longe as the foresaid william liveth, be ferme sure and stable, Bothe partes labored to make hit sure by the puttyng to of her seales. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[Pauntley.]

* leaf XLI or 51, back. About 1185.

[185.] *Chartur of Richard Clifford for per mille of pantisye.

The sentence of his chartur is, pat Richard Clifford, with per 28 consent and *assent of his fadur Walter Clifford & of his brother

1 Mark thyse dede, in margin.
Gloucestershire: Pantislei

walter Clifford \textit{pe yungere}, grauntid \& gaf, freli \& quietli, in-to perpetuel almis, to god \& to owre ladi \& to pe churche of seint Iohn baptiste of Godstowe \& to the holi minchons \textit{pe seruinge god}; for \textit{pe helpe} of his sowele \& of his brojer Roger \& of aft his predecessours, xx. \textit{shillings} of his mille vndur \textit{pe carri} of pantislei, yerli to be paid \& bi him bi two termis, \textit{pat is to sei}, in pe annunziacion of owre ladi, x. \textit{shillings} \& at mihelm, 8 x. \textit{shillings}. Thei made \textit{pis} gifte to \textit{pe} churche of Godstowe, \& presentid \textit{vpon} \textit{pe auter}: \& is with-oute date.

[\textbf{Note.}—There is no other notice of this gift. Among the witnesses were Henry de Oli; Godfrey, abbot of Egnesham (Einsham); and Nigel, dean of Oxford, circ. 1185–1200 (Exchequer MS. leaf 44, back).]

\[\textbf{Little Rissington.}\]

\[\textbf{Note.}—Godstow had acquired a hide in Rissington prior to pope Eugenius III's confirmation (no. 901) in 1145. In 1291, at pope Nicholas IV's \textit{Taxatio Ecclesiastica}, Godstow held 5½ yardlands there, i.e. a hide and 1½ yardlands, valued at £2 a year. At the dissolution, 1540, this estate is put down as yielding (\textit{Monast.} iv. 375) £2 rent paid by the farmer, and £10 quit-rent paid by the duke of Norfolk. The outgoings were 2s. for a lb. of pepper and 4d. for a lb. of cumin to the duke of Norfolk; 4d. to the bailiff of Wallingford honour, and also 13s. 4d. for the bailiff's fee.]

\[\textbf{* Risindone.}\]

186. Charter of Robert of Teyden.

Robert of Teyden, with consent of his wife Agatha, of his heirs Henry and Warin, and of his son-in-law Robert of Dode-well, for the health of the souls of himself, his wife, his heirs, and his predecessors, gave to Godstow half a hide and half a yardland in Rysenden, but without the attached crofts (instead of which he gave, of his demesne land, double), and also granted 16 that the nuns' beasts (viz. oxen, sheep, and pigs) should go in the pastures and elsewhere with his own without challenge.

This gift was presented on the altar so that the Lord's curse might rest on whoever violated it.

Witnesses:—Reginald, chaplain of Abingdon; and Theod Thorn, cleric.]

1 'Subtus carriam de Pantesleia.'
2 'Sine calumnia': i.e. without being impounded by the bailiff of the manor.

Henry, son of Robert of Tayden, for the souls of his father and mother and for his own soul and his wife Beatrice's soul and his heirs' souls, gave to Godstow, with his daughter Agatha who became a nun in Godstow, lands in his town of Rysindon 4 of his demesne land, viz. (a) in one field, 'en at hulle,' 11 acres, and 'at 1 the ashen causey,' 10 acres; (b) in another field, land called Ten-acre, and another land called Three-acre, and land called Pilehullo; and (c) a meadow called Wytheryndeham; 8 and (d) the meadow of a yardland in common with the mead of the town as the lot will give; (e) with all freedoms, so that the oxen, sheep, and pigs of Godstow may feed over all his demesne where his own oxen, sheep, and pigs go, but 2 be excluded from 12 the crops, and from the meadow which shall be in defence from Annunciation of St. Mary (March 25) till the meadows be mowed and the hay carried.

Also he confirms his father's gift of a half-hide and a half-16 yardland.

*Witnesses:— ... 3 de Chistetuna, and Hugh of Chuiller-villa, knights.]

[188.] *A Charter of Robert fit; Robert Nethercote conzeroynge the same.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert fit; Robert 2o Nethercote, by pe wille and peticiow of Sibilis his wyf and of her 4 heire, yaf, & cetera, to Anneys the doughter of Richard 1 of Medecroft one yerd lond in Rysyndon, that is to sey, half of that hide which Richard Wythorn held, the which half 24 hide he held 3 of his lord Henry of Tyden, by the servuye of j. li. of peper and the servuye of the kyng: To be had and to be hold; by right heritage, of hym and of his heires, to her and to her heires or to whom-so-euer or where-so-euer she wold assigne 28 hit, other in Religion or els-where, frely and quetyly fro aft servuye, Ryaft and other, and aft seculere excactiow perteynyng to hym and to his heires, with aft his pertynentis, in medis, fedynges, in londis and in herbis, and in aft easementis, excepte 32

1 Latin is 'ad fraximum cawls.'
2 Latin is 'extra segetes et pratum.'
3 Read 'his.'
4 Read 'holds.'
the mese of the same half hide of londe that he held aff to himself, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. li. of Comyn at Estir. And for this graunte yyte and confermyng of this charter, the forsaid Anneys yaf to hym before handis vj. mark of siluer, And to Sibilie his wyf xij. d. And he and his heires warantizd all the forsaid lond to the forsaid Anneys and to her heires or to whom-so-euer she wold assigne hit, other to Religion, other to ellis-where, ayenst aff men and women; and acquyted of aff sutes, that is to sey, of shire and hundred and of ridyng; vttirly, and of aff greves. And ye hit happened that he myght not warantize that yerly of londe, he and his heires shold 12 yeve into eschaunge so moch of also good lond and I-streight in also goocTa place, some-where in his heritage, to the forsaid Anneys and to her heires, as hit hath be said: And pat bis, & cetera.


Henry of Teyden, as chief lord, confirms to Agnes, daughter 16 of Richard of Medcroft, the yardland with its pertinences in Rysyndon Basseth, which Robert the son of Robert of Nether-cote, his man, gave to her, as the charter] * of the same Robert the which he made to the same Anneys vpon the same 20 londe witnesstith. And he nether his heires shold never take wedde of the forsaid Anneys or of her assignes, nother sesynd the lond of the same, for the defaute of the same Robert his man, or for withholdyng of the rente or servyce, 24 aff the while that they myght fynde ony thyng vpon the lond the which she held of hym. And that this graunte, & cetera. And for this confirmacio the forsaid Anneys yaf j marke of siluer. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[190.] A Charter of Robert Slouther, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for a mese with his pertynentis and vj. shillings of yerely rente.

28 The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Slouther yaf, cetera, to god & cetera, and to the mynchons of Godestowe there and other lands of Robert of Nethercote are able to meet them.

1 The English register resumes after a lost leaf.
2 Read 'his,' 'he.' The overlord promises not to seek satisfaction from these lands, for feudal claims, as long as the other lands of Robert of Nethercote are able to meet them.
3 'Robert de Slouhtre' in the Latin. Upper and Lower Slaughter lie north-west of the Rissingtons. See no. 583.
Gloucestershire: Rysyndon

Slouther, of a messuage and rent-charge on a yardland, with reversion of the yardland (no. 188).

SERUYNG GOD AND TO SERUE FOR EVER, A MERE, WITH HIS PERTYNYTIS, that Robert Garland held of hym in the towne of Rysyndon; and vj. shillings of rente yerely, the which he was I-wonyd to take of Robert Marissi at iij. termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. shillings and at Estere iij. shillings, for j yerde of lond; with his pertynentis, the which he held of hym to his lyf in the towne of Rysyndon, of the fee of henry [of] Teyden, the which yerde lond longith to the forsait mes that the forsait Robert Garlond held of hym, that is to sey, that the forsait yerde lond, with the pertynentis, after the decease of the forsait Robert of Marissi, shold abide for euer holy and fully to the said mynychons of Godestow into ther propri vis: To be had and to be hold, to the said mynychons or to ther assignes, of hym and his heires, wele and in pease, frely and quetyly, holy and fully for euer, in wode in pleyne in weyes and pathes and in pasturis and in aff placis, with aff frexomes and fre customes longyng to the same londe, yeldyngh thereof yerely j libra of pepir to hym and to his heires at the fest of Seynt Thomas the appostle, for all servyce, exaccynd, sute, custome, and demaunde perteynyng to hym or to his heires, Savyng the kyngis servyce also moch as longith to so moche. And Robert of Slouthre and his heires warantizyd and defended the forsait mes, with the pertynentis, and the said vj. shillings of Rente (also longe as Robert of marissi levid), And (after the dethe of the same) the said yerde of lond with his pertynentis, vnto the owne visis of the said mynychons or to ther assignes. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsait mynychons of Godestowe yaf to hym ix. marke of siluer into waryson, And to Sibille his wyf half a marke. And that this his yfte, & cetera.

About 1230.

191. A Charter of William le Frane of Rysyndon, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe, for j rode of lond, and pasture and mede lyng therto, in the felda of litel Rysyndon, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Frane of litel Rysyndon yaf, & cetera, to the Abbesse and Couent of Gode-

1 'Robert of the marsh,' in the Latin. 2 i.e. as much money as falls to be paid by so much land. 3 i.e. in life-rent. 4 in gersumma.
Gloucestershire: Rysyndon

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stowe and to ther successours, j rode of lond; with pasture and mede liyng to, in the feld of liteft Rysyndoñ, in a place that is I-called Walterislake: To be hold'and to be had; to the for-
said' Abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely, quyetly
and pesiblely, holy and worshipfully, into an eschaunge for
j half acre of lond in the feld of Rysyndoñ, as the charter wit-
nessith the whiche pe said' abbesse and couent made to hym.

8 And William Frane aforsaid and his heires warrantijed and
defended the forsaid' Rode of lond; with mede and pasture
lyng to, to the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente and to there
successours for ever, ayenst att men. And for this eschaunge,
& cetera.

[192.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene the Abbesse of
Godestowe And Symond' Nethercote for a service,
& cetera.

The sentence of this covenante, I-made bitwene the Abbesse
and Couent of Godestowe of the one partie, and ser Symond'
of Nethercote of the oper partie, was, that the said' Abbesse
shold withdraw her speche the which she hadde ayenst the
said' Symond' afore the kynegis Justice at Westmynster, So that
the forsaid' Symond' shold be with-out harmes. And for this
withdrawyng, pe said' Symond' and his heires shold acquyte for
ever the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, of a servyce
that Robert Brus and Peter asrugge asked of the same in the
towne of Rysyndoñ, And he shold be a mene bitwene hem for
this aquytynge; after that the charter of ther aunctours wit-
nessen. And ye hit so happen'd that the forsaid' Symond' or
his heires myght breke the forsaid' servyce, the Abbesse and
Couent shold paye half of the costis of them. Into witnesse,
& cetera.

1 Latin 'loquela,' i.e. law-plea.
2 'le Brus' and 'de Asrugge.'
3 i.e. of Godstow.
4 Latin is 'sicut medi.'
5 i.e. if Sir Simon is able to get it annulled by a suit at law, Godstow will pay half-costs of the suit.
Gloucestershire: ¶ Thormerton

[Note.—This rent-charge presents some difficulty. It is mentioned in Henry II’s third charter (no. 886), 1182, and in pope Celestine III’s charter (no. 902), 1192: but it does not occur in pope Nicholas IV’s Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, and therefore seems lost or alienated before that date.]

* * * Chartur of Nicholas muton 1 of ij. soudees 2 of rent.

The sentence of thys chartur is that Nicholas muton & Marye hys wyfe, with consent of hys heyrys, gafe & graungtyde in-to perpetuall almys, to god & to our lady & to seynt Iohn baptiste & to pe churche of Godestowe & to the mynchons pere 4 seruynge god, ij. shelynge worthe of rent in thormerton with her dowhter alig, yerly to be payde att whytsontyde, of a yerde lunde pe whyche Robert cheppe helde: these beyng wyntes & cetera; and is with-out date.

* * * Charter of Philip of Muton.

Philip of Muton, and his wife Ysoulde, for the health of their souls gave to Godstow 28. sterling yearly rent, which they were wont to receive from Sir Nicholas of Muton, so that Godstow might have it from Hugh pincerna, a free tenant, half- yearly at Whitsuntide and Easter 3.]

* * * A finall concorde I-made of the rent of thormerton.

Thys was pe finall concorde I-made in pe kynges cowrt at Gloucetur fro trinite soneday in-to thre wokes, pe yer of the reyne of kyng heunry, pe sone of kyng Iohn, xxxix, a-fore Iohn 16 abbot of peturborowe, Mastur Symond waulton, Robert of shotyndon, Nicholas hanlo, and Iohn Cau, Instices iurnayinge, & oper trewe men of pe kynges pere beyng present, by-twene Emme, abbys of Godestowe, playnyngge, by william of vpton 20 I-put in her stede to gete or to lese, & hugh butuler of thor-

1 ‘de Muthona’ in the Latin.
2 The Latin is ‘duas solidatas’; from which soude would be a French derivative.
3 No doubt in error for Martinmas.
Gloucestershire: ¶ Thormerton

merton, defender, of xxx. shillings p. which were by-hynde to 
the same abbas of a yerly rent of ij. shillings p. whiche he owyd 
to hyr, and wherof hyt was I-pleid by-twene hem in the same 
court, pat is to say, pat p. same hugh butuler made a 
recognicion & grautnyd, for hym-self & for hys heyrys, that 
they forth-forewarde sholde pay euery yere to the seyde abbas, 
& to oper abasses succedynge hyr, & her church of Godestowe,
8 ij. shillings at two termys, that is to sey, half at Martyn-masse 
& pat oper halfe at wytysonetyde: & furper-more the same hugh 
gafe to p. fore-seyde abbas xxx. shillings for his arreragys: & 
for thys recognicion, graunt, gyfte, fyne, & a-corde, p. fore-seyde 
harmys of here-selfe & of her church, p. whiche harmys she 
seyde p[at] she had by p. occasion of p. withholdynge of the 
fore-seyde rent vn-to the day of p. a-corde I-made; and if hyt 
happyn pat p. fore-seyde hugh or hys heyrys fayle in p. paynge 
of the fore-seyd rent at any terme, hyt sholde be wel lefyll to 
p. same abbas & abasses oper succedynge to her, & to her 
churche a-foreseyde, to dystreyne hem by the cataff in p. tene-
ment pat p. same hugh helde of p. heyrys of phyllyp of muton 
in thormerton p. day pat p. a-corde was I-made & I-founde, to 
full payment of p. seyde rent foreuer.

[196.] * A fyynaft accordre I-made bitwene Emme, 
abesse of Godestowe, and hugh Boteler of Thor-
merd, & cetera.

The sentence of this writyng is, that ther was a fyynaft 
accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at Gloucester, fro the day 
of the holy Trynyte into thre wokis, xxxix ti. yere of the reign 
of kyng henry the sone of kyngne Iohn, afore Iohn, abbot of 
Petir-borough; maister Symond Wauton; Robert Shotyndon; 
Nicholas hanle; and Iohn kaue, Iusticis Iurneyng, and oper 
trew men of the kyng ther beyng present, bitwene Emme, 
abesse of Godestowe, playner, by walkelyn and vptoI-I-sette in 
her stede to wry or to lese, And hugh Boteler of Thormerton, 
deforcere, of xxx. shillings, the which were behynde to the same 
Abesse of yerely rente of ij. shillings that he owedt to her, And 
wherof hit was I-pleted bitwene them in the same courte: pat 

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ment of the 
rent-charge 
of 28.

and 
arrears;

Godstow 
not press-
ing for 
damages,

but reser-
ving the 
powers of 
distraint,

* leaf 151,
back.

1255,June.

Duplicate 
of preced-
ing, in 
slightly 
different 
wording.
Gloucestershire: Thormerton

is to say, that the foresaid Hugh knowledged and granted for hym and his heires that they afterward should yelede every yere, to the saide abbesse and to other abbies that should succeed to her and to her chirch of Godestowe, ij. skillings at ij. termes, 4 that is to say, at Martynmasse and the other half at Whitesontyde. And furthermore the same Hugh yaf to the foresaid abbesse xxx. skillings for his arrerages. * And for this knowlechyng, graunte, yifte, fyne, and accord, the Abbesse aforseid remitted and quyte-claymed of her and her chirch of the wit/holdyng of the foresaid rente vnto the day that accord was I-made. And if hit happened that the foresaid Hugh or his heires failed in the payment of the foresaid rente at any terme, hit shold be wele lawfull to the same Abbesse, and to other abbeses that should succeed to her, and to her chirch afor-said, to distreyne them by ther cataff (in the tenement that the same Hugh held of the heires of Philip Muttoū, in Thormerton, the day that the accord was I-made) I-founde, vnto the full payment of the foresaid rente for ever.

[WICHÉ.]

[197. * Of the salt-pit in Wiche which is called Cow.

Osbert son of Hugh gave to Margaret of Clifford, wife of Sir Walter of Clifford, a salt-pit in Wiche which is called Cow belonging to his manor of Wichebold. She gave for this a silver cup to said Osbert, and another cup to Hugh his son and heir.

With the consent of the king and of Osbert, Margaret gave this to Godstow.

Witnesses:—Walter Clifford and his son Richard and daughter Lucy, William of Eaton, William of Sireburn.]
Gloucestershire: Wiche

Witnesses: Walter of Clifford and his son Walter; Ralph of Chenier; my wife Lucy; Helyas, steward of Walter of Clifford.]

[199. *Charter of Walter of Clifford, senior.]

I GIVE to Godstow my 'salina' in Wiche, which Hethewolf held and after him John.

Witnesses:—Walter, my son; Osbert, son of Hugh; Hugh of Sai; William of Clifford.]

[200. *Charter of Osbert, son of Hugh, of a 'salina' in Wiche.]

I GIVE to Godstow my 'salina' in Wiche which is called 'vacca,' which belongs to my manor of Wichebolt, on the petition of Sir Walter of Clifford and for the welfare of the souls of his wife Margaret and his daughter Rosemunde whose bodies are there buried, and with the assent of king Henry.

Witnesses:—Walter of Clifford, with his son Richard and daughter Lucy; William of Heton; William of Sireburn, with his sons Walter and Elias.]

[201. *Charter of Walter de Clifford, junior.]

I CONFIRM to Godstow the 'salina' in Wiche which is called 'vacca,' given them by Osbert, son of Hugh.

Witnesses:—Walter of Clifford senior; Hugh of Sey; Lucy of Sey; Ralph of Chenier.]

1 Printed in Monast. iv. 366.
Hampshire

[Empshott.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the property in this parish was paying Godstow quit-rents amounting to only 3s. a year (Monast. iv. 375).]

[* De Imbeset.


Said William and Alice gave to Godstow, with two daughters to be made nuns, all the land they had in Himbeset, free of all service save that of the king.

Witnesses:—Reginald, priest; Walter of Venuʒ and Peter 4 his son.]

203. * A Charter of William of Venuʒ of iij. mark that he borrowed of the churche of Godestow to agayn-by his lond of hymbeset that he yaf to the said church the which iij. mark, he shold paye ayene withlyn x. yere.

The sentence of this charter is, that william of venuʒ borrowed iij. mark of siluer of the churche of Godestow, by the handes of Osecunde, abbesse, to bye his lond of Hymbeset the 8 which he yaf to the forsaid church. And the forsaid william borrowed the forsaid iij. mark, the same yere that the strie was bitwene kyng henry the second and the Cardenales that were I-sent fro Rome to reconcile Thomas the Archebishope with the forsaid kyng. And the forsaid william shold pay the forsaid iij. mark withlyn x. yere after the forsaid terme, or his heires yf he died. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

1 Letters indistinct: 'Venuʒ' or 'Vennʒ.'

2 Possibly 'E. secunde.' The Latin has in one line 'manu E' and the next line begins 'secunde abbatisse.' In any case this is an abbess new to the list of Abbesses.
Hampshire: Hymbeset

[204.] A confirmacion of a mark of Rent by Iohn of Venuz. About 1240.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Iohn of Venuz for the helth of his soule and of his auncestours and successours, graunted, and confirmed with his wrytynge, to god and to oure lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the Abbesse and ye wynt ther servyng god, a marke of rent, the which william his grauntesire al'as Belesire yaf to hem: to be hold and I-had; to the same Abbesse and to the forsaid' covent, 8 of hym and of his heires, into pure and perpetuel almesse, takyng thereof yerely of Gilbert of dene and of his heires at the Natuuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist viij. shillings iiiij. d: for the tenuantry that the forsaid' Gilbert of dene held' of hym in the towne of hymbeset, and takyng of hym-self and of his heires yerely at Mighelmasse v. shillings in the towne of werdleham. And hit is to be knowe that he and his heires shold' warantige to the forsaid' Abbesse and covent the forsaid' marke of rent agaynst all men. And that his confirmacion shold' be stable and sure, he settse his seale to this present wrytynge. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.


The sentence of this evidence is this, that Richard' of dene relese'd and quyte-claymed' of hym and of his heires, to Emme, Abbesse of Godestow, and to the Covent of the same and to their successours, all his right and clayme that he had' or myght have in the vowry of the warantyng the which he vowed' to the forsaid' Abbesse of the lond' of the breche in the town of hymbeset, the whiche warantijyng Thomas of dene the whiche 2 held' no lond' of hym and therof was he 3 impeyde; and of his lond' of Hogton he warantijyed to the same Thomas;

1 In the Latin: 'in dotacione warancie quam waranciam vocavi versus praedictam abbatissam.
2 'The whiche' = who.
3 i.e. Thomas, 'et inde implacitatus fuit.'
and for this releasse and quyte clayme the forsaid abbesse yaf to hym viij. markes of siluer. Into the witnesse of that he put to this wrytyng his seale. These beyng witnesse ¹, & cetera.


THE sentence of this fynaif [accord] is this, that there was ⁴ I-made acorde in the kynges Court at Westmynster, fro the day of Seynt John Baptist into xv. dayes, in the yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the sone of kyng Io:hn xxxvij, afore Roger of Turkelby, Alyan of Watsand, Gyles of Eryngton, and william ⁸ Trusscit, Iustices, and other trew liege men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Richard of dene and dame Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, for the lond of the breche, the whiche Richard of dene vowed to warantyng and the which warantyng ¹² to her of two partes of half a yerde lond with the pertynentis in Hymbeset, wherof 'assise of his auncetours' was I-moved bitwene them in the same Courte: that is to say, that the forsaid Richard knowleched the forsaid lond with his pertynentis ¹⁶ to be the right of the same Abbesse and of her chircbe of Godestowe. And for this recognicion, fyne and accord, the same Abbesse, at the axyng of the forsaid Richard, yaf and granted to Osberte of brech and to Emme ² his wyf the forsaid lond with his pertynentis, to be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Osberte and Eue and to the heires of the same Eue, of the forsaid Abbesse and other that succede her for ever, paiynge therof by yere viij. skillings at the natuiute of Seynt John Baptist, and do all the services therof the which longeawn to the forsaid lond. And the forsaid Abbesse and other Abbesses that shold succede her or tho that shold succede the forsaid Osbert and Eue and the heires shold waranty the forsaid lond with the pertynentis by the forsaid services ayenst all men for ever. And furthermore the same Osbert and Eue granted for hymself and for the heires of the same Eue that the forsaid Abbesse and other Abbesses that shold succede her afterward shold have her parke at her wille in the Courte of the same Osbert and Eue ³²

¹ Witnesses: John of Stane, Thomas Makarel, James of Norton, Robert of Wodecote.
² Eue,' below.
and the heires of the same Eue in the same towne, to put ther bestis there to be imparked, with-out any agayn seiyng or lette of the same Osbert and Eue and her heires for ever.

[FARRINGDON.]

[Note.—This pension of £1 was still paid (Monast. iv. 375) to Godstow at the dissolution, 1540.]

[207.] * Chartur of Richard\textsuperscript{1}, bishop of Exetur, for xx. \textit{shillings} of \textit{pe} churche of Gloweetur and of xx \textit{shillings} of \textit{pe} churche of Ferendon.

4 The sentence of pis chartur is \textit{pat} Richard\textsuperscript{1}, bi \textit{pe} grace of god\textsuperscript{d} bishop of exetur, gafe & grauntid\textsuperscript{d} to \textit{pe} holi minchons of Godestowe xl. \textit{shillings}, into perpetue almis euir\textsuperscript{i} yeir, \textit{pat} is to sei, in \textit{pe} churche of owre ladi of Gloucetur, xx \textit{shillings}, & in s \textit{pe} churche of ferendon, xx. \textit{shillings} : & is with-out date.

[208.] Confirmacion of Robert, bishop of exetur, About 1140.

T-made to Richard, clerke, fit3 turtain of the churche of farindon excepte xx. \textit{shillings}.

The sentence of pis confirmacion is, \textit{pat} Robert, bishop of exetur, gafe & grauntid\textsuperscript{d} to Robert, clerke, fit\textsuperscript{3} turtain, in-to perpetue almis \textit{pe} churche of farendon excepte alonli xx. \textit{shillings}, \textit{pe} whiche he gafe yerli of \textit{pe} rentes of \textit{pe} same churche to \textit{pe} minchons of godestowe in perpetue almis: & for-asmuch as he willid\textsuperscript{d} to be sure & stronge, he strengthid\textsuperscript{d} hit with his writinge & with his seele: and is with-out date.

[209.] Chartur of arnulph, bishop of lexetur\textsuperscript{2}, con-About 1160.

firminge \textit{pe} gifte of xx. \textit{shillings} of \textit{pe} churche of Farendon.

The sentence of pis chartur is \textit{pat} arnulph, bishop of lexouer, grauntid\textsuperscript{d} to \textit{pe} abbas & minchons of Godestowe xx \textit{shillings} yerli to be paid\textsuperscript{i} to hem of \textit{pe} churche of farendon, in-to perpetue almis, at mihelmas, euin as Robert, bishop of exetur, \textit{pe} whiche

\textsuperscript{1} In error for Robert (Chichester), bishop of Exeter 1138-55. See no. 163.

\textsuperscript{2} Sic: for episcopus Lexoviensis (of Lisieux), 1154-72.
had he chapleinhode a-fore him, gafe to hem in pe dedicacion of her churche, & euin as kinge henri confirmid*hit to hem at pe laste with his chartur: where[fore] pe fore-seide arnulph willid & commaundid pat who-so-euir had pat chapel of him, 4 how so-euir he haue hit, pat he sholde pai pe xx shillings a-fore-seide to hem, at mihelmas, with-oute oni dowtinge; & he wolde make hit to-countid in the paiinge of his rentis: & is with-oute date.

[210.] * Chartur of Richard, bisshop of winchester, for xx shillings in pe churche of Ferendoun.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Richard, bisshop of winchester, willid to be knowe to archedecuns, denis, & to aff pe clergie & pepul beinge porow his bisshopriche, pat for pe love of god, at pe peticion of worthi kinge henre kinge of 12 I[n]glonde, [he] grauntid & confirmid with his writinge to pe holi minchons of Godestowe xx shillings in pe churche of farendon yerli to be take, euin as goode Richard, sumtime bishopp of exetur, laufulli grauntid & confirmid with his writinge 16 as he sawe & rad: & is with-oute date.

[211.] Confirmacion of Iohn, bisshop of exetur, for pe same.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Iohn, bisshop of exetur, was pleasid & well paide 1 of pe gifte & confirmacion of Richard 2 his predecessor pat he grauntid to pe holi minchons of Godestowe of pe rente of xx. shillings yerli to be take of pe churche of farendon at mihelmas: & perchore he strengthid hit with the autorite of his writinge & pe surete of his seele: & is with-oute date.

[212.] * Chartur of Godfrey, bisshop of winchester, confirminge pe chartur of Robert, bisshop of exetur, for pe same xx shillings.

1 The Latin has (donacionem) 'gratam et ratam habere.' 2 Robert.
[213.] Chartur of petur, bisshop of winc-chester, confirminge pe graunt of God-sfre & Robert, bishoppis of winchester; for pe same pension of farindon.

About 1205. Confirmation to Godstow, of no. 219 and no. 207, by Peter des Roches, bishop of Winchester 1205-38.

[214.] A sentencial iugement of pe xx. shillings of pe churche of farindon.

The sentence of his iugement shortli is, pat a delegacie was made to pe prior of Einisham, bitwene maister Iohn, person of Farindon, & pe abbas & couent, to determe pe riht bitwene hem for xx. shillings of rent yerli to be paid of pe churche of farindon, of pe whiche yerli pension pei had be in possession in time oute of minde, fro pe painent of pe whiche xx. shillings pe fore-seide person had cesid bi pe space of v. yere, & perfore pei askid him to be compellid peorof afturwarde, & also pe arrerages; & pei shewid her possession & askinge, sauinge to hem pe benefice of lawe. At the laste, aftur mani respite of deliberacion grauntid, moni excepcioun & defensis & replicas 

1 I-purposid; & a bisi tretinge I-made bitwene hem, bi pe commune assent of bope perteis, pei submittid hem to pe ordinans of pe fore-seide delegate; & he, bi pe auctorite of pe pope committid & also ordinarie to him, of pe consent of bope, & 12 councel of wise-men & of men of lawe, pe processe bi-fore had & all oper things requisite, ordeinid pat pe fore-seide maistur Iohn sholde pai in pe name of pe seide churche of farindon for euer pe fore-seide pension of xx shillings yerli at too termis of pe yere to pe fore-seide abbas & Couent, biginninge pe firste term at mihelmas pat was next & at estur next folowinge, & for pe arereges pe same person sholde pai xx shillings. Also pat pis pronuncinge & ordeininge sholde be sure & stronge, pe 16 bothe pertis consentid for hem-selfe & he? successours pat he miht compelle, bi oure delegat & ordinari power, pe parte pat wolde be ageiniste pis ordainance to pe kepinge of pis pronuncinge & ordeininge bi pe censu of pe churche. In-to-witnesses 18 of pis he sette his seele to pis writinge, I-made like a chartur, I-actid & do pe ye? of our lorde Millesimo CCxlivi, pe twiusdai next aftur pe translacion of seint Thomas pe martir. 

[Translation of Thomas Becket = 7 July.]

1 In error for 'Godfrey, bp. of Winchester, and Robert, bp. of Exeter.'
If Clere (King's Clere).

[See also under Knowle and Woolverton.]

[215.] *Chartur of William Saluernille of the londe of Clere by his name of heritage."

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat William of Saluernille granted & gave to Edye, of Godestowe abb as, & to her church, his londe of clere preuet to hold & to have, by his name of heritace, of hym & of hys heyrys, frely & quietly of all customs & all thynge longynge to hys lordys & to hym & to hys, oute-take towards his kynge. And Edieue & her successors of the same place sholde pay yearly xxij shillings at morton, & by twye termys, in his myddyl of lente, xj shillings, & at Mihelmas, xj. shillings: & he made his grant & gyft to be gyvyn by molde hys wyfe and Gilbert hys sone & manasse hys sone & Robert hys sone. And dame Edieue gafe to hym for hys grant & for hys gyfte v. marke of syluyr, & to hys wyfe molde ij vj shillings viij d., & to Gilbert hys sone ij shillings & to coppis of siluyr, & to manasse hys sone xvij d., & to Robert her sone xvij d.: & is with-oute date.

[216.] Chartur of Manasse of Saluernille of the londe of Clere.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat manasse of Saluernille, 16 by his assent and consent of hys wyfe & of hys heyrys, solde hys londe of clere preuet his whyche william serle helde, to kynge Henry his sone of molde the imperasse, for xxv. marke, lowse, fre, & quiete fro atte service longynge to hym & to hys heyrys, 20 sauynges his service of hys lorde Walter of Chauseye: & is with-oute date.

[217.] Chartur of Manasse Saluernille of the londe of Clere.

* The sentence of his chartur is, pat manasses of Saluernille & Robert hys broper & molde hys modur gaf, & grauntid, to 24 god & to owre lady seynt marie & to seynt Iohn baptiste of
Godestowe & to pe holy mynchons per seruynge god, her londe pat william sorel helde, to be holde of hem & of her heyrys for euyr, frely & quietly fro all services & all customys & all 4 thynge bope to pe kyngge & also to her oper lordys & to hem sylf & to her heyrys longynghe, paynye yerly xxv. skillings at Mortun, & by twey termyns, pat is to sey, xij skillings vj d. in myd-lente, & xij skillings vj d. at Myhelmasse: & pat pys gyft & graunt shulde be firme & sure, pe church of Godestowe gaf to hem xxvij skillings: & is with-out date.

[218.] * Chartur of rualde wodecote of pe ryht pat he had of a yerde londe of Clerε pat is callidε bastardε.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat Rualde of wodecote, by pe prayers of hys wyfe Aaline & of henry hys heyf & by pe 12 consent of hys oper chyldyrn, relesydε & quiete claymydε all hys quarcl & all hys ryht, yf he had ony, in the yerde londe of clere pe whyche is callidε a yerde of bastardε, & in oper lordys per-vpon pe lordys of mynchons of Godestowe, for pe loye of godε 16 & of seynt Iohn baptiste & for pe sowlys of hys fadur & modur, to pe mynchons of Godestowe pe whiche he louydε in criste: & pat pys reles & quiete-clayme shulde be sure hrε-aftur, he made hyt stronge by puttynge to of hys sealε. He made pys relese 20 & quiete clayme in pe shyre of wynchestur. Furpermore he & hys heyrys gruuntidε & gaf to pe foreseyde mynchons on londe pat herrenera helde of hym, paynge to hym perof yerly to fatte hennys at Martyn-masse: & is with-out date.

[219.] * A Chartur of Robert Cnolle for wodys.

The sentence of thys euydence is, pat a couenaunt was made by-twene pe lady of Godestowe & her coutent & by-twene Robert Cnolle & hys heyrys, pat is to sey, Robert Cnoff & hys heyrys quiete-claymydε to pe lady of Godestowe, & to pe coutent 28 ther Also, all hys clayme & ryht pat pey seydyn hem-selfe to haue in Williamsmore & in delthe groune & shortgroune, so pat pe seydε Robert Cnolle ne none of hys heyrys sholde not haue no clayme afturwardε in pe foreseyde grouys & lordys towardε pe 32 foreseyde Abbas & coutent of Godestowe, but pat pe Abbas & mynchons of Godestowe sholde haue & holde pe foreseyde
grouis & \(P^e\) fore-seyde londis, with all \(P^e\) pertinences, well & in peace and worshipfully, in-to pure & perpetuall almys, as well frely & surely as ony almys may be had & holde: for thys quiete-clayme & graunt, \(P^e\) fore-seyde felice, Abbas, & mynchons 4 of Godestowe, grauntyd & quite-claymid to \(P^e\) fore-seyde Robert Cnolle & to hye heyrys aif her clayme & ryht pat \(P^e\) seyd'Abbas & mynchons had in Northlye, Also hyt is to be knowe pat Henry, than stywarde of Godestowe, suryd'hys trowthe for the 8 Abbas & couent p's couenant to be kepyd: & \(P^e\) fore-seyde Robert of knolle Also, vppon hys party, plyht hys trowthe to holde pys couenant for hym & hys heyrys: Thys was do, \(P^e\) wodynsday a-fore \(P^e\) holy rode day in heruiste, in \(P^e\) fulf court 12 of \(P^e\) Abbas at santforde, the ye\(r\) of the incarnacion of our\(r\) lorde MCCXIX, \(P^e\) secunde ye\(r\) of kynge henry \(P^e\) sone of kynge Iohn. And pat p's graunt & couenant, as hyt is seyde by-fore, sholde obtyne ferme & stronge surennesse, hyt was confermyd by \(P^e\) 16 setting of seelys of bope perties: & is with-out date.

[220.] * Of a fine I-leueyd in \(P^e\) kynges court a-geynyste Roger \(^1\) mortmer.

Thys was \(P^e\) final a-corde made in \(P^e\) kynges courte at westmynster fro \(P^e\) day of seynt Myhe\(l\) in-to j. monethe, \(P^e\) xiiiij. ye\(r\) of \(P^e\) reyne of kynge henry \(P^e\) sone of kynge Iohn, 20 a-fore Thomas Mileton, william Ralegh, Robert lexington, william of \(P^e\) lle, william london, maystur Robert of sherdelawe, Raf Norwyche, & Richard Rynger, Justices, & ope\(r\) trewe men of \(P^e\) kynges \(P^e\) re\(e\) \(P^e\) beynge present, by-twene amyfelyse\(^2\), 24 abbas of Godestowe, playnyng by reynoldes porter I-sette in her\(e\) stede to gete or to lese, & william Nefmenyl, deforcynge, of \(P^e\) seruyce pat Raph Mortmer askyth of \(P^e\) fore-seyde abbys of a fre tenement pat she hylde of hym in cler, where-of \(P^e\) 28 seyde abbys playnyd' pat \(P^e\) foreseyde william aquitid\(^3\) not hyr a-geynyst \(P^e\) seyde Raph, \(P^e\) same william cesyd'; he was meene by-twene hem; & whe\(r\)-of hyt was pletyd by-twene hem in \(P^e\) fore-seyde courte, pat is to say, pat \(P^e\) fore-seyde william made 32

\(^1\) In the Latin also it is 'Roger' in the rubric, 'Ralph' in the text.
\(^2\) 'Amifelisa' in Latin.
\(^3\) In the Latin: 'non acquietavit eam versus praedictum Radulphum: desinit: idem Willelmus medius est.'
a knowlech þe fore-seyde tenement with þe pertinences to be ryht of þat abbass & of her church of Godestowe, to be had & holde to þe same abbass, & to oþer abbassys þat sholde succede to her, & to her church of Godestowe, of þe foreseyde william & hys heyrys, in-to fre pu♯ & perpetuel almys for euyr, so þat þe foreseyd william & hys heyrys sholde acquite all the foreseyde tenement towards the foreseyde Raf & hys heyrys of all servyces and customys & all demaundys as hys pu♯ & perpetuel almys for euyr: & for thys recogniscion, acquietance, fine & concorde, þe foreseyde abbass relesyd & claymyd quite of her & oþer abbassys succedynge her & of her church of Godestow to the foreseyde william & to hys heyrys all harmys þat she had by the distreyntyng made to her fore þe fore-seyde servyce by defaute of þe seyde william.

[221.] *Chartur of william fit3 Robert of Cnolle of an acre londe in C[l]ere.

The sentence of þys chartur is, þat wylyam fit3 Robert of Cnott, by the assent & consent of aline hys wyfe & of wylyam hys fyrst sone, gaf, grauntid, & confirmyd by hys wrytynge; to god & to þe hows of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe holy mynchons there seruynge god, for þe helthe of hys sowle & of hys aunceturs & successours, on acre of londe in þe felde of Cler the whycy is callid Ramisholte, the whycy lyteth by-twene þe londe of wolferton & þe londe of santforde, strechynge fro þe sowþe toward þe northe; Also j corner of londe in strokynges croft vpon þe northe syde, for þe whycy he was wonyd sum tyme to take yerly fowre horsshone of rent; Also on dyche, l-take & leueyd of hys londe & l-cast vpon hys londe, that depretyth vpon þe est syde þe londe of santforde & vpon þe west syde hys londe of Cnoff, & hyt strechytt[h] hyt-selfe fro þe sowþe syde of þe horscrofte towarde þe norþe vn-to an angle or a corner of Tudenhull: to be holde & to be had, with-oute ony a-gynyste seyng of men or women, in-to fre quiet & perpetuel almus: & þat more certeyn truste myht be gyf & had to thys gyft graunt & confirmacion, he put to thys wrytynge hys scele: and is with-oute date.
Agreement between Godstow and Roger of Mortimer,

Thys was pœ final a-corde I-made in the kynges court at westmynster fro the day of seynt Myhel in-to iij. wokys, the xlij. yere of pœ reyne of kyngge henry pœ some of kyngge Iohn, a-fore Roger of Turkelby, Gilbert of preston, & Nicholas of 4 hanlo, Iustices, & a-fore oper trewe men of the kynges then pœ beynge present, by-twene Emyne, Abbas of Godestowe, playner, by wakelyne of Godestowe in her stede for to gete or to lese, & Roger of Mortmer, deforcycT; by amysy of pelethorp in hys stede 8 to gete or to lese, xvij. Marke pœ whyche wer by-hynde to pœ same abbases of a yrly rent of a marke pœ whyche he owyd to hyr of a mylle in withye, where-of pœ was pleyd by-twene hem in pœ same courte: pat is to sey, pat pœ fore-seyde Abbas 12 relesyd & quite-claymyd, of hyr & of hyr successours & of hys churche of Godestowe, to pœ fore-seyde Roger & to hys heyrys, alt here ryht and clayme pat she had in pœ fore-seyde yerly rent & Also in pœ foreseyde arreragijs for euyr. And for thys releys, 16 quite-clayme, fine, & a-corde, pœ same roger relesyd & quite-claymyd of hym & of hys heyrys to the foreseyde Abbas, & to oper abbasses pat sholde succede to hyr, & to hyr churche a-foreseyde, alt hys ryht & clayme pat he had in alt pat rent & 20 tenement with pœ pertinences pat pœ same abbases & hur churche a-fore-seyde helde in see in pœ paryshe of kynges Clere, the day pat pis a-corde was made, for euyr: & furpermore pœ same roger gaf to pœ foreseyde Abbas xij. Marke of siluer.

*leaf XX or 31, back.

About 1260? Quit-claim to Godstow, by John of mill, of a croft,

[223.] *Chartur of Iohn Chapleyyn of Clere in pœ towne of kynges Clere.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Iohn of Mylle, chapeleyyn, gaf & grauntyd, & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to the churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pœ mynchons pere seruynge god & to serue for euyr, hys 28 oon croft in kyngys clere, the whyche he bowht of william Cnolle, the whyche is callyd denpurcut, & lythe by-twene pœ

1 In the MS., no. 224 immediately preceded, and its rubric has been repeated in error.
lond of þe fore-seyde mynchons of Godestowe (þe whyche londe is callid Taywyerescroft) & þe kyngys wey (þe whyche ledythe fra kyngys clere toward * weymismyld) & strechythe hyt selfe 4 fro þe northe in-to þe southe: þe seyd crofte to be had & to be holde, with all hys pertinences, to þe fore seyde mynchons & to her successors, frely & quietly, pesybly & holly, in-to fre & perpetual almus, of hym & of hys heyrys & to 1 hys assynys, 8 paynge þerof yerly to the chyse lorde of þe fe j. close gylofer at myhel-masse, [&] to hym & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys j. rose to mydsomur for all seruices, þat is to sey, for sewte of courtes of shyrys, hundredys, lawday, & for all secular seruices 12 & demaundys: & þe seyd Iohn & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantizd, acquited, & defendyd to the fore-seyd mynchons & to her successors the fore-seyde crofte, with all hys pertinences & freedoms by-fore wret, for euyr, ageynyst all pepuI; & þat 16 hys gyft graunte & confirmation sholde be ferme and sure & stable for euer, he strengthyd his settynge of hys seele: & is with-oute date.

[224.] *A final a-corde by william of Clere of a mese & xx acris of londe.*

*The sentence of þys is, þat þys was a final a-corde I-made in 20 þe kyngys courte at westmynster fro trinite soneday in-to xv days, þe thre, & fynty yere of þe reyne of henry þe sone of kyng Iohn, afore martyn litlebury, Maystyr roger sayton, & Iohn Cobham, Justices, & a-fore oþer trewe men of þe kynges 24 there þen beyrne present, by-twene william of clere, sker, by Robert of hall sette in hys stede to gete or to lese, & Emyne, Abbys of Godestowe, holder, by Nicholas of Mungewelle sette in her stede to gete or to lese, of a mese & xx acris of londe 28 with þe pertinences in kyngys clere, whe-þe of 'assise of hys auncetur' was made by-twene hem, þat is to sey, þat william relesydf & quite-claymydf, of 2 hym & of 2 hys heyrys, to þe fore-seyde Abbys, & to oþer Abbassys the whyche sholde succede to 32 here, & to her churche of Godestowe, all the ryht & clayme þat he had in þe foreseyde tenement with the pertinences for euyr: and for þis reles, quite-clayme, fine, & concorde, the Abbys gaf to the foreseyd william viij. Marke of siluyr.

1 Read 'of.' 2 Read 'for.'
Hampshire: || Kyngysclere

[225.] *Chartur of henry of Edmundustrope for ij acris.

The sentence of pYS chartur is, that henry of Edmundistrope gaf, grauntaíd, & confirmi0d with hys wrytynge, to god & to the graunt of seynt Iohn baptist of Godestowe, & to the Abbas & couent brethryn & systryn of pe same place per seruynge god, in-to puñ & perpetuellt almis, for pe saluacion of hys sowle & of Isabel hys wyfe & for pe saluacion of pe sowlis of aff hys auncturs & successors, iij. acris of londe the whyche lyen in the feeldys of kynges Clere, of pe whyche on acre lyeth in the 3 west feeldes at helenestubbe, by-twene the londe pat was of henry Coke & pe londe pat was of william Cnoft; & an-op0er acre lythe in pe feeldes in pe tilthe pat is callid burnesfurlonge, in pe northe parte of pe londe pat was of Iohn scut, & strechthy 12 hyt-sylfE fro pe west towarde pe est vn-to woluehelynge, & pe acre is callid krokkeresacre. The fore-seyde henry grauntyd pe seyde iij. acris of londe, with here pertinences, to be had & to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys, to pe seyde holy churche of seynt Iohn-baptiste of Godestowe, to pe Abbas brethryn & systryn of pe seyde holy hous, weñ & in picee, freely & quietely, hole & herytably for euyr; & pe seyde henry & hys heyr ys waranti0yd & acquited & defendyd pe seyde iij. acris of londe, with all here pertinences, to pe seyde holy church Abbas & couent brethryn and systryn of pe seyde holy hows & to her successors for euyr, a-geynyst aff pepülüf; & pat hys gyft graunt & confirmacion myht be stronge & sure for euyr, * he strengthyd hyt with pe 21 puttyng to of hys seele.

[Strange title of Godstow.]

* leaf XXI or 32.

About 1280.
Grant to Godstow, by John franklin, of 'Prevet Croft,'

[Woolver-ton.]

[226.] Cartur of Iohn frankeleyyne for preuet crofte.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat Iohn frankeleyne gaf, grauntyd, & confirmi0d with hys wrytynge, to royse Abbas of Godestowe & to her couezt, a crofte of hys londe of pe fee of 28 frollebury, pe whyche is callyd preuet crofte, & buttythe in length toward pe west vppon pe londe of pe seyde abbass & towarde pe est vppon pe londe of pe person of pe churche of wolueyton, & it lieth in brede by-twene the londe of pe seyde 32 Abbas of pe sowthe partye & the londe of william at groue vppon pe northe syde. Alle pe fore-seyde crofte, with aff his
pertinences, he grauntyd to be had & to be holde, to pe fore-
seyde abbas & to her successors, & to the count of pe same
place, quietly, frely, pesibly, & holly, in perpetueft ryht, paynge
4 pe-er-of yerly to hym & to hys heyrys j. a in pe feste of seynt
myhel for all seculer seruice, exaccion, & demoande: for pe
whyche gyfte, graunt, & confirmacion, pe fore-seyde Abbys, with
assent & consent of all pe count of pe same place of Godestowe,
saf to hym vj acris londe in a felde pat is callid pe breche,
lyinge by-twene pe londe pat thomas pykeforde helde of the
foreseyde Abbys & pe wode pat is callid pe fryth, in-to an
eschange of pe foreseyde crofte pat is callid preevet croft: & pe
12 seyde Iohn franckelyn and hys heyris warantizyd; acquired; &
defendyd for euer, pe seyde crofte, with alle hys pertinences, to
pe foreseyde Abbys & her successors, a-gynyste all pepuls: &
pat hys graunt, gyft, & confirmacion, sholde be sure & stable
of euer, he strengthyd hyt with pe preynt of hys seele: & is
with-out date.

[227.] Chartur of Nicholas of Clere ryal or kynges
Clere for viij shillings of rent yerly.

The sentence of thys evidenc is, pat Nicholas & william of
kynges Clere, brethyn, & her heyrys, byn holde & bounde to pe
20 religius women pe Abbys & count of Godestowe in viij shillings
of sterlynges, yerly to be payd to hem in pe feste of seynt
Myhel, for Iohn I-callid Aylmer, sum-tyme her bondeman, pe
whych pey gaf to pe seyde Nicholas & Iohn, with all hys goodys
24 & cataf & londis pe whyche he hylde a-fore of pe seyde Abbys
& count, as hyt is conteynd fully in pe charturn of pe refeffement
pat pe seyde Abbys & couente made to hem vppon these thynges:
& they wyllyd & grauntyd for hem & for her heyrys, by the
28 tenowre of pys present wrytynge, pat hyt sholde be leffu to pe
seyde Abbys & Couent to entre & occupe as her owne pe seyde
londys & oper thyngys pat pey had at pat tyme & were to haue
afterwarde in pe towe of kynges Clere, & also to reseyne aft
32 the avaylys of the same frely & with-out a-gyn seyng of ony
man, & to make distreyngye as they wolde for pe seyde rent,
as ofte as hyt cesyd to be payd. They willid also & grauntyd for
hem & for her heyrys pat pe shreue of wynchester, pe whyche

Grant to
Godstow, by
Nicholas
and
William
of Clere, of
& rent-
charge over
the lands of
the serf
John
Aylmer.

Powers of
distraint.
is for pe tyme, sholde dysterene hem & her heyrys to pe payment to be do in what wyse he willid, & for eury distreyngynge pat he dothe to leuy of her goodys & of here heyrys viij shillings viij. d. to his ounce nede for hys labour, & vij. shillings viij d. to 4 pe nede of the seyde ladydis for her expenses & harmys pat they sofred by the occasyon of pe seye rent not I-payde in pe tyme I-sette. In-to witnes of pys thynge pey put to thys wrytynge her selis. The date at Godstowe, in pe morne of seynt Mathie 8 apostle, pe yer of our lorde a thousande to hundred iiiij. score & iiiij.

[228. *Charter of John son of Hereward.*

Margery of Dine, abess, and the convent of Godstow, granted to John son of John* Hereward the yardland which 12 his father had held of Godstow in Clere, for life-term, paying 76. yearly by half-yearly payments. If John the father overlive John the son, then the said yardland shall revert in villeinage at the old services to the father and his wife for life-term, but 16 on the death of them both shall fall to Godstow.

Given at Godstow, on the Monday after the Octave of Trinity, the 10th year of Edward son of King Edward.]

[229. *Charter of land given to John of Northwestern in the field of King's Clere.*

Margery de Dyne, abess, and the convent granted to said 20 John and his wife Cristiana, and to the longer liver of them, 32 acres in King's Clere which Richard Wychisburi once held. They were to pay 10 shillings of silver yearly for all services.

Given at Godstow, on the Sunday before the feast of 24 St. Matthew the Evangelist, 17 Edward II.]


The sentence of this chartur is, pat Iohn cnolle grauntyd in-to pur & perpetual almus, & vtturly quite-claymyd, to god & to I.e churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godstowe 28 i.e. morrow.
& to the holy monchons per e seruyenge god, for hym & for hys
heyrys for euyr, ait hys ryht & clayme pat he had or myght
haue in ony maner wyse in a place of londe with hys pertinences
in the parvysshe of kyngys Clere, the whyche is callid'
aywyepurcot, & the fore-seyde place of londe lype by-twene hys
mede pat is callid'. hys hole mede & a crofte pat is callid' hagen-
hyt vppon pe est, & a crofte of the fore-seyde hows of Godestowe
whyche is callid strokynges londe vppon pe west syde; so
pat the foreseyde Iohn, noper hys heyrys, ne no man by hym or for
hem or in her name, sholde moewe to aske or chalance ony
thynge of ryht or of clayme heraftur in the fore-seyde place
with hys pertinences, but that they sholde be excludyd' by pys
presente wrytynge for euyr for ait maner accion of ryht. In-to
wytnes of the same pynge he put to pys wrytyng euyr seele.
The date at kynges Clere, the freday next aftur the fest of the
Epiphanye of owre lorde, viij. yere of reyne of kyng
Edwarde the thyrde aftur the conquest.

[Knowle in King's Clere parish.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the Godstow properties in Sandford and King's
Clere were returned (Monast. iv. 375) as bringing in yearly, the demesne-land, £8;
the quit-rents of the copyholds, £12 16s. 6d.; and the freeholds, 10s.; in all
£21 6s. 6d.]

[231.] * A Chartur of Adam of Brincton of the londe
of Cnolle.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat adam of Brincton, for
hys sowle and of hys predecessors, grauntyd' yt ye pat Raf 
son of wayfere & hys heyrys made, by the consent of Robert
son of wayfere hys brother of the same sodur, of all londe
holde in Cnolle, in-to perpetual allmys, to the churche of
God & of ouer lady seynt Mary & of seynt Iohn baptiste of
Godestowe & to the holy monchons per e seruyenge god, with all
pertinences, pat is to sey in wode and playne, & in medys &
pasturys, in pondes & watures & mylllys, in weyes & pathys, & in

1 'Brinton,' in the Latin. his brother, my father, of all his land de
2 'by the consent of Robert of Waifere, tenura de Cnolle.'

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Hampshire: 

aff placis & in all thyngys. He willid & grauntyd:  the foreseyd londe pat pe foreseyde holy mynychons sholde holde hyt for euyr, weff & in pece, fre & vtturly quiete fro all seculer service & aff excacions, so pat he & hys heyrys sholde do for euyr to pe kynge & to hys lorde pe service (of hys oper fee) pat longythe to the londe: & furpermore he gaf to hem on cart-full of hey yerly to be payde to hem for euyr: & is with-out date.

* leaf XIX
or 30.
About 1154.
Grant to
Godstow,
by Richard
Labanc, of
lands,
* leaf XIX
or 30,
back.
[Nuns' dowser.]
free of all
feudal ser-
vice, but
subject to
an annuity
of £2 to the
donor for
his life-
time.

[Burial at
Godstow.]

1 This goes, in sense, with 'do.'
2 In the Latin copy (Exchequer MS.
leaf 19, back) 'all his land of Cnolle, and
Sauanton which belongs to it, and Sand-
ford with all pertinents.'


The sentence of thyss connuencion is, pat by-twene the 8 mynychons of Godstowe & Richard labanc a couenaut was made of pe londe of 2 cnolle & of swanton, pe which he gaf, in-to perpetuall almys, & to our lady seynt mary * & to the churche of Godstowe & to pe mynychons pere seruinge god, for pe helpe of hys sowle & of hys predecessours, with hys modyr Rohays & hys sistur Cecilie pe whyche were made there mynychons, the fore-seyde londe to be fre & vtturly quite fro aff seculer services, excepte pat pe fore-seyde Richard labanc shulde haue of the foreseyd church 3 yerly xl. shillings whyle pat he liuyth in thyss worlde. Aftur the dethe of pe seyde Richard pe foreseyde londe of cnolle, swanton, with aff pe pertinences, in woode, in playn, millis & weyis & pathyss, & aff 20 oper pynges, with-oute pe xl. shillings, & Also fro aff seculer service be vtturly fre & quite & vnbroke, welle & pesibly, in pe foreseyde church for euyr, so pat pe heyrys of pe seyde Richard seyde holde the service, of hys oper fee, pat pertinith oper to pe kynge oper to hys lorde of pat londe, pat is to sey, of Cnolle & of Swanton. Also 4 he grauntyd to pe same church hys body to be buryed aftur hys dethe: & he confirmyd thyss connuencion to be holde ferme & sure by hys fyth and troup, & pat a-fore 28 kynge henry kynge of Ingelounde & alienowre pe queue, bothe clerkes & lay men 5: & is with-oute date.

3 i.e. of Godstow.
4 'post mortem vero eius, corpus suum sepelendum eidem ecclesie concessit.'
5 Among the witnesses are Nicholas Labanc, and Sara wife of Richard Labanc.
[233. *Charter of the king to Godstow for lands and tenements in Clere.

Henry II intimates to the bishop of Winchester and others and to all his lieges French and English of Suthamtescyre, that Richard labaanc came into his presence and gave to Godstow, with his mother and sister to be nuns, all his land of Cnolle and Swanton with all pertinences; free of all secular service, save that, while said Richard lived, the convent should pay him yearly 40s. After Richard's death the land should be quite free of burdens, his heirs doing all services due from it, out of his other lands.

Witnesses:—Queen Eleanor, Thomas [Becket] cancellarius [1154–62]; Mannasses Biset, dapifer; Warin son of Gerold, camerarius; Ralph of Hasting; William son of Hamon; and Joseline de Baillolio. At Lincoln].

[234.] *Another Chartur of Richard labanc of Clere.

The sentence of thy chartur is, pat Richard labaanc grauntyd & gaf, in-to perpetuel almys, to pe churche of god & of our lady 16 seynt marye & of seynt Ion baptiste of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons pere seruynge god, all the dowry of hys modur, pat is to sey, knolle¹, & swanton pe whyche longethe to the same, & sanforde & hodicotte as muche as hys predecessours 20 had, pat is to sey, v. hydys. Aff pepe pynges he grauntyd & gaf, vtturly frely & quietly fro all seculer services, with all her pertinences, as frely & as goode as euyr ony of hys predecessours helde hyt: & more-ouer he grauntyd, more frely, pat he wolde 24 do to the kyngge & to hys lorde pe seruice of hys oper londys pat was wonyd'to be do for hem: & is with-out date².

[235.] A Chartur of hugh mortner of the londe labanc.

The sentence of thy chartur is pat hugh mortner, by pe consent of Roger hys soine & of hys oper heyrys, gaf & grauntyd² to pe churche of god & of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste & 28 to pe churche of god & of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste & ¹ In the Latin, 'Cnolle, and Swanton which belongs to it.'
² Witnesses (Exchequer MS. leaf 20): Jeffrey [of Monmouth], bishop [elect] of St. Asaph [1152-54]; Walter, archdeacon of


* leaf XIX or 30. About 1151. Grant to Godstow, by Richard Labanc, of 5 hides, altogether free of feudal dues.

* Charter to Godstow, by Hugh of Oxford [died Oct. 1151]; Robert, prior of St. Frideswyde's [1141-70]; Odelard Labanc and Hugh his 'nepos'; Ralph Lancelene, &c.
to the holy monachons of Godestow pre se riuinge god, all the
lond of kmolle & swanton pat longyth to p° same & sanford;
with all hys pertinences, fre & quiete fro alle secular servise, as
Richard labaunc gaf hyt to p° foreseyd churche, so pat p° 4
foreseyd Richard & hys heyrys sholde do to hym & hys heyrys
p° servise of hys oper fee pat longythe to pat londe.

[Winchester ¹.]

[236. * Charter of Robert of Meisi for Land in
Winchester.

ROBERT of Meisi, with consent of his heirs, gave to Godstow
land in Wintonia which he held of the fee of the earl of 8
gloucester, with his daughter to be a nun; viz. land outside
north gate which William Hogelies holds, and other land in
Suldwregtestret and flesmongerestrete, with proviso² that by
payment he may have lodging there when he requires it.
Witness:—Wacheline, abbot of Abbendon ³.

mesuages in Winchester.

HERBERT of St. Quintin lets French and English know that he
has given to Godstow three mesuages at Winchester, viz. two
within the city and one outside. Of the said mansions within 16
the wall, one pays yearly 15d. and the other 12d.; and the
land outside pays 10d. This gift was given with his sister
Odelena to be a nun.
Witnesses:—Robert of Meysy, Richard Musard, etc.]

[WOOLVERTON.]

*leaf XIX* [238.] *A plee by-twene the lady Abbas & syr reynolde
fitz petur, lorde of wooluerton.

The sentence of thys plee is, pat p° abbas of Godestowe & p°
Couent browht syr Reylolde fytz petur, by a bref pat is callyd

¹ All the Winchester property seems meis nummis, ut consuevi, si necesse
alienated before pope Nicholas IV's
Textatio Ecclesiastica, 1291.
² Ita tamen ut hospicia illic habeam
³ i.e. Abingdon.
Hampshire: *(Wolverton

'quo iure,' in *e kynges court in-to ple, for asmuche as syre Reynolde & hys men of woluerton, & also *e person of *e place, askyd vnduly comune pasture in a woode *at is callid le fyrth, as pey seyde. At the laste *e ple restyd in-to pys maner, by frendely composicion by-twene partyes for euyr, *at is to sey, *at *e fore-seyde abbas & mynochys grauntid to *e foreseyd's syre Reynold & to hys heyrys, & to *e person of the place & to hys successours, *at hyt sholde be leffull to hem for to haue hir bestys ( *at is to sey, of hys maner, & of the churche of woluerton) in pasture of *e woode of le fyrth & for to be quite fro pannage. Also they grauntyd to *e men of *e fore-seyde's syre Reynolde for euyr, *at hyt sholde be lawfull to hem to haue her beestes, *e whych they haue in *e maner of woluerton, in *e foreseyde woode pasture & pannage, so *at *e pannage of her owne hoggys pey haue quite & *e seyde syre Reynolde relesyde & quite-claymeyd & to foreseyde abbas and count, for hym & hys heyrys & hys men of woluerton, & the fore-seyde person also, for hym & hys successours, att *e londe of *e breche, bope in medewe & in pasture & in arable londe, & att *e ryht & claymey *at he had or myth haue by *e name of pasture or by *e name of ony oper Ryht in hit, so *at hyt sholde be leffull to hem ( *at is to sey, to *e abbas & to *e count) for to appropur *e fore-seyde londe & mede & pasture with att he? pertinences, with-out ony a-gaynseynge of hem, or lette; also to deduce hyt in-to what-euer vis *at pey wyllyd, as hyt likyth & semyth to hem most best & most profitable to spede, holy & quietly & in pece for euer, that alonye oute-take, *at *e fore-seyde syre Reynold & hys heyrys & hys men of woluerton, & *e fore-seyde person & hys successours, shold haue alonye fre-goynge to her beestes to be waturde at the welle of the brech; Also *at hyt sholde be lawfull to the foreseyde abbas & Count, to cast down & to take, aftur her wyll, of *e foreseyde woode of *e frith as hyt plesyth hem & whenne-so-euyr they wylle, with-out ony a-gaynseynge & lette or playnt of the fore-seyde syre reynolde, person of woluerton, & her heyrys & successours, & also of her men, saunyng to *e fore-seyde Reynolds & to hys *e heyrys *e betwenn Godstow on the one part, and the lord of the manor of Woolverton and the rector of Woolverton on the other part, as to pasture-rights in Godstow wood called 'the Frith,' Godstow allowing free pasture and pannage to the beasts of the manor, of the rector, and of the tenants of the manor; Sir Reginald giving up his claim on the woodland called 'the Breche,' and allowing Godstow to appropriate it altogether, only leaving free passage to the well there, for the cattle of the lord of Woolverton and his tenants and of the rectory. Godstow to have absolute right to the * leaf XX or 31.

1 Reading doubtful: possibly 'frich.'
2 'averia.'
3 'et pannagio quieta.'
4 Ablative in the Latin, 'pastura et pannagio' = at pasture and pannage.
5 i.e. so that they do not pay for pannage of their own porci.
timber of 'the Frith,' allowing the lord of Woolverton his old hunting-rights there. Godstow to have leave to plant, and build and settle men in 'the Frith.' Exchange of good offices between the lords of Woolverton and the abbey of Godstow.

*r leaf XX or 31, back. About 1210. Grant to Godstow, by Piers son of Herbert, of leave to enclose and cultivate an 'assart' near Woolverton Park, leaving free access to the well there, and reserving rights of pasture in the stubble.

ryht of hys huntyngse aftur pat hyt sholde be sauyd to hem of ryht, so neuer pe lese pat hyt sholde be leffull to the fore-seyde abbas & to her Couent all pe fore-seyde londe with hys pertineness to plante & to bylde aftur her owne wylle & also 4 men there to dwelle yf pey wyllid. Furpermore hyt is to be notyd pat pe fore-seyde Reynoldse fit petur, for hym & hys heyr ys, toke pe goodys, londys, & possessions of the fore-seyde abbas & mynychons of Godestowe in hym defense & proteccion for 8 euyr: and pe same abbas & mynychons of Godestowe toke hym & receyuyd in massys, in matyns, in oper owrys, suffrages, almys, fastynge, & all oper thyngys pat myht profite to the helpe of sowlys: but pat all pe pynges a-fore-seyde myht 12 a-byde stable & sur for euyr, & pat pey myht haue perpetu strength of surenes, pe fore-seyde partes sette to pys present chartur her selys, euyryche a-geynyst oper: & is with-out date.

[239.] * A Chartur of pers herbert of Cler.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat pers fit3 herbert1, for pe 16 loune of god & for pe helpe of hys sowle & for pe soulisis of hys auncesturs & successours, grauntyd to god & to our lady seynt Marye of Godestowe & to pe mynychons pere seruynge god, pat pey may close here assarte pat lyeth nyhe hys parke of 20 wolurton, & to ere hyt & to sowle, aftur her owne wille, with-oute lette of hym or of hys, so nepeles pat hys meyny of wolurnton sholde haue fre & full powe to lede her bestys to the welle, the whyche is sette in pe fore assarte, to water hem & to 24 brynge hem a-geyne. That notwythstondyngse he reteynyd to hym & to hys meyny pat, fro pat tyme pat pe cornys l-sowe in pe same Assarte aftur resonable tyme be remeuyd; all hys meyny of pe same maner sholde haue full & fre commune to aft 28 her bestys in pe pasture of pe fore-seyd assarte, vnto a-noper tyme resonable of sowyng, with-out lette: and for-asmuchys pat hys graunt sholde a-byde ferme & stable for euyr, he put to pys wrytyngse hym seele: & is with-out date.

1 Rev. H. Salter tells me that this Peter, son of Herbert, is the father of Sir Reginald of no. 238, and that Sir Reginald came into his inheritance in 1248.
LINCOLNSHIRE

[Syston, near Grantham.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Wroxton priory (Monast. iv. 372) was still paying this £2 to Godstow.]

[240.] *An annuyte of xl. shillings I-grauntyd by maister myghel Belet vnto the mynchons of Godestowe, which the priour and chanons of Wroxton *shold paye yerely out of the maner of Sydeston at ij. termes of the yere.

The sentence of this charter is, that maister myghel Belet yaf and grauntyd, to the lady Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther everuyng god, a rent of xl. shillings yerely to be take at ij. termes, that is to sey, xx. shillings atte vtas of whitsontyde, and xx. shillings atte vtas of seynt Martyne in wynter; the which forsaide xl. shillings the forsaide mynchons shold receve by the hande of the priour and of the chanons of Wroxton, to the which he assigned a certayne rente, in a certayne place, at a certayne terme, in his maner of Sideston, that they shold take the xl. shillings and pay them to the forsaide mynchons atte forsaide termes: he made also the forsaide chanons to be-hote in perel of ther sowles, and to swere vpon the holy gospels, that they shold paye the forsaide rente to the forsaide mynchons with-out ony gyle or disciete, all lettyng and occasion cesyng: And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[241.] An obligacion of the priour of Wroxton byndyng hym-self and his Covente to pay the forsaide xl. shillings atte termes I-assigned.

The sentence of this obligacion is, that hugh, priour of the place of owre lady of Wroxton, and all the Couente that there serued god and our lady, bounde them and ther successours

1 Not included in pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902), 1192, and therefore of somewhat later date.
for ever to pay unto the abbess of Godestowe and to the couente of the same place yearly 1l. shillings of siluer; that is to say, xx. shillings at the vtas of seynt Martyne in wynter, and xx. shillings at the vtas of whitsontyde: The which forsaid 4 xl. shillings their patron, maister Migheft Belet, assigned to them, to be take in his maner of Sydeston, where he yaf to them x. poundeworth of londe, as the charter of hit witnesseseth, the which they haue. And they made the forsaid's obligacion in many maners: for they swore into ther sowles that they wold paye atte forsaide termes the forsaid payment of iij. marke without fraude or occasion, all agayne-seyng and lette sesyng; and occasion; And they confirmed with their 12 conuentueff scale that is hanged to this writynge, vndir payne of xx. shillings for every faile that happened; Also they subjected them-self specially in this behalf to the Jurisdictio of the bishop of lyncolne that were for the tyme, And also to 16 the Archidekon of Oxenford, that they two, or one of them, myght compelle them, without ony agaynsalyng; to the forsaid payment, and to the payne of hit were commyttted; And who-so-ever were I-made priour shold swere that he shold truly observe 20 this obligacion. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* An obligacion of the Priour of Wroxtōn, I-made to the Abbess of Godestowe, for xl. shillings yearly.

The sentence of this obligacion is, that the priour and Couente of the place of Wroxtōn bounde them-self and ther successours for ever to yelde yearly to the abbesse and couente 24 of Godestowe xl. shillings of siluer, that is to say, xx. shillings at the vtas of seynt Martyn in wynter and xx. shillings at the vtas of whitsontyde, the which xl. shillings maister Migheft belet their patron 1 assigned to them, to be take in his maner of 28 Sydestoωn, wher he yaf to them x. pounde.

[Leaf missing.]

1 Wroxtōn priory was founded by Michael Belet early in 1217.
MIDDLESEX

[London.]

[243. * Charter of Hugh, archdeacon of Leicester, for a shop in West Cheap.

Hugh, Legre. archidiaconus, informs Ralph (de Diceto), dean, and the chapter of St. Paul's, that he has given to Godstow land which Hugh son of John holds of him, viz. the shop in Westcheap which Bernard Caldebuf held of Osbert his father, and of (Hugh's brother) Richard son of Osbert, as his brother Richard gave it to him.

Witnesses:—William, archdeacon of London, etc.]

[Note.—Rev. H. Salter points out to me a difficulty of dates. According to Le Neve, Hugh was made archdeacon of Leicester in 1148, and ceased to be archdeacon 'before 1180.' This would push back the deed to the time of Ralph de Langford, dean of St. Paul's, who died about 1152. But, on the other hand, this West-Cheap rent-charge does not appear in Henry II's confirmations of 1156 or 1165, and does appear in that of 1182. Ralph de Diceto became dean in 1181.]

[244. * Charter of Henry son of Ailw.¹ of London.

Said Henry gave to Godstow, for the soul of king Henry and his own soul, 5s. of quit-rent of the land which Laurence pistor held of him outside Bissopesgate, to be taken on the day of his obit yearly.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, this is still found, viz. 5s. in St. Botulph's parish outside Bishopsgate, London.]

[245. * Grant by Nicholas of Cerontha² son of Martin.

Said Nicholas gave to Godstow, for the soul of his brother and his own, a half-marc of rents in London, to be paid half-yearly, viz. at Easter and Michaelmas, viz. of the land of

¹ This Henry fitz-Ailwyn is set down as the first mayor of London, holding office from about 1189 till his death in 1212.
² Possibly 'Geroutha.'
the nuns of Stratford, 2s.; of the land of Martin listor, 3s. 8d.; of the land of Clement clerk, 8d.; and of his own land, 4d.]

[246.] *A licence I-made to Edmond Mabunke that he myght yeve to the mynchons of Godestowone mese in Fletestrete in the subarbis of london, notwisthstandyng the statute of mortmayn.

The sentence of this licence is, that kyng Edwarde, kyng of Englonde & cetera, willed to be know that, though hit were 4 I-ordeyned and by statute I-made that hit shold not be lawfull to religious peple to entre the fee of any man in such wise that hit shold come to morte mayne with-out his licence and of the chief lord of the which that thynge was I-holde immediatly, 8 Nathelles, by a fyne the which the wellbeloved to hym in crist the abbesse of Godestowe made with hym, he graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires as moche as was in hym, to Edmond Mabank, that he myght yeve and assigne to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons, and to ther successors, into help of the susteynyng of a Chapelayne to syenge for ever masse in the worship of our lady in the chirch of more Tywe. And he graunted to the same abbesse and Couente that they myght receive and hold, to them and to there successors, the forsaid mese with the pertynentis of the forsaid. * Edmond for ever, as hit is I-said afore. Also by the tenoure of this present writynge he yaf special licence, not willyng that the forsaid Edmond or his heires or the forsaid abbesse and mynchons and ther successors by the reason or cause of the statute afsaid shold be occasioned or greved in ony thyng therof by hym or by his heires, Syvang nathelesse to hym, and to other, seruycis therof dewe and I-wonyd: In-to witnesse of the which thynge he made to be made these lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, atte Towre of Londo, the xvij day of Iule, the xix. yere of his reigne.

* Exchequer
MS. leaf II,
back. 1325,
July 25.

Licence in mortmain by the bishop of

[247. * Licence by Roger (de Martival), bishop of Salisbury (1315–30), as feudal superior, to Edmund Maubanck.

Licence by Roger, bishop of Sarum, allowing Edmund Maubanck to feoff Godstow in a messuage in Fletestrete,
Middlesex: London

which is of the fee of his see, and empowering Godstow to receive the same. Given at Sonnyng, on Thursday, the feast of St. James the Apostle, 19 Edward II.]


EDMUND Maubanck grants Godstow his messuage in Flete-stret in the suburb of London, between the messuage of Walter atte sloo next the door of the bishop of Sarum and the messuage of John Wolfeld, to provide a chaplain to celebrate in the church of Great Tew, and to pay to himself a pension of 7 mares yearly for his life-term. Sept. 7, 19 Edward II.

Witnesses:—Hamo de Chigewell, mayor of London; and John of Causton and Quinton (?) of Folesham, sheriffs.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned (Monast. iv. 375) a house in St. Bride's parish which was let for £2 to the churchwardens of that parish.]
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

[Note.—Godstow's interest in this county came from a grant at the foundation (no. 4) in 1136, at Halse or Halse, and was increased by rent-charges in Brackley before Henry II's third charter (no. 886) in 1182. Further purchases were made at Brackley and Evenley early in the thirteenth century. In pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, Godstow was reckoned to have land in Halse and Brackley worth £3 18s. 6d., and tithes to the value of £3 9s. 8d. In 1540, at the dissolution (Monast. iv. 376), there is no mention of Brackley or of Evenley, and Godstow is set down as receiving out of 'Halse manor (late lord Lovell, now lord Derby)' only £2. The rent-charge of £5 (at Bozeat) was, in 1540, still paid to Godstow by St. James's Abbey, Northampton.]

[Bozeat.]

* leaf 210. [249.] *A Charter of Raaf Harange I-made to the
mynchons of Godestowe confermyng to hem al the
lond that he had in the towne of Bosegate.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange, yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confirmed; to god and to our lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, for the helthe of his 4 lordis soule kyng henry sone of kyng Iohn, and for the helthe of his owne soule and of Isabelle his wyf, and for the soule of his lord kyng Iohn, and for the soules of all his auncetours, and for the helthe of Raaf his sone and heire and Alice his wyf, 8 and for the helthe of all his heires, with the consent of the same Raaf his sone and heire, all his lond which he had in the towne of Bosegate of the yffe of Robert Bluet, that is for to sey, a Chief mesuage, a vyne-yrde, a gardeyne, a Culuerhous, and 12 v. yerdis of lond; with all the pertynentis, that is to sey, with homagis and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and with all the bondmen of the same lond holdyng and with all theire sequele: To have and to holde, to the forsaid 16 Mynchons, of hym and of his heires, in fre pure and perpetuel almes, with londis, medis, lesues, and pastures, with wodes and
Northamptonshire: Bosegate

all other thyngis, vnto the foresaid lond, perteynyng, yeldyng therof yerly a pound of pepir, and to do all maner of services as moche as perteyneth to the foresaid lond, for which pounde of pepir and foreyne service the same mynchons shal acquyte hym and his heires ayenst the chief lordes, which foresaid lond, as it is aforesaid, with all his pertynentis, he yaf and assigned specially vnto a pytance of the same mynchons in help of 8 susteynyng of ther kechyn. And the foresaid Raaf Harange and his heires, all the foresaid lond, with all the pertynentis, to the foresaid mynchons, ayenst all maner of peple shal warantije. And that this his yifte shold stond stable, to this present *writynge he hath sette to his seale. All this was done in the yere of grace a thousand two hundred and xxij., in the moneth of Septembre, in the presence of kyng henry at wodestok. This beynge witnesse: Martyne of Pateshuft, Stepheyne of Segrave, Thomas of Heyden, Robert of Laxantor, Raaf of Troubleyle, Iohn Russelt, Adam of Stawelt, Stepheyne of Fretewelt, Piers Talemasch, Raaf Harange, Clerk, Richard of Lega, Hugh Lupo, and many other.

[250.] Another charter of the same Raaf.

20 The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange yaf, gravened; and by his present charter confirmed; to god and tooure Lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god, for the helth of his lord kyng Henry sone of kyng Iohn, and for the helth of his owne soule and of Isabeft his wyf, and for the helth of Raaf his sone and heire and Alice his wyf, and for the helth of all his children, and for the soule of Iordan his sone and for the soules of Iohane and Agneis his doughtirs and for the soules of all their children, and for the soules of all his predecessours and successours, and also with the wille and consent of the same Raaf his sone and heire, All the lond the which he had in the towne of Bosegate of the yifte of Robert Bloette, that is for to sey, his chief Mesuage, a vynyerd, a gardyne, a culverhous, and v. yerdes lond; with all his pertynentis, that is to sey, with homagis and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and with all bonde tenaunts of the same lond with all their quit-rent, 1 lb. of pepper, to be a pittance in the kitchen of Godstow.

*leaf 219, back.

1222, Sept. Modifications of no. 249. Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harange, of a rent-charge of £5 yearly, on the lands described in no. 249, the ownership of which is now given to St. James's Abbey, Northampton,
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but subject to a rent-charge to provide at Godstow

* leaf 211.
a pittance in the kitchen of 14s. in each of the seven weeks of Quinquagesima and Lent, and a pittance of 2s. for the infirmary.

1222, Sept.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph Harange junior, of his father’s gift of the rent-charge, as in no. 250.

[251.] A Confirmation of Raaf, the son and heir of the said Raaf.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Harange the son 28 of Raaf Harange, yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confirmed, the yifte the whiche the forsaid Raaf his fadir made to god and to our lady seynt Marie and to seynt John Baptist and mynchons of Godestowe, of an yerely rent of an hundred 32 shillyngis, which rent he assigned vnto the sustentacion of the kechyn of the forsaid mynchons: To hold, to the forsaid mynchons for evermore, as the charter of the forsaid Raaf his
fadir which they have therof sheweth and berith witnesse. Thise beynge witnesse: Raaf Troublevyle, Iohn Russet the kyngis Seneschal, Adam of Stanweft dispensare of ser Guarno the kyngis Chapeleyne, william de Fychecot, Symond of hyntoñ, Stephyn of Fretewelt, Piers Talamassô, Iohn Chapelayne, and many other.

[252.] *A Charter of Felice Abbesse of Godestowe I-made to the Abbot of Seynt Iames of Northampton.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Felice, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, yaf, graunted; and by their present Charter conferred; to god and to our lady seynt marie and to the chyrch of seynt Iames of Northamp-toñ and to the Chanons their servyng god, all theire lond of Bosegate of the fee of Robert Bluet which they had in the same towne of the yfte of ser Raaf Harang; that is for to sey, a chief messuage and a gardeyne and a vyneyerd; a Culuer-house, and v. yerdis of lond; with the pertynentis, that is to sey, with homage and service of william the sone of Raaf of Bosegate, and with all the bonde-holders of the same lond; with all theire sequelis: To have and to hold; to the forsaid Chanons for evermore, with londis, medis, lesues, pastures, wodis, and all other thyngis vnto the same lond perteynyng, of theyme and their successors, yeldying thereof yerely to theyme at seynt Iames of Northampton an hundred shillyngis of sterlyngis at twey termes in the yere, that is to sey, the Sonday of Sexagesime fyfty shillyngis, and on Midel lentoñ Sonday fyfty shillyngs, Also yeldying a pounde of pepir, And to do all foreyne service asmoche as perteyneth to that lond; and ayenst the chief lordes. Be hit knowe that yf the said Chanons pay not the forsaid money within viij. days after the termes afore rehearsed; than it shall be leufft to hem to distreyne the same chanons vpon all that lond; by all theire cataft that may be founde, vnto the payment and also to the costis in the defaute thereof. And they and their successors, to the forsaid Chanons and their successors, the same lond; *with all his pertynentis, warantied:* And yf so be, that by their defaute, or by their warantying; that they lese any part of the forsaid lond; than, by the con-

* Something is lost. Not in Latin copy.
in rent-charge, if warranty is insufficient.

sideration of lawful men, after the rate hit shall be abated out of the said ferme of an hundred shillingis. And to the more surenesse, this charter is made endented, and to the parte that remayneth with the said Chanons the said mynchons have put to theirseale, And to the parte that remayneth with the said mynchons the said Abbot and Covent hath put to her seale, This beyng witnesse: Martyne of Patteshulle, Raaf Harange, Stephyne of Segrave, Thomas of heyde, and many other. 8

* leaf 211. About 1250 ?

Sale to Ralph Harange,

* leaf 211, back.

by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, of the vineyard included in nos. 249, 250, but without affecting the rent-charge to Godstow. Purchase money, £2 13s. 4d.

* leaf 212. 1239, Oct. 20.

[253.] * A release of the Abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton I made to Raaf harange of a vyneyerd in Bosegate.

The sentence of this release is, that Adam¹, abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton, and the Covent of the same place, released and *quyteclaymed; to ser Raaf Harang; and to his heires, a vyneyerd in Bosegate, which somtyme they held to-gedir with other londes of the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe, yeldying nevertheless theirs full yeryl ferme of the residue of the forseid londes to the forsaid Abbesse and Covent of Godestow, that is to sey, an hundred shillingis, as it is conteyned in theire pryncipali Charter. And for this relese and quyteclayme, the forsaid Raaf yaf to hem foure marke of siluer. Thise beyng witnesse: ser henry, parson of Torent, ser Bernard, Chapeleyne of Godestowe, Raaf of seynt Germayne, and many other.

* leaf 212. 1239, Oct. 20.

[254.] * A controversy was moved betwene the forsaid Abbot of seynt Iames of Northampton and the Abbesse of Godestowe.

The sentence of this stryf is, that the fryday next after the fest of seynt luke the Euangelist, the yere of the reign of kyng Edward the thirde fro the conquest the thirde, ther was a strif and a discorde betwene Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, playntyf, of that one parte, and Nicholas, Abbot of seynt Iames without Northampton, on that other parte, began as for the arreragis of an yeryl rent of an hundred shillingis yeryl, owynge vnto the seid Abbesse of dyuerse tenementis of the same Abbottis in Bosegate, in this forme here after thei were

¹ Adam was abbot 1241 to 1265.
accorded: That is for to sey, that the forseid' Abbesse, for her and her successors, yaf, released; and all wey quyteclaymed; to the forseid' abbot and to his successors al maner of arreragis of rent I-axed or to be axed; and also all other accions of dette or of any other thynge fro the begynnynge of the world unto the day of the makynge of this endenture, And the forseid' abbot knoweclched' hym-self to be bounden, to the seid' Abbesse and to her successors, in an hundred shillyngis of yerly rent, to be paid to theym or to there certeyne attorney at twayne termes in the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of Sexagesyme fyfty shillyngis, and at the myddel of lente fyfty shillyngis. And to the more sikernesse of the forseid' yerly rent, wele and truly to the forseid' Abbesse and to her successors or to their attorney at the forseid' termes to be paid, The forseid' Abbot for hym and his successors bounden all the londes and tenementis in Bosegate to the distreyne of the same rent; That is for to sey, yf so be that the forseid' rent be behynde at any of the seid' termes in partie or in all, that than hit shal be leuff to the forseid' Abbesse and to her successors in all the londis and tenementis asforde to distreyne, and the distresses to with-hold vnto the tyme that they, or their attorney, of all the arreragis of the forseid' rent thei be fully satisfied. To the which forseid' covenant to be ratified in truly, in the forme asforseid; a this half the day of seynt Hugh the bishop, now next comyng after the date of this present writyng, to be fulfilled and kept, the parties aforesametd to this present endutures everich of hem to others have sette to there seales.


28 The sentence of this composiciön is, that Nicholas, by the grace of god Abbot of Seynt James next Northampton, and by Covent of the same place, Sendith gretynge in our lord god: Be hit knowen that where we had and held a chief mesuage, with Curtilagis, vyneyerdis, gardynes, Culuerhous, to-gedir with v. yerdis of arable lond, medis, wodes, and pastures, and with other pertynentis, to-gedir with homagis, wardis, relefis, and promise by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, to pay said rent-charg regularly in future, in Lent, and grant of powers of dis-traint.

*leaf 212, back.

[St. Hugh = Nov. 17.]

1329, Nov. 6. Obligation to Godstow, by St. James's Abbey, Northampton, in accordance with the agreement in no. 254,
Eschetics, and seruyces of ye tenantis and of bondmen and her bodies with their sequelis of the same tenement holding, in Bosegate, of the yfte and feffement of dame Felice, somtyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, to 4 them and to there successours for evermore, yeldying thereof yereely to the same Abbesse and Covent of Godestow an hundred'shillyngis of sterlyngis at two termes in the yere in the Abbey of seynt Iames before remembred; that is to sey, the Sonday of 8 Sexagesyme fyfty shillyngis, and on mydlyent Sonday fyfty shillyngis, for al seculer seruyce and demaunde. They wolle and graunte, and by this present writyng byndith hem, and al their successours, and also al their maner of Bosegate, to the 12 forseid' abbesse and Covent of Godestowe and to her successours, in the forseid' hundred' shillyngis in the termes and place before-seid' wele and truly to be paid, without any longer delay or tariyng. And ye they pay not, and any of the termes be past, 16 anon hit shal be leful to pe * same Abbesse and Covent, and to ther successours, or to ther procurator, bothe in the forsaid'tene- mentis which of hem they held' as it is aforseid; and also in al the residue of their maner of Bosegate, over al and in every 20 parcel, to distreyne aftir their owne wil, without any withseiynge of them or ther successours, And the distresses to kepe vnto tyme of the rent aforseid' they be fully contente and paid; with costis and damagis that thei toke in the tariyng of the payment 24 therof. And for this recognycion, graunte, and obligacion, the said' Abbesse and Covent of Godestow releseid' to hem al the arreragis of the same rente that was at ony tyme behynd' vnto the day of the makyng of this present writyng: In witnesse of 28 which thynge: to thisise present writyng eudented' eche of hem have sette her seles to other. Thise beyng witnesse: Ewstace of. Burneby, william of Seymour, william of Bruton, Geoffrey of Bray, william of waydour, william of Tyeken, Thomas of seynt Hillery, 32 and other. The date is in the abbey of Seynt Iames next Northampton, the monaday next aftir the fest of Alhalowen, the yere of the regine of kyng Edward the thirde aftir the conquest the therde.
[Brackley: see also in no. 269 in Halso.]

[256.] * A chartur of Siluester of brackeley of an hows.

The sentence of these chartur is, pat frere aleyne, procuratur of the hospital of seynt Iohn of brackeley, & brethyrne of the same place, gafe & grauntyd, & confermyde with her wrytynge, to syluester, Marchaunt, of brackeley, the hows of Gaufryde fitz petur, pat is to sey, hows is sette by twene hows of salomon chapeleyne & hows of Roger Skynner, to be holden to fee-ferme of hem for eyr, to hym & to Skynner. Sales to Silvester, merchant of Brackley, by St. John's Hospital, Brackley, of a house, with market-rights.

[Three terms in a year.]

Purchase money, ; 5s.

[Liberty of buying and selling.]

[257.] * Chartur of siluester of brackeley of all hys tenementes in brackeley.

* The sentence of thys chartur is pat siluester of brackeley gafe, grauntyd, & confermyd with his wrytynge, to god & to our lady seynt Marye & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons, per seruyung god; in-to prer & perpetuel almys, for hys sowle helthe & of hys wyfe & anne-tours & successours, alle hys tenementes in the town of brackeley, pat is to sey, hows with pertinences which he bowht of william fitz Osebert, Merchaunte; & hows with pertinences he bowht of hys heyrys of Eralde throtebolle; & hows with pertinences he helde of

1 Robert (fitz-Parnell), earl of Leicester, 1190-1204.
Northamptonshire: || Brackeley

[Brackley Hospital.]

[Saier de Quincy, earl of Winchester, 1207-19.]

Subject to quit-rents of 9d., 6d., 5s. [i.e. no. 256.]

[Three terms in a year.]

brethyn of pe hospital of pe holy apostels Iamys & Iohn of brackeley; to be had & to be holde, welle & in pece, frely & quietly for euer, paysnge yerly to peorde Seer of quincy, erle of Winchester, ix. d.; for pe pays he bowht of william 4 throtebolle, pat is to sey, iiij. d at pe feste of seynt Myhel, & iiij. d at candelmasse, & iiij. d at Mydsomer; Also to pe same erle, vj. d; for pe pays he 8 helde of pe breberyn of pe hospital of brackeley, v. shillings, to be payde to pe same brethyn at pe foreseyde termys; & pat hys gyfte sholde a-byde sure & stable, he confirmyd thys wryntyng with pe puttyng to of hys seele; & is with-out date.

About 1210.

[258.] An obligacion of Thomas turri of brackeley of xij. shillings of yerly rent for the londe of yuenley.

The sentence of thys obligacion is, pat Thomas turry of brackeley bownde aff hys tenauntrye in pe town of brackeley pe whych Robert abraham sumtyme helde, in pe same town also pe same tenement pat walter dyer sumtyme helde, to pe abbas 16 and coun of Godestowe or to he baylyfs, to dystreyne hym & hys heyrys or hys assynys, for xij. shillings of yerly rent, in pe whych he was bounde to hem for pe foreseyde tenement, yf pey sesyd fro pe payment of pe seyde rent in ony terme tylle pe fore-seyde rent be fully payd: In whom wytnes he lete make hys patent letters to pe seyde abbas and counent & to his successours: & is with-out date.

About 1210.

[259.] The chartur of Iohn fit3 allote smyth of Stene of an hows in brackeley.

The sentence of thys charter is pat Iohn fit3 allote smyth of 24 Stene gaf & brauntyd, & confermyd with hys wryntyng, to god & to our lady seynt marye & to seynt Iohn baptiste & to the abbas of Godestowe & to pe mynychs pere seruynge god, in-to pur fre & perpetuel almys, hys hows in brackeley whyche ys 28 sette in pe castelle strete, by-twene pe hows of Roger blake & pe hows of Ranulph swayn, to be holde & to be had, frely &

1 Perhaps in error for 'Brackeley.' The Evenley documents show no 128. rent-charge.
quietly, to pe foreseyde abbas & to pe mynchons of Godestowe, in-to pur & perpetuel almys, for the helpe of hys sowle & for pe sowlys of hys aunceturs, paynge perof by yere to pe erle, iij. d: 4 and pe foreseyde Iohn & hys heyrys warantizd & defended pe fore-seyde hows with pe pertinences to pe foreseyde abbas & mynchons a-geynyst aft men & women, bothe fro aft maner exaccions & also fro aft secular demaundys: and pat hys gyft 8 & graunt & confirmacion sholde be ferme & stable for euyr, he made hyt stronge by puttyng to of hys seele: & [is] with-out date.

[260.] Chartur of Sehequincy erle of wynche ster of j. marke of siluyr.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat sehe quincys, erle of wynche ster, for the loue of charite, grauntyd, & confirmyd with hys wrytyng, to god & to seynt Ioh baptiste of Godestowe & to pe mynchons per seruynge god, j. marke of siluer pe whycy they were wonyde to receyue of pe yelde halle of brackeley, of the gyft of Robert, erle of leycetur, to be receyuyd by pe hondys of pe prior & of pe bretherne of pe hospitaall of brackeley, namely, of a mylle pat pey heldyn in pe same town of hym to a fee-ferme: & pat hys graunt & confirmacion sholde be sure for euyr to pe fore-seyde hows & to pe mynchons of pe same place, he strengthened hyt with pe puttyng to of hys seele: & is wyth-out date.

[261.] The chartur of dame ali3 Georgys I-made to william cotisforde of a mansion and a gardeyne.

The sentence of pys euydens is, pat dame ali3 Georgys, abbas of Godestowe, & pe couent of pe same place, with on assent & consent, lete & toke to william Cotisforde & to Iohn hys wyfe & to Richard hys sone, to aft pe terme of her lyfe, a mansion with a gardeyne, lyynge in pe town of brackeley, with all hys pertinences, pe whycye mansion is sette by-twene pe tenement of pe foreseyde william & pe tenement of pe priory of Eynho, to be had & to be holde (aft pe foreseyde mansion with aft

1 The four de Beaumont earls of Leicester were all Robert. The gift was about 1167 by the wife of the second earl: see no. 269. 2 Aynho.
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hys pertinences afore-seyde) to william Cotisforde, Iohn hys wyfe, & to william hys sone, frely, quietly, welle & in pece, holly & worshypfully, as longe as pey lyvyn, paynge perof yerly, pefo foresseyde william, Iohn, & william, to all the terme of her lyfe, to pefo foresseyde abbass & couent of pefo foresseyde place iiiij. skillings of syluyr at iiij. termys of pefo yere, pat is to sey, at candelmas, xvj. d.; at trinitie soneaday, xvj. d.; & at Mihelmas, xvj. d., for all seculer service, exaccion, & demaunde: & pefo seyde s abbass & couent a-foresseyde sholde warantize acquite & defende all pefo foresseyde mansyon with all hys pertinences to william Iohn & william to the terme of her lyfe a-geynyst all pepuls: & after pefo deceasse of pefo foresseyde william Iohn & william all pefo foresseyde mansyon with hys pertinences shulde turne holly & fully a-geyne to pefo foresseyde abbass & couent, with-out ony a-geynyst-seynghe of hem or ony of her part: & yf hyt happyn hem, so pat god forbede, to saye in here payment, in parte or 16 in all, in ony terme I-ordeynyd; pey willid & grauntyd pat pefo foresseyde abbass & couent or her baylyfs sholde entre her tenementes to distreyne & to holde her distresse til pat hyt were satisfiede to pefo foresseyde abbass & couent for all pynges. For 20 pys takynge & letynge to ferme for termys of her lyfe, they to hem by-fore handys payde vij. skillings of syluer: & pat pys couenaunt, takynge & letynge, warantiyng & acquitynyng sholde byde sure & stable thorowe all pefo foresseyde tyme, pey set to her 24 seeles to pys present wrytynge entendyt, everych a-geynyst oper, pefo date at Godestowe, pefo soneaday next afer pefo fest of seynt gregori pope, pefo xxx. yeire of pefo reyne of kynge Edwarde.

[262.] *Chartur of Iohn hawardyne of brackeley.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat Iohn hawardyn of 28 brackeley, & agnes pefo dowhter of Iohn marschal pefo wyfe of pefo seyde Iohn, relesyde & claymyd vturly to be quiet for euyr, for hym & heyrys of hym or his assinis, in-to pure & perpetuell almys, with-out ony withholdyng, to Molde vpton, abbass of 32 Godestowe, & to pefo couent of pefo same place, all hys ryht & clayme pat he had or myht haue in ony maner in all pat tenement with all hys pertinences ouer all, pefo whyche tenement is sette in brackeley by-twene pefo tenement of Roger fitz adam 36
goer of þe on partye & þe tenement of the same Roger of þe oper
part, þe whyche tenement in a tyme þe fore-seyde agnes, whyle
she was sole, yeldyd & relesyd to mabyle wafre at þat tyme
abbas of Godestowe & to þe count of þe same place, & claymyd
hyt to be in rest vtturly for euyr, in-to fre pur & perpetuel
almys, to þe same abbys & count, by hyr wrytyngwe, with-out
ony with-holdynge of hyr or hyr heyrys or assynys, so þat noþer
she, ne none of hyr heyrys or assynys, ne no man in her name,
neuyr afturwarde myht aske or chalenge ony thynge in the
fore-seyde tenement or place with hys pertinences: and þe
foreseyde Iohn hawardyn & agnes hys wyfe & heyrys warantijid
aquitid & defendyd for euyr all þat tenement, wythe all hys
pertinences in all places, to þe fore-seyde abbys & count a-geynyste all pepuls.
In-to wytyns of þys quiet-claymyngye,
they sette to heþ seelys, the date at Oxenforde in Maudeleyne
churche, þe soneday in þe fest of seynt Mathew þe apostele, þe
iiij. yere of þe reyne of kynge Edwarde þe son of kynge
Edwarde.

[263.] Chartur of a mese sette out to ferme for

iiij. shillings.

The sentence of thys chartur is, þat þe thursday in þe fest of
seyn Margarete virgin, þe iiij. yere of the reyne of kynge
Edwarde the thyrde fro þe conquest, a convencion was made
by-twene dame Mariorye dyne, abbys of Godestowe, & the
count of the same place of þat on party, & Iohn of welle of
brackeley, Iohn hys wyfe, Richard þe son of þe same Iohn &
Iohn, of þat oper party, þat is to sey, þat þe foreseyde
abbys & count, for hem selfe & heþ successours, gafe &
grauntyd to þe same Iohn, Iohn, & Richard j. mese in brackeley,
þe mese is sette nyhe þe hows of þe seyde Iohn of þe norþe party
& þe hows of þe maystur of þe hospitaft of aynho of þe swope
party, to be had & to be holde þe foreseyde mese with hys
pertinences to þe foreseyde Iohn Iohn & Richard,* & to her
assynys to þe terme of heþ lyfe [or] of oper of hem lenger lynyngwe,
paynge þerof yerly to þe foreseyde abbys & to þe count & to
her successours, iiij. shillings of sterlynges at thre termys of þe
yere, þat is to sey, at þe fest of seynt Myheft, wytsynetyd,&

[S. Mary Magdalene Church, Oxford.]

1329,
July 20.

Grant of
lease for
three lives
by God-
stow,
do John of
well, his
wife, and
son,
of a mes-
sage, as in
no. 261,

* 1 leaf
XVII
or 29.
quit-rent
48.
candelmas, by euyn porcions: & yf pe foreseyde rent of iiiij. 
*shillings* be by-hynde in ony terme a-fore-seyde, in part or in 
alt, pat penne hyt sholde be lefult to pe foreseyde abbas & couent 
pat they may, by heô baylyfs, in pe foreseyde mese, as well 4 
with-in as wyth-out, distreyne & reteyne pe distresses tyll pat 
they be satisfied fully of pe rent a-foreseyde & pe foreseyde 
Iohn, Iohne, & Richard shulde susteyne pe howses of pe seyde 
mese with her owne costys: & pe foreseyde abbas & couent & her 8 
successours sholde warantije acquite & defende pe seyde mese 
with hys pertinences to pe fore-seyd Iohn, Iohne, & 
Richard, & to heô assynys, to pe ende of pe lyf of bope of hem 
or of pe oper lenger lyvynge, a-geynyst all men pat byn dedly, 12 
by pe seruices a-fore-seyde: in-to wytnes of pe whyche hynge pe 
seyls of pe seyde parties were hangyd; to euerych a-geynyst 
oper, to pe wrytynge endentyd per-of: pe date at Godestowe, pe 
day & pe yere a-boue rehersyd.

[Evenley.]

*Anoper chartur of william foliot of Euinlei for 
j. acre of londe in pe felde of Euinlei.*

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat william foliot of Euinlei 
gafe, grauntid, & confirmid, to god & to oure ladi & to seint 
Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons there seruinge 
god; in-to puî & perpetuel almis, j. acre of his londe in pe weste 20 
felde of Euinle, pe whiche is of pe fee * of pe Erle of winchester, 
pat is to sei, pat londe pat lieth bitwene pe londe of Richard 
mace & buttith vppon pe hywei of cherleton; & j. oper acre pat 
buttith him-self vn-to pe pathe of hinton, pe whiche is of pe fee 24 
of wahuî, & lieth in necreferne bitwene pe londe of heroldi 
goer & pe londe of pers cheldeburi: to be had & to be holde, 
freli quietli weft & in pece & worshipfulli fro all secular 
exaccion & demaund: & pe fore-seid w. & his heiris warantijid 
pe fore-seid ij. acreis to pe fore-seide minchons ageiniste all men 
and women: & is with-out date.

1 Possibly netreferne, as in 201/27.
[265.] * here biginnith þe chartur of Roger foliot fitʒ william of Euenlei for x. acris of londe in Euenlei.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat Roger foliot fitʒ william of Euenlei gaf, grauntid, & confirmid to 1, þe howse 2 of his fadur william foliot, to god & to oure ladi & seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe abbass & to þe holi minchons þere sereneinge god, in-to pure & perpetuel almis, x. acris of londe in the towne of Euenlei, þat is to sei, v. acris arable in þe Est felde, & v. acris in þe weste felde,

8 one of þe which is of þe fee of sire seere, erle of wincheste, & is vppon purfurlonge, bitwene þe londe of Richard þe sone of mace of Brackelei & þe londe of Gilbert childeber; an-öper is a-geiniste þe mille of cuttille, & buttiþe vppon þe forow of þe pronost at j. hede & vppon þe forow of Raph carter at þe oper hede; þe iiij. acre is vppon þe forneere, bitwene too halfe acris of þe foreseiþ Richard þe sone of Mace; þe iiiij. acre is vppon longe of þe fee of þe erle, and fallith in-to þi hiewi, & lieth betwene þe londe of Richard mace & þe londe of Richard childeber; þe v. acre is in midelbroche, of þe fee of þe erle, & strecchith in-to a croft of Iohn craton; þe vj. & þe viij. acris bin at edwardisburielis, of þe fee of wahuft, nih þe londe of Raph fitʒ walter & þe londe of pers childeber; þe viij. acre is vppon Gorbrode, of þe fee of þe erle, bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & þe londe of Gilbert of childeber, & in est pert in strecchith vppon þe forow of Raph walter; & þe acre, þe 12 which is of þe fee of þe erle of wincheste, þat is to sei, þat acre þat liþe bitwene þe londe of Richard mace & buttith vppon þe wei of cherlton; & þe acre þat buttith hit-selfe vnto the patthe of hynton, þe whiche is þe fee of wahuft, & lieth in netreferne 16 bitwene þe londe of hermoldge Goer & þe londe of pers childeber: to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, freli, pesibli, worshipfulli, & quietli for aþt seruice: so þat þe seiþ Roger foliot & his heiris warantijd to the fore-seide abbass of Godestowe & to þe holi minchons þere sereneinge god þat fre almis a-geiniste aþt men & women liuinge, bi his owne costes, &

1 Omit to.
2 'domn' (sic) in the Latin. The translator has wrongly read domum, instead of donum, i. e. house, when it should have been gift.
3 Read 'from.'
with such pasture and other rights as went with them.

[266.] Chartur of Robert 1 foliot of Euinlei, confirming 266. 
the gift of x. acres a-fore rehersid: & is the same 
a-fore, worde for worde.

[267.] Anoper chartur of william 1 foliot, confirming the same, vndur the forme I-wrte a-fore.

[268.] A chartur of elenor of euinlei sum-time the wife 
of william foliot resininge iiiij. d. of rente.

The sentence of this charter is, pat Elenore the wife sum-time 8 
of w. foliot of Euinlei in fre widewhode, beinge aftur the decease 
of w. foliot her husbande, resind & quiet-claimyd vtturli for 
hir for euir, to god & to our ladi & to the house of seint Iohn 
baptiste of Godestowe & to the minchons there servinge god; for 12 
pe helpe of his soule & of her aunceturs & successours, iiiij. d. of 
rente the which clarice pat was sum-time the wife of Siluester 
of brackelei paid to hir yerli, pat is to sci, for the iij. parte of the 
x. acres of londe in the feld of Euinlei, vndur the name of dowri, 16 
the which she was wonid to receive at to termis of the yere, pat 
is to sci, at the assumption of our ladi, ij. d.; & at the annunciacion, 
ij. d.: & the hir resininge & quite-claiminge sholde be sure, she 
strengthid hit with the puttinge to of her seele: & is with-out date. 20

[FARTHINGHO: see in nos. 269, 270, 275.]

[HALSO.]

[269.] *Of ij. marke and an half yeve by the 
Erle of leyceter.

The sentence of this charter is pat Robert, Erle of leiceter, 3af & grauntid to the church of seynte Iohn of

1 Possibly brother of Roger, of no. 265.
Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almys, the rente of two marke & a halfe in halshow. And amye¹, countesse, hys wyfe, 3af & grauntid to pe same place the rente of two marke, of pe which oon marke in brackley & anofer in ferynghow, & pat with his concente; & oon plow-londe pat² he had pere, & pat pe men pat sew hit be quite fro eryng & harowyng, mowyng, sowyng, & heying. Where-fore he s commaundid the foresayde churche to holde hit of hym & of his eyeris, weft & in pece, frely & quitly, al so welle quietly & frely as ever he holde hit hym selfe. These beyng wytnys, Raph spenser, & mony oper: & is with-owte date.

[270.] Robert, Erle of leyceter, grauntid the same aforesaid:

The sentence of this confirmacion is, pat Robert, Erle of leicetur, pe sone of Robert, Erle, by the conceint of pernel³, Countesse, his wyfe, & of his eyeris, for pe sowlis of his fadur Robert & his modur Amye & for pe helth of his owni sowle & of pernel his wyfe & of his aunceturs & successoures, grauntid & confermyd to pe mynchons of Godestowe a 3yfte pat his fadur 3af to hem in halso & pe 3yfte pat his modur 3af to hem in brackley & feryngho, as pe charter of his fadur pe which pey hauen wytnyssyth & confermyth to pe, in-to perpetuel almys to be holde: wherefore he wolde & commaundyd pat pe foresayde mynchons scholde haue & holde the foresayde 3yftes of his fadur & modur welle & worshipfully, free & quyte fro alle secular service, in-to pure & perpetuel almys, as pe charter of his fadur wytnyssenyd, in pe which i-schewyd what his fadur & his modur 3af to them. [Wytnes:—] Pernel, his wyfe, wyliam⁴ his sone, & oper: & is with-owte date.

[271.] *A Confirmacion of the Erle of Leyceter, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, confermyng the yifte pat his fadur yave to them in halso.

The sentence of this charter is, that fit Robert, Erle of Duplicate leyceter, willed to be knowe to all his men and frendes, that he,

¹ Amice Wafer, daughter of Ralph, earl of Norfolk.
² MS. has ‘pat pat.’
³ Petronilla de Grentemensil, of Hinkley.
⁴ William (the leper) de Beaumont.
Northamptonshire: Halso

by the graunte of pernylle, countesse, his wyf, and of his heires, for the soulis of his fadir and modir, and for the helthe of his owne soule and of Pernylyle, Countesse, his wyf, and of his Auncetours and successours, graunted; and confirmed, to the 4 mynchons of Godestowe, the yfte that his fadir yaf to them in halso, and the yfte that his modir yaf to them in Brakley and in Fernyngho, as the charter of there fadir, the which they haue, witnessith and confermyth to them, in perpetuel almesse, to be 8 hold': Wherfor he willed and charged that the forsaide mynchons shold haue and hold the forseaid yiftis of his fadir and of his modir, wele and worshipfully, fre and quyte fro all seculer servyce, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as the charter of his fadir witnessith, in the which hit is I-shewed what his fadir and modir yaf to them. These beyng, & cetera.

[272.] *A couenaunt of iij. acris and iij. rodis & an half.

The sentence of this couenaunt I-maade by-tweñ saere 16 Quyney, Erle of Wynchestwr, & Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, & þe count of þe same place, þat is to say, þat þe same saere yaf to þe fore * saide 1 Abbesse and covent iij. acres of lond & iij. Rodes and an half in the Feldes of halso, that is to sey, 20 iij. acres liyng in longe-furlange vntermost toward the lond of the towe men, And iij. Rodes and an half of lond in thunfurlange next the sike menny acre of Brakley 2, to be hold & in pease to be possessed; in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, vnto 24 eschaunge of iij. acres of lond the which the forsaide Abbesse and Covent yaf to the fore-named Saere Quency and to his heires of her crofte and half 3, for ever to be hold; as they ben departed by markes. And into the confirmacion of this chaunge 28 the parties of this convencion of this pagent 4 afore put to their scales. Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera.

1 A different hand begins on leaf 59. In the MS. the y is no longer dotted, nor the headlines marked with ['. 2 i.e. Brackley Hospital. 3 For and half read in Halso. The Latin is: 'de crofto suo in Halso in perpetuum tenendis,' 4 Latin 'pagina.'
[273.] *A quyte-clayme of Raynold of halso of j. yerde lond:*

The sentence of this confirmacion is, *pat* Reynolde of halso, in the wey of charite & for his sowle & of his anceturs, 3af & with his charter confermyd to god &c. a 3erde of londe in halso, oon, *pat* is to say, of them *pat* sche\(^1\) helde in pe tyme of the wydewhode of here\(^1\) modur moolde, with all pertinences & aysementes, to be had & to be holde of hym & of his eyeris for euer, in-to pure & perpetuel almys, free & quyte fro all service & exaccion & demaunde. And he & his eyeris scholde maynteyne & warentije to *he* foresayde mynchons the foresayde londe ouer & agaynste &r. & acquite them of all maner seculer service. And *pat* his 3ythe my3ht be stable & sure, he put to his seele to this wrytyng: These beyng wytnys: & is with-owte date.

[274.] *Of the same yerde lond:*

The sentence of this confirmacion is, [Margaret\(^2\)] countesse of wynchestwe, beyng in here owni lawfull power & wydew-16 hode, 3af & confermyd pe same 3erdelonde *pat* *reynolde* of halso 3af to mynchons of Godestow in-to pure & perpetuel almys, as the charter of the foresayde wytnyssyth; & [to] this confirmacion sche put to here seele: These beyng wytnys 20 &c.: & is with-owte date.

[275.] *A Charter of Roger Quyncy.*

The sentence of this charter is that Roger Quyncy, Erle of Wyntcheste and constable of Scotlond, for the helthe of his sowle and of the sowlis of his avnceters and 24 successours, releesd\(^3\) and quyte-claymed\(^4\) to the Abbesse of Godestow, and to her successours, for her persones all maner of sutes of her Courtes, the which sutes they owed\(^5\) to them for londes and tenawntries the which they holden

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1 'Sche' and 'here' are in error for 'he' and 'his.' The Latin is: 'unam scilicet ex illis quam tenui tempore viduitatis Matildis matris mee."
2 Margaret (de Beaumont), widow of Saier de Quincy earl of Winchester (who died 1219), owned the Halso estate, as co-heiress of her brother Robert (fitz-Parnell), fourth earl of Leicester.
of his fee in halso, Brakley, and farnyngho, So nathelesse that, ye nede were the sewters of the forsaide court shold come fully to the strengthe of the courte for the kyngis breef or writte ther to be demed at that tyme, the said Abbess 4 and her successours whan they ben resonably somoned shul send their certayn sheld: but their teneantes shold come to the said courte, as they were I-woned to do. In-to witnesse of this he put his seale to this writyng: 8 This beyng witnesse & cetera.

[276.] *A confirmacion of Elene Such of the tenementis and rentis forsaide & cetera.*

The sentence of this confirmacion is that elene Such, dowghter & eyere of goode sire Roger Quyncy, sumtyme Erle of Wynchestur, after sche had say the charters of goode sirys Robert 12 sumtyme erle of leicetur pe eldur & of Robert of the same place the yngur, vpon pe ryȝhtes & possessious of the ladyis of Godestow abbesse & Couente, in the londys tenementes rentes & oper ryȝhtes longyng to the sayde religiouse women in the 16 towñ of halso & brackley [pat is to say, the charters not cancellyd or crossyd, not destroyd ne defoyllyd in no parte, of pe ryȝhtes & confirmacions of the[m]], She, wylyng: goode wylle, eu[n] like as they had, to pe same holy religiouse 20 women to continue with goode wylle, grauntid & confermyd by the tenoure of this presente writyng alle & euerych ryȝte in the fore-namyd places, for pe helth of here sowle & of here fapere sire Roger Quyncy & of here eyeres, so pat pey scholde 24 hane in mynde the sowlys Afore in alle here prayeris suffrages & benefettes for euens, in-to pure & perpetuel Almys; with pys more, pat pe foresayde Abbess & couente for here selfe & alle here men be free & quiet of seuage & sute of here myllys. And 28 pe foresayde elene and here eyeris warantizd & defendid for euers all & euerych pe sayde ryȝtes & confirmacions in pe fore-namyd places to pe fore-sayde abbesse & to here successoures in all maner thynges agaynste All men, & defendid them for euers. 32 In-to wytnys of this thyng sche put to here seele. The date at halso, the wonysday Afore wytsonday, the seunyth 3ere of pe reyne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng henry.
[277.] * A lettre of attourney of the possession of the same.

The sentence of this charter is, pat Elene Such oderneyd, made, & sette, here welle louyd & trew syre wylliam Gadeby here stywarde & attourney to take in here name & place to habbesse of Godestow & here couente or to þere attannya fulf & pesible sesynyng of fowre acris & halfe a rodde of arable londe & of a pasture in the feldis of halso, after þe tenowre of here charter the which she maade to þe same of þe foresayde 8 londe & pasture in þe fore-sayde feldis of halso. Furpermore, she oderneyd & set the foresayde sire wylliam here attannya to receyue in here name full sesynyng of fowre acres & a halfe & of halfe a rodde of arable londe & of oon pasture in commune of thorny of halso, after þe tenowre of þe charter þat þe foresayde abbesse maade there-of to here. In-to wytnys of this she put to here seele to þys presente wrytyng. The date At swanyshey, the monedy nexte Afore þe feste of seyntes tiburce 16 & Valerian, the fowre & twentyeth þere of þe reyne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng henry.

[278.] * A Charter I-made bitwene dame Elene Such & the Abbesse of Godstowe.

The sentence of this chartir is, that the Sonday xv. dayes after Ester, þe yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng harry the xxiiiij., it was accorded, bitwene dame Elene Suche of the one partie And the Abbesse of Godestow and the Covent of the other partie, that is to sey, that the forssaid dame Elene yaf graunte, & with this present charter confirmed, for her and her heires and her assignes, to the forssaid abbesse and Covent of the hous aforesaid, iijj. acres and an half acre and half a Rode of arable lond in the feldes of Halso, liyng nygghi the horns crosse, of the which one hede buttith toward the horns-crosse and the other hede vpon the forow of Adam Rede, the whiche he holdith in vilenage or bondage of the said dame Elene, into an eschaunge of iijj. acres and an half and half a rode of lond liyng in þe thorneholte of Halso, the which lond the forssaid Abbesse and Covent had of the yfte of the auncetur of the forssaid dame Elene, to be hold and to be had (the forssaid lond toward horns crosse, with fre entreng and goyng out) to the forssaid Abbesse and to her successours for euer, of the

1296,
April 9. Letter of attorney, by foregoing Ela, lady Zouche, to effect exchange specified in no. 278.

[Tibarcius and Valerian = Apr. 14.]
Northamptonshire: Halso

with grant of rights of pasture for one month for the convent plough-team of eight oxen, and for two mares, in lady Zonche's demesne-pasture of Halso manor, [Easter as date of beginning pasture of oxen and mares.]

* leaf XLIX or 59, back.

[Enclosure of land.]

[Gretworh.] in exchange for Godstow pasture in 'the Thornholt.'

forsaid dame Elene, here heires, or her assignes, into pure and perpetuel almesse. Furthermore, the for-said dame Elene grauntith, for her and for her heires and her assignes, to the for-said Abbesse, her covent, and to her successours, pasture to 4 her owne viij. plough oxen and to her iij. maris in her demayn pasture in Halso, into eschaung of a pasture that the said abbesse and Covent had in the thorne-holte of halso, that the said viij. oxen and iij. maris of the abbesse and Covent beginyne 8 frely to entre with the ladies oxen into the forsaide pasture, and fede their oxen, where-so-ever the oxen of the maner of halso feden, pesibly and holy thurgh one monthe and no more every yeere for ever, al so sone as the oxen and the maris of the forsaide 12 dame Elene and her heires or her assignes commonly entir the said pasture, and specialy ben I-fed yerely in the same aftir Estir, to be hold and to be had (the said pasture) into pure and perpetuel almesse, in the forsaide fourme: and the forsaide dame 16 Elene, hir heires, or hir assignes, shold warrantie acquyte and defende the forsaide lond, with the pasture aforesaid; in the fourme afore I-write, to the * forsaide Abbesse and Covent and to her successours, ayenst all men: and for this gifte, graunt, and 20 confirmation, the for-said abbesse and Covent yaf, graunted: and quyteclaymed: for her self and her successours, to the forsaide dame Elene, and to her heires or her assignes, into eschaung the forsaide iiiij. acres and half acre and half a rode of lond: 24 liyng in the thorneholte in the feldes of halso, the which the same dame Elene made newly to be closed in, of the which lond one butte lieth with-out the diche of the said close toward the thorneholte of gritworth, to-gedir with the commune of 28 a pasture the whiche the for-said abbesse and Covent had: and claymed: in the for-said thorneholte of Halso, to be hold: and to be had (the for-said lond, with the forsaide commune of pasture), to the forsaide dame Elene and to her heires or her assignes for 32 ever, Of the chief lordses of the fee, frely quytelty and pesibly for ever. And the forsaide Abbesse and Covent warrantied aquyted: and defended: for ever, vnto the forsaide dame Elene and to her heires or her assignes, aft the forsaide lond: with the 36 commune of pasture aforsaid. In-to witnesse of the which, they put to this present writyng theirse scales, and sealed: hit everich to other. Thise beryng witnesse, & cetera.
OXFORDSHIRE

[ASTHALLEIGH, by Burford.]

[Note.—It is not clear to me whether the first and second deeds in this series do, or do not, refer to the same yardland. If not, there is no further notice of the first yardland. This Astalleigh, or Asthallinghe, occurs in the Hundred Rolls and in old Gazetteers as a hamlet in Ashall parish, i.e. on the Windrush, about three miles east of Fulbrook, which is a hamlet of Burford. Thomas Warton, in his History of Kiddington, mentions a place with a similar name, Asterley or Asteley, as a decayed parish merged in Kiddington. For Reginald of St. Valerie see pp. 38, 39. In 1540, at the dissolution (Monast. iv. 372), Burford Hospital was still paying the 12s. quit-rent for this property.]

[279.] *A chartur of Reynold† fiʒt wydo to h. of seynt w.*

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Reynold of seynt Walery, the sone of Gwyd, yaf & grauntyd to henri of seynt walery for homage & hys servise that yerd of londe in the 4 fraunchyse of Estalling eye, with aft hys pertinences, the whych Robert the sone of ordrich held. Furthermore the seyd R. wyllyd the forseyd H. to hauie & hold, of hym & hys heyrys, to hym & hys heyrys, the fore-sayde londe frely & vtturly vndur 8 a yerly rent of xij. d' to be payd' to opichi 1 & hys heyrys at Estallingeye at to termys of the yer, that is to sey, at cristmas2 vj. d', at Michaelmas vj. d', for aft servise and demaundis that longyn to hym or to hys heyrys, sauyng the servise dewe to the 12 kynge also muche as longythe to that yerdlonde. And, for the seyde Reynolde of seynt walery & hys heyrys warrantysyd the seyd londe with hys pertinences to the seyd H., he * yaf to the forseyd R. for thys yft & graunt v. Marke of syluer in 16 gerssum. And pat thys yft shuld not be dowtfull to no man, he sett to hys seele: & is with-out date.

1 'Operichi' in the Latin.
2 These strange half-yearly terms are faithfully translated from the Exchequer


MS. 'Natale Domini: Festum Sancti Michaelis.'
Oxfordshire: Estallingey

[280.] * a chartur of R. of seynt Walery to h. of seynt w. of þe lond in estallingey.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Reynold of seynt Walery hathe grauntyd & yaf, Also hathe confermyd with hys chartur, to henry of seynt Walery, for hys homage & service, j. yerde of lond in the town of astringley with all hys 4 pertenencys, that lond the whyche Aleyn fulbroc held of hym. The forseyd yerde-londe he willid to be holde & hadde of hym & hys heyrys to the forseyd henry & hys heyrys or assynys, frely, quietly, pesybly & hoole fro all accion, exaccion & all service, savinge the ryaff, paynge the-of yerly to the prior of seynt Frideswyth j. d in the day of seynt Michael: & for thys graunt, yeft & confirmacion the forseyd henry of seynt Walery yaf to the forseyd R. of seynt Walery vj. Marke of syluer before handys. And the seyd alane of fulbruc & hys wyfe shult holde the forseyd yerde-londe all the days of her lyfe, and after her decease the fore-namyd yerdlond shal turne hoole to h. of seynt Walery or to hys assinis. And, that thys graunt, yeft & confirmacion shuld be sure afterward, the seyd R. put to hys seele: & is with-out date.

* leaf VII

[281.] * a chartur of henry of seynt Walery of j. yerde londe in Estallingey.

The sentence of thys chartur is that Henry of seynt Walery yaf grauntyd & confermyd with hys wrytynge to the churche of God & of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe & to the holy Mynchons there seruynge god, for the helthe of hys sowle & of the sowlys of hys auncteurs & of hys hyerys, Alan of Estallingeye with hys chyldryn that comyn of hym; j. yeerdonds in Estallingie, the whyche the same Aleyn holdyth, the whyche he bowht of Roger of seynt Walery, the forseyd h. of seynt Walery wylyyd the forseyd holy mynchons to hold & to haue to hem in-to free & perpetual almys, doynge to the kyngge & to hys heyrys service that he owyd to do to hem, as hyt is conteynyd in the chartur of the same Roger: and that hyt myht byde sure, he put to hyt hys seele: & is with-out date.

1 Stee.
[282.] A confirmation of h. of seynt w. of þe same.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Henry of seynt walery yaf grauntyð & confirmyð with hys wrytynge to the church of god & of our lady seynt mary & of seynt Iohn Baptiste of Godstowe, & to the holy mynchons there seruyng god & to serue for euyr, for the helthe of hys sowle & of the sowles of hys aunceturs & heyrys, in-to free pure & perpetual almys, j. yerdlonde at Estallingleie with hys pertinences the whyche he bowht of hys forseyd lorde Reynold, that is to say, the yerde-lond that alyn of the leghe helde, & what so euyr thynge that he hadde or myht haue in the same yerdlonde, he wyllyd the forenamid minchons to haue & to holde of hym & hys heyrys, in al places & in all thynges, with alle freedoms & free customs, hole, frely & in rest fro al hys rent custome seruice & exaccion, saunyng the seruice that is dewe to hys forseyd lorde Reynolde of the same yerdlonde. Furthermore he & hys heyrys warantijid to the fore-seyd holy mynchons the fore-seyd almys agaynst all men & women: and for to make hyt sure he put to hys seele. The date is of the yere of grace a thowsand: CC°, xx° the fyrst day of apryle.


Robert, son of Walter of Asthall, claims to hold a messuage and yardland, with acroft and meadow, of the fee of Godstow in Estallyngleye, under a ten years’ lease from Alice, widow of Walter le fere, and by payment (in quarterly instalments) of a quit-rent of 12s. yearly to Godstow. But in the time of Walter le fere deceased arrears (1288–1300) of this quit-rent were incurred to the amount of £6 12s. Robert now bargains to remain undisturbed during his lease, on condition of duly paying the quit-rent, and not to be held liable for arrears incurred] * afore¹ the makyng of this presente wrytyng to be made. And that nuther they ne none by them or in ther name

¹ The English Register begins again after a lost leaf.
myght ne ought to distreyne the said Robert his heires or his assignes, nether in no wise yeve occasion for ony maner arreragis of the forsaid' rente, duryng his termes of x. yeres, in the forme aforesaid'. Natheles, fuft power reserved to them in all wise to distreyne every tenemente, after the forsaid' terme of the forsaid' x. yere fully I-complete, for the forsaid' arreragis for all the tyme behynde afore the makyng of pis present writynge tille hit were I-satisfyed fully therof to them. For the which graunte, pease to be had, and respite hangyng the terme of x. yere of the aboue arreragis, the forsaid' Robert yaf Fee paid, to them half a marke of siluer be-fore handes. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & cetera.

The sentence of thys connecion is, that Margerye Dyne, abesse of Godstowe, & the couent of the same place grauntyd' & yaf licence, for hyr & hyr successours, to the prior of the hospital of seynt Iohn of borforde & to the couent of the same place, & to her successours, for to appropur a yerde-londe with the pertinens in Estallingleie, the whyche Iohn of Cornewayle helde of the seyd abbas & Couent, so that the for-seyd prior & couent of the same place & he? successors pay the?-of yerly, to the fornamyd' abbas & Couent, xij. shillings, at iiiij. termys of pe ye?r, for all seculer exaccion & demaunde. I-yef at Godstowe the xij. yere of kynge Edward.

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt of this rent-charge of £5, issuing from the ‘toll, market, and fair’ of Banbury, which was still owned by the bishop of Lincoln, Monast. iv. 372.]

The sentence of thys dede is, that Alsaunder bysshop of Lincolne for c. shillings in pe tolle bowth of banbury.

1 In error for ‘tenant.’
baptiste of Godstowe, he grauntyd to the sustynaunce of the Myncyns there seruynge god a hundred shelyngys, & which he assynyd to be payd & hadde euyrlystynyngely in the tolle bowthe of his marcat of Banbury: 'wherefore we warne,' he saythe, ' & pray for the loue of god, & for the helth of youre sowlys, that ye maynteyn to the seyd churche of seynt Iohæ, & to the seruantys of crist, thyys almys: ye to receyue, for youre 8 good desyre, rewarde of god. We forbede also that no man be bold to take a-wey thyys almys in tyme to come, ne vexe, ne greue hem. And yf that any man presume malapertly, let hym know that he is a-cursyd,' these beyng wytnes, as is euident in the dede selle; & is with-out date.

[BEGBROKE.]

[Note.—This deed is imperfect, from a leaf being cut out; and there is no Begbroke heading in the Exchequer MS. In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica we have, slumped together, incomes from Cassington, Thrup, Begbroke, Kiddington, and Ledwell in Woodstock rural deanery. The land here seems to have been parted with before the dissolution.]

[286.] *A Charter of Raaf harang I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe for homagis and services in Beckebroke, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Harange, in the wey of charite, and for the helthe of his soule and of his auncetours and successours, yaf, graunted, and by his present chaiter 16 conformed, to god and to oure Lady seynt marie and to seynt Iohæ Baptist of Godestow and to the mynychons ther servyng god, all the homage and servyce of Roger of the losyns of all the tenement that the same Roger held'of me in the towne of Beckebroke, that is for to sey, yerly in the day of seynt Iohæ Baptist iij. shillings x. d'. to be taken: he yaf also and

* leaf 213, back. About 1220.

Grant to Godstow, by Ralph Harang, of a rent-charge, and feudal superiority over a freehold, and of...

[Leaf missing.]

[BEN'SINGTON OR BENSON: see in Shillingford.]
[BLETCHINGDON.]

[Note.—In the 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica of pope Nicholas IV, Godstow lands in Blechesdon are assessed to be worth £1 18s. 2d. yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow possessed in Blechesdon copyholds of yearly value £2 13s. 4d. (Monast. iv. 371). The lands lay partly in Blechesdon and partly in the adjacent parish, Hampton Gay: see pp. 221, 224.]

*leaf VIII or 20, back. About 1130.* [Yerdonde = rood.]

[Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Amary, of lands, viz.

14 acres in one field,

18 acres 1 rood in another field;

[yerd = a rood = ¼-acre.]
kyngys mere, iij. acris & an half; & vpon benehult, halfe an acre; & vpon stephyl, j. acre.

Furthyrmore, he grauntyd 1 to the seyd holy mynychons of 4 Godstowe pasture to iij. kyne, in hys owne pasture in the same towne of blechedon, with hys kyne where so euyr they goo (oute-take iij. crofetes by-thowt hys court of the west part, with wellemede); and furthermore, for hym and hys heyrys, to 8 the seyd 2 holy mynychons of Godstowe, fre goynge thorowe hys woode & thorowe hys londes in hys maner of pyrye, for her cartes & carrys 1 to goo & come with-out ony vexacion or lette for euyr. Also the seyd 3 Robert of aumery & hys heyrys 12 warantisyd 4 the seyd 5 londe & pasture, & the seyd goynge in & thorowe & to goo a-geyne, to the seyd 7 holy mynychons for euyr a-geynyst alt men and wemen; & the seyd 8 robert confirmyd 9 for hym & hys heyrys alt the yeuvynge of hys aunceturs a-geynyst 16 alt men and alt wemen for euyr. Also the seyd Robert of aumery & hys heyrys warantisyd 12 all that seyd 5 yeuvynge of her 13 aunceturs a-geynyst alt men & alt wemen * for euyr; & for that hys yeft, graunt, & confirmynge, sholde be ferme and stable for-euer, he put to hys seele to the wrytynge there-of; & is without date 2.

[288.] A chartur of londys I-yef by Roger of aumary A.D.1138.

fi3t Robert aumery to Godstowe.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger of a., fi3t R. of a., yaf & grauntyd 1 with hys wrytynge confermyd 4 to god 2 & to 24 the churche of Godstow, & to the mynychons there seruynge god 2 for euyr, xx. sylgons 3 & j. of hys arable londe, in telth the whyche is callyd 5 blacpurnemore, with halfe of 11 the medewe of blacpurnemore, vpon the whyche the telth strechyth, to 28 b3 had & holde to the seyd mynychons & to her 5 successours, frely, in rest, pesybly, & worshipfully, in-to fre & perpetuall almys, as frely & as restfully as ony almus may be yef, fro alt

1 In the Latin is 'karretas et carros.'
2 The witnesses are: Richard of Aumary; Silvester, then 'master Chaplain' of Godstow; Absalom, Bernard, and Herebert, chaplains; Peter of Duneton, steward of Godstow.
3 'Buttys' is written over as a gloss, and in the margin is 'a butte of londe.' In the Latin it is: 'viginti sylgons et unam de terra mea arabili in cultura qu[a]e.' Read 'twenty buttys and one butte.'
secular seruyce, exaccion, seute of court or demaunde that may be axid of any tenement: & for asmuch as the seyd londe & tho for-seyd medewe of the fore-seyd mynychons lyen nyhe hys londe & medewe in the same telth & felde afore-namyd; he 4 wyllyd & grauntyd; for hym & hys heyrys, that the seyd mynychons & successours of hem shuld haue fre entre & goynge-oute with hēre beestys to-gedur with hys bestys in alt hys medews & feeld & in so muche telth telyd as the mynychons hauyn 8 there by wrytynge, so that the forseyd Roger & hys eyrys & mynychons a-fore-seyd haue like many bestys there as in com-mune pasture, with-out ony a-gayne-saynge, aftur the fyrst mowynge & caryinge, and also aftur the corne caryinge, so 12 that nowther of hem seke accion to hurt other or to poyne oper hys bestys in the forseyd pastur; & the forseyd Roger of aumery & hys eyrys warantisyd a-quytyd & defended for euyr alt the for-seyd lond; with the medews a-fore namyd; & with 16 alt libertees to-fore wrytyn, a-geynyst alt men. And, for to make hys 3yft graunt & confirmyng ferme & stable, he put hys seel to thys wrytynge: and is with-out date.

[289.] A-nothyr folowyth of the same sentens word by word, that nedip not to be wretyn.

A.D. 113.  [290.] Chartur of walter pery of a yerdlonde the whyche aylwynge stern hilde & x. acris.

* The sentence of thys chartur is, that walter pyry grauntyd 20 to god & to seyt Iohn & to the holy mynychons of Godestowe, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys wyfe, & of hys dowther the whyche he made there mynychon, j. yerdlonde in blechesdon, the whyche aylwynge stern hylde, & x. acris of londe (v. in on 24 felde & v. in an othyr felde; & that with the graunt of Roger of aumery, the whyche was present at þe gyvyng: & is with-out date.

[291.] *A confirmacion of Raph of aumery of the yeft that Roger hys fadur made to þe mynychons of Godestowe.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is, that Raph of aumery 28 grauntyd & confirmyd the yeft of hys fadur Roger of aumery,
that is to sey, xxv. acris of hys lordshyp yerly to be sowyd' in the ground' of blechesdon; & by-syde these xxv. acris he yaf tweyne acris, to make a dwellynge place, in-to perpetuel almis 4 to the churche of god & of our lady seynt mary & of seynt Ioñh baptiste of Godstowe & to the mynchons there seruynge god, with hys too dowhters pe whych were made mynchons in the same churche; & he grauntyd the forseyd xxv. acris & 8 dwellynge place to be free and quiete fro aít seculer seruice & fro aít exaccion, with the assent of hadewyse hys wyfe & hys sonsy, that is to sey, Robert, Raph, and Richard, with syr henry doyly grauntyng & confermyng the same. 12 Also he grauntyd' commune pasture in the same towne to the bestys of the holy mynchons a-fore-seyd; of what-so-euyr kynde they be, euynlike freedom as to hys owne bestes in hys owne pasture: & by-syde thys graunt, he confirmyd the yeft of walter 16 of pyrye, that is to sey, oon yerde-londe in the same towne (the whyche aifwy stern heide, & afterwarde Nigel scotte) & x. acris of londe of hys lordshype, with a dowhtyr of hys, the whyche was made mynchon in the forseyd'churche: and is with-out date.

[292.] *A chartur of Robert fitz Nigel I-made to the mynchons of Godestow of the same yerdlonde.

20 The sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert fitz Nigel yaf & grauntyd in-to perpetuel almys, with¹ hys modur Anneyes & hys dowhter mariory, to god & to the churche of oure lady & of seynt Ioñh baptiste of Godstowe & to the holy mynchons there 24 seruynge god, a yerdlonde in blechesdon, I-callyd' of the pyrye, free & in peace fro aít seruice that longyd' to hym & to hys heyrys, pat is to sey, in medewys, & in pasturys, & in playnys, as hyt was in kynge henry is tyme, & that by the consent & 28 prayer of hys wyfe Molde of bewchampe, of whos dowry was that forseyd londe.

[293.] *A coovenant I-made be-twene the churche of Godestowe & Gefrey bodyn of a yerd londe.

The sentence of thys coovenant is, that hyt was a-cordycf by-twene the churche of Godestowe & Gefrey bodyn, that the

¹ The wording suggests that the two ladies then took the veil at Godstow, with this yardland for their dower.
church of Godestowe toke a yerl'd londe in blechysdun of the fee of Robert fitz nigelle of Tackley, to be hold' of the foreseyd' Gefrey of hym & of hys heyrys forever, for iiiij. shillings yerly to be payde: & for thys acord the fore-namyd' churche yaf 4 xij. shillings, the whyche the foreseyd' Gefrey toke & made coenuaut to hold & kepe thys acord with consent of hys heyrys. Also Gefrey before-seyd' owlt to maynteyne & warantize the foreseyd' yerdelonde a-geynyst all men, out-take a-geynyst the 8 kyng, for the foreseyd' summe: & is with-out date.

[294.] *A chartur of william pauper of the confirimacion of the same a-fore-seyd' yerdlonde by Gefrey bodyn I-gye to Godestowe.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that william pauper grauntyd' a yerl' of londe in Blechesdon to the churche of god' & of our lady & of seynt Ioñh baptist of Godestowe & to the holy myn-12 chons there seruynge god, the whyche they holdyn of martyn Bodyn paynge to martyn iiiij. shillings by yere. That yerdlonde a-fore-seyd' he grauntyd' to hem, to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys perpetually, by the same ferme, that is to sey, for iiiij. 16 shillings by yere, in peece & fre fro al service that longyd' to hym & to hys heyrys, & that by the consent of syr Robert fy'tj nigelle, of whoos fee the londe is, & the whyche is chefe & heed' of the londe & lorde: & yf hyt falle so that martyn sayle of hys 20 service & coenuaut, the foreseyd' william pauper shold' hold' to the foreseyd' holy mynchons coenuaut: & is with-oute date.

[295.] A chartur of william1 prestecote of the same yerdlond'.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that walter prestecote, for the sake of charite & for the helthe of hys sowle & of hys aunce-24 turs, claymyd to be in rest & vtturly relesyd' for euyr to hys welbelouyd' in crist, the abbas of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god, for hym & hys heyrys, the sute of hys courte, of the tenement that they heldyn of hym in the towne 28 of blechesdon, the whyche they haddyn of the yeft of his aunce-

1 'Walter' in the Latin, both in the title and in the deed.
tours, so, that is to sey, that the seyd abbas & holy mynchns of
the same place hau & holde the foreseyd tenementes, with all
her pertinences, frely and restfully, welle, hoolly, & in peece,
as auyinge to hym & to hys heyrys a yerly rent of iiiij. shillings, to
be payd at two termys of the yere for j. yer-londe, the whyche
is of the foreseyd tenement, & doyng the ryal service there-of,
euyyn as they haue be wonyd for to do hyt, for all services, cus-
tomys, sutys of the courte, & all maner demaundyd: & the fore-
namyd walter & hys heyrys warantijid to the foreseyde Abbas
& holy mynchns all the fore rehersyd thynges a-geynyst all
peul. In-to wytnes of the whyche thyng he put to hys seele:
& is with-out date.

[296.] A chartur of william of Grenevile of the same
yerdlonde.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that william Grenevile
grauntyd & confermyd to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn
baptist of Godestowe & to the mynchns pere seruinge god,
16 j. yerdlonde in blechesdun, the whyche Geoffrey bodyn gaf &
grauntyd to the seyd mynchns, to be holde of hym & of hys
heyrys, so that, yf Geoffrey bodyn dyid & hys heyrys, they sholde
holde hyt of hym & hys heyrys for euyr, free & quietely fro aft
20 service longynge to hym, sauinge the service of the kynge,
paynge ther-of yerly iiiij. shillings at two termys of the yere,
that is to sey, ij. shillings at pe fest of seynt myhel, & ij. shillings
at the fest of estur. And, for thys graunt & confirmacion, the
24 fore-seyd mynchns gafyn to hym two marke of syluyr: & it is
with-out date.

[297.] *The chartur of Gefrey brocher of halfe a
yerdlonde in blechesdon.

Thys is the sentence of thys chartur: that Gefrey brocher of
blechesdun gaf & grauntyd, & confermyd with hys owne
28 wrytynge, to god & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of
Godstowe & to the mynchns there seruynge god & to serue for
euyr, in-to free pure & perpetual almys, j. halfe yer-l of lon-d in
the feeld of blechysdon, & on acre of mede in pe mede of
32 blechesdon, that is to sey, that same halfe yerdlonde & that acre

* leaf X or 22, back. About 1250.

Purchase
money, £1 6s. 8d.

Confirma-
tion to God-
stow, by
William
Grenevile
(possibly as
Poore in
no. 294), of
no. 293.

About 1210.

of half a
yardland,
of mede ♀ whyche the seyd mynchons heldyn sumtyme of hym to ferme;

of the whych half yerde londe, j. acre lieth vppon pounhull, & j. acre lieth in ¹ mersacre, & j. acre lieth vppon sandhull nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons, & j. half acre lieth cliflurlonge nyhe the londe of walter prestecote, & j. halfe acre lieth vppon spellelburge nyhe the londe that was of walter hibberd, & j. half acre nyhe the londe that was of Osbert templer nyhe the 8 grete wey that streccyth toward wodestoke, & halfe an acre in wytemers nyhe ♀ londe the whyche was of walter hibberd, & halfe an acre lieth vppon henhull nyhe the londe that was of walter prestecote, & halfe an acre lieth in the samē telthe ² the 12 whych was of Gefrey brocher, & halfe an acre lieth in brady crofte nyhe the londe that was of Osbert templer, & ij. ro dys lieth vppon serenhuft, and halfe an acre lieth vppon bowenhuft nyhe the grete wey that streccyth toward goseford, & twey 16 ro dys in Cadborowemere nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons:

& in an-opēr feelde ³, halfe an acre lieth in ailmewey nyhe the londe of the seyd mynchons, & halfe an acre lieth in burtfurlonge, & j. acre lieth [in] willardesfordeshull, & half an acre 20 lieth with-in ♀ grete dyche nyhe the londe of the seyd' mynchons, & ij.-ro dys liien nyhe the londe ♀ pat was of walter prestecote at sepelburse, & j. acre lieth at Cowham, & j. acre lieth at fordroue nyhe the land that was of Osbert templer, & j. acre 24 lieth vppon wodelonde nyhe the londe of the seyde Osbert, & half an acre lieth at hinham nyhe the londe of the said mynchons, & halfe an acre lieth at broclongesfurlonge nyhe the londe that was of walter prestecote, and halfe an acre lieth at 28 kyngysheimere nyhe ♀ londe of walter prestecote, & halfe an acre lieth in pulfurlonge nyhe the londe of ♀ seyd walter prestecote, and halfe an acre lieth in cherfurlonge toward the northe nyhe the londe of the seyd walter prestecote, & halfe an 32 acre lieth in hynch nyhe the londe ♀ pat was of Osbert templer, & halfe an acre lieth vppon mererfurlonge nyh ♀ londe of the seyd walter,

& j. acre ♀ of mede lieth in the mede of blechesdon, of the 36 whyche halfe an acre lieth at Mideldol as the lot yeuyth, & an-opēr halfe acre at fromdol, as the lot gyvyth:

¹ mershe acre, in margin. ² Tilthe, in margin. ³ nota ij fildes, in margin.
to be hadde & to be holde all the fore-seyd halfe yerd-londe, with the mede a-fore namyd; & pasture & pertinences, frely, quietly, welle, & pesybly for euyr: & the foreseyd Geoffrey & 4 hys heyrys, the fore-namyd halfe yerdlonde, with the mede & hys pertinences, warantijyd acquitiid & defendyid, to the foreseyd churche of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruinge god, a-geynyst all pepufl for euyr, fro aff seculer exaccion, demaunde, 8 & sute of courte: & that hys yefte & graunt & the confirmacion of hys wrytynge shuld byde stable & vnbroke for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is with-out date.

[298.] * Chartur of Gefrey brocher of blechesdon of ix. acris & a halfe & of j. forere & a half acre of mede paynge thereof j. d'at estur.

The sentence of thys chartur is that Gefrey brocher of blechesdon gaf & grauntyd, & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to oure lady & to the churche of seynt Iohũ baptyst of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruinge god & to serue for euyr, ix. acris of londe & j. halfe & j. forer & j. halfe acre of 16 mede of hys londe;

of the whych ij. lyen in the felde of geuyrshampton, that is to sey, j. that liethe in walden by-twye the londe of the Abbot of Oseney & the felde of blechesdon the whych is callyd danichis 20 acre, & on othyr acre in collowe the whych lieth by-twene ij. acris of the abbote of Oseney; & the 2 iiij., in the felde of blechesdon, the whych liethe by-twene karsewelle broc & the londe of Osbert templer; and j. halfe acre [in] broclonges-furlonge, nyhe j* londe of dame helene in the northe perte; & j. acre in mapeldurestuppe nyhe the londe of the church in the southe pert; & j. halfe acre, that is to sey, the hode of pyyn-nockysmul; & halfe an acre in bredercofte, the whych lieth by-twene the londe of the abbys of Godestowe & the londe of Roger of aumary; & halfe an acre in longefurlonge, by-twene the londe of Robert templer & the londe of walter prestecele; & half an acre in westefelde, the whych is callyd wilmoteshalfeacre, the 32 whych lieth by-twene the londe of Robert brocher of kyrt-lingeton in the sowthe pert; & half an acre in the mydul of

1 In the enumeration of items, a half- 2 i.e. the third of the acres, acre and the headland are left out.
and half an acre of meadow, subject to 1d. quit-rent.

Purchase-money, £7 9s. 4d.

* leaf XI or 23, back. About 1250.
Sale to Godstow, by Jeffrey Brocher, of 2d. quit-rent over Godstow land,

Purchase-money, 6s. 8d. [Debt to Oxford Jews.]

longefurlonge, the whych e lieth by-tenne the londe of walter prestecote & the londe of Goffe petith: & ij. acres in gaystes-crofte:

& halfe j. acre of mede in suedere,

to be had & to be holde to the seyd mynchons, of hym & of hys heyrys, frely & quietly, fully & holly, paynge there-of yerly to hym & to hys heyrys j. d at estur for all service, exaccion, & demaunde: & the seyd Gefre & hys heyrys warantizyd all the 8 foreseyd londe, with all hys pertinences, to the foreseyd mynchons of Godestowe, or to whom-so-euyr they wilde assyne hit, a-geynyst all men & women. And for thys graunt, yeft, confirmation, & warantizynge, the foreseyd mynchons yaf to hym 12 xj. marke, ij. shillings, viij. d; in warysumme, & that these foreseyd thynys shulden byde sure & vnbroke for euyr, he confermyd hyt with hys seele, thys chartur a-fore wretyn; & is with-oute date.

[299.] *A chartur of Gefrey le brocher of blechesdon of ij. d;

The sentence of thys euydence is that Gefre brocher gaf grauntyd & quyetid hape claymyd1 ij. d of yerly rent, for hym & hys heyrys or hys assynys, to god & to the churche of uir lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to the holy mynchons there seruinge gcd & to serue for euyr, & to her succes-sours, in-to fre pure & perpetual almys, in the whych e ij. d: the fore-seyd holy mynchons wēr bounde to hym & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys. The foreseyd holy mynchons & heir successours 24 were bownde to pay the foreseyd ij. d for a londe the whyche they hyldyn of hym in the feld of blechesdon by the seruice of the foreseyd ij. d: & for thys quiete-clayne of the seyd ij. d, the foreseyd holy mynchons gaf to hym halfe a marke of sterlingys 28 to quyte hym of the Iurye in the town of Oxenforde, that is to sey, a-geynst Iamys of london, Iue fit3 Moysy: & the seyde Gefrey brocher & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantizyd to the seyd holy mynchons & heir successours & defendyd for euyr thef 32 foreseyd ij. d of the foreseyd yerly rent: & that hys 3yf graunt and quiete-clayne myht be sure & stronge, he put to thys wrytynge hys seele.

1 Sic, for 'quit-claimed,' or 'claimed to be quiet.'
[300.] *The chartur of martyn clerk fit3 Martyn of blechesdon.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Martyn clerk, fit3 martyn, of Blechesdun, yaf grauntyd & confirmyd with hys wrytynge to henry styuor of hampton, for hys *homage & 4 servise & for xxx. shillings of syluyr the whyche the foreseyd henry gafe by-fore hondys to the seyd martyn in warisumme, a place of hys court, conteyneyng of brede xxxvj. feete, & of lengethe fro the kynges wey on to the court of laurens ...¹, & 8 hyt lieth by-twix the londe that the foreseyd martyn solde to Iohn pilet of Oxenford & the dowry of hys modyr pernelt, to be holde & had to the same henry & to hys heyrys or to all othyr who-so-euyr they be, & whenne-so-euyr, he wylyth to gyfe hyt, 12 sylle, be-queythe or to asyne hyt, of the foreseyd martyn & hys heyrys, frely & quietly well and pesibly, in all libertieis & eisementes longyng to the foreseyd londe in all places for euyr, paynge the-ôf yerly to hym & to hys heyrys ij. d. at the rest of 16 seynt Iohn baptiste for all servise, custome, & all secular demaunde, savynge the outward servise, that is to say, j. d. whenne the scuage rennythe or happenyth: & the seyd martyn & hys heyrys warantijid acquitid & defendyd the foreseyd place 20 of longe with the pertinences to the foreseyd heny & to hys heyrys or assynys what-so-euyr they be, a-geynyst all pepull for euyr: & that hys yeft, graunt, warantizynge, & confirmacion of thys wrytynge myht haue strengeth & suerenesse, he strengthyd 24 hyt with the pryntyng of hys seel: & is with-out date.

[301.] *Chartur of william fit3 henry fit3 Robert of blechesdon of on acre & of on yerdlonde paynge yerly a peny at estur.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that william the sone of henry the sone of Robert of blechesdon grauntyd, & confirmyd by hys wrytynge, to henry stiwar of hampton, for hys homage & 28 servise, j. acre & j. yerde of arable² londe in the felde of blechesdon, the whyche londe the fore-seyde henry hys fadur gaf to the fore-seyd henry stywar by hys chartur, wheôf of j. halfe acre

¹ This gap, for a measurement, occurs also in the Latin.
² Erable, wrought hull, walden, l. yarde (i.e. longeherde), in margin.
Oxfordshire: ♠ Warblington

and a rood, quit-rent 1d. at Easter.

lieth vppon wrothulfi nyhe the londe of Iohn morban, & j. halfe acre in tewalden nyhe the londe of the seyd Iohn, & j. yerd lieth in longeherde nyhe the londe of the churche, to be had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyryrs, to the foreseyd henry stywor & to hys heyryrs or to whoseeyr & whenne-so-euyr he wyllythe to gyfe sylle byquethe or to assyne hyt, frely & quietly, welle & in peece, for euyr, paynge theñ-of to hym & to hys heyryrs j. d: at estur, for all servuce, custome, sute of courte & all seculer 8 demaunde: & þeyde wylliam & hys heyryrs warantijid acquited & defendyd all the foreseyd londe with hys pertinences to the fore-seyd henry, & to hys heyryrs or assynys, a-geynste all maner of pepul: & for thys graunt & confirmacion the seyd henry gaf to hym ix. d of syluyr in warysone: and that thys graunt myht be stronge & sure for-euyr, he sette to thys wrytynge hys seele; & is with-out date.

* leaf XI or 23, About 1250. Sale to Godstow, by Henry Stywor, * leaf XI or 23, back.
of no. 300;

and of 
1 acre 1 rood in Bletchingdon;

and of 
1 acre and a gore in

[302.] *A chartur of henry stywor of blechesdon of hys mese & londes þat he hape in blechesdon.

The sentence of thys chartur is that henry stywor of blechesdon gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd by wrytynge, to god & to the churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn bap*tiste of Godestowe, & to the holy monhydro there seruyng god & to serue for euer, alle hys tenement in the towne of blechesdon, with all hys pertinences, & all hys erable londe in the feeld of blechesdon & in the feld of Gaytyshamptone: that is to say, that mese that he had of martyn clerk ke fit martyn of blechesdon, that conteynyth in brede xxxv. fecte & in lengthyth fro the kyngrys wey vn-to the court of laurence & hyt lithe by-twene the londe of Iohn pilet of Oxenforde & the dowry of pernef the moder of the seyd martyn; & j. acre of londe & j. rode of erable londe in the feld of blechesdon, where-of halfe an acre lieth vppon wortheluyli nyhe the londe of Iohn morvan, & half an acre lieth in tewalden nyhe the londe of Iohn morvan, & j. rode lieth in the longe-herd nyhe the londe of the churche of blechesdon; & j. acre & j. gore of arable londe in the feld of Gaytyshamptone, that is to sey, in geytyscrotfe a-longe the dyche of Gefrey

1 'Erabill, wrought hill, walden, long-yarde, erabile,' in margin; apparently in later, cursive hand.
brocher; & all the dyche, with all hys pertinences; & j. yerde the whyche by-gynnythe fro the dyche that is callyd bradcroft, & streccythen hym-selfe to the kynges wey euyn with the dyche 4 a-fore-seyd; & halfe an acre of londe, with the heed to the same longynge, in the felde of blechesdon, that is to say in telthe, the whyche is callid the wodelonde, & lieth by-twen the londe of Robert fitz stephyn & the londe of walter prestecote; & also 8 iiij. yerds the whych lien to-gydark in clistirlonge 2 by-twen the londe of the seyd walter prestecote & p0 londe of Robert bruer: to be holde & to be had all the foreseyd mese, with all hys pertinences, also with all the foreseyd londe, to the seyde 12 mynchons & to her successours, & with all the eysementes with- in the towne & with-oute, frely & quietly, welle & in peec & holly for euyr, paynge therof yerly service dewe & wonyd to the lordys of the fee, as hyt is conteynyd in the charturs the whyche 16 he had of p0 foreseyde tenementes, that is to say, to martyn clerk fitz martyn, ij. d. at the natuique of seynt Iohan baptiste, & j. d. to the scuage whenne hyt happeynnyth, & j. d. to william fitz henry fitz Robert at estur, for all secuer service, custome, 20 & sute of courte: & the foreseyde henry stywor & hys eyrys or assynys warantyed acquiyded & defendyd for euyr all the fores- sedyd mese with all hys pertinences & all the foreseyd londe, as hyt is byfore seyd, to the seyld mynchons & to her successours, 24 ageynyst all men & women: & that all these aforeseyde thynys myght be sure & stable, he put to hys wrytyng hys seele; & is with-oute date.

[303.]* A chartur of Gefrey brocher of blechesdon for the rent of iiij. d. of p0 londe of stywor.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Gefrey brocher of 28 blechesdon gaf, grauntyd; & confirmyd with hys wrytyng, to the churche of seynt Iohan baptiste of Godestow, & to the mynchons ther seruynge god & to serue for euyr, iiij. d. of yerly rent in p0 town of blechesdon, in-to fre pur & perpetual almys, with 32 all hys Ryht & accional maner, with-in the towne & with-oute the towne, that myght falle to hym by that tenantrie that henry

1 '::*:.;: a diche,' in margin.
2 ? clifurlonge, with the cross of the t misplaced.
Oxfordshire: Blechesdon

and 301), and of contingent rights over same lands.

stiphor hylde of hym in that seyde town, that is to sey, inwardys, relefys, & eschetes, so that that same henry stiphor pay the seyd iiij. & here-aftur, the whyche a-fore-tyme he payde to hym, so that the seyd mynchons & her successours hane the same power to distreyne & to take the same henry stiphor & hys heyrys with-in the towne & with-oute, yf he be by-hynde of hys rent: for thys yft graunt and warantyinge the seyd mynchons of Godestowe gaf to hym iiij. skillings in waryson, & the 8 seyd Gefrey brocher & hys heyrys or his assynys warantyzid & defendyd to be seyd mynchons the seyd rent of iiij. & a-geynyst all men & women for euyr: & that hys yft, graunt, & warantyinge shulde be stronge & sure, he put to hyt hys seele: & is with-out date.

[304.] The chartur of Gefrey brocher of half an acre londo.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Gefrey brocher gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd by wrytynge, to the churche of seynt Iohu baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons there seruynge 16 god, in-to fre pure & perpetueft almys, an half acre of londe in the selde of blechesdon, that is to sey, that same the whych they hyldyn to ferme of hym, as it is conteynyd in the chartur made by-twene hem: & that thys gyft, graunt, & * confirmacion myht 20 hane strengethe & surete for euyr to the seyde mynchons & to her successours, for hym & hys heyrys, he sett to hys seele: & is with-out date.

[Bloxham.]

[Note.—At the dissolution in 1540 (Monast. iv. 373) Bloxham rectory was farmed out for £21 yearly, and Godstow received also £1 for quit-rents from certain freeholds. Godstow paid to 'the king's court or Bewcham's court' 13s. 11d. as quit-rent to the lord of the manor for two yardlands, and also the £3 6s. 8d. pension to Westminster Abbey (no. 308). See also in Milcombe, infra.]

[1. Deeds relating to the Rectory.]

[305.] *Chartur of the chaunterye of bloxham.

The sentence of thys chartur is that seffryde, archedyacun of 24 Chychestur & parsone of the churche of our lady of bloxham, for the love of god & the blessyd virgine Marye, gafe the
chauntrey of the churche of oure lady of blockham in-to perpetuel almys to Robert hys chapleyn of porchestre, the auterage with all offrynges . . . ¹ longyng to the auter, & the tythe of flex 4 with pe smalle tythys of syluer with halfe . . . ². And that hys chartur sholde be ferme & stable he confermyd hyt with hys secle: & is with-out date.

[Note.—This deed means the institution of, and the setting the stipen of, a permanent chaplain to perform the duties of the church, for an absentee rector. The Latin has 'seilicet altar. cum omnibus oblationibus et diversis ad altare pertinentibus et decimam lini cum decimis minutis argenti cum mediate digesarum (?).' The small tithe of silver probably means the halfpennies and pence paid as tithe of the increase of cattle. Dr. John Cowell's The Interpreter (1637), under the head Tithe says:—'Wherefore those customes of paying a halfe penny for a Lambe, or a penny for a Calfe, by such as have under seven in one yeare, how long soever it hath indured, is but very unreasonable in these dayes, when both Lambes and Calves are growne foure times dearer, and more then they were when this price was first accepted. And therefore no man dischargeth well his conscience in this point that payeth not duly the tenth of every Lambe, every Calfe, and every other thing titheable.' See also in no. 871. The deed is headed in the Latin Cantorilia ecclesiæ de Bloxham, and the witnesses are Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Jeffrey, Nicholas, and Roger, chaplains of the king; and Gowin, dean [? rural dean of Deddington]. Seffrid was archdeacon of Chichester 1176-8, and occurs dean of Chichester in 1180.]

[306.] *A yfte of the churche of bloxham by kyngge henry.

The sentence of thys chartur & yfte is, that henry, by the 8 grace of god kyngge of ynglond duke of Normandy & of gyen & eryl of aungey, grauntyd, & gas, & confirmyd by hys wrytynghe, to god & to the churche of oure lady of godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god, the churche of bloxham with all hys pertinences, in-to fre & perpetuel almys, so that Roger clifford helde lýt in her name all hys lyse, vndur a yerly pencion of j. besaunt to be payd to hem; & after the deceas of the forseyd Roger, he wylyyd that the forseyd churche of bloxham with all hys pertinences turne ageyne fully to the fore-seyde holy mynchons of godestowe in-to her vscs & possessions: wherefore he willid & commandid that the fore-seyde holy mynchons of godestowe sholde haue & holde, welle & in piece, freely & quietely, fully & holly & worshipfully, with all hys libertes, the fore-namyd churche of Bloxham with all hys pertynenss: & is with-out date.

¹ Left blank in the MS.
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[307.] The chartur of walter Archedecun of Oxenford.

The sentence of thys chartur is that walter, archedecun of Oxenford, of the office of hys archedecunry, at the presentynge & graunt of henry, kynge of yngelonde þe sone of molde the imperas, gafe, & confirmyd with hys wryntyne, to the holy 4 mynchons of Godestowe, the churche of Bloxham with all hys pertinences, saunyge þe ryht of the churche of lincolne & hys. He institutid the fore-namyd holy my[ns]chons in-to the personage of the fore-namyd churche, saunyge the ryht of Roger clifford, & the whych he was to haue the same churche in the namde durynge hys lyfe for a pension of j. besaund to be payd yerly to the fore-wrynte mynchons at estur; & is with-out date.

[308.] *A chartur of the pension of Bloxham I-made to the abbot of westmynster.

The sentence of thys euydence is, that ther was a stryfe 12 by-twene the abbot & convent of westmynster vpon that on part, & þe abbas & convent of Godestowe * vpon that oper part, for the churche of Bloxham, vpon the whych ther was made a delegacie downe to the bishopp of lincolne & to the abbotes 16 of seynt alban & of stratford fro the pope, by wos menys ther was a freyndely composicion I-made vndur thys forme:—that they, consyderynge the religion & the honeste of þe holy mynchons of the fore-seyde howse, & hauynge compassion 20 to the pouer of the same, with oone assent graunta & yafe in-to perpetual almys to the fore-seyde holy mynchons the churche of bloxham with all hys pertinences, fully & holly, to be had & take in-to possession for euyr, & aff the ryht 24 that the foreseyd abbot & Couent had in the fore-seyde churche they gafe hyt to the churche of seynt Ioh þe baptyste of Godestowe & to the holy mynchons there seruinge god; & they claymyd hem to be in rest, saunyge to the fore-seyde abbot & Couent 28 a pension of v. marke, the whych they weþ wonyde of olde tyme to take of the same churche, the whych pension the fore-seyde mynchons owyn to pay yerly to the sexten of the churche of westmynster by-fore rehersyd; to the lyht 32 of the auter, at two termys of the yere; that is to say, with-in the vtas of the fest of al seyneþes, ij. marke & a halfe, & with-in
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the vtas of wytsontyde, ij. marke & a halfe. Thys composicion was made bytwene the fore-seyde abbot & Couent & the fore-seyde abbas & mynychs, the yere of the in-carnacion of owre lorde Ml. Cxcvij, the viij. yer of kynge Richard, the iij. day aftur the feste of seynt barnabe the apostle, at westmynster by the mene of hubert, archebyshoppe of Cawnturbery & legate of our? holy fadur? p[e] pope, & that worshipfull man hugh, abbot 8 of abendon, laborynge & helpynge to thys composicion; & pat her? composicion sholdhe be sur?, afturwarde they put to her? seelys, & is wyth-out date.

[309.] A confirmacion of the bysshoppe of lincolne of the pension grauntyd at westmynster.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that the contrauerzie 12 & bate by-twene p[e] abbot & muskys of seynt peturs of westmynster & p[e] holy mynychs of Godestowe, vpon the churche of bloxham, was leyid a-slepe & cesyd for euer, with the commune assent of p[e] partyes, by thys maner of transaccion a-fore 16 vs, Hugh by the grace of God bysshoppe of lincolne, j. & h. abbotes of seynt alban & of stratford, delegates in the causes of pope celestine p[e] iij., and by thys mene. The foreseyd abbot & Couent of westmynster considerynge p[e] religiosynys & honesteys 20 of the holy mynychs of p[e] fore-seydia hows of Godestowe, & hauynge compassion to her? pouerte, grauntyd & yasen with on assent, in-to pur & perpetual almys to the seyd holy mynychs, the churche of bloxham with all hys pertinences, fully & holly 24 for euyr, to be had & to be take in-to possession. Also p[e] gafe & grauntyd to hem all the ryht that they haddyn in pat same churche to the church of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & claymyd? hyt to be quietid? & in rest to p[e] holy mynychs 28 ther seruyng god, sauynghe a yerly pension of v. marke of siluer, the whyche they we? wonyd to take in olde tyme of the same churche of bloxham, the whyche pension the fore-seyd? holy mynychs shulde pay yerly to the sexteyn of seynt peturs of 32 westmynstwr at two termys of the yer? that is to sey, with-in p[e] vtas of p[e] feste of all seynts, ij. marke & a halfe, & with-in the feste of whytsontyd, ij. marke & an halfe, to the lyht of the hye auter. Furhermore, dame Iulian, the abbas of Godestowe, & p[e]
holy mynchons of the same place, promisid, by her trowth & very trewe feythe & playn conscience a-fore god, also by an othe I-made by the mowthe of Walcranne her chapleyn by hys trowthe vppon her sowlis, hys hande leyde vppon the hoolly 4 godspelys, that they sholde neuyr seke to ony man or to ony men by hem or by ony persone by-twene them ony craft or gyle whereby the foreseyde churche of westmynstur sholde haue lessyng or alieninge of the fore-namyd' pension, or that the 8 forseyd' couent sholde not take & receyue the foreseyd' yerly rent by the hande of pe sexten at the termys ordeyned, hooly & with-oute ony a-geyne-holdyng, & aff maner occasion of lettynge: *and pat thys transaccion sholde be holde truly 12 & surely for euyr, they confermyd hyt with her wrytynghe & by puttynghe to of her seelys. And thys transaccion or translacion by-twene hem was don the yere fro the incarnacion of our lorde Ml.Cxcvij, pe iiij. day aftur the feste of seynt barniabe the 16 apostle, by the mene of the personys by-fore rehersyd' in the othyr chartur by-fore.

*leaf X[lll.]
or 26.

[Barnabas = June 11.]

* Chartur of aumary seynt amande, fit3 Raph seynt amande, of tythys of hys tenantrie in bloxham.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that aumary seynt amunde, fit3 Raph seynt amunde, for the loue of god & in wey of charyte 20 for the helthe of hys soule & for the soulis of hys aunceturs, gafe, grauntyd, & confermyd by hys wrytynghe, for hym & hys heyrys, to god & to our lady seynt mary & to the churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to the mynchons ther 24 seruynge god & to serue for euiir-more, in-to fre pure & perpetyal almys, all pe tithis comynghe forthe of aff hys tenauntryes in the parisshe of Bloxham, bope more tythys & lesse, as wet of hys demayne & of hys courte as of the londe of hys tenuantes in 28 the same parysse, that is to sey, aff tythys wonyd' custome able & dewe, to be had & holde in-to the[ir] owne vses, to the seyd' abbas & mynchons for euyr, as frely & quietly as ony almys may be gyf: & that hys yft graunt & confirmacion shulde be sure for 32 euyr, he put to hys seele: & is with-out date.
[311.] *An Instrument I-made by Iohn toste, a comune notarye, of the church of bloxham.

The sentence of thys instrument is pat it was detecte & shewyd to Iohn hauberk, bachelor of bope lawys, comaissary I-ordeynyd in pe ordinaire visitacion of pat worshipful fadur in cryst, Iohn, bysshoppe of lincolne, in pe archedenuryes of Oxenforde & buckyngeham, pe religius women, the abbas of Godestowe and count of pe same monastery, lawfully getyng in-to her owyn ves by longe tymys of succession in pe 8 seyde churche of bloxham, & not alonely pey but aff her successors in her tymys in pe same churche fro tym & by tym out of mynde, hyt haue been hyd pat pat hath not be vsyd of dewte, noper of no oper laweful maner, fro pe tym of pe vnion & of pe appropurynge of pe seyde churche of bloxham, for [to] distribute also & to gefe to pe power nedy paryszshens of bloxham every wok & every yere halfe a quarter of corne menglyd; pat is to sey, of whete corne & of rye; and they haue preuyd pat pey with-drowe no dewete pat was wonyd & vsyd, whenne they apperyd a-fore vs in iuggement in pe day & place in pe whyche pey were callyd, we haue dymyttyd hem fro pe impetission of our office in thys parte by decre. Vpon pe whyshe dimission Iohn tost, clerke, of lincolne, a comyn notary & commissare of pe seyde maystur Iohn hauberke actor a-foreseyde scribe, put to hys notarye syne.

[312.] *A chartur of tythys grauntyd by Roger beaconampe, knyht, of Bloxham.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger beaconampe, knyht, & lorde of bloxham, gaf, grauntyd, & confermyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to our lady seynt mary & to seynt Iohanni baptiste, & to Molde beaconamp, abbas of Godestowe, hys aunte, & to the Mynchons there seruyng god, for hys soule & for the 28 soules of hys aunctours & of hys heyrys, the tythys of all hys londes & tenanyes of bloxham; & also of all hys lond;} 3

* leaf XV or 27, back. About 1310. Declaratyon that Godstow is under no obligation to distrubute wheat and rye mixed, to yearly amount of £1 6s. 8d. in weekly doles to the poor of Bloxham.

1 Probably John D'aldeby, bishop 1300-19. The Latin is: 'medietatem quartarii grani mixti vix. frumenti et seliginis singuli septimanis et singulis annis pauperibus parochianis distribuere pariter et errogare.' 2 The Latin adds that the parishioners had no legal document to show in establishment of their claim.
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tenants’ lands in Bloxham; (b) of his own and his tenants’ woodlands and assarts in the Bloxham portion of Wychem-wood forest.

* leaf XIII or 25.

tenantures, & of hys vndurwodes in a wode i-callyd the Quene-wode in the forest of whychewode longynge to the seyd maner of bloxham; and also of all hys londys, medewys, pastures, vndurwodys 1 L-fellyd & to be fellyd, vndur thys forme that 2 the seyd abbas & hyr successessors 3 haue & take for euyr all maner tythys of vndurwodys; & of all sheuys of all maner greynys of corne, & also of hey, pasture, or of profits of pastures, with the pertinences, in the wode callyde Quenewode in the 8 foreste a-fore-seyd; & that the seye abbas & mynychons sholde haue * & take all tythys a-fore-seyd; to hem-selfe & to her successors, frely quietly weft & pesibly, in-to fre pure & perpetuel almys for euyr, he put hys seeft vn-to witnes ther-of, 12 at bloxham 4, in the fest of seynt barnabe the apostle, the yere of 5 reyne of kynge Edwarde the thrydde after the conqueste xx.

[2. Deeds relating to lands.]


Osbert of Hydindon granted to Godard son of Edwin May 16 and to his heirs a half-hyde in Bloxham, subject to 10s. quit-rent for all services (except the king's service 5), and to customary works, viz. one day with one man in summer to mow Osbert's meadow, and three bid-days 6 in harvest with two men, 20 one bid-day being at Osbert's cost, the others at Godard's own. The full half of these works were to be done for Godstow. For this grant Godard did homage to Osbert and paid him 20s. Date—in the year post 7 decessum exercitus Leicestriæ.

Witnesses:—John of Bruton, Alexander of Myldecumbe, Robert of Wytham, Ralph of Edburbury 8 , Walter of Edburbury, Ralph father of Gilebert.]

1 In the Latin it is: 'subboscorum assartorum et assartandorum.'
2 i.e. so that.
3 Sic.
4 Among the witnesses are Sir William of Shareshall, knight; Richard of Williamscoate; Thomas of Langele.
5 'excepto regali.'
6 'precariæ.'
7 The pipe-roll of 19 Henry II, pp. 58, 107, 173, 178, contains payments for the army sent under Richard de Lucy and Reginald earl of Cornwall to besiege Leicester in July 1173.
8 Adderbury, Oxon.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat Mably abbas of Godestowe & her souent, with on consent & for p*e sake of charite, grauntyd to Raph ben, I-callid of bloxham, mete & drynke as longe as he 4 leuyd in her hows of Godestowe or where so euer he were in there fre servuce; also halfe a marke of syluer yerly at two termys to be take, that is to say, at the annunciation of ouir lady in marche iiij. shillings iiij. d. & at Myhelmasse iiij. shillings 8 iiij. d.: & yf hyt happe that the fore-seyd Raph be convicte * vpon ony cryme or trespas, but pat he may purge hym-selfe by trewe men, he sholde not haue p*e foreseyde halfe marke of hem noiper of her successours tydf pat he haue purgede hym 12 selfe of p*e cryme or trespas I-put vpon hym; noiper hyt sholde not be lawfull to p*e foreseyde Raph to make a testament, but that all hys goodys sholde remayne & a-byde to the prophite of p*e hows of Godestowe: for thys graunt p*e foreseyde Raph 16 relesyde to p*e mynchons a-fore-namyd, & claymyd vtturly to be in rest for hym & hys heyrys, j. mese in p*e town of bloxham & viij. acris of arable londe, halfe an acre of mede, & j. rode pertynyng to the seyde mese, whom or whyche the sadur 20 of p*e seyd raph sum-tyme helde of p*e fee of p*e foreseyde mynchons, so pat p*e foreseyde Raph, noiper by hym-selfe noiper by none in hys name, sholden mowe to aske ne to chalenge afturward ony ryht or clayne in the seyde mese with p*e 24 viij. acris, halfe an acre of mede, & j. rode. In to wytnys of the whyche p*e partyes puttyn to per seeles, euyryche a-gaynyste oiper, to thir wrytynge I-made per-of, p*e date at Godestowe p*e wodynsday aftur p*e feste of all seyntes, p*e yere of p*e reyne 28 of p*e kynge Edwarde, p*e sone of kynge henry, xv.

[315.] *A chartur1 of henry fitz Edwyne of a yerde-londe & mesys & alle othyr pertinences.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that henry fitz Edwyne of bloxham, by p*e assent & wille of sibille hys wyfe, gafe & grauntyd & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, for p*e helpe of hys 32 sowle & of hys wyfe & of hys auncteurs, to god & to the churche

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1 This is one of the instances in which the transcriber of the Exchequer MS. used French instead of Latin. The rubric is: 'Encunter Henri meriot de Blokesham,'
of oure lady & of seynt Iohn baptyste of Godestowe & to the
mychnos þe seruyng geð, in-to pu[r & perpetuel almys, a
yerdelonde with þe mesys & oper pertinences in þe towne of
bloxham, þat is to sey, that yerdelonde þe whyche hys fadur
Edwyne hylde of þe same mychnos, & he aftur hym: & he
claymyde all the ryht þat he had in þat londe or myht hauue
to be quite & in rest, to the foreseyd mychnos with-oute ony
a-gayne-seynge, lessenyng, & ony a-gayne-holdynge, for hym &
þys heyrys: & lest þat hyt myht heȝ-aftur be with-drawe,
he put to thys wrytynge hys seele: & is wyth-out date.

[316.] A chartur of þe abbas of Godestowe I-made to
william picke.

The sentence of thys evidenc is, that Isowde deram, abbas
of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, gafe, grauntyd, &
12 confermyd by hær wrytynge, for hem & hær successours, to
william picke of Bloxham, for hys homage & seruice & v. marke of
sterlinges, afl þe tenauntrye þat heryn Meriot & sibille hys wyfe
helden of hem in bloxham þe dayes in the whyche they deyd, 16
þe whyche tenauntrie fylle to hem by þe dethe of þe foreseyde
heryn & sibille, to be had & to be hold, to þe same william & to
hys heyr ys lawfully I-gete & to be gete of þe seyd william & of
hys lauffull wyfe, of þe *seyde mychnos & of hær successours, frely
& quiety wyll & pesibyl holly & herytably foreuyr, payngye
þerof yerly, to hem & to hær successours, ij. skyllings vj. d. at
iiij. termys of þe yere, þat is to sey, at cristemasse, vij. d. ob.; at
oure lady day in marche, vij. d. ob.; at mydsumwr, vij. d. ob.; &
at Myhelmasse, vij. d. ob.; for all seculer seruices, sutes, exc-
cions & demaundys afl maner: & þe foreseyde abbas & couent
of Godestowe warantijed acquited & defendyd to þe foreseyd
william picke & to hys heyr ys a-fore-seyd afl þe foreseyd's
tenauntrye with hys pertinences, by the foreseyd seruices,
a-gynyst afl pepult: & þat all these a-fore-seyd þynges sholde
be sure & stronge, þe seyd mychnos put to hær seele.

[317.] * Chartur of william picke of bloxham of a
tenau trye wyth hys pertinences.

The sentence of thys evidenc is, þat william picke of bloxham 32
gafe & grauntyd, & confermyd with hys wrytynge, to god & to
the churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & ali3 Gorgis then abbas & to the count of pe same place & her successive, ait hys tenauntrye with hys pertinences pat henry

4 Meriot & sibill hys wyfe summe tyme helden in bloxham, ait-so with ait pe gardyn, to be had & to be holde to pe foreseyde ali3, abbas of Godestowe, & to the Couent & her successours, of the seyde william picke & hys heyrys or hys assynys, frely quietly 8 weft & pesibly holy & as herytage for euyr, paynge to the chefe lordys of pe same fee ait services perofe dew & wonyd : & william picke & hys heyrys or hys assynys warantizd acquited & defendyd; to pe foreseyde ali3, abbas, & to the couent, & successiveurs of pe same of Godestowe, ait pe foreseyde tenauntries with ait hys pertinences ageynyste ait pepule: & pat ait these afo-reseyde thynges sholde be stronge, he conferyd hyt with hys seele sette per-to.

[318.] * Chartur of william picke of bloxham of a yfte of ait hys god meuable & vnmeovable.

16 The sentence of pis charter is, pat william picke of bloxham solde & grauntyd to syre Iohn perpetuel vicary of bloxham & to henny hys seruant, attorney of dame ali3, Abbas of Godestowe, & of pe count of pe same place, ait hys goodys meuable & vn-meuable in pe hows pat was his summe-tyme & in his gardynys of bloxham beynge, so pat nober he william picke ne none ope of hys part shold ake or chalenge asturwarde of pe seyde goodys. For pis sale of goodys the seyde Iohn, vicary, & henny, attorney of dame ali3 Georgis, abbas of Godestowe, & pe count of pe same place, payd by-fore handys xl. shillings of sterlingys. The date at bloxham, pe freday next a-fore pe feste of seynt gregory pope, pe yere of pe reyne of kynge Edward pe secunde

28 xxiiij. In-to wytnes of pe same he sette hys seele.

[319.] *A quite-clayme of yue fitz william picke of ait hys ryht in that tenauntrye of bloxham.

The sentence of this enyidence is pat yue pe sonne of william picke of bloxham relesyd, for hym & hys heyrys, & claymyd to be in rest for ait men of hys part for euyr, to god & to pe

1 In error for 'Edward the son of King Henry.'
churche of our lady & of seynt Iohn baptyste of Godestowe & to aliæ Georgis, abbas of Godestowe, & to the couent of pæ same place & her successours, all the ryht & clayyme pat euyr he had or meyth haue or sholde haue in ony maner wyse in all pat 4 tenauntrye with all the pertinences in euery place, pæ whych they had of pæ ryht of seffynge of william hys sadur in the towne of bloxham & estsone. He relesyd' for hym & hys heyrys, & claymyd' to be in rest, to the seyd' god & to pæ church of our 8 lady & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to dame aliæ Georgis & to the couent & to her successours, all hys ryht & clayme, pat noper pæ same yue, ne none other of hys heyrys, sholde neuer axe ne make no chalenge in all pæ seyde tenement in no part of hyt. In-to wytnes of pæ whych he put to hys seele. I-gefe at bloxham pæ freday next aftur pæ feste of seynt gregory, pæ yeî of kynge Edwarde seconde 

[320.] * An assyse I-take at Oxenforde by-twene Roger beuchampe & pæ abbas of Godestowe.

Assise at Oxenforde, a-fore Iohn hulle & hugh huls, Justices 16 of pæ kynge in pæ shyre of Oxenforde, to be take pæ Meneday assnyyd next a-fore pæ feste of seynt petur in cathedra, pæ yeî of pæ reyne of kynge Richard pæ secunde xx., come & made knowlych *yf Roger beuchampe, knyht, Iohn chamberleyyn of 20 bloxham, walter hopper, Iohn phyllys, Robert large, Iohn kynge, Iohn spencer, william taylour of bloxham, Iohn lawe, Thomas putte, Robert flecker, Robert preeste, Iohn Tylour of bloxham, & Nicholas helmyndoî, wrongefully dissesyd' Margaret 24 Mounteney, Abbas of Godestowe, of her fire tenement & of a mese & xxxij. acris of londe & of j. acre of mede with pæ pertinences, wher-ff she made hyr playnt: & pæ fore-seyde Roger & pæ opers come not to answer? but on Iohn at dale answeryd' for 28 hem & her baylyfe, and for pæ for-seyde Iohn Chamberleyne:

seythe 4 that the fore-seyde abbas is hyr owne selfe I-seysonde of pæ fore-seyde tenantries I-put in syht with pæ pertinences as of a fre tenement & was in pæ day of the getynge of the breve 32 & cetera, xv. day of Iule pæ yere of the reyne of pæ kynge pæ
was pat tyme of ynglonde xx., & she askyth iuggement of pe brefe & cetera. Et si & cetera.

& thenne, for pe forseyd' Ion chamberleyyn & for all oper pe forseyde, Iohn at dale seyde pat pey dyd no wronge or disseysinge to pe foreseyde abbas & of pat pey put hem-sylfe vppon assise: & pe fore-seyde abbas also.

perfore an assise was takyn by-twene hem. They pat were 8 chose, tryed, & swore, made knowlych, come & seyde vppon pe othe, pat pe fore-seyde abbas was not her-selfe I-seysynyt of pe fore-seyde tenementes I-put in pe lawe with pertinences as of a fre tenantrie ne was not in the day of pe getynge of pe brefe 12 & cetera; & pey seyne pat pe foreseyd abbas & aft her pre-decessours of pe foreseyde place weryn seysenyt in pe same tenantries with pe pertinences as a fre tenement of pe fee & ryht of her churche of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe fro 16 tyme out of mynde tille pat pe foreseyde Iohn kynge, william taylour, & Iohn lawe, dyd make vrynhtfully with strengthe & armur pe fore-seyde disseysinge to pe harmynge & hurt of the abbas of xl. shillings; & pey seyen pat oper defendantes in pe brefe 20 a-fore I-namyd were not at pe disseysenynge a-fore I-seyde.

perfore hit was graunt pe fore-seyde abbas sholde recufer her seysenynge of pe foreseyde tenementes I-put in pe lawe with her pertinences by pe syht of pe recognicion of pe foreseydassyse 24 & her harmys a-fore-seyde & pe for-seyde Iohn kynge, william taylour, & Iohn lawe, sholde be take & cetera; & and also pe fore-seyde abbas sholde be I-mercycl for pe false clayme a-geynyste pe fore-seyd' Roger beuchampe & oper the whyche wep I-quitte 28 by pe dyseseysenynge a-fore seyde.

[BOULD, in Idbury parish.]

[Note.—This rent-charge does not occur in, and is therefore presumably later than, pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902), 1192. It is duly reckoned in pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291; as also in Henry VIII's 1531 survey (Monast. iv. 373). The person who witnesses no. 321 is perhaps William de Sancto Audoeno, bailiff of Woodstock manor 1243-74.]

[321.] *A Charter of Bartholomew Labanc confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow half a marke of rent in Boolde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Bartholomew Labanc yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed; to god and

Grant to Godstow,

Verdict in favour of Godstow, with damages against three of the defendants, but mulct on Godstow for false claim against the others.
to our lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god, in fre and perpetuel almesse, a rent of half a mark of siluer, to be take of Iohn Labanc and his heires every yere at Cristmas which to me the 4 same Iohn now for his tenement in Boolde at the same terme was wonte to pay vnto me. And that this shold not be in any doute, thersfore to this present writynge he put to his.scale. This beynge witnesse: Raaf, parson of Bladen, Maister Piers 8 of Stanes, ser henry of Tayden, william Clerk, of Tywe, Iohn de haneberge, william of Seynt Owayne, Robert of Nethercote, Robert of the Merssh, Robert Clerk, de Fyfhe, and many other.

[322.] A Charter of Brian of Brampton conformyng the same.

The sentence of this charter is that Bryan of Brampton, with the assent and wille of Alice his wyf and of Bryan his heire and of other his heires, graunted, and by his charter confirmed, * to god and to our lady Seynt Marie and to seynt Iohn Baptist 16 of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, the yfte that Bartholomew Labanc made to him of an annual rent of half a marke, to be taken of Iohn Labanc and his heires of his tenement in Boolde, after as the charter which the same 20 Bartholomew Labanc made shewyth and berith witnesse. And for this graunte and confirmacion the same mynchons graunted hym and to Alice his wyf, and to the same Bryan his heire and to other his heires, to be partyners of all good benefits 24 and almes dedes which shal be done in their hous for evermore. And pat this his graunte and confirmacion ferme and stedefast for evermore shold abide, to this charter he put to his scale. These beynge witnesse: ser Nicholas of Newbury, Hugh 28 Labanc, Elice of Boolde, Elice of Bladyngton, Raaf knyuto, walter Pudwett, Iames of hawnce, and many other.

[323.] A Charter of Richard labanc I-made to the mynchons of Godestow for a marke yerely in Boolde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard labanc graunted and yaf all the lond of Gaufride of Boolde and of Foxcote, with the pertynentis, to god and to our lady seynt Marie and to
seyn Andrew the apostle vnto the Abbey of the holy mynchons in the worship of the same seyn Andrew to be mortaysed: Also I yeve and graunte the forseid lond to be fre and quyte fro all secular service to the seruyce of god to be ordeyned: And aft the bonde-mennes lond to be fre fro all seruyce, for a marke to be paid yerely. Also he yaf a mesuage with iiij. acris of lond next to the streme fre fro alf service in-to perpetuel almes.

8 Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[Note.—There being no Bould deeds in the Latin Register, we have nothing by which to check this deed. We must, therefore, leave it, with its extraordinary mistake as to the patron saint of the Convent.]

[BURLEIGH WOOD in Wychwood Forest.]

[324.] * A Charter of kyng henry for Burley wode in wychewode, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Henry, by the grace of god, kyng of Englon, & cetera, willed to be know to Archbishshoppes, & cetera, that for asmoch as he had I-helde by inquisicton that was I-made by his welbeloued & trew man Roger Clyfford, his Iustice of the forest a this half Trente, that hit shold not be to harme, nether to noyng of his forest of wyche-wode, though he graunted to his welbeloued in crist, the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, his wode of Burley, with the pertynentis, the whiche bene with-in the markes of the forsaid forest, To be had to them and to ther successours, into perpetuell almesse; and that wode shold availe by yere, as in herbage, pannage, and all other goyng-out or availes, xxxiiij. skillings: so moche he, for charite sake and of seyn John Baptist patrone of the chirc of Godestowe, and for the helthe of his sowle and of the sowles of his auncetours and of his heires, yaf and graunted; and with his charter confermed; to the abbesse and * mynchons of Godestowe and to ther succes-

1 The head-line of leaf 191, back, is:—'A Confirmation and a lycence of kyng Henry the sons of kyng John.' In the MS. this charter comes among the general charters. At the dissolution, 1540, we find (Monast. iv. 374) Godstow farming this wood out for £2 13s. 4d. yearly, from which had to be deducted the £1 14s. quit-rent which was still paid to the king. In the Hundred Rolls, 1279, 'Boroule' wood is not included in Wychwood Forest, though other woods in Bladon are. Neither is it so included in the Perambulation of Wychwood, 1300.
at 34s. yearly rent to be paid into the Exchequer, and under obligation not to disforest it nor so to fence it as to exclude the deer.

sours, into perpetuel almesse, yeldyn gthert of by yere xxxiiij. shillings, that is to sey, one half to his Eschekor at Estir and the other half at his Eschekor at the fest of seynt Micheff, for aft service, custome, and demaunde: So nathethesse that they shold not hege, wast, norther turne hit into tylthe, nother in no wise close hit but that his bestis myght haue fre goyng out and fre entryng into the forsaids wode as they were l-wonden to haue afore. Wherfore he willed and surely charged, for hym and his heires, that the forsaids abbesse and mynchons shold haue and hold the forsaids wode, with his pertynentis, of hym and his heiris, into perpetuel almesse, as hit is I-seid afore. Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera. The date by his hand, at Oxenford, 12 the xxviiij day of December, the fyfty yere of his reigne.

[Note.—The Godswor property in this parish was acquired by a series of purchases between 1210 and 1280. In pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, it is joined with the Godswor properties at Begroke, Kiddington, Ledwell, and Thrup, as in Woodstock rural deanery, and the whole said to be worth £5 3s. 2d., of which £2 18s. 8d. represents pittances charged on the rents. At the dissolution, 1540, the Godswor property in 'Kersynton' (Monast. iv. 372) was valued at £4 for the demesne-land, £1 10s. for quit-rents on freeholds, and £1 13s. 4d. for quit-rents on copyholds, together £7 13s. 4d. The obits for William once keeper, John once baker, and Isold abbesse, were still charged on the rents in Kersynton.]

[1. Lands acquired through Thomas of Chymely.]

*leaf 66. 1204, Sept. 29.*

Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Kersynton, of a messuage and croft, and a yardland.

Quit-rent, 1d.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf graunted and conferred with his owne charter, in fee and heritage, to Thomas Chymely, or to whom the same Thomas wold assigne selle yeve or bequeth, a mese with a crofte that Aleywy held in karsynton; And furthermore a yerde of londe with all his pertynentis that humfrey of haneberge held in the same towne: to be hold and to be had, of hym and of his heires, frely quetyly peasibly and worshipfully, in cornys and medis in fedyngis in wayes in pathes and all other customes longyng to them, by the service of j. d. by the yere for all service, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse, savying the kyngis 24
service. And the foresaid Petir and his heires warantizéd to
the foresaid Thomas or to whom the same Thomas wold assigne
yeve selle or bequeuth hit, aymest all men and women. And yf
4 they myght not warantizé all the foresaid thynge, they shold
yve to them an eschaunge of theire fee to the valew of the
foresaid mese with the crofte and yerde lond with all her
pertynentis. And for this yfste, graunte, & cetera, the foresaid
Thomas yaf to hym xxx. shillings of sterlyngis into warison: and
that this ystrate myght be sure, & cetera. And also hit is to
be know that this Charter was I-made afore the barons of the
check, and I-rolled in the kynges rolle, at Myghelmasse, the
12 vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Iohn in the rolle of Oxenforde
Shire.

[326.] *A Charter of Petir Fit William Fit Richard of karsyntoñ to Thomas Chymili of a mese for homage and service.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir Fit William Fit Richard of karsyntoñ yaf graunted and conferred with his 16 charter to Thomas Chymili, for his homage and service, j. yerde of lond with all his pertynentis, the which humfrey of haneberge held in the town of karsyntoñ; and j. mese with the crofte that Alewy helde in the same towne; And furthermore v. shillyngs 20 worth of yerely rent, of the [rent] which Petir of wyuelcote and his heires yieldid; to the foresaid Thomas and to his heires, or to Whom he wold yeve or assigne hit, v. shillings, at iiiij. ordeyneh
termes of the yere; And Robert of wyttton shold paye to the 24 said Thomas and to his heires, or to whom he wold yeve or assigne, other v. shillings, at two termes I-ordeyneh of the yere, of the x. shillings, the which the same Robert was I-wonden to paye to hym and to his auncetirs by yere: to be hold of hym 28 and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom he wold yeve hit or assigne hit, in fee and in heritage, paying to hym and to his heires j. paire of spores, or ij. d. yf he had leuer, at myghelmasse, for all service longyng to hym and to his heires. 32 Wherfore he willed that the foresaid Thomas and his heires after hym, and he that he wold assigne or yeve hit, have and holde all the foresaid yerd-lond, in corne, medis, fedyngis, in weyes

Purchase-money, 21 roe.

* leaf 65, back. 1204, Nov. 1.

Sale to Thomas of Chymely, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of a yard-land, of a messuage and croft, and of two rent-charges, each of 5s.

Quit-rent, spurs.
and commonis, in pathis, and in all placis, with her pertynentis, and a mese with a crofte; and with the forsaid rent of x. shillings, with homage and service of the forsaid Robert and Petir and his heires, with releifs and wardes, wele and in peace 4 freely and quetely fro alle pleis quarels and fro all demandis, by the forsaid service. And the seid Petir and his heires warantijed to the forsaid Thomas and to his heires, and to whom he wold yeve or assigne, the forsaid yerde-lond; with his 8 pertynentis and all the forsaid tenement and rent, with-out any reteynyng or with-holdyng; ayenst all men and women. And yf peraventure they myght not warantize, they shold yeve to them eschaunge to the valew of the forsaide thynges of her 12 owne heritage. And for this graunte yyte and confirmacio of the forsaid Thomas yaf to hym lxx. shillings of sterlynges in-to warison. And that this Charter shold be sure, & cetera. And hit is to be know that this charter was I-made afore the Barons 16 of the Cheker at Westmynster, and I-rolled in the kyngis rolle at the fest of Alhalowen, the vy. yere of the reign of kyng Ioyn in the rolle of Oxenford:

[327.] *ANOTHER CHARTER TO THOMAS CHYMELY.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Petir fitz William fitz 20 Richard of karsynto yaf granted and confermed, for his homage and service, to Thomas of Chymely and to his heires after, his chefe mese in karsynton that was of William fitz Richard his fadir, with all his courte and with all bildyngis there beyng, with gardeyne and seruatory longyng to the same, with the crofte also that lieth to the courte and strecchith hym-self beside the grete gardeyn of William Clynto: to be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, frely quetely worshipfully heritably, and by the service of j. d. to be paid to hym and to his heires by yere at Mighelmas, fro all service and exaccion. And the said Petir and his heires warantijed to the forsaid Thomas and his heires the forsaid mese with all his pertynentis ayenst all men and women, as hit is determyned above. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsaid Thomas yaf to hym viij. mark of siluer, And ouer-more for his chief mese, into eschaunge, the fore-named Thomas yaf to the forsaid Petir his 36
mese that was of Alewy fitz Seward, the which the same Thomas had of biyng of the said Petir, And furthermore the forsaid Thomas yaf to the forsaid Petir into eschaunge for his forsaid chife mese an arable crofte that was of Arnold fitz Seward the which lieth next to the courte of Robert Wotton, savyng the meses and houses and service longyng to the same courte the said Thomas * reteyned or holde to his owne nede. Also 8 hit is to be know that the same Thomas shold of dewte make redy one weye by the which he myght have entryng and agayn goyng with his plough and his carte to the forsaid crofte, the which was of Arnold: Also he yaf to the said Petir, for the forsaid chaunge of his chief mese, the crofte of Geffrey Fyssher, the which lieth next bitwene the gardeyn of Robert Wotton and the courte of the same Thomas the whiche he yaf to hym into eschaunge as hit is seid aboue, so that he had and held the said crofte of Geffrey Fyssher vnto the terme I-sette bitwene them, that is to sey, Thomas and Geffrey. And that his yifte, & cetera.

[328.] * A Charter to Thomas Chymily of all the londe in money, and a mes-suage (in no. 325 and 326) and a croft, £6s. 8d with re-mainder of the lease of another croft, leaf 66 back.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton had in the towne of karsynton with all the pertynentes, out-take the londes that Iulian Rampan his modir helde.

Richard of karsynton yaf graunted and with his charter con-fermed to Thomas Chymili, for homage and service, all his lond and his fee that he had in the towne of karsynton, with alle pertynentis longyng therto, except the londes that Iulian Rampynd his modir helde with the pertynentis all her owne lif: to be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires or to whom he wold yeve bequethe selle or assigne hit, of hym and of his heires in fee and heritage, with homages and releffis of free men, and with the service of all men in ony maner holdynge any parte of his forsaid fee in the same towne of karsynton, and with the demaynes longyng to the forsaid fee, fully and without ony reteynyng or with-holdyng, in toftis and croftis, medes and 32 fedyng places, in telid londis and vntelid, in weyes and pathes.
in entrynges and goyngis out, and in all esementis longyng to the same lande or myght longe, peasibly frely quetyly and worshipfully, yeldynge xij. d. by yere at two termes, that is to say, at Migelmasse vij. d. and at Ester vij. d. for all servyce, 4 customes, and exaeciounes, Sawyerng natheles the forayn servyce. And the forsaid Petir and his heires warantized, to the foresaide

* Thomas and to his heires the which he made his heires, all the forsaid fee, with all the pertynentis to hit, ayenst all men and 8 all women, by the forsaid servyce of xij. d. And for this yiftse graunte and confirmacion of the charter aforesaid Thomas yaf to hym xv. marke of siluer into warison. And that his yifste, & cetera, he put to his scale, & cetera. And hit is be-know 12 that this charter was I-made afore a Barber of the courte at londos, and I-rolled in the kyngis rolle, the yere of kyng Ioyn the vij. in the Rolle of Oxenford:

[329.] *A Charter of kyng Ioyn to Thomas Chymely, his clerk, confermyng all his londes and fee in karsynton.*

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that kyng Ioyn graunted 16 and confermed to Thomas Chymely, his clerk, all lond and fee in the towne of karsynton the which Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf and graunted to the same Thomas for his homage and servyce, and confermed hit with his charter, 20 to be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas and to his heires or to them to the which he wold yeve them bequethete selle or assigne, of the forsaid Petir and his heires, with all pertynentis and thynges, with fredomes and fre customes longyng to them, yeldynge therof by yere xij. d. for all servyce, As the charter of the forsaid Petir, the which he had therof, witnesseth resonably. He graunted also, and with his charter conferred, to the forsaid Thomas all his other yiftes, biynges, 28 and getyngis, to be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to them to the which he wold assigne them, wele and in pease, as in the charters of the yevers or sellers or lordeys that he had of, resonably wittensenn, These beyng wittesse 32 & cetera. Date, by the bondes of hugh Wet, Archidekon of wellis, at Gillyngham, the xij. day of Novembre, The vij. yere of his reigne.
[330.] A Charter of Thomas Chymely to the mynchons of Godestow confermyng all his lond with the pertynentis in karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Thomas Chymely yaf, graunte, and conferred, to god and to our lady and seynt John Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons there servyng god; into fre and perpetuel almesse, for the helthe of his soule and of all his auncestours, all his lond of karsyntoñ with all his pertynentis, without any with-holdyng; to be had and to be hold to the saide mynchons and to their successors, frely quyetly worshipfully holy wele and in pease fynably, yeldyng therfor yerely to Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsyntoñ, and to his heires, all-oney xij. d. at ij. terms of the yere, pat is to sey, at Mighelmasse, vy. d. and at Ester, vy. d.; for all service and exaccions, and for all thynges. And that his yfite, & cetera.

[331.] A confirmacion of the yfite of sir Thomas of Chymely that he made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all his lond of karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsyntoñ yaf, & cetera, and with his charter confirmed, the yfite of sir Thomas of Chymely, the which he made to god and to our lady seynt Mary and to seynt John Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, of all the lond of karsyntoñ, with all his pertynentis, without any agayn-holdyng; that he had or held in the tyme of his lyf of his fee in the towne of karsyntoñ, to be had and to be hold; of hym and of his heires, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, frely and quyetly for ever. As the charter of the forsaid Thomas Chymely that he therof at that tyme [made] bare out and wittnessith. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Mynchons of Godestowe yaf hym two mark of siluer. And the forsaid Petir and his heires warantizèd the forsaid yfite of the forsaid Thomas Chymely, the which he made to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, ayenst all men and women. And that this yfite, & cetera.

1 Read 'fynally.' The Latin is: 'rata et stabilis in perpetuum.'
[332.] *A Charter of Thomas Chymely confermynge
the same.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Chymely, for
goddis sake and for the helthe of his auncestours soules, yaf, and
grantied, to god and to our lady seynt mary and to seynt Iohn
Baptist and to the holy Covent of Godestowe, aff his lond\(^1\)
of 4
karsyntow\(^2\) fully and holy as he held\(^3\) hit, into pure and perpetuett
almesse, Also with\(^4\) the homage and his seruyce for ever.
Wherfo\(^5\) he charged\(^6\) hem that they shold\(^7\) aunswere to the
Abbesse and to the Covent of Godestowe, and to their attor- 8
neyes, fro that tyme forewarde as to her ladies, and to do
seruice to them for ever as they did\(^8\) to hym. Into witnesse
of this, & cetera.

[2. Lands acquired from Simon Balehorn.]

* 1 leaf 75, back.
About 1230.

Sale to Simon Balehorn and another, by Ralph
Wotton, of 2 acres, [yard = rood]
detached pieces, and a meadow.

Quit-rent, 2d.

Purchase-money, £4.

[333.] *A Charter of Raaf Wotton grauntyng lettyng
and delyueryng to Symond Balehorn and to Henry
fit; Thomas fit; Edwy\(^2\) ij. acres of arable lond:

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf wotton grauntyd\(^9\) 12
lete and delyueryd to Symond Balehorn\[and to Henry\] fit; Thomas
fit; Edwy\(^2\) of Oxenford\[ij. acris of arable lond; the whiche strecc\]
them-self into Battemore; and j. yerde that lieth bitwene the for-
said\[ij. acris and the acre that is I-called\ the hide acre; and j. hede 16
that strechith into Battemore in lengthe, that which he held\]
of the demayne of Petir of karsyntow in the field of karsyntow;
And also he grauntyd to the forsaid Symond and henry a mede
that is called Boleham, with his pertynentis, in karsyntow: To 20
be had\ and to be hold\ to hym and to his heires, of hym and of
his heires, in fe and heritage, frely and quyetly, fully and holy,
yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. \[c.\] at
Migheemas for all seruice and exaccion: and he and his heires 24
warantid the forsaid\ acre of lond; and the forsaid yerde, and
the forsaid hede, and the forsaid mede, with all their\ pert-
yntentis, to the forsaid Symon and henry, and to ther heires, or
to whom they will assigne, ayenst all men and women. And 28
for this graunte, letyng, delyueryng, and warantyng, the
Oxfordshire: Karsynton

forsaid Symon and henry yaf to hym vj. mark of sterlyngis into warisoun. And [that] this forsaid graunte & cetera.

[334.] A Charter of Symoⁿ Balehorn conformyng the same to god' and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Symoⁿ Balehorin of Oxenford' yaf, lete, and deluyered, to god and to our lady and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynychons there servyng god and to serve for ever, att that lond' that he toke, had; and held in fee of Raaf wotton, in the feld' of karsyn- toⁿ, that is to sey, the half of two acris of arable lond' the which strechen into Battemore, and the half of j. yerde lond' that lieth bitwene the forsaid' ij. acris and bitwene the acre that is I-called' the hide-acre, and the half of j. hede streche hit-self into Battemore in lengthe, and the half of a mede that is I-called' Boleham with his pertynentis: to be had' and to be hold', to the seid* holy mynychons, of hym and of his heires, frely quetyly and holy for ever, yeldyng therof yerely for hym and his heires to the lord' of the fee j. d. at Mighelmasse for att servyce and exaccion, as his charter the which he had' of Raaf wotton witnesseth. And Symoⁿ Balehorin and his heires warantijed' the forsaid' lond', with att his pertynentis, to the forsaid' holy mynychons of Godestow, or to whom they wille assigne hit, ayenst att men and women. And for this graunte & cetera the forsaid' holy mynychons yaf to hym L. shillings in warison. And that his yifte shold' be sure, & cetera.

[335.] A Charter of Raaf Wotton conformyng to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe the yifte I-made to them of ij. acres and j. yerde I-called' the hyde acre and j. hede and a mede I-called' Boleham, with att theire pertynentis, by Raaf Wotton, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d' at myghelmasse. For the confirmacion he had' half a mark of siluer.

1 The deed, which conveyed the other moiety (see no. 333) to Godstow, is missing.
[3. Lands acquired from William of Appleford.]

* The sentence of this Charter is, that Henry Rampayne, with the consent of Rose his wyf and William his sone, granted and yaf, and with his charter confirmed, to John of Appulford and to his heires or to whom the same John wold assigne hit, 4 a hide lond in karsyntoñ, with all his pertynentis, in wodes medes and pastures and in all other fre goynges-out or avayles, that is to sey, the which hyde Anneys his modir held in dowry, to be had and to be hold to hym and to his heires or to whom the same John will assign hit, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly and holy, for j. li. of pepir yerely to be yelded therof to hym and to his heires in the fest of seyn Miecheì for all service, sauyng the kynges seruyce (suche seruyce as longeth to another Hyde lond of the same fee), for his seruice and homage, and for xvj. marke the which the same John yaf to hym and to Rose his wyf ij. beauntings and to william his sone a swerde price of xij. c. And the said Henry and his heires shold warantije to 16 the forsaid John, and to his heires, or to whom the same John wolde assigne [it], the same Hyde ayenst all men. And of the same Henry and his heires be not of power to warantije the forsaid lond to the forsaid John or to whom he wilde assigne hit, Than 20 they shold make to them an eschaunge j. hide of his lond in Chelrey fully with all his pertynentis by his forsaid service for j. li. of pepir in the fest of Seynt Micheï for all seruyce. And that this graunte, & cetera.

[337.] A relese of Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsyntoñ I-made to Iohn Appelford of all his right in karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this relese is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard released and quyte-claymed, for hym and for his heires, to Iohn Appelford and to his heires, all his right that he had
or myght haue in iiiij. yerdes of londe with the pertynentis in
the towne of karsynton, that is to say, in ij. yerdes of londe with
there pertynentis the which Richard of Botelegh helde of the
forsaid Iohn in the forsaide towne of karsynton, and in a yerde
of londe with the pertynentis the which Robert of Comnore held
of the same Iohn in the same towne, and in a yerde-lond with
his pertynentis the whiche Theodulf Plomer held of the forsaide
8 Iohn in the same towne: of the whiche forsaide iiiij. yerdes of
londe, as they be named afore separat and diuided or by them
self, hit was I-pletid in the shire of Oxenford by the bref
'de recto,' that is to say, of right, bitwene hym and the forsaide
12 Richard Robert and Theodulf. And of the which forsaide iiiij.
yerdes of londe after ther tenure, as hit is I-said afore, the
forsaid Richard Robert and Thedulf called the forsaide Iohn to
the warantying in the forsaide shire of Oxenford, and the which
16 forsaide iiiij. yerdes of londe the forsaide Iohn in the forsaide shire
warantijed to the forsaide Richard Robert, and Thedulf so that
Petir wolde make this relese and quyteclayme of the forsaide
iiij. yerdes of londe, for hym and his heires, to the forsaide Iohn
20 and his heires that nother he nor none of his heires here-after
shold no thynge clayme nother axe ony right in ony of the
forsaid iiiij. yerdes of londe toward the forsaide Iohn or his heires
or toward the forsaide Richard Robert and Thedulf and ther
24 heires. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaide Iohn
yaf to hym ij. marke and j. half marke. And that this relese
and quyte clayme, & cetera.

[338.] A Charter of William Appilford confermyng to
Emme Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent
all his rente in the towne of karsynton.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that William Appilford
28 yaf, graunted, & cetera, to Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to
her Couent, all his rente in the towne of karsynton: that is to
say, of Richard Boteleye, xv. shillings of ij. yerdes of londe the
which the same Richard held; of j. yerde in the same towne, of
32 Henry fitz theodulf, vij. shillings vj. d. of j. yerde-lond in the
same towne, and of Richard Petit and Anneys his wyf, vij.
shillings vj. d. of a yerde-lond that they helden of hym in the

son of William son of
Richard of
* leaf 75.
Karsynton, of all his
claims over
4 yar-
lands,
viz. a held
by Richard
of Botley,
1 by Robert
of Cumnor,
1 by Theo-
dulph
plumber,
making up
the hide, as
in no. 336.

Purchase-
money,
£1 13s. 4d.

About
1260.

Grant to
Godstow, by
William of
Appelford,
of the rent-
charges
issuing
from four
freehold
yardlands,
as in no.
337, and
forsaid' towne: to be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his
heires, to her and to her successours, frely and quietely, wele
and in pease, with homages wardis relefsis and eschetsis and all
ther other pertynentis that myghten happe or falle or towche hym
or his heires in ony wise, yeldyng therof yerele to hym
and to his heires j. d. at Ester, and to the chief lord j. li. of
peper at Mighelmas, doynge the service riaff whan that hit
falleth, that is to sey, also moche as longith to an hide of lond'8
in the same towne, for all seruyce and sutis of court and all
other customes and demaundes. And the said' william and his
heires warantigd', acquyted', and defended' for ever, all the forsaid
rent with his pertynentis, as hit is I-named'r afore, to the forsaid' 12
Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe ayenst all cristen men, &
cetera, and Iewis. And that this his yifte & cetera.

[339.] A relese of luce, somtyme the wyf of William
Appelforde, I-made to the Abbesse and Covent of
Godestowe, of all the right that she had' by her
dowery.

The sentence of this relese is, that Luce that was the wyf of
william of *Appelford' quyte-claymed' to the Abbesse of Gode-
stowe and to her Covent all her right that she had' or myght
haue, by the name of her dowery, that longed' to her of a fre
tenauntry that they held' in karsynto that was of the forsaid'
william her husbond' in the same towne. And for this quyte-
clayme the Abbesse and her Covent yaf to her afore handes
xxxv. shillings of sterlynges. Into witnesse of the whiche,
& cetera.

[340.] *A Confirmacion of Iohn Rampan, I-made to
the mynchons of Godestowe, of j. hide of lond' with
the pertynentis in the towne of karsynto.

The sentence of this confirmacion is that Iohn Rampan 24
grauuted', and with his Charter confirmed', to god and to the
chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons
there servyng god, the yft and the graunte that william of
Appelford' yaf and graunted' to the mynchons of j. hide of lond' 28
with the pertynentis in the towne of karsynto, the which the
said William held of hym: to be holdand to be had, of hym and
of his heires, to them and to their successours, frely and quetly
wele and in pease, holy and worshipfully for ever, as the
4 charter of the said William I-made to the seid Myncons be-rof
more better and fullyer bereth witnesse, yeldying therof yere ly
j. li. of pepir at Mighelmasse for all seruyce, sritis of courtis, and
all other customes and demaundes, savyng the kynges service.
8 And the said Iohn and his heires warantized for ever to the
forsaid Myncons and to their successours the forsaid yifte and
graunte, as the charter of the forsaid William I-made therof
fully bereth witnesse, and that for ever ayenst all men. In-to
12 witnesse, & cetera.

[4. Lands acquired through Jordan of Aldswell.]

[341.] *Another licence of Stevyn Frytewelle for
the same entryng into the same * fee of
Karsynton vndir the same fourme afore I-
writte worde by worde.

[342.] *A Charter of Iulian Rampæ somtyme the wyf
of William fitz Richard graunteyg to Robert Wotton
for his homage and seruyce iij. yerdis of lond in
Karsynton with mesys and croftes longyng to the
same with all fredomes.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iulian Rampæ, somtyme the
wyf of william fitz Richard, yaf, she beyng in her owne fre
power after the deth of the forsaid William her husbond, in her
16 wedowhode to Robert wotton, for his homage and seruyce,
ij. yerdis of lond in Karsynton, that is to sey, tho iij. yerdis
the which Seman held in the same towne of Karsynton, with
mesis and croftis longyng to the forsaid londis, and with all
20 fredomes, and ther pertynentis, in medis and feedynge placis in
weyres and pathes and in all places. Furthermore he yaf and
graunteþ to the forsaid Robert a mese with a crofte that
Edwyn Huch held; and a crofte that is afore the yate of the
24 forsaid Robert that a diche full closed hit, to be hold of hym.
and of his heires, to hym and his heires, frey and quyety, worshipfully and pesibly, fully and holy, with all fredomes and fre customes, by the servuye of v. shillings of sterlyngis yerely to be paid to hym and to his heires at two termes, for all servuye, that is to sey, at the Annunciation of our lady day ij. shillings vj. d. and at myghelmasse ij. shillings vj. d., savyng the kyngis servuye, that is to sey, as moche as longith to iij. yerdes of lond in the same towne of the same fee. And he 8 and his heires warrantizd to the forsaid Robert and to his heires the fore-named londes and tenantryes ayenst all men. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & cetera.


[343.] A Charter of Thomas Chymilly confermyng to Robert WottoD for his homage and servuye the same iij. yerdes of lond with all ther pertynentes

* mesis and croftis with fredomes and customes, as hit is worde by worde in the next Chartir afore I-writte.

About 1190.

[344.] Another Charter of William fitz Richard I-made to Sibille de Saueto and to her heires confermyng two Cotelandis with all their pertynentis.

The sentence of this confirmacioune is, that william 1 fitz 12 Richard, and Iulian his wyf, with Petir theire sone and heire consentyng; gaf and grunted to Sybille de Saueto and to her heires ij. Cotelandis of ther lande with all the pertynentis longyng to them in karsyntoun, that is to sey, that Coteland 16 that Sewyne Cobbe held and that Coteland 1 that Edwyn Selle held: to be hold of them and of ther heires, for j. li. of peper yeldynge therof to them and to ther heires by yere for all servyces, in the terme that is to sey of cristis birtho; beside the 20 londe of the heyte that they held in theire lordship, and agaynst that fore-named lond of the heyte they chaunged to the forsaid Sibille and to her heires after her, ij. acres of mede with ther pertynentis in farnehuff. And for this graunte and yifte the 24 forsaid Sibille yaf to the forsaid william and to Iulian his wyf xx. shillings of sterlyngis and to Petir ther sone and heire xij. d. Wherfor they willed and comannded that the forsaid

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1 William fitz Richard was dead by 1204: see no. 326.
Sibille and her heires shold hold the forsaid ij. Cotelandes with all their pertynentis, by the forsaid seruyce, also wele and in pease, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, as William More frely and quyetlyer helde ever in his dayes, and they after hym of his yifte and graunte in free mariage with the forsaid Julian his doughtir, & cetera.

[345.] A Charter of Sibille of Sauceote with assent and consent of her lorde Amice of wedestok, confermyng the same to Raaf Sauceote her soñ, vndir the same fourme, worde by worde, as hit is I-specified in the next charter afore I-writte.

[346.] A Charter of Julian Rampañ confermyng the same to Raaf Sauceote with all there pertynentis for all manner seruyce paiyng j. li. of peper, savyng the kyngis seruyce, for the which confirmacioûn the said Raaf yaf to her a marke of Siluer.

[347.] A Charter of Raaf Sauceote fitz William confirmýng to Raaf Wotton fitz Robert of Wotton j. yerde of londe in karsynton. The sentence of this confirmacioûn is, that Raaf Sauceote yaf, 8 graunted; and confermed with his charter, to Raaf wotton fitz Robert of wotton j. yerde of lond in karsynton, the which Raaf Sauceote his uncle yaf to hym and made hym heire, the which lond Jño Sprotte held; to be hold of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires, for his homage and seruyce, frely and quyetly, fully and worshipfully, with all ther pertynentis in londes medis fedyngis and libertëis, also wele and frely as ever he held hit by the same seruyce, paiyng to Petir fitz William 16 fitz Richard that he was I-woned to pay, that is to se, j. li of peper at Cristmasse. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid * Raaf of wotton yaf to hym viij. mark of sterlyngis in warysoñ. And that hit shold be sure, [& cetera.]

[348.] A Charter of Petir of karsynton fitz William fitz Richard, confermyng to Raaf Wotton fitz Robert of Wotton & cetera the yifte and takyng of j. yerd-lond
of his fee, to hym and to his heires, frely and quetyly for all seruyce to hym and to his heires longyng, savynge j. li. of pepir or vj. d' at Cristmasse.

About 1220.  

Confirmation to Ralph of Wotton, by Peter son of William son of Richard of Karsynton, of no. 347.

[349.] A Charter of Petir fitz Richard I-made to Raaf of Wotton of j. crofte and ij. acres and j. yerde londe.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir fitz William fitz Richard of karsynton yaf, & cetera, to Raaf fitz Robert of Wotton, all the crofte that Arnold fitz Seward held, the whiche strechith into Newcrofte, beside the crofte of Iohn [of] 4 Appelford (the whiche Geffray Bras held) and that wey the which lieth 2 bitwene the hous of Raaf Cropry and the hous of Iohn [of] Appelford (the whiche Geffray Bras held); in 3 encresyng of ij. acres and j. yerde, the whiche strechith hit 8 self toward Battemore, that is to sey, the next beside them the which is I-called the hideacre and chenosche the which strechyth in length beside Battemore to the hede of ij. acres aforesaid and the mede of Boleham: to be had 1 and to be hold, 12 to the same Raaf and to his heires for ever, of hym and his heires, frely and quetyly and fully, in all liberteis and fre customes and all thyngis that longe to hym or to his heires, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires in Ester day for all the 16 foresaid londes j. paire of new gloves or j. d': whether of the two his heires wille chese, and to do this in the courte of karsynton, for all seruyce and exaccioun and customes and demaundes. And the said Petir and his heires shold warantize for euer to the 20 saide Raaf and to his heires the saidlondes and tenementis with all theire pertynentis, as hit is afore seid, ayenst all men and women. And that this confirmacion shold be sure & cetera.

Quit-rent, gloves at Easter.

[350.] *A Charter of Richard Blunte of karsynton of iiij. acris, I-made to Sir Alisaundir, Tresore of Seynt Paules at londin.*

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard Blunte of 24 karsynton yaf, & cetera, to sir Alisaundir, tresore of Seynt

1 ' Emauld' in the Latin.
2 i.e. that way which lieth.
3 Latin is: 'in augmento durarum acrarum et unius virgae.'
4 i.e. which extend towards.
5 Latin is: 'viz. proximas iuxta ilas qu[a]e voca[n] tur Hydacre et Chenosse.'
6 He died October 19, 1246.
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Powles at londow, iiiij. acris of his lond in the forsaid town of karsynton: of the which, ij. acris lieth in the Ie that is I-called Sornheyte, in particles or litel partis, by viij. yerdes; of the whiche, one yerde lieth in the same Ie, bitwene the lond of william Sywarde of the one partie, streccyng hit-self toward the water of Bladed; and the second yerde lieth ther, by the lond of Petir [of] Wyuelcote, streccyng hit-self into Thamyse; and the 8 thirde yerde lieth ther, bytwene the lond of water Moreff and Richard Hunche; and the fourthe lieth ther, by the lond of Iohn Chyke the yonger; And the fyfte lieth ther, by-side the hyde vndir Scotislake; and the vij. and the viij. bytwene the lond of Theulf Plomer and the lond of water Sapier; And the viij. lieth there, bitwene the lond of Thomas fitz hawyse and his lond. Two other acris lieth in the north feldes of the same town; of the which, j. half acre lieth bitwene the lond of Symon fitz Reve, and buttith vpon the feld that is I-called Withele; and half j. acre, bitwene the lond of water moreff and water Sapyer, in the forsaid feld of wythele; and half j. acre lieth in wythibedde, bitwene the lond of Thomas, Chapeleyd, and the lond of william Smew; and half j. acre lieth in the feld that is I called harestone, bitwene the lond of water Sapier and the lond of Robert duscepre.

He yaf also and graunte\^d, \& cetera, to the same Alisaundre, half j. acre of mede in the same townwe, the which lieth in the mede that is I-called Barbecrofte: To be had\^ and to be hold\^ to the same Alisaundre and to his heires or his assignes who-so-ever they be, frely, quyetly, holy, and plenarly fro aff seculer seruyce and excaccion for ever. And of covenant bitwene hym and the forsaid Alisaundir I-made, he and his heires warantizd the seid iiiij. acres of lond and half j. acre of mede, with aff theirre pertynentis, to the forsaid Alisaundir his heires or his assignes who-so-ever they shold\^ be, as his londes in karsynton, and they defended the same fro aff seruyce demaundis and excaccions and forayd servitue toward the kyng and the chief lordes of that fee, and of aff deittis and demaundis toward 36 cristmen men and Iewis, and acquyted\^d them for euer; and for this yitfe, graunte, warantizyng, defendyng, acquytyng; and of this charter confermyng; the forsaid Alisaundir yaf to hym

\footnote{1 Water = Walter.}
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Purcahse-money, £2 18.  
[See no. 353.]  
* leaf 77, back.

Grant by Alexander of Swereford, to John son of Ralph Wotton, and to John's wife Juliana, of his lands.

[See no. 353.]  
* leaf 77, back.

[See no. 353.]  
* leaf 77, back.

**[351.]**  
*A Charter of Alisaundir of Swereford, I-made to John Wotton and to his wyf, conformyng all his lord in karsynton, with their pertynentis, to the said John Wotton son and heire of Raff Wotton his Cosyn and to Iulian the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne wyf of the foresaid John.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Alisaundir of Swereford's tresorer of Seynt Powles of londin, yaf, & cetera, to Iohn Wotton, sone and heire of Raff Wotton, his cosyn and Iulian the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne wyf of the foresaid Iohn, all his lord in karsynton with all their pertynentis the which he had and held of the yifte and graunte of the foresaid Raff. And also all the londis and tenementis that he had and held in the same towne of his owne getyng, as hit is conteyned in the charters more fully of them of the which he had the 16 londes and the tenementis, the which he delynered to the foresaid Iohn and Iulian and to their heires: to be had and to be hold, to the same Iohn and Iulian and to their heires, of hym and of his heires or assignes for ever who-so-ever they be, frely quietely holy and fully, yeldyng therof euery yere to hym and to his heires or to his assignes who-so-ever they be, at londin in his hous, a sperce-hawke sowryng at lammas, for all servyce and exaccion, and doyng ther servyce to the lordis of the feys and of the tenementis, that tho londis ought to do and were wone to do, for hym and for his heires or his assignes for euer. And he and his heires or assignes shold warantize to the same Iohn and Iulian and to their heires all the foresaid londis and tenementis, with all their pertynentis, by the foresaid service of

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1 i.e. of the persons of whom he had.  
2 i.e. charters.  
3 ' unum speruariurn sorum.' *Sorus =* red, as a smoke-dried herring; ' sowryng' = moulting for first time (Phillips's *World of Words*).
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j. spere-hawke sowryng by yere, as hit is aforesaid, ayenst all men for ever. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[352.] *A Charter of Iohn fit3 Raaf* of Wotton I-made to William of Seynt Eweyn of all the londe and tenement that he had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford somtyme tresorer of seynt Powles of londoñ.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Iohn fit3 Raaf yaf, & cetera, to William of seynt Eweyn, all the londe and tenauntry that he had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford, somtyme tresorer of seynt Pauls of londoñ, that is to sey, of the londis the whiche the same Alisaundir had bothe of the yifte of the 8 said Raaf his fadir and also of his owne getyng of perquysitis in karsyntoñ, without ony reteynyng or with-holdyng-agayñ to hym or to his heires, to be had and to be hold, to the same William and to his heires or to whom-so-ever he wil yeve hit, assigne, selle, or bequeth, with all their pertynentis over all, with-in the towne of karsyntoñ or with-out, frely and quyetary, wele and in pease, in demayne rentis homagis wardes releifs villenagis or bondages and all other availes that comyn out of the londe, of hym and of his heires for ever, with all fredomes in weyes and pathes medis and fedyngis and pasturis, yeldynge thereof yerely to the chief lord of the fee, that is to sey, to William fit3 Petir of karsyntoñ and to his heires, vj. d. at Cristmasse and j. paire of white gloves of the price of j. obolus at Ester, And to the abbesse of Godestowe v. skillings at two termes of the yere, that is to sey, at our lady day in marche ij. skillings vj. d. and at Migelmasse ij. skillings vj. d., And to the heires of ser Alisaundir of Swereford or to his assignes a sowrung sperehawke at lammasse, And to hym and to his heires j. d. at Whitsontyde, for all servuyce custome and secular demand. And for this yifte graunte & cetera the said William yave to hym x. marke of siluer in warison. Furthermore the same William and his heires or his assignes in all their lif shold yave to hym j. paire hosen of the price of ij. skillings at Migelmasse. And Iohn and his heires shold warantizye aqynte and defende for ever to the foresaid William and to his heires or to subject to quit-rents, 6d. and gloves to the chief lord, 5s. to Godstow, 'a sowring spere-hawke' to the mesne lord; and 1d. to the lord under the mesne lord. Purchase-money, £6 13s. 4d., and a clothing-alowance in life rent.
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his assigns the fore-named lord and the fore-named tenement, with all their pertynentis over all, as hit is I-said afore, ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[353.] A Charter of William of seynt Eweyne I-made to William his son and to Collette his wyf of all the lord that he had in karsyntoñ * the whiche he had and held of the yifte and graunte of Iohn fit3 Raaf.

The sentence of this charter is, that William of seynt 4 Eweyne, for hym and his heires for ever, yaf, & cetera, graunted, delyuered, and confermed with this present charter, to William his sone and heire and to Colette his wyf, all his lord of karsyntoñ, with all the pertynentis, the whiche he had there and held of the yifte and graunte of Iohn fit3 Raaf, for ever, with-out ony with-holdyng to hym or to his heires or his assigns, the which lord with the pertynentis the said Iohn fit3 Raaf had of the yifte of Alisaundir of Swereford, somtyme 12 of seynt Poultes of londono, as the Charter of the said Alisaundir I-made therof to the said Iohn fit3 Raaf more fully witnessith, the whiche charter, to-gedir with his charter, (the which charter) he toke and delyuered to the said William his sone and to 16 Collette his wyf of the said lord with his pertynentis, the whiche he, that is to sey, the said Alisaundir, toke and delyuered to the said Iohn fit3 Raaf, Also with his charter by the which he feffed the said Iohn fit3 Raaf in the full shire of Oxenford: 20 To be had and to be hold, to the said William his sone and Colette his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or to whom so ever they wille yeve, selle, or bequeth, with all their pertynentis ouer all, with-in the towne of karsyntoñ and without, 24 frely and quyetly wele and in pease, in demaynes rentis wardis relevis villenagis or bondagis and all other availes of londe, of hym his heires or his assignes, without ony with-holdyng to hym or to his heires or to his assignes, for ever, in weyes and pathes, 28 medis, close pastures, and open pastures, and all other aise-mentis longyng to the forsaid lord; yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis dewe and woned rentis, that is to sey, to William fit3 Petir of karsyntoñ vi. d. at Cristmasse, and j. paire 32

1 Omit these words, as repeated in error.
of white gloves of the price of j. obolus at Estir, And to the Abbesse of Godestowe v. shillings at two termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the Annunciacion of oure lady in Marche ij. shillings vj. d. and at Mighelmasse ij. shillings vj. d. and to the heires of the said Alisaundir of Swereforsd or to his assignes a sperehawke sowre at the fest of seynt Petir ad Vincula, and to Iohn fitz Raaś and to his heires j. d. at Whitsontyde, for 8 a£ seruycz custome and seculer demaunde. And William of Seynt Eweyne and his heires or his assignes warantijed and defended for ever the forsaid lond; with all their pertynentis, to the forsaid William his sone and to Colette his wyf, and to 12 their heires or to her assignes, ayens aff men bothe Iewes and cristen men. And for this yitze graunte deluyerance and confirmacioun warantijyng and his defendyng: and of his heires or ther assignes the said William his sone and Colette his wyf 16 yaf to hym in warison xx. markz of gold1 and lawfull money. Also hit is to be know that he accorded in this wyse, bitwene William of seynt Eweyne for William his sone and heire of pe one parte, And Iohn Merdon for Colet his wyf of the other parte, that, yf the said William fitz William her husbond or spouse [died] and [she] brought forth a childe, that childe shold haue and possesse aff the forsaid lond with the pertynentis for ever by right heritage. And, yf the said William sonz of the 20 forsaid William and * the childe I-gote of the said Colet his wyf died, the said Colet shold haue the seid lond with aff his pertynentis aff her lyf. And, yf the said Colet died afore William fitz William her husbond with-out childe, After her lyf 28 the forsaid Iohn, brother of the said Colette, or her assignes, shold have aff the forsaid lond with aff his pertynentis x. yere for the penyes I-paid to the said William of seynt Eweyne fully to be levyed, with-out troubllyng of the said William or of any 32 in his name, and after x. yere fully complete the said lond shold turne ayene with aff his pertynentis to the said William or his heires or his assignes, without ony mannes agayn-saiyng. And, yf hit happe that William of seynt Eweyne myght not warantijge 36 the said lond with the pertynentis to William his sone and to Colet his wyf, he shold make to them a sufficiant eschaunge with his other londes with a competent or accordyng dwellyng

1 Read 'good.' The Latin is 'bone et legalis monete.'

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[Hand-borough.]

About 1265.

place in the towne of haneborahowgh, after the sight of lawfull men. In-to witnesse, & cetera.

[354.] A relese and quyte-clayme of William fitz William of seynt Ewy̆n and of Nicholas his wyf I-made to ser Iordan of Aldeswelle of all the right and clayme that they had in one mese with all the tenantries of the same Iordan with theire pertynentis in karsynton.

The sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that William fitz William of Seynt Ewey̆n, and Nicholas his wyf, relemed and by the tenour of this present writyng quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to sir Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires and to all his assignes all the right and * clayne that they said that they had or myght have in ony mese londis and all tenementis of the same Iordan with all pertynentis in karsynton, so that they and their heires shold be utterly excluded, bothe by certayn covenault and also by the tenour of this present writyng, fro all maner of right and clayne of right that thei might have for ever in the forsaide tenentenis in ony maner of manes and fourme. And that all this forsaide thyngis shold be sure for ever, with-out there reclaymynge or of their heires, they put to this writyng their scales. And furthermore, the forsaide Nicholas made a bodely othe, to hold truly the aforesaid thyngis & cetera.

About 1265.

The sentence of this writyng is, that William of Seynt Ewey̆n receivèd of sir Iordan of Aldeswelle xv. marke of siluer for the relese and quyte-clayme of j. mese and j. hide lond with the pertynentis in karsynton.

[355.] A Charter of William of Seynt Ewey̆n that he receivèd of sir Iordan of Aldeswelle xv. marke of siluer for the relese and quyte-clayme of j. mese and j. hide lond with the pertynentis in karsynton.

Acknowledgement to Jordan of Aldswelle, by William of Seynt Ewy̆n and wife, of receipt of £10, purchase-money of a
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or myles, where hit myght most best and most profitable be do, whan that the Justices come in th' countreyes, to the forsaids' mese with the forsaids' land to be enchartred to hym. And, 4 yf peraventure (that god [for]bede) gyle or ony defaute happe about that, of his parte or of the behalf of Nicholas his wyf, that pat be not I-do, he shold' yelde to the forsaids' Iordan to or to his assigne the forsaids' xv. mark, with-out ony dificulte or tariyng. And he submytted hym vpon that to the Iurisdiction and descroiyng of ony luge of the chirche or seculer, the whicth the forsaids' Iordan wold ches or ony assigne of them, renounsyng and forsa kyng aff exception, agayn-saiyng or contradicion, kyngis prohibicion, prynylege of courte, and aff right and dede by the which the fore-put thynge myght be lette or elles I-taried' agayn. And that he willed' his heires and also his executours suerly to be bounde and to be hold; yf by ony case god did' his wille by hym: and to aff these fore-writte thynge and everich to be do and feithfully I-holde, the forsaids' William bounde hym-self by an othe, I-made vpon the holy godspellis, the whicth he touched' with his hondes. In-to witnesse, & cetera.

[356.] *A Charter of Richard Botele confermyng to Thomas Hyde and to moolde his wyf a mese in karsynto with half an acre longyng therto.*

20 The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard of Botele yaf, & cetera, to Thomas hyde and to moolde his wyf a mese in the towne of karsynto, with halfe j. acre lyiung to the same mese, that is to sey, that the same Thomas held' a-fore of hym: To be hold and to be had', of hym and of his heires, to hym and to Moolde his wyf aff the dayes of theire lyf, frely quetyly and pesibly. And yf the forsaids' Thomas dye before, the forsaids' Moolde or her assignes shold' hold' the forsaide tenement aff the tyme of her lyf. Also if the forsaids' moolede dye before, the forsaids' Thomas or his assignes shold' hold' hit aff the tyme of hys lyf. Also he willed' that the forsaids' Thomas and Moolde myght haue power to yeve and selle the forsaids' tenement to the who-so-ever they wold', except to religous houses and to the Iuryse, so that at the ende of theire lif, the forsaids' tenement shold' turne ayene pesibly to hym and to his heires, with-out leaf 80. About 1240.

Life-rent to Thomas and Maud Hide, by Richard of Botley, of a messuage and half-acre, with power to sub-let for their term, exceptis religiosis et Iudaesi]
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ony agayn-saiyang of ony man. And for that tenement the forsaiald Thomas and Moolde, or which of hem levid' lengist, shold' yeld to hym yerely and to his heires iiij. shillings ix. d. at iijj. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at seynt Thomas day the 4 appostle xj. d. qua., and at our lady day in marche xj. d. qua., at the Natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xj. d. qua., and at Mighelmas xj. d. qua., for aff servuye custome and demaunde, sauyng the kyngis servuye longyyng: to such a tenement. And 8 the said Richard and his heires shold' warantize to the forsaiald Thomas and to mooldes his wyf or to theire assignes aff the forsaiald tenement, as hit is I-said' before, ayenst aff mortaill men. And for this graunte and yifte the forsaiald Thomas yaf 12 hym two marke, of siluer in warisoil. And that this yifte, & cetera.

* leaf 79. back. About 1260.

[357.] *A relese of Moolde somtyme the wyf of Thomas hide I-made to Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires or his assignes for two yerdis of lond with the pertynentis in karsyntoil.

The sentence of this relese is, that Moolde the which was the wyf of Thomas hyde relese'd and quyte-claymed; for her and her heires, to Iordan of Aldeswelle and to his heires and their 16 assignes, in her wedowhode and in her lawfull power, aff the right and clayme that she had or in any *maner wise myght have in two acris of lond with the pertynentis in karsyntoil, the which she said were her right and her mariage, So that nother 20 the forsaiald Moolde nother her heires shold not haue no thynge of right in the forsaiald lond nor in none oper lond myght never clayme that the forsaiald Iordan held in karsyntoil. And that this relese and quyte-claymyng shold be ferme and stable for 24 her and for her heires for ever, She put to this writyng her seale, & cetera.

* leaf 80. back. About 1288.

[358.] *A quyte-clayme of sire Iordan, person of Wydymtoil, I-made to god and to the chirehe of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe, of xxx. shillings of yerely rent in the towe of karsyntoil.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iordan of Aldeswelle, person of the chirehe of wydymtoil, graunted; and quyte 23

1 In error for 'yerdis' = roods.
by Jordan of Aldswell, of 30s. quitrents, issuing out of freeholds, and of manorial rights over the holdings.


I-made to god and to the chirch of seynt John Baptist and to the mynchons there seuyng god, of all his londys in karsyntoN and Thorp.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Iordan of Aldeswelle yaf graunted and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires, to god and to the chirche of seynt John Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, all his londis of karsyntoN and Thorp, with all theire property, with-out ony reteynyng: to hym and to his heires, and with all that pat myght falle to hym and to his heires in ony wise in the forsaid officers, to be had and to be hold; to the forsaid chirche and mynchons, frely pesibly and holy, of the lordis of the feis, doynge to them dewe and wonyd seruyces. And *that this his yifte graunte and quyte-clayme be sure for ever, & cetera.

[360.] *A Charter of Iordan of Aldeswett confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all his londes in karsyntoN and Thorp.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iordan of Aldeswett yaf graunted; and by his charter confermed and quyteclaymed; for all his lands in Cassington and Thrup.

Duplicate of preceding.

1 The translator, in the multiplicity of Cassington documents, seems to have lost his place. After translating the transcripts in the Latin Register, he possibly came across some of the actual deeds in the muniment-chest. The few duplicates, which have thus resulted, are given, the slight differences between translation and re-translation not being wholly uninstructive.
hym and for his heires, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn
Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god, in
fre and perpetuall almesse, ait his londes of karsyngton and of
Thorp, with ait his pertynentis, without ony witholdyng to hym 4
or to his heires, and with ait that which to hym or to his heires
myght falle to, in ony maner wise, in the placis aforseid: To
have and to hold; to the forseid chirch and mynchons, frely
pesibly and holy, of the lوردis of the fee, Doyng to them therfor 8
service due and accustomed 1. And that pis his yifte graunte and
quetelayme to abide ferme and stable for ever, to this
present charter he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse:
ser Philippe Basset, ser Iohn of Balny, Iohn of Coleshull, Nicholas of kyngeston, burgeys of Oxenford, Iohn Pady, william of seynt Andoe, william le megre, william the sone of Piers, Robert Punchard, Symond Punchard, Symond English, Nicholas the sone of Petir of wyuelycote, and other.

[361.] * A confirmacion of the same, I-made by Richard, kynge of Romayns.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard, kyng of
Romayns, confermyng the yifte and sellyng that Iordan of
Aldeswelde made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe in
karsynton and Thorp that were of his fee, for hym and his 20
heires. In-to witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be
prynted to this present writyng with the seale of his ryaff
maieste. The date at Bekkele, the xx. day of Ianyver, the
xiiij. yere of his reigne.

[362.] * A Confirmacion of kyng Richard upon the
same, & cetera.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard, by the
grace of god kyng of Romayns, ait wey Emperour, Sende
gretyng and ait "good: [The] yifte and sellyng which Iordan of
Aldeswell made to the Abbesse and Coment of Godestow in 28
karsyngton and Thorpe, which ben of our fee, we havyng hit
ferme and stable, and by the tenour of this present writyng
we conferme it for vs and our heires for evermore. In witnesse
wherof, to this present writyn the seale of our kyngly mageste we have made to be put to. The date at Beckeley the xx. day of February, The yere of our reigne xiiij.


4 This is the fynalty concorde, I-made in the kyngis courte at westmyestre, in the vtas of seynt Iohn Baptist, the lvj. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the soñ of kyng Iohn, Afore Martyrō lytlebyre, Stephyn heym, and Robert Folcoṅ, Justicis, and other trew men of the kyngis there byynge present, bitewene Isowde, Abbesse of Godestowe, playnyng; by William of Eynesham I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, of Iordan of Aldewelle, lettyng; by Walter Westmancote I-sette in his stede to gete or 8 to lese, of twy ploughlond with theire pertynentis in karsyntōn, wherof a ple of warantyze was I-take bitewene them in the same courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Iordan made a knowlech and recognicion the forsaid Iordān with the pertynentis to be the 16 right of the same Abbesse of Godestowe and of her chirche of Godestowe, as that pat the same Abbesse and her chirche aforsaid had of the yifte of the forsaid Iordan: To be had and to be hold, to the same Abbesse and to other Abbessys that shold suceede to her and to her chirche aforsaid; of the forsaid Iordan and his heirs for euer, yeldynge therof by yere one Rose at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, for alf seruyce custome and exaccion longyng to the same Iordan and to his heirs, doynge thereof to the chief lordis of that fee for the forsaid Iordan and his heirs all other seruyces that longēn to the same Iordān. And the forsaid Iordan * and his heirs sholde warantyze to the same abbesse and to other abbesse that shold succeede her and 20 to her chirche aforsaid the forsaid Iordān with the pertynentis, by the forsaid seruicis, ayenst all men for ever. And for this recognicion warantyng fyne and accorde, the same abbesse yaf to the forsaid Iordān iiiij. score mark, of siluer.

24 Quit-rent, a rose at Midsummer, with the old services.

[364.] A quytaunce I-made to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe of an obligaciōn of CC. li. of sterlyngis.

22 The sentence of this quytaunce is, that Iordan of Aldeswolle, person of the chirche of wydynton, knowleched hym-self to succede to the Couent and to her chirche aforsaid; of the forsaid Iordan and his heirs for euer, yeldynge therof by yere one Rose at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, for alf seruyce custome and exaccion longyng to the same Iordan and to his heirs, doynge thereof to the chief lordis of that fee for the forsaid Iordan and his heirs all other seruyces that longēn to the same Iordān. And the forsaid Iordan * and his heirs sholde warantyze to the same abbesse and to other abbesse that shold succeede her and 20 to her chirche aforsaid the forsaid Iordān with the pertynentis, by the forsaid seruicis, ayenst all men for ever. And for this recognicion warantyng fyne and accorde, the same abbesse yaf to the forsaid Iordān iiiij. score mark, of siluer.

22 The sentence of this quytaunce is, that Iordan of Aldeswolle, person of the chirche of wydynton, knowleched hym-self to
by Jordan of Aldswell, for £200, purchase-money of lands in Cassington and Thrap.

haue receiv'd CC. li. of sterlyngis of the religious women the lady abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in the which the seid' women were I-bounde by their letters obligatories for londes and rentis, the which they had of hym in the towne of karsynton and Thorp; for the whiche receivynge he claymed the forsaid Religious women quyte fro aff impecition or axynge vexynge or inquyetynge by the occasiōn of the CC. lii., renuncyng to the excepcion of not I-numbred' not I-paid' and of the money 8 not I-take to hym. In-to witnesse of the whiche he put to this present writyng his seale. The date at Godestowe, in Seynt Swythynys day, The yere of our lord'M. CC lxxij.

[365.] * An acquytaunce of Iordañ Aldeswelt made to the abbesse of Godestowe of CC mark receiv'd for londis in karsyngton.

The sentence of this acquytaunce is, that Iordañ of Aldeswel, parson of the chirche of wydyndoñ, receiv'd CC. li. sterlyngis of the Religious women lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in which the forseid' women to hym were bounde by their letters of obligation, for londes and rentes which thei 16 had of hym in the towne of karsyngton and Thorp. For which forseid' receivyng, the forseid' religious women fro aff maner impechynge vexynge and troubyng by occasiōn of the forseid' CC. lii quyte therof fro aff clayme, renuncyng excepcion not remembred' of none payment to me taken. In witnesse wherof to this present letters, he hath put to his seale. The date at Godestow, on seynt Swythynes day the confessour, the yere of our lord' god a thousand two hundred sixty and twelft.

[366.] * An-other Charter of the same Abbesse and Couent.

The sentence of this charter is, that Isolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, for the availe and profite of their hous of Godestowe, with the assent and counsell of all the Couent, in an yerely rent of iiiij. librae ij. shillings viij. d. of the lond of 28 karsyngton, which they bought of ser Iordañ of Aldeswelt,

1 The sum should probably be £4 8s. 8d., which with the £116. 4d. from the exchequer, would give an even sum of £6.
parson of the church of wydnyton, in their time for their houses provided; and another rent, that is to say, xxxij. shillings iiiij. d. of the kyngis Escheker by longe tyme not I-paid; by 4 grete labour * they gate hit. The said Abbesse and Couent 5 vndirstondyng the povertie in vitayles to be bettered; the same rentes yerely to be had (of the consente of their worshipful 6 fadir, Richard by pe grace of god bishop of lincoln) to the 8 same Couent for a pytaunce was granted and assigned. And 7 that this their graunte shold stonde sure, to this present 8 writyng thei procured the forseid worshipful fadir to put to his scale, with the Commune scale; and the scale of the forseid 11 Isold, than beyng Abbesse of Godestow, was sette therto. And 10 to the more surenesse of this ordynaunce to be observed, aff withseyers and attemptours to breke this writyng or presume to withdraw hit, by the Auctorite and power of the seid Bishop 13 of lincoln, solemnely in their Chapter they made to be accursed.

[367.] * A Charter of Robert Frytewelle, releseyng to 16 the abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynychons there servyng god, aff his right and clayme that he myght haue ayenst the same abbesse and Couent vpon homages, & cetera.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Robert Frytewelle releseid and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for 20 ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynychons there servyng god, aff the right and clayme that he had or in any wise myght haue toward the forseid abbesse and mynychons vpon homages, relefs, rentis, wardis, sutis of courte, helpis to 24 there first begoten sones to be made knyghtis, and ther first begoten doughtirs to be maried, in aff other thyngis and servycis longyng to hym and to his heires, the which longen to half the fee of a knyght that was of the fee of Stephyn Frytewelle his 28 fadir, and of the fee of sir William Broun, that they had of the yfte of Jordan of Aldeswelle in the towne of karsynto and Thorp: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for the sowles of aff there

1 See no. 341.  
2 See no. 377.
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Auncetours, so that nether he nether his heires shold never afterward axe ony thyng of the forsaid Abbesse and mynychons of the abouesaid relefs rentis wardis sutis of courte and helpis abouesaid; but that they shold of dewte defende warantije and a quyte the forsaid Abbesse and mynychons in all thyngis ayenst all peple. And for as moche as he willed that this his relese and quyte-clayme shold be sure, & cetera.

* leaf 79.
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[368.] A Charter of Adam Ermyne fitz John Ermyne of Wotton releisynge and quyte-claymyng for hym and his heires to the Abbesse of Godestowe aft his right and clayme in one hous with j. plough-lond with aft bere pertynentis in karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this relese is, that Adam, I-called Ermyne, 8 the soñ of John Ermyne of Wotton, releseð and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe, aft the right and clayme that he had or by ony right myght haue by 1 skille of his wyf Alice and John Wotton fitz Raaf of 12 Wotton his vnclé, in one mese with one plough-lond with aft there pertynentes in the towne of karsyntoñ, vpon the which he impleted the forsaid Abbesse and Covent by a bref that is I-called 'Breue de morte of Auncetours' afore ser Robert Fowle 16 and ser Robert malet, the kyngis Iustice of that assise to be take at Crowmerssh, the friday 2 next after the fest of seynt Iames the apostle, the vij. yere of kyng Edward; so that nother he ne none of his heires shold not afterward chalange nother 20 clayme no right ne clayme in the forsaid mese and plough-lond with theirie pertynentis. And for this his relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym xx. li. of sterlyngis in the presence of the forsaid Iustices. Furthermore 24 hit is to be know that the said Adam shold make levey with his owne costis vpon this relese in the kyngis Courte whan that he shold be requyred of the said Abbesse and Covent. In-to witnesse, & cetera.

1 'ratione Alicie matris mee.' 2 Friday, July 28, 1279.
[5. Lands acquired through Odo, chaplain.]

[369.] * A Charter confermyng to Odo, Clerk, of Godestowe, j. acre of arable lond' and j. pece liyng therto in the field of karsynton.

The sentence of this evidence is, that William fitz Petir of karsynton, of the assent and consent of Iohane his wyf and of their heires, yaf, & cetera, to Odo, clerk, of Godestowe, an 4 acre of lond' with a pece of lond' liyng therto, of his arable lond' in the field of karsynton, that is to say, that acre that lieth next the grene weye bitwene two feldes, strecchyng hitself fro the demayne somtyme of eer william mounte-Acu vnto 8 the lond' of Symond' Punchard'; and ij. rodes of mede in Farnehulle, that is to say, j. rode in the first lotte, another Rode in the last lotte: to be hold' and to be had'; that is to say, the forsaid' acre of londe, with the pece, with the rodes of mede, with their pertynentis and all libertees, in weies pathes medes fedynges and pastures, of hym and of his heires or his assigns, * to the said' Odo and his heires or his assignes to whom-so-ever he wold' (hole or sike *) yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely 16 quetyly pesibly and holy and worshipfully for euer, bothe to Religious houses and other, yeldyng therof yerely to hym, to his heires or his assignes, j. obolus at Ester, for all seculer servyce, exaccion and demaunde, custome, sute of Courte, and kyngis servyce that myght be axed' of hym or of his heires or assignes or of the chief lord' for the encheseron of the forsaid' acre of lond', with the said' pece, with the ij. rodes of mede aforsaid: And the forsaid' william fitz petir of karsynton and 24 his heires or his assignes shold' warantije acquyte and defende for euer the forsaid' acre of lond', with the litle' pece of lond', and ij. rodes of mede aforsaid, with all their pertynentis and libertees afore I-writte, to the forsaid' Odo his heires or his assignes or to who-so-euer they were yeve, with his owne costes, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewys and cristenn men. And for this yfte, graunte, and confermyng of this writyng and warantyng, the forsaid' Odo yaf to hym lx. shillings of Purchase-money, £3. 32 sterlyngis before handes in waryson. And that this his yft, & cetera, he put to his seale, & cetera.

* Leaf 70. About 1275.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, acting for Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton and his wife Joan, of 1 acre arable, and adjacent piece; and of 2 roods meadow, assigned by lot.

* leaf 70, back.

Quit-rent, 3d. yearly.

Purchase-money, £3.

1 This clause is inserted because, in many manors, transfers of land made in sickness were regarded as invalid except when effected before special witnesses.
[370.] A Charter of j. acre mede I-bought of William Fitʒ Petir in the mede of Roveneye in the parissh of karsynton.

About 1275.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Fitʒ Petir of karsynton, with assent and consent of Iohane his wyf and his heires, yaf, graulted, and with his charter confirmed, to Odo, Clerk of Godestowe, j. acre of mede in the mede that is I-called 4 Rouueneye with-in the limityng of the parissh of karsynton, that is to say, that acre that is next to Cogchesham, to be hold to and to be had with all his pertynentis and libertes in wyes pathes medis fedyng-places and pastures, of hym and 8 of his heires or his assignes, to the said Odo his heires or his assignes, to everich and to all what-so-ever they be [to which he], hole or sike, wold yeve bequethe selle or assigne hit, quyetly frely pesibly holy and worshipfully for ever, bothe to religious houses 12 and other, yeldynge therof yerely to hym his heires or to his assignes j. rose at the fest of seyt John Baptist, for all securer servise, exaccion, and demaunde, custome, sute of courte, and serenece riafte, the whiche be axed of hym his heires or assignes 16 because of the forseaid acre mede. And the forseaid William fitʒ Petir of karsynton and his heires or his assignes shold warrant a quyte and defende for ever all the forseaid acre of mede, with all the pertynentis, to the forsaid Odo and his heires or to his assignes, 20 ayenst all men and women with their owne costes. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Odo yaf to hym before handis in warison 20 shillings of sterlinges. And that his yifte, & cetera.

* leaf 71. 1278, Jan. 24.


THE sentence of this Charter is, that William fitʒ Petir of karsynton yaf, & cetera, to sire Odo, Chapeleyew of Godestowe, one acre of his arable londe in the felde of karsynton, of the whiche one half acre lieth at the redehegge, bitwene the londe of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the londe of Symond Boneton, and j. other half acre lieth at Thoryndon, bitwene the londe of the seid Abbesse and the londe of Geoffrey Bras: to be holde and to be had, with all their pertynentis, of hym and his heires or 32
his assignes, to the said [karsynton], with [Nicholas] and therof of [to] the [assignes] of [to] the [assignes], for all seculer service, exaccion, and demaunde, and sute of courtes. And the forsaied william [fitz petir] and his heires or his assignes warantijed aquyted and defended all the 8 forsaide acre of arable lond, with all his pertynentis, to the said [od], Chapelayne, and to his heires or his assignes, Religious and other, with their owne costis, ayenst all men and women for euer. And in-to witnesse therof, he putte to this writyng 12 his seale, & cetera. The date at karsynton, the Friday next after the fest of seynt Vyncent, the iiiij. yere of the reign of kyng Edward:

[372.] *A Charter of half an acre of mede I-bought of Nicholas of karsynton Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote.*

The sentence of this Charter is, that Nicholas of karsynton 16 fitz Petir of wyuelcote yaf, graunted; and with his charter confirmed; to Odo, Clerk, of Godestowe, ij. rodes of mede of his mede, that is to sey, in his mede of farnehulle with-in the lymytes of the parish of karsynton, of the which one lieth in 20 the first *West lotte out-take one lotte as the lotte yeve\(\text{th}, and another in the last lotte: to be holde and to be had, with all their pertynentis and libertees in whyes pathes medes fedynyges and pastures, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said 24 Odo and his heires or his assignes to euerich and to alle what ever they be to whiche he (hole or sike) wold yeve bequest selle or assigne hit, frely quetly pesibly holy and worshipfully for ever, bothe to Religious houses and to other, yeldyng therof 28 yereily to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. rose at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seculer service exaccion and demaunde sute of courte and kynges service that myght be axed of hym and his heires or his assignes or of the chefe lord 32 for the forsaied ij. Rodes of mede. And the forsaied Nicholas of karsynton Fitz Petir of wyuelcote and his heires or his assignes shold warantije aquyte and defende for euer, with their owne costes, the forsaied ij. rodes of mede, with all their pertynentis
[Warrant against Jews.]

Purchase-money, 
£1 10s.

and freedoms afore I-towched, to the forsaid Odo and to his heires or to his assignes, what or who-so-euer thei shold be, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewys and cristened. And for this yifte, graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Odo yaf to hym xxx. 4 shillings of siluer before handes in warison. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

* leaf 71. About 1276.

[373.] * A Charter of sire Odo of Godestowe confermyng to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acres of mede and an acre of arable lond in the feld of karsynton.

* leaf 71, back.
Grant to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain,
of nos. 369, 370, 371;

and of quit-rents on lands, viz. 
18,

and 6d.,

with manorial rights over the lands,

subject to two life-annuities,

* The sentence of this evidence is that Odo of Godestowe, Chapeleyne, yaf, & cetera, to the holy mynchons of Godestowe 8 ther servynge god and to serue for euer, j. acre of arable lond in the town of karsynton, that is to sey, that londe that lieth next to the grenewey bitwene the two feldes, and hit strecheth hit-self fro the demayne of ser william mounte-Acu vnto the lond of 
12 Symond Punchard; and ij. acres of mede in the same town, of the which one lieth in the mede of Rewneye and is I-called the hedeacre, and iiiij. Rodes lien in farenhulle, of the which one lieth in the first lotte, the which rode was somtyme of 
16 william fitz Petir, And another rode lieth in that lotte, that is to sey, the which he had' of Nicholas fitz Petir of Wyuelcote, and ij. rodes lien in the last lotte, of the which one he had' of william fitz Petir and another of Nicholas of wyuelcote; and 

xvij. d. of yerely rent in the same town, that is to sey, xij. d. of the mese of hugh meryman of Somerford at ij. tymes of the yere to be take by even partes, that is to sey at the fest of Seynt Micheff and at our lady day in Marche, and vj. d. of the 

mese of Iohn Baker of Godestowe to be take at Mighelmas; to be had' and to be hold', with homagis wardis relefs and eshetis and all other pertynentis ouer all, of hym and of his heires, to the saide mynchons and to ther successours, into 28 perpetuel almes, yeldyng therof to the lordis of the fee dewe and wonyds seruyce, and to Alice of watlyngtoñ and to Anneys of the same towne x. shillings, al so longe as they liveñ, at ij. termes of the yere to be take of his maner of karsynton, that 32 is to sey, at Mighelmasse v. shillings, and at our lady day
in marche v. shillings; and the said x. shillings after the decease of them shold remayne and abide to a pytaunce of the count of Godestowe, in the day of the annyuersary of william, somtyme keper of Godestowe, and to the light in the chapele of our lady of Godestowe, and xvij. d., for the soule of the said [william], to be paid at the said termes for ait seruyce, sutis of courtis, and seculer demandis. And the said Odo and his heires warrantied for ever the forsaied acre of lond; with all the mede and xvij. d. of yere rent afore-noted; with all there other pertynentis ouer-ait afore-writte, to the said mynychons and to pere successours. And that this his yfte, & cetera.

[374.] *A Charter of the Abbesse and Couent of Godestow, I-made to Odo, of a pencion in karsyngton.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Isolde of Durham, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, yaf, graunted; and by ther present charter confirmed; to Cdo, parson of the chircle of Dagelyngworth, executor of william somtyme maister of Godestowe, xx. shillings of yere rent to be taken in the towne of karsyngton, That is for to sey, of william of Boteley and Nicholas his brother, xv. shillings at iiiij. termes in the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas iiiij. shillings ix. d; And at the fest of our lady in the moneth of marche iiiij. shillings ix. d; and at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist iiiij. shillings ix. d; And at the fest of seynt Michel iiiij. shillings ix. d; And of Iohn Braz, the sone of william Bras, v. shillings, by yere, at the forseaid termes, that is forto sey, at every terme xv. d: To haue and to hold, of them and ther successours, to the forseaid Odo and his assignes, frely quyeto wele and in pease for euermore: So, that is to sey, that hit shal not be leuff to the forseaid Odo the forseaid xx. shillings of yere rent to selle, biquethe, assigne, nor aliene, but vnto the Froiture of the forseaid mynychons of Godestow in the day of which afterwards are to be a pittance in memory of Gilbert of Biham.

1 Comparison with no. 376 shows that 'William' is in error for 'Gilbert of Biham' (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 184). William's obit was endowed with 20s. yearly, and the deed relating to it is no. 375.

2 The 'and' is inserted in error. The Latin is: 'ad pittanceam conventus remaneat, et ad lumen in capella Beatæ Marie de Godestowe xviii. denariis pro anima dicti Willelmi.'
on the anniversary of William, Abbesse of Godstow.

Purchase-money, £13 6s. 8d.

* leaf 219, back.

About 1276.

Grant to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain, of the rent-charges as in no. 374,
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than maister of Godestow; erer Robert and erer Thomas, than Chapeleys of Godestow; wakelyn, Clerk; Ioñ Chelesey, than Seneschall of Godestowe; william the son of Piers; Ioñ 4 Clerk; and many other.


The sentence of this charter is, that Isolde of Durham, by the grace of God abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, yaf, granted; and by their present charter con-

fermed; to the Froiture of Godestow, in the day of the Annuyer-

sary of Maister Gilbert of Byham, x. shillings of yerely rent in the towne of karsyngton, to be taken of Symond BonetoN of karsyngton and of Ioñ Bra, that is for to sey, of SymondBonetoN, vij. shillings vj. ð. at iiiij. termes in the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas xxij. ð. obolus, and at the fest of our lady in the monthe of Marche xxij. ð. obolus, And at the fest of seynt Ioñ Baptist xxij. ð. obolus, and at the fest of seynt Mighel xxij. ð. obolus; And of the seid Ioñ Bra jij. shillings vj. ð. by yere at the forseid termes, that is to sey, at every terme, vij. ð. obolus. And the forseid Abbesse and Couent, the forseid x. shillings of yerely rent, to the forseid Froiture and the day I-sette, ayenst all men shaft warantize, acquyte, and defende for evermore. And for this yifte, graunte, and warantizing; the executours of the forseid maister Gilbert of Byham yaf to hem x. mark, sterlyngis before hondis in warison. And that whose executors gave Godstow 26 13s. 4d.

the this their yifte, graunte, and warantizing, be ferme and stable for evermore, to this present wrightyng their commune scale, with the scale of the Abbesse, they have put to, witnessyng their Chapitre.

[6. Lands acquired from Peter of Ashridge.]

[377.] * A licence for to entre into the fee of William Broun I-graunte’d to Petir Esserugge.

The sentence of this licence is, that William Broun yaf licence and graunte’d that Petir of Esserugge shold entir in-to
Ashridge, to enter into the fee of William Broun.

his fee of karsynton, And he willed and graunted hit to be sure for hym and his heires that the said Petir his heires or assignes shold have and enioye the forsaid entryng; so that the said William or his heires myght not ne shold no thynge axe of the 4 forsaid Petir or of his heires or of his assignes by the resoñ of that entryng; save to hym and to his heires seruyce therof dew and woned of right. And that this his yifte and graunt shold be sure, he put to this writynge his seale. In-to witnesse, 8 & cetera.

[Note.—The obtaining of this licence was a protection against the arbitrary powers of the lord of a manor, who might charge an excessive fine for leave to take over land belonging to his ‘fee.’ On some Essex manors at the present day, for example, the custom of the manor assigns to the lord a whole year’s income of that copyhold by acquisition of which a new tenant first comes into the manor. A wary purchaser, in such cases, takes care to acquire at first only a cottage or a single small field, thereby securing, at a cheap rate, the position of a tenant. An unwary person, acquiring a large farm as his first purchase, has been afterwards presented with a claim for the first year’s rent (£700), as entry-fine.]

* leaf 72.
About 1240.

Sale to
Henry Lasseberwe, by Richard Blunde, of 8 acres arable,
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into peselond; And half j. acre lieth beside the mede, bitwene the londe of Iohn hit Amyse And the londe of Wa[1]ter yonge; and half j. acre lieth in longedenysforlonge, bitwene the londe of 4 Iohn yonge and the londe of the vicary; and j. acre strecchith hit-self into holy-way-brech, bitwene the londe of wa[1]ter yonge and the londe of Roger Boneto; and half j. acre lieth in Esne-forlonge, bitwene the londe of wa[1]ter yonge and the londe of 8 Iohn yonge; and j. butte of Boneto lieth bitwene the londe of wa[1]ter yonge and the londe of Iohn Smewyne, and hit strecchith hit-self vpon the londe of Philippe Pady; and j. half acre lieth in moreforlonge, bitwene the londe of Thomas, Vicary of karsynto, and the londe of william Duzeper; and half j. acre lieth in the feld of halywey, bitwene the londe of the forsaid Vicary and the londe of the forsaid William; and half j. acre lieth in the feld of the blynde put, bitwene the londe of Symond 12 Reve and the londe of Roger Boneto; and half j. acre lieth in langedaleforlonge, bitwene the londe of Nicholas Broun and the londe of Roger Boneto; and half j. acre lieth in a place that is I-called farnehulle beside the grendiche, beside the 20 londe of the vicary:

and ij. acres of mede, that is to sey, one in langedale as the lotte wille yeve, and another in Roweneye as the lotte wille yeve: to be had and to be hold; to the same Harry and to his 24 heires and to his assignes to the which he will yeve selle bequeth or assigne them by right of heritage or any parte of them and whan he wille, other in helth or in sikenesse, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy for ever, 28 payng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. at Ester for all seruyce, quaroles or playntis, customes, exaccions, demaundes, and suti of shires, hundredis, and all other courtes, and for all other thynge towchyng the said londes. And the said Richard 32 and his heires warantizd and aquyted hym of the kynges seruyce of all the forsaid londe with the forsaid mede to henry and to his heires, after the fourme afores I-writte, aynst all men and women, by the forsaid seruyce of ij. d. for ever, 36 & cetera. And for this yifte & cetera, the forsaid henry yaf to hym Vij. li. xix. skillings into warison. And [that] all thise wrytingis afore shold be sure, he put to his scale, & cetera.
[379.] A quyte-clayme of Denyse of karsynton, sometime the wyf of Richard Blunde of karsynton, I-made to sire Petir of Eserugge of the foresaid viij. acres of arable lond and ij. acres of mede.

* The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Denyse of karsynton, sometime the wyf of Richard Blunde of karsynton, graunted; left, and quyteclaymed; to sire Petir of Eserugge and to his heires or to his assignes, of her and her heires or her assignes, all her right that she had or myght haue, bothe by her dowry and by-caurse of her mariage, of viij. acres of arable lond and ij. acres of mede in the town of karsynton, frely and quetyly, as hit is conteyne/ in the charter that the said Henry Blunde made to Henry Lesseburue of the foresaid viij. acres of arable lond; So that nother [s]he, nother her heires, ne none other for her after that tyme, shold haue power to axe any right in the said lond and mede: and for this graunte and quyte-clayme the 12 forsaid Petir of Esrugge yaf to her x. shillings of sterlingis. And that all these thyngis shold be sure and stedfast, she put to this writyng her seale, & cetera.

[380.] * A Charter of William of Seynt Ewyne con-
fermyng to Petir of Esserugge all his lond of karsynton with all the pertynentis bothe in the
towne and with-oute.

The sentence of this charter is, that William of seynt Ewenne yaf, & cetera, to Petir of Esserugge, for his homage and seruyce, all his lond of karsynton, with all the pertynentis, both with-in the towe and with-out, to be had & to be hold; to the seid Petir and to his heires and to his assignes to which that euer he wolde [give it], of hym and his heires for euer, frely quetyly and holy, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires at Ester [i. denarius 1] for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, and sute of courte, savynge to the chief lord dewe and woned seruyce, save the kynges seruyce al.so moche as longith to so moche lond in that towne. And the forsaid william and his heires shold/warantiz aquyte and defende all the forsaid lond 1

1 Added from the Latin (Exchequer MS.).
with the pertynentis to the forseid Petir and to his heires and his assignes to which that euer he wold: And for this yifte graunte warned & cetera, the forseid Peter yaf to hym thre 4 score marke 1 of siluer. And that all thise afore-written, & cetera, he put to this charter his seale, & cetera.

[381.] *Another quyte-clayme of Iulian, the doughtir of William of Seynt Eweyne, I-made to Petir Esserugge, is even like worde by worde to the quyte-clayme to 2 Denyse of karsynton next above 3 I-writte.

[382.] *A Charter of William Fit 3 Petir of j. half acre of mede I-sold to Petir of Esserugge in roweneye.

The sentence of this Charter is, that William Fit 3 Petir of karsyntow yaf, & cetera, to Petir of Esserugge, half j. acre of 8 mede in Roweneye, the which lieth next the mede of the same Peter in the towne of karsyntow, with iij. scrophis of the said half acre liyng to them, with all ther pertynentis ouer all, to be had and to be hold, to the said Petir and to his heires or his assigns what-so-ever they were, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for euer, yeldynge therof to him yerely and to his heires j. obolus at Ester for all secular seruycy exaccion and demaunde. And the forseid William and his heires warantijed aquyted and, 16 by the forseid seruycy, defended the forseid half acre of mede with all his pertynentis to the forseid Petir, and to his heires or to his assignes aft maner, ayenst aft men and women, & cetera. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & cetera.

[383.] *Another quyte-clayme of Nicholas of Somerford of the covenaut that was bitwene Robert Bagot and hym.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Nicholas of Somerford lete and quyte-claymed all the covenaut that was bitwene Robert Bagot and hym, both of the lond of the said Robert and also of the mylle in the towne of karsyntow, with all pertynentis,

1 In the Latin copy, ‘sexaginta marcas.’ 2 Read ‘by.’ 3 Now no. 379.
land and a mill which he had agreed to buy from Robert Bagot.

to Petir of Ersugge and to his heires or his assignes, So that nother he nother his heires ne none by hym or for hym sholde have power to axe ony right in the said Lond and mylle, with the pertynentes. And yt hit sholde so happe that ony man, by the occasion of the covenant I-made bitwene them, claymed of ony thyng toward the said Petir his heires or his assignes, the said Nicholas of Somerford and his heires bynde hem-self to warnantie and to defende to the said Petir of Ersugge and to his heires or his assignes the said quyte-clayme ayenst all men and women. In-to witnesse of the which, Nicholas of Somerford strengthed this present wryntyng with the pryntyng of his seale, & cetera.

* A Charter of William Bagot fitz Robert Bagot, I-made to Peter of Ersugge, of v. yerdes of lond in karsyntoñ, and a water mille, and iiiij. acres, with vij. shillings of yerely rent, with all there pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Bagot fitz Robert Bagot yaf, graunted & cetera, to Petir of Ersugge, for his homage and seruyce, to hym and to his heires or his assignes, v. yerdes of lond in the towne of karsyntoñ, and a water mylle in the same towne, with all pertynentis towchyng the seid lond and the seid mylle, and vij. shillyng worthe of rent, with the pertynentis, the which Nicholas of Somerford was I-woned yerely to yeld hym, And iiiij. yerdes of lond of bondholde or vilenage, with all there pertynentis, in the towne of Thorpe, with the bonde-men and cateff and their goynges-out or availes, to be had and to be holde, to the said Petir of Ersugge and to his heires or his assignes, frely and quyetly pesibly worshipfully holy charitably for ever, that is to say, in medis fedyngis placis wyes pathes watirs and in all other libertees longyng to the forsaid tenauntry, yeldyng perof yerely to hym and to his heires, or to his assignes, j. paire of gloves or j. d. withyn the vtas of Estir, for all securer seruyce and demaunde and sute of Courte and helpe that myght be axed of the lond, Also to ser Richard Verney, chief lord, and to his heires or his assignes, xxv. shillings at two termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the 32

1 Seem to be 'yards' in the body of the deed.
fes of oure lady in marche xij. shillings vj. d, and at Mighelmas xij. shillings vj. d, sayving the kyngis servyce, that is to say, whan that he axeth generalt scuage of Englonde. And the said

4 Petir may yeve selle and bequeth the said tenauntrye, with his pertyntenis, wher-so-ever and to whom-so-ever he willeth, for hym his heires or his assignes. Also the said William Bagot his heires or his assignes warantizyd and defended all the

8 seid tenauntry with his pertyntenis, as hit is afore-said; to the said Petir of Esruggge and his heires or to his assignes ayenst aif men and women for ever. And for this yfste graunte & cetera, the forsaid Petir of Esruggge yaf to hym lxx. marke of sterlynges and j. palfay of the price of v. mark, afore handes: and that his yfste & cetera shold be sure for euer, he put herto his seale & cetera.

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the copyhold land in 'Thropp,' i.e. Throp, was still paying (Monast. iv. 372) to Godstow yearly £2 13s. 4d.]

[385.] *A Charter of Richard* Erle of Cornewaile 1 granted to Peter of Esruggge *to yeve to a religious hous aif his lond* that he bought of William Bagot in the towne of karsyntori and Throp, except the mylle of karsyntori.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Richard, Erle of Cornewaile, granted his welbeloved and trew Petir of Esruggge myght yeve to a hous of religeon, or els-where after his owne wille, aif the lond that he bought of William Bagot in the towne of karsyntor and Throp, out-take the mylles of karsyntor, the which the said Petir sold to hym. In-to witnesse of the which he made his seale to be put to this present writyng: The date at Bekele, the xvij. day of November.

[386.] *A quyte-clayme of Petir of Esruggge, I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mychons there seruyng god, for the seruyces of henry Thedulf, William Richon, and Iohn Brace.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Petir of Esruggge, for the helthi of his sowle and of his auncetours, was released and

1 Richard Plantagenet, confirmed as earl of Cornwall, 1231; elected 'king of the Romans,' 1256; died, 1272.
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by Peter of Ashridge, of feudal superiority over three tenants and their holdings.

quyte-clayed, for hym and his heires, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the monchyons there seruyng god, the seruyces of henry Thedulfe, william Richo, and of Iohn Brace, there I-woned and ofte to do to hym for the tenuantryes that they helden of hym in karsynto, so that he, nother his heires, shold never make clayme in the tenuantryes or seruyces. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera.

[7. Quit-claims by the Blunde family.]

[387.] *A Chartour relesyng to the monchyons of Godestowe all the right and clayme that Denyse of karsynto somtyme the wyf of Richard Blund of karsynto had in karsynto of all the arable lond and mede liyng therto.

The sentence of this relese is, that Denyse of karsynto, somtyme the wyf of Richard Blund of karsynto, beyg in her lawfuft wedowhode, released, and vttirly quyte-clayed, to the abbesse and monchyons of Godestowe, all her right that she had or might have, by the cause of her dowery or mariage, of all the arable lond and mede liyng therto in the towne of karsynto, frely and quyetly for ever, the which the saide Richard Blund her husbond ever held in the same towne, So that Denyse somtyme the wyf of the said Richard Blund, ne 16 none in her name after-ware, by her said mariage or dowrye, myght neuer axe ony right or clayme. For this graunte relese and quyte-clayme, the seid abbesse and couent yaf to her iiij. shillings of siluer in waryson & j. quarter of whete. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the Friday next aftir the vtas of Estir, the seventh yeere of the reigne of kyng Edwar the sone of kyng Henry.

[Payment in money and in kind.]

388.] *A Charter of Iohn Blunte, I-made to the Abbesse and monchyons of Godestowe, of all the londes that he had in karsynto.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Iohn Blunte, the son and heire of Richard Blunte of karsynto, released and vttirly quyte-clayed for ever, for hym and for his heires, to the
Abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, of all claim in his father Richard's lands, aff the right and clayme that he had' or myght have by right heritage in aff the arable lond' and mede that he had' in the 4 towne of karsyntoñ and feldes and medes, of the yiftis of dyuerse men, as hit is I-shewed' openly by dyuerse chartirs the which they had' of my fadir Richard' Blunte and denyse my modir, the whiche I saw and loked'; So that nether he nother 8 his heires ne none in her name shold' not haue power to chalenge ne to axe right or clayme in theorsaid' londes ne medes in no wyse. And for this relese, quyte-clayme, and good' mean of pease, the said' Abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym half a marke 12 of siluer afore-hand'. And the said' Iohn and his heires warantijed' aquyted' and defended' for ever the said' londes and mede, as it is I-seid' afore, ayenst all men, by the service conteyneyd' in their Charters. In-to the witnesse & cetera. 16 The date at wodestok', the sonday next after the fest of the appostels Symond' and Iude, in the xxxiiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde.

[8. Lands acquired from Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote.]

[389.] * A Charter of Nicholas of karsyntoñ the sone of fit3 Petir of wyuelcote confermyng to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ij. half acres of arable Londe in karsyntoñ felde.

* The sentence of this charter is, that Nicholas of karsyntoñ, 20 the sôñ of fit3 Petir of wyuelcote, yaf, graunted', and with his charter confirmed', to god and to the chirche ofoure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there servyng god' and for ever to serve, ij. half acres 24 of arable lond in the felde of karsyntoñ: of the which j. half acre lieth in polforlone bitwene the londe of Nicholas fit3 Richard' of Boteleye of the one parte and the lond of Adam Croupithi of the other parte, and streccith hit-self fro the 28 forow of william fit3 Petir of karsyntoñ vnto Batemore, and j. other half acre lieth in halradesclade bitwene the lond' of Iohn Bras and the lond of Nicholas fit3 Petir of wyuelcote, and streccith hit-self vpon the forow of Thomas fit3 hawyse: to be

*leaf 68. About 1275. 

*leaf 68, back. 
Sale to Godstow, by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote, of two half-acres.
hold' and to be had,' into pure and perpetuel almesse, frey quyetly pesibly and holy for euere, to the said' holy mynchons and to ther successours, of hym and of his heires or his assignes: and the seid' Nicholas and his heires or her 'assignes shold' quyte 4 and defende the forsaid' ij. half acres to the forsaid' holy mynchons and to ther successours ayenst ait men and women for ever. And that this his yifte graunte and confirmacion, & cetera.

About 1275.

Sale to Godstow, by Nichol- las son of  Peter of Wilcote, of two acres.

[390.] A Charter of Nicholas Fit3 Petir of Wyuellcote confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe ij. acris of arable lond' in karsynton.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Nicholas of karsynton, 8 the sone of petir of wyuellcote, yaf, graunted, & cetera, to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the servyng god and to servne for euere, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for hym and for his heires and for the soules of his auncetours, ij. acres of arable 12 lond' in the felde of karsynton, of the which one lieth in pathlesden bitwene the lond' of Roger Turberd of the one parte and half j.j. acre that he had' of the other parte, and another acre lieth in Berlant' bitwene the lond' that is I-called' the hyde and 16 the lond' of the said' mynchons, to be hold' and to be had', to the said' mynchons and to ther successours, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease. And the said' Nicholas and his heires warrantizd' aquyted' and defended the forsaid'ij. acres with ait her pertynentis 20 to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours ayenst ait men and women for ever. And that this yifte, & cetera.

* leaf LIII or 62, back. About 1275.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsyn- ton, as over- lord, of the grant of no. 390 by Nicholas son of Peter of Wilcote.

[391.] A confirmacion, of William fit3 Petir of karsyn- ton of ij. acres of lond' of the yifte of Nicholas fit3 Petir of Wyuylcote.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that william fit3 Petir of karsynton graunted,' and with this present writyng conformed,' 24 to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, the yifte and the graunte that Nicholas of karsynton the sone of Petir of wyuellcote yaf and graunted' to the same mynchons, that is to sey, 28 of two acres of lond' with the pertynentis in the feld' of karsynton, the which the said' Nicholas held' of hym, to be hold' and to

1 Read 'his.'
be had, for hym and for his heires or his assignes, to the said
mynchons and to theire successours, as the charter of the said
Nicholas therof I-made to the said mynchons fully and best
witnesseth, frely welc and pesibly and holy for ever, So that
nother he or his heires or his assignes, for cause of pe seid
ij. acres, shold not axe of the said mynchons nothyng in homagis
and eschetis wardis relifes or sutis of Courte that myght falle
8 therof. And pat his graunte and confirmacion shold be sure
and stable, he strengthed this writyng with the puttyng to of
his scale. These beyng witnesse & cetera.

[392.] * A relese and quyte-clayme of Anneys the leste
wyf of Nicholas the sone of Petir of Wyuelcote
I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all the
right and clayme that she had or myght haue by
the skylle of her dowry of alle the arable londe and
mede lying therto in thefeldes of karsynton.

The sentence of this relese is, that Anneys the wyf somtyrne
of [Nicholas] fit3 petir of wyuelcote, beyng in her lawfull
wedowhode, relese;d, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the Abbesse
and mynchons of Godestowe, all her right and clayme that she
had or myght have, by her dowry, of all the arable londe and
mede beyng therto in thefeldes of karsynton, the which the
saide Nicholas her husband sold and enchartered to the forsaid
mynchons, so that the said Anneys, wedowe of the forsaid
Nicholas, ne none in her name afterward, shold mow to axe
never in the said londes and medys ony right or clayme. In-to
witness of this, she put to her scale. The date at Godestowe,
* the next friday after the vtas of Ester, the vij. yere of the
reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng henry.

[9. Lands acquired from Jordan miller.]

[393.] A Charter of Amye the wedowe of william
Edmond of Somerforde I-made to Iordan Miller
of iij. half acres of londe in karsynton yeldying therof
to the chief lord j. d. at Cristmasse.

The sentence of this charter is, that Amye the wedow of
william Edmond of Somerford, beyng in her fre wedowhode and

*leaf 68, back.
1279,
Apr. 14.

*leaf 69.

quit-claim

* to God-
stow, by
Agnes,
widow of
Nicholas
son of
Peter of
Wilcote,
of all title
in no. 389
and no. 39a.

About
1280.

Sale to
Jordan
miller, by
in her owne lawfull power, yaf, graunted, and with her charter conformed, to Iordan Miller of Somerford, for his seruyce, and for xx. skillings the which he yaf to hir afore hondis into warison, iiij. half acres of his arable lond in the feldes of karsyntoñ, of the which, j. half acre lieth in polforlounge bitwene the lond of William of Bampton and Petir of Esruge, And another half acre lieth vpon Mochelforlende bitwene the londes of Ioñn braʒ and Symond Doueton, and the iiij. half acre lieth vpon rede hegge 8 bitwene the londes of Roger Bunnelye and Symond Bonetoñ, to be holde and to be had of hym and of his heires or his assigns what-so-ever they be, frely quyetyt wele and in pease for-euer, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to 12 his assigns j. d. at Cristemasse, for all seculer seruyce, suitis of curtis, quarles or playntis, and demaundes, savyng the kynges seruyce longynyng to so moche londe of the same fee in the same towne. And the said Amye and her heires or her assigns shold warantiʒ a quyte and defende for ever the forsaid iij. half acris, with ther pertynentis, to the forsaid Iordan and his heires or his assignes, what-so-ever they shold be, ayenst all peple, by the forsayd seruyce. And that & cetera.

[394.] A Charter of a rode of londe in liteñ lyntoñ of karsyntoñ the whiche was of Amye Somerford yeldying therof yerely j. obolus to the Chirche of karsyntoñ to the light of oure lady.

The sentence of this charter is that Amye the wyf somtyme of William Edmond of Somerford, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, graunted; and with her charter conformed; to Iordan Miller of Somerford a rode of arable lond in the feld that is I-called liteñ lyntoñ vndir the towne of karsyntoñ, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the Est parte and the lond of Nicholas Richun of the west parte, and streccith hit-self vnto the gardyn of the forsaid Abbes, to be holde and to be had; of hym and of his heires or his assigns, to hym his heires or his assigns or who-so-euer or whom-so-ever he wille yeve, bequeth, ley to plegge, hole or sike, or assigne hit, frely quyetyt fully and pesibly, yeldying therof yerely at the fest of the appostels Petir

1 i.e. her. 2 'Boneton' in no. 395. 3 i.e. the third half-acre.
and Paule j. obolus to the light of our? lady of karsynton?, for all
seculer, service, exaccion, and demande; and the forsaid? Amye
and her heires or her assignes warantiz?d? and defended? for ever
4 the forsaid? Rode of lond; with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid? 
Iordan and to his heires or his assignes, as hit is I-said? before,
aynst al men and women. And for this yifte & cetera, the
forsaid? Iordan yaf to her iiij. shillings into warison. And that
8 his yifte, graunte, & cetera.

[395.] A Charter of Iordan the said? myller of karsynto
of iij. half acres and a rode of arable lond? in the
feldes of karsynton I-graunted? and confirmed? to
the mychons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this Charter is that Iordan, the said? myller
of karsynton, *yaf, graunted?, & cetera, to the mychons of
Godestowe there seruyng? god? and to serue for ever, iiij. half
12 acres and a rode of arable lond? in the feldes of karsynton:

of the which, j. half acre lieth in polforlonge, bitwene the
londis of william Bamptoon and the lond? of the said? mychons of
Godestowe; and j. other half acre lieth vpon mochelforlonge,
16 bitwene the lond? of Iohn Bras and Symond? Bonoeton; and the
thirde half acre lieth vpon redes hegge, bitwene the londes of
Roger Bunche and Symond? Bonoeton; and j. rode lieth in the
felde that is I-called? liteff lynto? vndir the towne of karsynton,
20 bitwene the lond? of the said? mychons of the Est parte and the
lond? of Nicholas Richo?, and strechith hit-self vnto the gardy?
of the forsaid? mychons;

to be had? and to be hold? to the said? mychons and to ther
24 successors, of the said? Iordan the said? myller and his heires,
frely quetely wele and in pease for ever, yeldying? therof yeryer
to the said Iordan and to his heires j. obolus at Mighelmasse for
all seculer servyce and demande? and satis of Courtis, saavyng?
28 the kyngis seruyce longyng to so moche lond? of the same fee in
the same towne. And the forsaid? Iordan and his heires waran
tiz?d? acquyted? and defended? for ever the forsaid? iii. half acres of
lond? also with the rode afore-named? with all ther pertynentis,
32 to the forsaid? mychons and to ther successours ayenst all men
and women, by the forsaid? service. And that this his yifte
& cetera, he put to this writyng? his seale, & cetera.
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[396.] *A confirmacion of Amye of Somerford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe of all her arable lond in karsynton.*

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Amye of Somerford, the daughter of Petir of wyuelcote, in her fre power and wedow-hode, granted, and with her charter confirmed, to god and to the chirche of oure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servynge god and for ever to serue, all her arable lond in the field of karsynton, the which was later Jordan somtyme held of her in the same field, that is to say, j. half acre in the morelond; bitwene the lond of Petir Esrugge and the lond of Robert Punchard; and half an acre in the haldefeld; bitwene the lond of Petir Esrugge of the one parte; and half j. acre in the hanginlond, beside the lond of Petir Esrugge; and j. half acre upon Surrelond, beside the lond of Raynold Sutherely of the northe parte and hit strechith hit-self into the kynges bye-vey; And also j. more of lond, that lieth of the south parte of Blendewelle, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and Roger Thurberely, and strechith hit-self into the pasture: so, that is to say, that the forsaide mynchons and her successours shold hold and have the fore-named lond, into fre pure and perpetual almesse, for her and her heires or her assignes for ever, so that nother she nother her heires or assignes shold never no thyng: clayme of all the forsaide lond of the forsaide mynchons or of ther successours. In-to witnesse wherof, & cetera.

* leaf 70. About 1280.

[397.] *A quyte-clayme of Anneyys that was the wyf of Iordan myller of karsyntoñ for iij. half acres of londe and a Rode.*

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that [Anneyys that] was the wyf of Iordan myller of karsyntoñ, in her lawfull wedow-hode, releasèd, and vulterly quyte-claymed, to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe for euer, all her right and clayme that she had or myght haue, by the name of her dowry or mariage, of the forsaide iij. half acres and j. rode of arable lond in the field of karsyntoñ, the whiche the forsaide mynchons had of the
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yifte and sellyng of the said Iordai somtyme her husband; So that the said Anneys ne none in her name sholde neuer axe ony right or clayme of the forsaid iij. half acres and 4 the forsaid Rode. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the forsaid mynychons yaf to her half marke of siluer afore handis. In-to witnesse of the same she put to her seale, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the wednesday next after Mighelmasse, 8 the xiiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

[10. Land acquired from Amy Edmond of Somerford.]

[398.] A Charter of Amye of Somerford the Relicte of William Edmond confermyng ij. acres in the feld of karsynton to he mynychons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Amye the wyf somtyme of william Edmond yaf, & cetera, for the helthe of her soule and of her aunctours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for euermore, ij. acres of arable lond in the feld of karsynton:

16 of the whiche, j. half acre lieth in Sarnildeshoke, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse and the lond of wa[1]ter Bra3; and j. half acre, in the tilthe aboue framcorde, bitwene the lond of Richard Newman and the lond that was of Robert longe; And a Rode lieth at kyngewyesende; and j. rode lieth in the tilthe that is I-called putlesdenesforlonge; and j. half acre lieth in the tilthe that is I-called Panlond of the South partie bitwene the abbesse lond and the lond of Nicholas fitz Petir:

24 to be had and to be holde, to the said myynchons and to ther successors for ever, frely and quyetly, holy, wele and in pease. And the said Amye and her heires warantied aquyted and defended for euermore the said ij. acres of arable lond, as they be

28 afore diuided, to the said myynchons and to ther successors ayenst ali men and women, bothe cristen and Iuwys. And that this her yifte, & cetera.
[11. Lands acquired from Maud of Wilcote.]

* leaf 67. About 1270.

* A Charter of Petir Wyuelcote confermyng to Robert his sone, for his homage and servise, v. acres and a yerde of arable lond in his ground of karsynton.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir Wyuelcote yaf and graunted; and with this present charter confirmed, to Robert his sone, for his homage and servise, v. acres and a yerd of his arable lond in the territory or ground of karsynton, 4 of the whiche, j. half acre lieth in Aldradeslade, bitwene the lond of Iohn of wotton; and j. [half] acre lieth in francherdeie, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Robert Puncthari; and half j. acre strechith hit-self to the 8 water of Bradeford, bitwene the lond of Raynold Sutherne and the lond of Moolde yonge; and half j. acre in hangyndelon, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the londe of Theodulphe; and half j. acre at Balnehamhoke, bitwene the lond of Raynold Sutherne and the lond of luce, wedowe of Geoffrey Bar3; and half an acre in northlonglond, bitwene the Abbesse lond and the lond of Sibille, wedowe of Richard leche; and half j. acre in putlesden, bitwene the lond of Richard Newman and the lond of Raynold Sutherne; and half j. acre in longewowe, bitwene the lond of Richard Newman and the lond of Thomas lutlemore; and half j. acre in porforlonge, bitwene the lond of the abbesse aforsaid and the lond of william Boneto; and a yerde in lyno, bitwene the lond of the hide and the lond of moolde yonge; and j. yerde in the Ile in morelakefurlonge, bitwene the lond of the hyde and the lond of Richard Newman;

and ij. yerdes of mede in Farnhulf, in two the first sortis toward the South, with iiiij. scrophis or ditches, to be hold or to be had to the same Robert, and to his heires and assignes, that is to sey, to eyerych of them, and to whom-so-ever thei wol yeve, selle, assigne, or bequeth hit, except * to religious houses, of hym and of his heires, frely and quetyly, pesibly and holy, for ever, yeldying therof to hym and to his heires xij. d. at iijj. 32
termes of the yere, that is to say, at Cristmasse iiij. d., at oure lady-day in Marche iiij. d., and at Midsomer iiij. d., and at Mighelmasse iiij. d., for all service, custome, and secular de-
4 maundef, sayng foreyn service of the kyng longynge to so moche londef. And the forsaidd Petir and his heires warantized for euer all the forsaidd londef, with the forsaidd medef, to the forsaidd Robert and to his heires or assignes, after the forme afore I-writte, 
8 ayenst all men and women for the forsaidd seruyce. And into witnesse of this, & cetera.

[400.] A Charter of Robert fit3 Petir of Wyuelcote con-

fermyng the yifte of Petir his fadir to Moolde! his

Sustir.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Robert fit3 Petir of wyuelcote yaf, grauntef; and with this charter confermed, to 
12 Mooldef his sustir, all the londef; with medef and all the pertynentis ouer alff, the whiche the forsaidd Petir his fadir yaf to hym by his 
writyng in karsynton, to be holdef and to be hadf, to the same Moolde and to her heires or assignes, also frely and quyetly 
16 as he ever most best and most frely held hit and as hit is 
conteyned in the charter of the saidf Petir his fadir of the forsaidd 
londef and medef, and for the seruyce it is conteyned in the saidf 
charter, the which charter Robert aforesaidf deluyeref to the 
20 same sustir Moolde, togedir with his owne charter. And for 
this yifte, graunte, & cetera, the saidf moolde yaf to hym xij. 
shillings, of siluer into warisonf. And that his graunte, & cetera, 
he sette to his seale, & cetera.

[401.] A Charter of Petir of Wyuelcote confermyng to 

his Sustir! Moolde v. acres and j. yerd of arable londf 
in the towne of karsynton.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Petir of Wyuelcote 

grauntef; and with this present charter confirmef, to Molde his 
sustir!, v. acres and a yerd of arable lond in the towne of kar-
synton, and ij. yerdis and iiiij. scrophis of medef in Farnehulle, 

the which londf, with the medef afore-namedf, Robert his sonf yaf 
to the saidf Moolde by his charter, to be holdf and to be hadf, to 
the same Moolde and to her heires, frely and quyetly, pesibly 

1 Daughter.
and holy for ever, or to whom-so-ever she wold yeve hit, selle, or assigne, except to religious houses, yeldynge thereof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sye, at Cristmas iiiij. d., atoure lady day in marche iiiij. d., 4 at Midsomer iiiij. d., and at Mighelmas iiiij. d., for all seruice, custume and seculer demaunde, saynyng foreyn seruice of the kyng longyng to so moche lond. And that his graunte, & cetera.

About 1280.

[402.] A quyte-clayme of the lond that was of Robert Fit3 Petir of Wyuelcote I-made by Robert lоф of Wytteney to the mynchons of Godestowe of v. acres and a rode of arable lond in karsyntoν and ij. rodis and iiiij. scrophys of mede in farnehulle, the which londe with the mede afore-named Robert his sone yaf to the same Moolde.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Robert lоф of wytney, with assent and will of Moolde his wyf the daughter of Petir of *Wyuelcote, yaf, graunted; and quyte-claymed, to god and to the churc he of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god and to ther successors, v. acres and a rode of arable lond in the towne of karsyntoν, and ij. Rodis and iiiij. scrophis of mede in Farnehulle, the which lond, with the afore-named mede, Robert fit3 Petir of 16 Wyuelcote the brother of the forsaiδ moold yaf by his charter, the which, [with the] charter of the forsaiΓ Petir of Wyuelcote the fadir of the seid Robert, [he] delyuereΓ to the forsaiΓ Mynchons, with all other mynmentis the which he had or myght have of the forsaiδ londΓ and the fore-named mede, in the which every particle of all the lond and mede afore-named were specified: to be hold and to be had, to the forsaiδ mynchons, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, also frely and quetyly as ever ony lond 24 myght be yeve, So that nother the forsaiδ Robert lоф, nother his wyf foresaid mede, nother none heire nother assigne for them, sholeδ neuer δ have power to chalenge ony right in the

1 Latin: 'scrophas prati,' 2 The Latin is: 'per cartam suam, quam, cum carta predicti Petri de Wyuelcote patris dicti Roberti, predictis monialibus deliberavi,' referring to no. 400 and no. 401. Cp. no. 353.
fore-named lond & mede; and for this yifte graunte and quyte-clayme the said mynchons yaf to hym and to his wyf afore-named xxx. shillings of sterlyngis into warison. And that this
4 his yifte graunte and quyte-clayme of the forsaid lond and mede, with all the pertynentis, within the towne and without, in medes in fedynges pasturis and in all other libertees and
8 he strengted this charter with the prynte of his seale and with the seale of moode his wyf aforesaide, & cetera.

[403.] A quyte-clayme of Richard fitz William Greene
[520] of karsynton released and utterly quyte-claymed for
hym and his heires of the londe and mede of Robert
his vncle.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Richard fitz William
Greene of karsynton released and utterly quyte-claymed, for hym
12 his heires or his assignes, to the abbesse of Godestowe and
to the mynchons there servyng god, all the right that he had or
myght haue in ony maner wise in all his arable lond, and pasture
longyng to the same, in the feldes and medis of karsynton, the
16 which lond, mede, and pasture Robert fitz Petir of Wyuelcote his
vncleruer had and held in the same towne of karsyntow of the
yifte of Petir of Wyuelcote fadir of the said Robert: to be had
and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis over all, to the said
20 abbesse and mynchons, of hym and of his heires or his assignes,
frely quyetyle wele and in peace, in medis fedynges and pastures
for ever, So that nother the said Richard, nother his heires
or his assignes, in all the forsaid lond and mede with all her
pertynentis shold no thynge afterward challenge or clayme: and
for this relese and quyteclayme the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons
yaf to hym xliij. shillings iiiij. d. of siluer into warison.
Into witnesse of the which, he put to this writyng his seale,
28 & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next afore the
fesst of the appostels Symond and Jude, the ix. yere of the regne
of kyng Edward.
[12. Lands and manorial rights acquired from William son of Peter son of Richard son of William of Karsynton.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 66, back. About 1278.*
Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, of manorial rights over no. 347, as expressed in no. 348. [scutage.]

[Payment in money and kind.]

[Said William sold to Godstow the quit-rent of 6d. which he used to receive yearly from the lands which Ralph of Wotton held of his fee in Karsyndon, and all rights over the lands and tenements to which this quit-rent gave him title, with wards, 4 reliefs, homages, suits of courts, and all freedoms and free customs, Godstow paying him 1d. at Easter for all service, except the service of the king when scutage runs. For this grant Godstow gave him 10 shillings of silver and 12 bushele of 8 wheat.

Witnesses include:— Walter of Withull, William of St. Owen, William le megre, Symon le Engleis de Kersinton.]

*[leaf LII] or 62. About 1285.*
Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter, of 3 yardlands, with their meadow, and their messuages,

[405.] *A charter of William the son of Petir of karsyntoñ of ij. yerdes londe with mede longyng to the same.*

The sentence of this evidence is, that William the son of 12 Petir of karsyntoñ yaf graunted and confirmed with his charter, into fre pure and perpetual almessen, to god and to the churche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe and to the monchons there servyng god and to serve for ever, ij. yerdis of londe in the 16 feld of karsyntoñ, [namely that yerd londe], with the mede longyng to hit as lotte yeveth from yere to yere, the whiche Arnold held somtyme in the towne of karsyntoñ, with a mese longyng to the same yerde-londe and mede; and that yerde-londe 20 that Alewyn somtyme held in the feld of karsyntoñ, with the mede longyng to hit; And that yerde-londe that Ingue, wydowe, somtyme held in the feld of karsyntoñ, with the mese, crofte, and mede, longyng to the same yerde-londe in the towne of karsyntoñ: 24 to be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said monchons and to her successours or assignes, frely and quyetly, worshipfully, holy, wele, and in pease, in wyes fedynges pastures
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and in all other esementsis to the forsaid iij. yerde-londes longyng, doyng all-only for the forsaid iij. yerde londis foreyn service, that is to say, scuage as moche as longeth to be do for iij. yerde-
londes (after more or lesse) whan that scuage happenyth to
rygne in the Reame of Englonde, for all service exaccion de-
maund homage wardes relefsis and sutes of Courte, that shold
perteyne to hym, or his heires, or his assigns, of the forsaid
iij. yerde-londys with their pertynentis. And the forsaid
William fitz petir of karsynton and his heires or his assigns
shold warantijye and defende for ever the fore-named lond with
all his pertynentis and libertees to the forsaid mychons and
to their successoris or assigns ayenst alle men. And for this
yifte graunt confirmation and warantijying, the forsaid mychons
yaf to hym in waryson lx. shillings. And that all the forsaid
thynges shold be sure he 'strengthed' hit with the prynte of
his seale. These beyng witnesse & cetera.

[406.] A confirmation of William Fitz Petir of karsyn-
toñ of an acre of arable lond:

The sentence of this confirmation is, that William Fitz
Petir of karsynton yaf, and with his charter confirmed, to god
and to the chirche of oure lady seynt mary and of seynt Iohn
Baptist of Godestowe and to the mychons ther servyng god and
to serue for ever, an acre of his arable lond lying in the field of
ekarsynton, wherof j. half acre lieth bytwene the grene wey that
ledith toward Burwelt and the lond of the forsaid mychons, in
a tilthe that is I-called Inlond; and j. other half acre lieth in the
same tilthe, bitwene the lond of the forsaid mychons and
the lond that was somtyme of Richard of Boteley, and the said
acre strecchith hit-self into the pottwy that ledith to Wortoñ:
to be had and to be hold (the said acre of lond, with his per-
tynentis), to the said mychons and their successoris, of hym his
heires or his assigns, frely quyetly wele and peseably, into pure
and perpetuel almesse. And the said William fitz Petir and
his heires or his assigns shold warantijye acquyte and defende
for ever the forsaid acre of lond with his pertynentis to the
forsaid mychons and her successoris agaynst all peple. And
for this yifte graunte and confirmation the forsaid mychons yaf

*leaf LIII or 62, back. Purchase-money, £3.

About 1285.

Sale to
Godstow,
by William
son of
Peter,
of two half-
acres.

1 'Port-vey' in no. 414.
to hym xxx. shillings of sterlyngis in waryson. And that his yifte graunte and confirmacion shold'be sure and stable, he put to this writynge his scale for strength. These [being witness]

[A leaf is missing.]

[407. * Charter of William son of Peter of Karsynton of one acre of land and a piece of land next the green way.]

Said William sold to Godstow one acre of land and a small 4 piece, in the field of Karsynton, which lie next the green way between two fields, and which stretch from the demesne-land of William of Montacute upon dedecherle to the land of Simon Ponchard: said acre and piece to be free of all service.

Witnesses:—Philip Pady of Karsyndon; William of St. Owen of Haneberge; Peter of Norleya; John the porter of Eynesham.]

[408. * Of a road bought from William son of Peter of Karsynton.]

Said William sold to Godstow a place in his close of Karsyntone 12 ton, which contained in breadth 36 feet and in length 209 feet and extended from the highway against the gate of the abbess to the close of the abbess which was once that of Peter of Eshrugge. For this Godstow paid to him 1 marc of silver and 16 ½ a quarter of beans, and to his wife Joan 12d.]

[409. * Charter about the tilth 3 which is called Hay.]

William son of Peter of Karsyndon granted to Godstow all his arable land and meadow, with pasture belonging to it, which he had on the east of Sumerford, enclosed with a ditch in the field 20 called 'haya'; and confirmed to Godstow the rest of the land and meadow which Godstow held of his fee, so that Godstow

1 'iuxta viridem viam.'
2 'de Monte acuto.'
3 'de cultura qu[a]e vocatur Hay.'
should have that field wholly with its meadow and pasture and other pertinents, as it is ditched round, which extends to the meadow of Wortone. He made this grant for the welfare of himself and his wife and of the souls of his ancestors, and he and his wife and his ancestors are to be beneficiaries in all prayers, suffrages, and other good deeds done by Godstow. And he and his heirs warranted and acquitted] 8 * and defended all the fore-named field and meade and pastures, with all his pertinents, and all other libertees, in wayes and pathes, medes fedyngis and pastures, and all other eysementis, to the foresaid monchons ayenst all men. And that this yifte, & cetera, he put to his seale, & cetera. 9.

[410.] * A confirmacion of William Fit\^3 Petir of karsynton of xvj. acris of lond\^3 and ij. acris of mede and ij. Rodis of mede.

The sentence of this confirmacion is that William Fit\^3 Petir yaf & cetera, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, xvj. acris of his arable lond\^3 in the feldes of karsynton:

- that is to sey, v. acris and j. half I-hegged\^3 in, next to the abbesse lond\^3 immediate toward\^3 the Southe; ij. acris and j. half in Rufurlong, the which strechen to dedech[e]\^3; j. acre in Rufurlonge toward\^3 the Est, next to the hyde half; j. acre next to the hyde; j. acre, liyng bitwene j. acre and j. half, next to the ende of the abbesse in Batemore toward\^3 the South; one acre that strechith hit-self into Portewey; iij. acris and j. half, next to the abbesse lond\^3 toward\^3 the north in Curtoforlonge; and one rode in polfurlonge, bitwene the lond\^3 of Thomas lutlemore and the lond\^3 of Symond\^3 Bonetono; and all the forow to the breche of burley, vpon the whiche strechen the lond\^3 of William Fit\^3 Petir and the londe of the abbesse of Gode-

28 stowes:

and j. li. peper of yerely rent of a yerd^3-londe in the townes of karsynton, the which yerde-londe Nicholas Fit\^3 Petir of Wychalcote held\^3 of hym in the townes of karsynton, and all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in the said\^3 Nicholas,

1 'circumquaque fossatum,' 2 The English register resumes after a lost leaf.
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that is to sey, in homagens wardis relefis and suthis of Court and the forsaide rent of peper:

and ij. acris of mede in the mede field that is I-called Bornemouth, next to the abbesse mede and mynychons of Godestowe; 4

and ij. rodis of mede in Ferthehulle, that is to sey, j. rode in the first lotte and another in the last lotte: to be hold and to be had, freely and quetylly, pesibly, holy, and worshipfully, fro all seculer servyce, exaccion, demaunde, custome, sute of Courte and 8 kyngis servyce, for hym his heires or his assignes, to the said mynychons and to ther successours for ever, al so frely and quetylly as ony almesse myght be yeve. And the said William fitz Petir of karsynto, his heires, or his assignes, aquyte and 12 defended for ever the forsaide lond; with the fore-named mede, and rent of j. li. of pepir and homagens relefis wardis and sutys of Court of the forsaide Nicholas fitz Petir of wyuelcote and of his heires, to the forsaide mynychons and to ther successours ayenst 16 all men and women. And for this yifte graunte & cetera, the forsaide mynychons yaf to hym in warysto iiiij li. vj. shillings viij. d. in siueler. And that hit shold be sure & cetera, he put to this charter his seal, & cetera.


*The sentence of this confirmacion is, that William fitz Petir of karsynto yaf & cetera, to the mynychons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for ever, j. half acre of his arable lond in the feld of karsynto, the which lieth in Rousfurlonge 24 beside the lond of the said mynychons of Godestowe of the west parte and his lond of the Est parte: to be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, with all his pertynentis and libertees, frely quetylly wele and pesibly and holy for ever, 28 pafiynge therfor yerely to hym his heires or to his assignes j. quadrans at Mighelmasse for all seculer servyce, suthis of court, and all maner of exaccion. And the forsaide William fitz Petir of karsynto and his heires, & cetera, shold aquyte and with his 32 owne costis defende all the forsaide half acre of lond; with all his pertynentis and libertees, to the forsaide mynychons and to ther successours for ever. And that his yifte, & cetera, he put to his seal, & cetera.
[412.] A Charter of William Fitz Petir of karsyntoñ
for ix. acres of lond'arable and j. acre of mede with
the pertynentis.

The sentence of this Charter is, that William Fitz Petir
of karsyntoñ, for the helthe of his soule and of his wyf and
of his childe, yaf and graunted' into pure and perpetuel almesse,
4 to god and to the chirch of oure lady Seynt mary and of Seynt
John Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng
god;' ix. acris of his arable lond' with his pertynentis in the feld'
of karsyntoñ, and j. acre of mede with the pertynentis,
that is to sey, ij. acres next to the acre toward the South, the
which wereñ Symon Halehorntis 1; and j. acre in Rowforlonge,
bitwene the lond' of the abbesse and Hidacre, that strechth
into the kyngisweye; and j. acre that strechth into Bradforde;
and ij. acres into Rowforlonge, the whiche strechth to dede-
cherle; and j. acre in Rowforlonge that strechth into dedecherle
beside the hyde of Est parte, one acre liyng bitwene; and half
an acre in shortforlonge, that strechth into Portewaye, next to
the lond' of Richard Boteleye, half j. acre liyng bitwene; and
iiij. half acres liyng to-gedir in batemore, next to the hide in the
north parte; and j. acre of mede in Boronham:
to be had ñ and to be hold ñ; frely and quetytly fro alf sute
of courte, seculer service, and demaund for ever. And the said
William & cetera warantizd' and aquyted, & cetera. And for
this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to hym c. shillings
and xx. d. to deluery hym of the Iuys hondys, in whos dettis at
that tyme he was I-bounde. And that this yifte, & cetera,
he put to this charter his seale, & cetera.

[413.] * A Charter of William Fitz Petir for a mese and
a crofte in karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this charter is, that william Fitz petir of
karsyntoñ yaf, graunted; and confermed with this present
charter, to god and to the chirch of seynt John Baptist of Gode-
stowe and to the mynchons there servyng god' and to serve for
ever, alf his right that he had' or myght have in the mese, with
the crofte liyng to, that Nicholas Fitz Petir of wyuelcote held in

1 'Halehort' also in the Latin: perhaps for 'Balehorn,' no. 334.
rights over lands and tenants in Cassington, the towne of karsynton, with homage, warde, Relef, and suite of Court, that myght falle or chaunce of the said Nicholas and his heires and his assignes for ever, And homage of william Edmond of Somerford, and homage of Robert Fit3 Petir of wyuelcote, and warde of Richard Fit3 william of Grene with his * homage whan that he comyth to age, with the wardis of all the forseid men, relefes, sute of Courtes, and all other eschetis that shold happe of the forseid men or her heires or her assignes, with 8 v. shilling worthe of yerely rent, to be paid of the forseid men to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours: to be hol[...]

[i.e. no. 326.]

* leaf 63. back. About 1285.

A Charter confermyng the lond and mede that the mynchons of Godestowe hath of the yifle of William Fit3 Petir of karsynton.

The sentence of this Charter is, that William Fit3 Petir 28 of karsynton yaf, & cetera, to the holy mynchons there servyng god and to serve for ever, for hym and for his heires, into fre pure and perpetu almesse, all his arable lond and all the mede the whiche they havien of his fee in his felde and mede; with 32 men freholders, and ther relefis, wardis, homagis, and sutes of court, that is to sey, Nicholas Fit3 Petir of Wyuelcote, and
William Fitz Edmond, and Robert Fitz Petir of Wyuelcote, and Richard Fitz William de la Grene, with v. shilling worth of yerly rent yerely to be paid to the said mynchons of Godestowe by the said men and by their heirs or assignes for ever; and v. shilling worth of yerly rent by Robert Wottoow and his heirs yerely to be paid to the said mynchons; with all the land and mede perteynyng to the demayne and chefe mese that Thomas 8 of Chymili yaf to the forsaidd mynchons in the towne of karsyntoow, with all the cowrte; and all the bildyngis, with the gardeyne, and servatory 2, and crofte also that lieth to that courte, with the arable land in the field of karsyntoow longyng to the demayne, of the whiche land, v. acres (liëd to-gedir) streccchen into the portwey; And j. half acre, the whiche streccchith into porteweye beside the land of william Fitz Petir; and vj. acres of land that streccchen into Batemore, liyng to-gedir in lengthe beside the wey; and iij. acres of land and an half, liyng to-gedir of the north parte beside the hide and streccchith into Batemore; and vj. acres of land in Rouforlonge, liyng to-gedir, the which streccchen them-self into the kyngis-wey; and iij. acres of land in the same forlong, liyng to-gedir (one acre of the hyde liyng bitwene); with x. acres liyng to-gedir in the tilthe the whiche is I-called Hureleye; with all the buttis liyng to-gedir that streccchen into Bradesorde and liëd bitwene the land that was of Symond Puncharde of the west parte and the land of the hyde of the Est parte; with vj. acres of land and an half in Rowforlonge liyng to-gedir, streccchyngh them-self into dedecherle; with iiij. acres also liyng in shortforlonge; with iij. Rodes also of lond streccchyngh them-self into the crofte of Thomas Fitz Hawyse; with all the tilthe that is y-called the haye, rounde aboute I-diched; with mede and pasture liyng to, the which streccche into the mede of wortow; with iiij. acres of mede longyng to the demayne in the mede felde that is I-called Borengham.

He releasde also, for hym and his heires or his assignes, xij. d. of yerely rent, to the said mynchons and to their successors for ever, in the which they were I-hold or I-bound to hym and his heires or his assignes after the tenowre of the charter of sir Thomas Chymily. Also William Fitz Petir of karsyntoow yaf over lands and free tenants, and of quit-rents, and reversionary rights, and of the meadow.

[Description of the arable land, more than 45 acres, and of the quit-rent payable by Thomas Chymely's land (no. 330).]

1 i.e. the yard round which the farm-buildings of the manor were grouped.  
2 Latin: '(cum) servatorio.'
graunted & cetera all the fore-named thymes, even as they be departed or divided; into fire pure and perpetueft almesse, frely quetyly pesibly worshipfully holy and wele, without fyne, quetyly fro all secular exaccion and demainde relevis wardes 4 homagis and sutiis of Courte that myght falle to hym or to his heires or his assigns in ony wise by the occasion of all thymes aforesaid, in weyes medes fedynges pastures, and all other libertees and eisementis that myght falle to all the fore-named's thymes. And for this yifte graunte and confirmacion the foresaid holy mynchons yaf to hym IX. skillings in warisoun. And the foresaid William Fitz Petir of karsynto windes his heires & cetera warantizd and defende l for ever all that is I-named afore, 12 bothe in londis and in medis and all other thymes afore diuided, to the foresaid holy mynchons and to their successours ayenst all men and women. And that his yifte, graunte, & cetera.

1295, Sept. 22.

[415.] A quyte-clayme of Johane somtyme the wyf of William Fitz Petir of Karsynton.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is this, that Johane somtyme the wyf of william Fitz Petir of karsynto in her lawfull wedowhode and with her owne fre wille, relesevd and quyte-clayme l to Mabile, Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons of the same place for ever, all her right and clayme that [s]he had or in onywyse myght have by the name of her dowre, or by the resoun or skille of her dowre, in all her londes and tenementis gardynes croftis medis fedyngis weyes pathis wardes releves rentis eschetis sutiis of Courtis that at pat tyme were or ever shold be of the fee of william somtyme her husbonde in the town of karsynto and in the feldes of the same town, out-take the londis and medis the which Nicholas of Meldene helde in the same town of the fee of the foresaid William of the which the said Mabile satisfied hym, so that nither the foresaid Johane ne none other man ne men shold ne never clayme ne axe in the foresaid londis tenementis gardynes croftes relefs rentis medis fedynges places weyes pathes wardis releves eschetis sutiis of courte ony right or clayme after the makyng of this relese or of her quyte-

1 Latin: 'seu ratione dotis mee.' Notice the double rendering (first by a word of Latin origin, next by an English word) of one Latin word, which is so characteristic of this translation.
clayme in whos-ever honde they come. In-to witnesse of the same, she put to this writynge her seale. The date at Godestowe, the thursday next after the fest of Seynt Mathew the appostle and Euangelist, the xxij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde.

[416.] A Charter of William Fitʒ Petir of the same.

The sentence of this relese is this, that William Fitʒ William Fitʒ Petir graunted released and vtkurly quyteclaymed; for hym his heires and his assignes, to Alice Georges, Abbesse of Gode-
stowe, and to the Covent of the same place, and to ther succes-
sours for ever, all his right and clayme that he ever had or myght have in all londes tenementis rentes houses gardynes medis pastures weyes pathers and in all other thyngis that in ony tyme a-passed were of ony of his auncetours, within the towne of karsyntoñ and with-out, and tho that the forsaid Abbesse and covent of the forsaid place and ther predecessours vnto this tyme have I-hold and yit hold: to be had and to be hold, withyn the said towne and with-out, in all places, to the forsaid Abbesse * and Covent of the same place and their successors, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever, that is to sey, that the forsaid William Fitʒ Petir or his heires or his assignes or any other in his name or in the name of his heires or his assignes no right or clayme myght chalenge or aske ne never sholde chalenge or axe in the forsaid londes tenementis rentis houses gardynes medis pastures weyes pathes watirs in no parte of them, but rather he and his heires were I-bound for ever by this present writynge to the warantiyng of all londes and tenementis aforesaid with their pertynentis aforesaid to the Abbesse and Covent and to ther successors. Into 28 witnesse of this, he put to his seale to this writynge & cetera. The date at Oxenford, the xv. day of Septembre, the xxx. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.


The sentence of this relese is this, that William Fitʒ Petir called into plec Moolde Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, in a plec of dette in the Courte of
Mighett [of] Meldon, axyng of them xxx. *shillings* by covenant I-made itwene them. At the last, he with-drow the forsaid court, by the mean of a frendly accorde bitwene them; and relested to them and pardoned all accions reals and personels of every maner cause I-begonne and dew to hym fro the begynnynge of the world vnto the makyng of this present writyng: And for this relese and pardoned the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf hym vj. *shillings* viij. d. before handys. And the forsaid William shold kepe the forsaid Abbesse and Covent harmelesse fro all maner of peple. I-yeve at Godestowe, the Friday next after the fest of the translacion of seynt Thomas the martir.

[13. Miscellaneous acquisitions of lands.]

**[418. Fragment.]**

*leaf 218.* *ser Thomas of Coleshuff, william of Oen, william Le Mercere*, 12 Raaf Goldsmyth burgeys of Oxenford, william the sone of Piers of karsynton, Robert Punchard, Symond English of wyuylcote, and many other.

[Note.—This tail-end of a deed, with its list of witnesses, comes at the top of a leaf before which a leaf has been cut out. In the MS, it immediately precedes no. 360, and so belongs to the duplicate Cassington set, and therefore cannot be attached with certainty to any deed in the Latin copy.]

*leaf 82, back. About 1270.*

**[419.]** *A Charter of Thomas Fraunceys of Somerford fitz Nicholas Fraunceys of the same towne for j. half yerd' lond' arable liyng in the felde of karsynton.*

The sentence of this charter is that Thomas Fraunceys of Somerford, fitz Nicholas Fraunceys of the same towne, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, j. half acre of arable lond' liyng in the felde of karsynton, in cornehyte, in a tilthe that is I-called mere-lake, 20 bitwene the lond' of the forsaid'mynchons of Godestowe of bothe partie, and hit strechith hit-self into the lande-mede of Eynsham: To be had' and to be hold', with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid'mynchons and to ther successours, of hym and of his 24 heiris, frely and quetyly wele and in pease, into fre and per-

1 Notice the adjectives taking the plural inflection of the noun.

2 'William le megre' (see pp. 264, 294).
petuell almesse, yeldeynge therof yerelely to hym and to his heires j. rose at the natyuyte of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seculer seruyce, custome, suyte of courte of ony man, and all maner demaundis. And the said Thomas Fraunceys and his heires warantizde and defendede for ever the forsaidd half acre of lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaidd mynchons and to theire * successours ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & cetera, the 8 forsaidd mynchons yaf to hym half a marke of siluer in warison. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[420.] *A Charter of William Grene of karsyntoñ, of v. acris and j half of arable lond and ij. rodes of mede and of all the right and clayme that he had or in ony maner wise myght haue in the townes of karsyntoñ.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Richard fit3 William Grene yaf, & cetera, to god and to the chirc of our 12 lady and of seynt John Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god and to serve for euer, in-to *fre and perpetuel almesse, v. acres and j. half of arable lond and ij. Rodes of mede in the feldis and medis of karsyntoñ, and all the 16 right that he had or myght have in ony wise by right heritage in londis and medis in the forsaid town of by ony resoñ or name of his fadir.

Of the which, one [half] acre lieth in morelond; bitwene the 20 abbesse of Godestowe lond and the lond of William Thornbard; and another half acre lieth in berelond; bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond of Symond Theodulf; and half j. acre lieth in Banlond; bytwene the lond of Elice Bras and the lond 24 of William Bamptœñ; and one gore that strecchith hit-self vnto Farnhull, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond that was of William Edmond; and half j. acre strecchith hit-self vnto Borowham, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and 28 the lond of Robert Punchard; and half j. acre lieth in the old feld; bitwene the lond that was of hugh Bamptoñ and the lond that was of Richard Newman; and half j. acre lieth in shortiscome, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and the lond 32 of helye Bras; and j. yerde lieth at Blundewelle, bitwene the x
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[ yerde = rood. ]

A charter of 1270?

About 1270? The sentence of this charter is, that John Baker of Godestowe, fitz Symond of karsynton, for j. mese in the towne of karsynton with the crosfe liyng therto.

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1 'his' = their. The Latin is ‘Concesserunt mihi predicte moniales servicium subianitoris, meo perpetuo (i iure), ad portam de Godestow.’
euer, j. mese in the towne of karsynton, with the croste liyng therto, that is I-sette bitwene the mese that was somtyme of William at Grene fitz Symond, Petir of wyuelcote and the mese of the petter of wyuelcote and the mese of the 4 said' mychons that Geoffrey hulle somtyme held'; with vj. acres and j. half, and j. pece of arable lond; also with half j. acre of mede in the same towne, to a pytaunce of the Couent in the day of his anniversary:

8 of the which, j. [half] acre lieth in Aldredeslade, bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of Symond' Engleys; and j. half acre lieth vpon Surelond', bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of William SutheriD; and j. half acre lieth bitwene the lond' of William Bampton and the lond' of Anneys fitz Symond, Robert of Comenore, and hit streccith hit-self in Bolenham; and j. [half] acre lieth in putlesden, bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of William Botele; and

12 j. dimid. acre lieth in the olde mede, bitwene the lond' of Robert Punchard and the lond' of William Bampton; and j. half acre lieth in fuleslo, bitwene the lond' of Symond' Boneto and the lond' of William Bampton; and j. half acre lieth bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of helie Bras, and streccith hit-self in su'age 1; and the forsai'd pece of lond' lieth vpon Francwordy, bitwene the lond' of william mounte-acu and the lond' of Symond' Boneto; and j. half acre lieth at

24 Bolenham, bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of Iohn Bras; and j. half acre lieth at shortescome, bitwene the lond' of Symond' Punchard; and j. half acre lieth in the same tilthe, bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of Bras; and j. half acre lieth in northlond', bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of Iohn Bras; and j. half acre lieth in northlongelond' bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of William SotheriD; and j. half acre lieth at

32 Blyndewellehille, vpon putlesden, bitwene the lond' of the said' mychons and the lond' of Roger ThornberiD; and j. rode of mede lieth in the mede of farnhulle in the most westist lotte as lotte yeveth, and j. rode lieth in the same mede in the most northist lotte except one as the lotte yeveth:

To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires, to the said' mychons and to ther successours, in perpetuel almesse, and of the meadow.

1 Indistinct: possibly Sintemore, or Snitemore.
with all these pertynentis over all, in medys closes pastures rentis and all others libertees, frenly quetyly holy wele and posibly for ever, yeldynge therely to the lordis of the fee service dew and I-wonede, as hit is I-conteyned in the charters 4 the which he had of them, and to hym and to his heires one Rose at the Natinite of seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe to be resceieved, for all seruyce, suthis of courte, and all seculer demaundis. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires warantized for euer the forsaid 8 mese, with the lord and mede aforsaid; with all there pertynentis aforsaid; to the forsaid mynchons and to theire successours ayenst all peple. And that this yifte, cetera.

About 1300.

[422.] A Charter of Walter Jurde-mayn of karsynto of his londis pat he had in karsynto.

*The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Walter Jurde-mayn 12 yaf graunted, cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe there to serve god and to serve for ever, all his arable lond of karsynto, that is to say, one half acre that lieth in hangyndelonde, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of 16 Godestowe and the lond of Raynolde Suther; and half j. acre that lieth in Banlond, bitwene the lond of Thomas fitz haywe and the lond of moold hyde; and half j. acre that lieth in polfurlonge, bitwene the lond of Walter Bras and the lond of William Brampton; and j. rode that lieth in lytefl lyno, beside the lond of the forsaid Abbesse; and j. rode that lieth in grete lyno, beside the lond that was of Richard Petit; and j. half acre that lieth vpon Gurrelond, beside the lond of Raynold Suther of the north parte, and hit strecchith hit-self into the kynges hye-wey; And also one gore that lieth vpon the sowthe parte of Blundewelt, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Roger therberr, and hit strecchith hit-self into the pasture; and j. half acre pat lieth in the morelond, bitwene the lond of Petir of Esserugge and the lond of Robert Punchard; and half j. acre lieth in the olde felde, bitwene the lond of Petir of Esserugge of bothe partie; and half j. acre that lieth in hangynlond, beside the lond of Petir of Esserugge; To be holde and to be had, to the said mynchons and to ther successes or to ther assignes, frely and quetyly, wele and in pease.
for ever, al so frely and quyetly as ony almesse may be yeve, yeldying therof to them of the which he bought the saide lond dewe rent, as the charters of them witnesseen. And he and his 4 heires, and they by the whiche he was I-feffed; warantijed acquyted and defended for ever the forsaide lond to the forsaide mynchons and to ther successours. And that this yifte, & cetera.

[423.] *A quyte-clayme of Symond Theodulp of karsynton of ij. d of yerely rent for Iordman.

8 The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Symond fitz Theodulph, plommer, of karsynton, yaf, graunted, and quyte-claymed, to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, into pure and perpetuel almesse, ij. d. of yerely rent, the which weren dewe to hym and to his heires for the lond that Walter Iurdemayn held of hym in the towne of karsynton, as his charter witnesseth. So that he and his heires shold neuer axe no thynge of the forsaide ij. d. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera.


16 The sentence of this charter is, that Symond Theodulp of karsynton yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for ever, iij. rodis of arable lond in the feld of karsynton, that is to sey, in a tylthe that is I-called Corneheyte, of the which j. rode lieth beside the lond that was of Robert Comnore, and hit streccithit hit-self in tetherhel-de-bladene; And j. rode lieth beside the lond of Iordan Aldeswelle, and streccithit hit-self vpon the forow 24 of william mounte-acu vpon lambecote; and j. rode lieth aboue shotislake, and streccithit hit-self vnto the mede of Eynysham; and j. rode lieth beside the lond of William fitz Richard of Boteleye, and streccithit hit-self into Thamyse. And these iij. rodes 28 weren of the lond that fille to hym by right heritage by the dethe of henry his brother. To be hold and to be had, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, to the said holy mynchons of Godestowe and to ther successours, of hym and of his heires and of his 32 assignes, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse for ever, fro ait

subject to the old quit-rents to former owners.

* About 1300.

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Grant to Godstow, by Simon Theodulp, of a rent-charge over no. 422.

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Sale to Godstow, by Simon Theodulp, of 1 acre,

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[Tetherhol of Bladon.]
exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Symond and his heires or his assignes warrantízed and defended for euor the forsaid iiiij. rodes, with all theire pertynentis, to the forsaid holy mynchons and to there successors ayenst all men and women 4 cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid holy mynchons yaf to hym before handes j. mark of siluer. And that this his yifte, & cetera, he put to this writyng his seale, & cetera.

[14. Exchanges with Sir William Montacute 1.]

[425.] *A Charter of kyng Edward, I-made to sire william mount-acu for the same ij. acris of lond:

The sentence of this charter is, that kyng Edward, by the 8 grace of god kyng of Inglond lord of Irlond and duke of Guyen, of his special grace graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym, to his welle be-loued and twen man William Mounte-Acu, that he myght yeve and assygné 12 the ij. acris of lond with the pertynentis in karsynto, the which were holde of 2 hym in chief, to his wellbeloved in crist Abesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there: To be haí and to be holdí, to them and to ther successors, of hym and his 16 heires, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, into an eschaunge for ij. acris of lond with the pertynentis in the same towne, the whiche the same abbesse and Counte of mynchons holden of hym into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, by them to be yeve 20 and graunted to the same william, to be holde of hym and to 2 his heires, by the same seruycis by the whiche the oper ij. acris alsorsaid were holde of hym, for euor. And to the same abbesse and mynchons, that they myght reteye and holde the 24 forsaid ij. acris of lond, with the pertynentis, of the forsaid william, to them and to ther successors, of hym and of his heires, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, into an eschaunge of other ij. acris of lond, with the pertynentis, the which the 28 forsaid abbesse and mynchons holde of hym into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, by them to be yeve and graunted to the same

1 His widow, Elizabeth Montacute, died about 1349, after founding (Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 170) chantries in St. Frideswyde's Priory, where her tomb is extant (ibid. ii. 173).
2 Read 'of,' for 'to.'
william to be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, by the forsai'd seruyc for euer, as hit is I-sai'd afore in the tenoure of this present wrtyng. Also he, that is to say, the kyng, yaf licence speaffh, the statute not-withstanding: I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put to morte-mayne, more-over not willing that the forsai'd william or his heires, or the forsai'd abbesse and mynchons or there successours, by the 8 resow of the thyngis I-put before, be occasioned; vexed, or in any other wise greved, by hym, or his heires, Iusticis, eschetours, shreves, or any other bailiffis or mynystours, Into witnesse of this thyng; he made these his lettres patentis, he hym-self
12 beryng witnesse, At Caunterbury, the second day of feuerer, the vij. yere of his reigne, By the kyng hym-self.

[428.] * A Charter of william mounte-Acu of ij. acris of lond that he yaf in karsynto to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that william mounte-Acu, by licence of the kyng; yaf, graunted; and by this his present charter confermed; to Moolde Vpton, by the suffraunce of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couent of the same place and to ther successours, ij. acris of lond with ther pertynentis in karsynto, the which lien in the field of karsynto, that is to say, in crowforlange, betwen the lond of Iohn at Milne of the est parte and the lond of Thomas atte mylne of the west parte, and strecchith them-self to the kyngis way the which ledith to the mylle of karsynto, in eschaunge of ij. other acres of lond with the pertynentis in the same towny, And the which the forsai'd abbesse and couent, by licence of the kyng; by ther charter yaf to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold; the forsai'd ij. acris of lond, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsai'd 28 abbesse and to the couent and to ther successours, of the kyng and his heires, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, frely and quyetly for ever. And the forsai'd william and his heires warrantized acquyted and defended for euer the forsai'd ij. acris of lond with all ther pertynentis to the forsai'd abbesse and couent and to ther successours ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which thyng; bothe parties putte to euerych othirs

Grant to Godstow, by Sir William Montacute, of two acres in exchange for no. 427.

* leaf 85, back. 1314, March 30.
charte ended there scale, & cetera. The date at karsynton, the saturday next after the fest of the Annunciacion of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[427.] A nother charte ended bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and sir william mounte-Acu of ij. acris of lond I-graunte to ser william mount-Acu.

The sentence of this charter is, that Mooli Vpton, by the 4 suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the countent of the same place, with one assent, and by licence of the kyng, yaf graunte and by this her charte ended confirme to there wele be-loved in crist sir william mounte-Acu, kyght, ij. acris of lond in karsynton, with the pertynentis, of the which, j. acre lieth vndir the gardyn of the forsaide sir william and strecchith hit-self vnto the more, And another acre lieth beside the maner of the forsaide sir William of the one parte and the lound of Adam 12 Pod of the other parte, in eschaunge for other two acris with the pertynentis in karsynton, the which the forsaide sir William yaf and confermed to them and to ther monastery, by licence of the kyng, by his Charter: To be had and to be hold, to the 16 forsaide sir william and to his heires, of the kyng and his heires, by the same servycis by the which the other ij. acris ben I-hold for ever of the kyng. And they and their successors warantiz'd and defended for ever the forsaide ij. acris of lond, 20 with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaide sir william and to his heires ayenst all peple. In-to witnesse of the whiche thyng, bothe parties sette to their scales, everich to others charter, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in there full Chapter, the 24 saturday after the fest of the Annunciation of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[15. Transactions with Sir Michael and Sir William of Meldon.]


The sentence of this Charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englonde lord of Ireland and duke of Guyen, for-as- 28 moche as he had I-herd by inquisicion that he had I-made by
the wilbeloved and trew Iohn Abel his escetour beyonde Trent, that hit was not to his harme or prejudice or of any other, though he graunted to his wilbeloved in crist the 4 abbesse and Couent of Godestowe that [t]he[y], of thre mesis, iij. toftis, and j. acre of londe, with the pertynentis, in karsynto, and of vij. shilyng worth of rent, with the pertynentes, in the same towne, the which Robert Sowy of Oxenford and Iohn fitz 8 John of Stratford were I-wonyd to yeld to the same abbesse and Couent of þe tenauntries the which they held of the forsaid abbesse and Couent in the same towne, to-gedir with homagis and servyces of the forsaid Robert and Iohn and ther heires, 12 myght yeffe Migbett Melddon: To be had and to be hold, to the same Migbeff and to his heires, of the chief lordis of that fee, by dewe servyce therof and wonyd for ever: The kyng, by the fyne the whiche the same Migbeff made with hym, graunted and yaf 16 licence, for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym, to the forsaid abbesse and couent that they myght yeffe the forsaid Migbeff of the forsaid mesys toftis londe and rent, with ther pertynentis, also with homagis and servyces of the forsaid Robert and Iohn and his heires: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, * of the chief lordes of that fee by dew servyce therof and wonyd for ever: And to the same Migbeff [that he] myght reteyne to hym and to his heires and hold the forsaid mesis toftis londe and rent, with ther pertynentis, Also with the homagis and servyces of the same Robert and Iohn and ther heires, of the forsaid abbesse and couent, as hit is I-said before. The kyng also yaf special licence by the tenoure of this present 28 wrtyng; he not willyng that the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours, or the forsaid Migbeff or his heires, shold be greved or vexed occasionally by the skille of these wrtyngis afore, by hym, his heires, Iustis, eschetours, Sherefris, or other 32 baillifis or mynystreis. Into witnesse of this thynge, the kyng [made] this his lettres patentis, hym-self byenyng witnesse, at Bere-wyk, vpon twede, the xiiiij. day of Iune, the vij. yere of his reigne.  

[429.] * An endenture bitwene the abbesse of Gode-
stowe and Migbeff Meledon.*

THE sentence of this endenture is, and witnesseth that, whan 36 a ple was I-meved bitwene the religious women, dame Moolde

Godstow to enfoffe Sir Michael of Meldon in 3 mes-
ssages, 2 toftes, 1 acre, and 72. rent-
charge (see no. 430), with manorial
rights over them,
and Michael of Meldon
about feudal duties owed by Godstow land in Cassington,
* leaf 83, back.

viz homage, fealty, two-thirds of a knight's fee, and 1 lb. of pepper,

and dues to the chief lord (Thomas Plantagenet, second earl, succeeded 1296, married Alice de Lacy 1310, beheaded 1322). Powers of distraint to enforce these covenants.

abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one parte, and Migheft Meledoun of the other parte, vpon dyuerse seruycis the which the said Migheft axed of the forsaid abbesse and Couent for certayn londes the whiche the forsaid abbesse and Couent held of the forsaid myghel in the town of karsynton: the viij. day of the monthe of Iuel, the viij. yere of the regne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, hit was accorded bitwene them, with a frendly composicion, that the forsaid's abbesse and Couent knowledched them-self that they held of the said Migheft vj. meses and xvij. acres of lond, with ther pertynentis, in the forsaid towne of karsynton, by homage, feuite, and the seruyce of ij. partis of one knyght fee (that is to sey, whan the scuage rynneth to xl. skillings, ij. mark, and to more, more, and to lasse [lasse]; and other foreyn seruyce as moche as longith to one knyght fee), and by the service of j. li. of pepir yerely to be paid to the said myghel his heires and his assignes at the fest of seyt Thomas the apostle, for all seruyce; byndyng them-self, theiri successours, and alli there londis and tenementis the whiche they helde in the forsaid towne of karsynton in the day of the makyng of his present endurement, to whos euer hondes they come, to distreynyng of the said myghel and his heires and his assignes as ofte as euer hit happenyth the said seruyce in parte or in alli to be behynnde and the distreynyngis to whilk-hold til that hit be satisfied to the same myghel his heires or to his assignes fully for the same seruycis. And the forsaid Migheft graunted, for hym, his heires or his assignes, to acquyte the said abbesse and Couent and ther successours ayenst Thomas, Erle of lancastre, and Alice his wyf, and the heires of the same Alice, of all seruyce that myght be axed afterward of the said abbesse and Couent and their successours because of the said tenementis. To the whiche quytaunce wele and truly to be made, the forsaid Migheft bounde hym-self, his heires and his assignes, and alli his londis and tenauntries in the towne of karsynton in whos-euer hondis they happen. And he graunte[d] for hym his heires and his assignes that yt hit happened the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours to suffre distreynyng or harme by the said Erle and Alice or by the heires of the same Alice or by her baillifs for defaute or lak, of acquyteunce of the said Migheft [his] heires or his assignes for that tyme, hit shold be lawfull.
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to the said abbesse and Couent and to ther successours by the 
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bailiffs and monymsters to distreyne the said Mighell [his] heires 
and his assignes in the said tenementis, and to hold stille the 
distreynyngis that they token tille hit be fully satisfied to the 
forsaid abbesse and Couent and to there successours of the harms 
that they ranne in for the defaute or lak of a-quytaunce of the 
said Mighell his heires or his assignes. Into witnesse of this 
8 thynge, the comune scale of the said abbesse and Couent was 
I-hanged to the parte of this endenture abidyng to the said 
Micheft, and another parte remaynyng I-sealed with the scale 
of the said Mighell to the forsaid abbesse and Couent. These 
12 beyng witnesse, & cetera. The date at karsynto[\text{\textcircled{\textbullet}}], the day and 
vere aforsaid:

[430.] Another endenture bytwene the said abbesse 
and pe same Mighel.

The sentence of this endenture witnesseth, that the ix. day 
of Iule, the viij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of 
16 kyng Edward, hit was accorded bitwene the religious women, 
dame moolde, the abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of 
the same place of the one parte, and Mighell Meledon of the other 
parte, so that is to sey, that, when the forsaid abbesse and Couent 
20 yaf and graunted, and with ther writyinge confermed, to the said 
*Micheft [his] heires and his assignes, iij. mesis liyng to-gedir 
of the southe parte of the lane ledyng toward the mese that was 
somtyme of Symond Theodulph, with the toftis liyng therto, in 
24 the towne of karsynto[\text{\textcircled{\textbullet}}]; also with two toftis I-closed in, of the 
which one strechith hit-self in length of the gardeyn of the said 
Symond; and another in lengthe of the gardeyn of the said 
abbesse and Couent, in pe forsaid towne of karsynto[\text{\textcircled{\textbullet}}]; and 
28 viij. shillings of rent yrecly to be take by the handes of Robert 
Sowy and of John fitz John of Stratford; heires of Nicholas of 
Oxenford, for twayne fyssh-weris in the forsaid towne of karsynto[\text{\textcircled{\textbullet}}], 
as hit is conteyned fully in the charter of the feement of the 
said abbesse and Couent I-made therof to the said myghel: The 
forsaid abbesse and couent willed and graunted, for them and 
ther successours, that, yf hit happeneth the said Mighell his 
heires or his assignes to be lette by the kyng or his mynymsters or 
36 by any other, by any dede I-made to ony man by the forsaid
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Godstow pledge a rent of 30s. yearly, in evidence of their intention to execute the transfer. [Appleford hide; see no. 336.]

abbesse and their successours, that they may not have the sesynyng of the said tenements; or they to be cast out fro ther sesynyng of the same tenements by the kyng or his mynysters or by any maner of dede of the abbesse aforsaid and the couent, Fro then-forth xxx. shillings of yerely rent, the which they were I-woned and oftryd to take of that hyde of lond that is I-called Appelford thurgh the hondes of the same Mighell, shold abide quyte and extinte into the handes of the same Mighell his heires or his assignes tille the said abbesse and Couent or theire successours had I-made to the seid Mighell [his] heires or his assignes to haue ful and pisible sesynyng of the forsaid tenauntries. Into witnesse of þe which thynge, the 12 commune scale of the forsaid abbesse and Couent was I-hanged to the parte of this endenture abidyng to the said Mighell, and the forsaid Mighell put to his scale to the parte of the endenture remaynyng to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, & cetera. The 16 date at karsyntoun, the day and yere abouesaide.

1350, Sept. 15.


The sentence of this endenture is, that this endenture I-made bitwene dame Anneys Strelle, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same of the one parte, and sir William Meledon, 20 Chyualer, witnesseth, pat the forsaid abbesse and couent of the same place, granted toke and lete to the said sir William j. mese and iiij. plough-lond; with the pertynentis, in karsyntoun in Oxenford-shire: To be had and to be hold, with warded, 24 mariagis, relefis, eschetis, rentis, reuersions, bondemen and ther sequel, medys, pasturis closed and not closed, watirs, weyes, pathes, and with all other rightis and profites in ony wise longyng to the said mese and lond; of the forsaid Anneys and her successours, to the forsaid ser William and to his heires and executours, fro Mighelmasse day next after the date of this present writynge vnto the ende of the terme of x£. wynter or yere inmediatly folowyng; and fully I-complete, yeldynge therof 32 yere, to þe forsaid *Anneys and to her successours, for the first vj. yere next folowyng after the date of this present wrytynge; j. rose at the fest of the natuuite of seynt John Baptist;
And after the foresaid vj. yere fully complete, fro thens-forth, 
every yere folowyng; yelding yeryel to the foresaid Anneys and 
to her successours x. marke of siluer, that is to sey, at the fest 
4 of seynt Migheil the archaungel and the Annuncaiacion of our 
lady by even porcions; And do, for the foresaid Anneys and her 
successours, thurgh all the terme abouesaid; to the chief lordis of 
that fee, aft seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right, and all 
8 other ordinary burdons and extra-ordinarie longyng to the said 
messe and lond in ony maner wise, out-take homages, and truly 
to be done when they happen. And, yt the foresaid rent were 
behynyd at ony tyme I-sette by ij. monthes, then-forth hit shold 
12 be lawfull to the foresaid Anneys and to her successours to entre in 
the foresaid tenementis and to reteyne tho tenementis in full and 
pesible possession, without agayn-saiyng of the foresaid sir william 
[his] heires or his executours or ony other who-so-ever they 
be. And the foresaid sir william [his] heires and his executours 
shold susteyne wele and competently ait the houses of the said 
messe, as in coverynge and tymbre, duryng the terme abouesaid; 
with his owne costis, and shold surrendere them in al so god 
a state as they receyved hem or better. And hit shold not be 
lawfull to the same sir william [his] heires or to his executours to 
cast downe ony treys, nor to make wast, sellyng or dis-
troiyng, with-in the terme abouesaid; but for housebote. And 
24 the foresaid Anneys and her successours shold warantize and 
defende the foresaid messe and lond, with aft and everich ther 
pertynentis, as hit is aboue I-put, to the foresaid sir william, 
vynto the ende of the terme of the foresaid xl. yere fully and holy 
completid; ayenst all peple. In-to witnesse of the whiche, 
they put ther seales to ther parties of ther endentures, & cetera. 
The date at Godestowe, the wedensday in the morne of holy 
rode day I-called the Exaltacion, the xxiiiij yere of the reign 
of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest and the xj. yere of 
his reigne of Fraunce.

[432.] A-nother endenture bitwene sir William of 
meledon knyght and dame Anneys absesse of 
Godestowe and the Couent of the same place.

This endenture, I-made at Godestowe, the wedensday in the 
morow of the Exaltacion of the holy crosse, the xxiiiij. yere of 

afterwards 
at 
Lc 13. 4d. 
a year.

Lessee is to 
discharge 
all services 
and duties 
laid on the 
lands.

Obligation 
to keep in 
repair. 

[Houses 
built of 
timber, and 
thatched.] 

Prohibi- 
tion to fell 
timber, ex- 
cept for 
housebote 
[= neces-
sary repairs 
of the 
housing].

[Exaltatic 
Crucis = 
Sept. 14. ]

1350, 
Sept. 15.

Inventory 
of the 
subjects in-
the reign of England by king Edward the third after the conquest and of his reign of Fraunce the xj. yeere, witnesseth that sir William Meledon, Chivaler, receiv'd of the takyng and grauntynes of dame Anneys Stretlee, that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and of the Couent of the same place, j. mese and iiij. plough-lond with the pertynentis in karsyton, as hit is I-conteyned in an endenture fully I-made to the said sir William by the said Anneys and the couent of the same place. In the 8 which mese is I-conteyned:—j. halle, with iij. celers; j. kechyn, with a fornyce and j. oven; j. doffe-hous; j. wodehous; iij. grangis; j. ox-hous for oxen; j. cowhous for kyne; j. carthouse; j. garner; j. chamber, with a soler aboue for the mower; j. stable; j. hous for shepe, the which is I-sette in the same townes.

Also ther ben iij. fre tenauntis, that is to seye, the same sir William holdith of the said [convent] the Estcroft and other tenauntis in the same* towne frely, and yeldith hym 1 by yeere 16 xxx. shillings, at iij. termes of the yere by even porcions; [also 2, William Jurdain holds, of the convent, a messuage and half a yardland, freely, and pays 12d. rent yearly], and he shold do sute fro iij. wekes to thre [wekes].

Also of the bondemen there, that is to seye, william licchelade holdith of the lady j. mese and j. yer'd of bonde-lond, and yeldith by yere v. shillings at iij. termes in even porcions; and for the yelede 3, iij. shillings iij. d at the feast of seynt Martyd; and he 24 ought to mowe the ladies corne ix. daies with j. man, without other werkes that he shold do; and for the tythe of hey, v. d; j. cok and v. hennes. Also Iohn Bras held al so moche [land, and paid rent, and] yeld, and did as the forsaid William licchelade, 28 beside the werkes. Also Nicholas Iordan held of the lady j. mese and half acre 4 of bonde lond; and paid v. shillings vj. d at iij. termes of the yere by even porcions; and for the yeld, xx. d; and for the tythe hey, ij. d'obolus, beside his works, and ij. cokkis and 32 v. hennys. Also Symon Holle held j. Cotage, vj. acris of bond-lond, and shold yelde by the yere iij. shillings at two termes of the

1 i.e. to the convent. This is the 3cs. rent-charge of 316/5.
2 Added from the Latin copy.
3 This is probably 'aid,' auxilium. In Edward II's reign, on many manors, each serf-tenant paid for his holding so much rent terminally, and, in addition, once a year (generally at Michaelmas) a sum of money de auxilto. Fowls were a common Christmas gift.
4 'acre,' in error for 'yardland.'
yere in even porcions; and iij. hennes, beside the workis. Also wymark, holles helde j. cottage and iij. acris of bonde-lond; and yeldid by the yere iij. shillings, at iiiij. termes of the yere in even porcions; and j. cokke and iij. hennes, beside the workes. Also Io^n Scot holde the lady j. cottage wilj j. acre of bonde-lond and yeldid by yere iij. shillings obolus; and j. coke and iij. hennys, beside the workis.

8 Also the mede of the westmede there lieth by lotte and conteyneth in hit-self1. . . . Also the mede of Roueneye lieth by lotte and conteyneth in hit-self. . . . Also the mede of Farnhulle conteyneth by lotte xiiij. acris. Also ther beth iij. Iles of mede, that is to sey, Bolenham, Borowgham, and heymede, they conteyneth in hit-self. . . . Into winstes bothe sir William aforsaid and dame Anneys and her couent put to their scales, euerych to others endenture. The date, the day and yere abouesaid:

[CHARLBURY; see Fawler.]

[CWLEY.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was in receipt of 6s. 8d. yearly from a close and 10 acres in Church Cowley (Monast. iv. 373): how, or when, acquired these documents do not show.]

[433.] * Chartur 2 of couenaunt bytwene pe templers of Coweley & Dame felice Abbys of Godestowe for a mese of londe.

16 THE sentence of pe chartur is, pat per was a couenaunt I-made bytwene pe brethyrn of pe temple of coueley of pe on partye, & Dame felice Bade, Abbys of Godestowe, & pe holy mynchons of pe same place, of pe oper partye: pat is to sey, pat pe brethyrne of pe temple of Coweley leten to pe abbas of Godestowe & to hyr holy mynchons of pe place, in-to eschaunge, a mese of her londe of Coweley pat lyeth by-twene pe mede crofte, pe whychy mese conteynyth in hyt-self xvij. perchys in length & vj. perchys in brede, for j. halfe acre of londe of pe holy mynchons of Godestowe in pe felde of Coweley, pe whych lyeth in longesurlonge, & j. rode, pat is to sey pe fowrth parte of j. acre, the whychy is callid pe heuedhierde, pe whychy lyeth ait

1 The blanks left for the measurements are blank also in the Latin copy.
2 In the Exchequer MS. the brief rubric is in French: 'Des Templers de Cowele' cf. p. 233.

list of the meadows.

leaf

XXII or 33, back. About 1220.

Exchange between Godstow and the Knights Templars

of strips of land.

&nbs
on wey: & pat pis couenaunt & thys eschaunge of pe foreseyde londys sholde be kept sure and stable for euyr vppon bothe partyes, pe foreseyde brethyrne of pe temple of Coueley, by pe counsel & assent of the brethyrn, sette to pis parte of pe chartur 4 pat remaynyth a-nenste pe holy mynchons of Godestowe here seele: & is with-out date.

[434.] A Chartur of pe templers of Coueley for an acre of londe.

The sentence of pis couenaunt is, pat it was a-cordid by-twene pe brethyrn of the temple of Coueley of pat on parte, & Dame felice bade, Abbas of Godestowe, & pe mynchons of pe same place, of pe oper parte: pat is to sey, pat pe foreseyd brethyrn of the temple gaf on acre of londe to the seyd Abbas & mynchons of Godestowe, in-to eschaunge of pe seyde holy mynchons, pe whyche acre of londe is nyhe pe shephous of pe seyde brethyrn of pe temple towarde the west at Bulenden. Furpermore, hit is to be knowe pat that acre, pe whyche pe seyde brethern of pe temple gaf to pe seyde holy mynchons in-to eschaunge for the acre nyhe pe shephous of the seyde brethyrn of the temple, lyeth to-warde pe west in pat quarter pat is callid 'ogayn keston' in englyssh, & in latyn 'a-gelynyst the stone' at bolenden, pat is to say, pe next acre by-syde pe forowe & pe hed of pe foreseyde acre: & pat pis couenaunt sholde be su r & a-bylednge for euyr vppon bothe partyes, the seyde brethyrn of the knythode of the temple sette to her seele to pe parte of pis present Chartur, pe whyche remaynyth aneynst pe 24 abbas & holy mynchons of Godestowe: & is with-out date.

[435.] Chartur of an acre of londe & an half in Coueley I-made by aneis scatther of Eynisham.

The sentence of thys charter is, pat anneys, pat was pe wyfe of henry scatther of Eynysham, in her pe weduhod & laulfal power beynge, gaf, grauntyd, & confirmyd wyth wryntyng, to 28 richarde pe sone of alisaundar of Toryndon, on acre & a half of arable londe liyng in pe feelde of temple Coueley & of churche coueley, where-of j. halfe acre lyeth toward Oxenford, in telth

1 ? 'agin' the stone.'
pat is callyd Ophul, by-twene pe londe of henry Smerebrede & the londe pat sumtyme Iohn coc helde; & j. halfe acre lyeth at adgarston, by-twene pe londe of Iohn coc & pe londe of Iohn herny; & pe thyrde halfe acre lype in Storthebreth, by-twene pe londe of Richard Gyle & pe londe of Hugh of cherche, to be holde & to be had, with all her pertinences, to pe fore-seyde Richard & to hys heyrys or to hys assynys, frely, quietly, weff & pesibly, 8 in fee & herytage for euyr, of pe chyf lordys of pat fee by dewe servuices per-of & wony; for all serviuces seculer & demaunde. Also pe fore-seyde anneys & her heyrys warantiyd & defendyd pe fore-seyde acre & halfe of londe to the fore-seyde richard & to hys heyrys or assynys, a-geynyst all mortaft pepuft for euyr: and for pis gyft graunt & confirmacion, pe fore-seyde Richard gaf to hym a summe of siluer by-fore hondys. In-to wytnes per-of he strengthyd hyt with hys seele: & is wyth-16 owte date,

[Cutslow. A hamlet, north of Oxford, between the Banbury road and the Cherwell.]

[436.] *A Charter of Walter, Archidekon of Oxenforde, for the tythis of his lond in Cudieslawe.  

The sentence of this charter is that Walter, Archidekon of Oxenforde, made to be know that he yaf into almesse to the chirch of seynt Iohn of Godestow the tythe of his lond in his lordship of Cudieslawe and put hit vpon the auter in the dedicacion of the chirche, afore Alisaundir bissopp of lincolne and other bissoppes, the which halowed hit, & cetera.

[Easington.]

[Note.—The main fact is clear enough, but there are some difficulties as to names and dates. Godstow certainly had an interest in Easington church. In pope Nicholas IV’s 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica Godstow is put down as receiving a yearly pension of £1 6s. 8d. out of ‘Essington’ church in Aston rural deanery.

1 Probably ‘Storthe-brech.’

* ‘he,’ ‘hym,’ ‘hys,’ as often, for ‘she,’ ‘her.’

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There is no mention of an income from Easington in the surveys of 1531 or 1540. In no. 438 Easington is said to be given to Godstow by William of Sewkesworth along with the tithe of his Sewkesworth mills; but (i) in no. 25 it is said that the donor of the church was Thurstan, William's son, (ii) the tithe of the mills appears in Henry II's second confirmation (no. 879), 1165, Easington only in his third confirmation (no. 886), 1182.

[437.] *Chartur of Robert of Seuecoworth for an acre of londe pat he gafe to churche of Esendone.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat Roberte of Seucoworthe gafe, graunte, & confirmid bi his writinge, to god & to our ladi & to seint petur & to pe churche of Esendon, in-to pur dowre & perpetuel almis, whenne pe fore-seide churche was halowid, 4 j. acre of londe, for pe sowle of his fidur & modur auncturs & successours, pe whiche acre was of his demayn in pe town of esendon, in [the] telpe to-warde pe weste to 1 pe fore-seide churche, next (pat is to sei, nyhe) pe churche-yrde, & nyhe pe courte of 8 pe persone of pe fore-seide towne, strechinge oon * hed to pe norpe & a-noper hed to pe sowth: & pat pis gis[t]e & graunte sholde a-bide, he made hit sur with his writinge & selinge. Who-so-euir willc come a-gynyste pe fore-seide gifte or lette 12 hit in ony wise, he shal knowe pat he is a-cursid of pe bishopp pat halowid pe churche, & of all pe prestes pat were pere, tille he haue satisfied: & is withe-oute date.

[438.] *Chartur of william of Seucoworthe for pe churche of esendon.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat william of Seuecowrthe 16 gafe & graunte, bi pe consent of his wife & of his heiris, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to pe churche of Godestowe & to pe holi minchons pe seruinge god, in-to pur & perpetuel almis, for pe helpe of his sowle & of his pre 20 decessours & successours, pe churche of esendon, with all his pertinences; & pe tithe of his milles of Seuecoworth in corn & in monei & fisshe; & v. acris of londe in pe name of heyyet: & is with-oute date.

1 Read 'of' for 'to.'
[439.] * Confirmation of Robert of Seuecoworth for he 
same churche and for the tithis of Seuecoworth.

The sentence of pis confirmation is, pat Robert of Seuecoworth, in pe presens of sir hugh, bi pe grace of God, Abbot of Abendon, grauntid in-to perpetuel almis, & confirmid with 4 his writinge, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste & to pe holi minchons seruinge god at Godestowe, pe giftes pat william his sadur made to hem & confirmid with his writinge, pat is to sei, the church of Esendon with all his pertinences, 8 & hooli & fulli to be holde, as euir pe church of Esendon was wonid to take; & also pe ful tithe of his tco millis of Seuecoworth, in corn, penysis, & fisses; & v. acris of mee. pat is I-callid heyet. Furpermore he grauntid & gafe to pe fore-namid 12 holi minchons, j. parte of Mede of ypmede to make her courte larger, wherebi he encresid pe almis of his sadur; and for pat cause he willid & sureli grauntid pat pe holi minchons of Godestowe sholde hane holy & fulli & sholde take to possession for 16 euir aff pe fore-seide pinges: & pat pis graunt & gifte sholde be sure, he made hit stronge bope with his writinge & also with his seelinge: & is with-oute date.

[440.] Contrauersie I-meuyd bi-twene pe abbas of 
Godestowe & pe chanons of Norton I-endid by 
composicion.

The sentence of pis composicion is, pat william, bi pe grace 
20 of god bishop of lincolne, consideringe pe plee pat was bi-twene pe prior & pe chanons of Norton of pe on parte & pe holi minchons of Godestowe of pe oper parte, vppou pe churche of Esendon, pe whiche pe same chanons askid as a chapel to her 24 churche of piriton longinge, a-fore G. of Chestur & O. of stanlane, Abbotes, & V. deene of Chestre, iugges delegates fro pe pope, & pe parties beinge there presente, bi pe assent of pe ingis, for to compoune frendeli, pe fore-seide contrauersie cesid 28 bi pis ende: pat is to sei, pat pe fore-seide chanons remittiid all he<f ryht pat pei, or pe churche of piriton, semid to hane had, to

1 Hugh, abbot of Abingdon, occurs 1197, died 1221.
2 William de Blois, bishop of Lincoln, 1203-6.
3 Geoffre, abbot of Chester, 1194-1208.
Godstow is  
to have the  
church, but  
to pay to  
Norton  
a yearly  
pension  
of 2s.  
[bezant, if  
of silver =  
2s.]  
and Pirton  
and Easington  
are to be  
different  
parishes.

pe minchons of Godestowe for euir, & pat vtturli & freli, the  
Iugges beinge present; & pe fore-seide minchons sholde pay  
oute yerli to pe fore-seide chanons for euir, at pe feste of seint  
Mihel, j. besaunte for pe goodenes of pe peec, & pat pe 4  
parisshons of piriton pei sholde not receiue bi ryht of parisshe  
in pe fore-seide churche of Esendon to diuine service, noper pei  
sholde not chalenge no parisshe ryht of pe churche of piriton;  
nofer pe chanons in pe churche of Esendon: & pat no man 8  
sholde do ageinste pis composicion, thei strengthid pis com-  
posicion bope bi writinge & bi settinge to of her seelis: & is  
with-oute date.

[441.] Chartur of william of walton for xij. d' of yerli  
rente in Esendon.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat william of waltoñ, bi pe 12  
consent of Moolde his wife & of william his heire, for god & for  
the helpe of his *sowle & of all his aunceturs & successours,  
gafe, grauntid, & confirmid; to god & to our blessid ladi & to  
seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons per seruinge 16  
god, in-to puñ & perpetuel almis, xij. d' of his rente to be take  
yerli of Esendon at pe natiuite of seint Iohn baptiste: & pat  
pis gifte & graunt sholde be ferme & stable, he put to pis  
wr[i]ttinge his seele: & is with-oute date.  

[442.] Chartur of pe pension of the churche of Esendon.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat symon, person of pe  
churche of Esendon, of lincolne dioice, aftur ple I-meuid bi-  
twene pe religius ladijs the abbas & pe couent of Godestowe  
of pe on parte, & hym of pe oper parte, vppon a yerli pension of 24  
ij. marke to be paid in pe name of pe churche a-fore-seid; a-fore  
pe chaunter of wircetur, iugge delegate of pe pope, bowh pat he  
with-helde bi certen time pe a-boue seide pension (at pe fals  
suggestion & strength of summe pepul), pe riht & possession of 28  
pe seide religious ladijs, yet he knowlich hym-selfe in pys parte,  
bi pe tenowre of pis present writinge, pat he was ful ignorant  
willfully & shrewdeli, & now made oppuly to be know hym-selfe,  
in pe name of pe seide churche, to be holde to pe seide ladijs 32  
in-to ij. marke yerli to be paid at iiiij. termis, pat is to sei, at
Mihel-mas, vj. shillings viij. d.; at cristemas, vj. shillings viij. d.; at Estur, vj. shillings viij. d.; at missomur, vj. shillings viij. d.; & powh pe seide Iuge, folowinge his confession, as he owyd, in-to 4 the seide summe of monei to be paid in pe name of pe seide churche, & also condempnidity hym lawefulli in v. marke in pe name of pe expenses: yet he reseruid pe excusion to him-selfe vpon pese pinges a-boue. Natheles he wilfulli he rigidoun hym 8 owne selfe, to hem beinge present, with bodili otthe, to pe fore-seide graunt yerli to be paide in her terms a-fore-seide. More-ouir he subiectid hym-selfe to pe constreininge of ony iuge, ordinarie or delegate, pat 1 pe seide religius ladijs wolde chese, 12 so muche, if he failid in pe seide graunt at oni terme, pat 2 hit sholde be leful to pe seide iuge delegate or a-noper, aftur her owne luste, with-oute ony noise of iugement, a lawful warninge I-made bi-fore, fro day to day for to a-curse hym, And, hym 3 as 16 conuicte vpon periury & irregularite to pe seide religious ladijs, pei to presente, without oni ageine seinghe of hym, to pe seide churche, as vacante bi riht & dede. The constreininge of pe seide iuge procedinge with effecte a-geynyste hym bope 20 vpon pe principal dette &also vpon pe harms or interesse [to] be satisfied to pe seide religius ladijs couenantli, vpon pe whiche harms or interesse he willed pat hit be byleuid to her proctur, with oon worde vpon all pe premissis and eueryche he renuncyd. 24 Also pe excepcion of pe courte or of him pat scholde be his iuge by pe benefet of ony constitucion de sensibus, all excepciones caullcations & remedie of lawe canon & ciuile pat mai be a-geiniste pis writing; & nameli pe generall constitucion of twei 28 dais iurney. In-to witnes of pe same pingis, pe seelis of pe religius men & siris of Norton of lincolne diocese, chaunter of pe churche of wircetur, archedecun of Oxenford 4 & dene of pe same place, & also of pe dene of Eston, I 4 made to be put to with 32 myn owne seele; pe date at Oxenford, pe saturday next a-fore by the in-cumbent.

Expenses set at £3 6s. 8d. but execu-tion re-served. The pen-sion must be duly paid in future, under penalties of ex-com-munica-tion, and expulsion from the benefice.

[Assump-tion of Mary = Aug. 15.]
pe assumpcion of oure ladi, pe yere *of oure lorde a thousande
to hunderd thre score & xiiij.

[FAWLER, a hamlet of Charlbury.]

[443.] *Chartur of william blundus of faufelore I-made
to pe holi minchons of Godestowe for xvij. d' of
yerli rente euin pers.

The sentence of pis chartur is, ṭat william blundus¹ of
faufelore gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to pe hovse of Godestowe &
to pe holi minchons ṭere seruinge god, for ṭe helpe of his
sowle & of pe sowlis of his aunceturs & successours, in-to pur &
perpetuel almis, xvij. d' of yerli rente at to termis of pe yere,
ṱat is to sei, et Mihelmas ix. ḳ, & at oure ladi-dai in marche 8
ix. ḳ, to be take of a tenement with his pertinences ṭat henri ṭe
sone of henri vlger sum-time helde of him in ṭe towne of
faufelore, with all fredoms & eschetes ṭat miht falle of the fore-
seite tenement with ṭe pertinences to him or to his heires, to be ṭ2
had' & to be hold; freli & quietli pesibili & holli. ṭe ṭe seide
william & his heiris warrantized & defendid for euir ṭe fore-
seite rente of xvij. ḳ, with all libertei & eschetes ṭat miht
* falle to him ᵭ to his heiris of ṭe fore-seide tenement with his 16
pertinences: & ṭat all ṭese pinges a-fore-seide sholde be sure &
stable for euir, he sette to ṭis writinge his seele: & is with-
oute date.

[444.] An oper chartur of william blundus of xvij. ḳ.

The sentence of pis chartur is, ṭat william blundus of faufe-
lore gaf grauntid & confirmid to henri fit3 henri vlger, for his
homage & seruice, a mese with ṭe pertinences ṭat humfrei malon
sum-time helde in ṭe towne of faufelore, & halfe j. ṭakị of mede
in la more ṭat lieth bitwene ṭe londe of Raph Danuers of 24
j. parte & ṭe londe of Gunnilde widowe of ṭe oper parte, to be
had' & to be helde, of him & of his heiris, to him & to his heiris,
freli & quietli, fulli & holli, pesibili and worshipfulli, in weigs &
bipatthis, in medis & pasturis, & in all oper placis, with all 28
libertei & free customs, painge ṭerof yerli to ṭe house of

¹ 'William son of Blonde's' in Gilmington's Cartulary of St. Frideswide, ii. 229.
Godestowe & to pe holi minchons per seruinge god, for pe helpe of his soule & of pe sowlis of his aunceturs & successours, xviij. d. of rente at too terms of pe yere to be take, pat is to sei, at mihelmas ix. d. & at our ladi dai in marehe ix. d.; for alt services, seutes, customs, & demandis to him & to his heiris perteininge. Furpe-more pe fore-seide william & his heiris warrantijid & defendid the fore-seide mese with his pertinences to pe fore-seide henri & to his heiris for euir ageiniste alt men: & pat his gifte granunt & confirmacion & defendinge sholde a-bide ferme & stable for euir, he put to pis writinge his seele: & is with-out date.

[FENCOT, a hamlet in Ambrosden parish.]

[445.] * Chartur bitwene pe abbot of abendon & william turpin for pe londe of Fencote.

12 The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Roger, abbot of abendon, bi pe commune assent of alt pe counet, granuntid alt her londe de fenchote to w. turpin & to his heiris to be holde of hem in fee & heritage, for ij. shillings yerli to be paid perof at mihel-mas, for alt service perteininge to her churche: & they warrantijid to him pis londe: & william turpin quite-claimid pe londe pat pe abbot claimid to pe churche of abendon in dinkelton, & warantijid hit for alt his kynne & ageiniste alt pe progenic of helie, bi the which he claimid; & if pe fore-seide william or his miht not warantige pe fore-seide londe, pe churche of abendon sholde receive her londe of fenchote fre & quiete of w. & his. The ij. shillings he sholde pay to pe chamerer of abendon at pe 20 termé aforessaye: & pat pis covenant sholde be sure, a-fore pe kinge at Oxenforde & many opear, he putte per-to his seele: & is with-out date.

[446.] Chartur of william turpin I-made to Geoffrei his sone for all his londe in Fencote.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat william turpin gaf grauntid & confirmid to Geoffrei his sone, for his homage & service, all his londe of fencote with all his pertinens, pat is to be subject to the rent-charge to Godstow, as in no. 443.

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XXXVI

or 46.

About

1150.

Grant to William Turpin, by Abingdon Abbey (Roger, abbot, 1175-84), of land in Fencot (in exchange for land in Dumbleton), to be held by quit-rent of 28.

About

1200.

Grant to Jeffrey Turpin, by Abingdon Abbey and William Turpin, camerarius regius.

1 In error for Dumbleton, Gloucestershire: see Abingdon Cartulary, ii. 233, where there is an account of the dispute between Abingdon Abbey and William Turpin, camerarius regius.
William, of no. 445, sei, in medis pasturis & in oper pinges pertaininge to hit: to be holde & to be had, to him & to his heiris in fee & heritage, or to whom-so-euir he wille assine or gif hit, freli quielti & pesibli & worshipfulli finalli, for j. ij. of peper (or vj. d, aftur pe wille of pe same gefrei, his heiris, or of ony of his assinis) paigne yerli to him & to his heiris at mihel-mas, for alle service & exaccion, sauinge pe vtwarde seruice of pe lordis, pat is to sei, ij. shillings to pe chamberer of pe abbei of abendon yerli 8 to be paide at mihelmas * for all service. Also william turpin & his heiris warantijid of pe foreside Gefrei & to his heiris or to his assinis the fore-seide londe with his pertinences a-geiniste all men & women: & for pis gifte confirminge & warantijinge, the fore-seide Gefrei gaf to him j. marke of siluir: & pat his gifte & graunt sholde be sure for euir, he put to his seele.


The sentence of pis finall a-corde is, pat per was a final a-corde I-made in the kingis courte at Oxenforde, pe thirde 16 yere of pe reine of kinge henri pe sone of kinge Iohn, vpon pe morow of seint lucie pe urgin, a-fore Richard, bisshoppe of Salisburi, Matheu fit3 herbert, Raph haringe, walter foliot, Iamis poterne, walter ripane, & Iohn wikenolte, justices iorneinge, & 20 oper trewe men of pe kinges Pere beinge presente, bitwene osbert turpin, asker, & herebert of piri, holder, of j. hide londe with his pertinens in fencote, where-of hit was pleid bitwene hem in pe same courte: pat is to sei, pe fore-seide herebert knowliche to pe fore-seide osbert pe foreseid hide of londe, with his pertinences, to be pe riht of Osbert: & for pis recognicion fine & a-corde pe fore-seide Osbert gaf to him iiiij. ij. of sterlinges & j. halfc.

About 1230. [448.] Chartur of Osbert turpin I-made to pe minchons of Godestowe for all his londe in fencote.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Osbert turpin of bleburi gaf, grauntid, & quite-claimid of him & of his heiris, & confirmid, to god & to oure ladi & seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to
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pe minchons pere seruinge god, for pe helthe of his soule & of Iohn his wife & for pe soulis of his aunceturs & successours, all his londe pe whiche he had in fencote, pe whiche is callid 'pe londe of turpin' of pe fee of pe abbot of abendon, with all his pertinences, with-oute oni reteininge, in wod & mede, in feldis & pasturis, in weis & patthis, & with all customs & fremonds longinge to pe same fore-seide londe, & with all bonde-men holdinge of pe fore-seide londe & here sequels, to be had & to be holde to pe same minchons, of him & of his heiris for euir, painge pereof yerli to him & to his heiris j. ij. of comin at mihelmas, & to pe abbei of abendon ij. shillings for all service & exaccion seculer: & pe fore-seide Osbert turpin & his heiris warantijid for euir all pe fore-seide londe with all pertinences to pe fore-seide minchons a-geinist all men & also acquitid hem: & for pis gifte, graunt, quiete-claime & warantijinge, pe fore-seide minchons gaf to him xxvj. marke of siluer in warijon: & to all manner of sekirnes to be made & confirmid; he put to his seele: & is with-out date.

[449.] Chartur of Osbert turpin of bleburi I-made to pe minchons of Godestowe for pe londe in fencote pat is callid lo hide turpin.

The sentence of pis chartur is pe same pat is a-fore; with pis addicion, pat osbert turpin gaf pe fore-seide londe in-to pure & perpetuel.

[450.] Chartur of pe abbot & of pe couent confirminge pe fore-seide gifte of Osbert.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Iohn, abbot of abendon, & pe couent of pe same place, grauntid, & confirmid, to god & to oure ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons pere seruinge god* & to serue for euir, pe riht pe whiche Osbert turpin made to pe seide minchons of j. hide of londe with pe pertinences in pe towne of fencote, pe which is of he" fee, to be holde & to be had; to pe seide minchons & to

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1 Latin: 'que vocatur la hyde Turpyn.'
2 Latin: 'la hyde Turpyn.' The compiler of the Latin Register has treated this deed as a duplicate of no. 448. It looks as if it might be a conveyance of no. 447 as a distinct holding. Contrast the quit-rents in nos. 450 and 448.
here succourses for euir, of hem & of here succourses, freli & quietli, painge perof yerli to hem & to her succourses v. shillings of sterlinges at mihelmas, for alf service, custom, & demande longinge to hem & to her successors in any wise: & pat pis 4 graunt & confirmacion sholde a-bide sure for euir, pe abbot put to pis writinge his owne seele, and also pe commune seele: & is with-oute date.

1247. [451.] Indenture & concorde finall I-made bitwene Iohn bereworth & dame Flandrine abbes of Godestowe for an homage & resonable relief of Fencote.

The sentence of [this] cha tur is this, pat per was a finall concorde I-made in pe kingis courte at Oxenford, fro trinite sonedai in-to xv. dais, pe xxxj. yeþ of pe reine of kinge henri þe sone of kinge Iohn, a-fore Roger of thruki bi, Gilbert preston, Maistur Simon wanton, & Iohn Cobham, iustices, & oper trewe men of þe 12 kinges þeþ beinge present, bitwene Iohn of bereworth, plainer, & Flandrine, abbas of Godestowe, of pat þat þe abbas wolde take homage & resonable reliefe of þe fore-seide Iohn of his fre tenement þat he helde of þe fore-seide abbass in fencote, & where- of hit was pletid bi-twene hem in þe same courte: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seid Iohn receuinþ & grauntid, for him-selfe & for his heiris, þat þei afturwarde sholde pai yerli to þe same abbas & to oper succeedinge her viij. shillings iiiij. d' at too termis for þe fore-seide tenement, þat is to sei, hal'e at Mihelmas & þe oper halfe at our ladi dai in marche, for alf service & exaccion (wher-of þe same Iohn & his aunceturs were not I-wonid to pai to þe fore-seide abbas & to oper abbassis a-fore hir? but v. shillings 24 bi yere & to finde to hem herborowh for þe same tenement): & for þis recognisicion graunt & concorde, þe same abbas relesid & quiete-claimid, of hir & of oper abbassis succeedinge her & her churche a-fore-seide, to þe fore-seide Iohn & to his heiris, þe 28 fore-seide herborowinge þat his a-fore aunceturs wer? wonid to finde to þe predecessours of þe same abbas for þe fore-seide tenement for euir, & also alf þe arrerages of þe fore-seide service vn-to þe dai þat pis concorde was made. Also hit is to be knowe 32 þat þe fore-seide abbas toke homage of þe fore-seide Iohn in þe same courte þer-fore; & furþermore þe same Iohn gaf to þe fore-seide abbas j. marke of siluer.
[452.] * Chartur of william de la hide of fencote.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat william de la hide of fencote yeldid & grauntid to dame Molde vpton, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe countent of pe same place, aff pe londe with tene-
4 mentes croftes haijs & dichis pat he had sumtime of pe letinge of aliʒ Gorges, abbas of Godestowe, & pe countent of pe same place, so pat noþer he ne none in his name miht chalenge oni riht or claime here aftur in pe tenementes a-fore-seide. In-to witnes of 8 pe whiche pinge his seele was sette to pis presente writinge; pe date at Godestowe, in pe feste of seint Iohn baptiste, the vij. yere of kinge Edwarde pe sone of kinge Edwarde.

[453.] * Chartur of Molde vpton, abbas of Godestowe, to thomas tailour** of fencote, for an howse I-callid pe coweri, with a crofte I-callid pe caluene, with pe pertinencis, in fencote.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat molde Vpton, abbas 12 of Godestowe, & here countent, gaf, grauntid; & confirmid; to thomas tailour of fencote & to aliʒ his wife, j. howse pat is callid pe cowri, & on crofte I-callid pe caluene-crofte with haijs & dichis vpon enuir side, with aff his pertinences or dewe to 16 pertaine, to be had & to be holde, with aff cotages & fredoms, aff pe dais of her life, for hem & for her successors, freli quietli welle & pesibili, painge perof yerli to hem & to here successors iijij. shillings of silver at to terms of pe yere, pat is to sei, at Mihelmas iij. shillings, & at oure ladi dai in marche iij. shillings for all service seculer & demaunde, sauninge vtwarde service: & for pis gifte graunte & confirmacion, pe fore-seide Thomas & aliʒ gaf to hem j. marke of siluer, so pat aftur pe decese of Thomas & aliʒ pe seide tenementes sholde turne ageine fulli to hem & to her successors: & if hit happun pe seide Thomas & aliʒ to faile in pe paiament of pe seide rente, in parte or in aff, pat hit sholde be lefutiit to hem & here successors & procuratours to distrcline 28 vpon pe seide londis & tenementes & reteine the distresses til pat hit be satisfied fulli of pe arrerages. Furpermore pe seide molde & her countent warrantijd & defendid:aff pe fore-seide tenementes to pe foreseid:Thomas & aliʒ, aff here life time, in pe 32 forme a-fore-seide, a-geiniste aff pepul. In-to witnes of pis
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ponents & seide Thomas & aliij, & pei also with pe commune sele, strengthid' pis writinge diuidid in twene aftur pe forme of an Indenture: pe date at Godestowe in pe feste of seint petur ad vincula, pe viij. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde pe sone 4 of kinge Edwarde.

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[454.] A confirmacion I-made to sire Richard bere for all pe londe with pe mese with the pertinences in fencote & morcote.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat margeri dine, abbis of Godestowe, & pe couent of pe same place, gafe grauntid & confirmid to sir Richard la bere all her heid londe with a mese & all his 8 pertinences, the whiche william de la hide sum-time helde of hem in fencote & morcote, except j. crofte nil pe e bacchemede & j. mese in pe whiche Iohn alwi dwellid; to be had & to be holde to pe fore-seide Richard his heirs & assinis, of hem & of her 12 successours for enuir, for pe service of viij. shillings bi yere to be paid to hem & to her & to her successours at fowre termis of pe e ye? , pat is to sei, at mihelmas, ij. shillings; & at * cristemas, ij. shillings; at the feste of pe e annunciacion, ij. shillings; & at Midsomer, 16 ij. shillings; & for heriette & relefe, whenne hit fallith aftur pe de the of pe e seide Richard his heirs or assinis, l. shillings for all seruiices, customs, & demandis: & if hit happen pe e seide rente of viij. shillings or of l. shillings to be bethinde in pe e times I-sette, pat pen hit sholde be leufft to hem & to her & successours, in pe londis & rentis & tenementes a-fore-seide, for pe fore-seide rent heriette & relefe, to distreine, & to retine pe distreininge til hit be satisfied to hem of all pe fore-seide pinges. Also if hit happen pe fore-seide sir Richard [his] heiris or assinis to deliuer pe distres bi hem or bi her? minsters, or bi pe kinges balef or bi oni minstres take or to make rescu with preteninge, or her? successours lette in distreininge so to be take, pat pen hit sholde be leufft to hem and to her? successours for to take a bref of ‘new disseiseninge & of redisseiseninge’ a-geinist pe seide sire Richard [his] heiris & assinis, if hit were nede: & pe seide dame margeri & couent of pe same place & her? successours waran 32 tijid' acquitid' & defendid' to pe seid' sire Richard his heiris & assinis pe fore-seide londe [&] mese with his pertinences (except pe
crofte bi bacchemede & pe mese in pe whiche pe seide Iohn alwi dwellid), a-geiniste ait pepuif, for pe fore-seide seruice for euir. In-to witnes perof pei put to her seelis, eueriche ageniste oper.

The date at Godestowe, pe fredai in estur woke, pe xj. yere of pe reine of kinge Edward pe sone of kinge Edwarde.

[455.] Indenture bitwene Margeri Dine abbas of Godestowe & Gefrei archer of fencote for l. shillings.

The sentence of pis evidence is, pat a couenant was made bitwene dame Margeri dine, bi pe grace of godi abbas of Godestowe, & pe couent of pe same place, of pe on parte, & Gefrei archer of fencote of pe oper parte, pat is to sei, pat where Richard la bere bounde him-selfe & his heiris & ait his tenementes in fencote, to who-soeueris hondis pei come, to pe painge of l. shillings to pe fore-seide abbas & couent, to be paidd al so ofte as pe fore-seide tenementes pat bin holde of pe fore-seide abbas & couent bin voide in pe same towne aftur pe decease of oni teneante, pe whiche bin dewe to pe fore-seide abbas & couent in pe forme a-fore-seide aftur pe dethe of pe fore-seide Richard bere, yet bi-hinde: at pe laste hit was a-cordid bitwene pe fore-seide abbas & Gefrei pat pe fore-seide Gefrei grauntid for him-selfe & for his heires pat pe fore-seide abbas & couent sholde haue & take vj. shillings of siluer yerli bi vj. yere next folowinge aftur pe dai of pe makinge of pis present writinge of Thomas tailoii, tenant of pe same Gefrei, in-to paiment of pe l. shillings a-fore-seide, & if pe fore-seide abbas & couent miht take pe fore-seide rent of vj. shillings pesibli, & with-oute oni trowblinge, & holli, of pe foreseide thomas porowe pe fore-seide terme, pei afturwarde pe fore-seide Gefrei sholde be quite of pe fore-seide arreragijs of l. shillings bi pis present writinges. In-to witnes of pis pe partes put her seelis to pis present writinge, euerich a-geiniste oper; pe date at fencote, pe wodinisdaie next aftur pe vtas of the xij. dai, the viij. yere of kinge Edwarde pe iij. aftur pe conqueste.

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, the Fencot property (Monast. iv. 373) yielded by year to Godstow, from copyholds £1 1s. 2d., and from freeholds, 16s. 2d., out of which Godstow paid 5s. quit-rent to Abingdon Abbey and a fee of 3s. 4d. to Abingdon Abbey bailiff.]
[GARSINGTON.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, this Garsington property is joined with the Godstow properties at Shillingford and Cowley, as in Cuddesdon rural deanery, and the whole are said to be worth £5 1s. yearly, not including 16s. 4d. of tithe. At the dissolution, 1549, the Garsington property was let out (Monast. iv. 373) for £2 6s. 8d. yearly.]

* Chartur of henri tubnei I-made to Gefrei fit; durande & to molde his wife for iij. yerde londe & j. halfe in Garsindon, with In-londe, wode, & mede.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat henri fit3 Iohn of Tubnei grauntid & confirmid to Gefrei fit3 durande & to molde his wife po iij. yerdes of londe & j. halfe in Garsindon, with In-londe, wode, & mede pat longen to pe same yerdis, pe whiche Osmunde his vncl solde to hem, bi consent & assent of Iohn his fadur, in fee & heritage to him & to his heirs, to holde of him & of his heirs, for j. halfe marke of siluer yerli to be paid per-of for all services, excepte shire & hundredis; & Gefrei bi-come his *man 8 perebi: & for pis graunt & confirmacion he gafe to him j. halfe marke of siluir of recognicion: & if hit hapnid pat relie sholde be gife per-of, pei sholde not gife but j. besaunde of golde for relie: & he warantijid pat londe to him for his powere ageiniste 12 all men: he also trowthe-pliht in his honde pis graunt to be holde with-oute oni euil Imagininge, And pat he sholde not seke no crafte ne witte bi pe which he or his heirs sholde lese perof or be I-vexid or towblid: & is with-oute date.

[457.] Anofer chartur of petur fit3 Gefrei of a fre gifte of his londe in Garsindon.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat petur fit3 Gefrei gafe & grauntid to alice1, pe dowhtur of Iohn kepeha[r]m, in fre gifte, all his londe pat he had in Garsindon withe all his pertynences: & is withe-oute date.

1 Possibly as dower on his marrying her: see next deed, and cp. no. 650.
[458.] Chartur of petur fitz Gefrei for pe londe of Garsindon.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat petur fitz Gefrei of Oxenford & alij his wife, bi pe consent of henre his heire, for pe loute of god & for pe helpe of the sowlis of his fadurs & modurs & for 4 pe helpe of her owne sowlis & of aft her predecessours, gat, grauntid; & confirmid; to god & to pe churche of owre ladi & of seint Iohn of baptiste & to pe minchons per seruinge god, in-to pure & perpetuel almis, aft pat londe pat maistur raph 3 auctoriste helde of hem in fee, of pe whiche he is I-holde to pai yerli viij. shillings iiiij. d'lasse 2 at too termis, pat is to sei, at our ladi dai in marche j. halfe, & at mihelmas pe oper halfe, & 3 quarter of pe lorshipes, of 4 pe fore-seide londe nihe towarde pe northe, in lengepe & in brede cuin 5 as pe helde hit, to be helde & to be had; welle & pesibi, worshipfull freli & quietli fro aft seculer custome & exaccion : & pe fore-seide petur & alij his wife & his heiris warantijid to pe fore-seide minchons pe fore seide londe a-geiniste aft men & women : & pat his gift & graunt sholde be sure & stronge, he confirmid hit bi pe puttinge to of his seele : & is with-oute date.

[459.] Chartur of Nicholas botler for the londe of Garsindon.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Nicholas botelar grauntid; & confirmid with his writinge, to pe abbass & couent of Godestowe, alij his rihte pat he had or miht haue in pat londe pat petur fitz Gefrei of Oxenford helde of him in Garsindon for halfe j. marke yerli to be paid; pe whiche londe pe same petur gafe to 24 pe abbass of Godestowe, to be had & to be holde of him & of his heiris, freli & quietli & pesibi, with aft his pertinences in pe towne & with-oute, with-oute oni withhouldinge for euir, painge yerli to him & to his heiris vij. shillings 6 at Mihelmas for aft service, custom, & exaccion; so pat, if pe seide abbass & couent

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1 Latin: 'magister Rudolphus auctorista.'
2 i.e. 7s. 8d. The Latin is: 'octo solidos quattuor denarios minus.'
3 Read 'and a quarry.' Latin: 'et unam lapideam dominii, praeedicte terre proximam versus aquilonem.'
4 Read 'next to the fore-said land towards the north.'
5 Latin: 'in longitudine et latitudine sicut eas unquam tenuimus; eas = terram et lapideam, the land and the quarry.'
6 7 if for 7s. 8d., as in no. 458.
of Godestowe cesid in pe paiment of pe seide rente at pe fore-seide terme, hit sholde be lawfull to him or to his heiris to distraine aff pe fore-seide londe til pei had paide pe fore-seide vij. shillings: & he & his heiris warantizid pe seid londe with aff 4 his pertinences, to pe fore-seide abbas & couent of Godestowe, a-geinite aff men & women for euir: & to witnes of pis he put to his seele: & is with-oute date.

[460.] *A composicion bitwene pe abbas of Godestowe & Iohn of welle for iij. pounde & xij. shillings bi-hinde of his rente.

The sentence of pis composicion is, pat Iohn of welle know- 8 lichid him-self * to be holde to dame alice Gorgis, Abbas of Godestowe, & to pe couent of pe same place, in lxxij. shillings of sterlinges of goode & lawful monei, pe whiche was bi-hinde of his rente of pe tenement in Garsindon, pe whiche tenement 12 he claimid to holde of pe fore-seide abbas & couent in pe seide towne of Garsindon. He grauntid pe same monei, to be paid: Also to pe same abbas & couent, at pe termis vndur write, truli & with-oute gile, lesseninge or lette, at Godestowe: pat is 16 to sei, pe sone-dai next aftar pe Natiuite of oure ladi, xxiiiij. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde pe sone of kinge henri, xx. shillings; & pe feste of seinte Thomas pe apostle pen next folowinge, xx. shillings; & at hockedai nexte folowinge, xx. shillings; 20 & at pe natiuite of seinte Iohn baptiste next folowinge xij. shillings. And to more sewerte of pis pinge to be kepte, at the fore-seid termis, feipfulli And with-oute gile, he bounde him-selfe & his godis londis & his tenementis meueable & vnmeueable 24 where-so-euir pei were I-founde, to pe distreininge & constreininge of pe kingis stiward' & marchat' pat bin for pe time, pat pei miht distreine fro dai in-to dai bi his bodi & londis & tenementes & goodis where-so-euir pey were I-founde til pat 28 hit were satisfied fulli to pe abbas & couent of pe fore-seide lxxij. shillings & of pe harmis & expensis if per fille ony bi pe occasion of pe paiment I-taried a-backe: & furpermore he founde to pe same abbas & couent borows, pat is to sei, hugh 32 chinche 1 of Garsindon, Thomas Smithe of yeftelei, hugh thorn-

1 Church, on next sheet.
barn of ye same, ye which bounde hem-selfe prinspaft detturs
& euirich of hem in ye hoole, & to distreininge & constreininge
of ye fore-seide stiwarde & marchalt, as ye fore-seide Iohn
4 of welle was I-bounde. In-to witnes of pis, he put to pis present
writinge his seele, to-gedur with ye seelis of his borowis. The
date at Godestowe, ye sonedai next after lambemas dai, xxiiiij.
yere of ye reine of kinge Edwarde ye sone of kinge Henre.

[461.] A-noper composicicion bitwene ye abbas of Godes-
stowe & Iohn of ye welle for iiiij. ij. of areragis.

8 The sentence of pis composicion is, pat Iohn of ye welle
was I-bounde to ye ladi abbas of Godestowe & to ye couent
of ye same place in iiiij. ij. of sterlings of ye areragis of ye
rentis of xl. shillings, in ye whiche (to be payd to ye same)
12 he was bounde to hem, or to her certeine attorney, for to pai
ye fore-seide iiiij. ij. in her howse of Godestowe in ye termis
vndur-write: pat is to sei, at seint Thomas feste ye apostle,
xxvij. yere of the reine of kinge Edwarde, x. shillings; & at
16 ye natiuitive of seint Iohn baptiste ye folowinge, x. shillings;
& so, fro yere in-to yere, xx. shillings, at ye fore-seide termis, til
pat hit be satisfied to ye fore-seide abbas & couent of ye fore-
seid' iiiij. ij.; Also with ye yerli rente of xl. shillings to hem,
20 to be payd in her foreseeid' termis. To whiche payment of ye
fore-seide iiiij. ij., to be do in her fore-seide same termis truli &
with-oute gile, he bounde him-selfe, his heiris, & executuris,
& all his goodis meuable & vn-meuable in eueri place wher pat
24 pei bin founde, oper in his howse or close, or oute of hem, to ye con-
streininge & distreininge of ye bailifs of ye foreseide abbas, & also
to distrei*ninge of ye sute 1 of Oxenforde pat sholde be for pat
time, pat he sholde haue power to distreine hem in all ye maners
28 a-fore-seide & holde or reteine ye distreininge, if pei faiilid in ye
paine of ye fore-seide iiiij. ij. of silver, or of part of ye same, in
ye fore-seide termis (pat god forbede), til pat he were I-satisfiede
of ye fore-seide moneye be-hinde beinge of the fore-seide termis.
32 Also with ye harmis, if ye fore-seide abbas & couent suffrid' oni
bi the occasion of ye payment I-taried' a-backe. Also for eueri
distreininge, bi ye herewe a-fore-seide I-made vppon him reson-
abli (bi ye occasion a-fore-seide) or also bi 2 his heires, he bounde

1 In error for 'sheriff.' 2 In error for 'vppon.'
him-selfe to be bounde to be same shereue pat sholde be for
pe time in on halfe marke of siluer to be paide to him, Al so ofte
as hit happenpe: & to more surenes, to pe same abbas & couent,
of pe fore-seide iiiij. Ij. in her termis, as hit is seide be-fore, with 4
pe harmis if pe foreseide abbas suffred oni, he founde hugh
church borowe for pe same summe a-fore-seide to be do to
be paide, pe which bounde him-selfe also, in aff pe maners
a-fore-seide, bi pe which Iohn at welle bounde him-silfe a-boue, &
principal dettur to be distreind. In-to witnesses of pe whiche
thinge, he put to his seel to this present writinge, to-gedur with
the seel of pe fore-seide hugh his borowe. The date at Godes-
towe, pe wodinsdai next a-fore midsomer, pe xxvj. yere of 12
pe reine of kinge Edwarde.

[Hampton Gay: see p. 214.]

[462.] *The chartur of Gefrey brocher of j. forer of
londe in the felde in hampton Gay.

The sentence of thys chartur is that Gefrey brocher of
blechesdon gaf, grauntyd, & *confirmyd* with hys wrytynge,
to the Abbas & Couent of Godestowe, j. fore of londe in p. 1
felde of hampton Gay, that is to sey, that londe the whyche
lieth by-twene pe Abbas londe of Godestowe & the londe that
was of Robert brocher nyhe wormwell, to be had & to be holde
to the seyeabbasse & couent & to her successours, of hym & of
hys heyrys or assynys, in-to pu & perpetual almys, for hys
soule & pe soulys of hys aunceturs, frely & quietly, pesybly
& holly, fro aff seculer seruice, exaccion, et demaunde, & sute
of courte: & the foreseyd Gefrey & hys heyrys warantijad
aquityd & defendyd for euyr aff the fore-seyd londe, with aff hys
pertynences a-fore-seye, to pe abbas & couent & to here succes-
sours, as hyt is sayde be-fore, a-gaynyst aff men & women.
In-to wytnys of that, he put to thys present wrytynge hys seele.

[463.] *A confirmacion of Robert Gay of half a yard
londe in Gaythampton.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is, that Robert Gay, with
the assent & consent of Mold hys wyfe & phylyp hys eyre, yaf,
Grauntyd, & confirmyd with wrytynge, to god & to the churche of seynt Ioyn baptyst of Godestowe * & to the mynchons there seruinge god; j. halfe hyde of londe in Gaithampton, conteynyng 4 xxv. acris of londe in on feelde, & al so many in an-othyr feelde, with all hys pertinences & liberteis, in medewys & pasturis, in weys & pathys, in goynges-out & communiteis 1, in-to pure & perpetual almys, fre & quietely fro all exaccion and seculer 8 seruice longynge to hym or to hys heyrys, saunyng the seruice to the kyng, that is to sey, the halfe hyde of londe the whynge he dischargyd a-geynst Reynold' hys cosyn. He grauntyd also to the seyd mynchons tre acris of medewe longynge to the same londe, lyinge by-twene the medew of the chanons of Oseney & the medew of henry brocher, euryryche of the wyche acris con-
teynthy foure perchys in brede. Furthermore, he yaf to the seyd' mynchons the forwrth medew 2 lyinge to echynge 3 by-twene 16 the mede of the churche & pe mede of henry brocher. Thys fore-
ynamyd londe & mede, with her pertinences, pe fore-seyd' Robert gay & hys heyrys warantiyd to the foreseyd' mynchons a-gaynst all men: & in case that they myht not waranti yeht, they grauntyd to gyfe to hem a change to the valewe of the londe in all thyngys in the same towne. For hys confirmacion & warantiyng, the fore-seyd' mynchons gaf to hym of charite of her howse xv. marke of syluyr, & to Mold hys wyfe j. besaunte, 24 & to phylyp 4 hys heyre xij. d' to by hym sporys: & is with-out date.

[464.] A-noper chartur of pe same Robert Gay pe whych he made to the mynchons of Godestowe.

The sentence of thys chartur is that he, with consent of Mold' hys wyfe & of all hys heyrys, gafe & confirmyd by hys wrytynge, for pe helthe of hys soule & of hys wyfe & of hys chyldryn & auncestors & successours, to god & to oure lady & to seynt Ioyn baptyst & to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruinge god; homage & seruice of william brocher, that is to sey, of halfe a yerde of londe with hys pertynences in Gaithampton, with the hole rent that he owyd to hym, that is to sey, ij. shillings by Robert Gay (or Gayt), * leaf IX or 21, back. of a half-
hide [here 50 acres arable, and not as usual 60], distributed in two fields, with its appendant pasture-
rights, and 3 acres of meadow, and of a fourth meadow 'to echynge.'

Purchase-money, to husband, £10: comple-
ments, to wife, 28; to heir, 1s. About 1220.

Sale to Godstow, by Robert Gay (or Gayt), of the manorial dues from, and rights over, a half-
yardland.

1 In the Latin it is: 'in exitibus et com-
munitatibus.'
2 'Shepestur in hampton gay,' in margin.
3 In the Latin it is: 'quartam acram prati ad augmentum inacentem.'
4 In 1223 Robert Gay conveyed the whole manor to Oseney, and he and this son Philip received a liberal corroyd.
with leave to pur-
chase it.

ij. d., & with othyr services & costoms that he owyd for to do to
hym, with-out ony a-geyne-holdynge. Aff the forseyd thynges
& dewteys, to be had & hold; in pure & perpetuel almys, freely
& in rest fro all seculer services, & as frely as ony almys may be 4
gyfe. Furthermore hyt is to be knowe that the seyd Robert
le Gayt & hys heyrys be bounden to warantie the yeft of the
rent & servise a-foreseyd: and, for thyss warantijynge & con-
firmacion of hys seele, the forseyye mynchons of Godestowe yaf 8
to hym [of] the charite of her hows xl. shillings for to ageyn-bye
hys herytage toward Robert le poure. Furthermore, yf the
foreseyd'mynchons moye gete the forseyd halfe yerdlonde in ony
maner wyse to be hold in-to her owne vse of the fore-namyd 12
william brocher, the foreseyd Robert Gait yaf the fore-seyd
mynchons that foreseyd half yerdlonde for euyr, so frely & rest-
fully, & to hold with all libertees as he grauntyd with the 3yft
of the rent, that is to sey, of ij. shillings ij. d. before-wryte: & is 16
with-out date.

[Idbury: see Bould.]

[Kelmscott: see in no. 472.]

[Over Kidington.]

[Note.—Godstow land in this parish went with the Cassington
property: see p. 240.]

[465.] *The Chartur of Ioh' poucharde of Ouer-
cudynton.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn pouchard of Ouer-
cudynton gafe, grauntyd & confermyd by his wrytynge, to syr
Robert of bladyngton, person of nebercudyngeton, all hys mese, 20
to-gedur with hys londes & tenaunyauryes & her pertinences on
every syde, pat & pe whyche he had in afturlegeth 2 & Ouer-
cuddyngeton, with-out ony withholdynge a-geyne of him or
of hys heyrys, to be had & to be holde to pe same Robert & 24
to hys heyrys & to hys assynys, all the fore-seyde mese, to-gedur

1 'Carta Willelmi' in the Latin in title, but 'Iohannes' in text.
Oxfordshire: || Overcudynton

with all londys & tenantryes a-fore-seyde & the pertinences of every part, of Pe chefe lorde of Pe fee, for Pe service per-of dew and wonyd: & Pe foresey[d] Iohn warantizd & defendyd to Pe seyd R. aff tho thynges a-fore-namyd, a-gcynyst aff men & wemen for euer: thys, I-gyfe at Ouercudyngton, the moneday next aftar palme sonneday, Pe yere of kynge Edwarde, sone of kynge Edwarde, Pe ix.

[LANGFORD.]

[Note.—The parish of Langford is of exceptional interest. It is now reckoned as being in the county of Oxford, but part of it was formerly reckoned as being in Berkshire. It represents, therefore, the debatable land where the two kingdoms of Wessex and Mercia pushed each other backwards and forwards, and the land sometimes was in the Wessex see of Salisbury, at other times in the Mercian see of Lincoln. In Monast. vi. 1276 is printed a charter of Henry II conferring on Lincoln Minster ‘the church of Langford and all the land which Roger, bishop of Sarum (died 1139, Dec. 4), held in that vill,’ on the petition of Robert (de Chesney), bishop of Lincoln (1147-68). Two prebends, ‘Langford ecclesia’ and ‘Langford manor,’ were endowed from this source. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are now the lay impro priators of the parish.

The three earliest of the following deeds belong to the time of that endowment. Unfortunately the record is incomplete, by the excision of the second leaf of this section, a loss which is not made good by the still more mutilated Exchequer MS.

It appears that bishop Robert, before conveying the estate to Lincoln Minster, took out a message and half a hide of land which he granted, at 12d. yearly quitrent, to one of his serfs, Jeffrey son of Fowke, and which he had formerly granted to Jeffrey’s brother, Robert (probably since deceased). At a later period we find these lands placed under feoffees, as though to found a chantry, but the documents are not brought to a definite conclusion.

I have inquired at Langford and found no tradition of Godstow having owned lands there, but a conjecture is hazarded that the chantry may have been connected with a chapel at the celebrated Radcott bridge 1 in Langford.]

[466.] *A ratificacion of the Chapiter of our lady of * leaf 205.
lyncolne of the forsaid 2 yfte, yoven by the Bisshoppe as is aforesaid:

8 The sentence herof is, vnto the worshipfull lord and fadir, Robert, by the grace of god Bisshop of lyncolne, the Chapiter of our lady of lyncolne sendith gretyng and reverence, Rightfully

1 Battle of Radcott bridge, Dec. 20, 1387. precedes this in the MS.), but of an earlier one, not here given.

2 Not of the grant in no. 467 (which
hit is in all thynges, that, after dew forme of wisedome requyret, they folowyng their hed and grauntyng assent, about the lond which he yaf and graunted to Robert the sone of Fowke his man in Langford before that he putte hit in prebende, they also grauntyng and havyng ferme, * and this present writyng confermyng; after the tenoure of his charter berith witnesse, that is for to sey, half an hide of lond, and a dwellyng place with his pertynentis, and xx. acres of in-lond, 8 viij. acres of mede, and commune pasture: To be holden, in right heritage frely and quyty, of the chirch of our lady of lyncolne, yeldyng yerely for aff maner of servyces, bothe of yiftes and helpcs and relefs and aff othere thyngis, xij. at Estir of the 12 most vset money in the towne of Langeford vnto the works of the forsaid chirche, with-out 1 any subieccion 2 as any of that same hold ought, sauf only the forsaide xij. vnto the works of the forsaide chirch yerely. They willd that bothe he and his heires, 16 the forsaide lond, wele and worshipfully, quytyly, as hit is aboven- said, shal holde. Witnesse, Adam the deane, Roger the presedent 2, Raaf Chanon, Iordane Tresorer, Robert Lyncolne, william Norhampton, Henry Huntendo, william the sone of Osbert, william lond Archideko, Humfrey Subdeko, Maister Alexandie, Gillebert, Wygere, Gaufride Capellanus, Nicholas Chanon, william of Banbury, William the sone of Godofride, Raaf of Monemunt, Maister hamond, Maister Raaf 24 Cadomer, Robert Constable, Alexandre Maleber, william the sone of Fowke.

* leaf 205. About 1152.

[467.] *A yyte and graunte of Robert, Bisshop of lyncolne, I-sent to the deane and Chapiter of the chirch of lyncolne, yeuyng and grauntyng to Geffrey the sone of Fowke his man and to his heires, in langford, half an hide of lond and a dwellyng place, with his pertynentis, and also xx. acres of in-lond and v. acres of firses and viij. acris mede and pasture in the pasture of the lordship.

The sentence herof is, that Robert, Bisshop of lyncolne, to the deane and Chapiter of lyncolne chirch Sent greuntary. Be 28

1 i. e. free from the burdens incumbent on other tenants of this manor.
2 Read 'precentor.'
hit knowne to hem that ben present and shalbe in tyme comyng; that to Geffrey the sone of Fowke, his man, he yaf and graunted in Langford halfe an hide of lond, and a dwellyng place with the pertynentis, and xx. acres of in-lande, and v. acres of firses, and viij. acris of mede, and pasture in the pasture of the lordship: To hold hit, in right heritage, frely and quietly, of the churche of our lady of lyncolne, yeldynge euery yere, for ait 8 maner seruycys, bothe of yiftes, of helps, and of Releysis, and of ait maner other thyngis, xij. d. at Estire vnto the workes of the churche of lyncolne. He willed also and streightly commaunded that ait the abouesaid, wele and in pease and worshipfully, and without any trouble, that the forsaid Geffrey and his heires holde, without any subieccio as ony of that holde ought, sauf only the forsaid rent of xij. d. which he assigned to the workis yere of the churche of lyncolne. This yifte of hym I-made stedsastly he had, and, with his seale impressed, conferred: witnesse: hugh Barred, archideko in Legren; Richard; archideko in of Belmeis; Robert, archideko in of Oxenford; Raaf Codemer, Hamond of Strafford, william of Cheisnei, william Basset, Richard of Stoches, Roger the sone of hamond, humfrey Pincer, Roger de Marener, Geffrey his cosyne, humfrey Benet, prest, and laurence.

[468.] *A confirmacion of the Chapiter of oure lady of lyncolne confermyng and strengthyng the yifte of the forsaid Bisshoppe.*

The sentence of this confirmacion is: to the worshipfull lord and fadir, Robert, by the grace of god of Lyncolne bisshop, the Chapiter of our Lady of Lyncolne Sendith gretyng with dew reuerence: Rightfully hit is and that in ait thyngis after right forme fro yow to have assent: wherfor as to vs so deuoute a fadir with high reuerences obtempered, we, grauntyng and in stedsfastnesse havyng, and our forseid present writyng of witnesse, conferme and strengthe the yifte which we have I-made to Geffrey the sone of Fowke your man in Langford of the lond which ye yaf first to his brother, before that the which ye had in the same towne (that is for to sey, in Langford)

1 Leicester: see no. 243. 2 Read 'ye.'
ye putte hit in prebende, after that which youre charter berith
witness, the forsaid yifte, that is to sey, half an hide of lond
and of a dwellyng place with his pertynentis, and beside that

xx. acres of

[A leaf is missing.]

1421, Aug. 12.

*leaf 206. Grant to Thomas and Alice Cockerell, by feoffees, of "Cockerell's" messuage.

*The sentence of this charter is, that Robert kene, Clerk, and Iohn Codeman, Chapeleyne, yaf, graunted, and by ther present charter conferred, to Thomas Cokereill and to Alice his wyf, a mese and a plough-lond with all his pertynentis in Longford, called Cokerelles: To haue and to hold, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice and to the heires and assigns of the same Thomas for evermore, by seruyces and rente therof first dew and accustomed: And the forsaid Robert and Iohn, the forsaid mese and a plough-lond with all his pertynentis, in the fourme aboueseid, ayenst al maner of peple shaft warantize acquyte and defende. In witnesse of the which thyng, to this present charter they sette to ther scales. These beyng witnesse: Iohn Shotesbroke, William Fynderne, Thomas Pynchepole, squyers, Thomas atte Wyke, Iohn Deneby, and other. The date at Longford, the xij. day of August, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the v. after the conquest the ixth.


[470.] A Charter of William Bonde and of Margarete his wyf confermyng to William Lord Lovell, knyght, Edmond Hampden, Squyer, Edward Langford, Squyer, Iohn Rogers, Squyer, Iohn Nowers, Squyer, Richard Harecourt, Squyer, and Thomas Lewys, for a mese and ij. plough-land and xx. acres of mede with the pertynentis in langford:

The sentence of this charter is, that William Bonde and Margarete his wyf yaf, graunted, and by ther present charter confermed, to William Lor. Lovell, knyght, Edmond Hampden, Squyer, Edward Langford, Squyer, Iohn Rogers, Squyer, Iohn Nowers, Squyere, Richard Harecourt, Squyer, and Thomas Lewys, a Mese, ij. plough-land, and xx. acris mede, with the
pertynentis, in Langford: in the Counte of Berkshire: To haue and to hold; the forsaid mese and ij. ploughlond and xx. acres of mede, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid William lord loveff, 4 Edmond, Edward, John Rogers, John Nowers, Richard and Thomas, and to the heires and assignes of the same Richard; Of the chief lordes of that fee by seruyces therof dewe and of right accustomed: And the forsaid William and Margerye, and 8 ther heires, to the forsaid William lord loveff, Edmond; Edward; John Rogers, John Nowers, Richard and Thomas and to the heires and assignes of the same Richard, the forsaid Mese and ij. plough-lond and xx. acres of mede, with the pertynentis, ayenst all peple they warrantied and defended for euer. In witnesse of the which thynge they putte to there seales. These beyng witnesse: Richard *Hulcote, Squyere, Thomas Pynchepole, Squyere, Iohn Godefelawe, Squyere, Henry Fermoure, 16 Henry Marchaft of Langleford asforsaid; and many otheres. The date at Langleford abouesaid; the xiij. day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the regne of kyng Henry the Sixte after the conquest of England the xxvijth.

[471.] A fynaft accorde I-made bytwene Richard harcourt and william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, & cetera.

20 This is the fynaft accorde I-made, in the kyngis courte at westmynstre, fro the day of Estir into a moneth, The yere of the regne of henry kyng of England and of Fraunce the Sixte fro the conquest the xxxvijth, afore Iohn Prysot, Nicholas Ayshetofd, 24 Piers Arderne, Robert Danvers, Robert Danby, Walter Moylle, and Iohn Nedeham, Iustices, and other trew men of the kyngis ther beyng present, bitwene Richard Harcourte, playnyng, and william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, deforsyng, of a mese, and two hundred acres of lond; and xxx. acres of mede, with the pertynentis, in Langford, wherof a ple was I-take bitwene hem in the same Courte. That is to sey, that the forsaid William and Margarete made a knowlech and recogncion that the 32 forsaid mese with the pertynentis to be the right of the same Richard as that that the same Richard had of the yfte of the forsaid William and Margarete, And that relesed and quyte-
claymed, of the forsaid William and Margarete and of the heires of the same Margarete, to the forsaid Richard and to his heires for ever. And more-over the same william and margarete granted, for theyme and for the heires of the same Margarete, that they warantizd to the forsaid Richard and to his heires the forsaid tenement with the pertynentis ayenst all maner of men for ever. And for this knowlech and recognycion, relese, quyteclayme, warantije, fyne and concorde, the same Richard's yaf to the forsaid William and Margarete xl. marke in siluer.

1467, Oct. 4.

[472.] A Charter of Richard Harcourte knyght and Thomas Lewys grauntyng and confermyng to Iohn Botillere doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, bachelere of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, clerke, Iohn Crofto, and to Alexandre Martyne, a dwellyng place (or a mese) with a plough-lond and all his pertynentis in Langford, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Harcourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewys, yaf, grauntyd, and by ther present charter confermyd, * to Iohn Botillere, Doctour of bothe lawes, * John Redyng, Bachelor of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofto, and Alexandre Martyne, a dwellyng place (or a mese) with a plough-lond, with all his pertynentis, in Langford; in the Counte of Oxenford and in Berkshire, called Cokerellis, which late (with other now dede) they had of the yfite and feffement of william Bonde and Margarete his wyf, which forsaid Margarete afterward by a fyne arreredit in the kyngis Court at westmynstre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the Sixte the xxxvij, to the forsaid Richard and to his heires releesedit: Also they yaf and grauntyd to the forsaid Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofto, and Alexandre Martyne, all the londes, tenementes, medys, lesues, pastures, rentes, and servyces, with all ther pertynentis, which they had in kelmscote in the Counte aforsaid; And which also they had late of the yfite and feffement of the forsaid Margarete Bonde, in her pure wedowhode: To haue and to hold all the forsaid dwell- yng place (or mese) [with a] ploughlonde in Langford aforsaid; with ther pertynentis, And all the forsaid londes and tenementis
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medis lesues pastures rentis and seruyces with all his pertynentis, in kelmescote aboveiseid, to the forsaid Iohn Botelere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Croftoun, and Alexandre Martyne, and to there heires and there assignes for ever, Of the chief lordes of the fees by seruyces therof dewe and accustomed. And the forsaid Richard Harecourt and his heires the forsaid dwellyng place (or mese) [with a] plough lond; with all his pertynentis, and all the forsaid londes and tenementis medys lesues pastures rentis and seruyces, with all ther pertynentis aboveiseid, to the forsaid Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Croftoun and Alexandre Martyne, to there heires and to there assignes, ayenst all maner of peple shal warantize, and defende for euer. In witnesse of the which thynge, to this present charter they putte to there seales, These beyng witnesse: Thomas Chaundelere, Commyssary of the vnyuersite of Oxenford, Iohn More, Squyere, Iohn Dentoun, * William Dyer, one of the vicaryes of the chichre of Bampton, Iohn Baywett, and many other. The date is the iiijth day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest of Englund the viijth.

[473.] A letter of attorney of Richard Harecourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewys, makyng theire attorneys Iohn Baywett and Symond Turnere, preestis, to delyver possession of a dwellyng place (or a mese) and a plough-lond; with the pertynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this lettir attorney is, that Richard harecourte, knyght, and Thomas Lewes, Sendith gretyng in our lorde ever-lastyng, yeyng knowlech that they made, ordeyned, and in ther place putte, Theire chose Iohn Baywett and Symond Turnere, Chapelleysns, there trew and lawfull attorneys, ioynedly and severally, to entre and delyver in ther name full and peasible seisynge of and in a dwellyng place (or a mese) with a plough-lond; with all his pertynentis, in Langford in the Countees of Oxenford and Berkshire, called Cokerellys, And in all the londes and tenementis medis lesues pastures rentis seruyces, with all his pertynentis, in kelmescote in the Counte aforesaid, vnto Iohn Botillere, doctoure of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng, Bacheler of

* leaf 207, back.

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Letter of attorney by Sir Richard Harcourt and co-foffe

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and co-feoffees, into possession of property detailed in no. 472.

Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, John Crofton, and to Alexandre Martyne, and to ther heires and to there assignes, aftir the strengthe forme and effecte of their charter therof made, Havyng ferme and stable what-so-ever there seid'4 attorneys do or make, or ony of them in ther name do or make, in the premysses. In witnesse of the whiche thynge, to this presente writyng they putte to ther scales. The date is the fourthe day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of the 8 reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest the vijth.

[474.] A relese and quyteclayme of Richard Harecourte, knyght, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, Squyers, and Thomas Lewys, I-made to Iohn Botiller, doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng; bachelor of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, of a dwellyng place with a plough-lond' and the pertynentis in langford' and Kelmescote.

* The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Richard Harecourte, knyght, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, Squyers, and Iohn Redyng; Sendith gretyng in oure lord' god ever-lastyng: be hit knowen that the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, and Thomas Lewys hath for-yovei and releseT' and alwey for theymse and there heires for evermore quyteclayme, to Iohn Botiller, doctour of bothe lawes, Iohn Redyng; bachelere of Theologie, Thomas Estyngton, Clerk,, Iohn Crofton, and Alexandre Martyne, alt that dwellyng place (or mese) with plough-londes 1, with alt his pertynentis, in Langford' 20 in the Countees of Oxenford' and Berkshire called Cokerelles, which late (with other) they had of the yifte and seffement of william Bonde and Margarete his wyf. And also knowe ye that the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, Iohn Nowers, 24 and Thomas Lewys, hath for-yovei and quyteclaymed and alway for theyme and ther heires for euermore releseT; to the forsaid Iohn Botillere, Iohn Redyng, Thomas Estyngton, Iohn Crofton, and to Alexandre Martyne, alt tho londes and tenementis, medys, 28 lesues, pastures, rentis, and seruyces with alt his pertynentis.

1 Read 'a plough-lond.'
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which late (with other) they haddeñ of the yifte and feffemente of the forsaid william Bonde and Margarete his wyf. So that neither the forsaid Richard Harecourte, Edward Langford, John Nowers, and Thomas Lewys, nor none of their heires, nor none other in their name, ony maner right title or clayme in the forsaid dwellyling place, tenementis, londes, with all their apper- tenentis, fro hens-forth [might have, but] be put fro all maner of chalange; And fro all maner of right and clayme therfro, they to be excluded for evermore by this present writynge. In witnesse of the which thynge to this present writynge they sette to their scales. The date is the Sixte day of the moneth of Octobre, 12 The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the Fourthe after the conquest of Englond the viijth.

[LEDWELL in Wootton parish.]

[475.] *A Charter of John Veiscele, confermyng to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe, xij. acris in one feld & xij. in another, with mese and croftis toftis and other easementis, and with all other pertynentis longyng to the forsaid londe.

The sentence of this confirmacion is that John Veiscele yaf, & cetera, to god and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe there servyng god; for the helth of his sole and of Isabelle his wyf and for the sowlis of his fadir and of his modir and of his children, all the lond that Thomas Lewrich held of hym in Lodewelt, that is to sey, xij. acris in one feld & xij. in another, with the mese and croftis and toftis and other eysementis, and with all other pertynentis longyng to the same: to be hold of hym and of his heires, in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, frely quyetly holy and worshipfully, in weyes pathis medis pastures wodis playnys and all other placis. Also John and his heires bounde them-self to warantize the forsaid lond; with all the forsaid pertynentis, to the forsaid holy mynychons of Godestowe ayenst all men. Also the forsaid holy mynychons of Godestowe granted to hym of charite euery yere in the day of his Anny-
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uousary to fede xiiij. poore men. And that this his yfte, & cetera, he sette to his scale, & cetera.

[Note.—This gift is later than pope Nicholas IV's 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica. It was still in force at the dissolution, 1540, when it is returned (Monast. iv. 372) that 3s. 4d. yearly rent was received by Godstow from Ledwell, of which 6d. quit-rent for the land was paid to the bailiff of Wotton hundred, and 2s. 10d. was devoted to feeding '14' poor men on the obit of John de la 'Westle,' a benefactor. In the Latin Register the name is Vesicle.]

[MILCOMB, in Bloxham parish.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica Godstow is stated to be in receipt of £3 10s. yearly from rents in Milcomb. At the dissolution, 1540, the value of Godstow property here is joined in one sum with the value of Godstow property in Bloxham.]

[I. Deeds about tithe.]

[476.] *An acte by-twene the Abbass of Godestowe & the person of wykynton for tythe-hey, tythe of the mylle, and of peyuns in myldecome.

The sentens of thys acte is, pat in the vigyl of seynt Gregorie, in crystes churche of walyngeforde, a-fore pe prior of walingeforde, principal jugge, & the chaueter of walingeforde, kepynge the stedys of the abbottes of Abendon & of dorchester, in a plee that was by-twene the abbass & pe Couent of Godestowe of that on partye & pe person of wykynton of the oper party, by a 8 chapyllleyn & Maystur C. person of weston, procurators, for to do & for to compowne specially with the seyd compereces, that is to sey, whenne the abbass & pe Couent of Godestowe askyd by the commune lawe all tythys, bothe more & lasse, the 12 whyche the seyd person toke in the parysshe of bloxham, and whenne all the day was 3ef to all excepcions dilatarys to be purposyd & to be preuyd; the bate & stryfe esyd in iuggement undur thys forme: that is to sey, that the seyd abbass & couent 16 sholde receyve thei afterward all tythys of hey of londys & medewys in the felde of Myldecumbe, with-out ony a-gyne-holdynge for euyr; Also that they sholde receyue all tythys of peiuns of duffe-howsys I-made or to be made in the towne of 20
myldecumbe; also that they shulde receyue the tythys of the
Myle of Myldecombe, holly, with-out ony with-holdyng: but
the churche of wykynton afturwarde sholde take pe tythys the
4 whych he toke vn-to that tyme, & af thynges that he was
wonyd to take, tho be-fore except. Also the iugges decreyd
that the deen of brocton scholde pnt the seyd'abbas & Mynchons
of Godestowe in-to possession of the seyd' tythys in her place, &
8 that they commaundyd to hym by her letter.

[477.] A convencion by-twene the abbas of Godestowe
& the person of wygynton.

The sentence of thyss a-corde is, that the\ were grete pleis
mony tynys, & stryfys, by-twene the churche of bloxham & the
churche of wygynton, for certen tythys in myldecumbe longynge
12 to the same churchys: at the last, it was a-cordyd by-twene
these churches & the persons of tho churchys, by pe consent
of the patronys, that euyryche of hem sholde haue part dyuuyd
to hym-selfe, what pat was dewe to hys churche: for thyss cause,
16 hyt is to be knowe pat pe churche of wygynton takyth, or toke
fro the fundacion of that churche, halfe the tythe of all tythys
of the teneantruye of the prior of Merton, that is to sey, of twey
hydys in Myldecumbe; of the teneantruye of the abbote of
20 Eynysham, of j. hyde pe whyche Io\n of Swerford' hylde, the
churche of wygynton [takes\ all tithes]; of halfe j. hide, pat
aschetylle of the churche-yrerde\ helde, the churche of wygynton
takyth all tythys, except on halfe\ acre of wyntur corne the
24 whyche the churche of Bloxham takyth; of halfe an hyde, that
Gelbert belami hylde, the churche of wygynton takyth all the
tythys; [of\ half an hyde] that lambert helde, the churche of wygynton
takyth all shevis, and halfe of all \oper tythys, except
28 thoo that byn conteynyd in the [a\yeyn-wrtyynge, in the which
he may neuyr chalenge no ryht, for all \oper thynges longyn hole
to the churche of Bloxham; & pat \per sholde be no stryfe her-
aftur vpon the fore-seyde tythys, hyt was made stronge by
32 puttyngye to of the seele of \per couent of Godestowe & of \per

1 Added from the Latin.
2 'Aschetillus de cimiterio.'
3 'except one whole acre de hibernagio.'
4 'rescript.' in the Latin: i.e. the pre-
ceding deed.
seelys of the lordys of the grounde & of [the] person of wygynton: & is with-oute date 1.

[2. Deeds about land.]

[478.] *A Charter of Robert, Abbot of Eynysham, for j. mese in Mildecombe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert, Abbot of Eynysham, and the count of the same place, for goddis sake and the honest conuersion of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, yaf, and graunted; to god and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Gode-stowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, j. mese in myldecombe, that is to sey, that hurebern held; with the 8 crofte liyng therto, that is beside the dwellyng place of William fitz Swetgyne, into pure and perpetual almes, frely and quyetly for euer to be had in the which (that is to sey) mese *of the Chapelayn (that is to sey, of the forsaid mynchons), with assent 12 of the forsaid towne of Mildecombe, shold haue a dwellyng to serue by the tymys succedyng. And they relese[d] for charite for euer, to the forsaid Mynchons, the rent of xij. d. the which pei were I-woned to take for the forsaid mese & cetera. Into 16 witnesse, & cetera.

[479.] A Charter of Alisaundre Mildecombe, with the consent and the assent of his heire, for ij. shillings of rent in Mildecombe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alisaundre of Myldecombe, with the consent and assent of his heire, yaf, & cetera, to god, and for the helpe of his sowle and of the soules of his auncetours and successours, to the mynchons of seynt Iohn of Godestowe there seruyng god, into pure and perpetual almesse, ij. shillings of rent of his demayn in Mildecombe: to be hold and to be had for euer, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly, pesibly and worshipfully, to be yelded yerely to the same mynchons at ij. termys of the yere, that is to sey, at Ester

1 Witnesses are: Alexander, dean; John, chaplain of Godstow. lord of Brokton (Broughton); Walerand, Sampson, Ralph, Berrie, and Bernard.
2 Robert, abbot of Eynysham, 1197-1205.
3 Omit 'of.'
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xij. d. and at Mighelmasse xij. d': and the forsaid Alisaundre and his heires warrantied to the fore-named mynchns these afore-write ij. shillings of rent ayenst all peple: and that this 4 his yiste, & cetera.

[480.] * A Charter of Race fit3 Alisaundir confermyng xvj. acris to the mynchns of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Race fit3 Alisaundre of Mildecombe yaf, & cetera, to dame Amphelice, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Conten of the same place, xvj. acris 8 of arable lond in the feldes of Myldecumbe, that is to say, vij. acris of lond in the South feld; and j. acre in the West feld; and viij. acris of lond in the northfield:

the which xvj. acris ben vndir diuided in this wyse:—In the south feld, j. acre in Millfeorlonge, beside the lond the which was of William Michel and his lond; the which strecchith hit-self toward the north; and j. acre in Shotforlonge, beside the lond that was of Symond lewe and the lond that was of Richard Cowherd; the which strecchith toward the north; and j. forere or forow in Bacunforlonge, beside the lond that was of Robert atte Grene, the which strecchith toward the Est; and j. acre in hydewey, beside the lond that was of Adam of the welle and his lond; the whiche strecchith hit-self toward the north; and j. acre in bacunforlonge beside the lond that was of William Mycheff and his lond; the which strecchith toward the Est; and j. acre in vtforlonge beside his lond and the lond of Godfrey Baker, the which strecchith hit-self toward the Est; and j. acre in morewelleforlonge, beside the lond of the forsaid abbesse and his lond the which strecchith hit-self toward the north. And in the westfeld; that is to say, in dichehurne¹ aboue the north dune, j. acre, beside the lond that was of William Mycheff and the lond that was of Symond lewe, the which strecchith toward the north. In the north feld, j. acre lieth in wayteburgeforlonge, beside the lond that was of William Michel and the lond of Robert Grene, the which strecchith hit-self toward the northe; j. acre, ayenst Farendon, beside the lond that pagane held and the lond of Walter Marysce, the which strecchith hit-self toward the northe; and j. acre, vpon northdune, beside the

¹ It is said that 'burne,' meaning 'corner,' is still in use.

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lond that was of Richard Busceby and the lond of William Michell, the which strenchith hit-self toward the Est; and j. acre in longebreche beside the lond of Walter marisee and the lond of William Michell the which strenchith hit-self toward the Est; and j. acre in sarendone more, beside the lond that was of William wynde and the lond of William Clerk, that strenchith hit-self toward the northe; and j. acre, that strenchith hit-self toward the est into theneldeford, beside the lond that was of pagane and the lond of Robert Grene; and j. acre, in shouelbrode, beside the lond that was of Adam of the welle and the lond of Ioyn Valun, the which strenchith hit-self toward the Est; and j. acre ayenst the northedune, besides his lond and the lond of Walter Cumpto[n], the which strenchith hit-self toward the Est:

Quint-rent, id. at Easter.

In pay-ment for this grant God-stow gave up the standing crops of 20 acres and surrendered the lease of 24 acres.

About 1340.

Sale to Godstow, by Maud.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Moolde of Myldecombe, the which was the wyf of Race Mildecombe, in her 1 'knorre' in the Latin.

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1 'knorre' in the Latin.

[481.] A Charter of Moolde of Myldecombe, Race Alisaundirs wyf, relesyng and quyteclaymynge aft the right and clamyte that she had or myght have in the thirde parte of the xvij. acris of lond in the name of her dowry.
lawful wedowhode, relese'd and quyte-claymed' for ever, to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to there successours, all the right and clayme that she had' or myght haue, by the 4 name of her dowry, in the thirde parte of xvj. acris of arable lond'; with all their pertyntentis, the which Race somtyme her husband' yaf and encherated' to the said' Myncouns in myldecombe, * Wherof' hit was I-pleyd'bitwene them afore the Iusticis 8 of the benchi, so that 1 she myght not afterward' no thynge axe of the forsaid' xvj. acris with ther pertyntentis, In the name of her dowry. And for this relese and quyte-clayme, the said' myncouns yaf to her half j. marke of siluer and j. quarter of 12 wheate: and that this her relese and quyteclayme shold be sure, She put to this writyng her seale.

[482.] * A Charter of moolde Race of myldecombe for a place with a Curtilage, graunted to Iamys hawncy, styward of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde that was the wyf of Race of Mildecombe, in her lawful wedowhode, with the 16 assent and will of Robert her sone and heire, toke and graunted' to Iamys hawncy, at that tyme Steward of Godestowe, j. place with her curtilage (of the northe parte of her house), and j. half yerde of arable lond' that Geoffrey Smyth somtyme hel'd, with all 20 his pertyntentis (except j. mese, and ou[t]ake 2 j. acre the which he 3 toke at j. croppe and assigned'hit otherwise): to be had' and to be hold', to the said' Iamys and to his assigns, of hym 4 and of his heires, frely and quyetly fro all servuyce and seculer exaccion.', 24 fro the second' sonday of lenton, the xxx. yere of the reigne of kyng' henry the sone of kyng Iohn, vnto Mighelmasse folowynge, and then bothe the said' acris 5 and the said' place and the said' halfe yerde-lond' in the which the said' acre is conteyned' shold', 28 remayne to the same Iamys vnto the ende of xvj. yere, as hit is conteyned' in the charter bitwene the sai.T Iamys of the one parte and her and Robert her soñ and heire of the other parte.

1 MS. has 'so that that.' 2 The Latin is: 'excepta una aera quam ad unam croppam perciendiunm aliter assignavi.' 3 'he' in error for 'she'; 'at' in error for 'for.' 4 Read 'her and of her.' 5 In error for 'acre.'
Also the said Iamys receiveth of her ij. acris I-sowe of harde corne, and v. acris were I-eryd and not I-sowe, of the forsaid lond. And she and her heires warantijeth and defended the forsaid place and the forsaid lond with the pertynentis 4 ayenst al men and women of al seruyce and exactions * and vexynge. And for this takyng grauntynge and defendynge the said Iamys yaf to hym 2 and to Robert her son and heire vij. shillings vj. d. to there grete nede, that is to sey, to 8 mary her doughtirs. And that this takyng, & cetera.

This was the covenaut I-made, bitwene Moolde somtyme the wyf of Race of Myldecombe and Iames somtyme Steward of Godestowe for a mese and a curtilage and with all the crofie, & cetera.

1 The Latin is: 'duas acras de duro blado seminatas et v. bis aratas et non seminatas.' The 'hard corn' is wheat, sown in the preceding winter; the ploughed land is for the sowing of oats this spring. Cp. at Maldon, Essex, Liber B. fol. xiv, 1468:

* serif correction
afore the forsaid x. shillings were I-restored to the said Iames or to his assignes, by the sight or vewe of lawfull good men. In-to witnesse of this thyng to a good suerte to be had, without any 4 cauelacio of or agaynseyng, to this partid charter they put to ther scales, & cetera.

[484.] Another Charter of Robert Fitz Race of Mildecombe for one half acre of lond with his pertynentis of his dowrye.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert fitz Race of Mildecombe, for hym and his heires, graunte[d] and with this 8 present writyng conformed the couenant I-made, bitwene moold his modir of the one [part] and Iames hawnyng that tyme Steward of Godestowe of the other parte, of j. half yeld\(^8\) of lond, with his pertynentis, of his \(^2\) dowry, that is to sey, that \(^3\) Geoffrey Smyth somtyme held; and \(^4\) j. place of a curtelage, and \(^4\) pasture to an hundred shepe at the lest in the commune pasture of Mildecombe contynuelling, and yt\(^5\) he will not what-so-euer afterward strechyngr metynge be of the pasture; and of the said\(^1\) half yard\(^\ldots\) lond with his pertynentis, with the forsaid\(^1\) place of curtilage, and with the forsaid\(^1\) pasture to an hundred shepe at the lest, his modir Moolde toke hit with her owne assent and wille to the said Iames and to his assignes, and specially to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, but \(^6\) the sai Iames wille otherwise assigne the said\(^\ldots\) ferme: To be had and to be hold, to the said Iames or to whom-so-ever he wille assigne them, after that the charter reporteth and witnessith that the said Iames had of Moolde his modir and of hym: he graunte[d] also and conformed the coeuanaunt I-made, *bitwene the said \(^2\) mooldhis modir and of hym of the one parte and Iames aboue I-named\(^1\) of the other parte, of j. yelde\(^8\) lond and j. half, for [half] 20 of the sheves and for half of the chaunmy. And the said\(^1\) Robert and his heires shold\(^1\) aquyte warantye and defende the 

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\(^1\) 'Iacobus de Hawncia' in the Latin.
\(^2\) In error for 'her.'
\(^3\) i.e. that half-yardland which Jeffrey the smith once held.
\(^4\) i.e. and of (Latin 'de').
\(^5\) The Latin is: 'si uoluerunt, qualis-cunque in posterum de pastura fiat ex tensio sive amensuratio, quam dicta dimidia virgata' (had assigned to it). Apparently meaning, 'not only in the existing common pasture, but, on any extension of pasture, also in the additional pasture assigned to the half yardland.' The translator has read 'no-luerunt,' the initial letter being ambiguous.
\(^6\) i.e. unless.
\(^7\) Omit 'of.'
\(^8\) In error for 'yerd,' 'yerde.'
\(^9\) The Latin is: 'de mediatea chamini in dicta virgata et dimidia' (yearly growing).
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forsaid' iij. yerdes of lond, with ther pertynentis, and pe forsaid' place of a curtilage, and the forsaid' pasture to an hundred Shepe at the lest, to the said' Iames and to all his assignes, after the fourme of the said' charter, by the space of xvj. yere content 4 in the same charter, after that that hit 1 was afore diuided, fro all customes sutiis and demaundis and all other vexacions in the same charter, so that the said' Iames or his assignes for defaute of warrantying shold' not take none harme, what-so-ever happen 8 of the forsaid' Moolde his modir. And for this graunte, lettyng, and confermyng; the forsaid' Iames yaf to his moder and to hym to there grete nede iij. mark, of siluere and j. half, to mary his sustirs. Wherfor he willed' and suerly graunted' that all the 12 articles I-content in the same charter shold' be kept feithfully and without deceyte of hym and his heires. And he bound' hym-self by his trouth, for hym and his heires, to the kepyng of the same couenaunt. And for more suerte of the same thyng; 16 he put to his scale, & cetera.

* leaf 89, back. 1312, Jan. 21.

[485.] *A Charter of Thomas Race, sone and Heire of Iordan Race of Mildecumbe, relesyng all his right in xxix. acris with alle there pertynentis in alle placis.

The sentence of this relese is, that Thomas Race, the son and heire of Iordan Race of myldecumbe, remytted, releseyd, and vttirly quyteclaymed, for hym and his heires for ever, with-out only 20 withholdyng, to Moolde Vptorn, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couen of the same place, all his right and clayme that he had, or myght haue, or shold' move to haue in owy wise in tyme to come, in xxix. acris of lond with all ther 24 pertynentis in all placis, lyng in dynerse placis of thefeldis of Mildecumbe, of the which xxix. acris he toke a bref, that is to sey, a writte, of the kyng vpon the forsaid' abbesse; and also remytted' and quyte-claymed' vttirly for ever to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent all his right and clayme that he had; or in owy wyse myght haue, in all londis tenementis and rentis the which the said' abbesse and Couent held' in the townys of Mildecumbe and Bloxham: to be had' and to be hold', frely quyetly 32 wele and in pease for ever, with-out ony clayme or agayn-holdyng

1 MS. has 'his.'
of hym or of his heires, So that nother he, his heires, ne none in ther name, in the forsaied xxix. acris of lond; or in any other tencmentis or rentes the which the forsaied abbesse and countent 4 held' in the townys of Myldecombe and Bloxham, myght not axe nother chalange in the tyme to come no thyng of right or clayme here-after. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Oxen-
ford, the friday next aftir the fest of seyntis Fabian and Sebastian, 8 the fyfte yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[Note.—The clue to the locality of this property is given by pope Nicholas IV's Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, where Godstow is put down as receiving a 'portion' to the amount of 18s. from 'Abberbury in Deddington rural deanery.' This is confirmed
by the witnesses (p. 361, note). At the dissolution, 1549, the incomes from Milton and South Newton are put together, as both being in Dadnyton (Dedgington) rural deanery. The joint sum (Monast. iv. 373) amounted to 17s. 2d., out of which a quit-rent 6d. was paid to the bailiff of Bloxham hundred 'for a messuage in Milton.']

[486.] *A Charter of Raf fitʒ Richard of Myddelton of
iiij. acris of lond' and the confermyng of the charter
of the said Richard his fadir of ij. acris of lond' with
ij. mansions & cetera.

* The sentence of this charter is, that Raf fitʒ Richard of
Middelton yaf & cetera to Alice his sustir, for her servyce,
iiij. acris of arable lond' in the felde of Middelton, of the which
ij. lieth in the Est feld' and ben'I-called the Revelond,' beside
the lond' of Richard fitʒ Osbert, and ij. lieth in the westfede,
j. acre vpon Endewelle and half j. acre vpon Groenebergh and
16 another half acre vpon the wey of Appellow: to be hold' and to
be had', of hym and his heires or assignes, frey quetyly fully
holy and pesibly, to her, and to her heires, or to whom-so-euer
she wold' assigne, by right heritage for euer, yeldying therof
20 yerely to hym and to his heires j. d.' at Estir for all servyce
exaccion and demaunde. Also the forsaied Raf confirmed the
yifte of Richard' his fadir that he made to the forsaied Alice his
sustir of ij. howsis with her gardyns in the towne of Middelton
24 and ij. acris of arable lond' in the forsaied feldis of the same

[Fabian and Sebast- 
ian = Jan. 20.]
Oxfordshire: Middletown
towne, wherof j. acre in the Estfeld lieh vpon Bradeweye, and another in the westfeld (and [of it] j. half acre lieth vpon Greeneberow, and another half acre lieth vpon Bradeweye): To be had and to be hold; of hym and of his heires or assignes, 4 to her and to her heires or to whom-so-euer she will assigne selle or bequeath them, Also with the iiiij. acris abouesaid, with the same libertees the which the iiiij. acris afore-named had. And the same Raaf aforesaid and his heires or assignes warrants 8 for euer the aforesaid vj. acris and ij. houses, with ther pertynentis, as hit is said afore, aynest all men. And that this his yifte, graunte, and confermyng of bothe, shold be sure for euer, & cetera.

*leaf 91. About 1270.

Grant to Godstow, by Alice of Middeltou, of lands and houses as in no. 486.

[487.] *A Charter of Alice Middeltou confermyng to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe all the londes and tenementis that she had in the towne of Middeltou.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice fit 3 Richard 1 of Middeltou, in her owne fre power, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, into fre and perpetuell almesse, aft her lond & tenementis that she 16 had in the towne of Middeltou: that is to say, ij. houses with their pertynentis, and two acris of arable lond, the which she had of her fadir yifte, of the which one lieth in the Estfeld of the same towne vpon Bradewayne, and another in the westfeld (of the which the [one] half acre lieth vpon Greeneberwe, and another vpon Bradeweye); and iiiij. acris of lond in the felde of the same towne, the which she had of the yifte of Raaf her brother, of the which ij. lalen in the Estfeld & ben called Reuelond 24 beside the lond of Richard fit 3 Osberte, and ij. lalen in the westfeld; that is to say [one acre] vpon Ededewelle 1, and j. half acre lieth vpon Greeneberwe and another half acre vpon the weye of appellowe 2: To be hold and to be had, of her and of her heires, 28 quyetyly frely fully pesibly and holy, to them and to ther successours for euer, with all libertees and fre customes longyng to the seid lond; yeldyg therof yerely to her and to her heires

1 Indistinct. 'Euedewelle' or 'Enedewelle.' 2 ? Aynho.
or assignes j. d' at Estir for ait seculer servyce, sute of courte, exaccion and demaunde: and the said' Alice and her heires warantiz'd for euer ait the said' lond; as it is diuided afore, with ait ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' mynychons and to ther successours aycnst ait peple. And that this her yifte, & cetera 1.

[488.] * A letter endented of the londis and tenementis the whiche Robert fili3 Ade of Middelton held in the same towne of the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe for x. shillings of yerely rent.

The sentence of this endenture is, that there was a covenuant 8 I-made, bitwene Mabill, by the suffraunce of god' abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place, of the one partie, and Robert fili3 Ade of Middelton of the other partie, that is to sey, that the said' abbesse and couent, with one assent and good' wille, lette, graunte, and toke to a fee-ferme, to the said' Robert ait that tenement, with ait his pertynentees, that they had' in the towne of Middelton of the yifte of Alice of Middelton the sustir of Raaf halle, with vj. acris of arable lond' lyng to the said' lond', in the feldes of Middelton: To be had' and to be hold', to the said' Robert and to his heires lawfully I-gote of his body, of the said' abbesse and couent and successours of the same, frely quetly wel and in pease worshipfully and holy, yeldyng therof 12 yerely to the said' abbesse and couent and to ther successours x. shillings of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. shillings and at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist v. shillings, and to the chief lord' of the fee j. d' for ait seculer 16 seruyce and demaunde, So natheles that hit shold' not be lawfull to the said' Robert nor to his heires lawfull be-gote of his 2 [4 Ex- chequer MS., leaf 92.

Quit-rent, 92.

* Leaf 91. back About 1290.

Grant by Godstow, to Robert son of Adam and to his heirs of body, of lands as in no. 437.

Witnesses include Sir Amaury of St. Amand, Robert of Cranford, John Hikeman, William of Lecche.

1 Witnesses include: William, vicar of Karstonyton (Cassington), then master of Godstow; Sir Roger of Wytham; Thomas Waldyn, steward of Godstow; Richard, son of Richard of Edberbery (Adderbury); Adam, son of Ely of Mildecombe.

2 The leaf which followed in the English Register has been cut out.
Oxfordshire: Ministr

[MINSTER LOVEL.]

[Note.—This grant is later than pope Celestine III’s confirmation, 1192, no. 902. In pope Nicholas IV’s Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, Godstow’s Minster rent in Witney deanery was valued at £1 5s. At the dissolution, 1540, the holding is described (Monast. iv. 372) as a close and a yardland, worth 12s. yearly.]

* Exchequer MS., leaf 92.

About 1215.

Grant to Godstow, by John Lovel, of a serf and his yardland.

[489. * Charter of John luuell of a yardland in Ministr.

John Luuell gave Godstow, for the welfare of his soul and the souls of his ancestors, William Long with his sequela, residing at Ministria viz. beyond the water, and that virgate of land and all its pertinents which the said William Long held, into free alms, free of all services.

Witnesses:—Robert of Brinton, canon of Salisbury; Otwell of Esthal 2; Robert of Middelton, &c.]

[Note.—Rev. H. Salter points out to me that Robert de Brinton is given by Jones in his Posti Eccles. Sar., as canon, and alive in 1214 and 1222. The spelling in the Godstow deed is Brinton.]

[SOUTH NEWINGTON 3.]

* leaf 222.

About 1240?

Grant to Margaret Joos, by her father Ralph, of a messuage and a yardland.

[490. * A Charter of Raaf Iooas, confermyng to Margarete his daughter, a yerde-lond in Newnton, &cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Iooas yaf, graunte; and by his present charter confirmed; to Margarete his doughtir, for her trowthe and service, and with the calle and graunte of Raaf his sone and heire, a yerde-lond in Newnton, with a mese, and with all his pertynentis,[that], that is for to sey, which Geffrey Fraunceys held: To be hold, of hym and his heires, [by] her and her heires, frely and quyetly, in medis and pasturis, in weyes and pathes, and in all maner of libertees to the forseid lond perteynyng, for all maner of services to hym perteynyng. These beyng witnesse: Otuer of the Ile, Richard of Avmery, Geffrey the sone of Ely, Raaf of Avmery, Robert of Orton, Martyne of Blechyndo, Henry the sone of william of Orton, And many other.

1 i.e. his family. 2 Asthall, Oxon. 3 See p. 359.
[491.] A Charter of Robert de le Grave conferymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe viij. shyllings\(^1\) of yerely rent in the towne of Newnton Crawfورد.

The sentence of this charter is that Robert de la Grave, Chapellayne, yaf, graunte, and by his present charter confirmyd; to the Abbesse of Godestow and to the mynchons ther seruyng god, an annuall rent of viij. shyllings in the towne of Newnton Crawfورد; which forsaid yerely rente william atte welle to hym was wont to paye yerely at iiiij. termes in the yere, that is for to sey, atte fest of seynt Migheft ij. shyllings, and at the fest of seynt Thomas the apostle ij. shyllings, and at the fest of the Annunciation of our lady ij. shyllings, And at the fest of seynt John Baptist ij. shyllings, for a yerde-lond which of me the forseid william of Newnton somtyme held in the same towne:

12 To be taken and had, the forseid yerely rent, to the forseid Abbesse and mynchons, to a pytance, of the forseid william and his heires, frely and quyety, wele and in pease for evermore, with homagis, Relefsis, wardis, heriettis, mariagis, and with all maner Eschetis which may falle bothe of the forseid lond and of the forseide william and of his heires, yeldyng thereof yerely vnto the lord* of that fee a pounde of Comyne at Estir. And that this his yifte, graunte, and charter conferymyng, ferme and stable for evermore shaft abide, this present charter with the putting to of his scale he hath the I-strengthed: These beyng witnesse: Maister Robert Maynard, than keper of the hous of Godestow; sef Nigef, sef John, sef henry, than Chapelynys of Godestow; wakelyne of Opton; Raaf of Bloxham, Clerk; John de la hyde; Richard wyff of Newnton; and other.

[492.] A ConfirmacioIn of Robert, lord of Newnton Crawfورد, conferymyng to the mynchons of Godestow viij. shyllings of rent in the towne of Newnton; aforseid which Robert lord de la Grave yaf to hem, & cetera.

The sentence of this confirmacioIn is that Robert, lord of Newnton Crawfورد; had ferme and stable the yifte which Robert lord de la Grave, prest, made to lady Isolde, Abbesse.

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\(^1\) Mentioned in pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291.
of Newnton Crawford, as overlord, of the grant (no. 401) of an 8s. rent-charge, retaining the quit-rent of 1 lb. of cummin, and Coutant of Godestow, of a yerely rent of viij. skillings to be taken, at iiiij. termes in the yere vset, of a yerdlonyd with the pertynentis, which william atte welle holdeth in the towne of Newnton; and that same yifte by this his present charter he 4 confirmed; and all the right and clayme which he had or in any maner wise myght have in the forseid rent or yerdlonyd, with the pertynentis, and william atte welle with all his sequele, with homagis, wardis, heriettis, relefis, Eschitis, and all other profites 8 which of the forseid rent and lond, with the pertynentis, and of william atte welle with all his sequele, myght come, to god and to the monastere of Godestow and to the abbesse and Coutant of the same place, releseḍ and quyte-claymed for hym and his 13 heires for evermore, Savyng only to hym and to his heires the rent 1 of a pound of Comyne to be paid yerely to hem at Newnton at the terme of Estir for all seculer thyngis. In witnesse of all thyngis, to his present charter he put to his 16 seale, These beynge witnesse: Robert le Eyre, that tyme beynge bailly of wodestok; Robert of the parke, bailly of the hundred of wotton; william le Megre; Richard Talenant; Robert, lord of Millecombe; Ioḥn de la hyde of Newnton; Raaf of Bloxham, 20 Clerk; Richard, the sone of Nigift of Galburghyre; Thomas Douncey of Dunstywe; and ma[n]y other.

[OXFORD.]

[Note.—Although the deeds relating to Godstow property in Oxford are numerous, the estate of the convent there was comparatively unimportant, except in the extramural district of Walton and St. Giles. In Oxford proper the holdings were mostly pre-occupied by the older and greater foundations of St. Frideswyde’s and Oseney; and Godstow had also to meet the competition of other religious houses near Oxford, as the Hospitals of St. Bartholomew and of St. John the Baptist, Abingdon Abbey, Einsham Abbey, Rewley Abbey, Studley Priory. The compiler of the Latin Register arranged these deeds roughly by parishes. They have now been brought more strictly into order, and the extra-parochial deeds put by themselves in three sets:—

1. The deeds concerned with the controversy about tithes in the north suburb of Oxford between Godstow as rector of St. Giles’s church and Oseney as rector of St. George’s in the castle.

1 At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow is found (Monast. iv. 372) paying 4d. to Richard Lovett as commutation-money for 1 lb. of cummin, in Bloxham district, and therefore in all probability for this property.
2. The deeds concerned with the exchanges of land and quit-rents between Godstow and St. Frideswyde's priory.

3. A number of 'general' deeds, i.e. in which either the parish is not stated, or in which several parishes are brought together in one document.

[i. Controversies between Godstow and Oseney.]

[493.] *A composicion bitwene the abbot and chanons of Oseney and the abbesse and mychnons of Godestowe for the tythes of the men in Waltoñ and the parisshons and tythes of the xx. acris.

The sentence of this composicion is, that W. and W. of Cumbe and of Tame, abbottis, considerynge and willinge that alt shold know that, when the contrauersies and strif was bitwene the abbot and chanons of Oseney and the abbesse and the holy mychnons of Godestowe vpon the tythes of the men of the forsaid Chanons in Waltoñ and the parisshens and tithes of the xx. acris, The Chanons affermyng the same parisshens and tithes to pertyne and longe to the chirche of seynt Georgis the which is there of old right, The holy mychnons affermyng the same parisshens and tithis to longe to the chirch of seynt Gyle, At the last the contrauersie happeñd and fortuned this maner of ende. For the abbot and chanons of Oseney, for the love of god and for the sake of the religion of the forsaid holy mychnons, graunted to them, into perpetuel almesse, alt the forsaid parisshons and tithis to be hold of them (that is to sey, of the forsaid chanons) for euer, paying thereof yerely ij. sergis of ij. li. of wexe, the which, honestly araithed, thei ought to offre vpon the hye auter of our blissed lady seynt marye of Oseney, in the vigille of the assumption of her, afore evensonge. For this cause they, to the which oure holy fadir pope Celestyn, the thirde commytted this cause (or ple) to be herd and to be ended with a dew ende (appele I-put away), confirmed this composicion afore put, by the auctorite I-yowe to them of the pope self, and make hit sure with the putting of these seals, the which also was I-strengthened with the seals of bothe chapiters to more suerte. This composicion was I-made, the yere fro the incarnacion ofoure lord M|x C|lxxxij.

1 Combe abbey in Warwickshire.
2 William of Forde was abbot of Thame 1184-1205.
3 "The Twenty-acres" was land belonging to Oseney in the vicinity of Stockwell Street.
4 i.e. theirs.
The sentence of this compositio[n] is, that John, by the grace of god bisshopp of lyncolne, willed to be know to all the children of our modir the chirche and to them that loke or se or to here thise lettres, that somtyme, when ther was a-spronge a dissencio[n] or mater of question bitwene the religious men, Abbot and couent of the monastery of Oseneye of the ordir of seynt Austyn * of his diocise, in the name of their monastery, And the abbesse and couent of Godestowe of his said diocise, in the name of their monastery of the other parte, vpon the right of takyng and havynge tithys of shevs of j. pece of lond of dyuerse tenentis, the which is I-called chirche crofte, liyng in the feld of waltan, in brede fro the diche of denyscrofte of the north parte and the crofte I-called frerecrofte and the walle I-called carywalle of the south parte, and in lengthe hit strechith hit-self fro the curtilage of dyuerse tenauntis of the parish of seynt Giles (even ayenst the chirche of seynt Giles) of the Est parte vnto the kyngis hye-wey I called Stok-wellestrete comyng forth of the west parte. At the last the same parties, considerynge the harmes and expensis that myght come by the occasion of such maner discencion, submytted them-self purely and goodely and vttirly to the bisshoppis ordeynyng, decre, and diffynyng; behotyng (or promytynyng) for them and ther successours and ther monastery afore-them-self, to have hit saide and sure for ever what-so-ever he ordeyned; dcreed, or diffynyd in ony wise, aboute the takyng and havynge of the said tithis, or by occasion of the thyngis afore put, even as hit apperith of submyssions of the same parties, Tenouris of the which folow bynethe.

1 Now Walton Street, in this part of it. Mr. Hurst thinks the name came from a staked-well in the modern Worcester Street.

2 Read 'aforesaid.' The Latin is: 'et eorum monasterio praedicto.'

3 The Latin is: 'ratum et firmum habituris.'
the religious men the abbot and covent of the monastery of Oseney beside Oxenford of the ordire of seynt Austyn, of lyncolne diocese aforesaid, in the name of the same monastery, of the other parte, vpon the right of takyng and havynge tythis of shevis comyng forth of the lord I-called chirchecrofte, the abbesse and the Couent aforesaid seiyng the tythis to owe of right to perteyne to them and to ther monastery of Godestowe, the aforesaid abbot and covent affermyng the same tythis to owe to perteyne to them and ther monastery aforesaid of right, they considred and yndirstode that ther shold come therof, by the occasion of such maner of discencion, not all-only dyuerse mevyngis, but also (without any avoidyng) harms and expensis, willed to avoide more warely such maner of harms and expensis there and therof, submytted them, there successours, and ther monastery aforesaid, by this present lettres, purely willefully and vttirly to the ordeynyng of the worshipful fadir and lord, lord John by the grace of god bisshop of lyncolne, and to his decre and diffynycion in all thyngis aboute the right of takyng and of havynge the said tythis or the takyng of them. They promytte for them and ther successours and there monastery aforesaid; they to hane I-said and ferme or sure, for in tyme to come, what-so-ever thynge the aforesaid worshipful fadir, by ordynarye right or of his bisshopis office longyng to hym, of playn and Without Judiciai noyse of Inge or figure of Iugement, aboute the takyng and havynge the said tythis or the takyng of the same, Also how-so-ever wold ordeyn, decre, or diffyne in ony wyse, by the occasion of the promysed thyngis: into the witnesse of the which, ther commune scale was I-honged to thise present lettres by them. The date at Godestowe, in ther Chapiter house, the sixte day of the moneth of Octobre, The yere of our lord a thousand iij. hundred iiiijxx. viij.

[496.] Next to this folowyth the Submyssio of the abbot and covent of Oseney to abide the ordeynyng,

32 Decree, and diffynycion, of the bisshop, for the discencion and mater of question bitwene them and the abbesse and...
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mychons of Godestowe. And the tenoure therof is even like
durde for word to the tenour of the submyción of the abbesse
and mychons afore I-write, And therfor hit nedith not to
write hit.

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[497.] Here begynneth the sentence of the Bisshop.

The bisshop after he had first I-considred tho thynges that
were to be attended in the afore-put thyngis, and a soleyme and
diligent trete before I-had, the which was nedefull and requysit
in that parte of right, desired, as he ought specially, pease and
rest of tho parties and profite bothe of the persones and monas-
teryes aforsaid to ordeyf and to decrée, as is I-write with-yn,
when he had I-sey theire evydent subieccion of the consent
of all and euerycn the which hit be-falled to consent in this 12
parte, he yaf the sentence vndir this forme.

[498.] The sentence and Iugement.

In dei nomine amen. This he thought to be ordeyned;
decreit, auctoris[ed], and to be diffynyd, that the abbot and the
covent of the monastery of Oseney aforsaid in ther tyme and
ther successours in the monastery aforsaid that 1 should be for
ther tyme, [should 2 take] the said tythis of the said lond
I-called chircecrofte (vpon the which began the discord and
discencion bitwene the parties aforsaid); And also the tythes of
the shevys of half a but of lond (the which is the forere of larke-
hulf in the southe parte, and lieth bitwene thysteldow and
larkehulf: of the which forere the said abbesse and couent were
I-wonyd to take the tythis that come therof), in the tymes to
come, by there right, fro this tyme now forthe, holy shold gadir
by them-self and there servantis and take the said tithys for
euer in the name of the monastery of Oseney aforsaid; and shold
dispose of them frely and pesibly after theire owne good'wille.

[499.] The sentence and Iugement for the
abbesse parte.

And the forsaid abbesse and couent of the monastery of
Godestow aforsaid and ther successours in the monastery of

1 i.e. 'who shall be for the time being.' 2 Added from the Latin.
Godestowe aforesaid, the which shold be for ther tyme, the
thythis of the shevys of j. pece of lond I-called sevenacre, liyng in
the feld of walton, in brode bitwene the kyngis hye-vey I-called
4 wodestok, wey of the west parte and a furlonge of the said
abbottis and count I-called honyforlonge vpon the Est parte,
And in length hit streccthith hit-self fro * Hawkelowedyche fro
the Northe parte vnto the lond of the same abbesse of pe
8 Southe parte; Also the thythis of ix. buttis I-called Sydlyngis,
liyng at the lowsy thorn, bitwene j. acre of lond of the same
abbesse beside the kyngis hye-vey I-called* Banneburye wey
in brede of the Est parte and j. pece of lond of the same abbesse
12 of the other parte, and in length hit streccthith hit-self vnto
j. pece of lond of the said abbottis of Oseney of the northe parte
I-called* Aylardeslonde; and also the tythes of sheves of vij,
buttis liyng at pulewelle, in lengthe bitwene j. marke of the
16 northe parte and the lond of dyuerse tenauntis of the said
abbesse and other of the south parte, and streccthith hit-self fro
a mede I-called northerham of the Est parte vnto the wey
I-called* Eton way of the west parte, of the which the abbot and
20 Couent aforesaid were I-woned to take the thythis of sheves into
rewarde of ther tythys (vpon the which the discencio began
bitwene parties aforesaid); And the said thythis of the butte (that
is to sey, of the forere) that come forthe therof, in the tymys
to come, for ther right, fro that tyme forthe, the mynchons shold
gadir by them-self or by ther servautis, holy take them, and haue
in the name of the monasterie of Godestowe aforesaid, and dispose
them frely and pesibly after ther owne wille.

28 [500.] Furthermore the bishop ordeyned and pronunseyd
that nother parties of the forsaid parties ne no persone of them
shold lette, or yeve impedymont, vpon the gaderyng or takyng of
tythis aforesaid, openly or priuely, by them-self or other, that
32 bothe partis or eny parte of the forsaid parties mow take and
have the aboueseid thythis after the ordenaunce of the bishop
aboueseid for ever. And yf ony parte of the partis a-forsaid
or of there successoris, or ony other persone of comauement
36 or biddyng of the othere of the same, in tymys to come, lette or
[yeve] impediment vpon the gaderyng or takyng of the thythis afor-
said ayenst his ordenaunce in this parte in ony wise, he willed

* leaf 94, back.
and the north suburb of Oxford.

[Water-eaton near Oxford.]

Godstow and Oseney ordered to carry out these ar-
rangements in a friendly manner,
under penalty of £5 to be paid by the transgressor, in St. Mary's Church, to the injured party,

and, in case of delay to pay the above fine, of a further sum of £1 10s. to the injured party, and £1 10s. to the fabric of Lincoln Minster.

* leaf 95. This decision was engrossed in the bishop's register.

and ordeyned by this present lettres that the parte lettyng shold pay without lenger differryng to the partie that is I-lette, with-yn iiij. daies immediatly or next folowyng suche maner lette, in the chirche of the blissed virgyn marye of Oxon C. shillings 4 of sterlynges of lawfull and vsuetit money rynnyng in Inglond; And yf hit falle or happe the party lettyng, as hit is I-said afore, to faile in aff or in parte in the paiynge of the said C. shillings by x. dayes next or immediatly folowyng the said iiij. 8 dayes (that god forbede), the party abouesaid lettyng shold paiie to the partie I-letted xxx. shillings of siluer in the said chirche of our lady and other xxx. shillings to the makyng of the chirch of lyncolne, his ordeynynge present yit abidyng sure. Al so ofte 12 that such impediment is I-do, the party lettyng was and is I-bound to pay, with-in x. dayes after such maner of lettyng. I-do ayenst his ordeneynyng abouesaid; in the name of a Payne. Into witnesse of aff and euerich, the bisshoppes scale was 16 I-hanged to 1, to this his ordeneynyng I-delyuere to bothe parties abouesaid by the maner of an endenture. And to ever-lastynge mynde of the thyngyn he made to be registred this his owne *ordeynynge in his registre, and comandede hit to be made more sure with the Commune selis of the forsaid parties. And the parties forsaied; of the Commune consent and assent of themself and of ther bothe Chapiters, put to, euerych to other, to this ordeneynyng indente ther commune selis. The date and I-acted 24 by the bisshopp in his chapel within his Castell of Sleford, the second day of the monathe of Nouembre, vndir the yere fro the Incarnation of oure lor Ông aftir the course and countyng of the chirch of Inglond a thousand CCC foure score and viij., the 28 xij. Indiccion, of the popehode of the most holy sadir in crist and lord oure lord Gorban by the grace of god the sixte the xj. yere, And the xxvj. yere of the bisshoppis consecration. There beying present worshipful and discrete men, Maisters 32 Brandoû of the Cathedraû chirch of lichefeld and John Botlishham of his chirche of lyncolne, Chanons, wyntnessis I-called to the fore-put thyngis.

1 A stop is placed here in the MS.
[2. Exchanges with St. Frideswyde's Priory.]

[501.] *A Charter of Robert Prior of Seynt Frideswith

I.-made to the churche of Godestowe for arable land with the pertynentis of the yffe of Symond Borehorne, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert, prior, and the

couente of seynt Frideswith of Oxenford, for them and ther

successors, graunted, yaf, and conforme with ther writyng, to

the churche of Godestowe and to Emme abbesse and couente

of the same place, aft ther arable lond, with aft his pertynentis,

the which they had somtyme of the yffe of Symond Balehorne

without the north yate of Oxenford in the feldes of Waltoñ and

Bewmount, as hit is departed in the charters the which he made

fully to them therof; Also they graunted, to the same abbesse

and Couente and to ther chirche aforsaid, aft the lond, with his

pertynentis, the which they had of the yffe of Denyse Borewold

in the feldes above I-named, after the tenour of the charter the

which she made therof to them,


into an eschaunge of the lond of the said abbesse and couente

of Godestowe, the which they had and held with-out the Est

yate of Oxenford in seynt Clementis parisshe, savyng to them

the wey toward the mylle of Boymyille as goodly and as frely as

they had hit in ony tyme; And they filled the defawe of the

lond, of ther parte, fully in that tilthe which is next to

the towne of Wolgarecote that is I-called Wolwardeswelle,

savyng to them the tilthe therof comyng.

Wherfor they willed that the churche of Godestowe, thabbesse,

and Couente of the same place, shold hane and hold for euer,

the forsai londes, with aft ther pertynentis, esementis, pastures,

and commune, with aft fredomes al so moche as longeth to the

said londes and that towched them, into eschaunge of ther lond

as hit is abouesaid. And the forsai Priour and Couente and

ther churche warranted the forsai londes, with aft ther per-
tynentis, to the forsai abbesse and Covente and to their

chirche for evere, defended and aquyted ayenst aft men, fro

1 Wigram's Cartulary of St. Frideswide, i. 426.  
2 Read 'tithe.'
aff servyce seculere, sutes, hundredis, and Courtis, that they shold not ryynne into harme, gref or disese, by occasion of the forsaied londes. And yf hit happened in ony tyme, that for the warantyng of the forsaied londes ony eschaunge behoved to be made in the forsaied tilthe, hit shold be fulfilled aff by the extente of faithfull men, I-chose of bothe parties. And that aff thise thynges, & cetera.

About 1240.

Grant to St. Frideswyde's Priory, by Denise Borewald,
of 15 acres in the north suburb, lying in separate strips,
* leaf 143, back.

[= South-and-North.]

[= The (Water) Eaton (?) way.]
Northam, beside the lond of the foresaid abbesse of the south parte; [and 1 half an acre in the tilth over Northam, beside the lond of the foresaid Henry of the south part;] And half an acre in the tilth that is I-called Wodych; bitwene the lond of the foresaid Henry of the south parte and the londe of William Eaton of the north parte; Also half an acre in the same tilthe, bitwene the lond of the said Henry and the lond of Walter Cuddelynge;

Also ij. half acres in a tilthe that is yesten the brynke of merstōn, amonke 2 the which j. half acre of the foresaid Henry lieth; And halfe an acre, beside Bradmore, bitwene the lond of the foresaid Henry and the lond of Alice, wedowe. Also she graunted and yaf, to the foresaid Chanons, all the right that she had; or myght haue, for her and here heires, in vij. acris of lond, of the which William Woldewarde held ij. for xvj. d. obolus to be paid at ij. termes, that is to say, viij. d. quadrans at Mighelmasse and viij. d. quadrans at our lady day in marche, And Hersute that was the wyf of William Iordōn held' jj. for xv. d. to be paid' atte said' termes, the which rente the said' William and Hersute and there heires shold' paye to the said' chanons or to ther attorneys for euery, Savyng thurgh all thynge the fee and heritage of tho aforesaid. Wherfor she willed the foresaid Chanons shold' have and holde all the foresaid' londes and rentes, with ther pertynentis, as free and perpetuē almesse, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lord xvij. d. at Mighelmasse and xvij. d. at our lady day in marche, for all seruyce and seculer exaccion. And denyse and her heires warantizēd all the foresaid' thynge to the said' Chanons ayenst all men and women for euery.

Into witnesse of which thynge, & cetera.

[503.] A Charter of Molde the daughter of Aluerde bocher I-made to Symon Balehorn for x. buttis of arable londe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that moolde, the daughter of Aluerd, Bocher, graunted lete deluyered & cetera to Symon Balehorn 3 of Oxon *x. buttes of arable lond, with all ther

About 1230.

Sale to Simon Balehorn, * leaf 144.

1 Omitted in MS.; added from St. Frideswyde's Cartulary, to make up the 15 acres.

2 Latin 'inter,' i.e. between.

3 Wigram, i. 422.

[= Marston.]
pertynentis, the which were of the South parte beside the Buttes the which were somtyme of Symon Semere, and strech-chith hym-self unto\textsuperscript{1} 'ix. acres' of the one parte, and on the other parte they streche into the wey that lieth beside\textsuperscript{2} the 4 towne of Oxfōn and Water Eton: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires and to whom-so-euer he wold assigne hit, of hym and his heires for ever, frely quetyly holie pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lord\textsuperscript{3} of the 8 fee xv. d.: at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at our lady day in marche viij. d. obolus and at Mighelmas viij. d. obolus, for aff servyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the saide Moolde and her heires warantiz\textsuperscript{4}d the forsaid\textsuperscript{5} x. buttis, with aff pere\textsuperscript{6} 12 pertynentis, ayenst aff men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Symon yaf to her xx. shillings of sterlyngis to her grete nede. And for-as-moche that she willed that all these thynge, & cetera.

[504.] A Charter of Richard fitz Gilbert Smyth I-made to Symon Balehorne for one acre I-called\textsuperscript{7} hedeacre.

The sentence of this charter\textsuperscript{8} is, that Richard fitz Gilbert Smyth graunted, lette, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorne his one acre, with aff his pertynentis, the which is I-called\textsuperscript{9} hedeacre: the which lieth in the field\textsuperscript{10} that is I-called\textsuperscript{11} Brademore, and strechith hit-self in thurte\textsuperscript{12} ouer the field in length toward the southe and toward the northe, and marchith toward the north at the hede hedeacre the which was somtyme of Symon Semere: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires and to whom he wold assigne hit, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quetyly pesibly and holie, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires viij. d.: at Mighelmasse for aff servyce and exaccion; and Richard\textsuperscript{13} and his heires warantiz\textsuperscript{14}d the forsaid\textsuperscript{15} Hedeacre, with aff his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symon and to his heires and to whom he wold assigne hit ayenst aff men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, he yaf to hym xxij. shillings into warison. And for-as-moche that he willed all thynge\textsuperscript{16} to be sure, & cetera.

\textsuperscript{1} i.e. a field called 'Nine-acres.'
\textsuperscript{2} Latin 'inter,' i.e. between.
\textsuperscript{3} Wigram, i. 422.
\textsuperscript{4} Latin = 'in transverso campi.'
A Charter of Henry fitz Lowys I-made to Symon Balehorne for ij. acris of arable londe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Henry fitz Lowys granted, lete, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorne of Oxenford ij. acris of arable londe, with all ther pertynentis, the which lye in the feld that is I-called Brademore, beside the abbesse londe of Godestowe of the north parte, and streccith hit-self in lengthe of the one parte toward the west vnto the half acre which was of Henry of the Wyke, and streccith hem-self of the other parte toward the Est vnto the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to his assigns, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quetyly pesibly worshipfully and holy, yeldyngh therof yerely to hym and to his heires viij. d. at Mighelmasse for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Henry and his heires warantijed to the forsaid Symon and to his heires and to his assigns the forsaid ij. acres, with all there pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this grante, & cetera, the said Symon yaf to hym xvij. shillings of sterlyngis and viij. d. into wariso. And pat, & cetera.

A Charter of Raaf Stonard, kynnysmañ of William of Wolgarecote, I-made to Symon Balehorne and to William Miller for j. acre londe:

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Stonard, kynnysmañ of William of Wolgarecote, granted, lete, and delyuered, to Symon Balehorne and to William Miller, one acre of londe, the which lieth behynde the lond of William Wolgarecote and behynde his lond, the which acre holdeth in lengthe xxxij. roddis and iiiij. fote of the kyngis standard, in seynt Gyles parish in the suburbes of Oxenford, to them and to ther heires, to be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quetyly and holy, yeldyngh therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at ij. termes of the yere, for all seruyce and exaccion, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. d. and at our lady day in marche vij. d.; and he and his heires warantijed the

1 Wigram, i. 423. 2 Wigram, i. 424. 3 Latin is 'gener.'
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forsaid acre, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid Symon and William, and to their heires, or to whom they wold assigne hit, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Symon and William yaf to hym xiiij. shillings vj. d. 4 into warisoñ. And that, & cetera.

[507.] A Charter of Roger Waterman I-made to Symon Balehorn for alle his londes, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Roger Waterman graunted lete and delyuered, & cetera, to Symon Balehorn of Oxenford, all his lond, with his pertynentis, the which Osmond held of hym, the which lond lieth bitwene the lond of Thomas fitz Water and the lond of Alisaundre Mason, in seynt Gyles parissh without the north yate of Oxenford: So nathelesse that the said Osmond held the forsaid lond of the forsaid Symon and his heires or his assignes. Also he graunted to hym all his arable lond, with his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Semere and the new diche, of the fee of the abbesse of Godestowe, in the forsaid parissh: To be hold, and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to hym and his heires or to whom he wold assigne hit, in fee and heritage, frely and quetyly pesibly and holy, yeldying thereof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at Mighelmas, for all servyce, custome, and exaccion. And the forsaid Roger and his heires warrantied all the forsaid londes to the forsaid Symon, and to his heires, or to whom he wold assigne hit, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Symon yaf to hym iiiij. mark, and j. half of siluer into warisoñ. And for-asmoch as he willed pat all thise pynges, & cetera.

1241, April 5. [508.] A Charter of Symon Balehorn I-made to the chirche of seynt Frideswithe for all his londes and rentes, & cetera.

The sentence of this euydence is that Symon Balehorn, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his soule yaf, & cetera, to god and to the chirche of *Seynt Frideswith of Oxenford

1 Wigram, i. 423.
and to the chanons there seruyng god now beyng and to be, into fre and perpetuel almesse, all his lounes and rentes \(^1\) with the pertynentis, that is to sey, ij. acres that lieth in the feld\(^4\) that is I-called Brademore nexte to the lond\(^3\) of the abbesse of Godestowe of the north parte; and j. acre that is I-called the heuedacre the which lieth in the feld of Brademore; and all the arable lond\(^7\) the which was of Roger Watermann, the which lieth 8 bitwene the lond\(^1\) that was of Semere and the new dich, of the fee of the abbesse of Godestowe; and all the lond\(^8\) that Osmonde myller holde of hym, the which lieth bitwene the lond\(^9\) of Thomas fitz Walter and the lond\(^9\) of Alisaundre Mason, Savyn the fee of the saide Osmonde to hym and to his heires; And x. buttis of arable lond\(^3\) the \(^2\) [which] lye beside the buttis that were somtyme of Symon\(^1\) Semere; And iij. acris, of the which one lieth and streccythhit self into the hede acre I-called the heuedacre, And iij. acris the which streccyth them self into the forsaid heuedacre, the whiche were of the fee of hastel \(^3\) marchaunte; And ij. buttis, the which lie\(b\) behynde the kyngis halle, with the bildyngis above I-billed; and half j. acre there-with, half I-billed: To be had\(^1\) and to be holde, frely quetyly pesibly and holy, to them and to ther successours as \(^4\) to ther assigns, yeldynge for the said\(t\) tenementis seruyces, the which ben I-conteyned\(f\) fully in the charters of the yevers, the which he had\(s\) and deleyued\(^1\) to the same assigns. And Symon\(^1\) and his heires waranti\(3\)ed\(g\) for euer all the forsaid\(t\) tenementis with all her pertynentis to the forsaid\(t\) chanons ayenst all men and women. And he made this waranti\(3\)yng\(h\) to the forsaid\(t\) Chanons, the v. day of Apr\(e\(f\))t, the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the sone of kyng Iohn.

[509.] *A Charter of a couenaunte I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and the priour of seynt Frideswith, the which priour quyte-claymed to the abbesse a[lt rentis that the abbesse was I-wonyd to pay to pem.

The sentence of this couenaunte \(^5\) is, that at the fest of Alhalewy\(n\), the yere of our lord\(a\) thousand\(t\) two hundred\(t\) foure

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\(^1\) Wigram, i. 424.  
\(^2\) See note 1, p. 410.  
\(^3\) 'Axcilde praetor' in no. 502: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 350.  
\(^4\) Read 'and.'  
\(^5\) Wigram, i. 121.
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Frideswyde's Priory of quit-rents, score and vi. and the xxiii. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, hit was accorded, bitwene broper Robert Ewelme, priour at that tyme of seyer Frideswyth of Oxenford, and * the Couente of the same place, of the one parte, and Mabile Wafre, at that tyme 4 abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, of the other parte, that is to sey, that the seid Robert priour and Couente of the forsaid hous of seyer Frideswyth lethe, graunted, and quyte-claymed for them and for 1 pere successours, as into 8 a perpetuel eschiange, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestow and to the Couente of the same place and to ther successours, all the rentes the which the forsaid abbesse and Couente were I-wonyd to pay to the forsaid priour and Couente of seyer Frideswyth 12 yere at our lady day in marche and at Mighelmasse by even porcions, for all ther tenementis with-in the towne of Oxenford or with-out, that is to sey, of the house somtyme of Stephyn Bisshop, the which is I-called Shiphalle, in seyer Frideswith 16 parish, ij. shillings; of the hous of hugh Palmer in seyer Mighel pariis of the sowthe, ij. shillings; of the selde of hugh Palmer, in the Cordewanyrse, in seyer Mighel pariis of the sowthe, x. shillings iiij. d.; of the house somtyme of Stephyn Bisshop, in seyer John Baptist parish, the which is I-called Elmenehalle, ij. shillings;

ou[t]ake iiiij. shillings yere to be rescieved to the forsaid priour and Couente of seyer Frideswyth and to ther successours for euer of ij. tenementis in Oxenford: that is to sey, of the seld that was somtyme of hugh Palmer, in Cordewanyrse, xx. shillings 3 j. d.; at ij. terms of the yere by even porcions, that is to sey, at our lady day in marche, and at Mighelmasse; And of the tenemente that somtyme Adam Spaldyng held in seyer Frideswiss parish, ij. shillings iiij. d.; at the same terms by even porcions;

like-wise the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, 32 for them and ther successours, lete, graunted, and utterly quyte-claymed for euer, as into an eschiange, to the forsaid priour and Couente of seyer Frideswyth and to ther successours, vj. shillings viij. d.; the which Iohn Payne of knyghton was I-woned to paye 36 yere to the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe; And

1 MS. 'to.' 2 Read 'north': 'borealis' in the Latin. 3 in error for 'xxid.'
xvij. d; the which the baillifes without the north yate of Oxen-
fordr were I-wonend to receize for the lond that was somtyme of
Denyse Borewalde yerely at our lady day in marche; and vij. d;
the which the saide baillifes were I-wonend to receize at the same
terne for heuedacre; and vij. d, the which the saide baillifes
were I-wonend to receize at the same terme for buttes; And
ij. shillings vij. d; the which the saide baillifes were I-wonend
8 to receize by yere at Mighelmasse for the lond of Denyse Bore-
wald and heuedacre; And vij. d, the which the heires of henry
Baker were I-wonend to receize yerely at the fest of seynt Petir
ad vincula for londes in bewmont; And xvij. d; [with] ij. hennes
or iij. d; the which the heires of william Cuddyng were I-wonend
to receize by yere at our lady day and at Mighelmasse by even
porcions [for 1 lands in Beaumont; and of the place formerly of
Cerle] in seynt Petir parish of the Est, ij. shillings at the same
16 termes. And that all thys thynges, & cetera.

[510.] "An endenture I-made bitwene the abbesse of
Godestowe and the priour of seynt Frideswith for
boymyle.

The sentence of this endenture 2 is, that ther was a couenaunte
I-made * bitwene the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of
the one parte, and the priour and Couente of seynt Frideswith of
the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and
Couente and the forsaid priour and Couente accorded in the
maner vndirwrittiten; that is to sey, that the saide abbesse and
Couente shold yeve and graunte, to the forsaid priour and
Couente, one place of a site of a myle, I-called 1 Boymyle, with
all the Iles, waters, fyssheweres, lokes, weres 3, longyng to the
site of the saide place of the mylle. And also ij. buttes of lond
I-called the mylle acre; with ij. places in gruggesete 4, wherof
one lieth bitwene the abbot of Oseney tenement of the Est
parte and the pathe ledyng toward yiftele 5 of the west parte,
And anopre place lieth ayenst streight Golleshepene 6, bitwene
property, viz.
(a) 6s. 8d. in Knighton, Berkshire
(no. 16-18);
(b) sums of
12. 6d., 6d., 7d., 28. 7d.
due by
lands out-
side North
Gate;
(c) sums of
8d. and
18. 9d. due
by land in
Beaumont;
[payment
by poultry,]
[a hen
valued at
12d.]
(d) 2s. due
by land in
St. Peter's
in the East.

1 Line omitted in MS., supplied from St. Frideswyde's Cartulary.
2 Wigram's Cartulary of St. Frides-
wide, i. 472.
3 Latin 'v{i}s' = 'ways.'
4 'Brugset,' i.e. the district east of
Magdalen Bridge, in St. Clement's parish.
5 Ifley.
6 Bollshipton, now Headington Hall
South Park [Wood's City of Oxford, i. 283].
(c) land at Wolvercot, with attached right of pasture, Godstow taking in exchange Ailmer’s well, and other lands in Walton, without the title of Ailmer’s well.

The lands to be treated as already exchanged, pending the obtaining licences in mortmain.

Obligation in £200 to observe this agreement.

Reference to no. 502.

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the tenement of Richard Deye of the Est parte and the tenement of John Glouer of the west parte; with all that land lying in Wolgarecote feld, I-called Twysdelowe, and the commune of the same land, with free entryng and goyng out to the same, with all his pertynentis: To be had and to be hold; to the said priour and Couente and to ther successours for euer, into an eschaunge of land and mede I-called Dilmereswelle, horestone, and hawslondich, the which the said priour and 8 Couente yave and granted to the seid abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for euer, savyng euermore to the said priour and Couente and to ther successours the tythe of the land and of the medi of Dilmereswelle: To be had and to 12 be hold; to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for euer. Also the said abbesse and Couente and priour and Couente aforssaid accorded that either party myght do frely ther owne profite in all thynges touchyng the said eschaunge, with out ony acquytyeung of bothe parties, as hit is I-said aboue, tille the said parties myght lawfully opteyne licence of the kyng (with commune costes of them) and of other the which had to entermete in that parte of the fore eschaunge to be made. 20 And that all these thyngis shold be I-fulfilled wele and truly, the said parties bounde them-self euerych to other in ij. hundred pound of sterlyngis, vndir this condicion, that yf the parties aforssaid come not 1 agayn the said couenauntes in ony thyng, 24 the said obligacion shold abide surely in his strength. Into witnesse of the which the forssaid parties put there scales to euerych others writyng. The date, the thursday in the Ascension of our lord, the xxxij. yere of the regne of kyng Edward 28 the thirde after the conqueste.

[511. Denyse Burewold’s lands, and the deeds relating to them.]

FURTHERMORE hit is to be noted that the forssaid chirch of seynt Frideswith had ther, of ye yifie of Denyse Borewold, xxvj. acris of lond, the charters of the which ben not I-writte 32 here, for the chirch of Godestowe hath them and holdeth into an eschaunge * for there londes, the which they had in Seynt

1 Omit ‘not’: Latin ‘contraveniant.’
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Clementis parissih of Oxenford, as hit is I-shewed I-vndrewitte¹ of the same.

[3. Deeds not referring distinctly to one parish.]

[512.] *A Charter of Robert Doylle for a mede that is I-called Lambeye and one busheft of whote of the mylles vndir the Castell of Oxoñ. The parissih of Seynt Thomas².

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Doylle, for the 4 sowles of his auncetours and for the helthe of his owne sowle and of his wyfes sowle and also of his children, graunted and yaf, into perpetuell almesse, to god and to oun lady and to seynt John Baptist and to the chirche of Godestow and to the mynchons 8 ther seruyng god, [half of] a mede that is I-called Lambeye, and a busheft of whote of the mylles vndir the castell of Oxenford euery yere to be I-paid; frely and quyetly fro alt seculer seruyce. This beyng witnesses, & cetera.

[NOTE.—Robert Doyly died about 1142. Reginald of St. Valerie (no. 878, § 15) gave the other half of Lambey. At the dissolution (Monast. iv. 370) Godstow still possessed Great Lambeie, 8 acres, worth yearly 1s. 8d. an acre, and Little Lambeie, 5 acres, worth 2s. 4d. an acre.]

[Rent-charge of Hugh of Tew.]

[513.] *A Charter of Water of Tywe and Emelyne his wyf, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ix. shillings of rente in Oxenforde. ¹⁴

The sentence of this charter is, that Water of Tywe and his wyf Emelyne and his heires yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, into perpetuell almesse, ther lond of Oxenford, that is to say, ix. shillings worth, the which his fadir Hugh of Tywe and his modir Mabile yaf to the same chirche with ther daughter. And they willed that the forsaid chirch and mynchons shoold hold hit, frely and quyetly and stedfastly fro alt seculer seruyce and exaccion for euer. ¹⁶

These beyng, & cetera.

¹ Now on p. 371. ² The Castle mills were there.
The sentence of this charter is that Symon, preest of seynt Petir, graunturn, lete, and delvyued, to Iohn kepeharne his lond, the which is bitwene ther lond where he dwellethe the which Walter Crompe helde of the hospital of Jerusalem, that lond of the afore-said, with the half of the gabin of his house where he dwelled so that the gable shold be to them commune, he graunturn, also, as hit is afore I-said, and lete, to the fore-named Iohn, in length and in brede as the chambre the which is aboue the grounde yeveth, and in depyth vnto the grounde the which he yaf vnto the hospital of seynt Iohn at the Est yate of Oxenford the which Agamond Bolter held, to hym and to his heires, surely and stedfastly in fee and in heritage, frely quietely and worshipfully, yeldying therof yerely j. d. at Mighelmasse for all seruycye. And for this graunte and yifte of the forsaied diuided ground the afore-named Iohn yaf to hym lx. shillings of recogny- cion. And he and his heires warantize the forsaied lond to the forsaied Iohn and to his heires ayenst all men: and that the afore-write couenaunte of hym and his heires shold be sure for cuer, to hym and to his heires, Symon, preest, strengthed hit with the witnesse of his seale, & cetera.

[Gift of Henry of Oxford.]
full kyng Henry of Inglond; graunted and yaf to the churc of god, & cetera, and to the mynchons of Godestowe* there servyng god; j. hyde of lond in Walton that was of Chamberlayn, in-to 4 perpetuel almesse, for the helthe of his most worthy lord kyng Henry of Inglond and Alienore the queene and the childe, and for the helthe of his soule and of his fadir and modir and his children. To be hold; fre and quyetly, and asasiled and losed 8 fro all seculer service and exaccion, as he hym-self held hit most frely and quyetly. And confermed this yfte with this present graunt and the assent of his dere son Iohn. These beyng witnesse 1, & cetera.

[Rent-charge of Jeffrey, son of Durand.]

[517.] *A Charter of Geffrey Durante I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of Rente, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Geffrey durant and molde his wyf graunted; & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestow ther servyng god, whan pe same Moolde yelded her-self to be a mynchof to the same churc, into pure and 16 perpetuel almesse, j. marke of rent the which Peter ther son shold yeld yerely to the forsaid mynchons of the lond that Roger sorus held [and] of the lond of Eweyn, the which were of the marriage of the said Moolde, the which londis the same 20 Petir held heritably of the forsaid mynchons. This mark, of rent they yaf to the forsaid churc for the helth of ther soules and of ther Aunceturs and of fadirs and modirs and oper frendis, thise beyng, & cetera.

[518.] *A Charter of Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, I-made to Peter fit3 Geffrey Durant for j. marke of londe in Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this Charter is that Iulian, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with ther comon counsel and assent, graunted and toke, to Petir fit3 Geffrey Durant and to his heires, j. mark of rent in Oxenforde: To be

1 See note at end of no. 515.
son of Durand, [Nun's dower.] of no. 517.

hold of them, the which Geoffrey the fadir of the forsaid Petir and Moolde the modir of hym yaf to the chirch of Godestowe whan the same Moolde toke the habite of Religion with them, of the londis that Eweyn and Roger Soriß held of Geoffrey the fadir of the forsaid Petir. Of these afsaid londes the said Petir hold yeld yerely one marke of siluer at ij. termes, at Mighelmasse half one mark, and at Ester half one marke. Of this rente truly to be yelded he yaf to them fewte in the 8 chapiter. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.


[519.] *A Charter of Petir fit3 Geoffrey Durant, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. marke of Rente in Oxenford.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fit3 Geoffrey Durant graunted, & cetera, into pure and perpetuel almesse, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, for the helth of his fadir soule and modir soule and of all his predecessours, the yifte that his fadir and his modir made to pe chirch afsaid, whan Moolde his modir in the same chirch toke the abite of Religion, that is to sey, one marke of rente in Oxenford of the londes that Eweyn and Roger Soriß held of Geoffrey his fadir, the whiche lond was of the mariage of his modir. And Petir fit3 Geoffrey and his heires shold hold these londis into fee and heritage of the chirch of Godestowe, yeldynge therof every yerly one marke of siluer at ij. termes, at Mighelmasse half a mark, and at Ester half one marke. And for this yifte, & cetera. And for-asmoch as he graunted fewte of that tenement to the same chirch of Godestowe in there chapiter, the 24 covent of Godestowe yaf to hym v. mark, of siluere. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.
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[Lands given by Laurence Kepeharme.]

[520.] *A Charter of Henry Doilly made to Laurence fitz John kepeharme for ij. londis in the town of Oxenford.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Henry Doilly, the sone of Henry Doilly, constable of kynge Henry the second, willed to be know to all his men and frendes, englissh and frensh, bothe 4 to 1 tho that were present pan, and also to tho that were to come, that he granted and yaf to Laurence fitz John kepeharme ij. londis in the town of Oxenford; the whiche were of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of Osbert Fadir, the which is bitwene 8 the chirche-yerd of seynt Mildreth and the house of Edmound Sowter; and pe lond of Henry Fitz Aubrey, the which is in the parish of seynt Iudoce; and iij. londes with-owte the town of Oxenford; the which is of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of Richard Rasy, the which is bitwene the mylles that ben vndir the castell of Oxenford and the brigge by the which hit is to go to Oseney; and the lond of hardyng, peleters, the which is bitwene the lond of Stephyn hanton and the lond of Walter Westbury; and the lond of Walter fitz Vitelle, the which is bitwene the lond of Leswyn Fosse and the lond of John Leche of Brecchyme: To be hold to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stably in fee and heritage, frely and 20 quetyly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof euery yere xij. d. in two termes of the yere, for all service, that is to sey, vj. d. at oure Lady day in marche and vj. d. at Mighelmasse, for his homage and for his servuyce And for iij. ti. of siluer, the which 24 the forsaid Laurence yaf to hym in Recognicio and agayn knowlechyng. And that this his yfite and graunte, & cetera, he confermed hit with his scale, & cetera.

[521.] *A Charter of Laurence kepeharme I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for all his londes and tenementis with-in the Borough and subarbis of Oxenforde.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Laurence kepeharme, for 28 the helthe of his sowle, and of all his fadiris and modirs, auncetours

1 MS. 'two to.'

C c
Kepeharmo,
of the
reversion of
five rent-
charges (10s. 8d.),
with con-
tingent
rights, held
in Oxford of the
fee of
D'Oilly (as
in no. 520),
and successours, charitably granted, after his decease, to god & cetera and to the holy monchs of Godestowe ther servuyng
god, into pure fre and perpetuall almesse, aff his Londes and
tenementis with-in the borough and subarbis of Oxenford, the 4
which laurence held of Henry Doilly by the service of xij. d. by
yere for aff servuyce, that is to sey: that lond the which was of
Osbert fadir, the which the hospitafl of seynt Iohn with-out the
Est gate held for viij. d. by yere; and that lond that was of 8
henry fit3 Avbrey, the which yielded xij. d. by yere; and that
lond that was of Richard Rasy vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the
which yielded yerely v. shillings at iiiij. terms of the yere,
that is to sey, at Ester xv. d., at Midsomer xv. d., at Mighelmasse 12
xv. d., and at Cristmas xv. d.; and the lond of William Burgeys
vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the which lond yielded ij. shillings
by yere, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d., and at myghelmasse
xij. d.; and the lond of ambrose, the which is beside the lond of 16
lewyiõ Fosse, the which lond of ambrose yielded ij. shillings by
yere at the same terms.

And furthermore he graunted iiiij. tenementis that bel of the
fee of seynt Iohn Baptist chirch of Godestowe, that is to sey: 20
a tenement that Roger Neis held, yeldyn g therof yerely iiiij.
shillings ij. d., that is to sey, at Ester xxv. d. and at myghel-
masse xxv. d.; and another tenement that Roger * Welleblot
held, yeldyn g therof yerely ij. shillings, that is to sey, at Ester 24
xij. d. and at myghelmasse xij. d.; And another tenement that
Roger Osmonõ held, yeldyn g therof yerely xxvij. d., that is to
sey, at Ester xiiiij. d. and at Mighelmasse xiiij d.; And another
tenement that Brekspere held, yeldyn g therof yerely xix. d., 28
that is to sey, at Ester ix. d. and at Mighelmasse ix. d.

Furthermore he graunteõ certayn tenementis without the
north yate of Oxenford, the which walter harmer held of the same
fee, yeldyn g therof yerely v. shillings, that is to sey, at Ester xv. d.; 32
at Midsomer xv. d., at Mighelmasse xv. d.; and at Cristmas xv. d.

Furthermore he graunted a tenement that Robert home held, in
the pariss of seynt Iudoce, and yelded therof yerely ij.
shillings, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d. and at Mighelmasse 36
xij. d.; and therof shold be yelded to Richard Beaufus j. li. of
Comyiõ yerely for aff servuyce, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse.

1 Probably in error for 'xviii. d.'
Oxenford

All these tenementis shold be remayn or abide to the fore-named Laurence, as they bein devided afore, all the dayes of his lyf: And aftir ther decesse, they sholde remayn and abide, sadly 4 and quyetly, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther servynge god. And for-asmoche as he willed all this thyngis afore I-writte, as they bein aboue diuided, shold be ferme and stedfast for ever, he put 8 to this writyng his sele, & cetera.

[Note.—The parish here called of St. Judoc (confessor, commemorated on July 25) is more commonly styled of St. Budoc, who has no place in the calendar. See Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 44-7. The church and parish disappeared at an early date. In no. 561 the St. Judoc's property is reckoned to be in St. Ebbe's parish.]

[522.] * A Charter of henry Doilly, the sone of henry Doilly, the kyngs Constable, conferyng all the yiftis the which Laurence kepemharme made to the mynchons of Godestowe, of the tenementis in Oxenford, the whiche he held of hym in the same towne.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry Doilly, the soin of henry doilly, the kyngs constable, graunted; and with his charter confirmed, to god, & cetera, and to Iulian, Abbesse, and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servynge god, for the love of god and for the helthe of his sole and of his wyfes sole and his auncetours, all the yiftis that Laurence kepemharme made to them in Oxenford of the tenementis that they held of hym in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold to the foresaid Abbesse and mynchons for ever, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, Savyng xij. d. to hym and to his heires yerely to be paid at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. d. and at seynt Marie day in marche vj. d.; for all secular exaccion and demaunde. And that this his graunte, & cetera.

* By the Castell of Oxenforde.

[523.] A Charter of Stephyn hamton and William his soine and his heire I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. li. of pepir.

The sentence of this evidence is that Stephyn hamton and William his soine and heire yaf, and graunted, to god & cetera 24 and to the ladies of Godestowe, j. li. of pepir, the which Laurence

1 i.e. 'his.'
family, of
1 lb. pepper
and with it
of feudal
rights over
part of
Laurence
Kepenhame's
lands.

kepenhame ought to paye yerely to them of ther land the which
lieth beside the Castle in the Est parte, into pure and perpetuel
almesse, for the sowles of all ther auncetours, and they and all
they shold be fully partyners of there confraternite, benefetis, 4
and praieris of all the couente. And for al so moche as they
wolde, & cetera.

*Oxenford Castell.

[524.] A Covenante which Anneys, Abbesse of Godestow, made with Iohn fitz Pagane for xlij. pens by
yere.

The sentence of this convencio is, that Iohn fitz pagane
shold yeve xlij. d. yerely in ij. termes, that is to sey, at 8
Alhalewyn day xxj. d, and in the Annunciacio of our lady
xxj. d, for the land afore the yate of the castel of Oxenford; for
the which he yielded first xviiij. d to the churche of Godestowe.
And for the encrese of the ij. shillings of rente, they yaf to the
forsaid Iohn xx. shillings in his grete nede. And the said
Abbesse and couente graunted this covenante to be sure to the
forsaid Iohn and to his heires. Thise beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[Quit-rents from Peter son of Torald.]

*leaf 119, back.
About 1250.

Grants to
Godstow,
by Peter
son of
Torald,
of 14s. rent-
charge in
All Saints,
*leaf 130,
subject to
12. quit-
rent (see
no. 554);

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Torald graunted,
leste, and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires for euer, to goð &
cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god,
in-to pure and perpetuel almesse, xiiiij. shillings of yerely rent
of ij. mesis the which Walter Goldsmyth *held of hym in alff
Alhalewyn parish of Oxenford, of the which xiiiij. shillings of rent
the mynchons of Godestowe yelded to the chief lord of that fee
xij. d by yere for all servyce.

1 The position of the Castle to the west of it puts this land in what is now St. Peter le
Bally parish.
2 See nos. 548-553.
He graunte d also, and yaf, to the foresaid mynychons of Gode- stowe, vj. shillings of yerely rent of the londe that Richard Wever and his wyf held of hym in seynt Crosses parissi in the suburbi of Oxenford; the which londe they held of hym to the lyf of them; And after ther dethe the foresaid londe, the which they held of hym for vj. shillings by yere, shold turne agayn and abide to the mynychons of Godestowne for euer. He 8 graunte d also, and yaf, to the foresaid mynychons of Godestowne, iij. shillings of yerely rent of the londe the which William fit; Gerard held of hym in the foresaid parissi of seynt Crosse. Of the which iij. aforsaid tenementis the mynychons of Godestowne shold yerely pay, to the person of seynt Petir and of seynt Crosse of halywelle, xvj. d. for al seruyce. And that these aforsaid thyngis, & cetera.

[Lands acquired from Stephen son of Waryn miller.]

[NOTE.—These lands seem to have been near the corner where Canterbury Gate of Christ Church comes up to Corpus Christi College, and so partly in St. Edward's, partly in St. Frideswyke's, and partly in St. John's parishes.]

[526.] * A charter of Adam Fit; Richard Goldesmyth I-made to Waryne Myller for all his londe that fille to hym by queste of his Fadir.

The sentence of this charter is, that Adam fit; Richard 16 Goldesmyth, with the wille and consente of Iugen his moder and Geffrey and Reynold his brethren, graunte, lette, and delyuere, to Waryne Miller all his londe that fille to hym of the queste of Richard his fadir, the whiche londe lieth bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the londe of William kysseblancpayn, and in deynth unto the londe of Robert Pur of Chester behynde the londe of William kysseblancpayn: To be held, to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stedfastly in fee and heritage, frely and quyety and holy, yeldynge therof yerely iiiij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, for al exaccion and seruyce, that is to sey, ij. shillings at Mighelmasse and ij. shil- lings at palme sonday: and for this her graunte and letyng of londe the forenamed Waryne yaf to hym ij. marke of siluer in warisoi, and made to hym fewte of the tenement. And

\[\text{and of 6s. rent-charge in Holywell with reversion of the land which paid it;}\]

\[\text{and of 2s. rent-charge in Holywell; quit-rents to rector of St. Peter's-in-the-East, 18. 4d.}\]

Grant to Waryn miller, by Adam son of Richard goldsmith, of land (probably in St. Frideswyke's parish).

Quit-rent, 48.
Purchase-money, £1 6s. 8d. [Doing fealty.]

1 See no. 636.
2 *Quest* = bequest; the Latin is 'ex legato patris mei.'
he and his heires warrantijed to hym and to his heires the tenure ayenst all men and women. And that this his grauntyng and letyng of the forsaid tenement shold be sure for euer, to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires, of hym and his heires, he conferred [hit] with the puttyng to of his seale, & cetera.

[527.] A charter of Geoffrey Goldsmith to Waryne Miller conformyng the same.

The sentence of this charter is, that Geoffrey Goldsmith graunted & cetera to Waryne, Miller, all that lond of his owne, the which lieth in brede bitwene the lane and the lond that was 8 of William kysseblancpayn, and in lengthe fro the strete vnto the lond of Thomas fitz Elrice and behynde the lond of william kysseblancpayn vnto the lond of Robert Pur of Chester, to hym and to his heires, to be had and to be holde, of * hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, in brede and lengthe, as hit is I-put afore, yeldyng therof yerely iiiij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere for aff seruyce, as the charter of Adam his brother of that same lond witneseth, that 16 is to sey, ij. shillings at Mighelmasse and ij. shillings at palme sonday: and he and his heires shold warrantij all the forsaid lond, holy, to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires, ayenst all men and women. And for this his graunte, & cetera, the afore named Waryne yaf to hym ij. besauntis in warisone, and did fewte to hym of the same tenement. And hit is to be know that Adam his brother lette and toke by his will and his graunte all the forsaid lond to the forsaid Waryne: To be had and to be holde, heritably, as the charter of the same Adam witneseth. And that this his graunte, & cetera.

[528.] A Charter of Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf I-made to Waryne Miller for all ther londe in Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf graunted, lete, and deluyered, to Waryne Miller ther lond that lieth bitwene the lond of Adam Chynnore and the lond of the same Waryne: To be had and to be holde, to hym and to his heires, of them and ther heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and holy, in lengthe
and in brede and in depenesse, yeldying therof yerely to them and to ther heires xiiij. d. at ij. terms of the yere, for all seruyce, that is to sey, vj. d. obolus at Ester and vj. d. obolus at Mighelmasse. And for ther graunte, & cetera, the afore-named Waryne yaf to them ij. marke of siluer for a recognicion. And they and ther heires warantizèd to the foresaid Waryne and to his heires the foresaid' lond; holy, ayenst all men and women that myght live or dye. And for-asmoche as they willed' that the foresaid' lond' should be sure to the foresaid' Waryne and to his heires, of them and ther heires, they confermed' hit to-gedirs with ther seales, & cetera.

[529.] A charter of Stephyûn fitz Waryne Miller of Oxenford' I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for shiphalle and another halle in Seynt Iohn-is strete in Oxenford; & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Stephyûn fitz Waryne yaf; & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe, for hym and his heires for ever, ther' seruyng god and to servne for euer, for the helthe of his sowle and for the sowles of his fadir and modir and also of his wyf Molde, aft that the had' by right heritage and possessed' in the towne of Oxenford, with all his pertynentis, that is to sey, aft that lond' that his fadir bought of Adam fitz Richard' Goldsmith, the which lieth bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the lond that was somtyme of william kysseblancpayn, And the said' lond' strechith hit-self in depthe vnto the lond' that was somtyme of Thomas fitz Ailrich and vnto the lond' that was somtyne of Robert Pur of cheestre behynde the lond' that was some*tyme of William kysseblanc-payn the which is in seynt Frideswith parisshe; Also aft the lond' that he held' and had'of the priour of seynt Frideswith, the whiche is in seynt Iohn-is strete of Oxenford; the which lieth bitwene the lond' that Albert somtyne held'and the lond' that William Waterman somtyne held'; Also aft the lond' that he held' and had'of Richard' Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf, that is to sey, that lieth bitwene the lond' that was somtyne of Adam Chynnore, and the lond' that his fadir held' somtyne of Adam fitz Richard' Goldsmith: To be hold' and to be had' for euer, to the said' 1 Take in after 'Godestowe.'
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mynchons seruyng god in the said monastery and to serue, with aff there pertynentis, into free and perpetuel almesse, doyng nathelles therfor yerely to the chief lordis of tho feis seruyce to them dew therof, after the tenour of the charters the which 4 his fader had therof, and yeldyng yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. of siluer at Ester, for aff seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Stephyn and his heires warantyzed to the said mynchons and to ther successours for ever aff the 8 forsaid londes and tenementis, with aff ther pertynentis, ayenst aff men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid mynchons yaf to his grete nede, that is to sey, to aqyute hym of the Iewrye and in other placis where he was indetted; x. marke 12 of siluer in warison. And that this yifte, & cetera.

[530.] * A Charter of Stephyn fit3 Waryn myller of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londes, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Stephyn fit3 Waryn myller of Oxenford yaf & cetera, for hym and his heires for ever, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther 16 seruyng god and to serue for ever, for the helthe of ther sowles and the sowles of ther fadir and moder and of Molde his wyf, aff that lond the which he had and was possessed of by right heritage in the towne of Oxenford, with aff his pertynentis: 20 that is to sey, aff that lond the which his fadir bought of Adam fit3 * Richard Goldsmith, the which lieth bitwene the place 1 of the kyng and the lond that was somtyme of William Cusseblankepayne, and his said lond strechith hit-self in depyth 24 vnto the lond that was somtyme of Thomas fit3 Ailrich and vnto the lond that was somtyme of Robert Porcherse behynde the lond that was somtyme of William Cusseblankpayne, the which is in seynt Frideric swyth pariss, the which is in seynt Iohn strete of Oxenford; Also aff the londe that he held of the priour of seynt Frideric, the which lieth bitwene the lond that Alberte held somtyme and the lond that William Waterman held somtyme; And aff the lond that he held and 32

1 The Latin has ‘inter placem domini regis.’ The reference is to a lane now blocked, which in nos. 526 and 527 was open, possibly leading to a postern in the southern wall of Oxford.
was possessed of Richard Rasy and Gonnylde his wyf, that is to 
sey, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of 
Adam Chynnor and the lond the which his fadir somtyme 
bought of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth: To be hold and to be 
had for euer, to the seid monychs in the said monastery 
seryuyng and to serve, with all the pertynentis, into fre and 
perpetuell almesse, Doyng nathelesse perof yerely vnto the chief 
lordes of the fees seryuyce dew and I-wonyd to them therof, after 
the tenoure of the charters the which his fader had therof, 
Also yeldeyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. 
of siluer at Ester, for all seryuye, exaccion, and demaunde. And 
the said Stephyn and his heires warantized to the forsaid 
monychs and to ther successors for euer all pe forsaid londes 
and tenementis, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men and 
women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid monychs 
yaf to them to ther grete nede, that is to sey, to aquyte hym of 
the Jewry and otherwise he was endited x. markes of siluer 
in warison. And furthermore they graunted to hym and to 
his wyf molde, with ther servuant to serve them while they lived; 
two corrodies of ij. monychs and a corrodye of one servuant 
to ther susteynyng. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[Debt in the 
Jewry.] 
Purchase-
money, 
£6 13s. 4d., 
and three 
corrodies,

[Lands of Hugh Palmer.] 

[531.] *A Charter of couenaunte I-made bitwene Anneys, 
the daughter of William Aunfrey, and hugh Pavmer 
of Oxenford for all his londes and rentes in Oxen-
ford and in the subarbis therof.

The sentence is this, that a couenaunte was I-made, bitwene 
Anneys, the doughtir somtyme of William Aunfrey of Oxen-
ford, of the one partie, and hugh Pavmer, Cordewaner, of the 
other partie, that is to sey, that the forsaid Anneys yaf, & cetera, 
to the forsaid hugh all her londes and rentis in the towne and 
subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid 
hug and to his heires and to his assignes, as hit is dyvyded and 
conteyned in the charter that the forsaid Anneys made specially 
of the forsaid londes tenementis and rentis. And for this yifte,

1 'his' for 'her.' 2 'Humfrey' in the duplicate, no. 532.

formerly of 
Richard 
Rasy (no. 
528).
& cetera, the forsaied Hugh shold fynde the forsaied Anneys worshipfully, al so longe as she lived; in vitaile clothynge and shoyng and in all other necessaries, So that the forsaied Anneys shold redely serve the forsaied Hugh, as she did afore, tille she willed 4 to translate her-self into religion; And when she wold entir religion, the forsaied Hugh shold yeve to the same xx. marke into subsidie. And yf hit so happened that the forsaied Hugh died or she entred religion, he shold yeve to her xx. mark, aforsaid 8 to do after her owne will, so that the forsaied Hugh shold not have powere to make a testament of the forsaied londes, rentis, and tenementis, goodes mevable and vnmeuable, in the towne of Oxenford and subarbis, nother his executours shold not have 12 no admynystration of his goodes, tille the forsaied Anneys were fully I-satisfyeoT of the forsaied xx. marke. And yf hit happened that the forsaied Anneys dyed or she entred religion, hit shold be lawfull to be-queth the forsaide xx. mark, to whom-so-euer 16 she wold, or to commyte them to the disposiciow of her executours in her testament. And to this covenante truly and with-out gyle to be hold, bothe partes suerd their trouth, and to this wrytyng of either parte euerych of them sette seales to 20 other, [ise beyng; & cetera.

* The parisshes of seynt mygheft at the north yate, seynt Olde, and seynt Mighett at the South yate, and of Seynt Edwarde.

A Charter of Anneys, somtyme the doughtere of William humfrey of Oxenford, I-made to hugh Paumer the sonc of Raf Paumere, for all his 1 londes and rentes in Oxenford, and in the subarbes of Oxenford, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Anneys, somtyme the doughter of william humfrey of Oxenford; yaf & cetera, for her and her heires, to hugh Paumer the sonc of Raf Paumere of Oxenford, all his 1 londes and rentes in the towne and subarbes of Oxenford, that is to say, that lond 2 in length and in brede, with all his pertynentis, the which was somtyme of Iohn Bridporte, and hit lieth bitwene the lond of William Spysere the 28

1 'his,' as often, for 'her.' 2 In St. Mary's parish: see nos. 640 and 644.
yonger of the one parte and the lond' that was of Aleyñ fitz Walter of the other parte, in seynt Olde\footnote{The Latin has ‘Sonete Edarie,’ a badly written attempt at ‘Marie.’ It is correctly given as ‘seynt Mary’ in no. 533.} parissh; and that selde in Cordewaynyre, the [which] selde is I-sette bitwene the lond' that was somtyme of Robert Owelyn of the one parte and the lond' of Walter Feteplace of the other, in seynt Michels parissh of the north of Oxenford; * And of the solare aboue the forsaid' seld; xij. d. of yerely rente; And of the tenementes\footnote{a rent-charge on land in St. Michael's-at-South-Gate parish; a rent-charge on land out-side Little Gate (in St. Ebbe's parish?); and a rent-charge in St. Edward's parish.} in seynt

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\item Olde parissh, of the which Iohn longe holdith one, and the heires of Adam Diss the second; and the asignes of Robert Cachefrenyes the thirde, of xiiij. shillings vj. d.; and of the lond' of Robert Shireburn, the which is bitwene the lond' of Geffrey Stamdeff of the one parte and the lond' that was somtyme of William Farendon of the other parte, in the same parissh, xij. d.; And of the lond' of Andrew derham, the which is [between] the lond' of the hospitafl of seynt Iohn of the other parte and the lond' of laurence Wyth of the other parte in the same parissh, j. d.; And of the lond' that was somtyme of William Smarteknave, vndir the walle, with-out the south yate, in seynt Michels parissh of the South of Oxenford, the which is bitwene the lond' of Iohn Briton of the one parte and the lond' of Robert Clanefeld of the other, iij. shillings; And of the lond' that was of Symeon Walyngford; with-oute the lyteff yate, iijj. d.; And of the lond'; the which Robert Cromme held' in seynt Edwardes parissh of Oxenford, vj. d.: To be hadde and to be hold; to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or his assignes, with all rightes and clayne that [s]he had' or myght have by descent or by a-chete or by ony maner right in all the forsaid' londes and tenementis and rentes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for evere, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of the forsaid' fees dew seruyce and I-woned; And to her and to her heires j. paire of white gloves of j. d. at Ester, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And Anneys and her heires warantizèd a quyted' and defended; by the forsaid' seruyce, all the forsaid' tenementes londes and rentes, with all ther pertynents, to the said' hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men and women for euere. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsaid' hugh yaf to her before handes xx. marke of sterlynges. And pat all these afore, & cetera.
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*leaf 114, back.*

**[533.]** *A Charter of hugh Palmer of Oxenford for all his londis and rentis in the town and suburban of Oxenford.*

About 1270.

Grant to Godstow, by Hugh Palmer, of lands and rent-charges as in nos. 531, 532.

[St. Aldate's.]

*leaf 115.*

with other rents and lands.

[Meadow by lot; see in no. 607.]

The parisshe of Seynt Olde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Hugh Palmer of Oxenford yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, all his londis and rentis in the town and suburban of Oxenford, that is to sey, 4 all that lond in length and in brede, with all his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of William Spicenare of the one parte and the lond of Geoffrey vnndir the walle of the other parte, in seynt mary parisshe; and all that selde in Corde-8 wenare, that is bitwene the lond pat was somtyme of Robert Owyn and the lond of Walter Feteplace, in seynt Migheft parisshe of the north of Oxenford; and xiiij. shiellings vj. d. of yerely rent of the tenement, in the parisshe of seynt Olde, the 12 which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Rennewaite and the venelle (anglice, a lane) that ledith to the Backelowse; and xij. d. of yerely rent of the lond that was somtyme of Robert Shireburn, in the same parisshe, the which 16 lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Richard Elsefeld and the lond that was somtyme of William Farendon; and iij. shiellings of yerely rent of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Burton and the lond of henry perle, 20 *vndir the walle of Oxenford; in the parisshe of seynt Michell at the Sowthe yate; and xvj. shiellings of yerely rent, in the same parisshe, vndir the walle, at sulleywngstole, of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond of Piers Wynburn and the lond of Nicholas Criklaide; and j. acre of mede in the bishoppis-hyte as the lotte wolle yeve: To be hald and to be hold; with all the forsaide rentis and pertynentis, withyn the borow of Oxenford and with-out, to the forsaide mynchons and to ther 28 succeedours, into pure and perpetuel almes, al so frely and goodly as ony almesse myght be yeve or assigned for ever, Savyng the rentis of the said londis and tenementis dew and I-wonyd in tymys I-ordeyned: And that all these thyngis, & 32 cetera.
[Lands of Robert Maynard, chaplain of Godstow.]

[534.] *A convencion I-made bitwene the abbesse and Covent and the forsaid Robert Maynard' for certyn londes.

This convencion was I-made in the fest of oure lordis birth, the yere of grace Mi. CC. lxxij., bitwene the religious ladies the abbesse of Godstow and the Covent of the same place, and Robert maynard of Oxenford, Chapeley, of the other parte: that is to sey, that the said Religious ladys, for them and their successours, graunte and lette to the said Robert to the ende of his lyf ix. acris of lond; that is to sey, v. acris in Bewmounte the which were somtyme of wylberte Sowter; also in the same feld; iij. acris, the which lye bitwene the lond of Iohn Culuerd of the one parte and the lond that is I-called diche acre of the other parte; Furthermore, j. acre, which lieth in the parissih of seynt Gyles, bytwene the lond * of Petir Godeale of the one parte and the lond of william of Irlond somtyme held of the other parte: To be had; to the seid Robert al so longe as he lived in seculer habite, of the forsaid abbesse and covent and ther successours, frely and quetyly, wele and in peace, yeldyng therof to the forsaid religious ladies and to ther successours ix. shillings of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas iij. shillings vj. d. and at the Annunciacion of our lady iij. shillings vj. d.; for all custome and demaunde. And the seid Abbesse and mynchons or religious ladies and ther successours warrantizd all the said lond to the said Robert al so long as he lived ayenst all men. And yf the said Robert died, or entred religion, all the said lond, with-out ony lessenyng or agayn-saiyng of the said Robert or of his assignes, shold turne agayn to the said Religious ladys or to pere successours. Into winnesse of the which thynge, & cetera, bothe parties put to ther scales everiche to other, & cetera.

[535.] *A charter of maister Robert maynard' of iij. acris of lond in bewmounte.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert maynard of Oxenford, chapelay, yaf and quyte-elaymed vttirly, to god Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Maynard,

Grant of life-rent, by Godstow, to Robert Maynard, of 8 acres in Beaumont

and 1 acre in St. Giles's. * leaf 93.

Grant to cease if Robert become a monk or friar. Quit-rent, 92.

* leaf 92, back. 1272, Dec. 25.

* leaf 92, back. 1284.
Mahard, of all right in 3 acres (part of no. 534).

& cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe pere seruyng god and to serue for ever, for his soule and for the soules of his auncetours, iij. acris of his arable lond; tho (that is to sey) the which lient in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Caluert of 4 the one parte, and the lond that is I-called dyche acre of the other parte, the which he held afore in fee of the forsaid mynchons: To be had and to be hold, with all their pertynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, for hym and 8 his heires or his assignes, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse for ever, So that the said Robert or his heires or his assignes shold not in no wise chalenge ne neuer [ask] right ne clayme in the forsaid iij. acris of lond with ther pertynentis. And that this his yfte and 12 graunte and quyteclaymyng shold be sure and stable, & cetera 1.

[536.] A quyte-clayme of Robert Maynard of his lond in Bewmounte.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Robert Maynard of Oxenford, for hym and his heires, graunted, and quyte-claymed for ever, for the helthe of his soule, to the abbesse of Godestowe 16 and to the mynchons there seruyng god and to serve for ever, j. half acre of arable lond, the which lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Culuard of the one parte and the lond that is I-called the harmlond of the other parte. Also he lefte and quyte-claymed to the same mynchons, to the neste of the fermory of Godestowe, j. other half acre of lond, the which also lieth in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and mynchons of the forsaid place, of the one parte, and the lond of William Craumpe, of the other: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever. Into the witnesse of the whiche thynge, & cetera.

[Licences in Mortmain for properties in and near Oxford.]

* leaf 192. [537.] * Another Licence I-made to Odo Watlyngton and to Alice fitz Alice Southam for ij. mesys to be mortised in Oxenford.

Licence in mortmain, by Edward I, of god kynge of Englund; & cetera, willed to be know that,

1 Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kingston, maior, and Andrew of Derham, Philip of O., balitri, of Oxford, who took office in Sept. 1283.
though hit were provided by the common counsel of his reame and ordeyne that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of ony man so that hit shold come to 4 morte-mayne with-oute his licence and of the chief lord of the which hit was I-holde inmediatly, He willyng nathesse yaf special licence, to Odo of watlingtoin, and to Alice the doughtir of Alice Southam, al so moch as was in hym, that the same Odo 8 and Alice myght yeve and assigne to his wellbeloued in crist, the abbesse and Couente of Godstow, two mesys with ther pertynentis in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for ever. And also he yaf 12 a special licence to the same Abbesse and Couente that they myght rescieve tho houses of the same Odo and Alice, notwith- 16 stondyng that the same Odo and Alice or her heires, or the forsaid' abbesse and Couent or ther successours, by the cause of the forsaid' statute, shold be occasioned or greved in any thynge therof by hym or by his heires, Savyng nathesse seruyces of the same fee dewe and I-woned to the chief lorde of that fee. Into witnesse of the which he made to be made his patente 20 lettres, Hym-self beyng witnesse, at Longe Icchytontin, the x. day of Marche, the xix. yere of his reigne, & cetera.

[In Warwickshire.]

[Note.—The convenience of having only one licence, in the cumbrous process of acquiring several lands in mortmain, has brought into one deed Odo of Watlington, chaplain of Godstow, and Alice Sotham, an inmaté or pensioner (no. 652) of the nunnerie. By a slip, Mr. Wigram, in his Cartulary of St. Frideswise, i. 123, has married them ("licence for Odo of Watlington and Alice his wife to give, and . . . Godstow to receive two messuages").]

[* A Charter of Odo, Chapelayn, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a mese with the pertynentis and xx. shillings of yerely rent in Seynt Mary parish of Oxenford.*

The sentence of this charter is that Odo, Chapelayn of Godestowe, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera to the mynchons 24 of Godestowe ther servynge god and for ever to serve, a mese with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one parte and the lond of moode hordle of the other, in the strete of Shideward, in the parissi of seynt 28 Frideswyde of Oxenford; also with xx. shillings of yerely rent

1 In error for 'not willing.'
of all that tenement that is I-sette bitwene the house of Iohn Westo of the west parte and the strete that is I-called Shideyrede of the Est parte, in seynt mary parish of Oxenford, the which tenement Thomas Sowtham somtyme held in the same parish, with all the right and clayme that myght hap to hym or to his heires of all the forsaid tenement because of the xx. shillings: To be had and to be hold; to the seid’ mynchons and to ther successors, frely quyetyl wele and in pease for euer, 8 yeldynge therof yerly to hym to his heires or to his assignes j. clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the priour of seynt Frideswythe of Oxenford iiiij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. shillings and at our lady day in marche 12 iij. shillings, for all secuer servyce, exaccion, and demaunde: and the forsaid Odo, his heires, or his assignes, warantied, aquited and for euer defended; all the forsaid’ mese, also with the forsaid’ xx. shillings of rent of the same tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham, to the seid’ mynchons and to ther successors. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid’ mynchons yaf to hym liij. mark.

And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[539.] * An Inquysicio I-made of a mese and an acre of mede in the suburbis of Oxenford and ij. placis of the commune pasture in wolgarecote.

Proof that Godstow had owned [John before the Latin gate = May 5.] a messuage and meadow in Walton, and two pasture-lands in Wolvercote.

* leaf 111, back, before the Statute in Mortmain

The sentence of this evidence is, that ther was an Inquysicio I-take, afore the Eschetour of the kyng a this half the water of Trente, at Oxenford, the friday next aftir the fest of seynt Iohn the port latyn, the xiiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, by the vertu of the which brefis were directed to hym at the suggestion of the abbesse of Godstowe, I-made in the kyngis courte,

of a mese and j. acre of mede in the suburbis of Oxenford, and ij. placis of good pasture in wolgarecote, that were I-gote to the same house longe afore the publicacio or openyng of the statute I-made of londis and tenementes * not to be put to morte-mayne; And of a mese and x. acris of lond with the pertynentis in the same suburbis, the which she held of the

1 Read ‘the brefs which.’ The Latin is ‘virtute cuiusdam brevis sibi directi [MS. has ‘directis’ in error] ad suggestionem abbatisse.’
Oxenford

kyng in chief, to have aliened, into ¹ pure and perpetuel almesse, to Thomas Tyes to the terme of his lyf, by the licence of kyng Edward the fadir of the kyng; but licence not I-gote of the 4 kyng that was at that tyme:

vpon the thynge, by the othe of Robert Boteley, William leigh, Robert Cramford, John londin, Stephyn Dounylle, John Wyghthull, Thomas Boste, Robert heyford; Thomas hore, William 8 Witney, John Fouke, and John Iarme, I-swore, the which [said] by there othe that the forsaid mese and j. acre of mede the which ben in Walto in the suburbanis of Oxenford, And the forsaid ij. placis of good pastures the which ben in Wolgarecole in the 12 hundred of Woton, longe afore pe publisshyng or openyng of the statute aforsaid; were I-gote of olde fundacion to the chirche of Godestowe in tyme out of mynde. They said also that one mese and x. acris of lond; with the pertynentis, in the same 16 suburbanis, were never aliened to Thomas Tyes aforsaid to the terme of his lyf, nother other-wise, but he held hem at the wille of the seid abesse in villenage or bondage. Into witnesse of the which the forsaid Iuryours put to this Inquysicion ther 20 seales: The date, day, place, and yere aboveisaid:

[Lease of the Cherwell fishery.]


THE sentence of this charter is, that the abbesse of Godestowe and the Couent of the same place yaf, graunted; and lete, to henry kyngestowo and to william more, FYsshers, ther seuerelt fysshwere 24 in the suburbanis of Oxenford that is I-called Charwelle, the which Raaf [le] Walle held' of them to the terme of his lyf, with all the stremys ², hammys, and Ilis, weyes, pathis, commoditeis, and all other pertynentis, [and all other eysementis] longyng 28 to the forsaid' stremys of the fysshwere, [with the] hammys [and] Ilis in ony wise longyng therto: To be had and to be hold, to the said henry and william, to aff ther lyf or to the other of them that lived' lengest, of them and ther successours, yeldyng

¹ Take with 'in chief.' ² 'gurgites,' i.e. weirs, in the Latin.

(7 Edw. I, 1279); and had not leased a messuage and ro acres in Walton to Thomas Tyes.
Oxenford

yearly quit-rent, £2.

Purchase-money, £4.

therof, to them and to ther successors, al so longe as ony of them lived, xl. shillings at iiij. pryncipali and usualli termes of the yere by egall porcions. And the forsaid abbesse and Covent warantizèd & aquyted the forsaid fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, 4 Ilis, with all ther pertynentis, and all other eysementis in ony wise longyng to the said fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, and Ilis, to all the lif of the forsaid henry and william or to the other of them lengest livyng, for the forsaid rent, ayenst all 8 peple. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid henry and william yaf to them vj. mark, of sterlyngis afore handis. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera.

[Note.—Among the witnesses are John (died 1348) son of William Bost; Walter son of Walter (for. 1290) Bost. This fisshery had been acquired by Godstow before 1145, being then included in Empress Maud’s confirmation (no. 876). We may conjecture it to have been at Patten’s or Parsen’s Pleasure.]

[OXFORD PARISHES.]

[ST. ALDATE’S PARISH: see nos. 532 and 533.]

* leaf 119.

* The parisshe of All Halewyñ [i.e. All Saints].

[John Pill’s grant.]

* leaf 121.

About 1230.

[541.] *A Charter of laurence fitz Raaf I-made to Iohn Pylle for a solde in Alle halewyñ parisshe in Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Laurence fitz Raaf yaf 12 & cetera, to Iohn Pylle, that solde, with the pertynentis, the which is next to the lond of Iohn fitz Iohn Pady of the west parte, in All halewyñ parisshe in Oxenforde: To be had and to be hold; to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym his 16 heires or his assignes, in fee and heritage frely quetely and holy, yeldynge therof yerely j. d: at Cristmasse for all seruyce and demaunde: and he and his heires shold susteyñ plancheriñ and the coveyng above the forsaid solde, with the pertynentis, lest the dwellers in hit toke harme. And he and his heires sholde rescive the water vpon the grounde fro the goter of the forsaid solde: And he warantizèd the same afore-named solde, with the wyndowe as hit was at that tyme, with all other pertynentis, 24
to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And that all thise aforesaid thynges, & cetera.

[542.] *A Charter of laurence fitz Raaf I-made to Iohn Pille for a selde with the pertynentis.

4 *The sentence of this charter is, that laurence fitz Raaf granted, helte, and deleyuered, to Iohn Pylle that selde, with the pertynentis, the which is beside the gate 1 of the Est parte in Alfealewyñ parissh in Oxenforde: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage frely quyntely and holy, yeldyngh therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. at Cristmasse for all seruyece and execcion. And he and his heires warranteth the forsaid selde, with the pertynentis, and with free entrying and goyng out, to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all men and women: Savyng nathelesse that Robert, Coteler 2, shold hold the forsaid'seld of the forsaid Iohn, even like as he helde hit of hym, for half j. marke by yere al so longe as the same Robert lived; And after the deethe of the forsaid Robert the forsaid selde shold abide to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes for ever. And he and his heires shold susteyn plancheriñ and the coverying aboue the selde aforesaid lest the dwellers take harme. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Iohn yaf to hym v. marke and j. halfe in warisoñ. And that thiste thynges aforesaid, & cetera.

[543.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford, I-made to Ihane his sustir, for ij. Seldis in Alfealewyñ parissh of Oxenford.

24 The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford, yaf, & cetera, to Ihane his sustir all that selde, with the pertynentis, that lieth betwene the lond of Iohn Pady and the lond that was somtyme of Andrew Alegod, in Alfealewyñ parissh of Oxenford; Furthermore, he yaf and graunted, and with his charter confirmed, to the forsaid Iohan, all his right

1 Read 'his gate.' Latin has 'portam mean.' In no. 544 it is again so described: in no. 543 it has become 'the gate of

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\* leaf 120, back. About 1230.\n
About 1250.

leaf 121. Sale to John Pill, by Laurence son of Ralph, of a selde, quit-rent, 1d. at Christmas, subject to Robert cutler's life-interest (at 6s. 8d. yearly rent), and under obligation to repair. Purchase-money, £3 13s. 4d.

Sale to Joan Pill, by her brother Peter, of no. 541, Geffry Henxhey.'

2 'blacksmith,' in nos. 544 and 546.
that he had or myght have in that selde, with the pertynentis, that Robert Blaksmyth held, the which is beside the yate of Geoffrey henxhey of the Est parte, even ayenst Alhalowyd chirche in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to her and to her heires or to her assignes to which-so-ever she wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quyetyly pesibly and holy, yeldynge therof yere to the chief lordis of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd; and to hym and to 8 his heires one paire of white gloves at Estir, for ały seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantizyd; aquoise, and defended the foresaid ij. seldes, with the pertynentis, to the foresaid Iohane and her heires or to ther assignes, as hit is 12 afore departed; ayenst aūf men and women, by the foresaid seruyce for euer. And for this yifte, & cetera, the *foresaid Iohane yaf to hym one marke of siluere by-fore handis. And that thise afore-writen & afore-diuided thynges shold abide sure and stedfast 16 with-oute gyle for euer, & cetera.

[544.] *A Charter of Petir fit3 John Pylle of Oxenford*

I-made to Iohane his Sustir for that selde with the pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fit3 John Pylle of Oxenforde yaf & cetera to Iohane his sustir, for her service, that selde, with his pertynentis, that Robert Blaksmyth to tyme helde, the which selde is next to the entryng of that lond the which was of Laurence fit3 Raaf; and that selde also [that at] that tyme helde Moolde, heymonger, with aūf his pertynentis, the which also is (with the solare and tenement of the foresaid Laurence somtyme fit3 Raaf) in Alle halawyd parissi of *Oxenford*: To be had and to be hold, to the foresaid Iohane and to her heires and to her assignes, frely quyetyly holy and pesibly for euer, yeldynge therof yere to the chief lordes of the fee dewe seruyce and I-wonyd; and to hym and to his heires at Estir for aūf service, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantizyd the foresaid ij seldes with aūf hery pertynentis to the foresaid Iohan and to his2 heires and assignes ayenst aūf men and 32 women for euer. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

1 'Coterel,' in no. 542.
2 'his' for 'her.'
3 One witness is 'Dominus Rogerus rector ecclesie sancti Michaelis aquilonaris Oxon.'
[545.] A Charter of Iohane the doughtir of Iohn Pylle
I-made to be mynnchons of Godestowe for the same
seldis aforsaide, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohane, the doughtir of
Iohn Pylle of Oxenford, yaf & cetera, to god and to the chirch
of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynnchons ther
4 seruyng god, tho ij. seldes the which she had of the yfte of
Petir Pylle her brofer, in alle halewyn syn pariss in Oxenford: To
be had and to be hold; frely and quyetly for ever, doyng therof
servicis dewe and I-wonyd; as the charters shewe the which she
8 had of the ij. seldes of the yfte of Petir, her brother, the sone of
Iohn Pylle. And that pis, & cetera.

[546.] A Charter of Robert Blaksmyth 1 quyte-claymyng
to the mynnchons of Godestowe a solde in Alhalewyn
pariss of Oxenford:

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Robert, Blaksmyth,
in Alhalewen pariss of Oxenford, relese, and vttirly quyte-
12 claymed; to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of
Godestowe and to the holy mynnchons ther seruyng god and to
serve for ever, all the right and clayme that he had or myght
have in that solde the which he held somtyme of the abbesse
16 and Covent of Godestowe in Alle halewyn syn pariss of Oxenford;
the whiche is I-sette even ayenst the chirche of Alhalewyn of
Oxenforde, [between the tenement of the Hospital of St. John]
withoute the Est yate of the one parte, and the lond of Geoffrey
20 Hen[xs]e[y] of the other parte, with all his pertynentis ouer
alle, and eysementis: To be had and to be hold; for hym and
his heires or his assignes for ouer, that is to sey, that the forsaid
Robert nother his heires or his assignes shold not have power to
24 chalenge or axe afterward ouy right or clayme in the forsaid
solde, with all his pertynentis and eysementis, by the occasion
of ouy right. And for this relese, & cetera, the forsaid abbesse
and mynnchons yaf to hym x. shillings viij. d. before handes.

18 Into witnesse, & cetera. 2

1 'Roberti nigrifabri' in the Latin. 2 'Iohanne de Coleshille tunc maiore
'Robertus niger faber' might be 'Robert
Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas,
Black, smith,' i.e. white-smith or cutler.

Purchase
money, 1269.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Petir of karsyntoii released, granted, and vittrily quyte-claymyed for ever, for hym and his heires or his assignes, to god  & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serve 4 for euer, all his right and clayme that he had or myght haue in that seld that is I-sette bitwene the tenement that was somtyme of Geffrey Henxsey, of the one parte, in Alhalewyn parisshe of Oxenforde, and the tenement of the hospital of synt Iohn with-8 out the Est yate of Oxenford, of the other parte, with all his pertynentis, the whiche seld he had of the yfite of the abbesse and mynychons of Godestowe aforesaid: To be had and to be hold; with all his pertynentis, to the said mynychons and to ther 12 successors, frely quylyly wele and in pease for euer: So that nother the forsaid William fitz Petir of karsyntoii, nother his heires, nother his assignes, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the forsaid seld. And for this relese and 16 quyte-claymyng the forsaid mynychons yaf to hym xij. shillings before handes in warison. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[Peter son of Torald's gift, as in no. 525.]

* leaf 154, back. About 1200.

Sale to Torald, cordwainer, by Estrild daughter of Gerebold, of half a piece of land, subject to 28. 6d. quit-rent to the chief lord,

[548.] A Charter of Estrilde the doughtir of Gerebode Goldsmith, I-made to Turold Cordewaker her nevew, for half her lord.

The sentence of this charter is, that Estrilde, the doughter of Gerebode Goldsmith, granted, lete, and deleyuered, to Turold, 20 Cordewaker, her nevew, half toward the Est of all the lord that is bitwene the lord of laurence fitz wyarde and the lord of Geffrey Goldsmith (the which is of the fee of the chirch of Oseneye), to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold, 24 of her and her heires, in fee and heritage, frely quetyly and holy, yeldynge therof yerely iij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere for all servyce. Of the which she willed and comaundered surely that the forsaid Turold and his heires shold yelde yerely for 28

1 ' Willelmo appotecario tunc maiore Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas, 1288.
her and her heires to the chief lord xv. d. in the morow of
Estir, and iiij. d. to her and to her heires, at the same terme, [and
xv. d. and iii. d], in the same way, at Michaelmas]. And she
and her heiri warantized' half the forsaid' lord to the forsaid
Turolde and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for
this graunte, letyng, delyueryng, and her warantying of the
afore-dyuyded' lord; Turolde yaf to her x. shillings in knowlech.
And f at the afore-dyuyded' lord' shold' be sure, [ & cetera].

[549.] * A Charter of Richard Fit3 William and Estrilde
his modir consermyng the graunte and delyueraunce
of half that lord toward the Est.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard fit3 William
and Estrilde his modir conferred and ratified the grauntyng and
the delyueraunce of half of all that grounde toward the Est, the
which is bitwene the lord of Laurence fit3 william 2 and the lord
of Geffrey Goldsmyth the which is of the fee of the church
of Oseney, the which half Estrilde his modir lete and delyuere
to Torald Cordewayner: and therfor he graunte; and confermed
with this present charter, the forsaid' half of all the forsaid' that
grounde to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires: To be had and
to be hold', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely
quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yereely to the chief lordes
xv. d. in the morow of Estir day, and iiij. d. to hym and to his
heires the same day, and at Michaelmas xv. d. to the chief lord;
and iiij. d. to hym and to his heires at the same terme, for all
seruice. And he and his heires warantizd' the forsaid' tenement
to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires ayenst all men and women.
And for this graunte, & cetera, of the forsaid' tenure the ofte
saide Toralde yaf to hym xxijj. shillings iiiij. d. And for-asmoche
as he wold' that all the forsaid' lord' shold' be sure, & cetera.

[550.] * A Charter of John Fit3 Gerarde of Walyngforde
I-made to Petir fit3 Torald' in Aff Halewyn parish of
Oxenford; quyte-claymyng to hym for euer a
tenement for iiij. mark sterlynges.

The sentence of this charter is that John fit3 Gerarde of
Walyngford'sold; lete, and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires,

1 See in no. 549.
2 ' Wyrade' in no. 548.
to Petir Fitʒ Toralde and to his heires for ever, for iij. marke of
sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, aff [the right] that he had in
that londe the which is bitwene the chief mese that was somtyme
of Geffrey Goldsmythe and another mese that was of the same 4
Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in Alhalewyn parish
of Oxenford, of the whiche (that is to sey) londe the forsaid Geffrey
and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to hym vij. shillings by yere,
And he was I-wonyd to yeld for the same lond to Raaf 8
fitʒ Robert ij. shillings vj. d. by yere and to Robert Fitʒ Richard
vj. d. by yere. And that pat tenement, with the pertynentis,
and all the right that he had in the same tenement, shold abide
safely and quyetly, as he had hit fully and held, to the for 12
said Petir and to his heires, as 1 the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth
held a of the forsaid Petir and his heires as they held of hym, and
of 3 pe same Petir and his heires held 2 hit of Raaf fitʒ Robert
and of Robert fitʒ Richard of Walyngford evyir as he helde. 16
This writyng he conferred hit with his scale, & cetera.

[551.] *A Charter of Iohn fitʒ Gerard of Walyngford*

I-made to Petir Torald for a mese I-sold for iij. marke of sterlyngis.

Duplicate

of no. 55a

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn fitʒ Gerard of
Walyngford sold, sette, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his
heires, to Petir fitʒ Torald and to his heires for euere, for iij. 20
marke of sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, aff [the right] that
he had in that lond the which is bitwene the chief mese that
was somtyme of Geffrey Goldsmyth and another mese that was
of the same Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in Aft 24
halewyn parish in Oxenford, of the whiche (that is to sey)
aforsaid lond Geffrey and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to
hym vij. shillings by yere, and he was y-wonyd to yeld for
the same lond to Raaf fitʒ Robert ij. shillings vj. d. by yere and
to Robert fitʒ Richard vj. d. by yere. And that pat tenement,
with the pertynentis, and all the right that he had in the
same tenement, myght abide, save 4 frely and quyetly, to the for-
said Petir and to his heires as he had hit and held hit fully, as 1 32
the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth held 2 of the forsaid Petir and

1 Read ' and that' for 'as.'
2 Read ' should hold it' for ' held.'
3 Read ' that' for ' of.'
4 Read ' safely.'
his heires [as they had] hold of hym, and bothe Petir and his heires held"\(^1\) of Raaf fitz Robert and of Robert fitz Richard of Walyngford" as he held: This wrytynge he confrmed with his scale, & cetera.

[552.] * A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of Raaf fitz Robert I-made to petir Torald" for iiij. shillings in Alhalewyn" parisshe of Oxenford:

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice, that was the wyf of Raaf fitz Robert, graunted; lette, and with her charter confrmed; to Petir fitz Torald and to his heires for euer, iiij. 8 shillings by yere of ij. tenementis the which he held of her for v. shillings by yere in Alhalewyn" parisshe of Oxenford; the which tenement Walter Goldsmith hold of her by heritage, for the which tenement the forsaidth Petir and his heires shold"yelde to hym and to his heires xij. d: yerely for all seruyce, demaunde, and exaccion. And Alice and her heires shold"warrantize to the forsaidth Petir and to his heires the forsaidth iiij. shillings ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaidth Petir yaf to her iiij. mark, of siluer in warison. Into witnesse, & cetera.


The sentence of this charter is, that Robert fitz Richard Leaute of Walyngford sold and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires, to Petir fitz Torald; and to his heires or to whom-so"ever he wold assigne hit, xij. d: of yerely rente the which he ought to hym of ij. tenementis, the which tenementis Walter Goldsmith hold of hym and of his heires heritably in Alhalewyn" parisshe of Oxenford. And for his quyte-claymyng the forsaidth Petir yaf to hym viij. shillings of sterlyngis. And that thise aforsaid"thynges shold be sure, & cetera \(^3\).

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1 Read 'should hold it' for 'held.'
2 Read 'her.'
3 The above rent-charges are slumped together in Peter son of Torald's All Saints gift in no. 525.
Oxenford: Alhalewyn parisshe

* leaf 120, back. About 1260.

[554.]  A Charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geoffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the mynychons of Godestowe in xiiiij. shillings of yerely rent of ij. houses in Alle halewyn pariissh of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geoffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, knowleched hym-self and his heires, to be holde to the Abbesse of Godestowe in xiiiij. shillings of sterlyngis of yerely rente for ever, of ij. houses beyng in 4 Alhalewyn pariissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lye bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other: To be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. shillings and at oure 8 lady day in marche vij. shillings; The which xiiiij. shillings Petir Toralde yaf to the forsaid house of Godestowe into pure fre and perpetuel almesse. He graunted also that they shold hane fre entryng and goyng out to distreyne in the said houses 12 yf the said rent were not fully I-paid in the termes I-ordeyned. Into witnesse of the which thynge he conformed this present writtyng with the pryntyng of his seale, & cetera, for hym and his heires. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 120. About 1260.

[555.]  A charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geoffrey Goldsmyth knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the abbesse and mynychons of Godestowe in xiiiij. shillings of yerely rente of ij. houses in Alle halewyn pariissh of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldesmyth, the sone of Geoffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, made a knowlechyng hym and his heires to be hold to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in xiiiij. shillings of sterlynges of yerely rent for ever, of ij. houses in alle halewyn pariissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other, to be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse 24 vij. shillings and at seynt mary day in marche vij. shillings, the [which'] xiiiij. shillings Petir Toralde [gave] to the *for-

1 It is more probable that a dropped word ought to be supplied (cp. no. 554) than that the definite article should be used as relative pronoun, like der in German. See p. 377, l. 13.
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said' house of Godestowe into pure free and perpetuel almesse for ever. He granted also that they shold have fre entrance and goyng out to distreyne in the said' houses yf the said' rente were not fully I-paid in the termes I-sette. Into witnes of the which thynge he confermed this present writyng with the pryntyng of his seale, for hym and his heires, & cetera.

[John Pady's gift]


The sentence of this charter is that Iohn Pady, burgeys of Oxenford, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the monychons of Godestowe ther servyng god & to serve for ever, half j. marke of yerely rent of his house, the which is in the corner of Alhalewyn chirch-yerd with-in the borow of Oxenford, the whiche is I-sette bitwene the lond' of Adam Cruste of the one parte, to be take at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xx. d; [at Christmas, xx. d., and at Our Lady day in March, xx. d.], and at Midsomer xx. d; And he willed that the forsaid' half mark, shold' be assigned to the clothyng of the monychons of the forsaid' monastery: To be had & to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to be said' monychons and to ther successours, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy fro all seculer exaccion & demaunde and sute of all manner courte, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as ony almesse myght beste frely and surely be yeve. And he willed also and granted fulle * power to the said' monychons and to ther successours, or to ther certayn attourneyes, to distreyne hym and his heires or his assignes in the forsaid' tenement fro day into day, yf hit were not I-satisfied fully in ony terme to the said' monychons or to ther successours, or to ther certayn assignes, of the said' rent. And Iohn Pady and his heires or his assignes shold warantize aquyte and defende for euer the forsaid' rente to the said' monychons and to ther successours, or to ther assignes, ayenst all peple. And this that his yfite, & cetera.

* Among the witnesses are: Adam Feteplace, maior, and Jeffrey goldsmith, and Richard, son of Nicholas, praepositi, of Oxford: who come about 1260.
[Quit-rent from Hugh Hore.]

About 1255.

[557.] A Charter of feffement to Hugh Hore of Iohn Curcy for a Selde in Alle halewyn parisshe of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn Curcy of Oxenford, yaf & cetera to Hugh hore of Oxenford, mercer, a selde, with the stalle afore and a Celer vndir, with his pertynentis, that is to sey, that selde with the stalle and Celer and his pertynentis is the which Iye bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Bernard of the Est parte and the selde that was of Iohn Tod of the other parte, in the mercery in Allehalewyn parisshe of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid Hugh and 8 to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quetyly hol Plate and worshipfully for euer, yeldynge yerele to the abbot of Oseneye viij. shyllings of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, 12 at Mighelmasse iiij. shyllings and at * Ester iiij. shyllings; And to Adam Feteplace ij. shyllings at the same termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d. and at Ester xij. d.; And to hym and to his heires j. d. at whitsontyde, for all seruyce, exaccion, 16 and demaunde. And Iohn Curcy and his heires warrantizd aid defended, by the forsaid service, all the forsaid thynges, that is to sey, selde [and] Celer with stalle afore-writte, to the forsaid Hugh and his heires, and to his assignes, aynst all men and women, bothe cristefel and Iewes. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid Hugh yaf to hym before hondes xij. mark of sterlyngis in warison. And pat all pise pyngis, & cetera.

1271, Oct. 16.

[558.] * A Charter of Richard fitz Hugh, relesyng and quyte-claUmng: to Hugh hore, all the right and clayme that he had in a selde with the stalle and celer and the pertynentis in alhalewyn parisshe of Oxenford.

The sentence of this relese and quyte-claymynge is, that 24 Hugh Hore, by Richard Richard fitz Hugh graunted, releseyd, and quyte-clayed for ever.

1 Witnesses include: Adam Feteplace, maior, and Adam son of Walter and Roger Bonvalt, bart, of Oxford.
for hym and his heires and his assignes, aff his right and clayme that he had or myght have in a selde with a stalle and celer and pertynentis that he had in Oxenforde, the which selde with the pertynentis he axed of the forsaid Hugh by a breve of entryng that is I-called 'breve introitus' afore ser Martyn, the kyngis justisce at that tyme, and his felawes: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaid Hugh and his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer. And for this relese, & cetera, the forsaid Hugh yaf to hym afore the forsaid Ser Martyn, the kyngis justisce, xvj. shillings of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Westmynster, the friday next afore the fest of synt Luke the Euangelist, the fyve and fyfty yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the sone of kyng John.

[559.] A Charter to Mariote, the doughtir of Hugh hore of Oxenford, I-made by Hugh hore to the same, for a stalle and a celer vndir, for her seruyce.

The sentence of this charter is, that Hugh hore of Oxenford yaf & cetera to Marione his doughtir, for her seruyce, a benche with a Celer vndir, that is bitwene the house of Laurence Bernard of the west parte and Isowde Champeneis of the Est parte in Alhalewyn parisshe of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, of hym and his heires, to the same Marione and to her heires or to whom-so-ever and when-so-ever the wold yeve selle or bequeth or assigne hit, frely and quyetly wele and in pease for ever, yeldying therof yeryly to hym and to his heires one rose at Midsomer, and doynge to the chief lord of that fee dewe service and I-wonyd, for aff seruyce custome and seculer demaunde. And Hugh and his heires warantizd and defended the forsaid benche (or stalle), with the Celer and the pertynentis, to the forsaid Marione, and to her heires, or to whom-so-ever and when-so-ever she wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, for euer ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

1 Witnesses include: Nicholas of Kingeston, maior, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Nicholas of Coleshull, bailiue, of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas, 1275.
[560.] A Charter of Hugh Hore of Oxenford for xvij. shillings of yerely rent in Alle halewyn parissis of Oxenford;

The sentence of this charter is that Hugh Hore, of Oxenford, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the monychons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serue for ever, with Mariote his doughtir admytted to the said monastery to the ordir of monychons, one 4 selde, with a stalle aforde and a Celere vndir, with his pertynentis, the whiche selde with the stalle and Celer were I-wonyd to yelde xviij. shillings of yerely rente, And lye bitwene the house of laurence Bernard of the west parte and the selde that was of John 8 Tod of the other parte, in [the] mercery 1 in Alhalewyn parissis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, with the pertynentis, to the said monychons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almes, sayving dewe servuyce and I-wonyd to the chief lordes of the fee. And the said Hugh and his heires or his assignes warantijed and defended; withther owne costis, for euer, the said selde and Celer, with the pertynentis, and namly the said rente, to the said monychons and to ther successours, or to whom-so-ever they wold yeve bequethe or assigne hit, ayenst aff cristien men and Iewes. And yf the said rent of the said tenement myght not be levyed; he bounde hym-self, and his heires, and all his tenementis that he had; or myght have, in the town of Oxenford or without, to the constreynyng and distreynyng of the baillis of Oxenford that shold be for the tyme to the said rent yerely to be levyed for ever. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[St. Clement's parish: see in no. 510.]

Seynt Abbis parissis [i.e. St. Ebbe's].

[561.] A Charter of Richard Bewbech or feyre-beche grauntyng to Laurence Kepeharme, of aff his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissis.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Bewfo 2 yaf and grauntyd to laurence kepeharme aff his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissis in Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of 1 In Latin is 'masceria,' i.e. butcher's-row. Both 'masceria' and 'merceria' were in All Saints parish: Wood's City of Oxford, p. 482, 490. 2 For 'Beaufou,' 'Ricardus de bello fago.'
hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, yeldynge thereof yerely, i.e., of Comyn at Mighelmasse for all servyce. And for this yifte, & cetera, the afore-named Laurence yaf to hym 4 iiiij. shillings of sterlyngis. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

* The parisshe of Seynt Edward 1.

[562.] An endenture betwene Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and Thomas harpham, perpetuell vicary of the chirche of Seynt Edward in Oxenford, for an halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parisshe, with a place of londe, & cetera.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and toke to Thomas Harpham, perpetuel vicary of seynt Edward's, 8 chirch in Oxenford, the halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parisshe, with a place bitwene that same halle and a tene ment somtyme of Iohn Westoñ: To be had and to be holde, with all the Chambirs and Courtis, and with the forsaid place, to the terme of x. yere, and (yf he live lenger) to the terme of his lyf, yeldynge by yere to them and to ther successours xxvij. shillings for the halle with the pertynentis, and iiiij. shillings with the place, for all services, at iiiij. vsual terme of the yere: So nathelesse that the forsaid ser Thomas shold susteyne the forsaid halle and all manner chambris, with the kechyn and stable, with his owne costis, all the dayes of his lyf in all so good a state or better than he receivèd hit. And he shold bilde the forsaid place, the which conteynyth iiiij. perchis and j. half in lengthe and xvij. foote in brede new, with his owne costis; and he shold susteyne hit all his tyme. And * hit shold not be lawfull to the same sir Thomas to yeve, take, or assigne to ony man the forsaid houses, but for his tyme, and that without prejudice or harme of the forsaid Abbesse and

1 St. Edward's was a small, evanescent parish, now represented by Christ Church Peckwater Quadrangle. The lands here came to Godstow through Stephen, son of Waryn miller: see nos. 529, 530.
2 In no. 565 it is placed in St. Frideswyde's parish, in which St. Edward's was merged.
3 Read 'for' for 'with.'
4 The MS. reads here: 'the place afor-
said the which conteynyeth in lengthe iiiij. perchis and i. half in lengthe and xvij. foote in brede with his owne costis. And he shold bilde redundantly.

* leaf 129, back. 1307, Sept. 29.

Lease by Godstow, to Thomas Harpham, vicar of St. Edward's, of 'Ship Hall' in St. Edward's parish and a building-site, [Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 280.]

for life, term, at rents, 28s. and 4s. Obligations to repair the buildings of the 'hall,' and to build on the site.

* leaf 130.

These measurements are the same in the Latin Register. In spite of the inconsistency of the measurements it is conceivable that this site is that described in no. 568, as in St. Frideswyde's parish.
Oxenford: Seynt Edwardis parissh

Couente, nether [to] cast downe houses I-bilded or to longe-away 1 fro the seid place. And yf hit so happened (that god forbede) that the forsaid houses, by or thurgh deaute of mendyng, were ruynowse, or were I-brente thurgh ony myss-case but that fire 4 come of the next house, the forsaid Thomas shold bile agayn in the forsaid houses with his owne costis. And yf hit were I-cesed in the payment of the forsaid rente in the termes abouesaid; hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, by 8 ther attourney, to entre the forsaid tenement and to take and hold all maner of goodes and catallis I-founde in the same, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and Couente (of the 2) bothe of ther arreragis of the rente and also for the deaute of 12 the amenyng and repairyng of the forsaid houses, by the sight of good men, vndir the payn of x. mark, to be paid to the subsidie of the holy lond. And yf the forsaid ser Thomas come neilgently or maliciously ayenst this present couenaunte, hit 16 shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente to entre the forsaid tenementis and to hold them as ther owne fre tenement, with-out ony agayn-saiyng or reclaymyng of the forsaid ser Thomas, notwithstondyng ony priylege of the vnywersite of Oxenford I-yve by taxyng or to be I-ordeyned or I-inged in ony other maner wyse ayenst the forme of this present writyng, tille hit be fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and couente of the harme, by the sight of trew men. And after the deceese 24 of the forsaid Thomas, the forsaid tenement I-bilded, with-out ony distruccion or wast, sholde turne agayn to the forsaid religious women, without ony wrongyng of the heires or executours of the forsaid Thomas. And for this graunte, 28 & cetera, the forsaid Thomas paid to them before handes xxviiij. shillings. Into witnesse of the same thynge, euerych of the parties put ther seals to this present writynge endented. The date, at Godestowe, in seynt Mighell day, the yere of our e lord 32 a thousand thre hundred and seven.

1373, April 11.

[563.] A charter bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and pe scolers of Caunterbury halff.

Grant by Godstow, to

By this endenture bothe tho that ben now, and to be, may knowe pat Anneys Stretelegh, abbesse of Godestowe, and the

1 i.e. separate (by grant).
2 Omit. The scribe did not score out his false start before ‘bothe.’
Couente of the same place, yaf & cetera, to the keper and scolers of Caunterbury halle⁰, in the towne of Oxenford; aft ther owne halle I-called Shiphalle, with his pertynentis, I-sette 4 in seynt Edward's strete of Oxenford; bitwene Vynhalle of the north parte and the forsaid halle of the forsaid keper and scolers of Caunterbury of the southe parte. They yaf also and graunted to the same keper and scolers one void place of ther owne lond there, conteynyng in length foure-score foote, and in brede iiiij. foote ², liyng bitwene Vynhalle of the one parte and the said Caunterbury halle of that other parte, wherof one hede of the forsaid voide place of lond buttith vnto the walle of the forsaid abbesse and Couente the which is I-called Spaldyng entre: To * be holde and to be had, with all his pertynentis over all and his commodites also, with the forsaid vacant place of lond, to the forsaid keper and scolers and to ther successors the whiche shold be keper and scolers, of the forsaid Caunterbury halle, frely quetyly holy wele and in peace for euer, of the chief lorde of that fee by seruyce dew therof and I-wnoyd, yeldynge therof yere to yere, and to ther successors, or to ther assignes all, xx. shillings of lawfull money at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, begynnyng at the fest of seynt Migheff, that shold be next at the yere after the said terme after the date of this present writyng, x. shillings, and at the fest of our lady in marche x. shillings, for all seruyces customs exaccions and seculer demaundes longyng to them and to ther successors.

And yf hit happe the forsaid rente of the forsaid xx. shillings to be behynde by xv. daies after any terme of the forsaid termes, in parte or in all, the keper and the scolers willed and graunted, for them and ther successors that were for the tyme, that fro that tyme hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, and to ther successors, to entre in the forsaid ship-halle and in the forsaid Caunterbury halfe, and in euerych parte, with the said parcel of lond and the parcel of the same halle and lond, for distreynygis to be take, and to take all distreynygis I-founde in them, to bere, to lede away, and to hold to them-self, without agayn-saiynge of the forsaid keper and scolers or of any other, tille that hit be fully I-satisfyed of the

¹ Canterbury College: Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 275-89.
² The Latin says: '12 feet wide.'
forsaid rente and arreragis and expenses, if there were any. And the forsaids abesse and couente and ther successours warantied for euer all the forsaids halle I-called Shiphalle, with the forsaids vacante place of lond, with all ther pertynentis over 4 all and ther commodites, as hit is I-seid afore, to the forsaids keper and scolers of the forsaids Caunterbury halle, and to ther successours, keper and scolers, that shold be there for a tyme, agayn all peple. Into witnesse of the which they put ther 8 commune scales, euerych to others endenture, & cetera. The date at Oxenforde, the monday next after the feste of seynt Ambrose the bisshope and confessour, The yere of our lord a M thre hundred thre score xiiij, and xlviij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde.

[564.] A Charter of the Priour of Crist chirche of Caunterbury to the same Religious women con-
fermyng for ever-more the forsaids halle and xx. shillings of yerely rente, & cetera.

THE sentence of this charter is, that the priour of crist chirche of Caunterbury and the Couente of the same place willed to be know, by this present writyng, that for-asmoche that the keper and scolers of the Collage of ther halle of Caunterbury, and ther successours, were hold\& and I-bound to the religious women abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, in a yerely rente of xx. shillings for certayn londes and tenementis, by licence of the kynge, of the forsaids abbesse and Couente I-gete or purchased to the same keper and scolers in Oxenforde, to be paid at certayn termes for euer, as hit is I-conteyned fully in certayn endentures I-made bitwene them therof, by the which the forsaids londis and tenementis were I-delyuered to the forsaids keper and scolers, They willed and graunted, for them and ther successours for euer, by thise present lettres, that ye the said rente of xx. shillings were behynde, not I-paid, in parte or in all, at ony terme by a monthe, fro that tyme hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, and to ther procuratour that shold be for the tyme, to entre in the seid College, with his pertynentis, and in all parcels of the same, to take distresses, and distresses so I-take to dreve and bere
away, and to holde them to them-self, tille they were fully
I-satisfied of the said rente, arreragis, harmys and expenses:
and yf hit happened that the forsaid' abbesse and Couente of
4 Godestowe, or ther successours, myght not take sufficient
distresse for the forsaid rente in the forsaid' College with the
pertynentis, fro that tyme forth hit shold' be lawfull to the
forsaid' abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, or to ther
8 attourney, to entre to take distresses in ther maner of Newen-
to, with the pertynentis, in Oxenford-shire, to whos-so-ever
hondes hit come, without ony calumnye or lette, And the
distresses so I-take to dryve and bere away and to with-holde
12 to them-self, tille hit were fully I-satisfied of all the forsaid'
rente, arreragis, harmes, and expenses, to the same religious
women. The date in ther Chapiter of Caunterbury, vndir ther
commune seale, the xx. day of the monthe of Averel, the xlvijth
16 yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

* The parisshe of seynt Frideswythe the virgyne.

[565.] * A quyte-clayme of henry Inge of Oxenford
for shiphalle in Seynt Frideswithe parisshe 1.

This sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Inge releas'd,
and quyte-claymed; to Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to
the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that he
20 had; or myght haue in ony wise, in that mese, with all his per-
tynentis, in seynt Frideswith parish, that is bytwene the lond
of the priour of Frideswith of Oxenford and the lond of John
kepeharme, that he had of Emme Bluet, abbesse somtyme of
24 Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to the terme
of his lyf and of Margery his wyf: so, that is to say, that henry
Inge, or ony in his name, shold' not haue power fro that tyme
forth to chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid' mese, with
28 the pertynentis. And for this releasyng and quyte-claymyng;
the forsaid' abbesse of Godestowe yaf to hym xlvj. shillings
vij. d. of silver. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera 2.

1 In no. 562 Ship Hall is put in St. Edward's parish, which was joined to St. Frideswyde's about this time.
2 John of Coleshulle, maior, is witness. He took office at Michaelmas, 1269.
About 1275.

Sale to Philip Springham, by John Pady, of a message in Shidyerd Street.

* leaf 132, back. Quit-rent to the mesne lord, a clove-gillyflower.

About 1270.

Sale to Philip Springham, by Agas, widow of John Pady, of her interest in no. 566.

[566.] A charter of Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Oxenford in seynt Frideswithe parisshe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf yaf, & cetera, to Philippe Spryngam a mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette betwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one partie and the lond of Moolde hordele of the other parte, in Shideyerde strete in seynt Frideswithe parisshe of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, to the forsaid Philippe and to his heires or to his assignes, of them and ther heires or ther assignes, freely quetyly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof 8 yerely, to them and to ther heires, one clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the chief lordes of the fee seruyce dew and I-wonyd, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and Agas his wyf and ther heires and ther assignes warantizyd acquyted and defended the forsaid mese, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid Philippe and to his heires or to his assignes, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristien and Iewes for ever. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Philippe yaf to hym xx. marke of sterlyngis afore-handes. And that all these afore writyngis shold be sure for euer, & cetera 1.

[567.] A relese and quyte-clayme of Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady of Oxenford, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Shidyeyerde strete in seynt Frideswyth parisshe of Oxenford:

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady, in her lawfull wedowhode, releasd and quyte-claymed, for her and her heires or her assignes, to Maister Philippe Spryngam 2, all the right and clayme that she had or myght have in all that mese that she 3 had of the yifte or selyng of the forsaid Iohn Pady somtyme her husbond; in Shidyeyerde in the parisshe of seynt Frideswithe of Oxenford; the which mese was her free mariage: To be had and to be

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1 Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kyngeston, maior, and Jeffry of Hengseye, and John of Eu, bailií, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1274.

2 Philip le Waleys or Springaun: in the Latin.

3 Read 'he.'
hold; to the same Philippe and to his heires, after the fourme of
the yfte that she had therof of her husband afore-said; so that
nother she nother her heires or her assignes fro that tyme forth
shold not have power to chalenge any right in the said mese.
And for this relese, & cetera, the forsaid Philippe yaf to her
C. shillings of sterlyngis. And that this her relese, & cetera 1.

[568.] * A Charter of Alisaundre Eynysham, releysynge
and quyteclaymyng, to the Abbesse of Godestowe
and to the Couente of the same place, all the right
and clayme that he had or myght haue in one acre 2
of londe in seynet Frideswyth parisshe.

The sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that
8 Alisaundre Eynysham graunted; lete, relese; and quyteclayed;
for hym and his heires, to the abbesse of Godestowe and
to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that
he had; or in ony wise myght haue, in one acre of londe, con-
teynyng in lengthe xv. fote and in brede xxvj. fote 3, the which
lieth bitwene the lond of the seid abbesse on that one parte and
the lond somlyme of Philippe Feteplace of the other parte,
and one hede strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of Thomas Sowy
16 and another vpon the lond of the seid abbesse: To be had and
to be hold; to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther success-
sours, frely quetyly wele and in pease for euer; So that nother
the seid Alisaundre, nother his heires, nother none in his name,
20 nother in the name of his heires, nother by hym, nother for
hym, nother for his heires, sholde haue power or myght afterward
to axe, clayme, or chalenge any right or clayme in the
forsaid ground of lond; or in his pertynentis; but he and they
24 made them to be excluded fro aff accions, peticions, and right,
for euer. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid abbesse
and couente perdoned hym all the arreragis of a yerely rente of
v. shillings, the whiche he and his heires or his assignes owed
to paye to the forsaid abbesse and Couente for his tenement
that he held, vnto the day of the makyng of this present
wryting. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Oxenford; the

1 Witnesses include: Henry Owayn, maier, and Philip of Ew and Elias le
quilter, bailiire, of Oxford, who took office
at Michaelmas, 1278.

2 The Latin has the misreading aera in
the rubric, but 'area' in the text.

3 These dimensions are the same in the
Latin copy; see no. 562.
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wednesday next afore seynt Gregory pope, the xxvj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Henry.

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[569.] * A Charter of Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, quyte-claymyng alle her right that she hadde in a place in Shideyerd in *Oxenford*:

The sentence of this charter is, that Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, in her lawfull power and pure wedowhode, releaseth and vttirly quyte-claymed; for her and her heires-for euer, without ony agayn-holdynge, to the abbesse and count of Godestow and to ther successours, all her right and clayme that she had or myght haue in that place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, vpon the which place one kecho[n was I-biled]; And the which place Alisaundir of Eynysham and Anneys his wyf yaf, to the statute of the kyng; to the abbesse and count of Godestowe and to ther successours for euer, and enfeffed by there owne charter, the which lieth in shideyerd in Oxenford, by-twene pe tenement of Thomas Sowy of the north partie and the tenement of the forsaid abbesse and Count of Godestowe of the sowth parte, so pat nother she ne none other in her name, by her, or for her, sholde never afterward aske or chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid *place*, with all his pertynentis ouer all. And the forsaid Anneys and her heires warantiz[ed] and defended for euer all the forsaid place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, to the forsaid abbesse and couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Oxenford, the Tewesday next after the Twelf day, the second yere of the 24 reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

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[570.] * Here begynnynth Seynt Gyles paryssh of Oxenford:*

**[1. Deeds relating to the Church.]**

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Another Charter for the tythsis of the ploughmen of the same Walter Archideko[n in Walton.]

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter, Archideko[n of Oxenford, made to be know to all cristien men that his
plough-men in Walton, in the dedicacion of the chirche of seynt Gyle the which is without the north yate of Oxenford; yaf there tythis to the same chirche, with his assent and wille, the which he graunted' willed' and comaunded' of goddis behalf, witnesse William 1 abbot of Eynysham, & cetera.

[571.] * Confirmacion of kynge henry p6 fyrrst of the churche of seynt Gyle.

The sentence of thys dede tellyth that Henry the fyrrst, kynge, & cetera, Comandit the busshop of lincolne & hys archydiacan that edwynus the sone of Godgose shold haue in pece & rest hys chyrche of seynt Gylys, and put hys clerke whom he wold by hys presentment, and lett no man to here the servise of god ne do her almus in the seyd chyrche.


12 This was the covenaunte I-made bitwene William f13 Deen 2 of Oxenford' of the one parte, and Luke of Wytham of the other parte, that the forsaid' William toke and graunted' to Luke to ferme xv. acris of londe, tho (that is to sey) the which lien in 16 the tylthe of Eylmereswelle, bitwene the mede of the forsaid' William and the grete wey of Wodestok, to Oxenford; next to the lond' of the abbesse of Godestowe the which is I-called' hodelowe: To be hold' xxx. yere to the forsaid' luke and to his heires or to whom he wold' assigne hit, of the forsaid' William and his heires, frely quetly and pesibly, yeldying therof yerely for all seruyce and seculer exaccion ij. shillings at Mighelmasse. And the fore-named' William and his heires shold' warantije them to the forsaid' Luke or to his heiris or to whom he wold' assigne them ayenst all men. And for this takyng' and graunte, the xxxv. yere fro the deth of seynt Thomas 3 of Caunterbury

1 William, abbot of Eynsham, occurs 1148-52.

3 Thomas Becket, murdered Dec. 29, 1170.

2 In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius decani.'
I-begunne, the mynde d. luke yaf to the mynde d. William at the entryng vij. mark, and iij. summrys of barley. And that this covaunante shold be sure & cetera eche of them sette ther scales to others writyng & cetera 1.


The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Nygelle somtyme dean of Oxenford 2 granted, and with his charter confirmed, to god & cetera and to the mynchons ther seruyng god, all that lond that they had and held of luke of Oseneye of 8 his fee by his consent and wille and by covaunant and charter I-made bitwene hym and the forsaid luke. The which charter the same mynchons had of the same luke, doyng therof seruyce as hit is I-conteyned in the Charter. And for al so moche that 12 he willed that he nother his heires ne none other man in the world shold do ayenst this covaunant, he confirmed thise letters with the prynte of his seal; And the terme I-passed; as hit is I-conteyned in the forsaid charter, the forsaid abbesse 16 and covent shold yelde that lond to hym or to his heires without ony contradiccio & cetera 3.

[3. Lands acquired from Robert Palmer.]


The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Stephyn, with the assent and wille of Goode his wyf and Richard his heire, 20 granted, lette, and delyuered, and with this his present writyng confirmed; to Robert Palmer the half of all this lond, with the pertynentis, without the north yate of Oxenford in the parissi of seynt Gyle, the which is bitwene the lond of Raaf Wittenham and the lond of Richard Bolter (that, that is to sey, half, the which is in the sowthe parte), to hym and to his heires or

1 Among the witnesses: Robert Morgan, Jeffrey Sturdi, Herebert of Piry.
2 In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius Nigelli quondam decani Oxon.'
3 Witnesses: William, chaplain of Godstow; Ralph Harang; Henry, steward of Godstow, &c.
to whom he wold assigne hit: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldynge therof yereely to hym and to his heires

* iij. d. at Mighelmasse for all seruyece and exaccion perteynyng to hym or to his heires. And he and his heires warantizyd the forsaid lond to the forsaid Robert, and to his heires, or to whom he wold assigne hit, ayenst alle men and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Robert yaf to hym v. shillings, and to Robert his heire viij. shillings of warison. And that aft thise afore, & cetera.¹


The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fit3 Stephyn graunted, lette, and deluyered, and with this present charter confirmed, to Robert Paumer that his arable lond conteynyng viij. buttis without the north yate of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the kyngis halle and the lond of Raaf Pynchehast, to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, pesibly and holy, yeldyngh therof yerely to hym and to his heires xiij. d: the day (that is to sey) of seynt Michelef for all service and exaccions, quarels, or ony thynge that happe. And the said Walter and his heires warantizyd the forsaid lond to the forenamed Robert and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte & cetera the forsaid Robert yaf to hym j. mark, of siluer in warison. And that this his graunte, & cetera, he strengthed with his seale, & cetera.

[576.] A Charter of Richard Mydnyght confermyng the same.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Mydnyght graunted and ratified that graunte, lettyng, and deluyeryng, that Walter Midnyght his fadir made to Robert Paumer of viij.

¹ Witnesses: Simon Balehorn, Jeffrey Sturdi, Andrew of Wolvercote, John Crompe.
³ 'Pynchehaft,' in the Latin.
butter of arable lord in the field without the north gate of Oxenford, the which lieth in the northe parte of the kyngis wey betwene the lord of Geoffrey Sturdy and the lord of Raef Pynchebast; and of half a mese that is betwene the lord of Raef Wittenham and the lord of Richard Bolter. Furthermore also Richard aforsaid granted; lete, and delyuered; and with this present charter conferred, with the consent and wilde of moolde his wyf, to the same Robert Paumer another half of the same 8 mese, to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires or whom he wold assigne hit: To be hold and to be had, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, with all his pertynentis, yeldynge yerely for all the hole mese with the 12 pertynentis and for the buttert afore-named iij. shillings to the chief lord of the said tenement at Michgelmasse, and to hym and to his heires j. d. for all seruyce and for all exaccion longyng to hym and to his heires. And he and his heires warantizd the 16 forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and the buttert afore-named; to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this ratifye and cetera the forsaid Robert yaf to hym iij. mark, and j. half in warison. And that all these thyngis afore-diuided shold be sure, & cetera.

[577.] A Charter of Roger Waterman fitz Henry to Robert Paumer for j. mese with the pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger Waterman fitz Henry graunted; lete, and delyuered; and with this present charter conferred; to Robert Paumer of Oxenford all his mese, with the 24 pertynentis, that William Malier somtyme held in Bewmounte in the parisshe of Seynt Gyle, that (that is to sey) that is betwene the lord that was of Thomas fitz Walter and the lord that was of Robert Aylemore: To be hold and to be had, to hym and to all his heires or to his assignes, of hym and of his heires for euer, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldynge theroft yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. ob. at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey at ourse lady day in marche 32 vj. d. ob. and at Michgelmasse vj. d. ob.; and to the chirche of

1 In error for 'hall.' 'Lixta aulam regis,' in the Latin.
2 The 'obolus' is added in error. In the Latin it is 'xiiid.'
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seyn Gyle, &c. at the forsaid terms, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche ij. d. ob. and at Mighelmasse ij. d. ob., for all service, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Roger and his 4 heires warrantised to the said Robert and to his heires, and to his assignes, all the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this grant & cetera the forsaid Robert yaf to hym ij. mark, of siluer and j. half in warison. And 8 that all these afore-write thyngis shold be sure, & cetera.

Grant to Godestowe, by Robert Palmer,

*1 leaf 99.

of a messuage (as in nos. 574, 575), 8 butts (no. 575),
a strip of land,

about 1235.

Quit-rents, 2s. to North Gate hundred; and to the

About 29. to St. Giles's Church.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Palmer of the parisshe of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford, with the consent and assent of Roise his wyf, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, for the helthe of his soule and Roise his wyf and of the sowlys of his aunctours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, all the tenement, with the pertynentis, that Walter mydnyght held in the parisshe of seyn Gyle.

Grant to Godestowe, by Robert Palmer,

*1 leaf 99.

of a messuage (as in nos. 574, 575), 8 butts (no. 575),
a strip of land,

about 1235.

Quit-rents, 2s. to North Gate hundred; and to the

About 29. to St. Giles's Church.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Palmer of the parisshe of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford, with the consent and assent of Roise his wyf, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, for the helthe of his soule and Roise his wyf and of the sowlys of his aunctours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, all the tenement, with the pertynentis, that Walter mydnyght held in the parisshe of seyn Gyle.

Grant to Godestowe, by Robert Palmer,

*1 leaf 99.

of a messuage (as in nos. 574, 575), 8 butts (no. 575),
a strip of land,
to the heires of Iohn Bolter j. d. for the bynyng of the new lond at the said terme; And to the heires of Roger Waterman xvij. d., that is to say, at Migelmasse ix. d. and at our lady day in marche ix. d. And the said Robert and his heires warantizd 4 and defended for euor the for-said tenementis with the pertynentis, by the for-saidis servuyce, to the for-saidis house of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god ayenst all men and women. And that all this thynge shold be sure, & cetera 1.

1235, June 24.

[579.] A Charter of henry fit3 leyw of Oxenford' relesyng to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe all the right and clayme that he had in ij. tenementis that Robert Palmeres yaf to the for-said mynchons.

The sentence of this relesyng is that henry fit3 Leyw of Oxenford' * relesed and quyteclaymed; for hym and his heires for euor, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all his right and clayme that he had or myght haue 12 in the tenementis with the pertynentis that Robert Palmer yaf to the house of Godestowe into pure and perpetuell almesse for euor to be had: that is to say, that tenement that walter mydnght somtyme held in the parissi of seynt Gyle; and viij. 16 buttis of arable lond in the feld without the north gate of Oxenford, the which be in the north parte of the kyngis halle, bitwene the lond of Raaf Sturdy and the lond of Raaf Pynchehaste; and the tenement that Iohn Bolter somtyme held, with 20 the pertynentis, that conteyneth in length xl. elnys and iiiij. in brede; and that tenement, with the pertynentis, in Bewmounte that Roger Waterman somtyme held, that lieth bitwene the lond of Thomas vdirk wal of the one parte and the tenement of 24 moolde weuer of the other parte: to be had and to be hold, to the for-saidis abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, frely and quyetly, pesibly fully and holy for euor, so (that is to say) that henry nother his heires shold neuer haue 28 power to axe right or clayme in the for-said londis and tene-mentis. And for this relesyng and quyte-clayme the for-said

1 Witnesses: Silvester, master and chaplain of Godstow; Reginald, steward of Godstow; Peter Torald, maior of Oxford; Simon Balehorn; Herebert, vicar of St. Giles.
abbesse and count of the same place yaf to hym v. mark, of siluer into warison. This quyte-clayme was I-made at Oxenford; at the feast of s.Lohn Baptist, The yere of the Incarnation of our lord M 1 CC xxxv., afore William Euerwyke, and William of the Ile, and the abbot of Abendon, and Robert of Aumary, Justis of the kyngis there Iurneyng. And that this aforsaid; & cetera.

8 The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Midnyght granute; and ratified that graunte, letyng, and delyueryng, that Robert Palmere made to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servuyng god. Furthermore, he quyteclaymed Ṣ for hym and for his heires for ever, with all the right and clayme longyng to hym, or to his heires, bothe of the mesepat is bitwene the lond of Raaf wittenham and the lond of Richard Bolter, and also of the buttis of arable lond in the feld without the north yate of Oxenford in the north parte of the kyngis halle bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf pinchehaste: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly and holy, with all his pertynentis, yeldyng yeraly for all the hole mese with the pertynentis and for the buttis afore-named 1 j. shillings to the chief lorde, and to hym and his heires j. d. for all servuye. And Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and buttis afore-named, as Robert Palmer graunted; lete, and delyuercd to them, ayenst all men and women. And that all thise afore-diuided thyngis, & cetera.

[. Land of Peter of Dineham.]

28 with the consent and assent of Anneys his wyf, yaf, graunted; lette,
and delyuered; and with this present charter confirmed, to Petir of Dineham all his londe with his pertynentis in bewmounte, that is to sey, that londe that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanners of the one parte and the lond that was of Iulian the wyf that was of John Futrare of the oper parte: To be had and to be hold; of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-euer he wold assigne hit, frely and quyetly, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldying therof to hym and to his 8 heires yerely j. d. at Estir for all seruyce perteynyng to hym and to his heires, and to the lord of the fee iiiij. skillings, that is to sey, at iiiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d. at Cristmasse xij. d. at Estir xij. d. at Midsomer xij. d. And the forsaid 12 Richard and Anneys his wyf and his heires warantizd the aforenamed lond, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Petir of dineham, and to his heires or his assignes, aysent all men and women. And that pis his yifte shold be sure and stable, with- 16 out any gile and deceyte, by ther troupe for euer, they put there scales to this charter & cetera 1.

* leaf 98. Quit-rent to the mesne lord rd. to the chief lord, 4s.

* leaf 100, back. About 1242.

[582.] *A Charter of Maister Petir Denham I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe of all his londe in Bewmounte, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that maister Petir Denham yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of 20 Godestowe there seruyng god, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, all his londe; with his pertynentis, in bewmounte, the which he bought of Richard lambeheued, that is to sey, pat londe the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanner of the one parte and the lond of Iuliana that was the wyf of John Futrar of the other parte: To be hold and to be had; frely and quyetly, into fre and perpetuel almesse, Savyng the service of the chief lordis, that is to sey, to Richard lambeheued 28 and to his heires j. d. euery yere at Estir, for all seruyce; and to the chief lordis of the fee iiiij. skyllings, that is to sey, at iiiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d. at Cristmasse xij. d. at Estir xij. d. at Midsomer xij. d. for all seruyce custome and 32 demaund: And [that] this his yifte shold abide sure and

1 Among the witnesses are: Simon Balehorn, William saucer, Osmund miller.
stedfast for euer without all gyle and deceit, he put to this charter his seale, & cetera 1.

[5. Miscellaneous purchases, and exchanges, chiefly about 1270.]

[583.] *A quyte-clayme of Robert But of all his lond* in Bewmounte.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Robert But yaf, graunted; and quyte-claymed; to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, all his lond; with all ther pertynentis, in Bewmounte in the subarbis of Oxenford without the gate of Smythyate in the parissh of sesnt Gyle, for vj. 8 quarters of whete that they shold yeve to hym by yere al so longe as he lived: that is to sey, all that lond that he had of the yfte of the forsaid abbesse and covent, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme william lysewys and the lond that was of Moold Sextricis: to be hold and to be had; quetyly and in peace, with all ther pertynentis for euer, So that nother he, nor his heires, ne none by them, no thyng of right ne clayme shold axe in the forsaid lond with the pertynentis. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera 2.

[584.] *A Charter of William Gerard of halewelle for xij. d. of yerely rent.*

The sentence of this charter is, that William Gerard of halywelle yaf & cetera and quyteclaymed; for hym and his heires, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, for the helthe of his soule and of his auncetours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, xij. d. of rent of siluer yerely to be resceved at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michefl vj. d. and at the fest of our lady day in marche vj. d., of all that lond with the pertynentis that was somtyme of Edrede Waterman, the

1 Among the witnesses are: Peter Turaud (i.e. Torald), maior of Oxford; Henry [son of] Simeon; John, writer, of Holywell; Lambert, cordwainer. (There is also an earlier Lambert, cordwainer, of date about 1200.)

2 Among the witnesses are: Peter, son of Torald (died 1257); Henry, son of Milo; John, 'scriptor' of Holywell.
which lieth bitwene the lord that was of Roger fitz Milo of the
one parte and the lord of Henry Bolter of the other parte
in the parisshe of saynt Gyle without the yate of Smythgate
in the strete of Bewmounte, with all the right that he had or
myght have in all the said lord: To be had and to be hold,
of hym and of his heires, to the said abbesse and couent, frely
and quyetly, holy, wele, and in pease, for euer. And the foresaid
william and his heires warrantizd and defended the foresaid's
xij. d' of rent, with all other rightis that he had or myght have in
the foresaid lord, to the said abbesse and couent, aynest all men
and women. Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera.

*A quyte-clayme of John Sewy of Oxenford
of all the right that he had & cetera in all that lord
that William Toky yaf somtyme to John his fadire
in the parisshe of saynt Gyle.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that John Sewy of
Oxenford granted, remyttd, deluyered; and quyte claymed, for
hym and for his heires for euer, to god & cetera and to the
mynchons ther servyng god; and for euer to servy, alt his right
and clayme that he had or myght have in alt that lord, with alt
his pertynentis, the whiche william toky somtyme yaf and
graunted to John his fadire in the parisshe of saynt Gyle in
the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; to them
and to there successours for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in
pease fro alt servyce to hym and to his heires longyng. And for
this graunte the said abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe yaf
to hym xl. shillings of sterlyngis into warysow. And that
his graunte, & cetera, he put to hit his scale, & cetera.

*A Charter of fryere Walter, maister of the
hospital of saynt Bartholomewe, of x. d' of yerely
rent of the lord in Beaumonte.

The sentence of this Charter is, that fryer Walter, maister of
the hospital of saynt Bartholomewe within the Est gate
of Oxenford, and the brethern of the same place, yaf, graunted;

1 Among witnesses: Henry, son of Milo; John Bolloc; Henry, janitor of Godstow.
and quyte-claymed for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to
the count of the same place, x. d. of yerely rent to be take
at ij. termes of the yere; that is to sey, of j. half acre of lond that
Walter Noreys held of them in the feld of Bewmounte, ix. d. at
Estir, And of the house which Rogers of Ammor held of them,
j. d. at the fest of seynt Bartholomew, in the parish of seynt
Gyle within the subbarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be
hold; to the said abbesse and Couent and to ther successours for
them and ther successours for euer, frely and quytelty, holy wele
and in pease, with all the right and clayme that they had or
myght have in the said half acre of lond and in the said house,
with ther pertyntenis. And for this yifte and graunte & cetera
the said abbesse and couent yaf to them j. mark of sterlyngis in
warison. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[587.] A quyte-clayme of Thomas Hastel Fit3 Henry
Hastell for all his londe with the partynentis, &
cetera.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Thomas fit3 henry
hastel graunted, lette, and quyte-claymed; for hym and his heires
for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the count of the
same place, all pat lond; with all his pertyntenis, the which
lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger Wrothe of the one
partie and the lond of Richard Toky of the other party in the
parish of seynt Gyle within the north gate in the subbarbis of
Oxenford: To be had and to be held, for hym and his heires
for euer, with all the right and clayme that he had or myght
have in the said lond, with his pertyntenis, frely and quytelty,
holy, wele, and in * pease for all service custome and demaunde
to hym and to his heires longyng. And for this graunte,
lettyng & cetera, The forsaid abbesse and Couent yaf to hym
xx. shillings of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse of the
which thyng, & cetera.

[588.] A Charter of Henry fit3 Mylo of a mose in the
parish of seynt Gyle.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry fit3 Mylo yaf,
& cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe
Seynt Gyles parissah of Oxenford

son of Milo, of land.

[ Dowry. ]

ther servyng god and to servy for euer, that mese that moold that was somtyme the wyf of William of Eustan held somtyme in the name of her dowry in the parissah of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford; that (pat is to sey) that is I-sette bitwene the lord that was of Roger fitz Iv and the lord of Richard Wolgaricote: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyctly wele and in pese for euer, yeldying therof yerely to 8 hym and to his heires j. rose at the natiiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist for all servy cis customes and seculer demaundis. And be forsaid henry and his heires warantized, aqyted and defended for ever the said mese, with his pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & cetera, the said mynchons yaf to hym v. shillings of siluer in warison. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

About 1270.

Exchange between Godstow and William Brampton, * leaf 96, back. of a quit-rent owned by Brampton to be held by a peppercorn,


The sentence of this charter is, that William of Brampton 16 yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, iiiij. d' of yerely rent, yerely to be take, at ij. termes of the yere, of all that mese that was of William Toky, with his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lord that was of Adam Fres of the other parte in the parissah of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford; that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. d' of siluer, and at Mighelmasse ij. d'. 24 of siluer: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires and his assigns, to the said Mynchons of Godestowe and to their successours, frely and quyctly, wel and in pese, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires one corne of grayne of pepir in the fest of our lordis birthr for all seculer servisics customes and demaundes longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said william and his heires or his assigns warantized aqyted and defended for euer the forsaid iiiij. d' of yerely rent, as hit is dyuyded afore, to the said mynchons and to their successours for euer. And for this yifte & cetera, the forsaid
mynchons yaf to hym into eschaunge one place of lond1 behynd there court the which conteynyth in lengthe ix. elny and one quarteron in and in brede xiiiij. elny with-out1 ynche, as hit is I-conteyned in the charter of the said mynchons I-made therof to them. And that this his yifte, graunte, & cetera2.

[590.] A quyte-clayme of Alice Bolloc of a mese in the parish of Seynt Gyle in Oxenforde.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Alice Bolloc, in her owne lawfull wedowhode and power, graunted lete and quyte-claymed, for hym3 and for his4 heires for euer, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Covent of the same place, all his5 right and clayme that [s]he had or myght haue into all that mese, with all his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene 'the lond' that was of Henry Stoche of the j. parte and the londe that was of Henry Bonetoun of the other, in the parissi of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; for hym3 and for his4 heires for euer, frely and quyetly, wele, holy, and in pease fro all servuye perteynyng to hym5 and to his6 heires. And for this * dimission6 or letyng, graunte, and quyte-clayme, the said3 abbesse and couent yaf ij. shillings of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which thyng, & cetera.

[6. Thomas of Stanford’s (or Stamford’s) foundation.]

[Note.—The witnesses to Thomas of Stanford’s purchases (William Cromp, John of Curtlington, Ernold le Goer, Nicholas Kingston, Adam of Middleton, William Toky) fix the transactions as about 1270-75. Magister Thomas de Stamford resigned the vicarage of St. Giles’s, Oxford, in 1274: Wood’s City of Oxford, iii. 85.]

[591.] * A Charter of Moolde Arneby I-made to maister Thomas Sanford of all her lond in the parissi of seynt Gyle, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that moolde Arneby of the parissi of Seynt Gyle yaf & cetera to maister Thomas Sanford all her lond lyynge bitwene the lond of the vicarye of seynt Gyle

1 i.e. less a thumb-width; 4 sine pollice in the Latin. Twelve thumbs make a foot. 3 hym, ‘his,’ for ‘her,’ the translator forgetting that the grantor was a female. 2 Among the witnesses is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, instituted 1268. 4 Read ‘of’ for ‘for.’
of the one parte and the lond that was somtyme of Robert
Broughtho and Gilbert Chapeler of the other parte in the
forsaid parissh of seynt Gyle in the suburbis of Oxenford: To
be had and to be hold; to the said maister Thomas and to his 4
heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve bequethi selle ariene or
assigne hit, in what-so-euer state he were, in helthi or in sikenesse,
of hym 1 and of his 1 heires or his 1 assignes, frely, quetyet, also
by right heritage for euer, yeldying therof yeraly to hym1 and to 8
his 1 heires or to his 1 assignes one rede appult at myghelmasse for
alt seculer servyce, exaccioni, and demaunde. And the forsaids
Mooldi and her heires or her assignes warantied acquyted and
defendedall the forsaids lond to the forsaids maister Thomas and 12
to her 2 heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve bequethi selle
ariene or assigne hit, ayenst alt peple, men and women, bothe
Iewes and cristien, by the forsaids servyce, for euer. And for this
yfte & cetera the forsaids maister Thomas yaf to her ij. marke in 16
warisoni. And that all thise afore thyngis; & cetera.

[592.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford, the
son of Richard* *Pekewethir, to maister Thomas
Stanford for iiij. d. of rente.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxen-
ford; the son of Richard Pekwethir, yaf & cetera, to maister
Thomas Stanford iiiij. d. of yerely rent, yerely to be take of 20
a mese, with the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond longyng
to the vicariage of the chirch of seynt Gyle in the suburbis
of Oxenford and the lond of William Toky, at myghelmasse, in
the parissh of the same chirch of seynt Gyle: To be had and 24
to be hold; of hym and of his heires or his assignes, to hym and
to his heires or to his assignes that he wold and to her 3 heires,
frely quetyet holly and in pease for euer, yeldying therof yerely
to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at 28
mydsomer for alt seculer servyce, exaccioni, and demaunde. And
the forsaids Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantied
acquyted and defended the said iiij. d. of yerely rent to the for-
said maister Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes to whom 32
he wold and to ther heires ayenst alt peple, men and women,

1 Read 'her.' 2 Read 'his.' 3 i.e. their.
bothe Iewes Iewesses and cristen men, by the forsaid\(^1\) seruyce, for euer. And for this yfte & cetera the forsaid\(^1\) maister Thomas yaf to hym v. shillings of siluer in warisô" afore-handis. And 4 pat, & cetera.

[593.] A Charter of Powle Fit\(^3\) Ade Blunte to maister Thomas Sanford\(^1\) for v. d. of yerely Rente, & cetera.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Powle fit\(^3\) Adam Blunte yaf & cetera to maister Thomas Sanford\(^1\) v. d. of yerely rent the which he was I-wonyd\(^1\) to receveis of the lond\(^1\) that is bitwene\(^1\) 8 the lond\(^1\) of the vicary of seynt Gyle of the one parte and the lond\(^1\) of William Toky of the other parte in the parissô\(^1\) of seynt Gyle without the north gate of Oxenford\(^1\) in the subarbis of Oxenford\(^1\) towne: To be had\(^1\) and to be hold, with aft right and clayne, with the pertynentis, that he had\(^1\) therof, or myght have afterward\(^1\), to the said\(^1\) maister Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes what-so-ever they shold\(^1\) be or whom-so-ever he wold\(^1\) yeve bequeth the selle aliceni or assigne hit bothe in sikenesse and in helth, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, frely quytyet and by right heritage for euer, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires, or to his assignes, one clowe-gelofre at Ester for aft seruyce exaccioô and demaunde. And the forsaid\(^1\) Powle and his heires or his assignes warantiéd\(^1\) acquyted\(^1\) and defended\(^1\) the forsaid\(^1\) rent, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid\(^1\) maister Thomas and to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wolde yeve bequeth the selle aliceni or assigne hit, aynest aft peple, men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men, by the forsaid\(^1\) seruyce, for euer. And for this yfte & cetera, the forsaid\(^1\) maister Thomas yaf to hym iij. shillings of sterlyngis in warisô. And that all these aforsaidthyngis & cetera.

[594.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford\(^1\) to maister Thomas Samford\(^1\) of xij. d. of yerely rent.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford\(^1\), fit\(^3\) Richard\(^1\) Pekwether\(^1\), yaf & cetera to maister Thomas Samford\(^1\) xij. d. of yerely * rent to be take yerely at Mighelmasse, that is to sey, of the house, with the pertynentis, that was

\(^1\) Spelt 'Sanford' in no. 595.
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by John Crompe, of rent-charges, overhouses. [Property of Oxford University.]

Quit-rent, a clove at Mid-summer.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, 10s.

1275.

Grant to Godstow, by Thomas Sanford, for endowment of a chantry in Godstow for the Stanford family, of houses in St. Giles's parish,

somtyme of henry Crompe, the which now holdith the abbot of Oseneye, and lieth bitwene the lond of Adam Middelton and the lond of Robert Staunton in the parisshe of seynt Gyle in the suburbis of Oxenford; vj. d.; and of the house, with the per-tyntenis, that Robert of Staunton held of the vnyuersite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of William Bre and the lond of the abbot of Oseneye in the parisshe aforesaid; vj. d.: To be had and to be hold, to the seid' maister Thomas and to his heires, or to alle his assignes which that he wold assigne and to ther heires, of hym and his heires or his assignes, frely quetyly were holy and in pease for ever, yeldyng therof yerely one clowe-gelofre at mydsomer for all seruyce secular, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid' John and his heires or his assignes warantizd acquyted and defended the said' xij. d. of yerely rent to the forsaid' maister Thomas and to his heires, or to his assignes to whom-so-ever he wold assigne hit and to ther heires, ayenst all men and women, bothe Jews Iuwesses and cristen men, by the forsaid' seruyce, for ever. And for this yfte & cetera the forsaid' maister Thomas yaf to hym x. shillings of sterlyngis by-fore handis in warison. And that all these aforesaid' thynges, & cetera.

[595.] A Charter of maister Thomas of Sanford of the house aynest seynt Gylys chirch of Oxenford to the mynchons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is that Thomas Sanford yaf & cetera, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, into pure and perpetuall almesse, to the susteynyng of the masse of our lady seynt marye at the auter of the blissed' virgyne in the monastery of Godestowe every day to be sung, for the soulw of maister Hugh Sanford; and for the sowles of fadir modir and brother of the same, and for the sowls of Moolde his modir, Mabyle of Ely, of maister Richard' Mappeham 1, and all his benefacturis, all his houses with all ther pertynentis that he had in the suburbis of Oxenford in the parisshe of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, the which lye bitwene the houses of the vicarre of the chirch of seynt Gyle of the one parte and the lond of William Toky

1 Richard de Mapham, archdeacon of Oxford, occurs 1272.
of the other parte; and iij. acris of mede and an half liyng in the mede that is I-called Bissoppeshayte, that is to sey, one acre that he bought of Iohn Crompe, and another acre that he bought of Henry Chambir, and the thirde acre that he bought of Iulian the daughter of Anneys of Cudelyngton the sustir of the saide henry, And the half acre of mede the which was somtyme of henry at the hithe, As hit is conteyned within the charter to Brackele, his wyf and the tenement withyn the suster of Henry and the land of Roger Iveys of the other parte, and another ground liyng bitwene the mese of William Toky of the one parte and the mese of Alice Frees of the other; and xij. d.'of yerely rent, that is to sey, vj. d.' of j. half acre in Brixstamsedys to be take, And other vj. d.' to be take of j. half acre that he bought of Iohn Cromp̂, the which was I-called 'South and north,' as hit is I-conteyned in the charter I-made vpon that: To be had and to be hold; to the seid' abbesse and Covent for ever, into pure and perpetuel almesse, freely quetyly holy wele and in pease, Savyng the rent of the chief lordis of the fee. And that this yifte, graunte, & cetera, shold' be sure, & cetera, he put to his seale & cetera.

[596.] A Charter of Anneys reliot of Richard of Bracle quyte-claymyng his 1 right in aff his 1 tenement with the pertynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that Anneys somtyme the wyf of Richard' Brackle, in her wedowhode and lawffull power, graunted' and vttirly quyteclaymed', for hym 1 and his 1 heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place and to ther successours, aff the right and clayme that she had' or myght have had' in aff that tenement, with aff his pertynentis, that the said' Richard' Brackle somtyme her husband' sold' to maister Thomas Sanford', of the which tenementis, with his pertynentis, she impleteth the said' abbesse of Godestowe afore the Iusticis of the benche by the kyngis bref 'of the entryng' (or de ingressu) I-called; the which tenement, with his pertynentis, is I-sette even ayenst to the chirche of seynt Gyle of the Est

1 Read 'her.'
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parte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaide abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyety wele and in pease for euer, So that nother the said Anneys ne none of her heires, ne none by her or for her and her 4 heires, shold never have power to axe ony right or clayne afterwarde. And for this letynge & cetera the forsaide abbesse and couent yaf to her ij. markes of sterlyngis before handis in waryson. Into witnesse, & cetera 1. 8

* leaf 102, back. 1276.

* A Charter of Isowde abbesse of Godestowe
and of the Couent of þe same place to maister
Thomas Staunford for a fee-ferme of a mese with
the housis aboue hit in the parisshe of Seynt Gyle.

Life-rent by
Godstow,
to Thomas
Stanford,
of houses in
St. Giles, as
in no. 595.

Quit-rent,
1d. at
Easter.

Purchase-
money, £1 6s. 8d.

Purchase-
money, £40.

1276, June
29.

[598.] A Covenaunt I-made bitwene the abbesse of
Godestowe and maister Thomas Staunford for a
mese with the pertynentis.

Recitation
of, and formal

This was the covenaunte I-made, in the fest of the appostels
Petir and Paule, the yere of our lord 1 a thousand thre 4 hundred'

1 The witnesses are William le spicer, maior, Philip de En and Ely le quilter, balliri, of Oxford. These may have taken office at Michaelmas 1279, when the list (Wood's City of Oxford, iii. 11) is imperfect.
2 'rector' in the Latin.
3 Sic: redundantly.
4 In error for 'two.'
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and xvj., bitwene the religious ladyes, Isold by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place of the one parte, and maister Thomas Staunford' of the other parte, that is to sey, that the said' religious ladies, for them and ther successours, graunted' to the said' maister Thomas, as longe as he lived; a mese, with aff his pertynentis, that lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford' in the parish of seynt Gyle, bitwene the house of the vicarie of the same of the one parte and the lord'that was somtyme of William Toky of the other parte: To be had' and to be hold; to the forsaid' Thomas al so longe as he lived; frely quetylly wele and in pease, with aff the hole, yeldying to the said' religious ladies and to ther successours yerly j. d' at Migelmasse for aff excaci'n and demand'; And when the said' maister Thomas deceaseth the said' house, with aff his pertynentis, shold'turne * ayene to the said' Religious ladyes without any agayn'saiyng; And for-asmoch as there was made an Instrumente of warantiyng vpon the saide house of the parte of the said' Religious ladies, Be hit I-know to aff peple that the said' Instrument vpon warantiyng fro that tyme forth had' none effecte. The date at Godestowe in the fest of the appostles Petir and Paule, The yere of ours lord' MCCC' Ixxvj., these present writyng I-made to maner of a charter and the seales of the parties I-put to oper, & cetera.

[7. Land bought from Peter of Middleton.]


About 1260. Sale to Adam of Middleton, by John Crompe, of a rent-charge.

24 The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Croompe, Corde-waner, yaf & cetera to Adam of Middelton, tanner, xxix. d. of yerelyrente, yerely to be take at iijj. prynicipal termes of the yere, of aff that lond; with aff his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond'that was somtyme of Richard' Barlech of j. parte and the lond'of the abbesse of * Godestowe of the other parte, in the parish of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford'; To be had' and to be hold; of hym and of his heires or his

1 'extunct in perpetuum nullum optimere effectum.'
assignes to the said Adam his heires or his assignes for euer, freely and quyetly, wele and in peace, with all the right and clayne that he had, or myght haue, into all the foresaid lond with all his pertynentis, yeldying therof yerely to hym [and] to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir for all servyce custome and demaunde. And the foresaid Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantizyd and defended for euer the foresaid xxix. d. of the said lond, with ther pertynentis, to the said Adam, his 8 heires, or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & cetera, the foresaid Adam yaf to hym xx. shillings of sterlynngis in warison. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[600.] A Charter of William Crompe fitz Iohn Crampé I-made to the same Adam of Middeltoñ and to Ysowde his wyf of j. acre and j. half of arable lond in Bewmounte, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Crampé fitz Iohn Crampé yaf, & cetera, to Adam of Middeltoñ and to Ysowde his wyf, j. acre and an half of arable lond in the feld of Bewmounte, the which lyeth betwene the lond that was somtyme of Symond fitz Milo of the north parte and the lond of Iohn Curtlynton of the southe parte, in the parissñ of seynt Gyle wythout the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said Adam and Ysowde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or to whom-so-euer they will yeve bequeth the selle or assigne hit in heith or in sikenesse, frely and quetyly holy wele and in pease, yeldying therof to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir for all servyce, custome, sute of courte, and demaunde, savyng the servisic to the chief lordis dew and I-wonyd. And the said William and his heires or his assignes warantizyd aquyted and defended for euer the said acre of lond and j. half, as hit is afore-dividyd, to the said Adam and Ysowde, and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewis. And for this yifte & cetera, they yaf to hym ij. markes of sterlynngis in warison. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

1 William Crompe is one of the witnesses.
[601.]* A Charter of Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf, I-made to Isowde the Relicte of Adam of Middelton, quyte-claymyng all his right and clayme in a mese with his pertynentis.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf lete, graunte, and vittrily quyte-claymed, for them *and ther heires, to Isowde somtyme the wyf of Adam Middelton and to her heires or to her assignes, aft the right and clayme that they had or myght haue in that mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond of Nicholas Worton of the one parte and the lond that was somtyme of the said Adam Middelton of the other parte in the parissi of seynt Gyle in the subbarbis of Oxenford; So that the said Thomas and Lucie his wyf ne none of his heires ne none by them or for them myght aske afterward any thyng of right or clayme in the said mese with his pertynentis. And for this lete, graunte, and quyte-clayme the said Isowde yaf to them xl. *shillings of sterlyngis before handis in warison and j. curtett to the said luce of Irischi clothe. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[602.]* A Charter of Petir of myddelton of all his tenement in the parissi of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, also with iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond in bewmounte, to the mychons, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir of Middelton, burgeys of Oxenford, sone and heire of Adam of Middelton, yaf & cetera, to god and to the mychons of Godestowe there servyng god and to serve for euer, alle his mese in the parissi of seynt Gyle in the subbarbis of Oxenforde, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo in the same parissi of the southe parte and the mese of Robert Sparow of the northe parte; also with iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond lying in bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse of Godestowe of the northe parte and the lond of Robert Bartoin of the south parte, the which butten them-self fro the

1 The Latin is: *et unam tunicam dictæ Lucie de panno ybernico.*
2 Among the witnesses are: Edmund de Wodestoke, bailiff of Godstow; William Motte; Nicholas Rodeplont.
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kyngis-wey vnto the curtilagis toward the west parte: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, of hym or his heires or his assignes aforseid; to the forsaied' abbesse and couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in e pease and holy for euer, yeldynge therof to the chief lordes of that fee seruycy dew * and I-Wonyd; And to the makyng of the chirch of seynt Gyle of Oxenford yerely xij. d. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes shold' warantige acquyte 8 and defende for ever the forsaied'mese and all the forsaied'arable lond, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaied' abbesse of Godestowe and Couent and to ther successours. And for this yyte, & cetera, the forsaied' abbesse and couent yaf to hym Lv. shillings. 12 of sterlyngis before handis. And that this his yfte, & cetera1.

* leaf 100, back. subject to 12d. quit-rent to St. Giles's church.
Purchase-money, £2 15s.

[603.] *A charter of Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford, I-made to Nicholas of Bluntesdoun, for a mese with a shop with the pertynentis.

Sale to Nicholas Walrand (as trustee in mortmain for Godstow), by Peter of Middleton, of proper ties as in no. 602.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford; yaf & cetera to Nicholas of Bluntesdoun all that tenement, that is to sey, j. mese and j. shop, with all 16 ther pertynentis, the which ben sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo of the sowthe parte and the mese of Robert of Middelton of the north parte, in the parisshe of seynt Gyle in the suburbis of Oxenford; and iiij. acris and j. half of arable 20 lond, of the which, iiij. acris lyen bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the lond of Robert Berton of the other parte, and half j. acre lieth bitwene the lond of the said'abbesse of bothe sides and strechith them-self fro the seid' 24 tenement vnto the kyngis-wey fro bewmounte of the forsaied' parisshe: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaied' Nicholas and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes to which-so-ever he wold' yeve or selle or assigne them, 28 bothe to religious and seculers, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy by right heritage for euer, yeldynge therof * yerely to the chief lordis of the fee dew and wonyed1

1 Among the witnesses are: Richard of Williamscoate, sheriff of Oxfordshire and keeper of Northgate Hundred; John of Ewe, maior, and William of Wodeston and Robert of Wormehall, baillici of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1290.
service, that is to sey xvj. shillings vj. d., for all service seculer, suthis of courte, and all exaccions and demaundes. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes warantizd' aquyted' and defended the forsaid' mese and shop and pe forsaid' iiij. acres and j. half of arable lond, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' Nicholas and to his heires or his assignes, by the forsaid' seruyce, ayenst all men and women for euer, to who-so-euer handis his tenementis come afterward. And for this yfte & cetera the forsaid' Nicholas yaf to hym lx. mark, of sterlyngis be-fore handis. And that & cetera thise afore-said' thyngis shold' be sure, & cetera.

[604.] *A quyte-clayme of Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, for all the right that she had in the name of her dowry, & cetera.

12 The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, lete, graunted; and vttirly quyte-claymed; to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe, all her right that she had; or myght have, in the name of her dowry, in all londes and tenementis the which Petir of Middelton somtyme her husband sold to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and there successours in the parissi of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford; So that nether the said' Iohane ne none in her name shold' neuer haue power to axe or chalenge afterward' in the forsaid lond and tenementis ony right or clayme, in the name of her dowry or mariaige, after the makyng of this quyte-clayme. And for this dimission or lettyng and quyte-clayme the forsaid' abbesse and couent yaf to her xl. shillings of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in the morow of seynt Barnabe the apostle, the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

[605.] *A-nother licence for to purchase one mese with the pertynentis in Oxon.

The sentence of this licence is, that Edward; by the grace of god: kyng of Englund: & cetera, though he ordeyned' by the

1 Witnesses as in preceding deed.
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comon counsile of his Reame that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple to entre the fee of ony1 or of other, so that hit shold come into morte-mayne, without his licence and of the chief lord of the which hit was I-hold immediatly, Natzélese, 4 by a fyne the which his wellbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godstowe made with hym in his Channellarye, he graunted and yaf licence al so moche as was in hym to Nicholas Walrande of Bluntesdon that he myght yeve and assigne to the foresaid8 absesse and mynychons that they myght resceive and hold the foresaid mese of the foresaid Nicholas, as hit is I-seid afore, by the tenoure of this present writyng. Also he yaf to them special licence, not willynge that the foresaid Nicholas or 12 his heires, or the foresaid abbesse and mynychons or ther succes-sours, by cause of the foresaid statute, shold be occasioned or greved in ony thyngis, Savyng nathelesse seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd to the chief lorde of that fee. Into witnesse 16 of the which thyngye, he made to be made these his lettres patenties, hym-self byeng witnesse, at westmynster, the viij. day of Marche, The xxxj. yere of his reigne.

[Note.—A conjecture may be hazarded as to the source from which the money for the preceding purchase came, and the purpose to which the income so secured was to be applied.

At the dissolution, in 1540, we find (Monast. iv. 370) Godstow lands charged with £1 5s. yearly to provide a pittance on the anniversary of Ela (de Longesper), countess of Warwick, and also with £7 7s. to be spent in almsgiving and in the salaries of two chaplains to say mass in Godstow chapel for the same countess. There is nowhere any mention of endowment supplied by her to meet these charges. Since she died in 1297, it is possible that about 1290 she advanced money to provide such endowment, and that ‘Middleton Hall’ in St. Giles was purchased out of that fund.]

[8. Deeds connected with the meadow called Bishop’s-eyt.]

* leaf 107, back.
 About 1230.
 Sale to Hugh, son of Richard, of Walton, for £2, by Henry son

A Charter of henry fitz Lewysyj to Hugh fitz Richard of Waltoñ for ij. acris of mede and a roode.

The sentence of this Charter is, that henry fitz Lewysyj 2 yaf 2o & cetera to Hugh fitz Richard of Waltoñ, for his seruice and for xl. shillings of siluer the which he yaf to hym afor-e-handis in warison, tho ij. acris of mede and an half roode, the which

1 Read ‘him’ for ‘ony.’
2 i.e. Lewisi.
the forsaid Richard the faidir of the seid Hugh somtyme held of the said Lewys his faidir in the bishoppesheyte by lotte: To be held and to be had, of hym and his heires, to the same Hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quietely wele and in pease for ever, yeldying therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee xij. d' obolus quadrans at Midsomer, and he shold'ere to hym and to his wyf every yere al so longe as they lived j. acre of land in Bradmore; And anon aftir ther decease the said'eryng shold cesse for ever, And fro that tyme the same Hugh and his heires or his assignes shold'pay to his heires or to his assignes j. obolus at Mighelmasse for the warantyng. And the seid Henry and his heires or his assignes warantijed and defended for ever the forsaid ij. acres and j. half roode of mede, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all peple. And into the witnesse of the which thynge, & cetera.

[607.] *A Charter of John Crompe of Oxenford to Hugh Palmer for vj. acres of mede with the pertynentis.

16 The sentence of this charter is, that John Crompe of Oxenford yaf & cetera to Hugh Palmer vj. acres of mede, with the pertynentis; of the which, v. lied in euertichesheit bitwene the hacacre and haldewere in the shire of Berkes, the which falle to hym by lotte, and j. acre of mede in bisshopisheyte, the which falle to hym by lotte: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said Hugh and to his heires or his assignes to which-so-ever he wold' yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit in helthe or in sickenesse, frely quietely pesibly and holy, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. at the fest of the natuuite of seyt John baptist, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd; for all seculer exaccion and demaunde. And the said John and his heires warantijed and defended for ever the seid vj. acres of mede, with all the pertinentis, to the said Hugh, and to his heires or his assignes,

1 Witnesses: Alan Dudeling, William Culvard, Arnold Goer, Roger miller, John Crompe. Of these John Crompe occurs elsewhere as a witness with Simon Balehorn, whose date is known: see nos. 333-5
2 In the Latin 'Ellricheselt.' The meadow so called included the present Pool of Lewis, of meadow, assigned by lot.

Grant to Hugh Palmer, by John Crompe, of 5 acres in Allriches eyot, and one in Bishop's-eit, all assigned by lot, quit-rent, id.,

* leaf 108. 1264.

at Folly Bridge, and the range of houses north of it in Isis Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 452. It does not appear that this piece of meadow came to Godstow: though the acre in Bishop's-eit did (see in no. 533).
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ayenst alle men and women. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid hugh yaf to hym a mese, with the pertynentis, into an eschaunge, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Iohn Coles- hulle and the lond of Iohn Eynysham in the parisshe of seynt 4 Martyn of Oxenford, as they ben I-writte and I-diuided afore. And that all these thyngis shold be sure, & cetera.

[608.] *A charter of Alsoñ Walton the doughtir of hugh moneke I-made to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of mede in the bisshoppisheyte by Lotte.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Walton, the doughtir of hugh moneke, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and 8 to the abbesse and to the Covent of the house of Godestowe, an acre of mede in bissoppesheyte to be take by lotte, that (that is to say) that henry fit3 lewys somtyme held: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis and eysementis and pasture, 12 into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, with fre entryng and goyn g out to the same, doynge perof to the chief lordis of the fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd. And the forsaid Alice and her heires or assignes warantyzed and defended for euer the 16 forsaid acre of mede, as hit is afor-seid, ayenst all peple. And [for] this yifte & cetera, the forsaid abbesse and Covent * yaf to her to the terme of her lyf j. chambre to dwelle in, the whiche Iohn Masun first enhabited in, after the fourme fully I-content in the charter of feffement I-made therof. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera.

[609.] *A Charter of luce the doughtir of William Brumman for half j. acre of mede in the Bissoppisheyte I-made to Robert fit3 Aylewyn of Walton.

The sentence of this charter is that luce the doughtir of William Brumman, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf 24 & cetera to Robert fit3 Aylewyn j. half acre of mede, the which lieth in the mede that is I-called the bissoppisheyte by lotte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym 1 and his 1 heires or his 1 assignes, frely quyetyly holy wele and in pease, 28 yeldyng therof yerely to hym 1 and to his 1 heires or to his 1

1 Read 'her.'
assignes j. obolus at Estir for all service custome and demaunde, savyng the rent to the chief lordis of that fee. And the forsaid luce and her heires or her assignes warantizèd* and defended* for 4 euer the forsaid' half acre of mede to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yfte & cetera the seid' Robert yaf to hym iij. shillings of sterlyngis in-to warison. And that this his yfte, & cetera.

[610.]. * A Charter of Iohn hulle Coruyser and Luce his Sus tir of j. acre of mede to Adam Londoën of Oxenford:

8 The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn hulle, Coruyser, and luce his Sus tir, yaf & cetera to Adam londoën of Oxenford j. acre of mede the which lieth in bishoppisheyte in the suburban of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; to the said Adam and to 12 his heires or his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to whom-so-euer he wolde yeve selle bequeth or assigne, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quytyly pesibly and holy for ever, yeldyngh therof yeryly to hym and to his heires one clowe of gelofre 16 at Estir, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd; for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and luce and ther heires or ther assignes warantizèd and defended the forsaiad acre of mede with the pertynentis 20 to the forsaid Adam and his heires or to his assignes ayenst all men bothe cristen and Iewes for euer. And for this yfte & cetera, the forsaid Adam yaf to hym xxx. shillings of ster-lyngis afoe-handis. And that all thise afore I-write and 24 a-fore I-diuidèd thyngis & cetera shold' abide for euer without deceite, they strengthened this present charter & cetera ².

[611.]. A Charter of Adam Londoën to the mynchons of Godestow of one acre of mede the which lieth in Bishoppisheyte.

The sentence of this charter is, that Adam I-called Londoën, burgeys of * Oxenford; yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the 

* hym,' in error for ' her,' and Eyle quilter and Nicholas goldsmith,

1 * leaf 108, back.
2 * leaf 99, back. 1273.

Sale to Adam London, by John and Lucy Hulle, of 1 acre, quit-rent, a clove.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase money, £1 10s.

About 1282.

Sale to Godstow, * leaf 100.

1 ' hym,' in error for ' her.'
2 Witnesses include Henry Owen, maior, ballivi, of Oxford.
mynchos of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serve for ever, one acre of mede the which lieth in bisshoppisheyte, the which acre of mede he had and bought of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, and luce his sustir: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaied mynchos and 4 to ther successours, of hym or his heires or his assignes, all the forsaied acre with his pertynentis, frely quetyly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof to the prioresse and mynchos of Stodely vij. d. for all servyce exaccion and demaunde. And the 8 forsaied Adam and his heires or his assignes warantizéd aquyted and shold defende with his owne costis all the forsaied acre of mede holy to the forsaied mynchos and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men. And 12 for this yifte & cetera, the forsaied mynchos yaf to hym xxxiiij. shillings iiiij. d. of sterlyngis before handis. And that all, & cetera.

1282, Nov. 8.

Quit-claim to Godstowe, by Henry son of Milo, as overlord, of all title in no. 610.

[612.] A quyte-clayme of Henry Fitj Milo of Oxenford of j. acre of mede in the bisshoppesheyte, & cetera.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Fitj [Milo] 16 in the subarbis of Oxenford relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchos ther servyng god and for euer to serve, all the right and clayme that he had or in any wise myght have in one acre of mede that lieth in the 20 bisshoppesheyte with-out Walton with-in the liberteis of the hundred with-out the north gate of Oxenford, the which acre of mede was somtyme of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, of Oxenford and Luce his sustir, So that nother he ne the forsaied henry fitj 24 Milo nother there heires ne none in their name shold never axe right ne clayme in the forsaied acre of mede ne never chalenge. And for this remyssion and quyte-clayme the forsaied abbesse and mynchos of Godestowe yaf to hym one marke of siluer. 28 Into witnesse of the whiche, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the sonyday next after the fest of all seyntis, the x. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward:

A licence of kynge Edward to purchase and confirmacion.

[613.] A licence I-made to William Burncestre to morteyse to the mynchons of Godestowe one tofte, with the pertynentis, in the subarbes of Oxenforde, 

*A Licence of kyng Edward to purchase.

The sentence is this, that Edward', kynge of Englonde, & cetera, willed to be know that, though hit were Iordeyne by the commune counsell of this Reame that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of any man, so that hit shold come into morte-mayne, with-oute his licence and of the chief lorde of the which that thynge was immediately holde by, Nathelasse the which, [by the fine which']

8 William Burnechestre [had made] with hym, he graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires (al so moche as was in hym), to the same william that he myght yeve and assigne one tofte with the pertynentis in the subarbis of Oxenford to his welbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons of the same place: To be had and to be holde, to the same abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever, into an eschaunge for one tofte with the pertynentis in the same 16 subarbis to the same william by the forsaid abbesse and mynchons in fee to be yeve and graunted for ever. And also he graunted a specia licence to the abbesse and mynchons that they myght receive and holde the forsaid tofte, with his 20 pertynentes, of the forsaid william, to them and to ther successours; and to the forsaid william that he myght receive and holde another tofte, with the pertynentis, of the forsaid abbesse and mynchons, to hym and to his heires for ever, into the forsaid 24 chaunge, as hit is I-seid afore by the tenoure of this present wriyng; not willyng that the forsaid william or his heires, or the forsaid abbesse and mynchons or there successours, be

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1 Nov. 14, 15 Edw. I, would be 1287. 2 Words added from the Latin.
occasioned or grevd in ony thynge by hym or by his heires. Savynge nathelessse service dewe and I-wonyc to the chief lordis of that fee. Into witnesse of whiche thynge he made to be made his lettres patent, hymself beyng witnesse, at westmynyster, 4 the xiiiij. day of Nouembre, the xv yere of his reigne, & cetera.

[614.] *A Charter of William Burceetur, Burgeys of Oxenford, of a Tofte With the partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that William of Burceetur, burgeys of Oxenford, yaf & cetera, to Margery, abbesse of Godstowe, and to the couent of the same place, into eschaungeth, 8 by the vertu of a charter of the kynge I-made therof, as hit is conteyned fully in the same charter, one toofte, with the partynentis, in the subarbis of Oxenford without the north yate of the same town, that lieth in the parissi of seynt Gyle, bytwene the tenement of Nicholas Aylesdon of the one partie and the tenement of Richard kene of Oseneye of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, with aff the partynentis, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to there successours for euer, of the chief lordis of that fee, by dew service therof and I-wonyc of right. And the forsaid William and his heires warantised and defended for euer aff the forsaid tofte with his partynentis to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid abbesse and couent, into eschaunge for the forsaid tofte, yaf to hym a tofte with his partynentis in the subarbis aboue-said. In-to witnesse, & cetera. The date at Oxenford; the iiij. day of Iuy, the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward I.

10. Miscellaneous deeds.

[Note.—These documents probably refer to properties which came to Godstow about 1290, but their connexion has not been traced.]

*leaf 107, back. About 1230.*

[615.] *A Charter of William of Woluercote I-made to henry Blunde of xij. d. yerely to be paid of his acre of londe.

The sentence of this charter is, that William of Woluercote granted to Henry Blunde, by yaf & cetera to henry Blundo and to his heires xij. d yerely. Witness: John de Dokelynton, maior of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas 1321.
of his acre (of that, pat is to sey, the which lieth beside the pathe that is straithe fro the strete of seynt Gile toward the thenhacres, in that [tilth], that is to sey, the which is ayenst the 4 kynghis halle), yeldynge to hym and to his heires [xii. d.] at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, atoure lady day in marche vj. d; and at Mighelmasse vj. d: To be had and to be hold; of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and 8 quyetly fro aff exaccions and servuye for euer. And he and his heires warantizëd the forsaid xij. d: to the said henry Blundo and to his heires ayenst all men and women, & cetera 1.

[616.] * A charter of Richard Giffard for j. acre of lond and iij. houses I-bilded above hit in the pariss of seynt Gyle to Geoffrey of kenynto. 2

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Giffard graunted 12 lete and deluyed to Geoffrey of kenynto au acre of lond with iij. houses above I-bilded, in the pariss of seynt Gyle with-out the north gate of Oxenford, that is to sey, that acre that he held of Thomas Basset the which lieth bitwene the lond of the 16 abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the grete strete of the other parte: To be had and to be hold; to hym and to his heires, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d: at Mighelmasse for alle servuye and exaccion. And the forsaid Richard and his heires warantizëd the forsaid acre of lond with the iij. houses above I-bilded to the forenamed Geoffrey and to his heires ayenst all men and women. 24 And for this his graunte & cetera the forsaid Geoffrey yaf to hym iij. marke of siluer and j. half in warystoë. And for-asmoche as he willed that all the aboue write thynge, & cetera 3.

[617.] * A Charter of Richard Vinch to Betrige his doughtir for the half of all that lond that he had somtyyme of Clement Bere.

The sentence of this charter is that Richard Vinch, by the 28 consent and assent of luce his wyf, yaf & cetera to Betrige
his doughtir half of ali that lond that he had somtyme of Clement Bere in the parisshe of seynt Gyle with out the north gate in the subarbis of Oxenford; that is to sey, that half that lieth next to the lond of Iohn Rodeploute: To be hold and to be had; of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyelytely wele holy and in peace, yeldynge therof yeryly to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer in Ester day, and vij. d. * to the light of seynt Gyle of the same parisshe at 8 iij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. d.; at Candelmasse ij. d.; at and at Whitsontyde ij. d.; for ali seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the said Richard Vinch and his heires warantiz^ed aquyeted and defended the forsaid^ half of lond 12 with the pertynentis to the forsaid^ Betrige his doughtir ayenst ali men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the said^ Betrige yaf to hym ij. shillings of sterlynges. And that this his yifte shold^ be sure, & cetera.

[618.] * A charter of Alice Fychet of a certayn Lond in pe parisshe of seint gile.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice Fychet, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf & cetera to Hugh Fitgh of walton ali that lond, with ali the pertynentis, that lieth between the lond that was of Ivo of wodestok, of the one parte 20 and the lond of Richard Wolgaricote of the other parte in the parisshe of seynt Gile without the north gate in the * Subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym 1 and his 1 heires for ever, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quyetytely holy wele and in peace, yeldynge therof yeryly to the said Alice al so longe as she lived xij. d. at iiiij. prynçipall termes of the yere, and to his 1 heires ij. d. at Estir, for ali seruycye custome and demaunde, savyng the rent of the chief lord: And 28 the forsaid Alice and her heires warantiz^ed and defended ali the forsaid lond with ali the pertynentis to the forsaid Hugh and to his heires or to his assignes agenst ali men, bothe cristian and Iewes. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid Hugh yaf to her 33 xx. shillings of sterlyngis in waryson. And that this her yifte, & cetera.

1 'hym' and 'his' in error for 'her.'
[619.] * A charter of William Crompe for half j. acre
lond' in Bewmounte.

The sentence of this charter is, that sir William Crompe,
Chapeleyn, of Oxenford; yaf & cetera to Iohn of Middelton fit;
Adam of Middelton, and to his heires or to his assignes, j. half
acre of lond' for euer, with his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxen-
ford; lying in the field of bewmont in brede bitwene the lond' of
the abbesse of Godestowe and of pe same Couent of the northe
parte and bitwene the lond' of the fermorye of the same place of
8 the southe parte, wherof j. hede of the forsaid' half acre in brede
strecchith hit-self toward' the Est and another toward' the west:
To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires and his
assignes, to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heiris or his assignes,
frely quetyly holy wele and in good' pease for euer, yeldying
therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. clowe-
gelofre at the fest of seynt Michelf for all service, customes, and
seculer demaundis, the which bein now or myght happe hereafter
16 for euer. And the said' William, his heires, or his assignes,
warantize'd aquyted'and defended' the forsaid' half acre ayenst a/**
mortalt' men. And for this yifte & cetera the forsaid' Iohn yaf
to hym j. marke of siluer afore-hondis into warison. And that
20 this his yifte, & cetera.

[11. Leases granted by Godstow.]

[620.] * A Charter of william kochesham of v. shillings.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Cochesham
held' of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe his lond' in the
parissh of seynt Gyles of Oxenford; yeldying therof yerely xij. d.
24 with the workyng' of ij. men yerely by ij. dayes, that is to sey,
to make heye and to mowe corne. Fro thens-forthe he and his
heires shold' pay for euer v. shillings to the abbesse and Couent
of Godestowe, to-gedir with workyng' of ij. men, without ony
28 agayn-saiyng' and reteynyng, at the fest of Mighelmasse ij. shil-
lings vj. d. and at Estir ij. shillings vj. d. And for this graunte
and encrease of the rent, the said' abbesse and couent yaf to hym
in his nede xl. shillings of sterlyngis, So that he fro that tyme
32 forthe myght not pleggge selle nother encrease the rent ne in no
wyse alyene the forsaid lond to Iewys [or] crysten men. And that this his owne willefulle graunte and encreasyng of Rent shold be sure, & cetera 1.

* leaf 108, back. 1265.

** A Charter of Emme Bluet to Iohn Crompe for a mese in the parissh of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford. **

The sentence of this Charter is, that Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abesse of Godestowe, with the assent and consent of all the Covent, yaf & cetera to Iohn Crompe all that mese, with the pertynentis, I-sette bitwene the lond of Adam Middelton of the one parte and the lond of William Crompe of the 8 other parte, in the parisshe of seynt Gyle without the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be hadd of them and ther successors, to the said Iohn and to his heires, frely quyetly wele and in pese, yeldying therof yerely to them and to there successors x. shillings of siluer at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas ij. shillings vj. d.; and at our lady day in marche ij. shillings vj. d.; and at Midsomer ij. shillings vj. d.; and at Mighelmasse ij. shillings vj. d'; and j. man at ther grete bedrepe in hervest, for alt seruyce custome and demaunde. And the seid Iohn shold susteyne all the forsaid tenement, with his owne costis, in the same state that hit was or in better yf he myght. And the said Iohn bound hym-self that he myght be distreyned; without ony agayn-saiyng, in pat tenement and also [in] mevable goodes and vnmevable, yf he sesed in ony terme afore I-writte and payyng of the dew rent; And yf hit hap that they or ther successors did make ony expensis for to gete ther rent, the same Iohn and his heires shold be hold to paye the seid expensis to them or to ther successors. And the seid Emme Bluet and the Couent and ther successors warantizyd acquyted and defended for euere the said mese, with the per- tynentis, as hit is diuided afore, to the said Iohn and to his heires ayenst all men and women bothe cristen and Jewes, so (that is to sey) that hit shold not be lawfull to the said Iohn or to his heires to ley to wedde the seid mese in Ivery, nother to aliene hit to ony religious (out-take the house of Godestowe).

1 Witnesses are: Philip the miller, Robert Oen, Richard Bolloc, John Crompe.
And that this ther yfte & cetera, they put to ther seales, & cetera 1.

[622.] * A Charter of Emme Bluet abbesse of Godestowe to Philip writer of Bewmounte for one mese in Bewmounte.

The sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bluet, abbesse 4 of Godestowe, and the count of the same place, yaf & cetera to Philippe, writer, in Bewmounte, j. mese in Bewmounte in the suburbis of Oxenford in the parish of seynt Gyle, that that is bitwene the lond of the said Philippe and the lond that was 8 somtyme of Adam Shenevet: To be had and to be hold, of them and there successours, and to hym, to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease heritably for euer, yeldyngh therof yerely to them and to their successours. shillings 12 at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Midsomer xxx. d; at Mighelmasse xxx. d; at Cristmasse xxx. d; at Estir xxx. d; for all servyce, quarel, exaccions, suti of ony maner courte, and demandes, [savyng] twey grete courtis at myghelmasse and at 16 hokke-day. And yf hit happe that the said rent be not I-paid at the said termes, the said philip graunted for hym and his heires that his owne house shold be distreyneyd tille they were I-paid: And the abbesse and count and ther successours warrantized and defended for euer to the forsaied philip and to his heires the said mese with all his pertynentis ayenst all men and women. And that this her graunte shold be sure & cetera 3.

[623.] * A couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Emme Bluet, abbesse by the grace of god of Godestowe, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle, for iij. acris of arable lond with all ther pertynentis in ther tylthe of Wythorpt.

This was the couenaunte I-made, bitwene dame Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the count of the

1 Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, mator, and William of O and Jeffrey mercer, bailifi, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1264.

2 (Exempt from 'sectae') 'salvis duabus magnis curiis ad festum Michaelis et a le hokeday.' See nos. 625, 626.

3 Witnesses: William le Yrreys, William Crompe, Adam de Middleton, Ernald le goyere, &c.
parson of St. Giles,

[St. Kenelm = July 17]

of 3 acres arable in Wycroft (?), with a building, osier-bed, and meadow at Wyke, to be held for life-term,

[quit-rent, 25.]

with rights of pasture over Godestow meadows. * leaf 104.

same place of the one parte, and sir Io(h)n of seynt Gyle of Oxenforde of the other parte, the thursday next afore the fest of seynt keneleme, the fyfty yere of the regigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Io(h), that is to sey, that the said abbesse and 4 couenent yaf, graunted, and conformed with this present couenaunte writynge, to the said Io(h)n iij. acris of arable lond with ther pertynentis in the tylthe of wythorpte, with the mansion, tyftis of roddis, thorpis or croftis, and medis, at wyke, the whiche wyke 8 somtyme they held of the burgeys of Oxenforde, as the same Io(h)n held somtyme of them: of the which acris, ij. lyen in the vtter south stede of ther said tylthe, and the thirde acre a lytelf toward the north (ij. acris and j. half liyng bitwene hit and the 12 forsaid two acris): To be had and to be hold, to hym al so longe as he lived, of them and ther successors, frely quetyly in good state and in pease, in weyes in pathes in medis and pasturis and fysshyngis, with alle fredoms and fre customes, yeldynge 16 therof yerely to them and to ther successors al so longe as he lived iij. skillings of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for affer secculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaund, or ony maner help, and pat pe same Io(h)n shold have fre entre and goyng-out with his 20 owne bestis to be fedde in there medys nye lying about pere londe *after the first heye and the seconde * careatum or cariynge. And the seid Emme Bluet abbesse and Couent of Godestow warantijed and defended affer the forsaid londes with 24 affer the pertynentis and fredoms to the said Io(h)n also longe as he lyved aynenst affer men and women. So that aftir the decease of the seid Io(h), affer the forsaid lond with the mansion, tyftis of twyggis, thorpis, medis, fedyngis, 28 placis, fysshe-weris, and affer other thyngis longyng to the said lond, shold holy turne ayene to them and to ther successors, without ony contradiccio or lette of ony man or of ony men, into ther owne vse. And that this 32 writynge convencionally affer the daies of the seid Io(h)n shold be sure & cetera, euerych ther seales to others writynge & cetera.

1 At the dissolution, 1540, Wycrofte, 14 acres was valued at is. 4d. an acre: Monast. iv. 370.

2 The Latin is: 'post primum fenum et secundum careatum'; which may mean 'after carrying-off the prime-math and the after-math,' taking secundum as adjective. If secundum is taken as a preposition, it would be 'after mowing the first hay-crop and after carting it.'

This was the couenaunt I-made bytwene dame Emme Bluet, by pe grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and sir Io[n] of seynt Gyle of Oxenford of the other parte, The thursday next afore the fest of seynt keneelme, the fyfty yere of the regne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Io[n], that is to sey, that the sa[id] abbesse and Couent yaf, graunted, and with this writyng of couenaunt con-
8 fermed; to the said Io[n], iij. acris of his1 arable lond, with ther pertynentis, in that tilthe of wycrofte, with a mansion, busshis, croftis, and medis, at the wyke, the which wyke his bele-siris fadir2 somtyme held of the burgeys of Oxenford, as the same Io[n] held hit of them somtyme; of the which acris, ij. lien in the out south side of their seid tilthe, and the thirde acre a litte toward the north (ij. acris and an half liyng' bitwene hit and the forsaid' iij. acris): To be had and to be hold, al so longe
16 as he lived, of them and ther successours, frely and quyetyl in goodnesse and in pease, in wyes in pathes in medis in pasturis and in fysshweris and al other fredoms and customes, yeldyng therof yerely to the sa[id] mynchons and to ther successours al so longe as he lived' iij. shillings of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for al seculer seruyce, exacciorn, and demaunde, or ony manner help. And that the same Io[n] shold have fre entryng and goyng-out with his owne bestis to be fed in ther medis nye liyng about his londe after the first hewe and the second cariatum or cariying. And the seid' Emme Bluet and the Couent of Godestowe warantied' auyted and defended* all the forsaid londis, with all pert

ynentis and his fredomes afore-named; to the said Io[n] al so longe
28 as he lived' ayenst all men and women. So that afor3 the decees of the said Io[n] all the forsaid' londe, with the mansion, busshis, croftis, medis, pasturis, fysshyng placis, and all other thyngis

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1 'his' underlined for correction. Read 'their.'
2 In error for 'their predecessor' perhaps. See no. 623.
3 Read 'after.'
longyng to the said lond, shold turne ayene holy in[to] the[r] owne vsis to the said mynchons and to ther successours, with-out ony agayn-seiynq-or lette of ony man or of ony men. And that this writyng of covenant shold be stronge aft the dayes of the forsaid Richard, they put to pere seles, & cetera.

1279. [625.] A Charter bitwene the abbesse and Covent of Godestowe and Richard haueburge for a mese in the parisshe of seynt Gyle.

This was the covenaut I-made, bytwene Royse, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couen of the same place, of the one partie, and Richard Haveburge of the other 8 parte, that the said abbesse and couent, with one assent and good wille, leta and toke to fee-ferme to the said Richard that mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of Wytte Carpenter and the lond of Adam Middelton in the 12 parisshe of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of the said Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, to the said Richard and to his heiris of his body lawfully I-gote, frely quytelly wele and in pease, yeldynq perof 16 yeryl to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours xiij. shillings iiiij. d. at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d.; at oure lady day in Marche xl. d., and at Midsummer xl. d.; and at Mighelmas *xl. d.; for aft seculer [seruice] 20 and demande, savynq the suite of ij. Courtis: and the said abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantizd aquytep and defended the said mese with his pertynentis, to the said Richard and to his heires of his body begotep, ayenst aft men 24 and women bothe cristen and Ieues for ever. So natheles that the said Richard and his heires shold susteyne the said mese with his pertynentis, with ther owne costis, in al so good state as they receieved hit or in bettir. And hit shold not be leful 28 to the seid Richard, nother to his heires, to alicen ne yeve in ony wise the said mese, in aft or in parte: and yf hit happe (that god forbede) that the said rent be not I-pai’d at the termes. I-sette, or that the said mese be ruynowse so that the said rent myght 32 not be levied of the said mese, than hit shold be leff to the said abbesse and covent and to ther successours to rescieve and

1 Read 'Haneburge.'
occupie in the ende of the yere into ther owne vsis and to entre
the said mese, with-out ony agayn-saiynge of ony man or of ony
men, bothe partie renunysynge for them-self, and ther successours,
4 or the[r] heirys, to aft excepcioun, cauylacion, and namelych to
kyngis prohibicion and remedy of the law by pe which the forsai'd
instrument vndir fourme afore-writte myght lette. Into witnesse,
& cetera, bothe parties sette to this writyng ther seals, & cetera 1.

[626.] *A couenaunte I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay
abbesse of Godestow and Robert Mylton for a mese
I-take to fee-ferme.

8 The sentence of this covenaunte is, that there was a cove-
naunte I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay, by the grace of god
abbesse of Godestow, and the count of the same place, of the
one parte, and Robert Mylton of the other parte, that is to sey,
12 pat the seid' abbesse and Covent toke and lette to fee-ferme
to the seid' Robert that therewith aff his pertynentis, that
is I-sette bitwene the mese that was somtyme of adam of Mid-
delton and the mese of William Crompe, in the parish of seyt
16 Gyle in the suburbi of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold of
the seid' abbesse and count and to ther successours, to the said
Robert and to the heires of his body lawfully begote, frely
quetyly wele and in pease, yelding therof yerely to the said'
abdresse and Covent and to ther successours xiiij. shillings iiiij. d.
at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d., at
our lady day in marche xl. d., and at the natuiute of seynt Io^n
Baptist xl. d.; and at Miguelmasse xl. d., for aff servyce and
20 seculer demaunde, sauyng 2 ij. dayes Iourney in hervest, and in
sute of i.' chief courtis. And the said abbesse and Count
wartantizd' aquyted' and, by the forsai'd rent, defended the seid'
mese, with aff his pertynentis, to the said Robert and to his
heires of his body lawfully begote ayenst aff men and women,
bothe cristen and Iewes. And the said Robert and his heires
shold' susteyne and vp-hold' the said mese, with his pertynentis,
with his owne costis, in al so good a state as they receiveid' hit

1 Among the witnesses are Henry Owen, maior, and Ely le quilter and Philip de O,
bailiivi, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1278. Also Walter Bost, then
bailiff of Northgate hundred.

2 In Latin: 'salvis duabus dietis in
autumnno.'
Seynt Gyles parisshe of Oxenford

Powers of distrain and re-entry.

Security given, who also may be distrained upon.

* leaf 110, back.

About 1290.

[327.] *A covenauante bitwenne Mobile Wafre, Abbesse of Godestow, and the covent of the same place of the one parte, and Richard haueborough, Tanner, of the other parte, for viij. acris of arable lond in the feld of Walton to the terme of the lyf of the forsaid Richard, yeeldynge therof yerely iiiij. shillings.

The sentence of this charter is, that ther was a covenauant I-made bitwenne Mobile Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and the 24 covent of the same place of the one parte, and Richard haueborough, of the ojer, that is to say, that the seid Abbesse and Covent lete, graunted, and toke to ferme, to the forsaid Richard viij. acris of arable lond liyng in the feldis of Walton, the whiche 28 hugh fitz hugh Reve somtyme held. To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Richard to the terme of his lyf, frely quyetyl wele and in pease, with all there pertynentis, yeeldynge therof

or in bettir. And hit shold not be lawfull to the said Robert to selle or assigne or in ony wise to aliene the said mese, in any or in parte. And yf hit happed that the seid rent were not I-paid in the termes I-sette (that god for-bede), or that the 4 seid mese were ruynowse, by the whiche the seid rent myght not be leyved of the said mese, Than it shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couent to entre the said mese, with his pertynentis, in the ende of the yere, and to ayene hold and occupie hit, with 8 out ony agayn-saiyng of ony man or of ony men. And to all these thyngis truly to be keped the said Robert founde a borow, that is to sey, hugh of Mylton his fadir, the which bounde hym-self and graunted for hym and his heires that, whan-so-ever the 12 forsaid rent was not fully I-paid at the termes I-sette, hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid Abbesse and Covent to nyme and to distreyne in all his godis mevable, and vnmevable, euery where, for the said rent, tille hit be fully satisfied of the said 16 rent, renuncyng in that doyng bothe parties for them and ther successors and heires aff excepcion cauellacion and namely kyngis prohibicion and aff remedy of lawe by the which this present Instrument vndir fourme afore I-writte myght lette. 20 Into witnesse & cetera, bothe parties put to ther scales to this present writyng I-made in-to the maner of a Charter, & cetera.

Lease for life-term, by Godstow, to Richard of Hand-borough, of 8 acres,

1 Read 'Haneborough.'

2 'toke' = 'gave out.'
yerely to the forsaid' abbesse and couent iij. shillings at iij. terms of the yere, that is to say, at Cristmasse xij. d.; at oure lady day in marche xij. d.; at Midsomer xij. d.; at Mychelmas xij. d.; for all seclus seruyce and demaunde. And the seid' Abbesse and couent and ther successours shold' warantize, by the forsaid' rent, and defende, the seid' viij. acris of arable land, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid' Richard as longe as he livered ayenst all 8 mortall men. And for this letyng & cetera, the forsaid' Richard yaf to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent iij. mark, and j. half of ster-lyngis afore-handis. Into witnesse of the which thyng; & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Georges, by the grace of god that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, with one assent and consent of all ther chapter, yaf & cetera, for them and pere successours, to philip myxbury and to Alice his wyf and to Iohane ther doughtir, all that place with a stony walle and all his pertynentis and easementis I-sette in the parissi of seint gyyle in the subarris of Oxenford, bitwene the lond of henry Peyntour of the north parte and the lond of William Longe of the south parte: To be had and to be hold, 12 to the forsaid philippe, Alice his wyf, and Iohane ther doughtir, al so long as they lived, or to one that lengest lived of them, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease; So that they (pat is to say, philippe, Alice and Iohane) shold make to lefte-vp and 16 to be biled; with there owne costis, the houses or biltyngis in the forsaid place in the whiche he myght more honestly be inhabite and dwelle and to ther more auantage and profite while or al so longe as they lived; with-out ony * distroiyng to be castyng-downe of housis; yeldyng therof yerely to them and 20 to ther successours vj. shillings viij. d' of siluer at iij. terms of the yere, principali and vsueth; and twyes by the yere, sute to ther courte of Walton; and the seruyce of one man by one 24 day in hervest, for all service and seclus demaundes: euermore I-saued' and reserued' or kep'id; to them and to ther successours, quit-rent, 6d. an acre.

[628.] * A-nother graunte by Alice Georges, abbesse of Godestowe, to philippe myxbury, Alice his wyf, and Iohane her doughtir, for a place with a stony walle and all other pertynentis and easementis in the parissi of Seint Gyle.

* leaf 103. About 1300.

Lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to philip Myxbury, his wife, and daughter, of a walled site, on condition that they build there a dwelling-house.

* leaf 103, back.

Quit-rent, 6s. 8d. yearly; suit to two Courts; one day's work in harvest.
and to ther baillifs, ful power to neme and to distreyne the 
forasid' tenement thurgh all goodes and catalys for the forasid' rent 
and of other seruycis aboueseid' [till it] were to them fully satisfied' 
and also ¹ for the failyng of the tyme (ye hit were nede) after the 4 
custom of Oxenford. And the forasid' Alice Georges and the 
Covent of the same place and ther successoures warantijed' 
aquyted and by the forasid' service defended all the forasid' 
place, with all the walles and all maner pertynentis afore-named, 8 
to the forasid' philippe, Alice, and to Iohane the doughtrir of 
them, al so longe as they lived or to one of them lengest livync; 
ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the which, 
emeryth of the partes put to ther seales to others writyng; 12 
² & cetera².

* leaf 102.  
1306, Dec.  
25.  
Lease for 
three lives, 
by God-
stow, to 
William of 
Boken-
hulle, his 
wife, 
and 
son, 
of a ten-

e
quit-rent,  
7s. 4d.; 
two suits 
of court; 
and 2 days' 
heaping.  
* leaf 102, 
back.

¹ In the Latin: "ac etiam per lapsum 
temporis vendendi si necesse fuerit juxta 
consuetudinem ville Oxonie ad quattuor 
anni terminos principales et usuales." This 
seems to mean that, if Godstow had to 
resume possession, the lessees would still 
be liable for the rent till the next usual time 
of letting, i.e. next quarter-day.

² Witnesses: John of Beverley, Henry 
le peynour, Robert of Milton, Henry of 
Weston, Nicholas Rodeplont.
said William and Margerye and to Henry, to aff the lyf of them or to the other of them lyving longest, ayenst aff mortaile peple, So that the forsaid tenement, with the pertynentis, after the deceases of the forsaid William, Margerye, and Henry, shold go or turne ayene to them and to ther successours in al so good a state or better that they rescyved hit. Into the witnesse of the which & cetera, they sette there scales, euerych to others 8 writyng. The date at Godestowe the day & yere aboueseid:

[630.] *An endenture of a yerde of lond, with the pertynentis, I-made to Thomas Marchalt of Oxenford and to Cecilie his wyf, & cetera.

This was the couenaunte I-made bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and Thomas Marchalt of Oxenford and Cecilie his wyf of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and Couent, with one assent, graunted toke and lete to the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie one yerde, of londe, with the pertynentis, in the suburbi of Oxenford:

16 that is to sey, his lond bitwene the walle of the monkis of derham and the lond that is I-called the gores (except half an acre the which is of the Fermery), the which is measured to iiiij. acris and an half;} and his lond at Wodych beside the Galows alías furcas, liyng bitwene the lond of Iohn Goldsmyth and the lond that henry Brampton held, the which is I-mesured to ix. acris and an half; Also beside the goldsmythes borow, v. acris not measured, liyng beside the lond of Iohn Goldsmyth, and Putten hem self vpone the lond of the abbot of Oseneye of the west side; Also beside the grene diche, of the southe parte, ij. acris, liyng bitwene the lond of Iohn Goddyng; Also iiij. acris of lond' liyng at the myle thorn; Also j. acre, liyng beside the Elmes, beside the lond of William Burcetur:

To be had and to be hold, to the same Thomas and Cecilie, to the terme of xx. yere next folowyng after the makynge of this present writyng; yeldynge therof yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours by *x yere next folowyng euery yere in the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist j. rose for all

1 'his,' i. e. their. 2 i. e. acres, by estimation.

* leaf 106. 1318.

Twenty years' lease, by Godstow, to Thomas and Cecily Marchall, of a yardland, [ = 25 acres] partly near Durham College, = 4½ acres; [Godstow infirmary.] partly beside the galows, = 9½ acres; and 5 acres, and 2 acres, and 3 acres, and 1 acre;

* leaf 106, back.
at first by rent of a rose at Midsummer, afterwards of 16s. a year, Power to distrain for rent, even on plough-beasts.

Power of re-entry, if the land is left untilled for a year, and so has no crop to be distrained on.

Provisions in case of death of the lessees,

and as to crops at end of the lease.

Rights of common pasture go with the land.

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seruyc. And, aftar tho x. yere fully complete every yere xvij. shillings, that is to sey, that one half at the fest of seynt Martyrdom and the other half at the fest of the ascension of our lord. And ye the foresaid Thomas and Cecilie, or the other of them, failede or failed in the payng of the foresaid rent at the foresaid termes to be paid (that god for-bede), hit should be lefuli, to the foresaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours or to ther servuantis, to distreyne in the said lord, by there plough bestis and aff other cateall I-founde in them, and to holde stille the distreyng tille they be fully satisfiied of the arreragis of the rente aforsaid. And ye peraventure, or by case, the foresaid lord by malice or importunesse of the same Thomas or Cecilie or one of them be vntelyd by one yere, Than hit shold be lefuli to the foresaid Abbasse and her successours to entre the same lord and to agayn-hold for ever, without reclaymyng or criyng-agayn of the said Thomas and Cecilie, but hit be satisfied fully of aff his rent within the yere folowyng. And ye hit happe bothe the same Thomas and Cecilie to dye within x. yere next folowyng, than the executours of the last deceASYng of them shold have that lord vnto the foresaid x. yeres be completed, For the whiche the said Thomas paiied before-hondis. And anon aftar the decease of the last of the said Thomas and Cecilie dyinyng aftar the terme aforsaid of x. yere, or aftar the terme aforsaid of the xx. yere ye they ouer-lived hit, the foresaid lord shold turre agayn to the foresaid abbesse and to there successours fully, nathelis savyng to them, or to ther executours of the foresaid last dyng, the vesture of cornys growyng in the same lord in the deceASYng aforsaid or in the ende of the terme aforsaid. And the foresaid Thomas and Cecilie or the other of them shold have, duryng the terme aforsaid, commune of pasture to ther bestis, as other negbores and tenantis of the same abbesse were I-wonyd to haue in the 32 subarbis aforsaid. And the foresaid abbesse and her successors warantizèd aquyted and defended the foresaid lord and commune with the pertynentis, to the foresaid Thomas and Cecilie or to the other of them, aff the foresaid tyme, ayenst aff peple. To these writyngis endented, into witnesse bothe parties put to, euerych to other, ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.
[631.] * A couenaunt bitwene Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, And Walter Weston for a tene-ment that [was I-called] Margarete halle & cetera.

The sentence of this covenante is, that there was a cove- naunte I-made bitwene dame Margarete Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and Walter Weston of the other, that is to say, that the forsaid abbesse and Covent granted and toke, for them and ther successours, to the forsaid Walter, his heires, and his assignes, a tenement in the subarbis of Oxenford in 8 seynt Gylis strete, that somtyme was I-called margarete halle, the which tenement stode bitwene the tenement that was of Nicholas Rudeplonte of the south parte and the tenement that was of Richard Osen of the northe parte: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis and eysementis, of the forsaid abbesse and couent and of ther successours, to the forsaid Walter, to his heires, and to his assignes, frely quetly wele and in pease, to the terme of Lx. yere, the terme begynnyng in the morow of the Annuciacion ofoure lady in marche, the xix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, yeldynge þerof yerely to the abbesse of Godestowe aforisaid and to ther succes-sours iiiij. shillings of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas ij. shillings and at our lady day in marche ij. shillings; and to the house of the hospital of seynt John of Oxenford euery yere xij. d. for all servyce * exaccion and demaunde. And yf hit happ(e) (that god for-bede) that the said rent be not fully I-paid, in the termes I-ordeyned, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and also to the house of seynt John of Oxenford and to the [r] successours, but ben behynde by an hole yere and iiiij. dayes, fro that tyme hit shold be lefun of the said abbesse and couent to entre the said tenement in the ende of the yere and to receive and occupie into there owne vsis, without agayn-saiyng of any man or of ony men. Also the forsaid abbesse and covert granted, for them and ther successours, to the seid Walter [to his] heires and to his assignes that [they] ben nerrer than other in byng of the seid' tenement to the ende of
the seid terme of lx. yere fully, but they be put away fro the said tenement because of the rent not I-paid (that god forbode hit), as hit is I-seid before, renuncyng of bothe partes for them and ther successours aff excepcion canellacion and namelich the kyngis prohibicion and the remedy of aff lawe by the whiche this present Instrument vndir the forme afore I-writte myght lette. And that this convencion shold be sure, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaide, & cetera. 8

* leaf 104. 1330, Sept. 30.

[632.] * A Charter bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and Iohn Cuddyng, tailour, for a mese with a curtilage for xl yere.

The charter bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one partie, and Iohn Cuddyng, Taillour of Oxenford; and Alice his wyf, hit was accorded into this manner: that the forsai'd abbesse and Couent, with one consent and assent of ther chapiter, toke graunted and lete to the said Iohn and Alice, to the terme of xl. yere next folowyng after the makynge of this present wrytyng I-complete, a mese with a curtilage in the subarbis Oxenford, in the strete and pariss of seint Gyle, bitwene the tenement of the said abbesse and couent of bothe partes, the which mese in commune speche Middeltoñ halle is I-called: To be had and to be hold, to the forsai'd Iohn, Alice, and to ther heires or executours, duryng the terme of xl. yere aforsaid; of the said abbesse covente and ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to the said abbesse xiiij. shillings iiiij. d. of siluer at ij. termys of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. shillings viij. d. and at oure lady day in Marche vj. shillings viij. d., and to the abbot of Eynysham, xiiij. d. of siluer at the same termys by even porcions at aff the forsai'd terme, for aff servyce and seculer exaccion. And the forsai'd abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantiñed and defended, by the forsai'd rent, the mese with the Curtilage and ther pertynentis in euery place to the forsai'd Iohn and Alice, his heires or executours, thurgh aff

1 The meaning is:— Godstow covenants to allow the present lessees to make first offer for the property when it is again to be let at the end of the 60 years, unless the lease has been forfeited by fault of these lessees. The Latin is: 'quod sint pro-pinquiores alii in emiptione dicti remanenti ad finem dicti termini.'

2 MS. has 'at.'
the said' terme ayenst all mortall peple. And the forsaied Iohn and Alice, his heires and executours, shold; with ther owne costis, susteyne and hold vp the said' mese, with the curtilage, in al so good' a state, or better, as they resceved' them, duryng the terme aforsaid; and amende and repairde or make-agayne defaultis in the same competently when nede were. And yf the said yerely rent be behynde in the forsaied' termes by a yere and iiiij. 8 dayes (that god for-bede), hit shold be lawfull to the seid' abbesse and Couent and to their * successours to entre and to take ayene the said' mese, with the Curtilage, and to hold hit ayene for euer into ther owne vsis, without ony agayn-saiyng or lettre or with-holdyng of ony men. Also hit shold not be lawfull to the seid' Iohn and Alice, her heires or executours, to alien, selle, or lette the said' mese with the curtilage in ony wise, but the forsaied' abbesse and Couent and ther successours wold' lete hem other-wise to do. And that the forsaied rent shold be truly I-paid' in the termes I-ordeyned', the forsaied' Iohn and Alice bounde them by an obligacion, her heires and executours, and all ther goodes mevable and vnmevable where they myght be founde, and principally his londis and tenementis in Oxenford-shire to whos-so-ever hondis they come, to the distreyynyng and constreyynyng of the said' abbesse and Couent and of their baillifs. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera, they put euerych to other ther seales to this present writyng endented: The date at Godestowe, in ther full chapitir, the sonday in the morow of Seynt Mighett the archaungell, the iiiij. yere of the regn of kyng Edward the thirde.

[633.] *A couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde Bew- champe and Thomas Brackele for x. shillings in the pariss of seynt gile of Oxon.*

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunt I-made bitwene moolde Bewchampe, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one partie, and Thomas Brackele and Iulian his wyf and Anneys the doughtir of them, into this maner: that is to sey, that the seid abbesse and Couent toke graunted' and lette to ferme to the seid Thomas Iulian and Anneys fro the fest of the nativite of seynt Iohn baptist, the xiiij. yere of the regn of kyng.
Edward the third after the conquest, vnto the terme of xx. yere contynuuely folowyng and fully complete, a mese with a curtilage in the subarbis of Oxenford, I-sette in the parissi of seynt Gyle bitwene the tenement of John Croxford of the one parte and the tenement of Roger bost * of the other parte: To be had and to be hold; with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Thomas Iulian and Anneys to the terme of xx. yere aforsaid; of the said Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, yeldyng thereof x. shil-8

of seint Marie Magdaleyn. And the forsaid Thomas Iulian and Anneys shold susteyne the said mese with the Curtilage thurgh all the terme aforsaid, with ther owne costis, and amende and repaire competently the defautes in the same whan hit were 16 nede, and leve them in al so good state as pei receiued them or better. And yf they bilded ony of new, or made, in the said mese and curtilage, hit shold abide to the said abbesse and couent, and to ther successours, whan-so-euer they wold go away fro the said ferme. And hit shold not be lawfull to the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to lete the said mese with the curtilage to ony man with-in the terme aforsaid: And yf hit happened the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to faile in the paiyng of the said rent at ony terme, in parte or in all, by one moneth the folowyng (that god forbede), fro that terme hit shold be lawfull to the seids abbesse and couent, and to ther successours or assignes, to distreyne the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys 28 purgh all ther goodes, and to entre, take agayn, and to receiue for ever into ther owne hondis. And yf hit happened the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to deceese withyn the said terme, The forsaid mese with the Curtilage, anon after ther deceese, 32 shold turne fully to the seids abbesse and Couent. And the said abbesse and couent warantizd and defended the said mese, with the Curtilage, and with all ther pertynentis, to the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys, or to one of them, duryng the terme 36 aforsaid; in the fourme aforsaid. Into witnesse of the which thyng the forsaid partes put to ther scales to this present writyngis endented. The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaid.
* The parisshe of the holy Crosse 1.

[634.] *A lettre of the person 2 of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford for the reparacion of his howsis in halywelle.

The sentence of this lettre is, that James Vercellence, the popis sodekon 3, person of Seynt Petir chirch in the Est of Oxenford, willed to be know to his welbeloued ladies Abbesse and 4 Count of Godestowe, for-as-moche as ye ben hold to amend my housys in halywelle and to kepe them in the astate that ye receiv’d hem, with youre owne costis, I mervailte that ye take none hede to do hit, therfor I pray you hertly, and as I may I requyre yow, that ye make the houses as ye be bound to repaire and kepe, lest that I have a right cause or mater to playne, knowyng that I have yeve suff power to my most dere frende hubert of Confluence, clerk 5 of my lord Cardenaft general, to ordeyn of my forsaid chirch as he saw most expedyent, and to axe of yow the peyne, but that ye be aboute to amende that that is evel I-do by your negligence of my howses 6. Farewele in our lord, and pray ye for me.

[635.] *A Charter of Petir fitz John Pille of Oxenford 7

I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. shillings of yerely rente, & cetera.

16 The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz John Pille of Oxenford graunted & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, x. shillings of rente, the which his moder Agas yaf to them, in her wedowhode, to a pytaunce of the said mynchons in the day of his 8 annyversary, that is to sey, of the lond the which William Fyysher held in the parisshe of the holy crosse beside the water of Charwelle, as the charter of

1 At this period a chapel of St. Peter’s in the East. Godstow property here came chiefly from Peter, son of Terold, about 1250: no. 525; but no. 634 shows that Godstow had some property here forty years earlier.

2 In the Latin copy: ‘domini pape subdiaconus.’ The ‘sodekon’ (subdeacon) of the English copy was expanded by Twyne to sodekemner; taken up by Wood from Twyne’s notes; and so, from Wood’s City of Oxford, i. 388, is in a fair way of getting into dictionaries. Rev. H. E. Salter happily supplies identification and date:—Iacobs Guala, known as Vercellensis from his birth-place, cardinal-deacon of St. Mary in portici, 12 April 1206; cardinal-priest of St. Martin, 31 May 1211. This is the cardinal who crowned Henry III, 28 October 1216; died at Rome, 1227. It is interesting to find a prince of the church in receipt of the revenues of an Oxford rectory, prior to John’s surrender of his dominions to the Pope.

3 See no. 636.

4 ‘his’ for ‘her,’ as often.
Agreement between Godstow and their tenant Fowke, that out of Fowke's rent of 4s. 4d. Godstow shall pay the quit-rent of 8d. due to the rectory of St. Peter's in the East.

[636.] *A sentence I-yeve bitwene the myynchons of Godestowe and Fowke, Cordewayner, of Oxenforde, & cetera.*

Hi is to be mynded that, when ther was a stryf I-meved, the Lv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the sone of kyng Iohn, 4 bitwene the religious ladies abbesse 2 and Couente of Godestowe of the one parte, and Fowke, Cordewayner 3 of Oxenford, of the other parte, afor the baillifes of sir Bonold of Clare, person of the chirc of the holy crosse of Oxenford, vpyn a rente of viij. d.: 8 of the tenemente of the saïd Fowke that he held of the saïd abbesse and couente 4, to be paid to the said ser Bonold and to his successours, the which tenemente lieth bitwene the house that was of Roger Strapitofit of the one parte and the tenement 12 of the saïd Fowke of the other parte, in halywelle: by comon frendes goyng bitwene, the stryf cesed vndir this fourme, that is to sey, that the same Fowke and his heires or his assignes shold paye to the forsaïd religious ladies and to ther successours euery yere iiiij. shillings iiiij. d.: of siluer at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xiiij. d.; at Seynt Thomas the apostle fest xiiij. d.; at our lady in marche xij. d.; and at the Natunit of seynt Iohn Baptist xij. d.; for all servyce, custome, ex-20 accioun and demaunde. And the said abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold kepe harmellesse the said Fowke and his heires or his assignes vpon the graunte of the said viij. d. of rente toward the said person and his successours. Into witnesse, & cetera. 5 24

* leaf 140. About 1290.

[637.] *A Charter of Alice Georges abbesse of Godestowe I-made to Robert flt3 Iohn kynge of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to mooleide ther doughter for a Crofte of arable londe in halywelle parisshe.*

*The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Gorges, abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place, graunted & cetera,*

* leaf 140, back.

1 One witness is Reginald, parson of St. Michael's North, Oxford.
2 'Isold, then abbesse,' in the Latin.
3 Bogo de Clare, rector of St. Peter's in the East, died 1294. The rectory was a manor by itself, and held its court for its tenants.
4 This 8d. quit-rent is half of that payable under the grant to Godstow by Peter, son of Torald: no. 525.
5 One witness is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.
to Robert fitz John kyng of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to molde ther doughter, al so longe as they lived; j. crofte of arable lond; I-sette in holy rode parish of halywelle in the
4 subarbes of Oxenford; bitwene the lond\(^1\) of seynt Iohn beside the mylle of halywelle of the one parte and the strete that is I-called\(^2\) Benseual\(^3\) of the other parte: To be had\(^4\) and to be hold; to the forsaid\(^5\) Robert and Mawde and Mawde ther 8 doughter, al so longe as they lived; frely quetytly wele and in pese, yeldynge therof yerely to the chief lorde of that fee dew servyce and I-woned; and to them and to ther successors viij. d. of siluer\(^6\), at iiiij. pryncipai\(^7\) and vsuede\(^8\) termes of the yere, 12 by even porcions. And the forsaid\(^9\) Alice Gorges and the Couente of the same place and ther successors waranti\(^{10}\)d and defended\(^11\) the forsaid\(^5\) crofte to the fore-named\(^6\) Robert and to molde his wyf and to Molde ther doughter. Into witnesse,
16 \& cetera.

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**[638.]** A Charter of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to William Osberston, for ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford in the fredom\(^12\) of Halywelle, \& cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with one assent and consent, toke, graunted\(^13\); and with ther writyng lete, 20 to William Osberston\(^14\) of Oxenford, Barbou, ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford\(^5\) in the fredom\(^12\) of halywelle, of the which one lieth bitwene the place of the scolers of Merton halle of the south parte and the place of maister Iohn Wyldelond\(^6\) of the north parte in brede and hit buttith hit-self in the wyay that goth towards Halywelle, and another place lieth in benesual\(^2\), bitwene a water the which is I-called Charwelle of the Est parte and a place of William Scot of the west parte, [the\(^3\) which] 28 place was I-woned\(^4\) to be somtyme of ser Philipp kyng prest:
To be had\(^5\) and to be hold; with all ther pertynentis, of them and

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\(^1\) In the Latin: 'terræ Sancti Iohan-nis iuxta molendinum,' probably land of St. John Baptist's Hospital.

\(^2\) Benseual strete = the eastern prolongation of Holywell Street, now enclosed in Magdalen College Grove; Wood's City of Oxford, i. 387. The letters are doubtful between s and u in both places. The reading 'Benseual' is possible in the Latin copy.

\(^3\) MS. 'by.'
Halywell parissh of Oxenford

ther successours aforesaid; to the forsaide William, his heires, or his assignes, fro the day of the makyng of this present writyng vnto the terme of xl. yere next followynge and fully I-complete, yeldynge therof yerely to them and to their successours vj. d: 4 at ij. termes of the yere, pat is to sey, at Mighelmasse iiij. d: and at the Annunciaciōn of our lady iiij. d: And doyng to the chief lord of that fee servyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right. And yf hit happe that the forsaide rente of vj. d: were behynd (that 8 god for-bede), at ony terme assigned; then hit shold be lawfull to the forsaide abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours aforesaid, to distreyne the forsaide William and his heires thurgh all ther cateffe, where-so-euer they were I-founde. And the said abbesse and Couent and their successours warantizd the forsaide ij. places, with all there pertynentis, to the forsaide William and to his heires and his assignes, to the terme of xl. yere aforesaid; ayenst all mortall peple. Into witnesse, & cetera. The 16 date at Godestowe, in the fest of the Annunciaciōn of our lady, the v. yere of pe reigne of kyng Edwarde the thirde after the conquest.

* leaf 141.

* The parissh of eynt John.

* leaf 141, back. About 1185.

Grant to Waryn miller, by St. Frideswide's priory, of land in St. John (now Mer- ton) Street (see no. 530).

[639.] * A Charter of philippe priour of Seynt Frides- with I-made to Waryn Millere for a certayne londe in fee and heritage, & cetera.

The sentence of this Charter¹ is, that Philippe², priour of seynt Frideswith, and the Couente of the same place, graunted & cetera, to Waryne myller, into fee and heritage, to hym and to his heires, ther lond the which is in seynt Iohn strete bitwene the lond the which Alberte herte held and the lond that William 24 Waterman held: To be I-hold of them, frely quyetly and worshipfully, yeldynge to them therof everi yere ij. shillings at ij. termes, that is to sey, xij. d: at our lady day in marche and xij. d: at Mighelmasse, for all servyce. And for this yfte, 28 & cetera, the forsaide Waryn yaf to them ij. shillings. And that this there graunte, & cetera.

¹ Wigram, Cartulary of St. Frideswide, i. 392. ² Philip occurs prior 1180-8.
*The parisshe of oure lady Seynt Mary.

[1. Robert Bukthorpe's bequest.]

**[640.]** A charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyr

I made to maister Robert Bukthorpe for that londe

that is of the *fee of Seynt Marye chirche in Oxenford.*

**The sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyr* graunted* to maister Robert Bukthorpe and to his heires, of hym and his heires, into fe and heritage, that londe

that is of the fee of seynt mary chirch, the whiche is of the one

parte beside the londe of Iohn [and] Benet the sones of Ailnod and

of the *per parte* beside the londe of Iordan Cariori⁴, with the

encresyng of that parte liyng to sydelich in the endis, the which

he had of the behalf of Gouynlde his wyf, the which the same

graunted to maister Robert with the commune heire, as the

endes ben distyncte or departed bitwene them, yeldynge therof

every yere ij. *shillings,* that is to sey, xij. d. in *pe fest of seynt

martyr,* and xij. d. at whitesontyde. And for this graunt he

yaf to hym and to Gouynlde his wyf and to peter ther son

iiij. mark, of siluer. And he and his heires warantiz'd that lond

to hym and to his heires. And *peraventure* he myght not

warantizhe, he and his heires shold yolde to the forsaid maister

Robert or to his heires iiij. mark. And lambart fitz Thory made

hym-self borow of these thynge. Thise beyng witnesse⁵, & cetera.

**[641.]** A Charter of maister Iohn Brideporte, *person* of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, confermyng to *the mynchons of Godestowe the lond* and *bildyngis that maister Robert Bridporte⁴ bequethed to the forsaid mynchons in the forsaid parisshe of Oxenford.*

**The sentence of this confirmacion is, that maister Iohn

20 Bridporte, *persona* of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford; for goddis

Chaplain of St. Michael's church; Roger, illuminator.

4 Read 'Bukthorpe.' The copyist of the English Register has confused the name of the donor with that of the assenting rector. The Latin Register has 'Bukthorpe.'
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by John Bridport, rector of St. Mary's, as feudal superior, of no. 640, bequeathed by Robert Bukthorpe, subject to 28, quit-rent to St. Mary's Church.

sake graunted; in the presence of the worshipful fadir, Hugh 1, bishop of lyncolne, and confermed with his charter, to god & cetera and to the mychnons of Godestowe ther servynge god, the lond'and bildenys in Oxenford the which maister Robert 4 Bridporte bequeathed in his testament to the forsaid mychnons: To be hold' for euer, of seynt mary chirche, vndir a pension of ij. shillings to be paid in the natiuite of our lady 2. This lond' is I-sette beside seynt mary chirche in Oxenford: And 8 that this graunte, & cetera. This charter was I-made in the presence of sir Philippe 3, priour of Frideswyth, and afore the chapiter of Oxenford; in the forsaid seynt mary chirche, the thirde day after the dedication of the same chirche, 12 & cetera 4.

The sentence of this charter is, that hugh, by the grace of god bishop of lyncolne, willed to be know that maister John Bridporte, person of Seynt Mary churche of Oxenford, graunted 16 in his presence, and confermed with his charter & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mychnons of Godestowe ther servynge god; his lond'and bildenys in Oxenford; the whiche be beside seynt Mary chirche, the which maister Robert Brikthorpe bequeathed 20 in his testament to the forsaid mychnons: To be hold' for euer of the forsaid seynt mary chirche, vndir a pension of ij. shillings to be paid in the natiuite of our lady. And, that pat was I-do in his presence myght be more sure, he confermed hit with his 24 sele, & cetera 5.

1 Hugh (of Avalon), bishop 1186–1200.
2 Nativity of Mary = Sept. 8.
3 Philip occurs prior 1180–8. Among the witnesses is Hamo, dean of Lincoln, 1189–95.
4 See note at no. 663.
5 The witnesses are fewer than those to no. 641, but Roger, archdeacon of Leicester; Jeffrey of Lechlade, canon of Lincoln; Richard of Swalecliffe, are witnesses to both deeds.
[2. Land of John of St. Martin.]

[643.] *A Charter of John fitz Raaf of seynt Martyr*

I.-made to the myn*chons of Godestowe for his londe and Tofte.

The sentence of this charter is, that John fitz Raaf of seynt Martyr, with the consent of Peter his heire and of his other heires and of Gonnylede his wyf, graunted; & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestow ther servyng god, into fee and heritage, his loud that lieth bitwen the lond that the forsaed chirch held of the fee of our lady¹ and his yerid: To be hold of hym and his heires, fre and quyte fro alt seruyce, Quit-rent, 8 yeldying to hym and to his heires of the forsaed lond, yerely vy. d. at Mighelmasse. And for this graunte, & cetera, the ofte said chirch yaf to hym and to Petir his heire and to Gonnylede his wyf ij. marke of silver, and he released iiiij. mark, the which he owed to the forsaaid chirch. And for-asmoche as the same John and Petir his heire wold that this graunte and yifte shold be sure for euer, & cetera.

[3. House of William the spicer.]

[644.] *A Charter of William Especer confermyng to god & cetera and to *the mynchons of Godestowe an howse, with aff his pertynentis, in seynt marye parish in the towne of Oxenford:*

The sentence of this charter is, that William Especer yaf to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, into pure and perpetuall almesse, for the helthe of his sowle and for the helthe of all the sowles of his auncetours and successours, an howse² with aff his pertynentis in the towne of Oxenford; that is to sey, in seynt marye parish, the which he bought of maister Martyr Wyncetur, the which is I-sette bitwene the house of the abbot of Oseneye of the one parte and the howse of Agas of Oxenford of the other parte, beside the chircheyerde of the seid seynt marye chirche, the

¹ i.e. the land given by Bukthorpe: see nos. 641 and 663.
² See no. 661.
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which, with all his pertynentis, he assigned to the vesture and clothynge specially of the forsaide mynchons, yeldyngeth of yerely to the abbot of Oseney iiiij. shillings at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d.; at Cristmas xij. d.; at our 4 lady day in marche xij. d.; and at Midsomer xij. d.; for all secular demaundes that myght be asked or chalenged of the seid howses with all ther pertynentis, And the forsaide William and his heires or his assignes warantizyd aquyted and defended the forsaide 8 howse, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaide mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall peple, by the forsaide seruyce, as hit is seid before, for euer. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & cetera 1.


The sentence of this charter is, that Richard, by the mercy of god the abbot of Oseneye, and the Covent of the same place, for them and ther successours, at the instaunce of the noble dame Ele, Countesse of Warwyke, ther most especial lady, yaf & cetera to god & cetera and to dame Emme abbesse of Godstowe and to the Covent of the same place, a yerely rent of iiiij. shillings, the which they were I-wonyd to take of the mese that was somtyme of maister martyne of wynchestre in seyt 20 mary parisshe of Oxenford that is I-sette even ayenst the said chirch of the north parte, and what-so-euer thynge myght fall by chaunce of the said mese to them or to ther successours by ony right for euer. And they and ther successours warantizyd the forsaide rent to the seid chirch, abbesse, and Covent, ayenst all cristen men. And that this ther yifte, & cetera 2.

1 Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, maior, and Jeffrey de Hengse, ballivus, of Oxford, who began office at Michaelmas, 1250.

2 Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, maior, and Jeffrey de Hengseye and Jeffrey Goldsmith, ballivi, who took office probably at Michaelmas, 1260. These Godstow documents show the occasional faultiness of the lists of mayors and bailiffs in Wood's City of Oxford, iii. 10, occasioned possibly by Brian Twyne or Anthony Wood assuming that the two names which came next after the mayor's name in a deed were those of the bailiffs, although it was not so stated.
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[4. House in Cat Street.]

[Note.—We learn from pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902) that this house was acquired from Roger son of Sewyn, before 1192. The tradition of Cat Street, as the quarter of trades connected with books, is carried on by its east side being now occupied by the Codrington Library of All Souls College and its west side by the Radcliffe Camera of the Bodleian.]

[646.] * A covenaut I-made bitwene Royse, abbess of Godestowe, and Symond' Balle of Oxenford, parchementmaker, for a mese in Cattestrete in semyt mary parisshe of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this evidence is, that there was a covenante I-made bitwene Royse, abbess of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one parte, and Symond Balle, parchemynt-maker, of the other, pat is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Covent toke and lete to ferme a mese with the pertynentis in semyt mary parisshe of Oxenford in Cattestrete, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the lond' of Symond' Byder of the one parte and the house of Thomas Balle of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, to the seyd' Symond' and to Moold' his wyf and to ther heires al so longe as they lived, with all his pertynentis and esementis, of them and ther successours, firely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours xxx. shillings of yerely rent at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. shillings vj. d.; at Crisstmas vij. shillings vj. d.; at semyt marye day in marche vij. shillings vj. d., and at Mysomer vij. shillings vj. d., for alle seculer servyce, exaccion, and demaunde; So nathelesse that the sayde Symond' and his wyf and his heires shold' susteyne the said' mese with the pertynentis in aff and evry thyng, with ther owne costis, in al so good'a state or better than thei receivde' hit. And that hit shold not be lefut to the forsaid' Symon and moold' his wyf, nother to ther heires, to selle, aliene, or assigne the seid' mese, in all other in parte, in ony wyse. And yf hit happened' (that god forbede), that the said' rent be not fully I-paid' by yere to them and to ther successours in the termys I-ordeyned', or that hit were ruynowse, or like to falle downe, by the which the said' rent myght not be levied' of the seid' tenement, Than hit shold' be lawfull to the seid' abbesse and couent to entre the said' mese in the ende of the yere, and to receive hit into there owne * leaf 115. About 1279. Grant by Godstow, to Simon Ball, and heirs, of Cat Street message; quit-rent, £1 10s. Obligation to repair.
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vis and to occupie hit, without any agayn-saiyng of any man or of any women, renunsyng or forsakynge of both the parties for them and their successors all exceptioun, cauellacion, and namely kynges * prohibicion and all remedy of lawe by the which this present Instrument, vndir the fourme afore I-writte, myght be lette. And pat pis covenaut, & cetera 1.

* leaf 115, back.

[647.] * A quyte-clayme I-made of William, Parchement maker, of Oxenforde, for a tenement in Catte strete in Oxenford;

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Balle, parchment maker, of Oxenford; vttirly relese and quyte-8 claymed for ene, to moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couen of pe same place, all his right and clayme pat he had; or myght have in tyme to come, in a tenement, in Cattestrete, in the towne of Oxenford; that felle to hym in the name of 12 heritage, So that nother he, nor * his heires, ne none in ther name, shold have power to axe, or in ony wise chalenge, ony right or clayme after-ward in that tenement. Into witnesse, & cetera.

The date at Godestowe, the sonday next after the fest of seynt 16 Petir that is I-called ad vincla, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 114, back.

[Peter ad vincula = Aug. 1.]

* leaf 115, back. 1315.

[648.] * Another couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde abbesse of Godestowe and the Covent of the same place and Stephyn Bromy-erde of Abendon, & cetera.

The sentence of this is, that moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, 20 and the Couen of the same place of that one parte, and Stephyn Bromyyerd of Abendon of that other parte, that is to sey: that the forsaid abbesse toke and lete to ferme j. mese, with the pertynentis, in seynt mary parisshe of Oxenford; to the 24 said Stephyn and his wyf and to his heires that come owte of hym, al so longe as they lived; the * which mese is I-sette

1 Witnesses include Nicholas of Kyngeston, maior; Nicholas of Coleshull and John Sowy, baltivi. Also William 'ligator' (bookbinder) de Katestrete and Simon 'ligator de Katestrete.'
in the strete of Cattestrete of the said parissi, bitwene the
house of Thomas Pyrce of the one parte and the tenement of
the hospital of seynt Iohn of Oxenford of the other parte: To
be had and to be hold & cetera, for xxx. shillings of yerely rent,
at iiiij. vsid' termes of the yere, for all secular seruyce, exaccion,
and demaunde, savynge foreyn accion & cetera: and hit shold be
lefull to them to distrey them the said tenement fro day to day, and
to hold' stille the thyngis I-distreynd, tille hit were I-satisfied in
all thyngis, or to entre and to have the agayn-holdyng of the
seid tenement in the name of a fre tenement, without any
mannyng agayn-saiyng, and so forth every word as hit is I-writte
above in the two couenauntis afore I-writte, & cetera¹.

[5. The house of the Southam family.]

[649.] * A Charter of Petir fitz Geffrey to Robert
Sowtham for that lond at the corner, with all the
bildyng aboue, in seynt mary parissi.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geffrey and
Alice his wyf and henry ther son graunted, lete, and deluyered,
to Robert Sowtham all ther lond at the corner, with all the
bildyng aboue, and with his pertynentis, in seynt mary parissi
of Oxenford, to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be
hold, of them and their heires, in fee and heritage, frely quely
fully and holy, yeldyngh thereof yerely to them and ther heires
* xx shillings for all seruyce and exaccion, that is to sey, at
Cristmasse v. shillings, at oure lady day in marche v. shillings,
and Midosmer v. shillings, and at Mighlmasse v. shillings. And
yhey and ther heires warantizd the forsaide lond to the forsaide
Robert and to his heires ayenst all peple, men and women. And
for this ther graunte & cetera, the forsaide Robert yaf to them
xx. shillings of sterlyngis in warison. Into surenesse of the
same euerych of hem sette to ther seales, & cetera².

¹ Witnesses include William de Burcestre, maior, Richard Cari and John de
Bisschopiston, bailiwy, who took office Michaelmas, 1314.
² Apparently of High Street and Schid-
³ Witnesses include Warin miller, Laure-
yerd (now Oriel) Street: Wood's City of
Oxford, i. 138.
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[650.] * A Charter of Thomas Sowtham I-made to Alice the daughter of hugh kyng of littelmore for an halle with a soler above and ij. seldis & cetera in Seynt Mary parisshe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas dewyd1 and Alice, the daughter of hugh kyng of littelmore, his wyf, the day that he wedded her, at the chirche dore, of the halle with the soler aboue, with ij. seldis toward the grete strete, with a little 4 soler in the forsaid halle, and with a Celer vnndir the grete soler toward the strete that is I-called Shidayrd, and with an howse in the courte covered with straw, the whiche halle is I-sette of the Est parte of the mese that Arnulphe Tailour of londow toke with Anneys Riche his wyf, in the parisshe of ourl lady seynt Mary in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; with the pertynentis, to the said Alice into her fre dowery al so longe as she lyved: Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & cetera.2

* leaf 111, back. 1271.

Grant to Alice his wife, by Thomas Sowtham, of life-rent in the buildings of no. 649.

[651.] * A graunte and confermyng of John Weston and Isowde his wyf I-made to Alice Sowtham that she myght feffe dame Mabile abbesse of Godestowe in all her tenement.

The sentence of this charter is, that John Weston and Isowde his wyf, for charite, graunted; al so moche as in hem was, for them and ther heires, that Alice the doughtir and heire of Thomas Sowtham myght feffe dame Mabile, by the grace of god 16 abbesse of Godestowe, and the covent of the same, place of all that tenement, with the pertynentis, that is I-sette bytwene ther tenement and the kyngis strete that is I-called Shidebarde in the parisshe of seynt Mary of Oxenford, saynyng to them and to there heires xx. shillings yerely of the forsaid tenement at the iij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. shillings, at ourl lady day in march v. shillings, at Midsummer v. shillings, at Mighelmasse v. shillings; And the forsaid24 John and Isowde shold not greve the forsaid abbesse and covent

1 Omit 'and'; 'dewyd' = dowered. The Latin is: 'Ego Thomas de Shuham doctavi [in error for dotavi] Alicia ad hostium ecclesie.'

2 Among the witnesses are Nicholas Kingston, maior, and John Culvert and Ely le quilter, balteri, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1270.
in no wyse by reson and cause of the seffyng of the forsaid tenen-
ment. And yf hit happened them to falle in any wyse ayenst
ther forsaid graunte, they bounden them-selue to pay x. mark,
4 of sterlyngis into subsidie of the holy londe. Into the witnesse
of the whiche, & cetera 1.

[For the licence in mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

[652.] * A Charter of Alice the daughter of Thomas
Sowtham of Oxenford I-maed to the chirche of
Godestowe for a tenement in Seynt Mary parisshe
of Oxenford.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Alice, ye daughter
of Thomas Sowtham, yaf & cetera, to god & cetera and to the
8 mynhons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serve for euer,
at her tenement that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of John
Weston & ther strete that is I-called Shidward in the parisshe
of Seynt Mary of Oxenford, with all the right and clayme that
she had or myght have because of heritage or of dowery of Alice
her modir: To be had * and to be hold, to the said mynhons
and to ther successors, of her and her heires or her assignes,
wele and in pease, frely quyetly and holy for euer, yeldying therof
16 yerely to the chief lordis of that see servyng therof dwew
and I-wonyd; for all servyce seculer, exaccion, and demaundy. And
the forsaid Alice and her heires or assignes warantijed ayenst
all men and women and defended for euer all the forsaid tene-
ment, with all right and clayme, as hit is aforaid; to the forsaid
mynhons and to ther successors or to ther assignes. And
for this yifie, & cetera, the forsaid mynhons yaf to her a
corodye of j. myncho for euer in the abbey of Godestowe. And
24 & cetera 2.

[653.] A charter of Richard Sowtham quyte-claymyng
to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe for the
tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Richard Sowtham
graunted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his
1 Witnesses include William le Espyer, maior, and Thomas de Sowy and Andrew
de Pyrie, baltei, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1288.
2 Among the witnesses are John de O, maior, and Robert of Wormenhall and
William of Wottesdon, baltei, of Oxford, who entered on office at Michaelmas, 1290.
heires for ever, to the Religious women, abbesse and holy mynchons of the monastery of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he euer had, or in ony wise myght have, in all that tenement that was somtyyme of Thomas Sowtham his brother in Oxenford; with all his pertynentis ouer all, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and all other eysementis and rightis longyng in ony wise to the forsaid tenement, as in the charter of seffement that Alise somtyyme the doughtir and heire somtyyme of the forsaid Thomas in her unlawfull power made therof to the forsaid Religious women more better and frelyer shewith and witnessith, So that nother Richard, nother his heires, ne no man for hym or by hym, myght afterward, ne wold, axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the tenement, with his pertynentis, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and other esementis and rightis in ony wise longyng to the forsaid tenement, as hit is I-seid before. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobre, the 16 xxix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng he...
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natelesse that nether he, nether his heires, nether none for hym or by hym, shold not, nor wold not, afterward axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the forsaid tenement, with his pertyentis, as in howssys mesis shoppis rentis and other eisementis and rightis in ony maner wise longyng to the forsaid tenement, as hit is aforesaid. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobre, in the xxix. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Henry.

[655.] *A-nother covenaunte bitwene Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Symond Bradeway and luce his wyf, for a place with the entryng, in seynt mary parisshe of Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this covenaunt is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god' abbesse of Godestowe, and the coutent of the same place, granted and toke to Symond'[of] Brade-way and to luce his wyf, j. place, with the entryng, [in] Schidjerde, the which is in seynt mary parisshe of Oxenford; bitwene ther tenement of the one parte and the tenement of John Weston of the oper parte, in the hye strete beside shideyerd': To be had' and to be hold';

with all his pertyentis and eysementis, to the forsaid Symond and Margery his wyf, to the terme of ther lyf, or of the one of them the which ouer-liveth, frely quetylly wele and in pease:

So natelesse that the forsaid Symond and luce, or the one of them that ouer-liveth, shold' lifte vp and make a chamber of stonys in the same place, of the sowthe parte, with ther owne costis, with-in the yere of this present receivynge; con-
teynyng in length xiiiij. fote and in brede x. fote withyn the

under covenant to erected a building of stone,

and repair a well,

new building to be left at end of lease.

1 Added from the Latin. Latin: 'fontis lapidei,'
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sayling of the forsaid Symon and luce, yeldynge therof yerely to them and to ther successours ij. shillings viij. d. at iiij. vsuall termes of the yere. Nathales, sayling power, to them and to ther successours, to distreyne in the forsaid tenement for the 4 forsaid rent yf hit were nede, and to hold hit against at ther owne wille, till hit were satisfied to them of the forsaid rent. And the forsaid Alice Gorges and the Couent of the same place and ther successours warantyzed akyted and defended all the 8 forsaid place, with the forsaid stony walle and the said entryng, with all his pertynentis and eysemensis, to the forsaid Symond and luce to the terme of ther lyf, as hit is I-said afore, ayenst all peple. Into witnes, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the 12 day of seynt mathie the appostle, the xxxij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward.

Lease for 
3 lives by 
Godstow, to 
Ralph of 
Sewke- 
worth, his 
wife and 
son, of 
premises 
as in no. 
655, 

quit-rent, 
6s. 6d. 

[Peter ad 
vincula = 
Aug. 1.] 

[656.] *A charter of a place in the parissh of our lady seynt marye of Oxenford; I-made to Raaf Sewkeworth, Iohane his wyf, and vnto Iohn his sonne, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, with one consent and assent of ther chapiter, yaf & cetera to Raaf Sewkeworth, herbare, of Oxenford; Iohane his wyf, and to Iohn ther sone, j. place liyng in seynt mary parisshe of Oxenford; with the entryng longyng to the same, bitwene ther tene-20 ment of the Est parte and the tenement of Isowde the which was the wyf of Iohn Westow of the west parte: To be had and to be hold; to the seid Raaf Iohane and Iohn, al so longe as they lived; or [to] the one of them [that longest] lived, of them and ther 24 successours, yeldynge therof yerely to them and to ther successours vj. shillings viij. d. at iiiij. pryncipall and vsuall termes, for all secular seruyce, exaccioñ, and demaund: And so forth, word by word, as hit is I-writte in the couenaunt next above, 28 with the warantyng akytyng and defendyng, for the which he yaf a certayn summe of money afora-handis, & cetera.

The date at Godestowe, the monday in the fest of seynt Petir that is I-called Ad vincula, the yere of our lord a M.ccc.xxiiij.
[6. Rent-charge over the house of the Southams.]

[657.] * A Charter of Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf of xx. shillings of yerely rent to sir Odo, Chapelayn of Godestowe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf, & cetera, to sir Odo, I-called Chapeleyn of Godestowe, xx. shillings of yerely rent of all that tenement that is 4 I-sette bitwene ther houses of the west parte and the strete that is I-called Shideward of the Est parte, in the parissē of the chirche of seynt mary of Oxenford; Also with all the right and clayme that myght happe to them or to ther heiris of all the 8 forsaid tenement: To be had and to be hold; with all other pertynentis, of them and ther heiris or ther assignes, to the said Odo and his heiris or his assignes, bothe religious and other, frely, quetytel, pesibly, and holy, for ever. And the said Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf, and his heiris or assignes, warranted ayenst all *men and women, and aquyted, and defended for ever, the forsaid xx. shillings of yerely rent, with all other pertynentis, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid Odo, his 16 heiris, or his assignes, Religious and other. And for this yifte, & cetera, the said Odo yaf to them xx. mark of sterlyngis aforeshandis. And that this his yifte, & cetera

[658.] A charter obligatory bitwene Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf and Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, for xx. shillings of yerely rent of the house that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham in seynt Mary parisshe of Oxenford.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf & cetera to Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, and to his heiris or his assignes all, xx. shillings of yerely rent, of a tenement in the parissē of seynt Mary of Oxenford comyng; the which tenement Thomas Sowtham held somtyme in the same parissē, as the charter of the said Odo the which he had of them therof fully conteyneth; willyng; to the same Odo and to his

* leaf 112. About
120s.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, by John Weston, of the rent-charge as in no. 649 and no. 651, with the contingent rights car-
ried by it.

* leaf 112, back.

Purchase-
money,
£13 6s. 8d.

* leaf 112, March 21.

Grant to Odo, chap-

lain, by John West-

on, of security for giving him possession of the rent-

charge as in no. 657.

1 Witnesses as in no. 652.
heires or to his assignes all, to make more surete of the forsaid 12 shillings of yerely [rent] comyng forth of the forsaid tenement, bonde all ther tenementis in the parisshe of the holy crosse in the subarbis of Oxenford, to the same Odo and to his heires or to his assignes all, to the warantying of the said xx. shillings of yerely rent, the which tenement he had of the yifte of Emme that was the wyf of henry myller; Also with all ther tenement in the parisshe of seynt myghell the sowth, vpon graunte pownte, the which tenement they had of the yifte of Alice the which was the wyf of Roger Webbe, tille that a fynaft concorde were fully leyved bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his assignes all, in the kyngis Courte, of the forsaid xx. shillings of yerely rent, of the forsaid tenement comyng forthe, in the parisshe ofoure lady seynt mary in Oxenford, and delyuered to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes alle, to the which fyne trewly to be leyved they were I-constreyned by the trouthe. And when the fynaft concorde was I-leyved fully or plenarly, in the kyngis courte, bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his assignes all, this present obligacion shold be had for naught. Into wittesse, & cetera. The date at Oxenford, the Friday next afore the Annuaciacion of our lady, the xix. yere of the reign of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward2.

[For the licence in Mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

1294, Nov. 11.

[659.] A Charter of lore hakyntorn, prioriesse of the chirche of Godestowe, I-made to dame Mabyle Wafre, Abbesse of Godestowe, for xx. shillings of yerely rente in Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that lore hakyntorn, prioriesse of the Chirche of godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted, by the assent of all the chapiter, and with this present writyng conformed, to dame Mabyle Wafre, by the grace of god abbesses of Godestowe aforesaid, xx. shillings of siluer of yerely rent comyng forth in Oxenford of a tenement somtyme I-called

1 Grandpont in ancient times meant the whole causeway from the old South Gate of Oxford to South Hincksey hill. The part of it on which houses then stood is now that part of St. Aldate's Street which extends from the south-west corner of Christ Church to Folly Bridge.

2 The Latin copy has 'the son of kyng Henry,' which is correct.
of Thomas Sowtham, I-bought somtyme *with xx. mark, with
owne perquysitis and getyngis of the above-seid' abbesse, to her
nede and profite, And hit is I-sette beside Shideyerde, bitwene
the tenement of Iohn Weston of the one parte and Shideyerde
of the other: To be take, all and every yere, to the pytaunce of
the Couent, in the Anniversary day of the forsaid dame Mabile
ther abbesse, of them and also of all ther successours for ever.
Into witnesse of the which thynge, they accorded* their commune
scale to be put to this present lettres. The date at Godestowe,
yere of our lord a thousand i.j. hundred and nyntee and
foure, in the Fest of Seynt Martyn in Wynter.

[660.] Another charter ordeynyng the forsaid' rent to
be disposed:

12 The sentence of this charter is, that Sustir Alice Gorges, by
the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the
same place, ordeyned' and graunted' to dame Mabile Wafre, late
Abbesse of the same place, j. place of Iond' in the townes of
16 Oxenforde, in the strete that is I-called' shideyerde, to howsis
to be made of new with ther owne costis, which place was
somtyme of Alice Sowtham, and lieth bitwene ther tenementis
the which somtyme were of the forsaid' Alice Sowtham of bothe
parties, And the forsaid' place conteynyth in length thre perchis
and ij. in brede:

so (that is to sey) that there shold' be paid' j. mark, of siluer,
First and pryncipally, of the rent of the forsaid' howsis, at the
24 fest of seynt Margarete the virgyne, in the forsaid' place, by
the forsaid' dame Mabile, I-made to the forsaid' Couent, every
yere, afore that any thynge of the for-said' rent shold' be turned'
into other vsis, without lessenyng'; And the residue of the rent
28 that she myght take shold' abide hole to dame Mabile to all her
lyf of hit, to be disposed' after her wille ;

And after the dethe of the forsaid' dame Mabile, all the residue
of the for-said' rent (that mark, of siluer first I-deduced' or I-take
out, to be paid' to the Couent at the fest of seynt Margarete the
virgyne) shold' be paid' fully to the Couent aforsaid' in her
anniversery day, as hit is aforesaid'. And that the fest of seynt
Margarete myght be the more solempnyere and the more
36 devoutly be halowed' and honoured', dame Iore, pioresse of the

* leaf 113, back. purchase-
back. money, £13 16s. 8d.,
to endow a
pittance on her
anniversary.

1297, Oct. 28.

In place of the rent-
charge given in no. 659,
Godstow
now grant-
ed to Mabel
Wafre, for
her life-
term,
houses to
be new-
built on
part of the
site,
from the
rent of
which
was
to be paid
every year
for the
better
observance
of St.
Margaret's
day
(July 20);

after dame
Mabel's
death the
annual
surplus of
the rent
should be
spent for
her anni-
versary, as
in no. 659.
same place, yaf x. mark., a conveyent porcion, to the forsaid housis to be made, for the forsaid mark, more diligently to be I-yeve to the Covent at the forsaid fest. And that this ordeynyng and ther grauntyng shold have strength for euer, and surenesse, for them and ther successours, So that they, nother their successours, ne none for them or by them, shold not have power to dispose or ordeyne any thynge ayenst this ordeynyng or grauntyng, they put to this present writynge ther commune 8 scale. The date at Godestowe, the monady next afore the fest of Alhalowen, The xxv. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde.

[7. Leases by Godstow of house 1 facing St. Mary's church from the north.]

* leaf 115, back. About 1279.

Grant by Godstow, to John Stanys, book-binder, of a mesnage, quit-rent, 8s.

1 William the spicer's, as in no. 644, William Bretham now holding (by 38, quit-rent to Oseney) the next house (to the east), formerly Agatha's of Oxon. This house of Godstow was long an academical hall, and Wood (City of Oxford, i. 99) conjecturally names it Godstow Hall.

2 John Pilét's hall (had one front towards Schools Lane: Wood's City of Oxford, i. 91). This is the abbot of Oseney's house of no. 644.
lady day in marche ij. shillings, and at Midsomer ij. shillings, for all seculere servuye, exaccion, and demaunde: So natheles that the forsaid Iohn and his wyf and his heires lawfully I-begote of ther bodies [the said messuage], with alle his pertynentis in all and in enerych, (And they) shold susteyne (the seid mese), with ther owne costis, in al so good state or better than they receivde hit. And hit shold not be lawfult to the said Iohn and moold he wyf, nother to ther heires lawfully I-be-gote of ther bodies, to selle, aliene, or assigne the said mese, nother in all nother in parte. And yt hit happened, that god forbede, that the said rent were not fully I-paid to them by yere (and to ther successours) in tymys I-sette, or that hit were ruynowse or fallyng downe, by the which the said rent myght not be leyved of the said tenement, hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couent to entre the said mese in the ende of the yere, and to take hit into ther owne vsys, and to occupie hit, without ony agayn-saiyng of ony man or woman, & cetera.

[662.] * Another covenante bitwene mould; abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, and William Pothoun and margery his wyf, the which had the kepyng of Iohane the doughtir of Alice Stanes, with a mese and the pertynentis in seynt mary parish of Oxenford:

The which mese is I-sette even ayenst the channell of seynt mary chiche-yrde in the north parte: To be had and to be hold; with the pertynentis, vnto the fulf age of the forsaid Iohane or to the terme of x. yere, yeldynge therof by yere to the forsaid abbesse and Couent viij. shillings of yerely rent at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. shillings, at Cristmasse ij. shillings, at our lady day in marche ij. shillings, and at mydsomer ij. shillings, for all servuye, exaccion, and demaunde: So pat pe forsaid william and margerye shold* fynde the forsaid Iohane resonable susteynyng; and shold hold vp the same mese with ther owne costis in al so good state or better than they receivde hit. And forthe hit folowith, worde by

* Added from the Latin.

1 The Latin is: 'ex opposito stanulle cimiterii.'

Omit 'And they,' and 'the seid mese.'
Seynt Mary parisshe of Oxenford

worde, as in other covenantis afore I-writte. And for this 
letyng: and takyng the said william and margery paid: before 
handis vj. shillings viij. d. Into witnesse & eetera. The date 
at Godestowe, in the day of seynt Michele, the first yere of the 4 
regine of kyng Edward the sox of kynge Edward1.

[8. Lease of a garden-ground west of St. Mary's church.]

1369, 

* leaf 117. 
Lease for 3 lives, by 
Godstow, to 
Nicholas 
Garlond 
and others, 
of a garden, 
QUIT-RENT, 
Cs. Sd.,

under obliga-
gation to 
repair the 
fences,

* This endenture that was I-made bitwene Anneys, abbesse of 
Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one parte, 
and Nicholas Garlond, Iulian his wyf, and henry Bilborough, of 8 
the other parte, witnesseth that the forsaid abbesse and Couent, 
with one assent and consent, granted lete and toke to the 
forssaid Nicholas, Iulian, and henry, a gardeyn in seynt marve 
parisin of Oxenford; I-sette bitwene the tenement of the abbot 12 
and Couent of Oseney of the north parte and west, and the 
tenement of the hospital of seynt Iohn of the sowthe parte, and 
seynt mary chirch-yard aforsaid of the Est parte: to be had: and 
to be hold, with fre entryng and goyng out by a dore beside 16 
the forsaid tenement of the hospital of seynt Iohn, with all 
other pertynentis, to the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry, 
to the terme of ther lyf and of one of them lengest livynge; 
of the chief lordis of that fee by service dew therof and I-wonyd 20 
of right, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couent 
and to ther successours or to ther procuratour vj. shillings 
vij. d. at iiiij. principall and usuall termes in even porcions. 
And yf the forsaid rent were behynd; in parte or in all, after ony 24 
terme by a monthe, than hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid 
abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther procuratour, 
to distreyne in all the tenement of the forsaid Nicholas Iulian 
and henry, and to reteyne the distreyngis, tille hit were fully 28 
I-satisfied to them of the rent so behynde. And the forsaid 
Nicholas Iulian and henry shold susteyne amende and repaire 
alle and everych walles and closyngis rounde aboute the gardeyn 
oforsaid longyng to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, duryng ther 32

1 Among witnesses are Thomas le lumenour, William le Bokbindere.
lyf or of any of them, al so ofte as hit were nede, with ther owne
costis, as hit is put before. And hit shold not be lawfull to the
seid Nicholas Iulian and henry, noper to none of them, to graunte
4 or to lete to any man or any men the forsaid gardeyn, with the
pertynentis, ne none parte of hit, to ferme, or to the terme of
ther yeres durynge ther lyf or of one of them, with-out special
wille of the forsaid abbesse and Couent and the successors of
8 the same. And the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther suc-
cessours warantijed aquyted and defended the forsaid gardyn,
with fre entryng and goyng owt, and with all other pertynentis,
in the fourme aboue I-noted; to the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and
12 henry, to the terme of ther lyf, or of one of them lengst livyng;
ayenst all peple, by this present writyngis. These beyng witnesse
& cetera. The date at Oxenford, in the fest of the Exaltaciouw
of the holy crosse, the xlij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward'
16 the third after pe conquest.

[Note.—This deed is of some interest, as showing the existence in the very heart
of Oxford of vacant ground extensive enough to be taken on long lease for purposes
of a garden. This suggests that in the fourteenth and earlier centuries Oxford was
by no means so densely housed as our seventeenth century antiquaries have
assumed. The ground in question is the Bukthorpe land, as in no. 640, increased
by fitz Raaf’s, no. 643. It was bounded on the south by the house of Jordanus
terrarius, which belonged to St. John Baptist’s Hospital, and is represented by the
Principal of Brasenose’s new house: on the north by the tenement of John and
Benet which was owned by Oseney, and called Little St. Edmund’s Hall (Wood’s
City of Oxford, i. 85).]

* The parisshe of marye magdaleyn.

[1. Rent-charges on a house in vico de Bellomonte.]

[664.] A Charter of henry fitz Roger Milon I-made to
the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of yerely
rente.

* The sentence of this charter is, that henry, fitz Roger Mylon
of Oxenford, yaf & cetera, to the abbesse and Couent of Godes-
stone, one marke of rent of siluer yerely to be reseceived by his
20 handis and his heires, at ij. termes of the yere, of one mese, with
the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of hugh mortone of
the one parte and the lond of Roger fitz Milone of the other

1 Probably a slip for ‘ Meriton.’
Mary Magdaleyn parisshe of Oxenford

charge of 13s. 4d.

parte, in marie mawdeleyn parissi, without Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete, that is to sey, at the fest of Alhalewyne half a marke, and at hokeday half a marke: To be had: and to be hold; of hym and his heires for euer, frely quetyly holy wele and pease, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. obolus at Ester for all servuyce, custome, and demande: he granted also to the seid abbesse and mynchons fre power to distreyne hym and his heires by the same tenement and his other tene- ments in the towne and suburbis of Oxenford to the paiyng of the said marke, ye hit were nede. And for this yfste, & cetera, the said: abbesse yaw to hym viij. marke of siluer and an half in warison. And the forsaid: henry and his heires warrantied the twelfe: marke (and j. half) to the forsaid: abbesse and Couent and to ther successours ayenst ait men and women. And that this yfste, & cetera.

About 1280.

[665.] A quyte-clayme of Roger Somere I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for xvij. d. of yerely vente.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Roger Somer releasid, and quyte-claymed, to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther servuyng god, for hym and his heires or his assignes, ait the right and clayme that he had, or myght have, in xvij. d. of yerely vente, with the pertynentis, of j. house, the whiche is I-sette bitwene the land that was of hugh merytof of the one parte and the land that was of Roger Mylone of the other parte, in Magdaleyn parissi, without the Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete: To be had: and to be holde, with his biblyngis and all his other pertynentis, to the forsaid: mynchons and to ther successours, frely quetyly pesibly and holy for euer: So that nother he, nother his heires, or his assignes, never afterward shold: have power to axe ony right or clayme in the forsaid: xvij. d. of yerely vente, of the forsaid: mese, with his pertynentis. And for-asmoche that he willed: this his quyte-claymyng, & cetera.

1 Now Park Street, in front of Wadham College.
2 Hockeday is second Tuesday after Easter.
3 Omit 'and j. half.' The Latin is: 'predictam marcam redditus argenti.'
4 'Semer,' in the Latin copy.
5 One witness is 'William, vicar of Duninton (i.e. Dinton), then custos of Godestowe.'
A Charter of Henry fitz Geoffrey of Brackley
I-made to William fitz Gerard for a selde in Oxenford without the north yate in the strete that is I-called horsemongerstrete.

The sentence of this charter is, that Henry fitz Geoffrey of Brackley yaf & cetera to William fitz Gerard one selde of Oxenford without the north gate, in the strete that is I-called horsemongerstrete, I-sette bitwene the tyled house of Isabel the heirinoensi and the ovyn of the same Isabel, that is to sey, whos dore is opened to the hye wye: To be had and to be holde, to hym and his heires or his assignes, into pure and perpetual almesse, yeldyngr thereof yerely to Adam Payne xij. d. for all secular servuyce, exaccion, and querele, and demaunde, and help, at these termes, that is to sey, at the Annunciation of our lady vj. d. and in the fest of myghelmasse vj. d. And he and his successours warantizd the forsaid tenement to the said William and to his successours, the forsaid selde, with the pertynentis. And for this yfte the said William shold paie hirely a paire of gloves at Cristmasse, 16 & cetera.


The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Gerard and Henry fitz Geoffrey of Brakley yaf & cetera to Geoffrey Turton a selde of vij. elnys and half and iiiij. Inchis in lengthe, and v. elnys and a quarter and ij. Inchis in brede, I-sette vndir a soler that was somtyme of henry Griffyn, that is to sey, that selde that lieth bitwene the lord of Walter Florence of the one parte, in the pariss of marye magdaleyn without the north yate

1 The translator has dropped 'of Walter' here. The Latin is: 'domum tegulatam Hy-
sabel heredis Walteri norensi et furnum.'
in the suburbis of Oxenford: To be held and to be had, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or his assignes, frely and quetyly, holy wele and in pease, yeldyn g therof yerely to william hallemulle or to his heires or assignes j. d: at Cristmasse, for al seruyce seculer, and demaunde, Savyng the rente of the chief lord, that is to sey xij. d: at ij. terms of the yere, that is to sey, at seynt marye day in marche vj. d: and at Mighelmasse vj. d. And the forsaid William and the forsaid 8 henry and his heires or assignes warrantied the said selde, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid Geoffrey and his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Geoffrey yaf to them xxiiij. shillings of sterlyngis in 12 warison. And that ther yifte, & cetera.

* leaf 125. About 1260.


The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Budde yaf & cetera to William Sauser vj. shillings of yerely rente, to be take, at iiiij. terms of the yere, of that lond, with alle his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Symon fitz Benet and the lond of William Scrip of the other parte, in marye mawdeleyne parissi without the north yate in the suburbis of Oxenford; that is to sey, at the Nativity of seynt John Baptist xvij. d: and at Mighelmasse xvij. d: and at Cristmasse xvij. d: and at our lady day in marche xvij. d: To be had and to be held, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quetyly holy wele and in pease, yeldyn g therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at Estir for al seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And the said Richard and his heires or his assignes warrantied aquyted and 28 defended the said vj. shillings of rente of all the said lond, with the pertynentis, to the said William and his heires and his assignes ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & cetera, the said William yaf to hym xl. shillings of sterlyngis in warison. And by case hit happen that the said rent be not I-paid in termes I-ordeyned, the said William and his heires or his assignes shold have fre entryng
and goyng out to distreyne in all the said londe, with the pertynentis, tille they had receiued their rente. And [that] this his yift, & cetera.

[669.] * A Charter of hugh fitz Robert of merston and Denyse his wyf I-made to mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote a mese in horsemongerstrete in seynt marye mawdeleyn parisshe.

4 The sentence of this charter is, that hugh fitz Robert of merston, with the consent and assent of Denyse his wyf, lette and delyuered; and with his charter confirmed, to Mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote a mese in horsemongerstrete, that is to 8 sey, bitwene the lond of Symo Reer 1 of the one parte and the lond of Roger Waterman of the other parte: to be holde and to be had; of them and ther heires, to hym and to his heires, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires, for all servyce, custome, and demaunde, vj. d. that is to sey, at seynt martyf fest. And the forsaid hugh and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and his heires ayenst all men and women. 16 And for this letynge, delyueryng, confermyng, warantizyng; and defendyng; the forsaid mathew yaf to hym x. shillings beforehandes. And yf by chaunce hit happened that hugh or his wyf or his heires myght not warantize and defende in any cause the forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and to his heires, Hugh and his heires shold make an eschanuage (to pe said Mathew or to his heires) of the said mese, in the towne of merston, of the londe longyng to hym there, to the valew of the said mese, after the estymacion of good men. And that all thys aforsaid the thynges, & cetera.

[670.] A Charter of henry fitz Raaf of Farendon and of Pernet and Denys the doughtirs of Iohn Dien confermyng into fre mariage with Denys ther nyce to hugh Cindatori a mese in horsemongerstrete of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry fitz Raaf of Farendon, and Pernet and denyse, the doughters of Iohn Dien 2;

1 Possibly a slip for ‘wheler’: see no. 670.

2 ‘Dreu’ in the Latin.
Mary Magdaleyn parisshe of Oxenford

Henry of Faringdon and others, of a messuage (no. 669), as "free marriage," and entailed, subject to a quit-rent to St. Mary Magdalene Church.

yaf, & cetera, into free marriage, with Denyse ther nece, to Hugh Cyndatori, a mee in horsemongerstrete, that is to say, that mese that lieth bitwene pe mese of Symon Wheler and Roger Waterman: To be had and to be hold, of them and ther heires, 4 to hym and to his heires the which [he] had I-gote of the said denyse, freely quyetly posibly and with-out ony excaccion, yeldynge therof yereely to the chirche of seynt marie mawdeleyn iiij. d. at the fest of seynt mar_txn, and j. d. to the forsaied henry and 8 perrnell and denyse or to ther heires, for aff seruyce and seculer demaunde. And they aforsaid and ther heires warrantied the said mese to the said Hugh, and to his heires I-begote of the said denyse, ayenst alle men and women. And for-asmoch as they 12 wold that this yifte, & cetera.

[671.] * A Charter of Raaf Godeknave I-made to Geoffrey Sawser for a mee with his partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Godeknave yaf & cetera to Geoffrey Sauser a mee with the pertynentis, that is to say, pat mese that lieth bitwene the lord that was of 16 william holond & the londe of henry fitz wydon of the other parte, in seynt marie mawdeleyn parisshe without the northe yate in the suburbi of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly, 20 yeldynge therof yereely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. d. at Ester for aff seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savynge * the chief rente of the lord of that fee, that is to say, to the abbesse of Godestowe at Cristmasse iiij. shillings iiij. d. and at 24 Midsomer iiij. shillings iiiij. d. And Raaf and his heires warantied the forsaied mee, with his pertynentis, to the seid Geoffre and to his heires or to his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the seid Geoffrey yaf to hym 28 iiij. mark of sterlyngis in-to warisoe. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[672.] * A Charter of Geoffrey Sauser I-made to the holy monychns of Godestowe for iiij. seldis vndir the soler of Roger Sauser, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Geoffrey Sauser, & cetera, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy monychns of Gode- 32
stowe, iij. seldes vndir a soler of Roger Sauser, the whiche lye bitwene the londe that was of Geoffrey Sturdy of the one parte and the entryng of the house of Roger Sauser of the other parte, in seynt marye mawdeleyne parisshe without the north yate in the suburban of Oxenford; Also with vij. shillings of yerely rente, to be take, at iij. pryncipally termes of the yere, of the yifte of Richard Bodde, with aff their pertynentis, the whiche lieth bitwene the house of henry Gamage of the one parte and the house that was of Symon fitz Benet of þe other parte, in the same parisshe: To be had and to be hold, to the said mynychons and to ther successors, into pure and perpetueft almesse for ever, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, of the said Geoffrey and his heires or his assignes. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[3. Land acquired from Randall of Brill.]

[673.] *A charter of Ranulph Bruhull I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for a lond with the pertynentis in seynt marye magdalen in horsemongerstrete.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Ranulphe Bruhull yaf, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all that londe, with all the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of henry Carpenter of the one parte and the lond of William Smale of the other parte, in seynt marie mawdaleyn parish without the north gate, in horsemongerstrete: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said abbess and Couent of the same place for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. obolus at Ester, for aff seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savyng the seruyce of the chief lord of that fee, that is to sey, iij. d. at Martyn masse. And the forsaid Ranulph and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended all the forsaid lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and to þe covent of the same place, ayenst all men and

1 In error for 'house.' The translator has mis-read the Latin 'de domo' as 'de dono.'
2 Now Broad Street.
500

Mary Magdaleyn parissh of Oxenford

Purchase-money; £3 6s. 8d.

women, cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & cetera, the
forsaid' abbesse and Couent yaf to hym v. marke of sterlyngis
afore-handes. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[4. Rent-charge acquired from William of Brackley.]

About 1290.

Sale to
Godstow,
by William of Brackley,
of a quit-
rent of is.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Brakley 4
and Alice his wyf, with one consente and ther owne good' will, lette, graunted; and vitrily quyte-claymed; for them and ther
heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the
Covent of the same place and to ther successours, all the right 8
and clayme that they had; or in ony wise myght have, in xij. d. of
yerely rente, the which they were wonyd' to receivse for that
Celer that is I-sette in horsemongerstrete, bitwene the entryng
of Iohn Enysham of the west parte and the lond' of Walter 12
Fetplace of the Est parte, in the subarbis of Oxenforde: To be
hadt and to be holde, the said' xij. d. of yerely rente, to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele
and in pease for ever: So that nother they (William and Alice), 16
nother none of there heires, nother none by them or for them,
myght further axe ony right or clayme in the said' xij. d. of
yerely rente. And for pis * letyng, graunte, and quyte-clayme,
the said' abbesse and Couent yaf to them ij. marke of sterlyngis 20
before-handes. Into witnesse, & cetera.

[5. Alienation of Godstow land in St. Mary
Magdalene parish.]

*leaf 124, back.
Purchase-
money; £1 6s. 8d.

*leaf 125, back.
About
1290.

Sale by
Godstow,

* A Charter of Mabile abbesse of Godestowe
I-made to god and to oure lady and to seynt Cutberte
and to the priour and covent of Dureham for a cer-
tayn londe arable in Bewmounte fro a certeyn dich e
thurte over in Bewmounte.

The sentence of this charter is, that Mabile, abbesse of
Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, with one assent
and consent, yaf & cetera, to god and to oure lady seynt marie and to seynt Cuthberte and to the priour and Covente of Dure
ham, and to ther successours or to ther assignes alt (what-
so-euer they were), alt ther arable lond the which they had fro a
diche thurte over in Bewmounte, that is to sey, fro the londe of
Philippe ho, Burgeys of Oxenford, vnto the lond that was of Roger
Semerm in the same tilthe, in the subbarbis of Oxenford, wherof
8 thre acres lye beside the londe of Walter boste of the north parte,
and one acre lieth of the southe partes of the lond of the said
Walter Boste, bitwene the lond of Thomas lewes and the lond of
the same Roger Semer, And one hede of alt the said lond buttith
to the walles toward the west and another hede buttith vnto the
kyngis hye wey of Bewmounte toward the Est; Also with
tythes of an acre of Walter Boste in the same tylthe; with alt his pertynentis, longyng bothe to the londe and to the rente and
and of a rent-
tythes. They willed also and graunted to the same priour and
and charge, and of
douent aforesaid that they shold have what-so-euer right they had
in voide groundes beside perelowse halle in horsemongerstrete:
To be had and to be hold; to the same priour and Douent of
Dureham and to ther successours or to ther assignes alt, of them
and ther chirch of Godestowe, frely quyetly holy welle and in
pease for euer, with alt liberteis, eschetis, customes, tythes,
eysementis, with fre entryngis and gooing out, and sutes of
dureham and to ther successours or to ther assignes who-so-euer they be, x. shillings of siluer at ij. termes
of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche v. shillings
of siluer and at Mighelmasse v. shillings of siluer, for alt seruyce,
customes, exactions, sutis of courtis, and seculer demaundis. And
ylf hit happen the said priour and Covent and ther successours,
or ony maner assignes of them, to be be-hynde of [or] to faile in
the payment of pe seid yerely rente (that god for-bede), the for-
said priour and Douente grauntith, for them and ther successours

1 For Durham College, part of the buildings of which are still extant in
Trinity College, see Wood's City of Oxford,
ii. 263-74; Oxf. Hist. Soc., Collectanea, iii.
2 Now Kettell Hall in Broad Street :
Wood's City of Oxford, i. 373.
and all maner of assignes, that hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, and to ther successours, or mnystres, or servauntis who-so-ever they be, to entre, dis-treyne, and nyme, all ther tenementes that they had or myght have in the suburbis of Oxenforde toward the northe, fro the fore-named' diche thurte ouer bewmounte vnto horsemonger-strete, also and all the lond aforsaid', fro day into day, for the forsaid' yerely x. shillings, with-oute any agayn-saiyng or lette 8 of the forsaid' priour, Covente, successours, or assignes who-so-ever they be, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the seid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours and assignes all, of the forsaid' rente. And the forsaid' abbesse and Couent of 12 Godestowe and ther successours warrantiz'ed' a quyted' and defended; for the forsaid' rente of x. shillings, aft the forsaid' lond', sixe peny worthe of yerely rente, and tythes of ij. acris of Walter Boste and Thomas lewu, with all ther pertynentis, as hit is 16 I-seid' afore, to the forsaid' priour and Couente of Dureham and to ther successours and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women. Furthermore the said' abbesse and Couente of Godestowe willed' and graunted', for them and ther successours, that 20 the forsaid' priour and Couente, and ther successours, or ther assignes whiche-so-ever they sholde [be], that they shold' be quyte fro yevyng of all tythes, bothe of more and lesse, in the forsaid' lond' for ever. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsaid' 24 priour and couente yaf to them afore-hondes xx. marke of sterlyngis. Into witnesse of all these thyngis, the forsaid' parties put, euerych to other, ther sealles to this present wrytyng I-made in the maner of a charter, & cetera. These beyng 28 witnesse, & cetera.

* The parisshe of seynt Mighett at the north gate.  

[676.] A Charter of Alice, doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyñ' the doughtir of Gerard,  
I-made to Iohane the doughtir of henry Bunnosech  
for x. shillings of yerely rente of ij. seldes, & cetera.  

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice, the doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyñ' the doughtir of Gerard, in her lawfull power, yaf; & cetera, to Iohane, the doughtir 32

Exemption from tithes,  
great and small.  
Purchase-money, £13 6s. 8d.
of Henry Bunnesech, x. shillings of yerely rent, of the two soldes, the whiche were somtyme of Iohn Fra[n]ceses, Sadler, in Seint Migheff parissi at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at 4 iiij. termes of the yere, that is to say, at Cristmasse ij. shillings vj. d., at oure lady day in Marche ij. shillings vj. d., and at Midsomer ij. shillings vj. d.; and at Migelmasse ij. shillings vj. d.: To be had and to be hold; to hym and to his heires and to 8 whom-so-ever he1 wold yeve sell seque the or assigne hit for euer, yeldynge therof yerely to the light of Seint Micheff chirche at the southe yate of Oxenford ij. d. at Cristmasse, and to hym1 and to his heire as Estir j. obolus. And Alice and her heires 12 warrantijed the forsaid x. shillings of rente yerely, to the forsaid Iohane and to ther heires or assignes for euer, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & cetera, the forsaid Iohane yaf to her vj. marke in warisoñ. And that all this aforesaid 16 thynges, & cetera.

[677.] A Charter of Mavde halygod, the Relicte of laurence halygod, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. shillings of yerely rente.

The sentence of this charter is, that Mavde halygod, the relicte of Laurence halygod, yaf, [and] let (by counsel and the assent of Iohn her son), and with her charter confirmed, to god & cetera 20 and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servynge god, in-to pure and perpetuall almesse, x. shillings of yerely rente in the ij. soldes that were somtyme of Iohn Fraunceys, Sadler, in Seint Migheff parisse at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at iiiij. termes 24 of the yere, that is to say, at Cristmasse ij. shillings vj. d.; and at oure lady day in Marche ij. shillings vj. d.; and at Midsomer ij. shillings vj. d.; and at Migelmasse ij. shillings vj. d.: And also hit is to be know that she atorned the x. shillings, with the 28 counsell and assente of Iohn her son, euerlastynge by to one pytaunce to the Coventis behoef and need of Godestowe, in the day of her anniversarye. And that this her yifte, & cetera.

1 'he,' as often, for 'she'; 'him,' 'his,' for 'her.'
About 1270.  
* leaf 127.

[678.]  
A Charter of Isoude dureham, abbesse of Godestowe, to Thomas *Fraunceys and to his heires or to his assignes for tho x. shillings of yerely rente.

The sentence of this charter is, that Isoude Duram, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, with one consente and assente, yaf & cetera, to Thomas Fraunceys and to his heires or assignes, tho x. shillings of yerely 4 rente of tho ij. seldes, the which somtyme were of Iohn Frauncis, Sadle?, in seynt Michel? parissh without ¹ the north yate of Oxenford: To be had? and to be holde, of them and ther successours, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyetly wele 8 and in pease for euere, yeldyngh therof yerely, to them and to ther successours, ix. shillings of yerely rente at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to seye, at Cristmasse ij. shillings iiij. d, and at oure lady day in marche ij. shillings iiij. d, and at the nativitie of ¹² seynt Iohn Baptist ij. shillings iiij. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. shillings iiij. d, for allsecular demaundes. And the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and ther successours warantiz?d and defended? the forsaid? x. shillings of yerely rente, to the forsaid?¹⁶ Thomas, and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And also the abbesse and Couent and ther successours, as ofte as the rente were behynde of tho ij. seldes, so ofte after ther owne will they shold? distreyne in alt the tenement. And ²⁰ to this couenant truly and with-out gyle to be holde, the parties put to ther seales, & cetera ².

* leaf 128, back.  
About 1285.

[679.]  
A Charter of henry Eynysham to Thomas Somerton and Alice his wyf for a shoppe with the partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry of Eynysham yaf & cetera to Thomas Somerton and to Alice his wyf j. shoppe, ²⁴ with the partynentis, the which is I-sette bitwene the londe of the Abbot of Eynysham of the one parte and the londe somtyme of Sydeward of Bamptow of the other parte, in seynt

¹ 'without,' in error for 'at.'  
² Among the witnesses are John of Coleshull, maior, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Philip de Ow (or Eu), ballivi, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, ¹²⁶⁹.
Mighels parissi of Oxenford at the north gate: To be had and to be hold; to the forsaid Thomas and Alice and to their heires or ther assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes or whome so euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, bothe in sikeness and in helthe, frely quetyly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldynge thereof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one claw-gelofre at Estir, and to the abbesse of Godestowe

ix. shillings at iiiij. pryncipall termes of the yere, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Henry and his heires or his assignes warantizad aqyted and defended the forsaid selle, with the pertyntenis, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice, and to ther heires or assignes, ayenst all peple for euer. And for this yyte & cetera the forsaid Thomas and Alice yaf to hym xl. shillings of sterlyngis before-hondis. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & cetera.

[680.] * A quyte-clayme of Thomas Somertone and of Alice his wyf to the lady of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place for all the right and clayme that they had in a selde with the pertyntenis in seynt Mighels parissi of the Sowthe yate .

The sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Somertone and Alice his wyf released; and quyte-claymed; to the lady abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that they had or in any wise myght have in one selde, with the pertyntenis, in the townne of Oxenford; in seynt Mighels parissi of the sowthe yate , the which they had of the same abbesse and Couente: So that they, noper there succesours, ne none for them or by them, myght axe ony right or clayme euer in the forsaid seld, with the pertyntenis, nother ought to clayme, but to be exclude and put away for euer fro all right and accioun of right. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, they putte, & cetera.

1 Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Kyngeston, mayor, and John Culvert and Thomas of Sowy, bailiff, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1284.

2 In the Latin, as in the English, Register this is said to be in St. Michael's at South Gate parish, and is the first deed in that parish: but it attaches itself to no. 679. Cp. also 395/3-6 with 378/19-20.
* A Charter of Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Peter Skelton, Clerk, for a Curtilage in seynt Mighell parissh beside the north yate of Oxenforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted and lete to Petir Skelton, Clerk, a curtilage in seynt Mighell parissh beside the north yate of Oxenford; next to 4 a tenement that was somtyme of maister William Coudray, ageynst 1 the walles of pe towne: Savyng to them power to make their houses to ther nede after that the walles (there be-gonne to howsis to be made) strech them-self: To be had and to be hold; 8 to the forsaide Petir and to his assignes, fro the fest of Seynt Mathie the Appostle, the xxvij. yere of the reigue of kyng Edward, vnto the ende of x. yere next folowyng fully I-complete, yeldyn glyng thereof yeryly, to them and to ther successors in ther 12 house of Godestowe, ij. shillings of siluer at the fest of the Annunciation * ofoure lady; to the which paiyng of the forsaide rente, to them and to their successors, in the forsaide terme, every yere truly to be do, the forsaide peter bound hym-self and 16 all his tenementis in the forsaide towne to the constreynynge and distreynynge of all ther baillifis, that they may streyne 2 hym in all his tenentis, and hold the distreynynge, tille hit were fully I-satisfied of the arreragis of the forsaide rente, yf ther 20 were ony, with the harmes 3. And hit shold be lawfull also to take ayene to them the forsaide Curtilage into ther hondis, yf the forsaide rente were be-hynde by one monthe in one tyme be-yonde the day I-sette of the paiyng: And the forsaide 24 Petir was I-bound to reipaire and hold yp the erthe walles 4 aboute the Curtilage, with his owne costis. Into witnesse, & cetera 5.

1 The Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 190, mis-paged CC.) is: 'contra muros ville, salva nobis potestate domos ibidem ad opus nostrum construendi, secundum quod perietes (ibidem ad domos construendas incepte) se extendunt': i.e. Godstow reserves right of building on foundations laid there for houses.
2 In Latin: 'quod possint eum distingere.'
3 In Latin: 'una cum damnis.'
5 Among the witnesses are Robert of Wormenhall, maior of Oxford, Thomas of Sowy, Andrew of Pyrye.
[682.] *A plee I-meved* by a breef of the kyngis
I-called: Cessuit bitwene the abbesse and Andrew
Culuarde for a mese with the pertynentis.

The sentence of this plee is, that there was I-meved a plee,
by a breef of the kyngis that is I-called a 'Cessuit per bien-
nium;' bitwene the religious women abbesse and Couent of
4 Godestowe, axers, of the one parte, and Andrew Culuard of
Oxenford and Alice his wyf, tenauntis and holders, of the other
parte, of j. mese, with the pertynentis in Oxenford; pat is I-sette,
in seynt Mighel parissi of the north gate of Oxenforde, bitwene
the mese of the forsaid Andrew and Alice of the one parte and
the tenement of Richard Dadytngon of the other parte. And
the said abbesse recooured the same mese, for the withholdyng
of a marke dewe to them, by iugement of the kyngis courte
towards or ayenst the same Andrew and Alice. And the same
Andrew and Alice brought forthe ayenst the same religious
women 'assis of new disseisyng;' and attempted other accions
dyerse and stryves ayenst them; and all maner accions rest
bitwene them in this maner, that is to sey: that dame molde
Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe aforesaid; and the Couente of the
same place, graunted; for them and ther successours, that the for-
said Andrew and wyf Alice, natwithstondyng the iugemente
afore, shold contynew [to] hauce and holde all the forsaid mese
and his possession, to hym and to his heires, in fee and heritage,
of the forsaid abbesse and couente and ther successours for ever,
as they held hit before, yeldyng therof yerely one marke of
siluer at iij. termes of the yere, that is to say, at Midsomer
xl. d; and at Mighelmasse xl. d; and at seynt Thomas day the
apostle xl. d; and at *the Annunciation* of oure lady xl. d.
And for this graunte the same Andrew bonde hymself and his
heires to the payment of the forsaid rente, in the same termes, for
euer. Furthermore, to more suerte, the said Andrew bounde
and submytted the same mese, with the pertynentis, that the
same Andrew had of the yifts of Alice Dyton in seynt Abbes
parissi in Oxenford; also with the forsaid mese in that wise
I-delyuere to them, to who-so-euer hondes hit come, to the
distreyynyng of the forsaid abbesse and ther successours and
bailifs, that they myght (in that mese in seynt Abbys parissi,
Seynt Mighels parisshe of Oxenford at the north gate

also with that mese in seynt Mighel suff parisshe) to distreyne and
to with-hold the distreynyng, tille that hit were fully I-satisfied of
the foresaid rente, ye ony were behynde. And the foresaid abbesse
and ther successours shold warrantize and defende, for the foresaid rente, that mese, with the pertynentis, to the foresaid Andrew and Alice and to ther heires, ayenst all peple. And
for this graunte, & cetera, the foresaid Andrew and Alice yaf to
the foresaid abbesse and couente xl. shillings of sterlyngis before 8
handes. In-to witnesse of [which], bothe parties put ther
seales, everych to other. The date at Oxenford; the saturday in
the morowe of the Annunciation of oure lady, the xxxiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Henry. 12
These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* An endenture I-made bitwene dame Moolde Vpton, Abbesse of Godestowe, and William More, Cordewayner, of Oxenford; and Isabelle his wyf, for a selde with a sola? aboue hit.

[Simon and Jude = Oct. 28.] Lease for two lives by Godstow,
* leaf 129. to William More and wife,
of a shop and a room
over it. [Nuneaton Priory.]

The sentence of this endenture is, that the sunday next afore
the fest of the apostles Symond and Jude, the ix. yere of the
reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, bitwene dame 16
Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same
house of the one parte, and William * More, Cordewayner of
Oxenford; and Isabelle his wyf; of the other parte, hit was
I-corded in this wyse or maner, that is to say: that the foresaid 20
abbesse and Couente, with ther one assent and consente, toke,
grauanted, and lette, to the said William and Isabelle, to all the
lyf of bothe of them, one selde, with a sola? ouer the same selde
I-bilde and [over] a selde of the prioresse of Nunne Eton, the 24
which ben sette in seynt Mighel suff parisshe at the northe yate of
Oxenford; vpon the corner beside the Ire? cheyne 1 of the southe
parte; bytwene the tenement that was of Alisaundre Cary
of the Est parte and the selde of the said prioresse of the southe 28
parte: To be had and to be holde, with all ther pertynentis, to
the said William and Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes,
to all the lyf of the lenger liver of pem, of the foresaid abbesse

1 Wood's City of Oxford, i. 71.
and Couente and ther successors, frely quetyly wele and in pease, yeildyngr therof yerely to the said' abbesse and Couente and to ther successors, dyryng the x. first yeres, euery yere 4 at the fest of seynt Frideswyth virgyn, x. shillings, and all the other yeres folowyng, dyryng the lyf of the said' William and Isabell his wyf, the same William or the one of them shold' yelde to the said abbesse and Couente, and to ther successors, euery 8 yere xij. shillings at that same fest of seynt Frideswith abone-said: And the forsaid' abbesse and Couente and ther successors warantyzed' and defended' the said' selde, with all the solar above-said; with all ther pertynentis, to the said' William More and to 12 Isabell his wyf (to all the lyf of them) and to ther assignes, bothe ayenst the chief lordes and also ayenst all other peple mortall. And the forsaid' William and Isabell and ther assignes shold' susteyne and holde vp the said' selde and solar, with ther owne 16 costis, [and] make agayn and repaire hit in all thyngis, honestly and competently, after that hit semeth to them to be nedefull and hovable. Also the said William & Isabell grauntith, that, yf the said' William dyed' (the said' Isabelle lyvyng), and the same [Isabell] (after the decease of the said' William) cese by one yere, and be behynde, in the paiyngr of the yerly rente aforsaid' (that god forbede), than hit shold' be lawfull to the said' abbesse and Couente, and to ther successors, to take the said' selde, with the 24 solar, and with the pertynentis, with all the beteryngis and amendyngis that they put to them, into ther hondes, and to dispose therof at ther wille, and to cast out, [or] put out, the said' Isabell, and her assignes, and all maner dwellers in them, with- 28 out ony hope of recoveryng, and [with-out] ayenst-saiyng of ony man. Into witnesse of whiche, & cetera.

[684.] *A Couenaunte bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and Thomas Marchaft of Oxenford* and Cecilie his wyf of the other parte, for a selde with the partynentis in Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a coven- naunte I-made bitwene margerye dyne, abbesse of godestowe, 32 and the couente of the same place, of the one parte, and Thomas Lease for 40 years by Godstow, to Thomas
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Marchall and Cecily Marchall, his wyf of the other parte, that is to say, that the forsaid' abbesse, with assent of the saide Couente, toke and lete to the forsaid' Thomas and Cecily one selde, with the pertynentis, in Oxenford, the which is I-sette in seynt Mighell 4 parissih at the north gate, in the Cordewaynerye 1, bitwene the selde of Iohn Staunton of the southe side and the selde of the same Thomas of the north side, and vndir the soler of the same Thomas and Cecily: To be had and to be hold; to the same 8 Thomas and Cecily, to the terme of xl. yere nexte folowyng; fully I-complete after the makyng of this present writynge, yeldynge thereof yerely to the forsaid' Abbesse and to ther successors xij. shillings iiij. d. at iiij. pryncipal termes; and of the same 12 selde (for the same abbesse and Couente) to the priour 2 of seynt Frideswyth of Oxenford xxj. d., and to the baillifes of Oxenford iiiij. shillings yerly. To which payment or rente, truly to be paid, as hit is I-seid afore, the forsaid' Thomas and Cecily 16 bounde them-self; and the forsaid* selde, and v. seldes the which the same Thomas had of the north side of the same selde, to the distreyynge of the seid' abbesse and couente, to whos-soeuer hondes they come, that they myght distreyne in the same 20 al so ofte as the seid' rente were behynde, in parte or in all, and to with-holde the distreyynge, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the same Religious women or to ther mynysters. Also the same Thomas and Cecily, and bothe of hem, shold susteyne the 24 same selde, aff the tyme that hit happened hem to hold; with ther owne costis. And [yf] hit happenyd bothe Thomas and Cecily, after the kynde of man, within the terme aforsaid to dye, than, anon after ther dether of the persone that dyed 28 last, the forsaid' selde shold' turne ayene to the same religious women, And hit shold' be lawfull to them and to ther mynysters to entre into hit with-out lette or ony maner agayn-saiyng. And, for-as-moche as the forsaid' Thomas and Cecily made that 32 tyme the said' selde new of ther owne costis, the forsaid' abbesse & cetera graunted that the same Thomas and 'Cecily shold' be quyte, by iiij. yere nexte folowyng after the date of the makyng herof, of the forsaid' yerly rente of xij. shillings iiij. d.; 36 the which they graunted to allowe to them for the forsaid'

1 Wood's City of Oxford, i. 483-5. 2 See 378/20.
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makyng: And the forsaid Religous women warantizèd the seid' selde, so I-lette, to the same Thomas and Cecilie ayenst alt peple, owte-take of the rente of the forsaid priour and baillifes. 4 Into winnesse of the whiche, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of seynt Migheïf, the thirde yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng Edwarde.

[685.] An endenture bitwene Margery Tracy, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to Iohn Siluestre, spor-yer, and to Alice his wyf, for a shoppe with a soler at the corner of Cheyne lane in Oxenforde.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Margery Tracy, 8 Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, toke and lete to Iohn Siluestre, Sporier, and to Alice his wyf, one shoppe with a soler, at the corner of Cheynelane in Oxenford in seynt Migheïf parissi at the northe gate I-sette: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaiide Iohn Siluestre and to Alice his wyf, to the terme of ther lyf, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaiide abbesse and Couente xv. shillings iiiij. d., at iiiij. termes of the yere vsuali in the forsaiide borough of Oxenford, the first terme of the payment begynnynge at the fest of Seynt Thomas next folowyng after the date of this present writynge. And the same Iohn and Alice sholde yelde yerely, for the forsaiide abbesse and Couente, to the chief lord of that fee all service dewe therof and I-wayne. And the forsaiide Iohn and Alice sholde * repaire and susteyne, wele and competently, with ther owne costis, all the forsaiide shop with the sola? duryng the terme aforaiide; And so in the ende of ther termys they shold Ieve hit with competent astate. Nathales hit shold not be lawfull to the forsaiide Iohn and Alice to lette the said shop with the sola? to ony man, without licence of the forsaiide abbesse and Couente. And yf hit happened the forsaiide rente of xv. shillings iiiij. d. to be behynde, in parte or in all, after ony terme by xv. dayes; or yf they paye not the rente longyng to the chief lorde, at a lawfull terme; or

1 The Latin has 'tertio decimo,' which is right. Sept. 29, 13 Edward II, 1319, fell on a Saturday. Sept. 29 in 3 Edward II, 1309, was on a Monday.
2 Cheyne Lane is now Market Street.
3 Read 'in,' for 'with.'
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if they repaired not and susteyned the forsaid shoppe with the solar, in the forme afore I-put; or lette hit to ony man, without licence first I-axed and I-gote, as hit hathe be I-said afore: that fro that tyme hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and 4 Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther procuratour, to agayne entre into the said shoppe with the solar, and to agayn holde to them, and to put out the forsaid John Siluestre and Alice his wyf fro then, and to agayn hold hit as in ther olde 8 astate, notwithstanding this endenture. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in the house of the Chapiter, the monday next astir the fest of seynt Micheit, the xlix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

*leaf 135, * The Parisshe of Seynt Mighell at the Sowthe yate.

[Note.—This suburban parish lay between the South Gate (which stood between what is now the south-west corner of Christ Church and the south-east corner of Pembroke College) and the river. It consisted chiefly of meadow-land and a raised causeway called Grandpont (no. 658). It is now merged in St. Aldate's parish. The rubrics in the Latin Register explain the presence of these documents by their connexion with the rent-charges (nos. 532, and 533, over properties in this parish) given to Godstow by Hugh Palmer.]

*leaf 137. About 1220. [686.] * A Charter of William fitz John Dyere I-made to Robert Gloser and to Margerye his wyf, for his lond with the partynentis in Oxenford:

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz John Dyere 1 graunte; let, and deluyerc; to Robert Gloser 2 and to Margerye his wyf; that lond; with the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of William fitz Elie and the lond of the forsaid Robert the 16 which he toke afore into fee of hym without the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert and to Margerye his wyf, and to the heires comyng of the forsaid Robert and Margerye, or to whom-so-euer the forsaid Robert and 20 Margerye wold yeve it or selle hit or assigne hit, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quietely and holy, yeldynge to his heires yerely xij. d. at ij. termes of the yere, for all scruyce,

1 tinctor in the Latin.
2 The Latin gives this name as le Gloser or ‘Glosur.’ It seems to be a trade natural to a district of dyers, fishers, fullers. Walter alutarius, Henry tanmur of Benesey, occur as witnesses to this deed.
that is to sey, at Ester vj. d. and at Mighelmasse vj. d. And the
seid William and his heires warantiz'd the said' lond, with the
pertynentis, to the forsaid' Robert and Margerye and to ther
heires combynge of them or to whom-so-ever they wold' yeve selle
or assigne hit, excepte to religious men, aynest al men and
women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid' Robert
and Margery yaf to hym xx. shillings in warison. And that,

[687.] * A Charter of Cristyne the relicte of Iohn Dyer
confermyng the graunte, takyng, and letyng, that
William his sone and his heire made to Robert
Gloser and to Margarete' his wyfe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Cristyne the relicte of
Iohn dyer, confermed with this her charter the graunte, takyng;
and letyng, pat William * his sone and heire made to Robert
12 Gloser and to Margarete' his wyf and to ther heires, of that
londe the which is in seynt Mighels parish without the sowthe
yate, of the fee of the priour and chanons of seynt Frideswithe,
which is beside the lond' of Thomas Coppe vndir the walle, as
16 witnesseth the charter of William his soñ I-made to Robert
Gloser and Margarete' his wyf and to ther heires. And Cristyne
and her heires warantiz'd the forsaid' lond'to the forsaid' Robert
Gloser and Margarete' his wyf and to ther heires aynest all men
20 and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, they yaf to her
and to William her soñ and heire iiij. marke in warison. In
witnes, & cetera.

[688.] * A charter Originall of William fit3 Iohn Dyer
of Oxenford; I-made to Robert Gloser and to
Margarete' his wyf, for that lond that he helde
of the fee of the priour and chanons of Seynt
Frydeswith vnder the Walle, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fit3 Iohn
24 graunted, toke, and letet, & cetera, to Robert Gloser and to
Margarete' his wyf, that lond that he held of the fee of the

1 In error for 'Margery.' 
2 The Latin has Margery.
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son of John dyer, of land;

of Frideswith vndir the walle, that is to sey, that more parte of the lond  the which is bitwene the lond of Thomas Coppe and his life t' house in seynt Mighels parisshe with-out the sowthe yate: To be had and to be hold; of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve hit or assigne hit (out take to religious men), in fee and heritage, frely and quetyly and pesibly, yeldying therof to hym and to his heires v. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, at 8 Ester ij. shillings vj. d and at Mighelmasse ij. shillings vj. d; for all customes and exaccions longyng to hym and to his heires. And William fit; John Dyer and his heires warantizéd to the forsaid Robert Glover and to Margarete his wyf and to ther 12 heires and to ther assignes the forsaid lond, with his pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaid Robert Glover and Margarete his wyf and Cristynne his modir yaf to hym iij. marke into warisoun. Into witnesse of the 16 whiche, & cetera.

* leaf 137. [689.] *A charter of Thomas Fuller I-made to Raaf Fit3 William fit3 Amfride his norisshe for v. shillings of rente of Oxenforde, & cetera.

Grant to Ralph son of William, by Thomas fuller, of a 5s. rentcharge, subject to a quit-rent of 5s.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Fullere, for goddes sake and for the helthe of his sowle, graunteò and yaf to Raaf fit William fit3 Amfride his norisshe v. shillings 20 of the rente of the lond that William of seynt Alborò toke of hym vndir the walle of Oxenford toward the sowthe: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, frely and quetyly, yeldying therof yerylo to Philippe Burgeys ij. shillings for all seruyce and exaccion. And that & cetera.

* leaf 138. [690.] *A Charter of Moolde at the yate I-made to Hugh fit3 Ranulph Fissher for iij. shillings of yerely rente.

Sale to Hugh son of Randall

The sentence of this charter is that Moolde at the yate, in her lawful wedowhode, yaf; & cetera, to Hugh fit3 Ranulph

1 The Latin is 'Radulfo ... nutricio meo'; so that 'norish' is = pupil. The deed is witnessed by Robert, sub-prior of St. Frideswyde's; Reginald, chaplain of St. Peter; Torold allutarius; Henry son of Henry son of Simeon; &c.
Fisher1 of Oxenford; iij. shillings of yerely rent, to be I-con-
fermed2 yerely of the lond3 of the same hugh * the which lieth
bitwene the lond4 that was of Roger Bernard5 of the one parte
and the lond6 of Alice hore even ayenst the Shelnyugstole2 vndir
the walle in seynt Mighels parissih of the sowthe of Oxenford;
the which iij. shillings the folly of hugh was I-wonyd7 to yelde
to her of the same lond8: To be had9 and to be hold8, to the
forsaid Hugh and to his heires or his assigns, frely quetytly holy
wele and in pease for ever. And Moolde and her heires
warantijed10 the forsaid iij. shillings of yerely rente, to the forsaid
hugh and to his heires and his assigns, ayenst all men and
women for euer. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Hugh
yaf to her before-handes xvj. shillings of sterlyngis. And that
this her yifte, & cetera.3

[691.] * A Charter of William fitz Robert Gloser I-made
to Ranulph Fyssher for his mese with the partynentis.

The sentence of this charter is, that [William fitz] Robert
Gloser, in his lawfull power, graunted; & cetera, to hugh
fit3 Ranulph Fyssher, a mese with the pertynentis, for his
seruice, the which mese lieth bitwene the lond9 that was of
Henry Ruffy of the one partie and the lond10 that was of Geoffre
hakeburn11 of the other parte, in the subarbis of Oxenford12 in
seynt Mighels parissih of the sowthe yate of Oxenford13: To be
had14 and to be hold15, to the forsaid16 Hugh and to his heires or to
his assigns, of hym and his heires, frely quetytly holy and
pesibly for euer, yeldnyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of the
fee dew seruycie and I-wonyd17; and to hym and to his heires j. d;
at Estir, for aft seruycie, exaccion, and demaunde; and William
and his heires warantijed18 aquyted19 and defended; by the forsaid
seruycie, the forsaid20 mese, with aft his pertynentis, to the forsaid
Hugh and to his heires and his assigns, ayenst aft men and
women for ever. And that this his yifte, & cetera4.

1 The Latin copy, probably wrongly, makes the grant to 'Ranulfus piscator'
himself.
2 See Wood's City of Oxford, i. 299. It may have been a lane going down from the
street to Trill-mill Stream.
3 Witnesses include William le sauser, maior, and Henry Perle and John Pady,
prepositi, of Oxford.
4 Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, maior, John of Coleshull and
Jeffrey le mercer, prepositi, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1265.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Robert Gloser yaf, & cetera, to Hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher, all that lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Raynold Germer and the lond of Alice hore, in Seynt Mighels parish of the sowthe of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng thereof to the chief lordes of that fee servyce dew and I-wonyd; 8 and to hym and to his heires j. d. at Ester, for aff servyce exacioin and demaunde. And the forsaide William and his heires warantizd the forsaide lond, with the pertynentis, to the forsaide Hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for euer. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsaide Hugh yaf to hym vj. mark of sterlyngis before-handes into warisdo. And that alle thise afore wrytynge shold be sure, & cetera.


THE sentence of this charter is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene Hugh fitz Robert Fysshere of the one parte, and William fitz Robert Gloser of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaide Hugh toke and lete to the forsaide William ij. meses, with all ther pertynentis, of the which one lieth bitwene the lond of Gedefray hakeburne of the one parte and the lond that was of henry Russy of the other parte, in the subarbes, in seynt Mighels parish of the sowthe of Oxenford: And another mese, with the pertynentis, lieth bitwene the lond that was of Robert Glose of the one parte and the lond of Cristyn Cordewanere of the other parte, in seynt Frideswith parish of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaide William and to his heires of his body I-gote, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for euer, yeldyng ytherof yerely to the chief lordes of
the fees dewe seruyce and I-wonyd, and to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or assignes yerely j. d. at Ester, for all seruyce exaccio[n] and demaunde; and yt the forsaid' William dyed 4 without heire of his body, ano[n] after the decease of the forsaid' William, the ij. meses shold abide * remayne and turne agay[n] to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires, vttirly quyetly and without ony agay[n]-saiyn[g] for euer, as hit is conteyned i[n] the charters 8 the whiche the forsaid' William made therof to the forsaid' hugh and his heires. And the forsaid' hugh and his heires warantij[ed] the forsaid' ij. meses, with ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' William and to his heires comyng forthe of his body, ayenst all men and 12 women for euer. So that the forsaid' William shold not selle nother lay to wedde nother assigne to no man, criste[n] nother Iewe, nother in religion nother out of religion, the forsaid' ij. meses with the pertynentis, in parte other in all. And to 16 this couenaunte to be holde truly and with-out gyle, bothe partie plight ther trowthes, and put to ther seale, euerych to others writyng; & cetera 1.

[694.] * A Charter of hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford: I-made to Alice his modir for a mese with the partynentis in Oxenford:

The sentence of this charter is, that Hugh fitz Ranulph 20 Fyssher of Oxenford graunted, & cetera, for hym and his heires, to Alice his modir, somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher his fader, to a[t] her lyf, that his mese, with a[t] the pertynentis, that is bitwene his lond of the one parte and the lond of Laurence 24 fitz Roger Bernard of the other parte, even ayenst sheluyng-stole, in seynt Mighelt [i]parissi at the sowthe yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid' Alice his modir as longe as she lived, frely quyetly holy worshipfully wele and in pease. 28 And hugh and his heires warantij[ed] aqyted, and defend[ed] the forsaid' mese, with a[t] his pertynentis, to the forsaid' Alice al so longe as she lived, ayenst a[t] men and women. And that this his yfte, & cetera 1.

1 Witnesses as in no. 691.
[696.] * A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher quyte-claymyng to hugh her sone a mese with the partynentis, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Alice, somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher of Oxenford, in her owne lawful wedow-hode, yaf graunted and quyte-claymed, and with her charter confrmed, to hugh her sone, for his seruyce, alt that mese with the pertynentis that is bitwene the lond of Roger Tanner of the one parte and the lond that was of Raaf Chilton of the oper parte, upn the grete brigge in Seynt Mighels parisshe of the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, to the for-8 said hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, with all right and clayme that she had or myght haue in the forsaid mese with his pertynentis in the name of her fre dowry or in any other right, frely quetyly holy wele and in pease for euer, yeldynge therof yerely to the chief lordes of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd for alt seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And that this his yfte, & cetera.

* leaf 133. * The parisshe of Seynt Mildrythe.

[Note.—Since about 1430 this small parish has been merged in St. Michael's parish at North Gate. The greater part of it is now occupied by the buildings of Exeter College, and all the Godstow land here was parted with to provide a portion of the site of that College: Boase's Registrum Coll. Exon. (1894), pp. ix, x, xvi.]

[i. Benefaction of Maud Perle.]

[696.] * A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fit3 William Coillum and William Perle for alt his lond with the pertynentis & cetera.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fit3 William Coillum and William Perle, that is to sey, that Walter graunted, lete, and delyuered, to the forsaid William alt his lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of John Borewolde and the lond of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton, in Seynt Mildrethes

1 'his,' as often, for 'her.' 2 Witnesses much as in no. 694.
parish in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the seid William and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and holy, that is to sey, fro the fest of seynt Migheft the xiiiij. yere of the 4 reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn vnto the ende of x. yere next folowyng, yeldyng therof euery yere to the chief lordes xvij. d' for all servyce: and the forsaide Walter and his heires warantized the forsaide lond, with his pertynentis, to the 8 forsaide William and to his heires or to his assignes thurgh the terme of x. yere ayenst all men and women; and for this graunte, & cetera, the forsaide William yaf to the forsaide Walter xij. marke of sterlyngis before-handis. Also hit is to be know that [that] the said William or his assignes shal put in amendyng and susteynyng of the forsaide lond, resonably, by the sight of good men, for the defawtyng of the said Walter or his heires, that shold be allowed to the said William and to his heires or to his assignes in the ende of the forsaide terme. And pat, & cetera 1.

[697.] A charter of Walter fitz William Coillum for xx. shillings to be paid to William Perle of Oxenford, the whiche he owed to hym.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Walter fitz William Coillum owed to William Perle of Oxenford xx. shillings of 20 sterlynges, to be yelded at the fest of Alhalewyyn in the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn. And yf he yelded not or satisfied [to] the same William (or to his heires or to his assignes) the said xx. shillings, all his lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond the which was of Iohn Borewold and the lond that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Etoyn in seynt Mildreth parish of Oxenford; shold remayn and abide for euer to the same William and to his heires and to 28 his assignes, for viij. marke and an half the which he shold yeve to hym in warison: To be had and to be holde, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires yere ly ij. shillings at ij. termes of the yere, that 32 is to sey, at Ester xij. d' and at Mighelmasse xij. d; And to the

1 Witnesses include John Pady, maior, and Pentecost and Henry son of Thomas, prepositi, of Oxford.
chief lord of the fee yerely xvij. d. at Mighelmasse, for all servyce and demaund. And he and his heires warantiz'd to the said William and to his heires and to his assignes, yf hit happe, aff the lond, with the pertynentis, ayenst al men; but, 4 and happe that he satisfye and paye the same xx. shillings in the afore-named term of Alhalewyyn, this present wryting shold be yelded to hym with-out agayn-saiyng; and the forsaid lond also shold be in the hande of the same William unto the ende of 8 x. yere, the which is I-conteyned in the charter that was I-made bitwene them, as the charters witnesseen. And for by-cause hit shold not [be] out of mynde or be forgete, he put to his scale, & cetera.  

* A charter of Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford. I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all thise londes vnndir writen.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, that was the doughter of William Perle of Oxenford; in her lawfull wedow-hode, yaf, & cetera, for her and her heires, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servynge god and to servye for 16 euer, for the helthe of her sowle and of her other aunceturs, thise londes vnndir-writte, the which she had; and was possessed by right heritage, in the towne of Oxenford, with all ther pertynentis, that is to say, all that lond that William her fadir 20 bought of Walter fitz William Coillum, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Borewald and the londe that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eto in seynt Mildrediis parissi of Oxenford: Also all that lond that the forsaid William 24 her fadir bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machow in seynt Frideswythe parissi of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the said mynchons servyng and to servye in the said monastery, with all ther pertynentis, into fre pure and 28 perpetuell almesse; doyng; natheles therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fees servyce dew and I-wonyd therof, after the tenour of the charters the which her fadir had therof; And also yeldyng: unto the chirche of seynt Mildreth 2 virgyne of Oxenford 32

1 Witnesses include Peter son of Torald, mayor, Pentecost and Henry, prepositi, of Oxford.  
2 Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 94.
ij. d: of yerely rente, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse; yeldying also to hym and to his heires ij. d: of siluer at Ester, for all servyce exaccion and demaunde. And hit is to be know that she assigned * xx. shillings of the said tenement in seynt Frideswyth parish specially to a pytance of the Couente of Godestowe in the day of her anniuersary every yere to be, and the residue of all the rente, of the same tenemente comyng; she assigned 8 specially to the kochyn of the fermorye, savyng nathelesse the rente of the chief lordes and cost to be do in the same houses. Also she and her heires warantyed to the forsaids mynchons and to ther successors for ever all the forsaids londes and tenemntis with all ther pertynentis ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaids mynchons graunted to her parte of all good deses that shold be do in the said house of Godestowe in tyme that were to come. And that this her yifte, & cetera 1.

[699.] A Couenaunte bitwene Flandryne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford; for v. marke al so longe as she lyved; & cetera.

16 The sentence of this couenaunte is that Flandryne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with one assente, graunted; and with this wrytynge conformed, for them and ther successors, to Moolde, that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford, v. marke of siluer euery yere al so longe as she lyved, to be paid in ther howse at iijj. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt John Baptist xvj. shillings viij. d: at Mighelmasse xvj. shillings viij. d: at Cristmasse xvj. shillings viij. d: and at Ester xvj. shillings viij. d: And that this couenaunte and graunte, & cetera.

[700.] A quyte-clayme of Cecilia that was the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford I made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all the right that she had in the name of her dowerye, & cetera.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Cecilia, somtyme the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford, in her lawfull wedowhode, Quit-claim to Godestow, by Cecilia, About 1242.

1 Among the witnesses are Adam Fete-place, maior, Henry son of Symeon, John of Coleshulle, Nicholas of Kyngeston, pro- postiti, of Oxford.
widow of William Perle, of her jointure-right in no. 698, in consideration of a yearly pension of £2, and a new dress each year.

granted, let, and quyte-claymed for ever, to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, all the right, and what-so-ever she myght haue, or had, in the name of her dowery, in Oxenford, of a temente that William Perle (somtyme her husbond) bought of 4 Walter fitz Coillum in seynt Mildredes parish, and of a temente that William aforsaid her husbond bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machon in seynt Frideswythe parish in Oxenford. And for this graunte, & cetera, the aforsaid’s mynychons yaf to her every yere, al so longe as she lived; iiij. marke of siluer and one lyverey of ther house of charite to be take, after that it is specially couteyned in the charter I-made therof. And that this graunte, & cetera 1.

[2. Lands acquired from William Crompe.]


The sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp of Oxenford yaf, & cetera, for hym and his heires, to Robert Buthe of Oxenford, all his lond, with all his pertynentes, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, the which is bitwene his lond of the one parte and the lond that was of Osberte Vyleyn of the other, in seynt Mildrethes parish of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the aforsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes were and when he wold yeve hit, bequeth, selle, or assigne, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. at Mighlmasse, for all servuyce therof dewe and I-wonyd, and exaccions. And the aforsaid William and his heires warantiz’d, aquyted, and defended, to the aforsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes all the aforsaid lond, with all his pertynentis, ayenst all men, cristen and Iewes, by the aforsaid servuyce. And for this yifte, & cetera, the

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1 Among the witnesses are John ‘scrip-tor’ of Haliwelle; Adam, pergamenarius; James de Hawncia, steward of Godstow; Henry, the porter.
2 In the Latin Register, ‘Buc’ in the rubric, ‘Buch’ in the text.
forsaid Robert yaf to hym before-handes x. mark of sterlyngis in warison. And that all thise afore-written thynes hold be sure, & cetera ¹.

[Note.—The relation between nos. 701 and 702 is obscure. On the face of it, it looks as if Crompe, after selling the substantial interest in the land, conveyed to Godstow the feudal superiority over it, represented by the 2d. yearly quit-rent in no. 701. Godstow may have acquired Robert Butte's interest.]

[702.]* A charter of William Cromp I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londe in Oxenforde, & cetera.

4 The sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp of Oxenford yaf & cetera, for hym and his heires, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, all that lond; with his pertynentis, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, the which is bitwene his lond of the one parte and the lond that was somtyme of Osberte Vyleyne of the other, in seynst * Mildrethis parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease fro all secular seruyce and demaunde as ony almesse myght frely be yove. And William and his heires warantized acquytéd and defended for euer the forsaid lond, with all his pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And that this his graunte hold be sure, & cetera.

[3. Alienation of the Godstow lands in this parish.]

[703.]* A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Margery Dyne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Rector and Scolers of Stapultoñ halle of Oxenford, for a tene-mente with a Curtilage, & cetera.

The sentence of this Couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene the religious women dame Margerye abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapiltoñ halle ² of Oxenford of the other parte, that is to sey, pat the forsaid Abbesse and Couente granted and toke, for them and ther

¹ Witnesses as in no. 690. ² Now Exeter College.
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ment and curtilage successours, to fee-ferme for euer to the forsaicd Rector and scolers, one tenemente with a curtilage lying to, with all ther pertynentis, in the townes of Oxenford; that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the forsaicd Rector and scolers that was somtyme 4 of maister Petir Skelton of the west parte and the tenement that was of Thomas henxey in seynt Mildredis parisshe toward the townes walles of the Est parte : To be had and to be hold; to the forsaicd Rector and scolers and to ther successours, of the 8 forsaicd religious women and ther successours, frely wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaicd Religious women and to ther successours xij. shillings of good and lawfull money at ij. termes of the yere by even porcions, that is to sey, 12 at Mighelmasse vj. shillings and at our lady day in marche vj. shillings, for aft seruylce. And the forsaicd abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold warantize and defende for euer the forsaicd tenement, with the Curtilage, and per-16 tynentis, to the forsaicd Rector and scolers, and to ther successours, ayenst aft mortall men. Also hit shold be lawfull to the forsaicd Religious women and to ther successours, by them-self, or by ther procuratoure or attorney, yf nele were, to entre the 20 forsaicd tenement, with all his pertynentis, for the arreragis of the forsaicd rente, yf there were ony, And also in two temente of the forsaicd Rector and scolers (into whos-so-euer handes they come), and pere to distreyne, and to hold the distreyne yngis, 24 tille hit were fully I-satisfyyed to the forsaicd Religious women of the arreragis of the forsaicd rente: of the which forsaicd tementis, the one is I-called herthalle ¹, that is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the vnyuersite of Oxenford I-called Blakhalle 28 of the west parte and the tenemente of the prioresse and Couente of Stodley that is I-called Sheldhalle of the Est parte (And ² the tenemente of Adam Spaldeke) in seynt Petir parisshe in the Est, and another tenemente I-bilde in the same parisshe, 32 I-called Artur half ¹, bitwene the tenemente of the abbot and couente of Oseneye of the Est parte and the tenemente of Adam Spaldeke of the west parte. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of seynt George, the yere of our lord 36 a thousand thre hundred and xvij.

¹ Wood's Colleges and Halls, 640. ² Omit the bracketed words: see no. 704.
[704.] * A Charter of kyng Edward for Stapuldoñ halle in Oxenford.*

The sentence of this charter is that kyng Edward, by the grace of god,* kyng* of Englonde,* lord* of Irlond* and duke of Gyeño, willed to be know to all peple, to [whom] these lettres shold come, helthe. Saiyng after in this wise, we haue I-sey a writyng I-chartered bitwene the wele I-loved to vs in crist thabbesse and mynchons of Godestowe of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapuldoñ halles of Oxenford of the other parte, I-made into thisse wordes: This is the couenaunte I-made, bitwene the Religious women Margerye Dyne by the grace of god* abbesse* of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapeldoñ halle of Oxenford of the other parte, that is to say, that the forsaid* abbesse* and Couente granted and toke, for them and ther successors, to a fee-ferme for ever, to the forsaid Rector and scolers one tenemente, with a curtilage lyiyng to, with all his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, the which is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said* rector* and scolers that was somtyme of maister Petir Skelton of the west parte and the tenement that was of Thomas hengsey in seynt Mildredes parissih toward or agaynst the towne walles of the Est parte: To be bade and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid rector and scolers and to ther successors, of the forsaid* religious* women and of ther successors, frely wele and in pease for ever, yeldying therof yerely to the forsaid* religious* women and to ther successors xij. shillings of good and lawfull money at ij. terms of the yere, by even porcion, that is to say, at Mighelmasse vj. shillings and at our lady day in marche vj. shillings, for all seruyce. And the forsaid* abbesse* and Couente and ther successors warantized and defended for ever the forsaid* tenement* and Curtilage, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid* rector* and scolers, and to ther successors, ayenst all mortal men. Also hit shall be lawfull to the forsaid* religious* women and to ther successors to entre the forsaid* tenemente*, with all his pertynentis, yt hit were ned, by themsel, or by ther procuratours or attorney, for the arreragis of the forsaid* rente*, yt ther were ony, and also in two tenementis of the forsaid* Rector* and scolers
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(in-to whos-so-euer handes they come), and there to distreyne, and to hold the distreyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the forsaid religious women of the arreragis of the forsaid rente, of the which forsaid tenement [is] one is I-called herthalle that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the vnyuersite of Oxenford I-called Blakhalle of the west parte and the tenement of the prioresse and Couente of Stodeley that is I-called Sheldhalle of the Est parte in seynt Petirs parisshe in Est, And another tene- 8 mente is I-biled in the same parisshe, I-called Artur halle, bitwene the tenement of the abbot and couente of Otseveny of the Est parte and the tenemente of Adam Spaldheyke of the west parte. Into witnesse of the which thynge bothe partes put ther scales, 12 euerych to others writyng. These beyng witnes, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of Seynt George, the yere of our lord's thousand CCC. xviij. The kyng, havyng this graunte and *takyng forsaid ratified to his plesure, graunte and con- 16 fermed them, for hym and his heires, al so moche as was in hym, to the forsaid Rector and scolers and to ther successours, as the writyng forsaid resonably witnesseth. Into witnesse of the which, he made to be made thise his lettres patentes, hym-self 20 beyng witnesse, at yorke, the xxx. day of Octobre the xiiij. yere of his reigne.

* The parisshe of Seynt Petir in the Bailly.

[705.] A Charter of Petir fitz Geoffrey and Alice his wyf I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe for ij. meses in Oxenford with the bildynge vpon the same meses, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geoffrey and Alice his wyf, with the assente of henry ther son, yaf, and 24 graunte; to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe there eruyng god, ij. meses in Oxenford, with the bildynge beyng aboue the same meses, with all the pertynents, that is to sey, tho meses that be in bitwene the chirche of seynt Petir 28 beside the castell and the house of Alfrey hore, for the helth of ther soules and of all ther aunceters and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse: To be hold and to be had, so frely and quetyly for euer as ony almesse was I-wonyd best and freliest to 32 be yeve, savynge the service of the lordes the which the same
meses oughten, to Walter Foliot and to his heires (that is to say) xij. d. by the yere, and to William Harecourte and to his heires, ij. shillings by the yere, for all services the which longe 4 to them or to their heires: and hit is to be know that Petir fitz Geffrey and his heires oughten to * Warnantye the said meses to the forsaid’mynchons for euer. And that this, & cetera.¹

[706.]  *A Charter of Felice, abbesse of Godestowe,*
I-made to laurence halygode, for theirle longe beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde be-side the Castell of Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Felice, abbesse of Gode-stowe, and the Covent of the same place, graunte⁵ and lete to laurence halygode theire longe the which lieth beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde, beside the * Castell of Oxenford²* and the longe that Robert Pultue held, with all the blydyngis: To be 12 had and to be hold, al so longe as the said laurence lived or moolde his wyf the doughter of Thomas fitz With (yf she ouer-lived hym and bode without husbond), yeldynge therof yererely xx. shillings ij. d. for all seruyce; wherof the forsaid laurence 16 ought to aqyte them ayenst Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf yere of xx. shillings al so longe as they liveden, and to them, that is to sey, the abbesse and Couente abouesaid; ij. d. yererely at Mighelmasse. And after the decesse of Moolde³ fitz Geffrey 20 and alice his wyf, the forsaid laurence shold yelde to the forsaid house of Godestowe the forsaid xx. shillings. And after the decesse of laurence and his wyf moolde, or yf she were wedded⁶ to another man, the forsaid longe shold abide and remayn, fre 24 and quyte fro them and ther heires, to the howse of Godestowe, with all the blydynges. And that this ther graunte, & cetera.

[707.] *A quyte-clayme of Iohn halygood⁴ and Anneyes his wyf* made to the mynchons of Godestowe for an house beside the Chirche-yerde of seynt Petir in the Bailly.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn halygood⁴ and Anneyes his wyf yaf, graunte⁵ and quyte-claymed, for them and ¹Torald cordwaner is witness. ²See nos. 523, 524. ³Read 'Petir.'
Halegod, of his tenant's interest in a Godstow tenement (no. 706).

Purchase-money, £4 1s.

* leaf 138. About 1254.

Sale to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of John Halegod, of all title in nos. 706, 707, and in a messuage in St. Giles.

The sentence of this charter quyte-clayme is, that Anneys, the relicte of Io[h]n halygode of Oxenford, in her owne lawfull wedowhode and power, relese<ed> graunted and quyte-claymed all his right and clayme that she had; or myght haue, to the abbesse of Godstowe, in the name of her dowery, into all that mese, with the bildoyngis and all his other pertynentis, beside seyn[t] Petirs chirche-yrde in the bailly, the which Io[h]n halygode somtyme her husbond held to ferme of the forsaid<ed> mynchons; And all her right and clayme that she had, or myght have, into all that mese, with his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lord of Richard Cokkesham of the one parte and the lord of Io[h]n Culuerd<ed> of the other, in the parissi<ed> of seyn[t] Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of her and her heires for euer: So that the forsaid<ed> Anneys shold not have power afterward to axe any right or occasion of right in the forsaid<ed> two meses, with ther pertynentis, nother in no other

1 'Hay' seems to mean the fence of the churchyard. The Latin is: 'iuxta cimiterium beati Petri in Ballio.'

2 Mis-translation for 'claim.' The Latin is: 'neque unquam calumnia in praedicta domo habere poterimus.'
wise, with-in the borough or with-out. And for this her relese and quyte-clayme, the said John mynchons yaf to her xvj. shillings viij. d. before-handes. Into witnesse, & cetera 1.

[709.] * A quyte-clayme of Walter Goldsmith I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for a mese with the partynentis, & cetera.

4 The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Walter Goldsmith of Oxenford granted lete and quyteclaymed; for hym and his heires for euer, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng; god and to serue for ever, all that mese, with all his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of Raaf Sopere of the one parte and the lond of William of the hille of the other parte; in seynt Petirs parish of the west in the towne of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold; for hym and his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours for ever, frely quyety hol wele and in pease, with all right and clayme that he had or myght haue in the said mese with all his pertynentis. And for this graunte & cetera, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym x. shillings of sterlynges in-to warison. And that this graunte, & cetera 2.

[710.] A Couenaunte bitwene dame Moolde Beau-champ, abbesse of Godestowe, and Adam Longe of Oxenford; for a mese I-called halygoode halle, & cetera.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made bitwene dame moolde Bewchamp, abbesse of Godestowe, and pe Convent of the same place of the one parte, and Adam longe of Oxenford of the other parte, in this wyse: that is to sey, that the said abbesse and Couente toke, graunted; and lete to ferme, to the forsaid Adam, fro the fest of the 24 Annuenciacion of oure lady next to be, vnto the terme of x. yere fro that tyme contynewelly folowyng; fully complete, A mese in Oxenford; I-called halygoode-halle, in seynt Petir parish in the

1 Adam Feteplace, maiar of Oxford, is a witness.  
2 Among the witnesses are Adam Fete-
Seynt Petirs in the Bailly parissi of Oxenford

of Halegod, hall (no. 706),

Bailly, I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said abbesse and Couente of the South parte and the tenement of William Pennarde of the north parte: To be had and to be hold; with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Adam to the terme of xl. yere 4 aforsaid, yf he lived; of the said abbesse and Couente, yeldynge thereof yerely to the said abbesse and Couente and to their successors xij. shillings iiiij. d. of sterlyngis, at iiiij. vsualt termes of the yere by even porcions durynge the forsaid terme. 8 And the forsaid Adam shold susteyn the said mese thurgh all the terme aforsaid, with his owne costis, and shold repaire and amende the defawtes in the same when hit were nede. And also he shold leve hit in al so good state or better as he rescieved hit; 12 and [yf] he bilded ony thyng of new, hit shold remayne to the said abbesse and Couente and to their successors whan-so-ever the forsaid Adam yode away fro the said ferme. And hit shold not be lawfull to the said Adam to lete to ony man the said 16 mese with-in the said terme, without the assent of the said abbesse and Couente. Furthermore, yf the forsaid rente of xijj. shillings iiiij. d. were behynde, in parte or in all, after the termes aboue I-sette, that god forbede, than hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successors to entre the said mese and to distreyne the aforesaid Adam thurgh all his catall I-founde bothe in the said mesis or els-where, and to holde the distreyngis tille that hit were fully I-satisfyed of the said rente and of the arreragis of them, yf there were ony, and to hold agayne the said mese, with all ther pertynentis, into ther owne vsis for ever, with-out any maner impedimente or reteynyng of ony maner men. And yf hit happe the said Adam to decesse with-th-in the said terme, than the said mese shold turne agayn fully to the said abbesse and Couente, anow after the decese of hym, with all his pertynentis, with-out ony agayn-saiyng. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couente and ther successors shold warantizhe and defende the said mese, with all his pertynentis, to the said Adam durynge the terme of xl. yere aforsaid; yf he lived, in the forme aforsaid: Into witnesse they put to theire scales, euerych to others writyng. The date at Godestow, the friday next afore Candelmasse, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.
Seynt Thomas parish of Oxenford

[St. Peter's parish in the East. See under Holywell parish, and under Wolvercote in Oxfordshire.]

* The parisshe of Seynt Thomas.

[711.] A Charter of Iohane the daughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford I made to hugh hore of Oxenford for a parte of her londe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohane, the daughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford, in her own fre wedowhode, yaf & cetera, to hugh hore, mercere, of Oxenford, a parte of her 4 lond the which the forsaid Osbert her fadir yaf into fre mariage, that is to sey, that parte the which is I-covered with stone, with all his pertynentis, the which is bitwene ther parte of that lond and the lond of Thomas fitz Walter in the which that tyme 8 William Witney dwelleth, in seynt Thomas parish the martir, toward the brynke of Thamyse, in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Hugh and to his heires or to whom or which so-euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or 12 assigne hit, in helthe or in sikenesse, with-in religion or with-out, frely quyety holly pesibly and worshipfully for euer, yeldying thereof yeryly to the prioresse of litelmore or to her attorney xij. d. at iiiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse 16 iiij. d. at cristmasse iiiij. d. at our lady day in marche iiiij. d, and at the natuie of seynt John Baptist iiiij. d.; and to the said Iohane and to her heires j. d. at Mighelmasse, for all servyce exaciond and demaunde. And Iohane and her heires warantized 20 all the forsaid parte of the lond afore I-named to the forsaid Hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men, bothe christen and Iews for euer. * And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Hugh yaf to her afore-handes two marke of siluer into 24 warison to his grete nedle. And that this her yifte, & cetera 1.

[712.] A Charter of Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle I-made to Alisaundre Couele myllere and to moode his wyf for all his lond with pe pertinentes.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle yaf, & cetera, to Alisaundre Couele and to moode 1 Among the witnesses are Adam Fete-place, maior; Adam son of Walter and Robert Bonvaleth, ballivi, of Oxford. 2 In the Latin 'Cheveleswelle' in the place, maior; Adam son of Walter and rubric, but 'Sheveleswelle' in the text.
Seynt Thomas parrish of Oxenford

by Walter of (? Childswell), of land,

his wyf, all his lond; with all the pertynentis, that lond; that is to sey, the which is beside the londe somtyme of humfrey Fissher of the one parte and the kyngis wey of the other parte, in seynt Thomas parissh the martir, in the suburbis of Oxenford; the 4 which lond fille to hym by the name of his fadir heritably: To be had\(^1\) and to be hold; with all his pertynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said Alisaundre and molde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or whom-so-euer or which-so-euer and whan-so-euer he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quetyly wele and in pease for euer, yeldyngh therof yeryly to the abbot of Oseneye vj. shillings at ij. termes; that is to sey, at Mighetmasse iiij. shillings and at our lady day in 12 March iiij. shillings; And to hym and to his heires at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist j. clowe-gelofre, for aff seculer servyce exaccion and demaunde. And the fore-named\(^1\) Walter and his heires or his assignes warantijed\(^1\) akyted\(^1\) and defended\(^1\) for euer 16 the said\(^1\) lond; with all his pertynentis, to the forenamed\(^1\) Alisaundre and to Mawde his wyf. And for this yfste, & cetera, the foresaid\(^1\) Alisaundre and molde his wyf yaf to hym vj. mark, and j. half marke of sterlyngis before handes in wariso. And that 20 this his yfste sholde be sure, & cetera\(^1\).

[ROLLRIGHT.]

[Note.—Godstow held tithe in Rollright prior to pope Eugenius III's confirmation (no. 901) in 1145, and so probably of the gift of Thurstan, 'dispensator' to Henry II. His son Thomas, who is mentioned in the first deed following, was apparently rector of Rollright. This tithe seems lost or alienated before the Taxatio Ecclesiastica of pope Nicholas IV in 1291.]

*leaf 156, [713.]* *An amycable composicion\(^1\) bitwene the Abbesse of Godestrewe and Thomas fitz Turstyn\(e\), vpon the Tythes of the Demayne of Rollendrith, & cetera.

*leaf 157. Agreement with Godstow, by Thomas Despencer,

*The sentence of this frendly composicion\(^1\) is, that ther was a contrauersie I-meved\(^1\) bitwene the Abbesse of Godestrewe and Thomas fitz Turstyn\(e\), vpon the tythes of the demayn\(^1\) of Rollendrith: at the last hit was accorded\(^1\) in this wyse, pat is to sey,

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1 Among the witnesses are Henry Owain, maior, and Nicholas Goldsmith and Elias le coilter, balliari, of Oxford: Jeffrey piscator, &c.
that the forsaid Thomas and his successors should pay to the church of Godestowe every yer a viij. shillings of the forsaid church of Rollendrith in the name of the forsaid tythes, in the 4th of Seynt Mighelf; so, that is to say, that the church of Godestowe by the occasion of the forsaid rent should never have no challenge of right in the forsaid church. This conuamante confirmed the forsaid Thomas, with an other bodely. And both he and his fadir Turstyns strengthened with the putting to of the[ ] seal. These byng witness, & cetera.

[Note.—This document seems to provide a hitherto unknown abbess about the beginning of the list. It begins: 'Sciant ... quod Agnes abbatissa de Godestowe.' The witnesses (Exchequer MS., leaf 140) are Godfrey, abbot of Eynsham (1152–96), Philip, prior of St Frideswyde's (1180–92), Richard, deputy archdeacon of Oxford (1186 onwards), and Luke, janitor of Godstow. The agreement was reached 'in sinodo Oxon,' i.e. the annual meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Oxford. Rev. H. Salter points out the interesting fact that the monk of Eynsham, in his vision at Easter 1196, saw in mild torments a venerable abbess 'of a neighbouring convent,' who had died 'presenti ano' (April 1195–April 1196). This must be Godstow, since Littlemore and Studley were under priories. Probably, therefore, we have, in 1195, the death of this Agnes.]

[714.] *A-nother Charter of Turstan the kyngis boteler confere myng to the mynchons of Godestowe the forsaid viij. shillings.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Turstan, the kynges boteler of Englonde, with the consent and will of ser Raaff Botelere his brother and person of the chirc of Rollendrith, confirmed with this his present charter, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the yfte of his auncetours, pat is to sey, viij. shillings yerely, the which they were I-woned to take for the tithes of his demayn of Rollendrith, that fro that tyme forth the said mynchons shold take frely quetyly and pesibly the said viij. shillings yerely of the said Raaff his brother and of his successors for euer. And that this confirmacion and yfte of his auncetours, & cetera. The date, in the yere of grace a Mt.CC.xxxiiij, in the vigile of Seynt Andrew, at Godestowe.

1 'dispensator' in the Latin.
1234, Nov. 29. [715.] A Charter of Raaf Spenser, person of the church of Rollendrith, confirming the same viij. shillings & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Spenser, person of the church of Rollendrith, were known and confirmed with this present charter, to god & cetera and to the myncrons of Godestowe there seruyng god, viij. shillings of rente, the which they take of hym, and of his aunceturs of the church of Rollendrith they were I-wonyd to take every yere in the name of a ferme, that is to say, for the tythes of the demayn of sire Turstau of the kyngis boteler of England: wherfor the same Raaf by-hete and & promysed, by his feith, to god and to oure lady and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the myncrons of the same place, the said viij. shillings yerely at Mighelmasse, without any withholdynge and agayn-saynyng, as his predecessors had I-12 paid. And that this his recognicion and paiyng shold be sure, & cetera.

[SHILLINGFORD, with Bensington, and Warborough.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow received from the demesne land at Shillingford a rent of 16 quarters of wheat and 16 quarters of barley. Wheat was then valued at 5s. a quarter and barley at 3s., making the land worth £6 8s. a year. The yearly quit-rents from the copyholds came to £2 12s. 8d. A sum of 7d. was paid to the Prince of Wales, as Earl of Cornwall, as due to his court of Bensington.]

* leaf 162, back. About 1140. [716.] *A Charter of kyng Stephyn, I-made to the myncrons of Godestowe, for ij. hydis of lond & an half & half a yerde of londe in Shillyngforde.

The sentence of this charter is that kyng Stephyn willed to be know to the Bishopp of lyncolne, and to Iusticis, Sherefs, 16 Barons and mynstres, and to all his trew men of Oxenforshire, that he yaf and graunted, into perpetuel almesse, to the chirch of oure lady of Godestowe and to the myncrons seruyng god in hit, ij. hydes of lond & j. half, and half a yerde, in 20 Shillyngforde: wherfor he willed and comaunded that that chirche and myncrons shold haue that lond, wele and in pease,

1 'rector' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 140, back).
frely and quyetely, with all fre customs perteynyng to the same londe, and that londe to be lowse and quyet fro all seculer exaccion and seruyce. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[717.] *A Charter of Walter, Archdeacon of Oxenford, for the londe of Shillingford the which Brytyne his leman held, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe.

4 * The sentence of this evidence is, that Walter, Archdeacon of Oxenford, shewing that he made the chirche of Seynt John Baptist of Godestowe heire of the londe of Shillingford, the which Brytyne his leman held by right heritage, and wherof she made 8 hym heire. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[Note.—The Latin is: 'hereditavi ecclesiam de Godstow de terra de Schillingford quam Brityna amica mea hereditario jure tenuit et inde ipsa hereditavit me. ']

[718.] *A Charter of Moolde the Empressesse I-made to the holy mynychons of Godestowe for the londe of Shillingforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the Empressesse the doughter of kyng henry and lady of Englund, and henry her sone, willed to be know to Archebissshoppes, bishoppes, Abbottis, Erles, Barons, Iustices, Sherefes, Mynystres, and to ther rew men (Frensshe and Englissh) of all Englund, that they yaf, and granted, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons ther seruyng god for euer, into perpetuel almesse, for the soule of henry her fadir, Moolde the quene her modir, and of all her rew aunctours dede, and for the helth of the sowles of her lord Geffrey duke of Aunge and her, and for the state of the kyng-dome of Englund, the londe of Shillingford, the which is of the tenure of Bensynton, that Raaf Scribe held to ferme euer yere for lij. shillings vj. d. They willed also and comavnded that they shold hold hit al so worshipfully wele and pesibly, frely and quyetly, with tol and team, sok and sake, Infangetiethef, and all other customs and fredoms, with ony almesse in Englund; most freliest, quyettisly, and best, I-holde. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

1 Geoffrey V. of Anjou died 1150. This deed, from the wording, is therefore earlier than that date.
[719.] A Charter of Geffrey Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a lond' that is I-called' the Gare.

The sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Iuore yaf, & cetera, for the helthe of his soule and of his predecessours and successors, yielded' and granted', to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god', the lond' that 4 is I-called' in englissh the Gare, beside the wey by 1 the which hit is to go fro werborow to holecombe of the sowthe-west side, where Edward' dwelled; right I-know in the same lond' of the forsaid' holy mynchons, by the witnesse of his halymote: To be 8 had' and to be hold'; of hym and of his heires, frely and quyety fro alt seculer servyce and exaccion, into perpetuel almesse and euerlastyng possession. Of this recognycion of the right of the said' mynchons, yeldyng, and of his graunte, these were witnesse 12 vndir-writte: Alurede 2, abbot of Dorchester, & cetera, and also his hallymote, by whos conscience the recognycion of right of longe tyme of the forsaid' mynchons, fully I-made and I-confirmed; sholde never be wyth-drawe.

[720.] A Recognycioâ of Geffrey of Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for half a yerd' of lond' the which was of Wulrice Hargnorde, and of a mede I-called letle mede, and Communo pasture.

The sentence of this evidence is, that Geffrey Iuore, after the recognycion I-made of the right of the mynchons of Godestowe of the half yerde of lond' the which he had' hold' longe wrongfully, that is to sey, that that was of wulrice haignorde, 20 and of a mede that is I-called' letlemede, and 3 commyne pasture, as the charter of the Emperesse witnessith, of the yfe and of the confirmacion of the kyng; so he yelded' to them, vttirly and quyetyly and frely, to be hold' as fre almesse. These beyng, 24 & cetera.

1 In the Latin: 'viam qua itur de Guerburga ad Holecumbe a parte australi occidentis.'
2 Alfred, abbot of Dorchester, 1146-63.
3 'Commune a pasture' in margin.
[721.] *A Charter of William fitz Geoffrey of Warde-
borow, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe, for all his parte that he had in a pasture that is I-called the lynche.

The sentence of this charter is that William fitz Geoffrey wardeborow yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, all his parte that he had in a pasture¹ that is I-called the lynche in the maner of Bensyntoñ. And for al so moche as he wold that his yifte, & cetera.

[722.] *A Charter of Walter Angetil, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe, for j. acre of londe in Scillyngforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Angetil for 8 goddis sake and for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours and successours, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, j. acre of londe in the feld of Scillyngforde, in a tilthe that is I-called² presteforlonge, that is to sey, that pat is next to the londe of the same abbesse and Couente after the departyng of the londe of William fitz Rikild; and all the parte of his pasture of the lynche, the which longed to hym: To be had and to be hold, 16 of hym and his heires, frely and quetyly *fro all seculer servuye and deamaunde for euer. And the same Walter and his heires warantijed the forsaid acre of londe and the forsaid pasture to the forsaid mynychons Ayenst all men. And that this his charter, 20 & cetera.

[723.] A Charter of Walter fitz Anketil, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe, for ij. acris of londe in the feld of Bensyntoñ.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Anketil yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse ij. acris of his londe ²⁴ in the feld of Bensyntoñ, with his pertynentis, in a tilthe that is I-called presteforlonge, that is to sey, j. acre ² that lieth bitwene

¹ 'Pasture' in margin.
² 'Pasture for ij Akers yn bensyndon,' in margin.
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the abbesse lond' in the same tilthe, and another pat is I-called Fordheoterere bitwene the lond' of sire fit3 Fowke and the lond' of Roger fit3 Roger; and aff his parte that is I-called' the lynche. And the forsaid Walter and his heires warantijed' the forsaid' 4 acris, with the pasture, to the forsaid' mychnons. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

About 1250 ?

[724.] A Charter of Walter Cotel, I-made to the mychnons of Godestow, for iij. acris in the feld' of Scillyngforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter Cotel yaf, to god & cetera and to the holy mychnons of Godestowe ther seruyng:8 god', for the helth of his soule and of his fadir and modir sowles and his auncetours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, iij. acris of lond' in þe feld' of Scillyngford; as ony almesse myght be best and freliest I-yeve, that is to sey, tho the 12 which he held' heritably of the fee of Richard Restwelle, that is to sey, j. acre at the hede of the tilthe that is I-called' trente Acris 1, the which strecchh into grenewey, and ij. acris in streteforlonge, the which strecch into the wey bitwene Scillyng- 16 ford' and Sildenebrige 2. And that this his yifte, [& cetera].

* leaf 158. About 1250 ?

[725.] * A Charter of Milo Richemount, I-made to the mychnons of Godestowe, for j. half acre in the towne of Scillyngforde.

The sentence of this charter is that Mylo Richemount yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mychnons of Gode- stowe ther seruyng god, j. half acre of lond' in the towne of 20 Scillyngford; that is to sey, that that is in the feld' of Ocche- stowe, the which lieth bitwene the lond' of the Abbesse of Godestowe, that is to sey, bytwene one acre of lond' of the one partie and half an acre on the other partie: To be hold' and to 24 be had; frely quyetly and pesibly, to be possessed' into pure and perpetuell almesse. And that, & cetera.

1 ?Thirty-acres. 2 ?Shillingford Bridge.

The sentence of this charter is that Richard fitz Restewolde conferred; to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, ij. acris of lond, of the which one acre lieth beside the x. acris the which beyn to the forsaid mynchons, that is to sey, that same that strecchith hit-self into that forere that lieth atte hede of the same crofte the which Robert Smyth held; and another acre that lieth bitwene the lond of the forsaid 8 mynchons and the lond of Gerard Shelyngford in merisforlponge, that, that is to sey, that strecchith toward the South into pe commoïn pasture of wardborow and toward the north into a Forere pe which Robert kyngesham held': To be had and to be hold, frely and quetyly, wele and in pease, into pure and perpetuët almesse. And Richard fitz Restewolde acquyted' to the forsaid' chirch and to the holy mynchons the forsaid acris fro aft seculer seruyce and exaccion. And yt hit happened that they myght not warantiz,e then he sholde yeve to them eschaunge to the worthe of the same acris in al thynges of there other tenement. And for this yfite, & cetera, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xxx. shillings of siluer of the charite of ther howse. And that, & cetera.

[727.] * A Charter of Raaf Restewelle fitz Richard Restewelle of Bensyntone confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all the lond that he had of Richard his fadir.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf fitz Richard Restewolle conferred; to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serve for ever, all the lond that he had of the yfite of Richard his fadir, as the charter of the same Richard Restewelle, the which they have, shewith and witnessith; And forere or forowe of his lond in the feld of Scillyngforde: the tilthe strecchith vpon a tilthe of the lady Abbasse of bothe partie, And the forsaid forere strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the Abbasse in the west parte And in the Est parte hit strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the kyng of

1 Read 'he.' 2 Read 'his.' 3 Read 'they.'
Almayn\(^1\) in the maner of Bensynto\(n\) : To be had\(d\) and to be hold\(e\), frely quetyly holy wele and in pease fro all seculer exaccion\(n\), demaunde, seculer seruyce, and sute of Courte, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, al so goodly and frely as ony 4 almesse myght be yove for euuer. And the forsaied Raaf fit3 Restwel and his heires or his assignes shold\(d\) warantije a quytye and defende for euuer af\(f\) the forsaied lond\(d\); as hit is dyuyded\(d\), to the forsaied mynchons * and to there successours ayenst af\(f\) men 8 and women. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera.

* leaf 158.

1295, April 21.

[728.] A quyte-clayme of henry Mylis of Shillyngford:
I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of londe.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that henry Mylys yaf\(d\) graunted\(e\) relese\(d\) and vterly quyte-claymed\(d\), for hym and his heires or his assignes for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and 12 to the Couente of the same place, for x. shillings of siluer the which Iohn Stableres of bloxham yaf\(s\) hym before-handis into warison\(n\), aft his right and clayme that he euuer had\(d\) or myght haue in ony wise in one acre of arable lond\(e\), with * the per- 16 tynentis, the which he held\(e\) of the forsaied\(e\) abbesse and Couente, the which lieth in the feld\(e\) of Shillyngford\(e\) bitwene his lond\(e\) and the lond\(e\) of Iohn Coppe And strecchith hit-self toward\(e\) the south parte in-to the kyngis wey and toward\(e\) the north parte in 20 a tilth the is called\(e\) Stanlynke: To be had\(d\) and to be hold\(e\), to the forsaied\(e\) abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, frely quyetely wele pesibly holy and by right heritage, without ony withholdyng of hym or his heires or his assignes for euuer: so, 24 that is to sey, that nother the forsaied\(e\) henry Mylis, nother his heires, nother his assignes, ne none other for hym or in his right, myght neuer clayme, chalange, take, reclayme, nother axe, fro that tyme forth\(i\), ony thyng of right, or of clayme, 28 or of wronge, in the forsaied\(e\) acre of lond\(e\); with the pertynentis. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Shillyngford; the thursday next afore the fest of Seynt George martir, the xxix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward\(e\) the sone of kyngge 32 henry.

\(^1\) Richard, earl of Cornwall, elected King of the Romans, 1256.
[729.] *A Charter of Ascelyne, the daughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mychions of Godestowe, for all that lond and tenement that come to her by right heritage of her fadir.

The sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyne the daughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mychions of Godestow ther servyng god, all that lond and tenement the which come to her by right heritage, after the deth of the said Richard her fadir, in the town and the feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to say, ij acris of arable lond liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Preste, and they streche them-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre liyng in le grounde, beside the lond somtyme of henry Sturmonde of either side, And hit strechith hit-self fro the north toward the South beside the kyngis bye wey; and ij acris liyng to-gedir in west-crofte, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one partie and pe kyngis wey of the other parte, and hit strechith fro the Est toward'pe west; And j. lond liyng in the feld of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe, And hit strechith fro the north toward the sowth; And j. acre liyng in the same quarter or quarenteen bitwene the lond of William Cotere and the lond of William Blundell; And j. acre liyng in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the lond of John Atthelam of the west parte, And hit strechith fro the north into the South; And one acre liyng at litelmerssh, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of William Gerard of Bensynto, and hit strechith hit-self fro the Est toward' the west; And one hede acre liyng in puse-furlonge, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the est parte, and hit strechith hit-self fro the north toward' the Sowthe; And ij acris liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford beside the lond of hugh lyard, And hit strechith fro the north toward' the sowthe; And iiij acris of mede liyng to-gedris in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe of either side: To be had and to be hold, with all the pertynentis in ouy wise perteynyng grant to Godestow, by Ascelyne Tokeman, of lands in Shillyngford and Warborough, viz. 12 acres arable,
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with rights of pasture,

to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the see by servyce dew and I-wonyd thereof. And the forsaid Ascelyne and her heires warnedized and defended for euer all the forsaid lond, with all his pertynentis, medis, fedyngis, and pasturis aforsaid, to the forsaid chirch and mynychons ayenst all peple. And that this her yfte, & cetera, shold abide sure for euer, she strengthed hit with the pryntyng of her seale, the saturday next after the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, the xiiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward: These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[730.] * A Charter of Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe, for all that lond and tenement that come to her by right heritage, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford; yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe ther servyng god, all that tenement and lond that come to her by right heritage, after the deth of Richard aforsaid her fadir, in the towne and feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to sey, iij. acris of arable lond lyynge to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Prest, and streccchith hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre liyng in le grundle, bitwene the lond somtyme of henry Sturmond of either parte, and streccchith hit-self fro the northe toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in westcrofte, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the kyngis wey of the other, and they streccche themself fro the Est toward the west; And one acre liyng in the felde of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe, * And streccchith hit-self fro the north to the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in the same quarentene or quarter, bitwene the lond of William Cotere and the lond of William Blundel; And j. acre liyng in the same feld; bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the lond of Iohn

1 Pasture, in margin.
Athenam of the west parte, and hit streccyth hit-self fro the north into the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in litelmerssh, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Walter Gerard of bensynton, and hit streccyth hit-self fro the Est toward the west; And j. hede acre liyng in puseforlounge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the Est and hit streccyth hit-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford; beside the lond of hugh lyard, and they streche hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And iiij. acris of mede liyng to-gedir in the mede of the Abbesse of Godestowe of either parte: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis longyng to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the fey by dew seruyee therof and I-wonyd. And the foresaid Ascelyne warrantizd and defended for euer all the foresaid lond, with all his pertynentis, medys, fedyngis, and pasturis, to the foresaid chirch and mynchons, ayenst all peple. And that this her yyte, & cetera, shold be sure, she strengedh pis present chartor with the pryntyng of her seale. The saturday next after the fest of Seynt marye Mawdeley, the xvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward:

[731.] * A Charter of the Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to walter lieveson of Bensynton and to Emme his wyf and to william ther soñ, for a Cotage in Shillyngforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that the Abbesse of Godestowe and pe Couente of the same place, with one assent and consent, granted, & cetera, to walter lieveson of Bensynton and to Emme his wyf and to william ther soñ to the terme of her lyf, aff that Cotage that Iohn Bacoune held somtyme of them in Shillyngford; And also pasture for iiij. kene at the brech, the which the same Iohn held also of them: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the foresaid Walter, Emme, and William, to the terme of ther lyf, or to one of them the which over-lived the other, yeldyngh therof to them and to ther successours yerely iiij. shillings of siluer at ij. vsueff termes of the yere, by even porcioñ, that is to sey, in the fest of

1 Pastures, in margin.  
2 i.e. their.  
3 'Pasture for iiij. kyne at the Breche,' in margin.
Oxfordshire: Shillyngford

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William fitz Milicende, knyght, of Shillyngford, quyte-claymynge to the religious ladyes of Godestowe, all the Right that he had in ij. acris and an half of lond liyng in the felde of Shillyngforde, & cetera.

The date at Godestow, the sonday next after the fest of seynt Ambrose, the xv. yere of the reigne of kynge * Edward the soñ of kynge Edwarde.

* A quyte-clayme of William fitz Mylytende, knyght, of Shillyngford, quyte-claymynge to the religious ladyes of Godestowe, all the Right that he had in ij. acris and an half of lond liyng in the felde of Shillyngforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William fitz Milicende, knyght, of Shillyngford, released and utterly quyte-claymed for ever, of hym and his heires, to the Religious ladyes Margery Dyne, abbesse, and to the Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, all his right and clayme pat he had; or myght have afterwarde by title of heritage, or in any wise myght haue, in ij. acris of arable lond and an half lyng in the felde of Shillyngford, of the which, one lieth in Chalkeforlonge, buttyng vpon the lond of William Totere of the est parte and the lond of Adam blundel of the west parte; And another acre lieth in the same lond, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the lond of Athelam of the other; and half one acre lieth in westercole, bitwene the lond of Anneyes levesone of the one parte and the lond of Anneys Rokemondes; in medys, fedyngis, and pasturis, and with his porcion of

1 Pastures, in margin.
2 The deed recites the terms of the mother Milicende's grant. 'His' is in error for 'her.' The Latin runs: 'et cum porcione mea dotis,'
Oxfordshire: Shillyngford

dowery, and with all his other pertynentis, the which the abouesaid religious women have, and have be I-wonyd to have, of the leuyng of the forsaid Mylitenede his modir, of the lordship of the abouesaid religious women in Shillyngford: So that noder the forsaid William, nother his heires, nother none by hym, nother in his name, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the abouesaid londis or tenementis, with medis 8 fedyngis and pastures and with all ther other pertynentis, as hit is abouesaid, nother in partie nother in all; But that they myght be excluded for ever by this present writyng: Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Shillyngford, the Sonday next after the fest of the Annunciacioun of our lady, the xvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde 1.

[733.] *A Charter of Moolde Bekenham, I-made to John Depe of Walyngford, for a place of a Curtilage in the towne of Shelyngford:

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde Bekenham yaf, 16 & cetera, to Iohn Depe of Walyngford; one place of a curtilage liyng in the towne of Shillyngford; bitwene the mese of William Wullicus and the mese of Iohn Wullicus, and strecchith hit-self toward the Est vnto the kyngis wey and toward the west vnto the lond of the Abbesse of Godestow; and iij, acris of arable lond liyng in the feldis of Shillyngforde; And half one acre liyng in the medes of the Abbesse of Godestow: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, of the chief lordis of that fee by right seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for ever. And the forsaid Moolde Bokenham and her heires warantiz'd and defended for ever the forsaid place of a curtilage and iij. acris with an half of mede and ther pertynentis to the for-said Iohn his heires and assignes ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Warborow, the friday next after the fest of the Natyuyte of our lady, the vjte yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

1 Date of Milicende's gift: possibly in error for Edward III, i.e. 1343, March 30. See no. 736.
* A Charter of John Depe of Wallyngford; I-made to William leveson of Shillyngford; for a mese and a Curtilage in the same towne of Shillyngforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that John Depe of Wallyngford yaf, & cetera, to William leveson of Shillyngforde one mese with a curtilage in the towne of Shillyngford; I-sette bitwene the mese of William Willecus and the mese of John Willecus, 4 and streccith hit-self toward the Est vnto pe kyngis wey [and] west vnto the lon'd of the abbesse of Godestowe; and iij. acris and iij. roddys of arable lon'd; and j. half acre of mede, liyng in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe in the towne of Shillyng ford;

of the which j. acre lieth bitwene the lon'd of william leveson; and another bitwene the lon'd of Walter Thoremonde of either parte, and hit streccith toward the sowthe vnto the kyngis 12 wey that ledith toward Bensynto; And j. other acre lieth in the Gore, bitwene pe lon'd of the forsaid' Abbesse and the lon'd of william leveson; And j. rode lieth in the Chalkeforlange, bitwene the lon'd of the said' Abbesse and the Est Forete; And 16 one other rode lieth in the x. acris, bitwene the lon'd of hugh lyard and the lon'd of the said' Abbesse; And one lon'd lieth Est in le[-]-strete, bitwene the lon'd of the said' Abbesse and the lon'd of the said' william leveson of the west parte; And the forsaid' half 20 acre of mede lieth in the medys of the said' abbesse, bitwene the mede of the forsaid' william leveson of pe west parte and the mede of the said' abbesse of the Est parte:

To be had and to be hold; with all ther pertynentis, of the 24 chief lordis of that fee, by servyce therof dew and I-woned of right for euer. And the forsaid' John and his heires warantizd and defended for euer the forsaid' mese, with the Curtilage, iij. acris iij. rodis of arable lon'd, and pe forsaid' half acre of 28 mede, with ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' william, his heires, and assignes, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Shillyngford, the thursday next after the fest of seynt Benet, Abbot, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the 32 thirde after the conquest.

[Benedict, abbot = March 21.]
A Charter of William levesoû of Shillyngford; I-made to Iohn Bury of Mortonû, for a mese and a Curtilage in Shillyngforde.

The sentence of this charter is, that William levesoû of Shillyngforde yaf; & cetera, to Iohn Bury of Mortonû a mese with a curtilage in the town of Shillyngfordû aforesaid; I-sette 4 bitwene the mese of Iohn Willecus of the one parte and the mese that Milencense the doughtir of Henry Myles yaf to William Willecus of the other parte; and iij. acris and iij. rodis of arable lond; and half one acre of mede, the which he had of the yifte and feffement of Iohn Depe, as hit is I-conteyned in the charter of the feffement of the same Iohn: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the aforesaid Iohn, his heires, and his assignes, frely, quetyly, * wele, and in peace for ever, of the chief lordes, by servuce dewe thereof and I-wnyld of right. And the aforesaid William warantizd and defended for ever the aforesaid mese, lond; and mede, with all ther pertynentis, to the aforesaid Iohn and his heires and his assignes ayenst all mortall peple. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Shillyngford; the Tewesday next after the fest of seynt Austyne, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the Conquest.

A quyte-clayme of William Milsaunde of Shillyngford; quyteclaymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond; with one half acre of mede in Shillyngforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that William Milsaunde of Shillyngford, relesed; reymydd; and for ever quyte-claymed; of hym and his heires, to the ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, ij. acris and half j. acre of arable lond; with half an acre of mede liyng to the said lond; of the which one acre of lond lieth in Shalforlonge, buttyng upon the lond of William Totere of the one parte and the lond of Adam Blundeff of the other; And j. acre lieth in the same feld bitwene the lond of the aforesaid lady abbesse and the lond of Iohn Athelham; and half j. acre lieth in west crofte, bitwene the lond of Alice levesoû and the lond somtyme of Rokemond;
And a parte of the mede lieth bitwene the mede of the said lady Abbesse that is I-called Burmede, strechynge hit-self of bothe parties; so that nother he, nother his heires, nother [any] by them or in ther name, in the forsaide lond and parte of mede, myght not, ne never ought to, chalenge ony thynge afterward ayenst the forsaide lady abbesse and Couente or ther successours. And the forsaide William and his heires warantizd and defended for ever by this present writyng the forsaide ij. acres and half one acre of 8 arable lond and half j. acre of mede to the said lady abbesse and Couente and to ther successours ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Shillyngforde, in the fest of seynt Martyne, the xxij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the 12 thirde after the Conquest.

[SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.]

Grant to Godstow, by Maud, Countess of Clare, of a rentcharge of 6s. 8d., of I-made to the holy mynnchs of Godestowe for a marke of siluer in Shipton.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back.
* Leaf missing.

[737.] * A Charter of Molde, Countesse of Clare, dough-
ter of Iamys seynt hillary, I-made to the holy mynnchs of Godestowe for a marke of siluer in Shipton.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Countesse of Clare 1, doughtir of Iamys seynt Hillary, yaf into perpetueff almesse, for the soules of her fadir and modir and for the soule 16 of her lord Roger, erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and of her heires, to seynt Iolin Baptist and to the holy mynnchs of Godestowe the which day and nyght servue god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them.

1 Maud (of St. Hilary), widow of Roger (of Clare), 3rd earl of Hertford (died 1173).
[738.] * A Charter of Isabelle of Clare, lady of Berkley, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe for j. marke of siluer in Shiptoñ.

Isabelle of Clare, lady of Berkley, willlyng this writyng to be know to all cristen men, Seith in this wise, that she saw the charter of moolde, Coutesse of Clare, I-made to the mynychons of Godestowe in this wise:—'Be hit knowe to them that be now and to come, that Moolde, Coutesse of Clare, the doughtir of Iamys seynt hillary, yaf into perpetueft almesse, for the sowles of her fadir and moder and for the sowle of her lorde Roger, Erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and the helthe of ther heires, to god and to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy mynychons of Godestowe the which day and nyght serve god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them, in Mighelmasse day I-called, of the lond of the which Richard fitz Aleyfe held in Shiptoñ, that is to sey of the lond the which Asculus of seynt hillary yaf to Albrike of Spinet. She yaf this a-forsaid Charter to the forsaid holy mynychons to bye them wyne in seynt Iohn Baptist day. And that this yifte, & cetera.' Also she conformed the same Charter, and ratefied it, to the forsaid mynychons and to ther successours to all ther lyf in the fourme aboue-said: Into witnesse of the which her seale was I-hanged to this present writyng: The date at Shiptoñ, the Tewesday next in the vigile of seynt Thomas the appostle, the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.

[SHOTOVER.]

[739. * Grant of wood in Shotover.

Edward III, 25 Febr. of his 16 year of reign in England and 3 of France, granted to Maud of Beauchamp, abbess of Godstow, for her life-term, every week 3 carts of faggots ('bosc.') to be delivered by the foresters.

* Exchequer MS. 1344, Feb. 25. Grant to Godstow, by Edward III, of wood weekly.

1 Isabel de Clare (died 1333), widow of Maurice, baron Berkeley (died 1326).
[Great Tew.]

[Note.—The rectory of Great Tew was purchased by money supplied by Margery Dyne, abbess of Godstow 1329-41. By her appointment the income was charged with £2 to keep her own anniversary; 132. 4d., to keep the anniversary of Laura de Hakynton, prioress, who in 1207 had been a benefactress (no. 660); and £2 to keep that of John Trulowe (probably the Trillawe of these deeds), and £2 to keep that of John Walwelyn, also benefactors. At the dissolution, 1540, the rectory brought in £20 3s. 4d., and the quit-rents on copyholds, £3 6s. 4d. One of the payments (Monast. iv. 372) was 2s. for a pound of pepper, to John Reynsforth. For a chantry service in Great Tew church, see no. 248.]

* leaf 166, back. About 1240?
Grant to Robert Ingelot, by his father Roger,

* leaf 167.

of a moiety of a messuage, and a yardland (with meadow), described by acres, half-acres, roods, and half-roods.

[740.] * A Charter of Roger Ingelot of more Tywe, I-made to Robert his sone, for half of all his londe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger Ingelot of the more Tywe yaf, and graunted, lete, and delyuered; and with this present charter confirmed; to Robert his sone, for his homage and seruyce, half of all his lond at the more Tywe, with the 4 pertynentis, as is declared in his writyng; that is to say, half * of all his chief mese and half of all his gardeyne, that is to say, the north parte of his gardeyne and of his mese, with iij. Cotagis, and half of all his half hyde with all pertynentis bothe in arable lond and in mede, the which Ranulph, Erle of Chestir's sometyme yaf to hym:

that is to say, in the westfeld at Middislade, half an acre, the which lieth beside the lond that was of Aleyne Thurberne; 12

[? half * an acre] in another tilthe that is I-called Middellade; j. yerde in a tilthe that is I-called merewelle; half j. acre in holewellehulle; j. half acre at Nectuke; half j. acre at serpelond; j. half acre at Banlond; j. yerde in the northfeld at Brekesme; 16 half an acre at loud watir; j. half acre at shortelongfurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at Shulebrede; half an acre at longefurlone; half an acre beside [the lond] that was of william of welle in hurtwelfurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at her- 20 yngeborow; j. acre that lieth beside the lond that was of william of the welle at wowclyue; j. half acre beside william of welle at smalecombe; j. half acre at dudemede; j. yerde at heyclyue; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Richard yonge atte 24

1 Ranulph Blundevil, 6th earl of Chester, died 1232.
2 Omitted also in the Latin copy.
Brech; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Robert Barat at Foxwelle; j. yerde at wodebrigge; j. half acre in the mede of arable lond at Wolmersham; j. half acre at spercever; j. half acre at groundehole; j. yerde of me in the southe mede at the heldegore; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Pulchelote atte herpe; j. yerde atte sonde; j. half yerde beside the lond that was of Robert Barat atte Swynysty; j. yerde beside the lond of william of the welle at Berhult; j. yerde that lieth beside the lond that was of Pulchelote at Bernhullesford; j. yerde bitwene the wowes; j. yerde at Somersmore; j. yerde that lieth beside the lond that was of Robert Meregres, a portewey in the sowthe parte; j. half acre at Batesham; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Robert Meregres atte Eldedicte; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Robert Baret atte porledstaple; j. yerde atte strate in the west parte; j. acre at Blakmunde-lond; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Robert Barat atte Shrobbes; j. half acre beside portewey; j. half acre at witwelleslede the nether; j. half acre in [h]e sauth fordingmere; j. half acre at witewellehulle; j. half acre beside the lond that was of william of welle at wasteynshulle: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve hem, or bequeth, or assigne in any wise, frely, quyetly, pesibly, worshipfully, in towne or out of towne, yeldynge to hym and to his heires j. paire of white gloves at Ester for all seruyce, exaccion, and demande, and sute, to hym or to his heires longyng; Savynge the seruyce of xij. d. to be yeelded perof yerly to the chief lord of that fey.

And the forsaid Roger and his heires warrantizd and defended to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes all the forsaid lond, dyvided by parties, that is to sey, half of the lond, mese, gardeyne, and mede, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men. And pat all pese afore, & cetera.


*The sentence of this evidence is, that, the xl. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, this couenaunte

1 MS. intesauth.
was I-made bitwene William Ingelot of more Tywe of the one
partie, and Robert WolmyroD of the other partie, that is to sey,
that the forsaid William toke and lette to ferme to the forsaid
Robert, for xij. shillings of sterlyngis the which he yaf before 4
handes into warisonD, j. half acre of arable londD in the west feldD
of more Tywe, wherof j. yerde lieth vndir the crofte of hendeman
bitwene the londD of William Frankeleyne and the londD of henry
waryne, And another yerde lieth in MiddisladeheldD bitwene the 8
londD of henry waryne and the londD of Nicholas atte Playstowe;
And another half acre in the sowthe feldle, atte olde gore, bitwene
the londD of Raaf Thurnberne and the londD of Robert Barat, to
the terme of iij. score yere fully complete and folowyng; tille the 12
forsaid Robert and his heires had I-take all the goodes comyng
forth therof fully within the forsaid terme: To be hadD and to be
holde, to the forsaid William and to his heires or assignes, or to
whom-so-euer or whan-so-euer he woldD yeve, bequethD, selle, or 16
assigne the forsaid londD, frely and quetyly, whele and in pease,
with-in the forsaid terme, yeldynge therof yerely, to the forsaid
William and to his heires or assignes, j. clowe-gelofer at Crist-
masse for all seculer servyce, and sutes of all maner of courtis, 20
exaccions, customs, and demaundes. And the forsaid William
and his heires or his assignes warantizeD, acquytedD, and defendedD,
to the forsaid Robert his heires or his assignes, within the forsaid
terne, by the forsaid servyce, ayenst all men and women. And 24
to this couenaunt, & cetera.

[742.] * A Charter of William fit3 John Ingelot to Robert
fit3 Robert WolrufD for j. half acre of arable londD in
more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fit3 John Ingelot
yaf, & cetera, to Robert fit3 Robert WolrufD of more Tywe and to
Isabell his wyf the doughtir of Richarde GodericD, j. half acre 28
of arable londD in the westfelde, that is to sey, j. yerde lieth vndir
the crofte of hendeman bytwene the londD of William Frankeleyne
and the londD of henry waryne, And another yerde lieth vpon
MiddisladeheldD bitwene the londD of henry waryne and the londD33
of Nicholas at pleystowe; And j. other half acre in the south
felde atte oldegore bitwene the londD of Raaf D Thornberne and
the lond of Robert the younger Baret: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said Robert and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes or to whom-so-ever he 4 wold yeve the forsaid lond, selle, bequeth, or assigne, to the tyme of ther lif, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, with all pertynentis longyng to the said lond, yeldynge thereof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes j. paire of white gloves for 8 all secular seruyce, demaundes, and suitis of courtis. And the said William and his heires or his assignes warantyzed acquyted and defended to the said Robert and to the said Isabelle his wyf and to ther heire assignes the said acre ayenst all men vnto the ende 12 of ther lyf. And for this yfte, & cetera, the forsaid Robert yaf to hym xij. shillings of vsual money before hondes. And yf hit pleased William to bye ayene the said lond, or his heires, of the said Robert, than in the x. yere folowyng: they shold yeve to 16 the said Robert or to his wyf or his assignes xij. shillings; And yf the x. yere were I-passed; they shold never bye ayene the said lond: And that this his yfte, & cetera. The date at more Tywe, in the fest of Ester, the L yere of the reigne of kynge henry the 20 sone of kynge Iohn, & cetera.

[743.] * A Charter of Richard Frankeleyne of more Tywe I-made to Iohn Lake and Isabelle his wyf, & cetera, for v. acris and an half of arable londe in the feldes of Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is this, that Richard Frankeleyne of more Tywe yaf, & cetera, to Iohn lake of the same and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther heires or her assignes, v. acres and 24 half j. acre of arable lond, with all the pertynentis over all, in the feldes of more Tywe; of the which, j. acre lieth in the south felde atte Shrobbes, beside the lond of Iohn lancelyne; and j. acre lieth and strecchith toward Swytwelleslade, beside the 28 lond of Richard Aluerich; And j. acre lieth beside Swytwelhulle, beside the lond of Alayne Bercare; And j. acre lieth vpon wastaneshulle nerrere Sanford; And half j. acre lieth in the west felde vpon voxelwe forallenge, beside the lond of William 32 Germeyne; And half j. acre lieth in the same field into holewellake, beside the lond of Richard Eluerich of the sonne side;
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And half j. acre lieth in the same feld that Merewelle, bitwene the londe of Robert hykeman and the londe of Alice at pole; And j. hede streecchith into Merewelle lake: To be had and to be hold; with all the pertynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the forsaid Iohn and to the said Isabel, his wyf and to theire heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, by right heritage, and to whom-so-euer and whan-so-euer and in what-so-euer tyme 8 they wold yeve, bequeth, ley to weal; or assigne hit, yeldeyn therof yerelely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. obolus at Ester, for all seruyce seculere, and sutes of all maner Courte, and all other demaundes. And for this yfte, & cetera, the said Iohn and Isabelle yaf to hym iij. marke of sterlyngis beforehandes. And Richard Frankeleyne and his heires or his assignes warantizyd aqyted and defended all the forsaid londe; with all the pertynentis in alle places, to the said Iohn and Isabel and 16 to ther heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for euer, ayenst all men and women. And pat pis yfte, & cetera.

* leaf 165, back. About 1260.

Sale to John (son of Nicholas) Lake, by William Ingelot, [Purchase-money, 13s. 4d.] of a half-acre, and of two roods.

[744.] * A Charter of William Ingelot, of the more Tywe, quyteclaymyng to Iohn at lake fit3 Nicholas atte lake, for j. acre lond in more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Ingelot fit3 Iohn Ingelot of the more Tywe, yaf, & cetera, and for euer quyteclaymed to Iohn atte lake fit3 Nicholas atte lake of the same, for j. marke that he yaf afore-hondes into waryso3, j. acre of his lond in the feld of the more Tywe, that is to sey, in the westfeld half an acre at the gore, the which streecchith into holewelel lake, 24 beside Richard Frankeleyne of the one partie and Robert Baret; And a-nother in the sowthe feld, and 1 ij. rodes bitwene wewes that streecchen into broken, of the which one rode lieth beside [the land of] Robert wyte of the one partie and Robert Baret 28 of the other, And another lieth beside henry waryne of the one partie And Robert atte playstowe of the other: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, or to whom-so-euer or whan-so-euer they wold yeve hit, bequeth, or in

1 For 'and,' read 'namely.'
2 Read 'into the brook.'
3 Added from the Latin.
4 Read 'and the other.'
other wise assigne hit, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, with all the pertynentis, wele and in pease for euer, without any agayns-sayng of any man livyng; yeldeyngh therof yeryly, to hym and to his heires, or to the assignes of the said Iohn and his heires or assignes, j. obolus at Cristmasse for all seculer service, sute of courte, and demaunde, longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said William Ingelot and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended for euer to the said Iohn and his heires or his assignes the said acre of lond, with all pertynentis, with-in the towne and with-out, ayenst all men and women. And that thise all thynges, & cetera.

[745.] *A Charter of William Ingelot for an acre in the more Tywe.

12 The sentence of this charter is, that William Ingelot yaf, & cetera, to Iohn Lake of more Tywe, j. acre of his lond in the towne of more Tywe, of the whiche half lieth bitwene the lond of Robert at Playstowe and the wodebrigge; And an-other rode of the same acre lieth bitwene the lond of Robert atte playstowe at setteles; And an-other rode lieth bitwene Robert Baret and the lond of handeman of Oxwellekappe: To be had and to be hold of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, wele and in pease, frely and quietly for euer, yeldeyngh therof yeryly to hym and to his heires j. rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seruyce seculer, and demaunde. And the forsaid William Ingelot and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for euer the forsaid acre to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires, for the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women: hit shold be lawfull also to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or his assignes, or to the assignes of the heires, to selle, yeve, bequeth, or to ley to plegge the forsaid acre, whan-so-euer and to whom-so-euer they wold. And for this yifte, & cetera, the forsaid Iohn lake yaf to hym half a marke of siluer. And that hit shold be sure, & cetera.

[746.] * A Charter of henry waryne of more Tywe, I-made to Iohn lake of the same, for a rode of arable londe.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry waryne of more Tywe yaf, & cetera, to Iohn lake of more Tywe, for x. shillings

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* leaf 166, back. About 1360. Sale to John Lake, by William Ingelot, of a half-acre, a rood, and a rood.

* leaf 166. About 1270. Sale to John Lake, by Henry
Waryne, for 10s. of a rood. of sterlyngis, the which he yaf to hym before-handes into warison, j. rode of arable lond in the west feld andir the crofte, beside the lond of Richard Lonnedrem: To be hat and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn and his heires or assignes, or to whom-so-euer and whan-so-euer [he would] yeve the forsaid Rode lond, bequeth, selle, or assigne, frely and quyetly, wele and in good pease, worshipfully and holy for euer, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assigns 8 j. quadrans of siluer at Ester for all seculer servyce, and sutes of all maner courte, exaccion, customs, and all maner demaundes. And henry and his heires or assignes warantiʒd defended and aquyed for euer to the forsaid Iohn, his heires, or assignes, the 12 forsaid Rode lond, by the forsaid servyce, ayenst all men and women. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

* leaf 164, [747.] * A Charter of John Frankeleyne of the more Tywe, I-made to Iohn Lake * the son of Emme Lake, for iij. acris of arable lond in the more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Frankeleyne of the more Tywe yaf, & cetera, to Iohn Lake, fitz Emme Lake, iij. acris 16 of arable lond in the feld of the more Tywe, of the which half an acre lieth in the north feld at the holywelle, beside William Ingelet of the one partie; [and 1 half an acre lieth upon Verm-furlong next William Martin;] and half an acre lieth at 20 Tunnidus 2 welle, beside Aleyne Quemle; and half an acre at Serplond 3, beside William atte Lake; And in the north side, half an acre that streccith into portewey vpon the sonde 4 of right fit 3 hugh; and half an acre lieth vpon shortlonsfurlonge 24 beside the forsaid William Ingelet: To be hat and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said Iohn, and to his heires, or to his assignes all, or when-so-ever he wolde yeve, selle, or assigne, the said acris of lond, in sikenes or in helthe, frely and quyetly; 28 wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for euer: that is to say, in weyes, pathes, in medis and pasturis, and in all ffredoms and easememtis perteynyng: to the forsaid acris of lond, except religious men, yeldying therof yerely to hym and to his heires or 32

1 Added from Latin copy.
2 In both copies the T is followed by eight strokes without distinction: might be Timmidus, &c. 3 Sarpelonde. 4 sic.
his assignes j. obolus at ester for all seculer servyce, and sute of all courte, exaccion, customs, querels, and demaundes. And for this yifte, & cetera, the said Iohn yaf to hym xx. shillings of 4 sterlyngis afores-hondis. And the said Iohn Frankeleyne and his heires or assignes warantizd; acquyted; and defended the forsaid acris of lond, with all ther pertynentis afores-named; to the forenamed Iohn, and to his heires, or his assignes, ayenst all 8 men and women, for the forsaid servyce, for euer. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[748.] A Charter of Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord of Tywe the more, for viij. acres of arable lond in the feld of the more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord of Tywe the more, yaf, & cetera, to Iohn lake of the more Tywe, for his servyce and for a marke of siluere the which he yaf to hym afores-hondes into warison, viij. acres of arable lond in the feld of more Tywe, the which he had of a relesyng and quyteclaymyng of William Ingelot of the same; of the which, half an acre lieth in the northfeld upon longefurlonge beside the lond of Adam Thurbarne; and a-nother half acre in the same tilthe, beside the lond of Richard Almirich; and half an acre in the same feld, beside the holewey and beside the lond of Adam Thurbarne; and half an acre lieth in the westfeld into holewelle lake and the gore, beside the lond of Adam Barat; and half an acre lieth in Mere-welle lake in the same feld, beside the lond of Adam Barat; And one Rode lieth in myddel-sladesholde, beside the lond of Robert atte pleystowe in the same feld; And j. rode lieth vndir the crofte, beside the lond of Adam Godenne in the same feld; And j. rode lieth vpon the ponde, beside Robert atte Pleystowe; And j. rode lieth in the northfeld at Foxwelle, beside Adam Barat; And j. half acre at Wolmereham in the mede in the Estfeld, beside Adam Baret in the same feld; And j. rode lieth in the Southfeld at Bernehulleford, beside Robert Pulchebote; And j. half acre lieth atte sprotte, beside Adam Barat in the same feld; And half an acre lieth in litelfaremannysdone, beside henry wareyne in the same feld; And j. rode at heneforde, beside henry atte pole in

* leaf 165, back.
the same feld; And j. rode amongst the wewes, beside Robert at Playstowe; and another rode betwene the wewes beside Robert wite; And half an acre at the wode rigge, in the same, beside Robert atte pleystowe; And half an acre at the old gore, beside 4 the lond of Adam Barat: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn lake and to his heires or his assignes, or to whom-so-euer or whan-so-euer he wold bequeeth, selle, or assigne the forsaid londes, frely and 8 quyetly, wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for euer, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes iiij. d. at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse j. d., at seynt Thomas day the Appostle j. d.; At the Annuncia-12 tion of our lady j. d., at Midsomer j. d.; for all seruyce, and sutis of all maner courte, custume, exaccion, and all maner demandande, longyng to hym, his heires, or assignes. And pat pis bis yifte, & cetera.

About 1290.

[749.] A Charter of Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of Tywe the more, I-made to Emme the wyf of Richard Thorberne of the same, for xv. acres and an half acre and a rode of arrable londe.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of more Tywe yaf, & cetera, to Emme the wyf of Richard Thorberne of the same, xv. acris and half an acre and a rode of arrable lond; with all his pertynentis, lyng parcels in the feld of grete 20 Tywe, of the which the parcels ben I-specified in an origynaft charter fully; and hit is that lond that he had somtyme of the yifte and * feffement of Iohn atte Lake: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Emme and to her 24 heires lawfully be-gote of her body, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease for ever, of the chief lorde of that fee, yeldynge therof yerely to hym and to his heires and to his assignes j. Rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist. And to the chief lorde of that fee 28 service dew and I-woned therof rightfully. And yf hit so happened that the forsaid Emme died without heire lawfully beyng of her body, than he willde that the forsaid lond shold turne agayne holy and quyetly to hym and to his heires or his 32 assignes. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & cetera.
A Charter of Thomas Welton, confermyng to
ser Iohn Trilliawe of Bloxham, vicary of the chirche
of Patishuff, and to Edmond Mabaunke, v. mesis,
viij. yerdis of lond; ij. shillingworth and ij. peny-
worthe of rente in Tywe the more, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton yaf,
& cetera, to ser Iohn Trillowe, to ser Iohn of Bloxham, vicary of
the chirche of patyshuff, and to Edmond Mabaunke, v. mesis,
4 viij. yerdis of lond; ij. shillingworth and ij. penyworth of rente,
with the pertynentis, in grete or the more Tywe. He yaf also
and graunted to the same ser Iohnys and Edmond; the bodies of
Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and
8 of Adam at Pleystowe, his bonde men, with all ther catelt,
sewtis, and sequelis, with all ther londis and tenementis
the which ben called natif or bonde or bonde of birthe, or any of
ther sequel hath I-gete in any wise, with ther pertynentis,
12 of the same towne: To be had and to be hold; to the said sires
Iohn and Edmond, and to ther heires or ther assignes, with all
catalt, sutes, and sequelis, and all ther getyngis (or perquisitis),
with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis,
16 fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewes, Ryvers
(or riparies), duffehowses, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis,
fewtys, rentis, customys, wardys, mariagis, fnys, relefis,
heriettis, eschetis, sutiis of Courtis, and all maner of liberteis
20 & for customs, seruyce, appareimentis, reuersions, or eise-
mentis all, comynge forthe bothe of fre tenementis, or of bonde
or natif, or of tenauntis holdyngye in bondage or villenage, frely,
 quyety, wele and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by
seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for euer. And the for-
said Thomas and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for
euer, to the foresaid siriis Iohnys and Edmond [her] heires and her
assignes, the foresaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis,
24 as hit is I-said afore, and also the foresaid bondmen or natifs with
all ther catallis, sutis, or sequelys, or perquysitis (or getyngis) of
the same, with the pertynentis, without any with-holdyng of hym
or of his heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & cetera. The
32 date, in the fest of the holy appostels philippe and Iacob, the
vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwar. I the sone of kyng Edwarde.
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Letter of attorney by Thomas Whelton, to give the said trustees seisin of the properties in no. 750.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton attorney or made attorney in his place his welbeloved in erist Baldewyn kerbroke and hugh fitz Raaf, or the one of them, yf the other of them myght [not] be there, to put in his name sir John Trillawe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubauanke, into v. mesis, viij. yerdes of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rent in more Tywe.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton attorney or made attorney in his place his welbeloved in erist Baldewyn kerbroke and hugh fitz Raaf, or the one of them, yf the other of them myght [not] be there, to put in his name sir John Trillawe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubauanke, into fuft and pesible seisyng of v. meses, viij. yerdes of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rent, with ther pertynentes, in grete Tywe, And also of the 8 bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Barette, Richard Toly, and of Adam atte playstow his bondmen or natifes, with all ther cataft, scitis, sequelis, and also with all londis and tenementis the which the said bondmen or natifes, or any of 12 ther sequle, have goten in ony maner wise, with all ther pertynentes, in the same towne, as hit is conteyned fully in his charter of feffement. And the said Thomas had and held hym pleased and sure what-so-euer thyng the forsaid Baldewyn and 16 hugh, or the one of them, did in his name, in the forsaid pytynes. Into witness of the which thyng he made his lettres patentis. The date at lond, in the fest of the holy Appostels Philippe and Iacob, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of 20 kyng Edward:

* leaf 169. 
1313. 
May 1.

Letter from Thomas Whelton, to his tenant Henry Ingelot,

[752.] * A Confirmacion of Thomas Whelton to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton willed to be knowe to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe that, for-asmoch as he had yeve, graunted, and by his charter conferred, to ser 24 Iohn Trillowe, ser Iohn Bloxham, and to Edmond Maubauanke, all the rentis and the services goyng out of the tenementis the which they held of hym in the said towne of more Tywe, with
all other pertynentis, as in gardeyns, mariagis, eschetis, and relefis, with all other pertynentis, as hit is playnly conteyned in the charter of seffement, he comaunded them, by his letters, that, of the servyce that they owed to hym, they shold be entendaunte to the forsaide ser Iohn, ser Iohn, and Edmond; he attourned them and by them to be entendaunte, to the same, to ther heires, and ther assignes, they and theire heires at aff dayes. Into 8 wittes of the which thyng, he sende to them these letters patentis. The date at londone, in the fest of seyntis Philippe and Iacob, in the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[753.] *An assise bitwene Iohn Trillawe and Iohn Bloxham and Edmond Maubaunk of the one parte, and Thomas Whelton and Iohn Shenle of the other partie, for the forsaide mesys, & cetera.

The sentence of this writyng is, that the friday next after the fest of the Inuencio de the holy Crosse, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kyng Edwarde, hit was accorded bitwene ser Iohn Trillawe, ser Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunk, of the one parte, And Thomas Whelton and William Shenle of the oper, that is to sey, that the said Thomas and William shold be bounde to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, euerych of hem in the hole, in CC. mark of sterlyngis by an obligacion I-made to the same Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, willed and granted the said Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, by this present writyng, that yf the forsaide Thomas knowleched, relested, and vttirly quyte-claymed, and warantied by a clause of warantyung, by fyne in the kynges courte ther to be levyed, to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond; [her] heires, and her assignes, v. mesis, viij. yerdis lonn, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rente, Also with the bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and Adam at Pleystowe, bonde (or natife) men, with aff [that] the bondemen (or natifis) or ony of ther sequele in ony wise had I-gete, afore Cristmasse that was next folowyng, than the obligacion aforesaid of CC. marke, I-made by the forsaide Thomas and William shold be had for naught to the said seris

1 i. e. guardianships: 'wardys' in no. 750.

*leaf 103.
1313.
May 4.
*leaf 103, back.

Bond in £133 6s. 8d. given to said trustees, by Thomas Whelton that he would put them in possession of the subjects detailed in no. 750, before Christmas.

informing him of the conveyance in no. 750.
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John, John, and Edmond, and vttirly shold be adnulled for euer. And if hit happened the said Thomas not to knowe, remytte, quyteclayme, and to warantize, the said mesis, londis, rentis, bodies of the foresaid bondmen and natifs, with ther sutsis and sequelis, catafl, and all other pertynentis and thyngis I-gete, in the foresaid wise, to the said seres John, John, and Edmond, afore cristmasse, than the obligacion aforsaid of CC. mark, shold abide for euer in his strength and myght, but that the said's recognycion byde vnperfite but by the deth of the other parte, or wille of the said'ser John, John, and Edmond. Into witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 164. [754.] * A Charter of Edmond; Erle of Arundell, I-made to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, yevynge licence to entre his fee of Tywe the more.

* leaf 164, back. Licence in mortmain, by the earl of Arundel, chief lord of the fee, empowering Godstow to receive no. 750.

* leaf 168. [755.] * A quyte-clayme of Edmond'Maubanke I-made to Iohn Bloxham, vicaire of Patishult, for all the londes and tenementis and bodyes of bondemen, & cetera.

Quit-claim to John of Bloxham, by his cotrustee, Edmund Maubank,

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is this, that Edmond Maubanke granted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to Iohn Bloxham, vicaire of Patishult, all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in ony wise, in all the londes and tenementis and bodies of bonde-men, with

1 Edmund Fitzalan, 2nd earl of Arundel.  
2 Read 'his.'
ther catells, sutes, and sequelis, of the which Thomas Whelton late seffed ser John Trillaw ser John Bloxham and hym: So that nother the said Edmond; nother his heires, myght never in no wise, after that tyme, axe, chalenge, or clayme, ony right or clayme in the forsaid londes, and tenementis, bodies of bondem, with ther cataff, sutis, and sequelis. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of the purification of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[756.] * A Charter of Raaf Pratell, Lord of the more Tywe, grauntynge, and licence yeyng, to ser Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, that they myght yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe all the londis and tenementis that they had I-gete of Thomas Whelton of the more Tywe.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Pratellis, lord of Tywe the more, graunte and licence yaf, for hym and his heires, in al so moche as was in hym, for the helth of his soule and of his auncetowrs and heires for ever, to his welbeloved in crist sire Iohn Trillowe, and Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirc of patishulle, that they myght yeve and assigne to the wellbeloued to hym in crist the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the londis and tenementis that they late had I-gete of Thomas Whelton in the town of the more Tywe: he yaf also and graunte; for hym and his heires for ever, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons that they myght entre, gete, and apropir the same tenementis, without ony agayne-saiyng or lette of hym or of his heires: To be had and to be hold; to the said Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever, the kyngis statute I-provided into contrary not-withstandyng, Savyng nathelesse to hym and to his heires all lordships, * fredoms, rentis, seruyces, and customes, of the same tenementis, afore dew and I-ved to ser Iohn his fadir and to his auncetours. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at pe more Tywe, the vij. day of Feuerere, the vij. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.
A Charter of John Trillowe and of John Bloxham, vicar of the Chirch of Patishulle, confrermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe v. mesis, viij. yerdis of londe, ij. shillyngworthie and ij. penyworth of rente, with many other thyngis, in the more Tywe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that John Trillowe, and John Bloxham, vicar of the churche of patishulle, yaf, & cetera, to ther welbeloued in crist Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons there seruyng: god, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of londe; ij. shillyngworthie and ij. penyworth of rente, with the pertynentis, in the more Tywe. They yaf also and graunted to the same abbesse and mynchons the bodies of John Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and of Adam pleystowe, the bond-8 men or natifes, with all catalis, sutis, sequelis, perquysitis, also with all londis and tenementis [which] the said bondmen (or natifes), or any of ther sequele, had I-gote in ony wise in the same towne: To be had and to be hold; to the said abbesse and 12 to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis, fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewys, Ryvers (or riparies), dufhes, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis, fewteis, rentis, 16 customs, wardis, mariagis, fynes, relefis, heriettis, eschetis, sutis of courtis, and all manner fredoms, and all customs, seruycye, reuersions, or eiementis att, both comyngh forth of fe rentauntis, and also of bondmen or natifes, or of tenauntis in villenage, 20 frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by service dew therof and of right I-wonyd for euer. And the said Iohnys and ther heires warantizad acquytead and defended for euer, by þe forsaid seruycye, to the forsaid abbesse and 24 mynchons and to ther successours, the forsaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis, as hit is aforesaid. And also the forsaid bondmen or natifes, with all ther catalis, sutis, and sequelis, or perquysitis of the same, with the pertynentis, with-28 out ony withholdyng of them or of ther heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date, the Sonday next after the fest of seynt Valentyne martir, the vyj. yere of the regne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.
[758.] *A Charter of John Trillowe and John Bloxham, vicare of the chirche of Patishulle, makyng ther attorneys hugh Rannes and John Nicott, to seysyne the abbesse of Godestowe in all the meses, londes, and rentis, that they purchased of Thomas Whelton.

The sentence of this lettre attorney is, that John Trillawe and John Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, made attorneys in our stede our wellbeloved in crist hugh Rannes and John Nicott, to put the Abbesse of Godestowe into full and pesible seisynynge of all the londes and tenementis that they late had I-gote of Thomas Whelton in the more Tywe, and also of the bodies of their bond-men or natifes, with their cataff, 8 sutis, or sequelis, and all perquesitis, havyng them-self content and pleased what-so-cuer the said hugh and John did in ther name in the premysses. Into witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the Sunday next after the fest of Seynt Valentyne, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[759.] *A strif I-moved bitwene ser John Trillawe and ser John Bloxham, vicare of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunke of the one partie, And John and Richard lake and Milicence their sustire, vpon the right and the holdynge of iij. acres in the grounde of Tywe the more, the which were somtyme of william atte lake, bondman or natif of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond.

At the last, they were accorded in this wise: that is to say, that the said Iohn and Richard and Militence at the lake knowleched them-self that they had no right in the forsaid londes, and they yielded and graunted to the forsaid william lake, ther brother first begote, all the right and clayme that they had in the said iij. acres of lond with the pertynentis, and also with the harmes and his expenses. So that the same Iohn, Richard, and Militence, nother ther heires, shold not mowe to chalenge ony right or clayme after in the forsaid londes. Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Godestow,
Tywe

the iiiij. day of marche, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

[780.] * A Charter of kyng Edward, yevyng licence to the mynchons of Godestowe to purchase londes and tenementis to the valew of C. shillings.

The sentence of this charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Ingland, lord of Irland, and duke of Gyen, by his letters patentis graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires, al so moch as was in them, to his welbeloved in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, that pei myght purchase londis and tenementis, with ther pertynentis, to the valew of an C. shillings by yere, after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and also of other fee, out-take londis and tenementis that were I-hold of hym in chief: To be had and to be hold; to the same Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for euer, The statute I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put into morte-mayne notwithstandyng, as hit is I-conteyned in his letters aforsaid fully. The kyng willyng his graunte aforsaid delyw to be brought to effecte, graunted and licence yaf for hym and for his heires, al so moche as was in them, to Iohn Trillowe, to Iohn Bloxham, vicare of patishulle, and to Edmond Maw-baunke, that they myght yewe and assigne to the same Abbesse and Mynchons v. mesis, viij. yerdis lond, ij. shillyngworth and iij. penyworth of rente, with ther pertynentis, in the more Tywe, the which mesis, lond, and rente, were I-hold of Iohn Pratellis, and the which mesis and lond vaile by yere xlj. shillings, as hit apperth by Inquysicioun I-made by the welbeloued and trew Iohn Abel, Eshetur be-yonde Trente, and I-retourned in the Chauncerye: To be had and to be hold; to them and to ther successours for euer, in partie of satisfaction of an hundred shillyngworth of lond and of tenementis aforsaid: And to the same Abbesse and mynchons, that they myght rescieve and hold the forsaid mesis, londis, and rentis, with ther pertynentis, of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, to them and to ther successours for euer, As hit is I-said afore by the tenour of this present writyngeis. Also he yaf licence specialiy, the forsai\nd\n
1 Read 'him.' 2 Read 'on this side.'
Iohn, and Edmond; or ther heires, or the forsai'd Abbesse or
mynchons or ther successours, by the resoñ of the statute
aforsaid, by them 3 or by there 4 heires should take occasion thereof
4 or greif in ony thyng, savyng the seruyces therof dew and
I-wonyd to the chief lorde of that fee. Into witnesse of the
which thyng, he lette to be made these his lettres patentis,
witnessyng hym-self at yorke, the viij. day of may, The seventhe
8 yere of his reigne.

[761.] * An endenture bitwene moold vepton, Abbesse
of Godestowe, and Militence the daughter of Robert
lake, for iij. acris of londe.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Molde vepton, abbesse
of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and
toke to Militence, the doughtir of Robert Lake, iij. acres of
12 arable lond liyng in the feldis of more Tywe the which william
lake theris bondman or natif somtyme held: To be had and to
be hold to the forsai'd Militence to aft her lyf, yeldyng therof to
them and to ther successours j. d. yerely at the fest of the
16 Natuïte of seynt Iohn Baptist; So, nathelesse, that, after
the deceese of the forsai'd Militence, j. acre of the forsai'd iij.
acres, the which lieth in the hamme beside larke welle, shold
turne ayene and remayne for ever to them and to ther succes-
sours. Furthermore, they wold to be know that they graunted
to Iohn and Richard, bretherõ of the forsai'd Militence, other
two acres of the forsai'd iij. acres, with aft ther pertynentis over
aft: To be had and to be hold, to the forsai'd Iohn and Richard
24 and to ther heires I-be-gote and to be gote lawfully of ther
bodies of them and ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely
to them and to ther monastery ij. d. by yere, that is to sey,
at Mighelmasse, And the which iij. acres Isabel lake, sustir
28 of the forsai'd William, held somtyme to the terme of her lyf.
Into witnesse * of the which thyng they sette to euerych others
writyng ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the v. day of
Apreft, the viij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone
32 of kyng Edwarde. And for this graunte, & cetera, they yaf
before-hondes to them, that is to sey, to the Abbesse, & cetera,
vj. shillings viij. d.

* leaf 166.
1315, April 5.
Grants by
Godstow, to
Militence
Lake, of
life-rent in
3 acres (as
in no. 739),
quit-rent, 1d.;

* leaf 166.
back.
Purchase-
money,
6s. 8d.

1 Read 'him,' 'his.'
Oxfordshire: Tywe

[762.] * A couenaunte bitwene Moolde vptoñ, abbessē of Godestowe, and Edmond Maubaunke, for all the lond, with Curtilagis, croftis, medis, fedyngis, and pastures, with ther vesturis or mowynges, & cetera.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that Moolde vptoñ, abbessē of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, yaf and graunted; by this present wryntyng, to Edmond Maubaunke all the lond; with Curtilagis, croftes, medis, fedyngis, pastures 4 and vestures, and all pertynentis, the whiche Stephyn of Pratelles somtyme held of them in the towne and territorie of more Tywe: To be had and to be hold, to the same Edmond, or his assigns, all the dayes of his lyf, of them and ther successours, Doynge 8 therof every yere while that he liveth, for them and ther successours, ij. galons of wyne or x. d. to the parishens of Tywe to be communed at the fest of Ester, for all servyce, sutis of courte, herietts, and all other seculer exaccions and demaundes. And 12 for this yfte and graunte the said Edmond yaf to them xx. mark, before-handes. And they and ther successours warrantizēd acquyted and defended, by the forsaid service, all the forsaid lond; with Curtilages, croftes, medys, fedyngis, pasturis, with 16 ther pertynentis, and also with all the vesture aboue-growyng in the abouesaid tenementis, to the said Edmond, or to his assignes, ayenst all men. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & cetera.


The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and lete to Robert yonge of Trillawe viij. acres of arable lond; with all the pertynentis, in more Tywe, of the which, j. acre lieth 24 in peselade; ij. acres beside wodeweye; j. acre at Elienestowe; j. [half] 2 acre at Shynelowe; j. acre at Clenelonde; j. acre at halwynelake; j. acre of the west parte of portewye; and j. half acre lieth at wodeweye: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert to all his lyf, with all ther pertynentis, frely, quetyly, holy,

1 In the Latin: 'Elienesstowe,' 'Shriuelowe,' 'Cletelonde.'
2 Added from the Latin.
wele, and in pease, yeldynge therof yerly, to them and to ther successors, ij. shillings of sterlyngis at iij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Micheff vj. d; atte fest of seynt Thomas the Appostle vj. d; and at the fest of the Annunciation of our lady vj. d; and at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist vj. d; for all seculer service, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Abbesse and covent and ther successors warantijed 8 acquyted' and defended' the forsaid viij. acres of arable lond; with all ther pertynentis, as hit is I-put * before, to the forsaid' Robert, as longe as he lived', ayenst all men; And after the decesse of the same Robert, all the forsaid lond; with the pertynentis, shold' turne ayene to them and to ther successors, frely and holy, with-out agayne-saiyng of ony men. In-to witnesse, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, the wedensclay next afore Palme Sunday, the thirde yere of the reign of kyng Edward the 16 sone of kyng Edward:

[THRUPP: see in nos. 359, 360, 367, 384, 385.]

[WARBOROUGH: see in Shillingford.]

[ Watlington.]


* We, William and Sara, give our mill of Watlentun, which Henry held, and which is called Wochemulne 1, with a messuage and two acres in the field, and out of our wood timber to repair the said mill (when need shall be) at the discretion of trustworthy men.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard Filiot 2, knight; William, canon of Osney, etc.]

[765. Charter of Peter son of Herebert. 24 Peter son of Herebert confirmed to Godstow the mill of his fee of Watlington near Cukesham 3, which is called Wohemuln, with its messuage and pond and the water running to that pond. Witnesses:—Alan Baset, Henry of the Chequer.]
About 1220.

Henry de Oylly (the second), constable (died 1232), confirmed the gift of William and Sara Paganel.

Witnesses:—Fulk son of Richard, William of Herovill, Roger of Bray.

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter gives me the history of Watlington. In 1166 it was owned by Halinad de Bidun. Afterwards, by William Paganell (Paynel) and his wife Sara (Halinad’s daughter). On William’s death King John gave it to Peter son of Herbert. A claim for it by Henry de Oylly was compromised (circ. 1218) by Peter’s consenting to hold it of Henry. In 1223 Henry III took it into his own hands, saying that neither Peter nor de Oylly had any right to it: Maitland’s Bracton, iii. 336, 463. The mill was, perhaps, taken back at that time with the manor.]

[Wolvercote.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV’s 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica Wolvercote (with Godstow) was assessed at £13 14s. 3d. yearly value. In the survey of 1531 (Monast. iv. 373) we find Wolvercote by itself valued at £24 18s. 4d., viz. from lands, £13 18s. 4d.; from quit-rents, £2 3s. 6d.; from the mill, £8 16s. 6d.]

* leaf V or 17, back. [767.] * A chartur of Robert Euyrcl of a medewe callyd the yle.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert of Euercl, by the consent of [his] eyerys, Robert & Thomas, hathe gyf & graundyd to god, & to the churche of our lady seynt Marie & of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe, & to the Mynchts there 8 seruinge god, in-to pure & perpetual almys, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whych medewe Robert of Meyse hys vnkle gave to hym for hys service. Thys medewe he gafe to the foreseyd Mynchts, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys aunceturs, 12 & of hys heyrys; with hys dowhtur, Agas, the whych was made mynchon in the same churche foreseyd. Thys medewe he wylyly to be hadde for euyr freely and *restfully fro aff excaccion or worldly service, paynge yerely to hym & to hys 16 heyrys; j. pound of pepyr, with-in xv. dayes aftur the fest of seynt Myhel: thes beynge wytnes: and thys chartur is with-out date.

1 ‘h’ was afterwards erased. There are frequent instances in this MS. in which initial ‘h’ is erased from words elsewhere spelt with it.
[768.] A chartur I-made of the medewe callid the yle, by pagan caurcis.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagane of Caurchis wylyld to be knowe to all men, that he grauntyd & gaf, Also confermyd with hys chartur, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche lyth be-twene tempse & the medewe of syr water of chaldfeld, to god & to the church of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruynge god, in-to pure & perpetual almys for hym & hys eyrys, & the sowles of hys aunceturs; that is to sey, the seyd medewe to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys for euyr, frely & quietly & worshipfully fro all seruice, & fro all quarrelyt, & playntys; & for-asymuche as he wylyld thys gyft to be ferme & stable, he strengthyd hyt by the puttynge to of hys seele: these beynge wyttynes: & is with-out date.

[769.] A confirmacion made by þe same pagan of all þe yeftes made of þe seyd yle.

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagan of Caurches Willid to be know to all men that he grauntyd & confermid with hys chartur the gyft that hys aunceturs madyn to Robert of Meisi of a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche madw the same Robert gaf to Robert of Euercy, & that same Robert of euercy gaf to god, & to the churche of Godstowe, & to the Mynnychons there seruyng god: wherfore the forseyd Pagane of Caurches willid & grauntyd, for hym-self & hys heyrys, that the forseyd mynchons shuld haue & hold the forseyd medewe, in-to pure & perpetual almys, as the charters of Robert of meisi & Robert of Euercy by-fore I-myndyd wyttynes, the whyche the fore-namyd Mynchons hauny ther-of: so yet þat, for the lacke and defawe of the forseyd Robert of Meysy & Robert of Euerci or of her heyrys, noþer þI, þe pagana foreseyd; ne none of myn heyrys, may asko ony thynge in the forseyde medewe, but that they shalle haue hyt & holde hyt in-to pure & perpetual almys as it is a-fore-seyd, sauyng the seruice of that medewe callid the yle dewe to me & myn heyrys: these beynge wyttynes: & is with-out date.

1 i.e. Thames. 2 i.e. Walter. 3 Lapse into first person of the Latin.
The grant of Nicholas 13t Reynold.

The sentence of thys dede is, how Nicholas, the sone of Reynald smyth, hathe grauntyd and relesyd and quite-claymed to the hows of Godstowe, and to the mynchens there god to serue for euyr, aff his ryht and clayme that he had or myht 4 hauye, by ryht eryhtage or succession of hys seyd fadyr Reyginald, in that mese, with halfe a yerde of loud and medw to the same mese perteyny[n]ge, with all odur perteynavnce in the towne of wolgarcote and with-out; the whyche mese, with aff the seyde 8 purteynaunce ther-to belongyng, the seyd reynalde hys fadyr & hys predecessours of the seyd Mynchyns haue sum-tyme I-hold: To haue and to holde the forseyd mese, with all the pertenence a-boue rehersyd, to the seyd Mynchyns & he[r] succes-sours or her assygnys, fre, quy, wel & in pece for euyr, So that the seyd Nicholas, ne non odyr in hys name, eny ryht or clayme in the seyd mese, with aff the pertenynces, may (eny ryht *) here-aftyr aske or chalanget ne clayme; and for thys yft and relese 16 the seyd Mynchyns payd xij. marc., and he put to thys hys seal, wyttenesse of mony on: and ys with-out date.

* a chartur of Reynalde of seynt walery of the yle in pe whych pe church is made.

The sentence of thys dede is, that^2 Bernard^3 of seynt walery hath y[i]^6 & grauntyd, in perpetual almys, to the Mynchyns of Godstowe & therey successours, for the remedy of hys synmys & othyr moo rehersyd, (in 4) the yle-lande a-fore-seyd & many othyr thynghys moo, as is a-boue wrytyn, in the dede next a-boue 5 I-wryte Bernardus: & thys is with-out date.

[Note.—The Latin of the Exchequer MS. (a slip attached to leaf 190, back) exhibits the same hesitation as to the Christian name. The mention of Robert, bishop of Lincoln, who must be Robert de Cheney, bishop 1148-66, enables us to decide upon Reginald as the right name. The deed thus recites a grant made to Godstow by Bernard's father, Reginald, who died after 1166. The Latin may be summarized thus:—

1 Another charter made to the convent by Bernard of St. Walery of the island in which the church is built.

1 Omit 'eny right,' 2 'Bernard' or 'struck out between that and Bernard.' 3 Read 'Reginald.' 4 Omit 'in.' 5 Now no. 772.
Oxfordshire: Wolgarcote

'Bernard of St. Walery to Robert, of Lincoln bishop, &c. Ego Reginaldus de Sancto Walerico have given to Godstow for health of myself and for souls of my father and mother, &c., the island in which the church is built and which is called Godestowa...'


[772.] A chartur I-made to the count of Godstowe by b. of seynt walery.

The sentence of thyse dede is, that Bernard a-bove I-seyde hath 3yf & I-grauntid, by the consent of hys eyrys, in-to perpetual almys to the hows of Godstowe & to the Mynchyns of the same, for the helth of kynge henri & the quene Alienore & here chyldyrn, Also for hys soules hele & hys wyfys Anorid; And for the soules of hys fadur & modur & othyr rehersyd ther, The [is]land [in] the whych the church of Godstowe is byldyd, with all hys 8 purtinaunce; & the mylle of wolgarcote; & Boieham & Heringham & lambey; & a fysshyne-were with wereham; & a Mansyon of Osmund; & the yle-lande 4 betwene too bryggys; & pyxey, & v. shiftings to Mowe the same mede at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (xij. ë: in wolgarcote, ij. shiftings in erdinton 4, ij. shiftings in ley 5); & an halfe hyde of the lordshyp of wolgarcote, & x. acrys of the same; & the mansyon of Claydoune 6. Alle these thyngrs forseyd he grauntyd to the forseyd Mynchyns to haue & to hold; with-out eny seculer seruice, to hem, weft & in pese, frely & quietly for euyr, in perpetual almes, as is a-boue-seyed. Thys wytnes many on, rehersyd in the same: & thyse is with-out date.

[Note.—The translation here requires correction from the Latin of the Exchequer MS.:—Bernard of St. Valerie, with the consent of his heirs Reginald 7 and Bernard, lets all men, French and English, know that he has given to Godstow... (a) the island in which the church is built, with its pertinences, (b) all 'lichessia' (c) the mill of Wolgaricote and boieham and heringham and la[m]beie, (d) et unam piscariam (piscatoriam, in no. 773) cum werehame, etc. Later names are (1) pechessia, (2) cardintuna, (3) leaga 5, et mansura Sladion 8 (¿). Among the witnesses are Richard Hareng and Vincent of Wytham.

1 As in his son's confirmation, which follows.
2 'Radulphus' became rural dean of Oxford, circ. 1165.
3 The island 'between two bridges' is that on which the well-known Trout Inn at Godstow now stands.
4 'Erdinton' is the old spelling for Yarnton.
5 'Leigh,' i.e. North Leigh, north of Godstow, a manor of the St. Valeries.
6 Corrupt readings, concealing the name of a tenant, parallel to 'Osmund,' supra.
7 Eldest son, but died before his father.
This deed is a confirmation of gifts which were bestowed by Bernard's (? uncle), John of St. John (no. 3), and afterwards confirmed by his father Reginald of St. Valerie (no. 771.)]

About 1195.

[773.] A confirmacion 1 of Thomas of seynt walery of the chartur of bernard 2 of seynt walery I-made to kynge henry 3 Secunde.

The sentence of dede is, a confirmacion of Thomas of seynt walery, the sonne of bernard 2 a-boue-seyd, howe he hath graunatid all that yft of Bernard 2 hys fadur, graunyed to henry kynge of ynglond; the sonne of Mald 3 that worshipful emperice. Also 4 he confermith, in thy same dede, all that seyd yft that kynge henry forseyd 5 made to the forseyd Mynchyns of Godstowe of the towne of wolvercote, to hold, in pese, al that forseyd yft, with alt purtynaunce, for euyr, as the chartur of the seyd kynge henry 6 beryth wyttenes & cetera: & thy is with-out date.

[774.] * a final a-corde I-made of ij. meses in the towne of wolgoryscote.

The sentence of thy is, a final concorde of ij. Meses, with the purtynauns, in wolgarcote, whych we 2 in varyaunce be-twene Richard Barbour, Matyld hys wyfe, and Cristian the sistre of the 12 same, And anfesel the Abbas of Godstowe; by the whyche a-corde, made in thy kynges court at westmynstre, the day of seynt Hyllary, a-fore many Iustys in the same place, the seyd Rychard 6 & cetera, hathe renuasyd & quyt-claymyd, for hym 16 & her 2 heyrys, vn-to the chyrche of Godstowe for euymore: for the whych recognicion the Abbas gafe to the seyd Richard 6 xlvj. shilling viij. d: 7


The sentence of this delegacie is, that Gregory, Bisshop, 20 servuant to the servantis of god, greted, or sente to his welbeloued dean and archidekon of herford hailsyng: and his blissyng, willyng to be know to all the children of our modir the chirch, that Robert 5, perpetuel vicary of seynt Petir chirche in the Est 24

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1 The Latin text is in Monast. iv. 363.
2 Wolvercote, three miles from the north gate of Oxford, was a chapelry of the city parish of St. Peter's in the East.
of Oxenford, playnyng, shewes that the abbot of Oseneye, and
the abbesse of Godestowe and her couente, the maister of seynt
John hospitall without the Est yate, and some other of lyncolne
wirctyr and londo[n] Citeis and diocises, did' wronge to the same,
upon tithes, possessions, questis, and other thyngis. Therfor the
pop[e] commaunded' to their discrecioun, by his writyng, that, the
partyes I-called; and I-herd' the cause, and appelyng I-put away,
and hit dewly I-ended; they shold make hit so that that
they decreed' shold be surely I-observed' by the censure of the
chirch. And the witnesses that were I-named; yf they with-drow
themself for favoure, haterede, or dere, they shold' constreyne
12 them to bere witnesse to * the trouthe, appelyng cesyng: The
date at Viter[b]e, the nonys of may, of his Bisshophode the
xj. yere.

Than sithe the said Robert, Vicary, by auctorite of this
16 maundemente, had' I-draw the forsaid abbesse and Couente
of Godestowe into ple afore the said' Inges, and had' I-made
vndir this forme: The said' Vicary axed' of the said' abbesse and
Couente tythis of their mylles of Wolgarecote, by the commune
law longyng to the said' chirche, sithe they were within the
lymytes and markes of the said' parissi[ch] chirch of seynt Petir at
the Est of Oxenford'; Also he axed' the tithes of ther medys
beyng at Wolgarecote, perteynyng to the said' chirch, forsmoche
20 as they were within the lymytes or markes of the said' parissi[ch]
chirch; Also he axed' the tythis of the norishyng of ther bestes,
the which ben I-fedde and lye within the lymytes of his parissi[ch];
Also he axed' that the servauntis of the abbesse and Couente
28 of Godestowe, the which were lyng' and arisyng'at Wolgarecote,
shold'be compelled' to hole ther dyvyn medys and ther to do
ther rightis that longe to a parissi[ch]. These thynges he said;
savyng' to hym-self the benefice of lawe, The stryf of this
lawfully I-contestate.

And whan the said Robert, Vicary, personally, and the said
mynchons by hereberte ther chapeley[n], procuratour' specially to
that I-yeve, comperyng in the presence of the bisshop of lyncolne,
36 and there had' I-swore, leiyng' or touchyng' the holy Godespellys
with ther hondes, that they shold' stond' to their provision,
Ingement, and ordeynynge; vpon the said' tithes I-axed' and vpon
alt thyng touchyng' that ple, renun cynyg to the said' letters, and

* leaf 145, back.
= 1238,
May 7.

The vicar claimed, as due to him by Godstow, in Wolvercote,
being a chapel-of-ease of St. Peter's in the East parish,
(a) tithes of the mills,
(b) tithes of the meadows,
(c) tithes of calves and lambs,
(d) parish duties from Godstow servants there resident.
to all other I-gote or to be gote, accion, cauniation, exception, and appelyng, and all remedy of bothe lawes.

And sithe that the said mynchons shewed their priveliggis full spedefull, by the which they were exempte fro yevyng of the 4 said tythes of norisshyng of bestis in ther pasture, and that hit was I-shewed lawfully to them by the same priveliggis, in ther audience I-redde, rehearsed, and I-vndirstonde: They assoiled hem fro the yevyng of the tythes of the norisshyng of ther 8 bestis; and of other tythes abouesaid, that is to sey, of Medis, mylles; and of the servuautis of the said mynchons, lying and risyng at wolgarecote, receivyng ther wagis and nedefull vitaile of the house of Godestowe (out-take them that haue wyfes and 12 ther owne housholdes in the towne of wolgarecote).

They decreid, after they had I-communed with the counsel of wise men, havyng god and equyte before ther sightis, ordeynyng, iugyng, and providyng; that, with-out ony stryf, they shold longe 16 to the chirche of Godestowe and abidyng for euer: So natheles that the tythes of the villenagis of medys and litér medis of the same towne shold be sauf to seynt Petir chirch, in whos possessioun they were in the tyme of this composicioun, that is to sey, 20 of al northmede, with the tythes of the hamme the which was I-yeve somtyme * to the said chirche of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes, the which is I-called herthesham (out-take iij. hammers, the which ben of the demayn of the said abbesse and 24 Couente in the same northmede, Wherof the tythes were never I-yeve; and out-take iij. acris the which ben also of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente, the which longe to the mylle of wolgarecote; And out-take the hedis of the mylle crofte). And 28 that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, shold be I-bonde for ever to pay iiij. skillings yerely to the vicey of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Martyn, in wolgarecote Chapel. And they decreid this ther composicioun 32 to be riafft, the which parties, and also Pounc de pontibus 1 or (in englysshe) of welles, than person of the said chirche of seynt Petir, graunted the composicioun to be to them riafft, to be stronge bitwene the said chirches for euer, and toke hit lefe, with opyn 36 consente, yf the bishoP of lyncolne wold conferme hit with his

1 Read 'fontibus.' Possibly a dictation-error, since there is no 'f' which a copyist could mistake for 'p.'
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auctorite. Also the said parties subiected them self, with their own good will, to the ordeynynge and will of the worshipful
fadir bishop of lyncolne, that he shold haue full power of above-
said composicion, to compelle the said parties to kepe the composicion yf they wold not. And that this composicion
shold abide riaff and perpetuaft, they put-to their seales, and
also the seales of the parties, euerych to other, to this
8 composicion I-chartered: I-acted at Godestowe, in seynt
Barnabe day the appostle, the yere of grace a thousand
CC xxxix.

[776.] A Confirmacion of the bisshop of lyncolne, con-
formyng the riaff and perpetuel composicion bitwene
Robert, Vicary of seynt Petir chirch at the Est of
Oxenford, and the abbesse and Couente of Godes-
stowe, & cetera.

The Bisshop of lyncolne, Robert, willed to be know to
12 aß cristen men, that he had’ sey and behold the ordeynynge
I-made by his welbeloved sonys in crist, maister Robert Cadene-
eye his officiafi, and maister Roger Wyseham Archidekoni of
Oxenford, vpon the contrauersie I-mewed bitwene Robert, vicary
16 of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford, of the one parte, and the
abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other parte, in these
wordes:—' Be hit I-know to as the childreñ of our modir the
chirch that ben to se and to here this present writyng of maister
20 Robert Cadeneeye, officiafi of the bisshop of lyncolne, and Roger
Wyseham, Archidekoni of Oxenford; that we saw the lettres of
our holy fadir the pope vndir this forme—"Gregory, bis-
shop, servuaunte of servuauntis, to his welbeloved' children, dean
24 and Archidekoni of herford; helthi and blissynge of the appostle.
Robert, perpetuel vicary of the chirch of seynt Petir at the Est
of Oxenford; playned; shewyng to hym that the abbot of Oseneye,
and the abbesse of Godestowe and their Couente, maister and
28 brethren of the hospital of seynt Ioñn without the Est yate of
Oxenford; and some other of lyncolne Worceter and * London Citees and diocises, vpon tythes, possessions, quethyngis, and

as also Godstow, and the vicar, submitted themselves to the diocesan
in respect of the above award.

*leaf 146, back.
other thynges, wronged the same. And therfor he comanceded to ther discrecon by his apostolike writyngis that, the partes I-called; and herde the cause, appelyng I-put a-side, that they shold with a dewe ende ende hit, makyng that that they decreed to be observed or I-kepid surely by the censure of the chirche, and that the witnesse that were I-called, yt they withdrew them-self for faunour haterede or drede, they shold constreynd them to bere witnesse of the trouthe by the same censure, 8 appelyng cesyng. The date at Viterbe the nonys of May, of his popehode the xj. yere. And when the said Robert, vicary, by this maner auctorite, had I-draw the said Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe afore the said Iuges into ple, and had I-made to them vndir this fourme: The said vicary axed of the said abbesse and Couente tythes of ther mylles of wolgarocote, to the said chirch longyng of the commune lawe, for asmoche as they be with-in the lymytes of the parissi of the said chirche. Also he axed the tythes of the norisshyng of their bestis, the which be I-fedde and ben I-logged with-in the lymytes of his parissi. Also he axed of the seruantis of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, that be I-liyng or cowchaunte and vprisyngate at wolgarocote, shold be I-constreyned to hire goddis seruyce at wolgarocote and ther to pay parochial rightis. These thynges said he, savyng to hym the benefice of lawe, the stryf lawfully vpoo these thynges contestate. And when the said Robert, vicary, personaly, and the said mynchons, by hereberthe ther chaseley, specially procuratour I-yefe to that, had I-sware in the presence of the bisshop of lyncoln, and ther comperyng, ther hondes towchynge the holy godspelles, pat they shold stonde to his prouysion, arbitrement, and ordeynyng vp-on the said tythes I-axed; and vpon aff thynges towchynge that plee, renounseyng to the said lettres and aff other I-gete or to be gote, cauellacion, excepcio, and appelyng; and aff remedy of bothe lawes. And when the said mynchons had I-showed in his presence their pryvilegis full spedefull by the which they were I-exempte fro the grauntyng of the said tythes of norisshyng of bestis, And was I-know to hym by the same pryvylegis, I-rede, I-rehersed; and I-vndirstonde, in his audience, [he] assoyled the same mynchons fro the said tythes of the norisshyng of bestis and of the other said tythes of medes, mylles, and of the
senvauntis at Wolgarecote liyng and arisyng; resceivyng ther wagis and necessary vitaile of the hous of Godestowe (out-take senvauntes havyng wyfes or propir houses in the towne of Wolgarecote), ordeynyng arbitryng and prouydyng, havyng god and right afore sight, with the counsel I-communed of wisemen, decreid that without stryfi * they shold perseyne to the house of Godestowe for ever, and remayne: so, natheles, that all the tythes of the villenagis of medis and heyis of the same towne shold be saf to the chirch of seynt Petir, in whos possession they were in the tyne of this composicion, that is to sey, of all the north mede, with the tythes of the hamme (the which were I-yove somtyme to the chirch of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes) the which is I-called therthesham, out-take ij. hames the which ben of the demayn of the saide abbesse and Couente in the said northmede wherof the tythes were never I-yeve, And out-take ij. acres that ben also of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente, the which longe to the mylle of wolgarecote, And out-take the hedes of the mylle crofte. And that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, shold be bounde to pay yerely ij. shillings to the vicary of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Martyn, in the chapell of Wolgarecote. The which partyes, and also Pounce of the welles, than person of the saide chirche of seynt Petir, graunted and accepted, with oppyn consent to them, rialf composicion betwenn the saide chirche to be stronge for ever. And the bishop decreid his ordeynyng and provision to be a rialf composicion to the partyes. And yf the bishop of lyncolne wold conferme hit with his episcopall auctorite, the partyes subiected them-self (with ther owne willen) to his ordeynyng and willen, that he shold have power of the abouesaide composicion to compelle the partyes not willyng to kepe the composicion. And that this composicion shold be rialf and perpetuelle, they made their scales to be putte, euerch to others composicion I-chartered, also with the scales of the bishop. I-acted and I-do at Godestowe, in seynt Barnabe the appostels day, the yere of grace M' CC. xxxix. And the bishop, ratifying the same ordeynyng, al so moche as was in hym, conferred hit with his episcopall auctorite, as hit was customably and rightfully I-made.

Hit is to be mynded this to be the fourme of the composicio of I-be-gonune bitwene Robert, vicary of seynt Petir of the Est of Oxenford; of the one parte, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other parte, afores maister Robert Cade- a

* leaf 147, back.

Godstow assolled from giving the small tithes; vicar to receive a pension of 32, yearly, and to be allowed £4 for his expenses in the suit.

[778.] A ratyfying of the same I-made by Pounce of Welles, personne of Seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenforde, & cetera.

The sentence of this ratyfing is, that Pounce of welles, personne of seynt Petir chirche at the Est of Oxenford, willed to 32...
be know to aff them pat se this writyng, that he, in the name of his chirc'h, had' and toke hit for sure and to be plesed what-so-euer thynge the worshipful men, maister Roger Wyseham Archidekon of Oxenford and maister Robert Cadeneye officiaf of lyncolne, vpon the contrauersye I-moved bitwene Robert, vicary of his said' chirc'h, of the one parte, and the abbesse and Conente of Godestowe of the other partie, vpon aff the tythes of the mylles, medis, norishyngis of bestis, and sequelis of servauantis at wolgarecote liyng and vprisyng, comyng forth, the which the said' vicary axed' of the said' mynchons, afore the dean of herford' and his felawes, delegatis of the pope, as longyng to the said' chirc'h of seynt Petir of right by the reso'n of his vicariage, they accorded' to be ordeyned' in this wyse, So nathelesse that Robert, Bisshop of lyncolne, the worshipful, of his wille and consente expressed', the ordeynyng of the forsaid' maisters I-made vpon the premyses fully I-loked' and I-sey and I-vndirstonded' diligently, shold' haue power full, of the same ordeynyng, to chaunge, encrese, and to lessen, as he saw hit best to spede. And yf either of the other of the forsaid' maisters myght not be at the forsaid' ordeynyng to be made within the fest of seynt myghelf next comyng, and that notwithstandyng that the said' parties have submytted them-self to the ordeynyng of the forsaid' maisters Archidekon and officiaf, the forsaid worshypful saydir bisshop of lyncolne, vpon aff the premyses, as he semyth best to spede, shold' make an ordeynyng to dure for ever. And that this his ratefiyng shold' abide afterward' stedfast and sure, he strengthened hit with the defence and suerte of his sele to the forsaid' abbesse and mynchons, with his owne good' wille, he granted' to be sealed' These beyng witenesse, & cetera. These thynges I-acted' at the old' temple at london the yere of grace Mt'. CC', and xli. 

[779.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and [A leaf is missing 1.]

[Wychoood Forest: nos. 312 and 324.] 

1 In the Exchequer MS., no. 778, is on leaf 139, and is followed by the 'Risindone' section, beginning with nos. 186, 187. The order in the English Register was therefore different; and we have thus no clue to the contents of the mutilated deed.
[LAMYAT, near Bruton.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt (Monast. iv. 375) of the pension of 13s. 4d. from Lamyat church. The dedication of the church is to St. Mary and St. John Evangelist. The presentations at the time of the dissolution were:—1530, 27 Aug., John Pyll, presented by Godstow; 1541, 30 Oct., Thomas Hunt, presenter not stated; no date, John Cole, presented, on Hunt's death, by Richard Gwent, Archdeacon of London, and Thomas Powell, LL.B., to whom Godstow had granted next presentation; 1555, Apr. 23, Thomas Cowper, presented by Carolus Dummer de Chiriton (North Cheriton, Somerset).]

* leaf 80, back.
About 1190.
Godstow having obtained the advowson from Baldwin de Columbaris, the diocesan instituted Godstow presentee, subjecting the church to a pension to Godstow of 6s. 8d. on every July 1.

[780.] * A Charter of Raynold; Bisshōp of Bathe, of Lamyet.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raynold¹, by the grace of god bisshōp of Bathe, willed to be know that Baldewyn² of Columbaris, in full seyne at Bathe, resigned in-to his hondes all the right that he had in the churche of lamyet as advocate and lord of the grounde, and granted that churche forsaic, with all his pertynents, to god and to the churche of Godestowe, for his solew and of his predecessours, into perpetuel almesse. And therefore the bisshōp receiv'd; at the 8 presentacion of the abbesse and of the holy mynchons of Gode-stowe, into the person, Richard; Chapellayn³ of [ . . . ], the which, in the name of the same churche of lamyet, is I-bound for ever to yeld a yerely pension of half a mark, to the churche of Gode-stowe at the Vtas of Seynt John Baptist: that truly to be done, with-out gyle and Ivel 'ymagynyng, the same Richard' put his hon'd, and behight surely by his trowthe to be hold'; and that hit shold' be sure he strengthed' hit by his seale, & cetera.

¹ Reginald Fitzjoceline, bishop of Bath, 1174-91.
² Latin is 'in pleno sinodo.'
³ In the Latin: 'Ricardum Capellanum de Vol., qui nomine eiusdem ecclesie.'
⁴ i. e. evil.
[781.] A-nother Charter of the same bisshôp of Bathe confermyng the same.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raynold; by the grace of god; Bisshôp of Bathe, willed to be know to all men, to put out of dowte thyngis I-do in that tyme, and they that shold bide more surer in tyme to come, made a graunte and conformed that graunte the which that Baldewyn of Columbarijs, for godis sake, and by his monycion, made to god and to oure lady and to the chiroce of seynt Ioyn Baptist of Godestowe and to the 8 mynychons there servyng god, vpon the chiroce of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, to be had and to be hold frely and quyetly, into pure and perpetuyl almesse, as hit was I-graunted of the forsaid Baldewyn; he graunted and confermed and made sure by the help of his present writyng and puttyng to of his scale, ordeyned that they euery yere * toke, in the name of a pension, in the tyme of Richard; Chapelayn, in the same chiroce, half j. marke of siluer. And after the dethe of the said Richard hit shold be lawfully to them, after ther owne Ingement, to encrese the pension, savyng the vicariage of the Chapelayn that shold serve for the same chiroce euer.

About 1190.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the diocesan, of no. 780,

* leaf 87.
with power to take a larger pension after cession of present vicar.

[782.] * A Charter of Raynould bisshôp of Bathe of Lamieete.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raynould; Bisshôp of Bathe, willed to put out of doute tho thyngis that were I-do in tyme, and that they shold bide more sure in tyme to come, confermed the graunte that Bawdewyn Columbers, for goddis sake, and [by] his steryng, made to god and to oure lady seynt marie and to the chiroce of seynt Ioyn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynychons there servyng god; vpon the chiroce of lamyet, to be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the fore-writte monastery and to the forsaid mynychons, frely and quyetly, into fre pure and perpetuyl almesse, as hit was I-graunted to them of the forsaid Bawdewyn; and to this graunte and confermyng, he strengthed hit by the puttyng to of his scale.

About 1190.

Incomplete draft of no. 781.
[783.] *A Charter of Robert Columbers conferrynge the same.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Robert Columbers, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his sowle and of his fadir and of his modir and of all his auncetours and his successours, yaf, graunted & cetera, to god, & cetera, and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the chirche of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, into pure and perpetueff almesse, To be had & to be hold, frely, quyetly, worshipfully, wele, and in pease. And that this his yifte, & cetera.

[784.] A fynall accorde I-made in the kyngis courte of pe pension of Lamyet.

This was the fynall accorde, I-made in the kyngis courte at westmynster, in the vtas of Seynt Micheffe, in the iiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sonne of kyng Iohn, afofe Robert le vere Erle of Oxenforde, Martyre of pateshuff, Raaf Hardyng, Thomas Heydon, Robert Raxindene, Iusticis, and other trew men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Felice abbesse of Godestowe, axere, by Petir of Donyngton I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, and Robert Columbers, deforsyng of the 16 Avowry of the chirche of Lamiethe, wherof 'assise of the last presentacion' was I-summynd bytwene them in the forsaid courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Robert knowleched the avowry of the forsaid chirche to be the right of the forsaid abbesse, and remytted it, and quyte-claymed hit, of hym and his heires, to the same abbesse and abbesses that shold succeede her and to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe for ever. And the forsaid abbesse and courte received the same Robert and his heires in her almesse and praieres that shold be do afterward or fro that tyme forth in her chirche of Godestowe for ever.

[785.] A Charter of Iocelyn, Bisshopp of Bathe, conferrynge the same with another half marke of Siluer yerely.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iocelyn, bisshopp of Bathe, for the love of god, of the assent also and the wil of his chapiters, graunted to his welbeloved in crist abbesse.
of Godestowe and mynchons there dwellyng, of the chirche of lamiete one yerely half mark, beside the half mark, the which they had euery yere before of the same chirche, So trewly 4 that they shold take of the same chirche the name of a perpetueit benefice j. hole marke, the which they were I-wonyd to take after the discesse of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now of the same chirche person, to 1 the terme in the which they were I-woned to take the half mark, [that is to say,] at the natuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his yifte, & cetera. The date, by his owne hond; the xiiij. kalende of Decembre, the xvij. yere of his bisshopriche.

[786.] A Charter of the Priour and Couent of Bathe of Lamiete.

12 The sentence of this charter is, that Robert, Priour, and Couent of Bathe, seyng: the charter of the worshipfull fadir, Lord Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bathe, in * this fourme, that the said Iocelyn, by the grace of god bisshop of Bathe, for goddis sake, 16 of the assent also and wille of his chapter, graunte to his welbeloved in crist abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, of the chirche of Lamiete one half mark, yerely and j. other half mark, the which they were I-woned euery yere afore to take, so sothly, 20 that after the dethe of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now person of the same chirche, at the terme in the which they were I-wonyd to take the forsaid half mark, that is to sey, at the fest of the natuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, they shold take yerely in the 24 name of a perpetueit benefice of the same one half mark. And that this yifte shold be sure, & cetera. The date, by his hond; at Dorkecester, the xiiij. kalendis of decembre, in the xvij. yere of his bisshopriche: they conferredd and graunte the graunte 28 aforsaid; of the worshipfull aforsaid; of the[r] commune assent, with this present writyng, and put to there seale, & cetera.

[787.] A Charter of Peter, dean, and of the Chapiter of Welles, for Lamyete.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir, 3 dean, and the chapiter of Welles, knowleched them-self to haue I-loked and

1 For ' to' read 'at.'
2 For ‘half’ read ‘hole.’
3 Peter de Cicetur, dean, 1220–36.
Somerset: Lamyet

by dean and chapter of Wells, of no. 785.

* leaf 88.

The charter of the worshipful fadir, lord Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bishop of Bathe, to the abbesse and mynchns of Godestowe I-yeve vndir this fourme: Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bishop of Bathe, willed to euery man to know that he, for goddis sake, of the assent also and wille of his chapteres, graunted to his wellbeloved in cri实质 the abbesse and mynchns of Godestowe of the chiche of lamyete one yerely halfmark, beside one other half mark, the which they take before of that 3 chiche euery yere, so, sothely, that they shold take yerely of the same chiche one hole mark, in the name of a perpetuel benefice, after the decesse and dethe of Iohn Bristowe, Clerk, now person of the same chiche, at the terme in which they were I-wonyd to take the forsaid half mark, that is to say, at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his graunte shold be sure for ever, he put to this writyng his scale. The date, by his hand, at Dorkecestre, the xiiij. kalendis of december, the xvij. yere of his bisshoprich: They, that is to say, the chapiter, yaf assent to the forsaid writyng, cofirmed hit by the puttyng to of ther scale of there Chapiteres.

* leaf 87, back. 1234, Oct. 7.

On presentation by Godstow, Gilbert of Biham was admitted incumbent, Godstow pension of 13s. 4d. being reserved.

[788.] * A confirmacion of Iocelyni, Bisshop of Bath, of Lamyete.

Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bishop of bathe, willed to be know that, at the presentacion of Anphelice, abbesse, and of the Couent of Godestowe, he admytted Gilbert Byham to the chiche of lamyete, and institute hym, in the same, person, willyng and grauntynge that he shold haue and hold that chiche with all his pertynentis, aft the tyme of his lyf, frely holy and pesibly, as person, savyng a yerely mark, to the forsaid abbesse and couent of the same chiche in the name of a perpetuel benefice by the hand of the forsaid Gilbert to be receyued of the forsaid mynchns in the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, Savyng also the bisshopes customes and the dignyte of his chiches in aff thyngis. And that hit shold be sure, he put to hit his scale. The date at Dorkecestre, by the hand of maister water, the saturday next after the fest of Seynt Feithe, The xxviiij. yere of his Bisshopriche.

1 i. e. Walter.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert, by the suffraunce of god bishop of Bath and of Welles, at the presentacion of his wellbeloved daughters in christ, Rose, abbesse, and Couent 4 of Godestowe, admytted maister henry Esse, Chanoine of Welles, to the parisshe chirche of lamyete, and institute hym perpetuel person, so nathelesse that the same maister henry, person of the fore-myn[de] chirche or another that shold be for the tyme, 8 shold pay every yere to the forsaid abbesse and Couent one marke of a yerely pension of the forsaid chirche in the fest of the Nativity of seynt John Baptist. In-to witnesse of the same thyng; he lette make thise lettres patentis. The date, is at Dogmersfield, the iiij. Ides of Iule, The yere of our lord 1376, and Sixte yere of his bishopric.

[790.] An Instrument that conteynyth that the person of lamyete sholde paye and bere his pension to Godestowe and that he sholde never resigne out of Englonde.

In dei nomine amen, hit is I-shewed by this present Instrument openly to all men, that, in the yere of our lord a thousands CCC lxxvj, the xvij. day of the monthe of decembre, the xv Indiccion, of the most holy fadir in christ and lord; lord [Gregory] the xj. by the prouidence of god, pope, the vjtte yere, in the presence of me opyn notary and of witnesse vidur-writte, ser Thomas Fraunceys, a discrete man, personally I-sette preste vicare of the prebendaft chirche of Butto[n] 2 of Worce[ti]r diosise, said and also knowleched, with his ow[n] fre and good wille, as hit semed, in the presence of the lady prioresse of the monas-tery of the mynchons of Godestowe and of many other ladies and mynchons of the said monastery there beyng that tyme, [th]at 3 the parisshe chirch of lamyete of the diocese of welles, longyng to the presentacion of the lady Abbesse and Couent of the monastery 28 of mynchons of Godestowe, (the 4 forsaid chirch) was pensionary

* leaf 88.
1280, July 12.
Godstow presente is instituted by the diocesan,

Godstow pension of 138. 4d. being reserved.

[Dagmersfield, Hampshire.]

1376, Dec. 18.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Thomas Francis, presente, presentee,

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1 Robert Burnell, bishop 1275–92.
2 Bitton, co. Glouc., near Bath.
3 The translator comes to grief with the accusative and infinitive.
4 Omit the bracketed words.
Somerset: Lamyet

of the liability of the church to pay the yearly pension of 13s. 4d.; * leaf 88, back.
and solemn undertaking that, if Godstow sanctioned his obtaining the church by exchange, he would pay the pension punctually, and that he would not resign out of England.

in one mark, of sterlyngis to be paid and drew every yere to the abbesse and Couent of the monastery of mychons of Godestowe aforesaid in the fest of seynt Michel. Furthermore the said Thomas Fraunceys, prest, promysed, and also graunted, to the lady 4 prioresse, and also to the ladyes and mychons aforesaid * there at that tyme, in the name of the monastery and of there howse, to them there byng present, that whan he had I-gete by wey of permutacion the said chirche of lamyte aforesaid, than the 8 same Thomas Fraunceys wold brynge yerely, or purveye to be brought, with his owne costis and expensis, the said yerely pension of j. marl, and holy and truly wold paye hit with in the viij. dayes of seynt Michael. Also he promysed pat he wold never resigne the said chirch of lamyte out of England or the Ream of England, to the which all and euerych to be do, fulfilled, and to be hold, the said Thomas Fraunceys prest graunted and made an othe bodely there, touchynge at that tyme the holy 16 godspelles of god. Vpon the whiche all, the said Thomas, prest, requyred instantly an open notary to make one or mo Instrumentis, both to them and also to other of the which myght be interesse therof. All these thyngis were I-do in the 20 Chapell ofoure lady in the monastery of Godestowe aforesaid, the yere, Indiczio, [yere] of the pope, monthe, day, and place aforesaid there beyng present at that tyme discrete men, sir William Mannyng, John Spensere, and Geffrey Benham, clerkis of the diocisis of Welf and lyncolne, and other witnesse special to fore-put thyngis I-called and praised; and Edmond Warham, clerk, of Norwych diocise, opyn notary by auctorite of the pope and of the Emperoure, all the fore thyngis and euerych, while they were so I-labored and I-draw, herd; and wrote, and turned into this open forme, and signed hit with his signe and name [usual] and wonyd; I-prayed and requyred, in-to feyth and witnesse of all the afore-put thyngis.
[NOTE.—In 1291, in pope Nicholas IV’s valuation, Godstow property in Bodington and Old Shoreham was returned as worth £4 18s. yearly. At the dissolution in 1540 (Monast. iv. 374) it was put at £5 13s. 4d., and the charges on it were 6d. to the Duke of Norfolk for a pair of gilt spurs, payable in Bramber Castle, and 2s. for a fine for leave of absence from his court, and a fee to the duke’s bailiff for collecting that rent at Godstow.]

[791.] *A Charter of Raynold of Brensia, confermyng to Henry of seynt waleric, for his homage and service, hugh de la punde, with all his catalles and sequelis, and all the lond that the same Symond holdith in Bodyngton.*

*The sentence of this Charter is, that Raynold of Brensia yaf, graunted, and by there charter consermed, to henry of Seynt waleric, for his homage and service, Symond de La Punde, with all his catalles and with all his sequele, and with all his lond, which the same Symond holdith in Apsele, and with all the lond that the same Symond holdith in Digehurste and in the punde, with all his pertynentis, and Middelcote, with all his pertynentis, and all the lond of the hoke, with all the pertynentis, and all the lond of Bodyington, with the pertynentis, and all the lond which walter of Draypode held, with the pertynentis, that is forto sey, iiiij. acres of lond which lieth next Redewelle, and an acre of lond above Shiplond, and vj. acres of lond in Foxenhole, and a yeorde lond with his pertynentis next Northbroke, and the lond that the forseid Symond held in Crokehurst, and a mesuage that was of walter of Draypode in Stanhynges, and an acre of lond that Eleyne wedow held, and ij. water mylles, in olde Shoreham, the which Trenchemer myller holdith: To have and to hold, all pe forseid tenementis, with all his pertynentis, to hym and to his heires and to whom—

1 Probably tidal-mills.
Sussex: Bodyington

so-ever he wille yeve and assigne it, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely, quetyly, holy, in aff places and aff thyngis, with aff maner of lybertees and fre customes, yeldynge therofter yercly to hym and to his heires, he and his heires or his forsaid 4 assigneis, a paire of sporres over-gilte price of vj. d. at the Castle of Brembele at the fest of seyn Mighleff, for all service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne. And the forsaid Raynold and his heires, all the 8 forsai'd tenementis with aff ther perteynentis before-named; to the forsaid Henry his heire or to his forsaid assigneis, aye nost all men and women shaff warrantze. And that this ferme and stable for evermore shold' abide, to this present writynge he put 12 to his seale, These beyng wesnesse: sev henry Bisshop of Landaañ, Richard le Breet, Robert Le Waffre, Robert of Brensia, Robert Le Salvage, Robert Bonet, henry of waynestanesdonñ, Robert of wrynæñ, Ioanny Counte, Adam Talcurteyns, Raaf Tabu-16 lere, Thomas the sone of Barnard, and other.

[792.] A Charter of henry of seyn waleric confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all his lond in Bodyington. 

The sentence of this charter is, that henry of seyn waleric yaf, graunted; and by his present charter confermed; to the chiroge of god and of our lady seynt marie and of seyn 10 John Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchyns ther servyng god, all his lond of Bodyington, with the perteynentis; and aff his lond that walter * of Draipode helde, with the perteynentis; and with the dwellyng places of two water mylles in olde 14 Shoreham, which Trenchemere myller held somtyne: To have and to hold, to the same holy mynchyns, in fre and perpetuel almesse, of the heires of Raynold of Brensia, by the same service that he was wonte to make, that is to sey, a paire of sporres 28 over-gilte price of vj. d. to be yeelded atte Castell of Brambe at the fest of seyn Mighleff, for all maner of service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne, As in the Charter the which the same Raynold made to hym more 32 pleynly it is conteyned. Thiuse beyng wesnesse: sev hubert of Canule, Adam Turcurteys, william Bernens, william of Granesdude, Raaf of Seynt Andrewes, Robert of seyn Andrewes, Hugh
of Combe, Stepheyn le Puere, Richard of Cunert, Raaf of Broch, and other.

[793.] A fy nall accorde I-ma de bitwene Iohn of seynt Waleric and the abbesse of Godestowe for a mese and a plough-lond in Budyngton.

The sentence of this fy nal accorde is, y-made in the kyngis 4 court at Cycestre, in the morow aftir seynt Martyne, the yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn the xl., before Gilbert of Presto, Roger of wyrcestre, william of Englefeld and william of Cobeham, Justices, and other the kyngis trew 8 peple ther beyng present, bitwene Iohn of seynt walerico, axer, and Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, defender, of a mese and a plough-lond, with his perteyntis, in Budyngton, wherof an 'assise of mort-mayn 1 of his antecessours' was taken bitwene 12 hem in the same Courte, that is for to sey, that the forseid Iohn knowleched the forseid mese and lond to be the right of the for- seid Abbesse and of her chirche of Godestowe, as tho the which the same Abbesse and her chirche aforseid had of the yifie of henry 16 of seynt walerico, fadir to the forseid Iohn: To have and to hold, to the same Abbesse and to other Abbesses pat shall suc- cede her and [to] her chirche aforseid, of the chief lordes of that fee, in fre and perpetuel almesse for evermore, to do therof all maner of service whiche to the forseid mese and lond perteyneth. And for this recognycion, fyne, and accorde, the same Abbesse yaf to the forseid Iohn thre score mark, in siluer.

[794.] An acquytyance of the forseid Iohn, I-ma de to the Abbesse of Godestowe of xl. li. in full payment for Budyngton.

The sentence of this acquytyance is that Iohn of seynt walerico, 24 sone of henry of seynt walerico, knowleched hym-self to have fully receiued, of the Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, xl. li. of sterlyng * money for the fy nall concorde bitwene hym made, on that one partie, and pe abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, on 28 that other partie, for londis and tenementis in Budyngton, with the perteyntis, whiche they hadde of the yifie of the forseid henry his fadir, wherof a ple was taken at Chichestre before ser Gilbert of Presto, Roger of wy[r]ecture, william of Englefeld;

1 In error for 'assise of mort d'auncetur.'
and william of Cobeham, Justices, and other the kyngis trew men ther beyng present, was meved bitwene hym, askyng, and the forsaid abbes and Covent, holders, by a writte of ' assise of deth of his auncetours,' as the writyng bitwene hem more playnly berith witnesse. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his seale. The date at Godestow, in the day of the translacion of seynt Thomas the martir, The yere of the reign of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohan xlj

About 1260.

[785.] A Charter of william Bernewal aff I-made to the mynchons aforseid.

The sentence of this charter is, that william Bernewall graunted and quyteclaymed, for hym, his heires, and his assignes, vnto the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the right and clame pat he had, or in any manner wise myght have, in a diche, of which sryf and ple was in the Courte of Brembre, which is diched bitwene the crofte called herbelot and the culture called the hamcor in the parissi of westnestho: To have and to hold, the forside diche, with his pertynentis, as the metis and boundes bitwene hem shewen, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours: So that he, fro thens-forthe, in the forseid diche, with his hangyngis, that none for hym, by hym, or in his name, nor none of his heires nor his assignes, ony maner right or clame fro hens-forth may chalange or have, [but] therof to be excluded for evermore. And for this graunte and quyte-clayme, the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym v. shillings vj. d' before-handes, by the hondes of Thomas, than servaunt of Buddyngo: In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse: Raaf of west nestho, marchaunt, Adam hereny, henry le Bugh, william le wythe, Raaf de la Breche, Geffrey de la lawe, william Mareschaft of Steninge, and many othere.

About 1260.

[786.] Another charter of the same william, I-made to the seid mynchons, of a commune pasture vpon the sonde and in hurstbroke and in the Breche and in the Gore.

The sentence of this charter is, that william Bernewall, sone of Robert Bernewall, yaf, graunted; quyteclaymed; and by his

1 i. e. pertinentes.  
2 Read 'nor,' for 'that.'
charter confirmed, to god and to the chirche of seyn Iohn Baptist of * Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and to serve for ever, all the right that he had; or myght have, in the commune of pastures which he was wont to have with his bestis, in commune pasture with the bestis of the forsaide holy mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, vp-on the sondre and in hursbrok, and in the Breche and in the Gore, for hym, his 8 heires, and his assignes for evermore: So that the seid william Bernevall, neither his heires, ne his assignes, no maner of right in the forsaide pasturis may chalange. Wherfor he willith and grauntith that the said holy mynchons have, frely and quetyly, wele and in pease, in fre pure and perpetuell almesse, all the forsaide commune of pasture which he was wonte to have in the forsaide places, as it is before specified; fro all exaccion, custome, service, demaunde, grevaunce, which to hym or to his heires or to his assignes, in any maner wise, of the forsaide pastures myght belonge. And the forsaide william Bernevall, and his heires, and his assignes, all that commune of pasture in the places before-named, to the forsaide holy mynchons, and to their successors, shall warantize and defende ayenst all maner of men for evermore. For this yfte, graunte, quyte-clayme; and of this present charter confermyng, the forsaide holy mynchons yaf to hym xj. skillings in warison, Thise beyng witnesse: ser william 24 of wisteneston, knyght, ser hugh of Boneý, knyght, ser walrande of Munceaus, knight, Nigell of Broke, Hamond Bonet, Robert of Bordevile, walter his sone, henry of the low, william de la lowe, Raaf of Changetoñ, humfrey of Gateway, Richard of Esse, william his sone, walter the parson-is sone of wsteneston, Robert his brother, and many other.

[797.] A quyte-clayme of william atte Mille of Metenynge.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, of all maner cove-
nauntis, contraversies, and exaccions, meved and to be meved; twene william atte Mille of Metenyng and Denyse his wyf, by reson of the goddes of Thomas, called of Estecote, somtyme servuaut and keper of the maner of Buddyngtoñ of the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, brother of the forsaide Denyse,
on that one partie, and the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestow on that other partie, vndir this forme, pease is reformed: That is for to sey, that neither he, nor none in his name nor in his wyfe's, * the same Abbesse and Couent before-reembrmed; 4 by resoñ of the godes aforseid; fro hens-forthe shaff not vexe enplede, nother trouble, renuncyng expressly all maner of accions to hym perteynyng ayenst pe said' lady Abbesse and the forseid' Couent of the seid' godes to be exeicte or of ony parte 8 of hem. And yf hit happe, as god for-bede, the same lady Abbesse or Couent, by ony name of them, in Inegment or out, in what Courte of the chirche or seculer, by resoñ of the godes of the seid' Thomas, by hym, his wyf, or ony other what-so-ever 12 they be, to be vexe'd or troubled; he bounden hym and his executours to afi' the damagis and expenis, what-so-ever hit were, that the forsai'd Abbesse and Couent, or ony in their name, by occasion aforseid; makeñ or makith, [to] the seid'abbesse 16 and Couent for the tyme beyng to pay or to restore, to 1 the same* fro all maner of harmes which may falle, by resoñ aforseid; he shaff kepe harmeslesse. And for the good' profite of the same lady Abbesse and Couent to be hadde, and all discorde bitwene 20 hem to be sette a-side, he promised xx. skillings of sterlyngis at the fest of Seynt Migheft in the monthe of Septembre in the yere of our lord' god a thousand’ two hundred’ nynty and the seven trewly to be paid in the Abbey of Godstow to theyme. To the 24 which promyse, covenaunt, and reformyng of pease, wele and truly to be kept, the fore-named’ william made an othe bodely vpon a boke. And also that all maner of instrumentis, tayles 3, acquytaunces, and mynymentis of the same lady abbesse and 28 Couent, which hath ben withdrawen, and ben with hym in kepyng, and that he hath recovered; truly he shaff restore to them, by vertu of the same othe. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his scale, in the presence of ser Odo, 32 parson of the chirche of Lamyeth; Maister william of kendale; Thomas of Mowy, Burgeis of Oxenford; Edmond of the parke of wodestok; Robert of Graffeon; Iohn of Thomertoon, Chape-leyne; william of heene; and william, than beyng bailly to the 36 Abbesse of Godestow in the maner of Bodyngeon. The date is

1 Read 'and,' for 'to.' 2 i.e. Abbess and Convent. 3 i.e. tallies.
at Godestowe, the monday next after the fest of seynt luce the Euangelist, in the yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred nynty and sixe. And the yere of the reign of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry xxiiiij.


The sentence of this queyte-clayme is, that John Clerk of Shoreham hath releesed vnto the lady Abbesse of Godestow, and to all the Couent of the same place, the accion the which he enpleded ayenst hem of xx. mark, iiij. shillings v. d' obolus of dette, by-fore the kyngis Justices, by a writte wherof he in all wise to hem quyte-claymed: So that he, neither none for hym, nor by hym, fro hens-forth hem shaft vexe. And for this relese and quyte-clayme the forseid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym iiij. acris of lond in olde Shoreham; To have and to hold of them, as longe as he lived; by service of j. d' by yere in seynt Mighelles day to be paid for al maner of service and exaccion, as in their charter which he hathe bereth witnesse: So that after his deth no man, by occasion of that takynge, ony maner of right in the forseid londis may chalange. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he sette to his seale, These beyng witnesse: william Dogette, than bailly of Clere Symond; Danuers Pagan, than bailly of Sanford; hugh of Eto; Stephyne of Blebery, and many other.
WARWICKSHIRE

[BARTON-IN-THE-HEATH.]

[799. * Final concord between Royseia, abbess of Godstow, and John of Cumpton.

There was a suit decided at Westminster, in Easter term, 7 Edward I, before Roger of Lye and other justices, between Godstow and John of [Long-]Compton, about payment in quarterly instalments of 20s. rent-charge in Barton in hem-4 marshe, due by lands of Roger of Barton which said John held.]

[800. Fragment.]

* paid after the forme of theirs felement and obligacion as more playnily hit apperith. Elles the said' obligacion of x. li. stonde at no strengthe ne vertu. In witnesse wherof, to this 8 present wrtyng' endented, with the scale of the same Abbesse and the scale of the same Thomas enterchaugeably ben sette to. The date is at warwyk, the wedensday, in the morow after the Innencio of the holy crosse, in the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, the xxxiiijth.

[801.] An obligacion of the forsaid' Thomas Le Here I-made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, & cetera.

The sentence of this obligacion is, that Thomas Le here, the sone of Roger Le here of Barton in hemmersh, knowleched hym-self to be bounden to Moolde, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to her successours, and to the Couent of the same place, in ten pounde sterlyngis, of them I-borowed and

1 The English Register resumes after a lost leaf. I have not found the deed in the Latin Register. The fragment refers to the same transaction as is noticed in no. 801.  
2 Omit 'with.'  
3 See in the Exchequer MS., leaf i, back.
resceived: To be paid to them, or to theire certeyne attorney, in the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, now next comying after the date of this presente writynge; in the peyne of 4 an hundred shillyngis to be paid vnto the subsidie of the holy londe, yf that defaute of the payment therof were made in partie or in alle. Also he boundeth hym, his heires, and assignes, by this present writynge; and all his londes and tenements in the towne and feldes of Berton aforesaid, to whos bondes thei shold come, to the distreynyng of the aforesaid Abbesse and her successors, or ther attorneys what-so-ever thei were, as often-tymes as they were behynde of any part of a yerely rent of 12 xx. shillings, in the which the predecessours of the aforesaid Abbesse and Couent, by his predecessours, first were seised in the towne aforesaid: In witnesse wherof to this present writynge, he put to his seale. The date is at warwyk, the wednesdai, in the morow after the Inuencion of the holy croe, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, the xxxiiij. These byng witnesse: Thomas lord of Bersheston, Iohn lord of dycheford, Alyen of Berston, Robert le Marshall, Symond waite, Iohn of Bur- myngton, and Raaf the sone of william leuelance.

[802.] A writte fro the kyng directed to the sheref of warwyk.

The sentence of this writte is, that Henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to the Sherif of warwyk, sendith gretyng. Ther complayne to Elizbeth Felmersham, abesse of Godestow, that Robert Clynton and Iohn Raves, vnrightfully and without ingement, disseised her of her fre tenement in Barton hemmershe, afar the goyng of kyng Henry the sone of kyng Iohn into Guyan. And therfor we commaunde the that, yf the aforesaid Abbesse fynde the suerte to sewe her clayme, than [thou] make that tenement to be rescised, and the catelles, that may be there, take, and the same tenement and catelles to be in pease, vnto a certayne day the whiche our welbeloued and trewe James Strangways and Iohn Ellerkere to the make thy knowlech. And bitwene that, to be paid by June 24th under penalty of £5 forfitt to the subsidy of the Holy Land; also grant of power of distrain over Barton manor for a rent-charge of £1.

Order by Henry IV, to the sherif of Warwickshire, ordering inquiry as to whether Robert * leaf 214, back. Clinton and John Ravis dispossessed Godstow of property in Barton, co. Warw.,

1 A law formula. Henry III went to Guienne 1242, and again 1253.
2 i.e. thee.
3 James Strangways, Serjeant-at-Law in 1410, and John Ellarker, in 1424.
make xij. fre and trew men of that sight to se that tenement, and theire names put in wirte 1. And to somon hem, by good somonycions, that thei be than before the foresaid Iames and Iohan, and other which thei shalle associe to hem, to a certeyne 4 place which the foresaid Iames and Iohan to the 2 shal yeve knowlech, to make redy ther the recognytours, And put (by wedlys or sure pleggis) the foresaid Robert and Iohan (or their bailly fis yf thei be not I-founde), that thei be there to hire 3 that 8 recognycion. And have their the names of hem that ben Isomoned pleggis, and this writte : witnessyng my-self at westmynster, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiiij.

[803.] A Commission of the kyng directed to his Iustices, & cetera.

The sentence of this commission is, that Henry, by the grace 12 of god kyng of Englonde and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to his welbeloved and trew Iames Strangweys and Iohan Ellerkere Sendith gretyng. Be hit knowen that we have made yow oure Iustices, with such as ye wille associe to yow, to ‘an assise 16 of new disseisyne’ to be take, which Elizabeth Felmersham, Abbesse of Godestowe, hath taken afore vs, by our writte, ayenst Robert Clynton and Iohan Raves, of tenementis in Berton, hemerssh. And therfor I comaunde yow that 4, at a certayne 20 day and place by yow to be provided, to take that assise, and to make and do ther-in as longith to right, aftir the law and custome of our reame of Englonde, Savyng to vs the amercimentis therof comyng. Also we have commaunde our Sherif of warwyk, 24 that 4, at a certeyne day and place by yow to be assigned, to bryng that assise biforess yow. In witnesse wherof, thise we have made our letrres patentes, My-self beyng: witnesse, at westmynstre, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiiij. 28

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1 sic = write, i.e. writing.
2 i.e. thee.
3 i.e. hear.
4 The translator has often difficulties with the Latin accusative and infinitive of indirect narration: cp. p. 587, note 2. Here he brings in the English ‘that,’ but, after it, retains the Latin infinitive construction.
[BROAD BLUNSDON.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV’s Taxatio Ecclesiastica, 1291, Blunsdon and Highworth are put together as bringing in to Godstow £5 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Blunsdon by itself was worth (Monast. iv. 374) £4 yearly; and a fee of 1s. 8d. was paid to it for the bailiff of the queen for Highworth hundred, and a further fee of 1s. for exemption from attendance at the court of that hundred.]

[804.] * A Charter of Robert of Aubre I-made to Roger of Wryteff for iij. acres and an half of londt in Brodebluntesdon. *

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Aubre of Brodebluntesdon, yaf, and graunted; and by his present charter confirmed, 1 to Roger of Wryteff of Brodebluntesdon and to 4 his heires and to his Assigneyes, thre acres and an half of arable londt in the feldis of Brodebluntesdon, with all there pertynents and libertees: That is for to sey, half an acre of londt in the westfeld in the Breche, next to the londt that was of Everard; 8 le knyt; and an half acre of londt vpon Clyue, next to the londt that was of Adam Governe; And an half acre of londt in Cranlekefurlong next to the londt that was of Walter Gore; and half an acre of londt in the Southfeld in Yorkelesfurlong, next to the 12 londt that was of Everard Le knyt; and an hede half acre next to Combe, and hit strecchitt toward hewett; and an half acre of londt in Byndewerefurlonge, next to the londt that was of Nigell le Rych; and a partike in the Est feld in doemannesbenlond, 16 next to the londt that was Petir le Wele; and a partike in the same feld next to the londt that was [of] Adam Governe in Langfurlonge: To have and to holdt, of hym and his heires, to the forseid Roger of wryteff, and to his heires and his assignes, and 20 to whom-so-ever he wille assigne it, yeve hit, selle hit, or bequethe hit, bothe in sikenes and in helthe, in fee and heritage, fre and quyte, wele and in pease, in right heritage for evermore, without any impedymet or ony other reclamacion or vexacion 24 of hym or of his heires fro hensforth, yeldying therof yerely, to
Wiltshire: Brode Bluntesdon

hym and to his heires, of the forsaied Roger and his heires or his assignes, j. d. at Estir for aft seruyces, sutis of Courte, querelis, customes, helpis, wardis, eschetis, and aft other secular demaundes to hym and to his heires perteynyng; and for aft (other 1) foreyne service, Savyng to hym and to his heires reasonable releif. And the forsaied Robert and his heires, to the forsaied Roger and his heires and to his assignes, the forsaide thre acres of lond and an half acre of lond, with aft his pertynentis over aft, and libertis, 8 ayenst aft lordis and Iustices and also ayenst aft men and that may make any clayne therto, at his owne costis, shal warantize, acquyte, and defende, for evermore. And for this yifte, graunte, confermyng; and varantyng; the forsaied Roger yat to hym xl. shillings before-handis, And also he willed; yaf and graunted; and by his present charter confermynd; and warantyng ferme and stable for evermore: and vnto his present charter with his seale he hath I-strengthed it. Thise beyng witnesse: 16 ser valeryan 2 of Bluntesdoni, Roger of Labury, Roger the sone of Bryan of Blundesdon, william of laozora, Iohn Nywemai, Richard of Hampton, Clerk, and many other.

[805.] * A Chartur of Robert aubrey I-made to Roger writelle.

The sentence of pys chartur is, pat Robert aubrey of brode- 20 bluntesdon gafe, & grauntyd, & confirmyd 3 with hys wrytynge, to Roger of wrytelle of brodeblundesdon, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, thre acrys of londe & a halfe acre of londe in medys 5 in pe same towne, with aft hys pertynences & libertis, 24 pat is to sey, on halfe acre in pe weste mede 6 in pe breche nyhe pe londe pat was of euerarde le knyt, & j. halfe acre vpon cluye nyhe pe londe pat was of adam Somer, & j. halfe acre of hys londe in cranlekeforlounge nyhe pe londe pat was of walter 28 Gore, & j. halfe acre in pe sowpe feelde in porkeleforlounge 4 nyhe pe londe pat was of Euerarde le knyt, & j. halfe hede acre in lacumbe 5 & strechyth hym-selfe towards hewle, & j. halfe acre in byndebereforlounge nyhe pe londe pat was of Nigelle le 32

1 Omit 'other' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).
2 * Walerand* 'in Exchequer MS.
3 Read 'fields': 'in campis' is translated as if it were 'in pratis.'
4 See 599/11. Probably Thorkill's furlong.
5 *la cumbe.*
Richard, and j. perch in pe est felde in dodemanesforlone nyhe pe londe pat was of petur le wele, & j. perch in pe same feelde nyhe pe londe pat was of adam Somer in langeforlone, to be 4 had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to pe seyde Roger writele, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, or to whom-so-euyr he wylle assyne, gyf, sylle, or by-quethe hyt, & when-so-euer he wylle, lykewyse as weff in sekenes as in helpe, in fee & 8 herytage, frely & quietly, wel & in pece, by Riht herytage for euyr, with-out ony lettyngye or reclaymynge or vexynge of hym or of hys heyrys her-aftur, paynge per-of yerly to
[Leaf XVIII of the old paging is cut out.]

[806. *Acknowledgment*¹ made by Godstow to Adam of Stratton.

MABEL, abbess of Godstow, and the convent acknowledged 1 that they owed to Adam and his heirs all feudal services due from the lands in Broad Bluntesdon which Roger of Writele gave to Godstow, viz. homages, fealties, scutages, helps, reliefs, suits of manorial courts and hundred courts, etc., due either to Adam 16 himself or to the lady Isabella de fortibus², countess of Albe- marle. Godstow further agreed to pay a mare of silver for wardship on each vacancy of the abbess-ship by death, resigna- tion, or deposition, payment to be made by the new abbess immediately on her admission. St. Bartholomew’s Day, 1284.]

[807.] *A Charter of Bryan Bluntesdon for iij. li. of wex for a cerge brennyng afore the crosse in seynt myghel chirche of heyworthae.*

The sentence of this charter is, that William Brian the son of Bryan of Bluntesdon willed to be know hym-self and his heires to be holde, and bounde, to god and to the chirche 24 of seynt Mighel of heyworth in iij. li. of wexe, yerely in the morow³ of seynt Michel, to paye to j. serge, euery day to brenne

¹ I have found no manuscript copy of this. It is of interest as applying the feudal claim for wardship to the property of a body corporate during the vacancy of the headship.

² Isabel (died 1293), daughter of Bald- win de Redvers, 7th earl of Devon (died 1245), widow of William de fortibus, 3rd earl of Albemarle (died 1256), was heires of her brother Baldwin, 8th earl of Devon (died 1262).

³ 'the eve,' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 183).
at the masse, afore the crosse, for the soule of Isabelle that was the wyf of Roger of Writele, to be susteyned for euer: And also for 1 ij. lampes to be susteyned with oyle, in seynt leonardis chyrch of Bluntesdon, that is to sey, j. lampe brennynge thurgh 4 allt the sondaie nyghtis and thurgh allt the nyghtis of hye festis, that is to sey, of the festis of Alhalewyn, Cristmasse, Ester, Ascencion, Whitsonside, Trynyte, Natyuyte of seynt Iohn baptyst, and of all the festis of our lady; And another lampe, s brennynge euery day at the masse, afore the outer of our lady seynt mary and seynt katteryne, for the soawle of the said' Isabel, and of Isabel that was the modir of the said Roger; And also in ij. d. to be paid' yerely to the brethren 2 of Ierusaleme, the 12 sondaie next after the gule of August (that is to sey, lammasse day), in the forsait chyrch of Bluntesdon, for the forsait Roger and his auncetours for euer. And to pese afore-putte thyngis to be truly do, he bounde hym-self and his heires for euer to the 16 Iurisdictio and constreynyg of the vicary of heyworth that shold be for the tyme, or to the person of the same place ye hit happened to be without a vicary, the which shold compelle by all censure of the chyrch to aff the fore-put thyngis truly to 20 be do for euer, vndire peyne of half j. mark, of siluer to the worke of the same. *at Godestowe, the Sunday next afore the fest of Seynt Mathew the appostle and Evangetil, the xvij. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward:

* leaf 149. [Matthew = Sept. 21.]

[Note.—The right date is in the Latin (Exch. MS., leaf 183), 13th year of Edward the son of king Henry, i.e. 1284. 17 Edward II would be 1323. The Latin has also a clause showing that Roger of Writele obtained this concession by purchase: viz. 'And for this, the said Roger gave to me and to my heirs 3½ acres of arable in Bluntesdon, and 5s. of yearly rent charged on his land in Westwydyhill.']

* leaf 209, back. 1285, June io. Licence in mortmain by Edward I, allowing Roger of Writele to feoff

[808.] * A Confirmacion of kyng Edwardes, & cetera.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englund lord of Irelond and duke of Guyan, To aff tho that thise present lettres shalt come to Sendith gretynge. Notwith-stondyng that by the comon counsil 28 of our Reame hit is provided that it shal not be lefth to religious peple to entre the fee of ony man, So that to morte-

1 'in duabus lampadibus cum oleo sustinendis.'
2 'fraternitati.'
3 'of land and rents in Brodebluntesdone and Chel worthe' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).
mayn hit shold' come to, without our licence and of the chief lordis of the which the same thyng was holden, willyng nev-

ertheless to our welbeloved Roger of wryteff by special grace we have yov'en licence in as moche as is in vs, that he a

1 mesuage, sixe yerdes lond; with a mylle, and thirty shillyngis of rent, with the pertynentis, in Brode Bluntesdon and Chelleworthe, may yeve and assigne to our welbeloued in crist the Abbesse and Covent of Godestow: To hold' and have, to hem and to their successours for evermore. And to the same Abbesse and Covent, to the forsaid Roger may rescive, by this present writyng, in like wise, we have granted special lycence. Not willyng that the same Roger nor the forsai'd Abbesse and Covent by reso'n of the statute aforesaid by vs or by our heires therof be occasioned in any wise or greved: Savyng nathe-lesse to the chief lordis of that fee services therof dew and acustomed: * In witnesse of which thyng thise we have made our lettres patentis: witnessyng my-self, at west-mynstre, the tenthe day of Iuy[n], The yere of our reigne xiiij.

[809.] * A Charter of Roger of Wryteff I-made vnto the Mynchons of Godestowe of all his londes in Brodebluntesdon, in Estthorp, in Heylbreche and in Chelleworthe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger of wryteff of Brodebluntesdon, with the consent and wille of Agneis his wyf, yaf, graunte[d] and by his present charter confermed, and aff-vey for hym and his heires quyteclaymed, to god and to the chirch of our Lady Seynt Marie and of Seynt John Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore to serve, for the helthe of his soule and of Agneis his wyf and of Isabell somtyme his wyf, and for the soules of theire fadirs and Modirs and for all their good doers, in fre and perpetuel almesse, all his londes in Brode bluntesdon, and in Estthorp in the towne of Heylbreche, and in Chelleworthe, with mansions and bildyngis, gardeyns, Culuerhouse, Mille, fre holders, bondholders, with aff her sequele, Cotereft, rentis, werkis, helpis, wardis, relefis, eschetis, fynes of londes, redempcionis of progeny-

1 Observe Latin order: agent, object, verb; instead of English: agent, verb, object. 2 For 'to' read 'that they.' 3 In error for 'Heyworth.'

Godstow in no. 809, viz. a mesuage, 6 yard-

lands, a mill, and quit-rents, and em-

powering Godstow to receive them.

* leaf 210. 1285. Grant to Godstow, by Roger of Writenle, of all his lands and manorial rights in Broad Blunson, Eastrop, Highworth, and Chal-

worth,
tours, medis, lesues, pastures, scutagis, suti of Courtis, with all maner other libertees and fre customes to all tholondis perteynyng in all the places aboueseid; without any witholdyng to hym or to his heires or to ony other in the world; and with al pat that 4 to hym or to his heires or to ony other by any maner of right myght falle to: To have and to hold, all the forseid londes, with all theiris other pertynentis aforseid; to the seid chirche of Godstowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore 8 to serve, frely, quyetly, in pease, holy for evermore, Of the lordis of the feis, makyng to hem services dew and acustomed: And to the forsaid mynchons yerely in the day of his obite xl. skilings, to a pytance in remembraunce * of his soule. And for 12 this yfte, graunte, and of this present charter confermyng, and quyteclayymyg, the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons his soule, and the soules of the forsaid Aguymes and Isabelle his wyfes, their Fadres, and modres, and all their good doers, in all their 16 suffragis, praiers, almesededes, and fastyngis, for evermore, specially they have resceiued: And that this his yfte, graunte, confermyng, and quyteclayymyg, [might] be had ferme and stable, to abide for evermore, to this present writyng he put to his scale. These 20 beyng witnesse: ser Iohn of Wy[n]t to beyng Sheref of wilte-shire, ser Robert of Meysey, Richard La Ryver, Iohn Wallerand, knyghtis, Philip Le Gay, Iohn Aylemere, Iohn of Grauntbrigg, Roger de la bury, Roger Bryan, Nigeff of Stokes, Philippe 24 Le Botte, and many other.

[Note.—There is missing from these deeds the agreement between Godstow and this benefactor, which stated the services which the convent undertook to render. At the dissolution, 1540, we find (Monast. iv. 370) Godstow paying out, for Roger of Writtel's soul £1 14s. 8d. a year, being 8d. a week given alternately to the Black Friars and to the Grey Friars of Oxford; and a further sum of £1, being 3s. 4d. in money, a bushel of 'oytemell' (oatmeal), and a bushel of peas, given in Lent to each of the four friaries in Oxford (Black, Grey, White, Austin: Wood's City of Oxford, ii. 311, 342, 413, 445).]

* * * A Charter of Roger of Writele of Brodebluentesdon for alle his londes and tenementis in Brode-bluentesdon.

Duplicate of no. 809.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger of Writele of Brode-bluentesdon yaf, graunted; & cetera, to god and to the
chirche of synt John Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, for the helth of his sowle and Anneys his wyf and Isabelle somtyme the wyf and for the sowles of their fadirs and modirs and of all ther benefetours, into fre and perpetuel almesse, aff his londes and tenementis in brodebluntesdon and in Estthorp in the towne of heyworth and in Cheleworth, with mansions, bildoynis, gardens, culuerhowses, mylles, fre tenauntaes, bondeemen (villenagis or bonde holdes), with ther sequelis and catallis, coterellis, rentis, workyngis, helpis, wardis, * relefis, eschetis, almaner fynes of londes, redempcions (or ayene-biyngis) of progenitours (or fadirs-afore), medis, fedyngis 2, pastures 2, pondis, sutiis of courtis, with all other liberteis (or 3 fredoms) and fre customes longyng to the forsaid' tenementis in ony wise or by right, without ony agayn-holdyng: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis I-named; to the said' chirch of Godestowe and to the said' mynchons and to ther successours ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, of the chief lordes of the fees, Doyng therof to them all seruycys dew and I-wonyd' that longen to the forsaid' londes and tenementis: and to the said' mynchons, euery yere in the day of his anniversary, xl. shillings, to a pytaunce into mynde of his sowle. And for this yfte, graunte, and confirmacion, be forsaid' abbesse and mynchons resceved' specially his sowle, and the sowles of Anneys his wyf, and Isabell his wyf, of their fadirs and modirs and of all theirs benefetours, for euer in ther suffragis, orisons, almesse, and vigilis. And that this ther yfte, & cetera.

[811. * Quit-claim to Godstow by Robert Wardebek, of lands in Bluntesdon, Cheleworth, and Estthorp.

28 ROBERT Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, quit-claimed to Godstow all right and title in lands and tenements in the vills of Brodebluntesdone, Estthorp, Heyworth, and Cheleworth, in mansions 4, buildings, etc., which Godstow had of the gift and foestament of Roger of Writele.

At Godstow, Monday before Purification, 26 Edward I.]

1 'culver' is an old word for a dove. 2 'pascuis, pasturis,' in the Latin. 3 'or fredoms' is an inserted explana-tion of the word 'liberties' (libertatibus). 4 The formula is exactly as in no. 809.
**[812. Warranty of Robert of Wardebek of the same.]**

Warrant to Godstow, by Robert Wardebek, of no. 809.

ROBERT of Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, warrants to Godstow the gift they had from Roger of Writele in Brodebluntesdon, Estthorpe, Heyworth, and Chelworth.]  

**[CHALWORTH, near Cricklade.]**

*Chartur of Roger writell of Chaldeworth.*

The sentence of pis is, *pat* a covenant was made by-twene william of basemley of *pe* on party & *Roger* of wrytele & annyes hys wyfe of *pe* oper partye, in *pe* day of seynt lucye uirgyn, next after *pe* dethe of henry *pe* sone of kynge Iohn, in pis wyse: *pat* 8 is to sey, *pat* *pe* seyde william, with the assent & gode wille of Iulian hys wife & of hys heyrys, toke & left 1, to the seyde Roger of writel & to annyes hys wyfe & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, all hys londe the *whyche* is called assart, with *pe* mede *pe* 12 whyche is called suggemede, in *pe* grounde of cheldeworpe, *pat* is to sey, of postcuncheheued vn-to *pe* wey *pat* ledyth toward *pe* hows of Richard of woode, & of tristale vn-to *pe* londe of Iohn of woode, the *terme* by-gynnynge at *pe* feste of seynt mihel vn-to 16 *pe* terme of xij. yere next folowyngne & fully complete, to be had & to be holde, to *pe* seyde Roger & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, aft *pe* foreseyde londe, with *pe* mede lynge *per*e-to, & with aff her pertinentences, in medys pasturys woodys weyis pathys & in 20 aft other places, with all fredsoms & fre customs longynge to *pe* same londe, paynge *per*of yerly to *pe* lorde of *pe* fee v. *shillings* at too *termys* of *pe* yere, *pat* is to sey, at the annunciacion of owre lady, ij. *shillings* vj. d, & at Myhel masse, ij. *shillings* vj. d, 24 for aft service, custome, & demaundse secular; & to the forseyde william, j. halfe quarter of whete yerly in *pe* day of seynt lucie, vndur pis forme, *pat* is to sey, *pe* seyde Roger & hys wyfe & hys heyrys sholde haue power to selle, bequeth, & gyfe *pe* seyde 28 londe to whom-so-euyr *pe* wolden, within *pat terme*, bohe in sekenes & also in helthe: & if hit happun (*pat* god forbese) *pat* *pe* seyde Roger or annyes [h]is wyfe or hys heyrys or hys

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1 In Latin: ‘tradicit et dimisit.’
assynys take ony harme for cause of defaute of þe seyde william, a-fore Iustices errante or in ony oper courtes, þe seyde londe sholde a-byde in þe hondys of þe seyde Roger & annees hys wyfe & of hys heyr ys or of hys assynys, after þe foreseyde terme, tille þe seyde hurtes were restoryd, by þe vywe of goode & laweful men; & yf hyt happun (pat god forbede) ony man to entre in-to þe same londe, by hem-selfe or for hem-selfe, with-in þe foreseyde terme, þe seyde william bonde hym-self & aif hys goodys, meuable & vn-meuable, wher-so-euyr þei wer I-founde, to the distreyynge of þe Abbot of cicetur, till hit were satisfied fully of þe harmys & expenses to hem a-fore-seyde: & þe seyde william & Iulian hys wyfe & hys heyr ys or hys assynys sholde warantiþe, defende, & acquite, to þe seyd Roger & annees hys wyfe, & to hys heyr ys, or to his assynys, þe seyde couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, ageyniste aif men & women, thorowe aif the foreseyde terme of xij. yer next folowyng & fully complete. For þis couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, þe foreseyde Roger gaf xv. shillings of sterlyngys & vj. d. to hys grete nede by-fore handes. And þat þis convencion, takynge & letynge, thorowe þe foreseyde terme sholde a-byde ferme & stable, þe seyde william & Roger put to thys wrytynges I-made in-to the maner of chartur, wyth heþe feyþe I-pleyht, here seele: & is with-out date.

[CRICKLADE.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica Cricklade and Eaton are put together as worth £20 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Cricklade, Chalworth, Ufcott, and Meysey Hampton are grouped together (Monast. iv. 374) as worth £1 13s., and for the messuage in Cricklade a fee is paid to the queen's bailiff of Cricklade hundred.]

[814.] * A Chartur of couenawnt bytwene Dame Margarete of redvarijs & Maistur acharde of Medeburne for þe towne of Crekelade.

24 The sentence of þis evidence is, þat þeþ was a couenant I-made by-twene dame ¹ Margarete of redeuarijs, of þe on parte, & mayster acharde of Medeburne, þe heyre of Nigell of Medeburne, of þe oper parte, þe xxx. yere of þe reyne of kynge henry

¹ Margaret (de Fitzgerald), widow of William de Redvers, 6th earl of Devon.
de Redvers, of (a) the town of Cricklade, (b) the hundred-court of Cricklade, and (c) the manor of Stratton, [ = Worth, i.e. Highworth.] which his father, Nigel of Medeburne, had held on lease.

Cricklade hundred to do its

peatone of kyng Eohn, at mihel-mas, pat is to sey, pat pe seyde Margaret, in her laulfal powere & fre wedewhode, grantyd & lete, to pe seyde acharde here towne of Cryklade, with alle his pertainces, Also with pe hundredes longyng to pe same towe, & alle his londe of stratunne, with alle his pertainces, with owte oony retenyng (savyng pe rente at two termys of the yere pat longeth to pe hundredes of Wrhe, so pat here men of stratunne scholde not be taxid 6 3erly ouer two 4 marke for pe relesyng of 8 pe town & hundredes of Wrhe and of alle pynges pertynyng to pe seyde towne and hundredes), the whiche pe seyde Acharde had, as heyere of the seyde Nigelle of Medeburme, vn-to pe terme ofvj. yere & more, As hit may be schewyd by the charter by-twene pe seyde margarete & pe seyde Nigelle: to be had & to be holde, of pe seyde margarete & here heyeris, to hym & to his heyeris or to his assynys, fro pe seyde feste of seynt Myhyl vn-to pe ende of x. yere folowyng complete. Hit was acordid also by-twene hem pat pe seyde Acharde scholde have pe mercementes of men of stratunne [* & lefte to.] bope of pe fee of Dame Margarete & Also of pe fee of pe seide acharde yf hit happun hem to be amercid in pe hundrid of wrhe for pe reles of pe feire of Strattn, pe whiche pe seide acharde relesid to pe seide Margaret vn-to her terme. Hit was a-cordid also by-twene hem pat pe bailif of the hundred of wrhe, I-swore to pe kynge, shold acquite pe hundred of Cricklade in pe maundementes of pe kynge a-geiniste pe shereue, so pat pe bailif of Cricklade sholde answere to pe bailif of wrhe in pe maundementes of pe kynge & of pe shereue: & if pe seide acharde or his heiris or his assinis lese ony thynge of pe fore-seyde townis or hundrid, or bi disesseininge or bi defaute of pe seide margete or of hi heiris, pe same achard or his heiris or his assinis sholde holde pe seide townis with her pertainces, Also pe hundred of Creckelade, of pe seide Marget & of her heiris til pech had receuid resonabli to pe worthe of her harmis: & pe seid

1 ' lefte,' in duplicate.
2 i.e. her.
3 ' withholdinge.'
4 ' too.'
5 ' his.'
6 ' be sette.'
7 ' jyngis longinge.'
8 ' be knowe.'
9 ' I-made thereof.'
10 ' fuli.'
11 The translator lost his place, and retranslated 16 lines, with many verbal differences.
12 *sic.*
Marget & hir heiris sholde warantize to pe seide acharde & to his heiris or to his assinis the seide couenaunte vn-to pe seide terme: & if pe fredom of pe towne of Crickelade or of pe hund- red be hurt in any thinge bi defaute of the seide acharde, pe same acharde shold answere to pe seide Marget of pe seide defaute: & pat pis couenaunt shold be kep' de fielpedulli & with-out gile, bope of hem sette to her seelis to pe charters of pis 8 couenaunte, eueriche ageiniste ope? & is withoute date.

[815.] * Chartur of pers notte for halfe of hys burgage in Crekelade.

The sentence of thys chartur is, pat pers le notte of hynvinton 1 gafe, grauntid; & confermid' with pis present wrytynge, to god & to pe churche of owre lady seynt Marye & seynt Iohn Bap-
tiste of Godstowe & to pe mynchons per seruynge god & to serue for euyr, for pe helpe of hys sowle, halfe of hys burgage pat he had in pe grete strete of Crekelade, with pe gardyn & with ait his pertinences per, pe whyche halfe of burgage 16 is sette nyhe soppeham pe whyche adam helde vppon pe northe parte & halfe of pe burgage pat pe same Iohn helde vppon pe sowthe parte, to be had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyr ys, to pe seyde mynchons & to her successors, frely &
20 quietly, pesibli & holly for euer, paynge perof yerly to pe seyde Iohn & to hys heyr ys * or to hys assynys vj. d' at to termys of pe yere, pat is to say, at hockeday 2 iij. d', & at Mihel-masse iij. d', for ait service, custome, & demaunde securi, longyngae to hym &
24 to hys heyr ys. He willid; also & assynyd' pat whatsoeuer ping e myht be leneyid' of pe seyde burgage sholde be for pe sus-
teynynge of a lyhte in wax a-fore pe cros in pe quere of pe monasteri of Godstowe. Also pers notte of hynvinton & his 28 heyrys or assynys warantid' acquited' & defendeid' to the fore-
seyde Mynchons & to her successors or to her assynys pe forescyd burgage, with hys pertinences, a-gwynste ait men & women for euyr, vppon ait the goodys pat myht fallae to hym 32 & to hys heyrys by ony ryht in pe towne of Crekelade: & pat thys gyfte graunt warantijinge & confirmacion myht be stronge for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is with-out date.

* leaf XXIII or 34, back. About 1270 ?

Grant to Godstow, by Pers le notte, of half a burgage,

* leaf XXIII or 35.

to endow a wax-candle in the choir of Godstow.

1 Hannington, Wiltshire.
2 Hockday is 2nd Tuesday after Easter.
A quite-clayme of william of driffelde 1 of a mese in Crikelade.

The sentence of pis euydence is, pat william of driffelde 1 lefte & quite-claymyd vtturly, of hym-selfe & of hys heyrys for enyr, to p^o abbas of Godestowe & to the count of pat place, all hys ryht & clayme pat he had, or myht hane in ony maner wyse, in a mese in pe towne of Crikelade, p^o whyche he helde sum-tyme of p^o fore-seyde Abbas in p^o same towne, vndur pis forme: pat is to sey, pat noper he, ne none of hys heyrys, ne no man in hys name, sholde aske afturwarde ony ryht or clayme of p^o foreseyde 8 mese, noper to make no chalenge of ony dettes in p^o whyche p^o foreseyde Abbas or her baylifs were be-holde to pay to hym vn-to pat time pat pis present writinge was made. For the whyche quiyte-clayme & relesyng of dette, p^o foreseyde Abbas 12 gafe to hym xl. shillings of siluer in warisone a-for-handys. In-to witnes per-of he put to hys seele, pe date at Eton 2, pe moneday next a-fore pe twelfyth day, pe yere of our lorde Mto CC. lxxvijq.

A Charter of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Iohn maryner and to Anneys his wyf, for one Burgage in the towne of Crikelade.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, with one assent and consent, graunted; and lete, to Iohn Maryner and to Anneys his wyf, j. Burgage in the towne of Criklade, the which Geffrey North somtyme held; and hit is I-sette bitwene the strete that streccith hit-self toward Chellesworth of the North parte and the Burgage of Iohn Bockare of the sowth parte: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, 24 to the forsaid Iohn and Anneys, to all the terme of ther lyf, by seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right, yeldying therof yerye to them and to ther successours v. shillings of yerely rente at iiiij. termes vsuell of the yere, by eyvn porcions, duryng the abouesaid terme. So nathesle that the forsaid Iohn and Anneys his wyf shold susteyn the forsaid burgage thurgh all the terme

1 Driffield, Gloucestershire. 2 Water Eaton, near Cricklade.
in also good a state, or better, as they resceived hit. And Mar-gery Dyne, abbess of Godestow, and Couente of the same place, and there successors, shold warrantize the forsaid Burgage, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn and Anneys his wyf, to the terme of ther lyf, as hit is abouesaid: And yt the said Iohn fayled or lakked in the forsaid usuelt termes, in parte or in all, of the paynyng of the said rente duryng the terme abouesaid: they bound them-self, and also ther cauff (mevable and vmmevabel) I-founde in the said burgage, to the distreynyng of the said abbesse and couente that shold be, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the same abbesse and Couente of the forsaid rente of v. shillings yerely also with the expenses and harms, yt there were ony, or put to ony, by the occasion of the said rente not I-paid: Into witnesse of the which, & cetera. The date at Godestowe, in their Chapiter, the Tewedday next afore the fest of the appostles Philippe and Iacob, the second yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the conquest.


The sentence of his chartur is, pat Marerie dyne, Abbass of Godestowe, & pe couent of pe same place, with on assent & consent of here chapiter, toke, grauntid; & lete, to Iohn Mariner of Creklade & to Alij'h wys wyf, to pe terme of her lyfe & ouer on ye aftur pe decease of her life, j. burgage I-sette in Creklade, by-twen pe borow of Iohn Buckar of pe on partye & pe lane pat is callid pe Ruthernalane of pe oper parte; j. mese in brodebluntisdoue, I-sette by-twen pe mese of sire adam walrande, knyht, & pe mese of Iohn colcote; pastur of j. oxe in pe comune of pe same town; & iij. acris of arable londe lyinge in pe telp of the same towne, of the whyche j. halfe acre lieth at harewelt, & ij. rodys lien in pe longefurlonge, & ij. halfe rodys lien in pe brokeforlonge, & ij. halfe rodys strechen to pe brobatthes, & j. halfe acre lieth in Cranlekesforlonge by-twene pe londe of Iamys Geryssh & Nicholas Ingelonde, & j. halfe acre in westcrofterrugge by-twene pe londe of Nicholas brayn & pe londe and reservation of powers of distraint.

*1 leaf

or 35. 1332, Oct. 21. Lease by Godstow to John and Alice Mariner for life-term, of a 'burgage' in Creklade (no. 817), and, in Broad Blunsdon, a messuage, with pasture for one ox, and three acres arable.

Agnes, his first wife (no. 817), being dead, Mariner surrendered that lease, to obtain a like privilege for his second wife, Alice.
of Iohn, & j. half-acre lieth in the castle nyhe þe hyde: þe fore-seyde burgage, with þe pertinences, liberteis, & þe customys of þe foreseyde borow, to be had & to be holde; Also þe foreseyde mese in brodebluntesdon, & iij. acres a-fore-namyd, with 4 her pertinences; & Also þe seyde pasture of j. oxe, as hyt is put by-fore, to þe fore-seyde Iohn & to aliȝ hys wyfe, as longe as they liuþ, of þe foreseyde Marierie & of her couent & her succession, fre*ly, quietly, wełt & pesibly, paynge þerof yerely þorowe 8 þe terme of here life, viij. shillings vj. d. of rente, þat is to sey, for þe burgage a-fore-seyde v. shillings, & for þe mese & þe pertinences a-fore-name. I iij. shillings vj. d. of goode money; for all services secular of þe fore-seyde borowe, at lowre visual termys 12 of þe yere, by euyn porcions; but þei shalþ repe yerly in heruyst 1 by thre days, & þey shalþ haue necessari of metis; & þey shalþ make hey & mowe thorowe on day, & haue mete & drinke; & þey shalþ make sute of courte fro thre wokys vn-to thre wokys; so 16 þat þe seyde mariery dyne & hyr couent sholde pay a yerly rente to the chyfe lordys of þe fee of the seyd burgage, þat is to sey, xvj. d. by þe yere. Also þe seyde Marierye dine, Abbas of Godestowe, & her couent, warantide & acquite.d þe fore- seyde burgage, Mese a-fore prefixid, pasture of j. oxe, with thre acri of londe a-fore-namyd, & with all þe pertinences in all places, to þe fore-seyde Iohn and aliȝ also longe as they liuen, in þe forme a-fore namyd; & yf þe fore-seyd Iohn or aliȝ hys wyfe fayle, in þe foreseyde vsuall termys, in parte or in alþ of þe payment of þe rent a-fore-seyde, durynge þe termes a-boue-sayde, þey bounde hem-selfe & alþ here goodys meuable & vnmeuable to þe distrey[n]ge of þe seyd Abbas & couent, þat sholde 28 be for þe tyme, tyl hyt were satisfied fully to þe same abbas & couent of þe fore seyde rent of viij. shillings vj. d. Also with harms & expenses, if þei did, or sette ony, for þe cause of þe rent not payd. In-to witness of þe same þynge, to þys wrytinge 32 endentid þey sett to her comune sele, with þe selis of the seyde Iohn & aliȝ hys wyfe, euerciche a-geynyst oper; þe date at Godestowe, in her chapitre, þe wodenesday next a-fore þe feste of seynt luke ewangeliste, þe vj. yere of Edwarde þe þyrd after 36 þe conyste.

1 'The Cestum yn heruyste off Blondo,' note in margin.
[819.] * Chartur of Ali3 wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon of londys & tenementes in Crickelade.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat ali3 wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon surrendred to pe Abbass & couent of Godestowe aff pe state, pat she had of the same Abbass & couent, of aff londis & tenementes pat she had in pe towne & feldes of Crickelade; re-mittid & relesid. Also, to pe same abbass & couent, aff accions bothe reall & persona\leavevmode^t pat she myht haue a-geyniste hem fro pe bi-ginnynge of pe worlde vn-to pe dai of pe makynge of pis present writinge: in-to wittnes of pe whiche she put to her seel, pe date vppon shere thursdai, fallinge pe thursdai a-fore pe fest of pe announcacion of owr lady, pe xiiiij. yere of pe reine of kinge Richard\leavevmode^t pe secuand\leavevmode^t after pe conqueste.

[Eastrop, near Highworth.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, this property is put down (Monast. iv. 374) as yielding Godstow £1 10s. yearly, and subject to a quit-rent of 2s. to the rector of Eddington. Eddington is a long way to the south-west: so possibly Hannington is meant.]

[820.] * Chartur of warine of ailsibury I-made to Roger of writele & to aneis his wife of ij. yerdes londes \leavevmode^t & vj. acris, with a mese, in warthe and Esthrop, painge \leavevmode^t to \leavevmode^t of yerli for alle services vj. d' at Mihel-mas.  

12 The sentence of pis chartur is, pat warine of ailsiburi gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to Roger of writele of brodebluntesdon & to aneis his wyfe & to his heires or assynis, j. yerde londe in pe towne of Esthorp, with a mese, with aff oper \leavevmode^t to the demayne in pe seide feldle of Esthorp; with pe pastur\leavevmode^t of on xoe in pe commune pasture of oxen of Esthrop: of pe which yerde londe (& also of pe vj. acris): —  

1 Shere Thursday is Th. in Holy Week.  
2 In error for ' 1 yerde of londe.'  
3 Above encrese, echynge is written as a gloss. The Latin is: 'et de incremento sex acras terre de dominico meo in dictis campis de Esthorp.'
of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre in neperguldenlonde, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. acre also liethe aboue rowndeuer, nihe \(p\) londe of hugh maundeuile; \& j. acre \& halfe also lieth ageiniste \(p\) brodewe, nihe \(p\) londe of Iohn ailwine; \& j. acre \& halfe also lieth in brakelonde, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at * was of Iohn ailwine; \& j. halfe acre lieth in \(p\) same furlonge, nihe \(p\) londe of \(p\) seide Iohn ailwine; \& j. acre lieth in losenestede, nihe \(p\) londe of Gefrei Maundeuile; \& j. acre lieth in sclade 8 forlonge, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was sum-time of pers ailisburi; \& j. halfe acre in \(p\) same forlonge, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre at Denechepescnolle, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. acre vppon bradeborowe, nihe \(p\) londe 12 \(p\) at was sum-time of Thomas Staunton; \& j. halfe hed\'acre in Shoccombe, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Iohn ailwine; \& j. halfe hed\'acre lyeth euyn 1 \(p\) perche, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of hugh Maundeuile; \& j. acre in longe breche, nihe the londe sum time of 16 Iohn ailwine; \& j. halfe acre in Malmiebreche, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of william Dolle; \& j. halfe acre in \(p\) same forlonge, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre lieth at Ellecombe, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of henri Staunford; \& 20 j. halfe acre a-boue Ellecombe, nihe \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre lieth in wowelonde, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre in nepewowelonde, nihe \(p\) londe of hugh maundevile; \& j. halfe acre in blakelonde; nihe 24 \(p\) londe \(p\) at was of Robert kefe; \& j. halfe acre in \(p\)e same forlonge, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Iohn penot; \& j. halfe acre a-geiniste borihai, nihe \(p\) londe of Thomas lecchelade; \& j. halfe acre in \(p\)e same forlonge, nihe \(p\) londe sum-tyme of 28 Robert Doninge; \& j. acre at renardesweft, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of hugh Maundeuile; \& j. acre in churegeweiforlonge nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Roger kenecote, \& j. halfe acre in brumeforlonge vppon grafted, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Richard\' tarlari; \& j. halfe acre in \(p\)e same forlonge nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of hugh maundeuile; \& j. perche lieth nihe balacre; \& j. perche lieth in \(p\) crofte \(p\) at was of Thomas Staunton \(p\)e more nihher \(p\) parte \(p\) at was toward \(p\)e mese of henri Staunford; \& 36 j. halfeacre lieth in middilforlonge vppon grafted, nihe \(p\) londe sum-time of Richard\' tarlari;

1 The Latin is: 'una dimidia acra capitalis iacet ibidem iuxta terram.'
& also \(^1\) of vj. acris of londe of þe heche, j. acre lieth bi-hinde þe mese þat was of Nicholas balawe; & j. halfe acre ageiniste watton, nihe þe londe sum time of Iohn templeman; & j. acre 4 vpon reddone in middilforlounge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert of mille; & j. halfe acre nihe þe benche, nihe þe londe sumtime of hugh maundeneile; & j. halfe acre lieth in redlondne, nihe þe londe sum time of hugh mawadeuile; & j. halfe acre 8 ageiniste stims;esmore, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard penne; & iij. buttes\(^2\) of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchinge towarde the hei more, nihe þe londe sum-time of hubert gardine; & iij. buttes of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchyn hem-selfe towarde longemore, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth in þe breche, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert abendon:

to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heires, to þe forsen 16 seide Roger & anneis & to her heiris or assinis or to ony \(oper\) þat þei wille gif hit, sille, or biquethe, al so weff in sekenes as in helthe, in fee & heritage, freli, quietli, weft & pesibli, in riht heritage for euir, with-oute ony impediment or vexacion or ony 20 \(oper\) reclaiminge of him or of his heires or of his assinis euer aftur, paiinge þere-of yerli to him & to his heiris or to his assinis vj. d' of siluir at mihelmas, for all servicies & sutes of his court, quarrell, customs, aidis, wardis, eschetes, & seculare de-maundis longinge to him & to his heires, sauinge to him & to his heiris reso\(^*\)nable relieff: & þe seide warine his heiris or his assinis warantizið acquited & defended, to þe fore-seide Roger & to anneis his wife & to here heiris and assinis, aft þe fore-seide 28 londis, with all here pertinences, in medis feldis pastures weis pathis & in all \(oper\) places over aft, ageiniste aft mortall men; & also þat þei kepe hem with-oute harme, vndur þe foresceide wären & his heiris coste; & also furpermore of þe raið\(^3\) for euir.

\(^2\) So also in Latin: 'regali' (scil. servitio).

\(^3\) Latin: 'tres sullones.'
[821.] Chartur of waryne of ailsibury I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde of londe & vj. acris of his lorde'ship as hit is conteinid' in p° chartur before.

The sentence of this chartur & confirmacion is pe same rat is wrete next afore, with pe pasture of on oxe; & for this confirmacion he had xxx. viij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis.

[822.] a-noper chartur of warine of ailsburi of p° same, for p° which Roger of writele payd [x]xxvij. marke & x. shillings.

The sentence of pis chartur is pe same afore senten-cialli almost euiri worde.

[823.] a-noper confirmacion of p° same warine for p° same londe, acris, mese, & her? pertinencis.

The sentence of pis confirmacion is conteinid' in pe chartur a-fore, with a condicion to pai iiiij. d' of siluir at mihelmas, for 8 aiff services, seutes of courte, plaintes, customs, aidis, wardis, herriettes, eschetes, & for aiff services vtwarde, sauinge to hym & to his heiris resonalbe reliefe: & for pis gifte, graunt, & confirminge, pe fore-seide Roger gaf [xx]xv. marke of siluir bi-fore 12 hondes.

[824.] Chartur of Adam of ailsburi I-made to Roger of writele confirminge p° gifte of warine his fadur.

The sentence is pe same a-fore, with a condicion to pay yerli x. d' for aiff maner of customs & services: & furpermore in pis confirmacion Roger of writele hadd' powere, more-ouir, 16 bothe in sekenes & in helpe, to gif pe seide londe a-fore rehersid' to religius howsis or where him lustid'.
[825.] * A graunt of Thomas of Maundeuile of fre entringe in pat tenement.

The sentence of pis graunt is, pat Thomas Maundeuile grauntid, for him & his heiris for euir, to pe worshopful woman of religion dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe 4 couent of pe same place, fre entringe in-to all pat tenement, with pe pertinences, pat [s]he had of pe gifte & feffement of Roger of writele in heiworth & in Esthrop of his fee, with-oute any ageine-seinge or lettinge of him or of his heiris, sauinge pe 8 services of pe fore-seide tenement dewe & wonid to him & to his heiris. For pis graunte pe fore-seide abbas gafe xx. skil

lings of sterlinges. In-to witnes per-of he put to his seele: pe date at heiworthre, pe freday next aftur seint bartholmewys 12 day, pe xij. yere of kynge Edward pe sone of kynge henri.

[826.] Chartist of hugh Maundeuile I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde of londe in fre socage, with a' mese & a crofte in pe towne of Esthrop, painge perof yerli ij. shillings at iiiij. terms of pe yere.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat hugh of Maundeuile fit3 Philip of Maundeuile gafe, grauntid, & confirmid; to Roger of writele of bluntesdon & to his heiris or assinis, for homage & 16 service, in-to fre socage, all pat yerde-londe pat Raph castell sumtime helde of him in pe towne of hyworthe (pat is to sei, in Esthrop), with j. mese and crofte & with oper pertinences & liberties, in medis, feldis, pastures, weis, pathis, & in all oper 20 places euiry-whare, with-oute ony withholdinge to him & to his heiris, to be had' & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to pe fore-seide Roger of writele, & to his heiris or assinis, for to assine, gifte, sille or bequebe to whom so-euir he will & whenne-so-euir 24 he wille, bope in sekenes & also in helpe, in fee & heritage, freli & quietli, weil & pesibili, for riht heritage for euir, with-out ony lettinge reclaininge or vexinge of him or of his heiris here-after, painge yerli perof to him & to his heiris ij. shillings 28 of siluir at iiiij. terms of pe yer, pat is to sei, at pe natuite of our lorde, vj. d; at estur, vj. d; at Midsomer, vj. d; & at Mihelmas, vj. d; for all services, & sutis of his courte, playnte, customis, aidis, wardis, eschetis, & seculep demaundis longinge.
to him & to his heiris, savinge to him & to his heiris resounable relef: & pe same hugh warantijid & acquitid for euir pe fore-seide yerdlonde, with all oper pinges a-fore rehersid; ageinist aif men & women pat miht in ony case aske ony pinge perof. 4

And for pis gifte graunt & confirmacion & warantijinge, pe seide Roger relesid to him iiiij. yerde londis & ij. parties of j. yerde-londe pat he hilde of him to ferme to pe terme of viij. yere, with aif his mese in pe same towne of heyworthe, & also he 8 gafe to him iiiij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis: and for-asmuch pat he wolde pat his gift, graunt, confirmacion & warantijinge, sholde be ferme & stable for euir, he strengthid hit with pe printinge of his seele: & is with-oute date.

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[827.] Graunt & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile
I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde londe.

Confirmation to Roger of Writele, by Elias de Mandeville of no. 826.

The sentence of pis evidense is pe same pat is next a-boue, with an addinge to, pat he miht gife hit to religious howsis, bothe in sekenes & in helthe.

[828.] Chartur & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile
to dame Mabili abbass of Godestowe & to pe coutent of pe same place for to take entre in-to pe same yerde-londe, with pe pertinences, & pe rente of ij. shillings.

Licence in mortmain by Elias de Mandeville, allowing Roger of Writele to give and Godstow to receive no. 826, free (as in no. 829) of the 2s. quit-rent over it.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat heli of Maundeuile grauntid to the worshipful wemen, dame Mabili, abbass of Godestowe, & to pe coutent of pe same place, fre entre in all pat yerde-londe, with pe pertinences, pat pei hadde of pe gifte of Roger of writele in pe townes of hiworthe & esthrop, pe whiche pe same Roger helde of him. Furpermore he gafe relesid & quite-claimid vtturi, of him & of his heiris for euir, to pe fore-seide dame mabili abbass of Godestow & her coutent all his rent of ij. shillings pe whiche Roger of writele was I-wonid to pay for pe fore-seide yerde-londe, to be had & to be holde of him & of his heiris or his assinis, to pe fore-seide mabili abbass & to here coutent & to here successours, freli quietli weft & pesibli for riht heritage for euir, * painge perof yerli to him & to his heiris or to his assinis j. halfe lj. of comin at estur, for
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aff services & secular demaunde: & pe same helie, his heiris, and assinis, warrantized acquitid & defendid pe foreside yerdelonde for euir ageniste aff men & women. Forpermore, for pis 4 gifte & warantijinge pei gaf to him xx. shillings of siluer a-fore-handis for warisone. In-to witnes of pis pinge he sette to his scene: & is with-oute date.

[829.] A Charter of helie of Maundeuile of ij. shillings of yerli rente.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat helie of Maundeuile 8 fit3 hugh of Maundeuile gafe & grauntid; for him & his heiris or his assinis, to god & to the churche of ouir ladi & of seint John baptiste of Godestowe & to pe minchons per seruinge god & to serue for euir, ij. shillings of yerli rente pe which he was wondid to receive yerli of Roger of writele for a yerde-londe pe which he had of pe gifte of hugh his fadur in pe town of hiworthe & Esthrop, to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris or assinis, to god & to pe churche of Godestowe & to pe minchons in pe same seruinge god & to serue for euir, freli, quietli, wefit & pesibli, with-oute ony reclaime or ageinheoldinge to him & to his heiris or assinis, painge perof yerli to him & to his heiris or his assinis half a lj. of comin for ait exaccion & secular demaunde at estur. For pis gifte graunt & quite-claime, pei gaf to him xx. shillings of sterlings good & laufful monei a-fore-handis. Forpermore, he, his heiris, or his assinis, acquited and defendid; to pe fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to be mynchons per seruinge god & to serue for euir, pe fore-seide rente of ij. shillings ageiniste aff men and women with her owne costis. In tokin per-of he put to pis present writinge his seele: & is with-oute date.

[830. * Charter of Richer Tarilari of a messuage and croft, made to Roger of Writele, paying ld. at Easter.

Richer Tarilari, of Estrop in Heyeworth, gave, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdone and his heirs and assigns, a messuage in Heyeworth with a croft and pertinents, namely that messuage which lay between the messuage which was of Warin

* Exchequer MS. leaf 36. About 1270.
Draft of a grant to Roger of Writele, by Richard Tarilari, of a

About 1284.
Sale to Godstow by Elias de Mandeville, of the 22 quit-rent, as in no. 826 and no. 828.
Purchase-money, £1.
of Eylesbury and that of Thomas of Stanton, paying yearly
1d. of silver at Easter for all services, suits of his court,
quarrels, customs, helps, wards, escheats, and secular demands
belonging to him and his heires, and free of foreign service, but 4
reserving reasonable relief: and for this]

* confirmacion 1, pe seide Roger gafe to him j. mese in pe seide
towne of Esthorne in-to eschaunge, & fourc marke of siluir
bi-fore-handis, pat is to sey, pat mese pat was sumtyme of 8
walter of alfrinton: &, for pat he wolde pat his gifte graunt
confirmacion & warentipline sholde be sure & stable for euir,
he strengthid hit with pe printinge of his seele: & is with-out date 2.

About
1270.

[831.] Chartur of Richarde tarlari I-made to Roger of
writele of j. mese with a crofte in pe towne of esthrop
& of ij. acris of londe with on perche, painge per-of
yerli j. d. at Mihelmas.

The sentence of this chartur is, pat Richard 3 of tarlari,
of Esthrop in hiwrorthe, gaf, grauntid; & confirmid; to Roger of
writele & to anneis his wife & to his heiris or assinis, for his
service, aft his mese pat he had in pe towne of Esthrop in 16
hyworthe with pe crofte & aft his pertinences & fredoms, pat is
to sey, pat mese pat is bitwene pe mese pat was of warine
of aillesbury & pe mese pat was of Thomas of Staunton, & ij. acris
& a perche of his londe in pe feldis of Esthrop, with aft his per- 20
tinences & fredoms, pat is to sey, j. halfe acre at Ellecumbe,
pe whiche lieth nih pe londe pat was of warine of aillesbury;
& j. halfe acre in stotfurlonge, nih pe londe pat was of pe seide
warine of aillesbury; & j. halfe acre at litlecoldeforlonge, pe 24
whiche lipeth nih pe londe pat was of Richard dolle; & j. halfe
acre in deneknedshuff, nih pe londe pat was of the seide
Richard dolle; & j. perche yppon doune in whale-hull 4, pat
lieth nih pe londe pat was of Iamis of worthe: to be had & to 28
be holde, of him & of his heiris, to pe seide Roger & anneis his
wife: & so forthe, worde for worde, as hit is write a-fore in pe

1 The English Register resumes after loss of a leaf.
2 Witnesses: Walerand of Blantescan;
Roger de la Buri; Peter of the mill; Peter
of Eylesbury, &c.
3 'Richerus' in the Latin.
4 'Walshull' in the Latin.
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chartur: & for pis confirmacion pe seide Roger & anneis gaf to him a-fore-handis j. mese in þe towne of Esthrop & vj. marke & j. halfe of siluir, & Richard made hit sure with his seele: & is 4 withoute date 1.

[832.] Chart r of Richard of Tarlari I-made to Roger of writele of ij. acris of londe with on perche painge perof yerli j. ðat Mihelmas.

The sentence of pis chartur is þe same that is a-fore; except j mese, of the whiche here he makith no mansion.

[833.] *Lone þe chartur of Roger of writele bacwarde a-monge 8 þe charturs of Bluntesdon, in þe whiche the same Roger gaf to þe house of Godestowe all his londis & tenementes in brode-bluntesdon, Esthrop, & Chelewortho.

[834.] *Chartur of Roger of writele to seyson the abbos of Godestowe Dame Mabili in all his londis & tenementes with her pertinences in hyworth & Esthrop.

The sentence of þis dede is þat Roger of writele ordeinid his 12 welbelouid in criste Roger brien his attornei to put the worshipful women of religion, the abbos of Godestowe, Dame Mabili, & þe couent of þe same place, in-to full seyseninge of

[Leaf XXXIII in the old paging is missing.]

[* the lands he had in Heyeworthe and Estthrop which 16 he gave to them. Given at Bluntesdon, Wednesday before St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.]

[835.] *Chartur of a gift & graunt of Thomas Tarlari of j. mese withe ij. acris of londe & j. rode I-made to þe minchons of Godestowe in hyworthe & in Esthrop.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat Thomas Tarlari was welle I-content & plesid of þe gifte & graunt þat Roger of writele made to þe worshipful women of religion, Dame Mabili, abbos of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, of j. mese, ij. acris

1 Witnesses: Roger de la buri de Bluntesdon; Peter of the mill; Warin of Eyles-buri; Nicholas de gardino; Jeffrey de Maundeville, &c.
& j. rode of londe, with pe pertinencis, in Worth & Esthrop; grauntid for him & his heiris, & confirmid for euir, pe same pinges a-fore rehersid; pe whyche pe fore-seide Roger helde sum-time of him: & for peis graunt & confirmacion, pe foreside 4 abbas gaf to him x. skillings of sterlinges. In-to witnes of pis, he put to his seele, pe date at Worth, pe saturday next aftur seint bartholomewe feste, pe xij. yere of pe reine of kinge Edwarde pe sone of kinge henri.

* leaf XXXI or [836.] Chartur of kynge Edwarde of a mese & londe in Esthrop.

The sentence of pis chartur is pat edwarde, bi pe grace of god kinge of Inglande lorde of Irelonde & Duke of gyen, pow pat he, bi his commune cownsell of his reme, prouidid pat hit sholde not be lefful to religious pepul or to oper to entre pe fee of ony man so pat hit sholde come to morte-maine, with-oute his leue & licens & of pe chefe lorde of pe whiche pat pinge was I-holde immediatli, Netheles he, willing to do special grace & favour to Roger of writel, gaf to him licens, al so muche as was in him, pat he miht gife & assine to his welbeloudi abbas in criste & to pe minchons of Godestowe a plowh-londe, with pe pertinences, in heiworth & bluntesdoune, to be holde & to be had to hem & to his successors for euir: & he grauntid also to pe same abbas & minchons licens pat pei miht receiue pe fore-seide londe of pe fore-seide Roger so, bi pe tenoure of pe present writinges: & he wolde not pat pe same Roger or a-fore-seide abbas and mynchons sholde be occasionid or lette perfor, bi him or bi his heiris, bi the reson of pe statute a-fore-seide in ony wise or be a-greuid, yet sauiinge pe services dewe & wonid perfor to pe chief lordis of pe fee. In-to witnes of pis pinge he lete make his letters patentes, him-silfe beringe witnes at 'mounte 1 hie' pe fifte day of octobre, pe xij. yere of his reine. I-commaundid to pe chaunceler de monte alto.

* leaf XXXII or 43. About 1280.

Sale to Sarah of Mandeville, [837.] * Chartur of adam of Eilisbury fitʒ warine of a place, crofte, curtilage & j. hole halle.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat adam fitʒ warine gaf grauntid & confirmid; for him & his heiris & his assinis for euir, 32

1 In the margin, havte mount is written.
to Sare of Maundeuile to her heiris & assinis for euir, his place, crofte, curtilage, & with his hole howe that he had in the town of Esthorp, that is to sei, that place that wareine his radur sum-time helde, with his crofte, curtilage, & his hole halle, & oper pertinences (sauinge that Est party of his crofte that whiche Richard castelle helde a-fore of his gifte & of his ystfe of william his braaper, & hit lieth nihe that court that was of Roger of writele) 8 with all his pertinences in all places, liberteis, & esimentes, to be had & to be helde of that lorde of that chefe fee & of his heiris in-to fre socage, to his fore-seide sare, & to her heiris or assinis, or to any oper to whom-so-euir she will (in sekenes or in helpe) assine gif sille or biquepe hit, in fre heritage, freli, quietli, weft & pesibli, for riht heritage for euer, with-oute ony reteininge or lette of him or of his heiris here-aftur, painge per-of yerli to Thomas of Mawndeuile, chefe lorde of that fee, 16 & to his heiris or assinis, j. pairs of spurreis gilt or vj. di. * of suluir at esture, & at mihelmas j. kj. of comyn, for all services, sute of court, plaintes, aidis, wardis, homages, reconisaunces, eschets, heriettes, relefes, & oper secular demandis: & that fore-seide adam, his heiris, & assinis, warnantied' acquited' & defendid' his crofte a-fore-seide, with all oper pinges a-fore rehersid', a-geiniste all men & women that wolde make ony quareit' a-geiniste her': & for that gifte graunt & confirmacion & warnantijinge, that seide Sare gafe to him xx. marke of suluer a-fore hondis: & as-much as he wolde that gifte graunt confirminge & warnantijinge sholde be sure & stable for euir, he strengthen hit with that printinge of his seele: & is with-oute date.

[838.] Chartur of Sare of Maundeuile for a mese curtilage & crofte in heiworpe.

The sentence of this chartur is, that Sare of Maundeuile gaf, grauntid', & confirmid', to that worthi woman dame mabili, bi that grace of god' abbas of Godestowe, & to the count of that same place & to here successours for euir, j. mese with a curtilage & crofte in that towne of heyworth (that is to sei, in Esthrop), that whiche she had of that gifte of adam wareine in that same towne, with alle her pertinences in all places, to be had & to be helde, of Thomas maundeuile lord of that fee & of his heiris, to that fore-

held by quit-rents of

* leaf

XXXII or

43, back.
gilt spurs
and 1 lb. of cummin.

Purchase-money,
£13 16s. 8d.

About
1290.

Sale to
Godstow,
by Sarah of
Mandevile,
of a mes-
snue, curtilage,
and crofte,
as in no.
837.
seide Mabile, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe couent of pe same place & to her successours, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, with-out ony reteininge, doinge per-of to pe same Thomas lorde of pe fee dewe services & woni'd to pe for- 4 seide mese & crofte perteininge, for all services & secular demaundis longinge to him & to his heiris, sauninge to pe lorde of pe fee all services aforeside longinge to pe same tenement bope in sute of courte & also in rentes, pat is to sei, a paire of 8 sporis gilte or vj. d. at estur & j. pownde of comin at mihelmas, with pe seide suite, yerli : & pe seide Sare & her heiris waranti'd acquiti'd & defendi'd to pe foresetide dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe couent of pe same place & to here succes- sours, all pe foresetide tenement ageiniste all mortaif men for euer. For this gifte graunt & confirminge & warantijinge, pe foresetide dame mabili, abbas of Godestowe, gaf to her xx. marke of siluer in warison bi-fore handis. In-to witnes 16 here-of here seele was put to pis writinge: & is with-oute date.

About 1290.  

[839.] Chartur of Thomas Maundeuile confirminge pe chartur of Sare his Sistur. 

Licence in mortmain, by Thomas de Mandeville, as chief lord, allowing his sister to give and Godstow to accept no. 838.

The sentence of pis confirmacion is euin pe same worde for worde as is pe chartur of 20 the gifte of feffement a-fore seide.

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back. About 1290. 

[840.] * Chartur of Gefrei of Maundeuile for a mede longinge to pe halfe acr e.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Gefrei of Maundeuile gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to Dame Mabili Wafre, abbas of Godestowe, & to pe couent of pe same place, in-to pur & perpetuel 24 almis, all pe mede longinge to on half acre in pe felde of hiworpe, pat is to sei, in pe mede pat is callid estmede ondermede & toddenei in partinge of pe mede of pe same abbas, with pe halfe of pe pastur of j. oxe in pe fre pastur of Esthrop, 28 with all his pertinences & fredsoms in euiru place longinge to pe fore-seide mede & pastur, to be had & to be hold'd to pe fore-seide abbas & couent & to her successours, freli & quietli, well and pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, with-oute ony withholdinge, & 32
Nicholas de Gardino granted, to Roger of Writele and his heirs and assigns, a half-yardland of his land in the fields of 8 Worthe, namely that which he had of the gift of Matilda the daughter of Everard le pestur, with all the mead belonging to it, namely in Estmed, Sundermed, Rowendene, Eldelonde; a half-acre in North field in Rugfordelonde next the land which was of John Everard; a half-acre in Waterforn southwards, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; a half-acre at pickeporne, next the land which was of John Penot; one rood in Gerbrodelonde, next the land which was of William 16 Torn; and a half-acre under rigge, next the land which was of Jeffrey of Mandeville; a half-acre at Rowendene, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; [a half-acre at pickeporne] of Humphrey asse; a half-acre in Luttlechaldeforlong, next the land which was of William Bassat; a half-acre towards Gren-linche, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandeville; one rood at Wattoneshurne, next the land which was of Warin of Eylesburi; a half-acre at Garstonesjete, next the land which was of William Bassat; one rood under Budewelle, next the land which was of Eruald Wypping; a half-rood at Dracjurde, next the land which was of Robert of the mill; a half-rood at Holeweye, next the land which was of Robert Ref; a half-rood there next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre at benche, next the land which was of John Everard; one rood at Setteporne, next the land which was of John Everard.
In South field, a half-acre at Reuerdesforlounge, next the land which was of John Aylewyne; a half-acre over Sevenhemchull, next the land which was of Roger Castel; a half-acre in Ionde, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood there, next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre in Wowelonde, next landewe; a half-acre towards heyemore, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood at Holelake, next the land which was of Jeffrey de Mandeville; a half-acre under 3 gurefeu, next the land which was of John Everard; one rood at Wydhamme, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandevile; three 'sullones' in a croft at Korpeswelle.

All these he granted to Roger of Writele, his heirs and assigns, to be held by payment of a half-penny of silver\(^1\) and a lb. of cummin at Michaelmas for all services, except reasonable relief. For this grant Roger of Writele paid 11 marcs of silver. Witnesses, Warin of Eylesburi, Roger of Laburi, Peter of the 16 mill, etc.\]

\*Exchequer MS. \[842. \* Quit-claim of Hubert de Gardino of Worthe.\]

Hubert de gardino quit-claimed to Mabil, abbess of Godstow, and the convent of Godstow, all right and title in a half-yardland, with meadow belonging to it, in Worth and Estthrop, which they had of the gift of Roger of Writele, and which the said Roger had of Hubert's father Nicholas de gardino. For this grant Godstow paid him a marc of silver.

Witnesses: —Richard de la Ryvere, and John Waleraund, 24 knights; Thomas of Maundevill; John of Wydhull, etc. Given at Heyeworth, Saturday after St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.\]

\*leaf XVII or 29, back. 1285. \[843. \* Chartur of Roger writele of brode bluntes-dunne of londys & tenementys.\]

The sentence of thy chartur is, that Roger writele of brode 28 bluntysdoune, by the assent & consent of anneys hys wyfe, gafe grauntyde & confermyde with hys wrytynge, & claymyd'vtturly

\(^1\) ' unus obolus argenti.'
to be quite for hym & hys heyrys, to god & to p^e churche of our lady seynt Marye & of seynt John baptiste of Gostowef & to p^e mynchons there seruyng god & to serue for euyr,
for the helthe of hys solwe & of anneyes hys wyse & Isabel sum-
tyme his wyse & for p^e soules of here fadurs & modurs & of alt benefeturs, in-to fre & perpetual almys, alt hys londys in brode bluntysdone & in Esthrop & in p^e towne of heyworth & in chelworpe, with p^e mansions, beldynges, gardynys, doffe-
howsys, fre tennantes, bonade holders with her sequelis (or hem pat folowe of hem), coterelit, rente, workes, helpis, wardys, reliefs, eschete, fynys of londys, a-geye-bynges of her pro-
genitury, medys, pasturys, scuages, sutys of courtys, with alt oper liberteis & fre customys longynge to alt p^e seyde londys in alt p^e seyde places, with-out ony ageyne-holdynge to hym & to hys heyrys or to ony in p^e worlde, & with alt pat myht to hys heyrys or to ony other by ony Ryht, alt p^e seyde londys to be holde & to be had, with alt pyngys per-
teynyng to p^e same, to p^e fore-seyde churche of Gostowe & to p^e seyde mynchons the? seruyng god & to serue for euyr, frely pseybly & holly for euyr, of p^e lordys of p^e fees, doynge per-of to hem services dewe & wonyd, p^e whych he dyd or was wonyd to do for p^e fore-seyde londys for alt pynges & euyrych pyng perteeynyng to hem: also he gafe to p^e fore-seyde mynchons yerly, in p^e day of hys anniuersarie, xl. shillings to a pitaunce in-to a memorye of hys solwe: & for p^s gyft graunt & confirmacion & quite-clayme, p^e foreseyde abbas & mynchons recceuyd specially hys solwe, & p^e sowlys of anneyes & of Isabel hys wyfys, fadurs & modurs sowlys, & of alt hys benefeturs, in alt her suffrages, prayers, almys & vigils for euyr: & pat p^s gyft graunt & confirmacion & hys quite-clayme shoeld byde sure stable & unbroke for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is without date.

[Sevenhampton.]

[844.] * The Charter of William Bonysaunt of Seven-
hamptonï made to Roger of Writele of an acre of land,
with a perche, paiyng therfor yerely j. d. at Estir.

* leaf L or 60, back. About 1270.

The sentence of this Charter is, that William Bonysaunt
of Sevenhampton, the sone of Everard Baker, yaf and graunted,
by William Bonyfaunt, of 1 acre, 1 rood;

and with his owne chartir confirmed, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdon and to his heires or to his assignes, for his service, an acre of his lond and a perche in the feldes of Sevenhampton, that is to sey, j. acre at Wodepole liyng togedir 4 bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond that was of William Elmer, and a perche liyng beside Morlplotte bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond of William Elmer: to be holde and to be had; of hym and of his 8 heires, to the said Roger and to his heires or to his assignes who-so-ever they be and whom-so-ever he wille assigne yeve or bequeth, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, in fee and in heritage, fre and quyetly wele and in pease, without ony lette 12 or ony reclayme or vexyng of hym or of his heires here-after, paiyng therfor yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyces, sutes of his Court, quareles or playntes, customes, helpes, releves, wardes, Eschetis, and

[Exchequer MS. leaf 64.]

*[other secular demands. William Bonyfaunt warrantizes said acre and rood to Roger of Writele. For this grant Roger gave him 20s. before-hand to his great need. Witnesses:—Peter of the mill, Warin of Eylesbury, etc.]*

[A leaf is missing]

**[Ufcot, near Cricklade.]**

* Exchequer MS. *leaf 169.*

*leaf 169.* Grant to Godstow by Simon Louel,

*leaf 170.*

of land of the

The sentence of this charter is, that Symond Louel, fitz William Louel, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, for the helthe of his soule and of the sowles of his fadir and modir and the sowles of his brether and his sustere, all the lond with the chief mese, *the hole of possessions of frutes and all other frutes and profites and all libertes that euer hit had* best and freliest, savynge the bisshoppes right in all thyngis. And that this his yfite
shold not fro that tyme be reuoked by ony machynacion or shrew, he confermed the same pagyne, and strengthe hit with the defence of his seale. These beyng wittes, & cetera.

[Note.—The Latin copy (Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back) shows that the translator in condensing the document, has left out matter of importance. The witnesses were 'Sir' Philip Lovel, 'Sir' William of Toirney, and 'Sir' Richard of Henton, probably parish clergy. The land (4 virgates) was bought from Robert Toky, and held subject to a quit-rent of 12d. at Easter. The sum of 5s. was to be spent as a pittance to Godstow on the donor's anniversary day, and the rest of the income to be given to the use of the kitchen of Godstow. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned some small revenue at Ufcot, but it is slumped with revenues from Cricklade, &c. : Monast. iv. 374.]


4 Simon Luvell gave to Godstow the half-virgate in Uffecote, which Walter, son of Gunulld, gave to him.

Witnesses:—Peter of Meyroles; Thomas of Uffecote; Philip Luvel, cleric.]

[Water Eaton, near Cricklade.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 Taxatio Ecclesiastica Godstow is put down as receiving in spiritualities a portion of £2 yearly from Eaton chapel (probably the lesser tithe, see no. 851), and in temporalities £20 from properties in Cricklade and Eaton. In the survey of 1531 (Monast. iv. 373) the properties in Nun-eton or Weston and in Broad Blunsdon are assessed to be worth £60 a year.

In Mr. J. Horace Round's Peerage and Family History (1901), pp. 201-6, these Godstow deeds are brought in to explain the grantor's family history. Reginald fitz-count, was son of Roger fitz-William, earl of Hereford, who died in prison in 1087. Mr. Round thinks him a legitimate son, excluded from the earldom, because that was forfeited by his father's rebellion. He held property in Wiltshire in right of his wife, Emmeline, daughter and heiress of Hamelin de Ballon, lord of Abergavenny.]


8 The sentence of this chartur is, þat Reinoel fitz erle, & Emeline his wyfe, & his sones Reinoelde & hameline, & his dowhters anneis & Juliane, gaf, & grauntide, to god & to our ladi, & to seint Iohn baptiste & to the holi minchons of Godstowe, in-to perpetuel almis, his maner, þat is to seî, Eton, 1 i. e. pagina, used as equivalent to 'document.'

Grant to Godstow, by Reginald fitz-count, of the manor,
as well & worshipfull, freli & quietli, in all pinges & in all places, as euer he helde beste in pe time of kynge henry or of kynge Stephin, pe which also grauntid & confirmid this gifte bi his chartur for pe sowle of kynge henri & for her sowlis at the beginninge rehersid & for pe sowlis of her auncturs: & is with-out date.

[The preceding deed and no. 850 are printed in Monast. iv. 365 from the Latin.]

1145. Restatement of no. 847. Grant to Godstow, by Reginald son of Roger, earl of Hereford, of the manor of Eaton, with full manorial rights, with confirmation by King Stephen.

[848.] Chartur of Reinolde fil3 Roger Erle of herford for pe maner of Etoñ.

The sentence of pis chartur is, pat Reinolde (pe sone of Roger, Erle of herforde) & emeline his wife willid to be knowe, to pe 8 bisshope of lincolne & all cristen men present now & for to come, pat hope pei & his too sonis Reinolde & hameline, & also his too dowhters anneis & Julian, gafe, & grauntid; to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis, to pe use of pe holi minchons, Eton his maner of her chife lordshippe, for her help & for remedii of her sinnis & also for pe sowle of kynge henry & for pe sowlis of her auncturs. Werefore pei willid & desirid affectuoslí pat no man, bi pe deuillis meuminge, sholde be a-bowte for to lette pis gifte or uexe pe fore-seid minchons of pe fore-seide churche with ony doinges to make hem weri of hit, but pat pei holde hit & haue hit well & in pce, freli & quietli & worshipfull[i], in woode & in plaine, in medes & pasturs, in waters & millis & in pondis, in weis & papis, & in all pinges longyng to hit, with all customis & liberteis, as freli & also wele as euir pei helde hit while pat hit was in her owne honde in pe time of kynge henri & aurther warde in kinge Stephin’s time, bi whos chartur Also pis gifte of hem was confirmid, pe x. yere of his reine.

[849.] Confirmacion of kynge henry for pe maner of Etoñ.

The sentence of this chartur or confirmacion is, pat henri, kinge of Inglonde duke of Normandie & of gyen & Erle of 28 aunge, willid to be know to archefisshopis bishopes Abbotes Erlis Iustices vicountes barons Ministres & to all his trewe

1 MS. has 'pat,' by a slip for 'to.' 2 As diocesan of Godstow.
men of Inglonde, *pat* he grauntid' to god, & to *pe* churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to *pe* minchons pere seruinge god; *pat* gifte *pat* Reinolde fitʒ Erle & Emeline his wife & william & hameline his sonis made to *pe* fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to *pe* minchons, of *pe* maner of Eton, in-to perpetuel almis. Where-fore he willid' & commaundid' sureli *pat* *pe* foressid' churche & minchons sholde holde & haue 8 *pe* fo-re-seide maner welf & pesibli, freli & quietli & worshipfulli, in woode & plaine, with aff oper comoditeis rehersid in *pe* chartur bi-fore, & also freli as euir *pe* helde hit in her life: & is with-oute date.

[850.] *Chartur of reinold* baelim for *pe* maner *leaf XXVIII or 39, back. About 1154.*

12 The sentence of *his* chartur is, *pat* reinold' baelim 1, *pe* sone of Reynold' fitʒ counte alias erle, & emeline baelim, grauntid' & confirmid' *pat* gifte *pat* his fadur & his moodur maden of his maner, *pat* is to sei, of Eton, to god & to *pe* churche of our 16 ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste & to *pe* holi minchons of Godesto-we, in-to perpetuel almis: wherefor he grauntid' & willid' *pat* *pe* fo-re-seide minchons sholde holde & haue *pe* fo-re-seide maner welf & in pece, freli, quietli, & worshipfulli, in all pinges, 20 in wode & plaine, in medis & pasturis, in watur & millis & pondis, in weis & patthis, & in aff oper places, with all thinges hangynge per-to, & aff libertees & quietinges *pe* which *pe* foressid' Reinolde his fadur helde whenne *pat* he helde 24 hit beste & freeste while *pat* hit was in his honde, and as hameline of baelim his vncle helde hit moste beste & frelieste in his life: & is with-oute date.

[851.] *a composicion bitwene *pe* abbot of Cieautur & *pe* abbas & minchons of Godestowe for *pe* churche of Eton.*

The sentence of this composicion is, *pat* *per* was a delegacie 28 I-sende fro pope celestine 2 *pe* iiij. to henii 3, abbot of Abendon, *leaf XXIX or 40, back. About 1195.*

1 In error for 'Baelun,' i. e. de Ballon.
2 Celestine III was pope 1191-8.
3 'Henry' must be in error for 'Hugh,' possibly arrived at by wrongly expanding

of Eaton (no. 848).

* leaf XXXIX or 40.
& to william 1, abbot of Thame, & to mastur Robert Chadeles-wrde, to knowe pe cause of pe strife bi-twene Richard 2, abbat of Cicetur & pe chanons of pe same place, & pe abbass & minchons of Godestowe, for to cese hit with a dewe forme & ende. 4 & so, aftur mony tretinges of pe same mater, pei compownid' friendl, bi counsel of wise men, & restid bi pis ende: peat is to sei, pat pe fore-seide abbass & mynchons, pe quarel & playnt peat pei had meuid to pe fore-seide abbot & chanons vppon the 8 * chapell of Eton (seiiinge pat hit was & owid to be fre & assoiled fra pe subieccion of euir modur church) remittid hit aft to pe chanons, grauntinge also pat pe fore-seide chapell of Eton sholde a-bide subiecte for euer to pe church of Eisi 12 as a chapell. pei 3 grauntid alse to pe chapell of Eton & bi hit to pe churche of Eisi (as to pe modur churche) halfe j. hide of londe in Eton bisede pat halfe hide of londe pat hit holdipe & hape I-holde fro olde time, to be holde in-to pure & perpetuel 16 almis, with meede & pastur perteininge to pe same, freli & quietli fro aft exaccion & secular service peat shold be do to pe same minchons per-of: also j. yerdlonde pat was assinid' of olde time to the same chapell with pe pertinences pat hit had 20 of olde time, & a-noper yerde of londe of pe lordeshipe of pe minchons in-to an eschange of a yerde of londe pat was assinid of olde time to pe fore-seide chapell, of pe whiche yerde of londe x. acris weir assinid in pe est felde in a telthe pat is callid 24 beringereslonde, & in pe same parte of pe felde was assinid' of pe demain mede of pe minchons mede perteininge to pe fore-seide yerde of londe, pat is to sei, ij. acris & j. halfe; oper x. acris weir assinid in pe sowth felde in telthe pat is callid vedermorforlonge, 28 in pe whiche telpe pe fore-seide minchons reteinid' too vtemust be acris next to pe pasture: thei graunte also to pe fore-seide chapell, with pe fore-seide londe, a crofte with a mese next to pe crofte longinge a-fore to pe fore-seide chapell. Thei graunte 32 also pat, of all he lorde ship in Eton, pe tithis of pe corn sholde be gyfe hole at pe doris of pe bernis to pe person of Eisi & to his successours for euir, with-oute deceite or greuance. Thei promisid' also, bi a boke oth, pat pei sholde neuer aftur- 36

1 William of Forde, abbot 1184-1205. 2 Richard, abbot of Cirencester 1187- 1213. Cirencester abbey owned the rectory of Eisey. 3 i.e. the Commissioners.
warde gete no letters fro þe pope, noþer vse non I-gote, bi þe whiche sholde ony derogacion be or hurte to þe fore-seide couenaunt, & þat þei sholde not turne þe arable londe in-to pasture or pastur in-to arable londe in-to deceite of þis couenauant. & þe fore-seide abbot & couent grauntid to þe fore-
seide chapele of Eton þat hit sholde haue bi þe churche of Eisi alþ seruice þat hit was wonid to haue of ryht, þat is to sei, 8 euiri sonedai, & euiri holí day, & iij. dais in þe woke (Þat is to sei, monedai, wodynesday & freiday), & thorowe alþ þe lente, continuell seruice, with þe ouris of þe day in lente & holí dais to be seide. Thei grauntid also þat men of Eton sholde be biried euirmore bi þe chapelleyyn of Eisi in þe churche-yrde of þe chapele of Eton, sauinge thorowe alþ þe riht to þe churche of Eisi þat þe fore-seide churche was I-wonid to haue in þe seide chapele, sauinge alþ þe bisshoppis riht & customis. Thei grauntid also to þe foreseide abbas & couent of Godestowe þat hit sholde be lawefull to hem for euir to reteine to hem-selfe þe tithis of norishshinge of bestes of here owne lordeship, & of nouall tithis, & fisshinges, & frutes of treis, aftur þat hit was gef to hem in þe privileges of pope clement þe v. Thei behestid also, bi heþ trothw, þei sholde not gete no pinge afturwarde noþer vse I-gote ony þyngle bi þe whiche ony gile sholde come a-geiniste þis couenaunte or be derogacion & hurtinge in ony wise: & for-as-muche as hit is vn-semeli & a-geiniste reson þat contrauersi nameliche amonge religious folke lawfully endid sholde be soreli I-meuid ageine, þe delegates confirmid this * composicion, resonabli I-made a-fore hem, bi þe autorite þat þei had: and þat hit sholde be sure for euir, thei chargid hem to make hit stronge bi þe puttinge to of heþ seleis to þis presente writinge: & is with-oute date.

\[852.\] a convencion I-made bi-twene þe abbot of Cicetur & his couent & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe of þe chapele of Etoñ.

The sentence of pis convencion is, þat þe abbot of Cicetur 32 & his couent, with oon assent, grauntid to þe chapele of Eton, About 1195. Agreement, in terms of no. 851, between

1 Read Clement III, pope 1187—91; see tine III, circ. 1192. The Latin has * leaf XXX or 41, back. 'Clementis tertii.' in the confirmation-bull (no. 902) of Celes-
Godstow and Cirencester abbey, (a) as to services to be supplied by Eisi church in Eaton chapel; (b) as to Eaton church-yard; (c) as to Godstow's right to the lesser tithes of Eaton.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 190, back. 1222?

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas of Sanford, exempting Eaton from suit to the hundred of Staple, in consideration of £4 13s. 4d.

[853.] *Agreement between Godstow and Thomas of Sanford, as to exemption of Eaton manor from suit to his hundred-court.*

THOMAS of Sanford quit-claimed, for himself and his heirs, to Godstow, all suits of their manor of Eaton to his hundred of la Stapele. In return Godstow, at the charge of the convent, is to withdraw an action raised by it in the king's court. A penalty of 20 marcs is agreed upon, to be paid by him or his heirs, if he or they withdraw from this bargain; and he or they must also refund the 7 marcs which Godstow has paid him for it. Witnesses: John de Lupello; Stephen of Hare-hull.

[854.] *A final concorde of pe sute of pe hundred of Thomas of Stapulton.*

The sentence of pis writinge is, pat per was a concorde I-made in pe kinges cowrt at westminster fro pe day of seint

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1 i.e. week-days.
2 The Latin copy has 'Stapelton' in the rubric, but in the text 'Thomas de Saunford,' 'Thomas de Stapel.'
Mihel in-to j. moneth, þe yere of kinge henry þe sone of kinge
John 1, a-fore Thomas of millet 2, william of Rale 2, Robert
of lexington, william of yorke, Mayster Robert [of] Shard 2,
& Raph of Northewiche, Iusticus, & oper trewe men of þe kinges
þere beinge presente, bi-twene Thomas of Stapulton, plainer, & an-
felice of Godestowe, defender, bi Reinolde [le] porter in her stede
to gete or to lese, of þe seutes, þe whiche þe same Thomas axid
of þe same abbass to þe hundred of þe same Thomas of Stapulton,
of þe maner of þe same abbass of Eton, þe which seutes þe same
Abbas knowlich notte hem & of þat same þat hit was pleid' 
bi-twene hem in þe fore-seide courte. þe fore-seid' Thomas
remittid' & quite-claimid', of him-self & of his heiris, as muche
as longitud to hem, to þe fore-seid' abbass & to oper abbassi
succedinge her & to her churche of Godestowe, þe fore-seide
seutes, so þat afturwarde forpe þe seide abbasses sholde be
quiety of aft maner seutes longynge to þe fore-seide hundred' for
euir: & for þis quite remittinge claimen fine & concorde, þe
fore-seide abbass remittid' & quite-claimid', of her & of oper
abasses succeedinge to her, to Thomas & to his heiris, all
þe harmis þat she seid' þat she had' bi þe fore-seide occasion: &
þe seide abbass receiuid' þe seide Thomas & all his heiris in all
benefetes & prayours þat sholde aftur þat time in her churche
of Godestowe be don for euir.

[855.] * Chartur for tithis of hei & millis ageiniste
þe person of Eisi.

The sentence of this evidence is, þat, bi pope gregori, was
a maundement made to þe prioris of Newnehem 3 & of Calde-
well & to þe dene of bedeforde of lincoln diocese, vpon the
bishops of seint dauid, abbass & Couente of Godestowe, & oper of
lincolnse seint dauid & of Salisburi diocese, for wronges þat
were done to þe person of þe churche of eisy, for certeyn tithis
& possessions & oper thinges. For þis þe pope commandid' to
her discretion, bi his writinges, þat þei sholde calle þe partes
to-gedur & her her causes, appellacion put a-side, & so to make

1 The Latin copy has after Johannis an obscurely written word like soytod. It is probably sexto, i.e. 1222. The names of the justiciaries agree with that date.
2 In the Latin: Thomas of Milet. (i.e. Muleton), William of Ral. (i.e. Raleigh), Robert of Shard. (i.e. Shardelow).
3 Newenham in Goldington parish, Bed-
fordshire.
an ende; & pat pat pei ordeinid; to be kepid li pe autorite of pe pope; the witnes pat sholde be namyd; yf thei with-drawe hem-selfe for fauor or hatered or drede, pat sholde constreine hem bi pe censures of pe churche to sei pe trwofe, the appellation sette a-syde; & pat, if sif miht not be pere, [f]at tweyne of hem at lest sholde do execucion: the date at peruse, pe xvj. kalend' of auguste pe ix. yer of his popehode. At pe laste, in pe church of seint poule of bedford, pe abbas & couent ofte timis & I-citid; pe tiwisday next aftur seint Mathew pe apostil pei apperid' a-fore vs in Jugement, bi william, chapleine, her procurator sufficienti ordeinid in Jugement; Master Nicholas, actor, person of Eysy proposinge his entent, pat is to sei, pat where he proposid & axid; bi pe autorite of pe pope, of pe same abbas & couent, pe tithis of hei & of millis of pe demaine of pe seide abbas & couent in Eton longyng to his churche of Eysy, bi the commune lawe. Aftur mony altercaciones bi-twene hem, 16 pe strete cesid' vnndur pis forme: pat is to sei, pat pe seide abbas & couent grauntid' to pe seide churche of Eysy iiij. acris of mede in fordemede bi-side hidemedre, for pe goodenes of pece & cause of stryfis to be made lesse & cesid, in Eton of pe demayne of pe seide abbas & couent for euir: & furpermore pei grauntid' to pe fore-seide church of Eysy for euir iiij. quarters of commune corne yerli, pat is to sei, euin as hit comith to the mille, with-oute ony gyle or deceite yerli to be take at there termis of pe yere, pat is to sei, at candelmas, on quarter at pe seide mille of Eton; & j. quarter, at midsomur; & at Mihelmas, j. quarter. Borpe parteis, bi her feype & trowthe, assinid in her presence pis composicion truli to be kepid' & wise-oute deceit; & pei pat wer iugges, bi pe autorite pat pei had, with pe consent of pe parties, confirmid' pe same, reseruinge to hem Jurisdiccion to constreine pat parte pat wolde not kepe hit. In-to witnes of pe which pyng, pei put to her seeles, with pe selis of pe parteis also: & is with-oute date.

[Note.—That wheat sent "to the mill" was expected to be of a recognized standard of purity is confirmed by a curious tradition which survives in Essex from the times before agricultural machines. Elderly men tell me that, in their boyhood, the wheat-crops were much infested by darnel (*lolium temulentum*). When the wheat was thrashed, each sheaf, before it was passed to the thresher, was taken in hand by a boy, who pulled out the darnel-heads. If this was not done, the miller either refused to buy the wheat, or gave a very small price for it.]
**[856.] Chartur of pe tithe of pe hey of Eton.**

The sentence of pis evidence is, pat, in yeir of our lorde MCCCCxxxvij°, at Estur, hit was a-cordi in-bi-twene Mastur william Bracheli, person of pe churche of Eisi of pe on parte, & Roger of writtelo of pe oper parte, pat syth pat pe1 maystur william a-fore-seide had drawe pe same Roger in-to plee in cristin courte, in axinge of pe same Roger tithis of hei of pe maner of Eton Minchons oper-wise yen he was wonid to hau: pe same Roger grauntid, to pe fore-seid maistur william, euiry yere to pay x. shillings of siluer at pe feste of seint petur pat is ad vincula or lambemas, while pat he had pe lorde-shipe of pe maner of Eton; & pe seide Maistur william grauntid to pe same Roger to cese fro aft axinge of hei of pe seide Maner of Eton, bi the name of tithis as longe time as he had possession of pe lordshippe; & pe fore-seide Roger, for pis peticion to be relesid; paid to pe seide William2 x. shillings of siluer for pe yere pat was a-passid: In-to witnes of this same heis seelis weir putt to pis writinge, euirich a-geiniste oper: pe date at Eton Minchons, in feste of pe inuencion of the cros, the yere a-fore-seide.

**[857.] Chartur of kyngge Edwarde of Mereheued**

20 The sentence of pis evidence is, pat kyngge Edwarde sawe pe tenour of recorde & processe of a presentment a-fore hys welbelouid trewe men, Iohn of lee & his felowis Justices, I-assinid to here & to ende diuerse transgressions harmis greuis & excessis in wilton sher pat weir do pat time, vppon pe abbas of Godesstowe, pe which he made to come biore him in his chauncellerie; wiltesi sessions: praesentatum est per2 xij. pat abbas of Godesstowe, bi xij. yeir a-passid; in pe time of pe kinge, stoppid a course of watur in temysse I-callid Morheued with-in the liberteis of pe quene of lactoî & turnedd pe cowrse of watur to pe noinge of pe foresid quene & of aft pe cunetre & cetera: and hit was commaundid to pe shrueu pat he shold make come

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1 'pe' is marked for deletion.
2 'Roger,' in error in MS.
3 i.e. 'per duodecim bonos et legales homines.'
pe foreside abbas, a-fore iohn at lee & his fellowis, Justices & cetera, at hegworth, pe wodeinsday aftur pe feste of seint Mathew pe apostle, to answere pe kinge & cetera: and pe abbas, bi iohn Mondi her attornei, come pen & seide pat pe abbas was 4 lady of pe maner of westeton, pe which maner she helde as of pe riht of her? abbei, pe which maner is with-in pe lordeshipe of pe quene; fro 2 pat, pat she leuied? or causid? any nooinge or turnid?ony course of watur as hit was presentid? afore, & pat 8 she is a-redi to verifie. Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti pat he sholde make he? come bfore pe seide Justices at Marleborowe, pe moneday next aftur pe feste of seint lucie virgin, de 4 visu de lacton & cetera xij. & cetera, per quos & cetera, to pe recognicion 12 in forme a-fore-seide. At pe whiche day pe fore-seide abbas come bi her? attornei, & Iuriors 5 also, pe whiche seide vyppon her? othe pat pe foreside abbas helde pe maner a-fore-seide as of pe fundacion of her? churche; also pe sei defor her? per wer of olde 16 time certen stonis [placed 6 at the Mereheued, and with iron and lead] Ioinid? to-gedar to pe ese & profite of pe * pepul goinge or hauinge here? londis & mede, & pat nooper pe fore-seide abbas ne none of her? predecessors did no nooinge perse nooper with-in 20 pe maner a-fore-seide noipir turnid? pe course of pe watur as hit was supposid? perefore pe fore-seide abbas may go fro pe courte dailes 8, sauinge pe kingis riht. And pe Justices, at pe requisicion of pe fore-seide abbas, made pe tenoure of pe 24 recorde & processe a-fore-seid to be exemplifid? bi pese presente writings. In-to witnes of pe whiche pe kinge made his letters patentes, him-selfe beinge witnes at westminster, pe xij. day of feuerel, pe xxxv yere of his reine.

1 The Godstow manor is variously called Water-eaton, West-eaton, Nuns-eaton, Eton-yncrons, to distinguish it from the adjacent Castle-eaton.
2 In the Latin 'Absque hoc': i.e. she dissented from the presentment, viz. that she had caused.
3 Read 'hem' or, better, omit.
4 i.e. 12 good men of the Latton view-of-frankpledge, to act as sworn jury.
5 i.e. attended. The Latin is 'et iurati similiter.'
6 Added from the Latin. It goes on 'these stones were to the advantage of all passing there or having lands and meadows there, and that neither the abbess nor any of her predecessors caused any nuisance there.'
7 Read 'pere.'
8 i.e. 'day-less': in Latin 'sine die,' the formula used when no further proceed- ings were to be taken.
9 Read 'feuerer.'
A Charter of Helie fitz Robert for all his right that he had in all his londes in yorke, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Helie fitz Robert granted, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynychons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours, all the right that they had at yorke in all the londes in litlegate, the which lieth bitwene thirosegail and the lond of henry Bustard, the which they had of the yitte of their bretherne Roger and Thomas, frely and quyety fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion except the seruyce of the chief lord, that is to sey, ij. shillings by the yere for all seruyce, and except j. l. of comyn the which were I-woned to pay the mynychons afore-named to hym and to his heires for all seruyce at Cristmasse, after the tenour of the charter that they had of Thomas his brother. And his brother warantizd pise aforsaid londes to the forsaيد mynchons, after the charter of Thomas his brother afore-named. These beyng witnesse, 1

1 No other trace of this property has been found.
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[PIDDLE ATHELAMPSTON, DORSETSHIRE]

* Exchequer MS. [859. * Charter for 20s. rent in Adelinkton.
leaf ii, back. About 1145.
Grant to Godstow, by Muriel de Bohun, of a rent-
charge, to be paid to the kitchen on her anniversary.

Muriella de Boun gave 20s. rent in Adelinkton, viz. in
Dereseth, which William son of Bricher used to pay to her, to
be paid to the kitchen on her anniversary.

Witnesses: Herbert, chaplain and keeper of Godstow; 4
James, steward of Godstow; Magister Rogerus Glovernia.]

[Note.—Identification supplied by Rev. H. E. Salter. In 1200 the bishop
of Salisbury held, as two knights’ fees, five small manors, viz. Prinnesley, Piddle
Athelampston, and three others. At an earlier date Muriella de Bohun, wife
of Ralph de Bruere, occurs as giving away land in Prinnesley (Hutchins’s History of
Dorset, iv. 298.)]

[BALDON and BROAD-ENSTONE, OXFORDSHIRE]

* Exchequer MS. [860. * Charter of Thurstan, dispensator of the
king of England.
leaf 183.
1234, Nov. 29.
Grant to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of a rent-
charge, to endow an obit on Sept. 9 for his son
Amalric.

Thurstan Despencer, with the consent of his wife Lucy,
gave to Godstow 5s. of yearly rent for the soul of Amauri
his son, viz. 3s. to be taken of his men of Bradenston and 8
his fee in that will with the homages, and 2s. in Baldindon
from Andrew of the chequer, to provide a pittance on the
morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin, i.e. on the anniversary
of Aumari his son.

Witnesses: Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer,
knights; Absalom and Bernard, chaplains; Gilebert of Biham;
Reoland Bluet. Eve of St. Andrew, 1234: at Godstow.]

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter identifies both places for me. Baldindon is BALDON,
Oxfordshire, where the Despencers had a manor of six hides. Broad-enstone is a
hamlet, in Enstone parish, Oxfordshire, which was held, by the Despencers, of the
Abbot of Winchcombe.]
Unidentified: Combe mylle

[COMBE MYLLE.]

[NOTE.—The mention of the bishop of Lincoln suggests that this place was in that diocese, and it has been therefore assumed to be Combe Longa by Woodstock in Oxfordshire. The witnesses (Exchequer MS. leaf 183, back) supply no clue to the locality, being Hugh, chaplain; Ralf of Monemut. (i.e. Monmouth: Canon of Lincoln, circ. 1150–80); Sayer of Quiney; Fulk Trussell, &c. The date is also fixed by the absence of the property from pope Eugenius III’s confirmation, 1145, and from Henry II’s first confirmation, 1156, and its presence in Henry II’s second confirmation (no. 879), 1165. Against the identification with Combe Longa is the fact that the manor of Combe Longa was in the King’s hands from 1154 onwards; so that its miller, in making his grant, would have appealed to the King, his overlord, not to the bishop. The extant accounts of the manor (in Public Records Office) are not early enough to help us. Rev. S. Spencer Pearce, Vicar of Combe, tells me that there is no mention of the mill in the accounts 1243–99, but in those of 1304–11 it is plainly in the King’s own hands.]

[861.] * A Charter of Norbert for the mylle of Combe
I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Norbert willed to be know to the Robert Bisshop of lyncolne fadrhode and to alt trew cristen peple of the chirche, that he, for the helthe of his 4 sowle, yaf and graunted into perpetueft almesse, to god and to the chirche of oure lady of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god; his mylle of Combe with all that longith therto. Wherfor he besily praied his hyghnesse that he 8 wold maynteyn and defende the same holy mynchons, for the love of god; in the same almesse. These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

[HORSEFORD, IN NORFOLK.]

[NOTE.—Among the witnesses are Walter and Jordan, chaplains, and Walter Maleth. Herring were cured at the fishing-port. Oseney, e.g., Rev. H. E. Salter tells me, had tenements at Dunwich and at Yarmouth for the supply of herrings. Margaret, wife of Hugh de Cressi, in 1175 inherited Horseford manor from her father William de Chesney. It had belonged to the family since 1086 (Blomefield’s History of Norfolk, x. 433).]

[862.] * A Charter of Margery Cressy, I-made to the
* leaf 149, back. About 1180.
mynchons of Godestowe, for v. cartlode of wode
of aldur of her wode I-called horforde, xv. dayes
after myghelmasse yerely to be take, to dry ther heryng.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Cressy, in Grant to
her fre wedowhode, for goddis sake and for the helth of her

Unidentified: Humesworth or Hinnesworth

by Margery Cressy, widow, of wood at Michaelmas to dry their herring.
sowle and of the sowles of her fadir and modir and of her aunceturs and successors, graunta, & cetera, into pure and perpetuel almesse, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, v. cartlode of wode of Aldur 1 in her wode I-called horford 1 to be take by yere, that is to sey, xv. dayes after myghelmasse, to drye there heryng 2. And that this her graunte, & cetera.

[HUMESWORTH OR HINNESWORTH.]

*Exchequer MS. [863. * Charter of Peter of Brumelingham for the mill of Humesworth.

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Peter of Brumelingham of a mill and a rent-charge.

Peter and his wife Felicia, gave, with their daughter 8 to be a nun, their mill of Humesworth 3 and 2s. of rent at Hespes.

Witnesses:—Wacheline, abbot of Abiugdon; Nicholas, monk of Evesham; Magister Roger and his nephew 12 Simon; and the donor's sons William and Hugh.]

[PETHAM, IN KENT.]

*Exchequer MS. [864. * Charter of Alan de Leia for 5 acres in perpetual alms.

[Omitting sale of land, and giving the charter.]

Alan of Leigh lets all men, French and English, know, that with his daughter Amphelisia to be a nun, he has given to Godstow, with consent of his son and heir Roger, five acres 16 which lie above the house of the parson of St. Peter of Farningeham on the east, which acres belonged to the mill of Farningeham, and which Godfrey son of Godwin of the bridge held of him in exchange for that half-marc of rent 4 which 20 Richard of Grai used to pay to the nuns in the tenure of Putham,

1 'de alno in bosco meo de Horsford' in the Latin.
2 'ad suum allec siccardum': herring being then in the midst of their season. The nuns probably bought a considerable quantity to dry for winter use. Herrings were brought up the Thames in barges, and, during Lent, Abingdon Abbey claimed toll of each barge so laden (Wood's City of Oxford, i. 427).
3 Writing indistinct; possibly 'Hinnesworth.' See Highworth mill, in no. 886 § 59.
4 This rent-charge, given by Alan of Leigh, is found in Henry II's third charter (no. 886), 1182.
as he has held the land, or as his lord William of Einesford held it who gave that land to him with his sister Maud in free marriage (in libero matrimonio).

Witnesses:—William, dean of Wortun (†Horton); Elias, cleric of Einesford; Thomas, nephew of Agnes the abbess: at Einesford.]

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter happily identifies these places. Horton-Kirby, Farningham (church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul), and Eynsford are adjacent parishes, south of Dartford in Kent. Petham is a small manor in Farningham parish (Hasted’s History of Kent, i. 300).]

[VLEBERNE.]


Thurstan, dispensator domini regis Anglie, with the wish of 8 his mother Alde Bluet and of his wife Lucy, granted to Godstow the jus patronatus of the church of Vleberne¹, as soon as a vacancy occurs, the fruits to go to the kitchen of the convent on the morrow (Sept. 9) of the Nativity of Mary, to keep the 12 anniversary of Ammaurice his son (who is buried at Godstow); if Godstow procures the appropriation of the church, one half is to be applied for his son’s anniversary (as before), and the other half is to go to the kitchen on St. Valentine’s day 16 (Feb. 14), to keep the anniversary of Ammaurice ² his father. Dated 1234, vigil of St. Andrew.

Witnesses:—Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer, knight; Gilebert of Biam; Reoland Bluet.]

¹ Ewelme, Oxfordshire, is the only Despencer advowson in the Testa, 1240, which is at all like Vleberne (or Uleberne). The witness Ralph Despencer was rector of Ewelme.

² Almaric Despencer, flor. temp. Ric. I.
[General Charters:—1. By the bishop of Lincoln (the diocesan).]

Grant to Godstow, by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln,

with assent of Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of exemption from entertaining the archdeacon on his visitation tour; of free hallowing of chrism and oil for extreme unction; of power to withdraw their chaplains from the jurisdiction of archdeacon and rural dean, and dismiss them of their own authority; of subjection of the nuns to the sole authority of the

1 'Walter, archdeacon of Oxenforde' followed, but is partially erased: see next paragraph.
2 'the fredom pat we have of ]e bishopp,' in margin.
3 Sic.
4 Latin is: 'oleum quoque, crisma et oleum sanctum et oleum infirorum.'
5 Latin is: 'ad sinodos.'
6 'marke welle lyys poynyt': marginal note.

The sentence of this deed is, that, in the dedication of the church of Godstowe, Alexander, bishop of Lincoln, in the presence of Stephyn Kyng of ynglond & Malde quene, & a-fore Bysshopys & Abbotys, Dukys & Baronyys, 4 Clergye & also the Layfe that wher there, grauntyd to the same church of Godstowe a liberate or fredam that sueth, I-wrete & confermyd by autorite of hym that was bishopp, walter archdeacon of Oxenford beyng welwyllyd & praynge, 8 the whiche that tyme had the ofyce of archedecunrye of the same cuntre:—that is to sey, that the seyde churche be free & vtturly restyd fro all exaccion or grevaunce of the archydiacon, as in hospitalites to be kepyd; or chapeleys to be callyd in plee, or in othyr mynstyrssse of the same to be browht in-to plee: Also that the seyde churche haue oyle, creyme or crisme, and holy oyle, Also oyle of seke folke, with-out payment: The abbas also may sett her 16 chapellayns so that, yf she wylle, they go not to seynys or to chapiters, nothyr that they answere the archedecun ne deene othyr ministers of hem but by her free wyle; & if they wylle do frowardely, the Abben may calle the prestys next whych she lykyth to her owne churche, by whoos dome she may correcte hem or put hem awaye: The Abbess also to haue cure & change of her Mynchyns & correccion, with-out citacion
of the bysshop or archedecun: And, whenne that the Abbas is
dede, that the Mynchyns chese a-nother of the same couent,
as god inspirith hem, so that none Mynchyn of an-othyr churche
4 be set vppe to be abbas a-ynest he? wytt. If ony man wyllyth
to be a defowler or destruer of thys liberte, be he a-cursyd
& departyd fro god vn-to the day of iugggement or dome.
Of thys be wytnes Robert, bishopp of Exetur, oper bishopp,
8 Abbotes, erlys & oper pepul spiritual & temporal: & is with-out
date.

[Note.—In the Exchequer MS. the witnesses are given : viz. Robert (Chichester),
bishop of Exeter (1138–55); Robert, bishop of Bath (1135–66); Roger, bishop of
Salisbury (died Dec. 4, 1139); Algar, bishop of Coutances; Simon, bishop of
Worcester (1125–50); Walter, archdeacon of Oxford ; Reginald, abbot of Evesham;
Walter, abbot of Egenesham (Einsham); Robert (de Bellomont), earl of Leicester
(1118–65); Milo of Gloucester, constable; Robert of Olley; John of St. John;
Engelram of Sai.]

or 16, back. A.D. 1133. Grant to
Thys sentence is that Walter, archedecun of Oxenford;
grauntyd to the chyrche of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns there
12 seruyng god, aft fredam & liberte, aftur the same forme (word
by word?) as it is wrytyn in the graunt of Alisaunder bysshop of
lincolne next a-fore thys.

[868.] * A confirmacion of watur bysshop of lincolne
of our? liberteis.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is that Walter, Bysshop of
16 lincolne, wyllyth to be knowe to aft cristyn pepul that he
for the loue of god? hathe grauntyd? to the churche of our? lady
seynt Marie of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruyng
god? C. skillings in the tolbowthe of Banbury yerly to be payd?
He grauntyd also the fredam I-grauntyd? of the same ali-
aunder to the same churche, & confermyd? with hys chartur,
with the forseyd C. skillings:—that is to say, that the forseyd
24 churche be fre & vterly quietyd? fro aft exaccion of archedecun,
or greunyng, as in herberynges to be askyd?, or chapleynys to
be brouht in-to plee, or other mynstyrs of the same churche to be ledde in-to plee. Oyle, creyme & holy oyle & oyle of seke folke, he grauntyd the same churche for to haue with-out ony exaccion; the Abbas of the place may set her chapelyns so that, if she wyff, they shulle not go to seynys or to chapeyturs, nother answere, but they wyff hem-self, to the archedecun, ne to the dene, ne to none of her ministirs. And yf her chapelyns do frowardly a-geynyst thys liberte, the Abbas may calle the 8 prestis next dwellynge, whyche she lustythe, & by her iuggement she may correcte hem, other put hem a-wey. By thys confirmacion she haeth also cure & correccion of her mynches, with-out citacion of bysshop or archedecun. Aftur the Abbas dethe, the mynches may chese another of the count of the same churche, as god inspiryth them, so that none of non other churche a-geynyst her wyff be set a-bove hem to be Abbas.

Who-so-euyr be destroyr or defoyler of thys fredam, he gafe hym goddys curs & hys, but he left & dud dew satisfaccion; & that hys graunt shold not by ony shrewdnes be destroyde, he confirmyd hyt with hys secle, thes beynge wytnes, & cetera: and is with-oute date.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. About 1190.

**A confirmacion by hugh, bysshop of lincoln, of all our churcheys.**

The sentence of thys dede is, that Hugh, Bysshop of lincolne, confermyd to the religius hows of our lady seynt mary & seynt Iohn baptiste of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns ther seruynge god, to he sustenaunce in perpetua, vse, benefettes, to be in tyme comyngye, the whych he hath be grauntyd thorow largenes of trew cristyn men & pepul. The namys of tho benefettes we here folowyngye shal shewe:—that is to sey, an C. shillings yerly, of the gyft of alisaunder bysshop of lincolne, to be receyuyd in the tolle-bowthe of the market of banbury; of the gyft of kyng heune the sone of Mald'the emperice, the churchys of Wycombe, & of Bloxham, with al the purtenancys; of the gyft of Aylwyne the sone of Godgose, the churche of seynt Gile that standyth with-out Oxenford, with all hys purtenaunces;

1 In the Latin: ‘ad sustentationem earum, perpetuis usibus profutura, beneficia fidelium Christi largitate concessa.’

2 Lapse into first person of the Latin.
Of the gyft of agnes, the dowhter of pagane the sone of Iohn, the churche of Dunctune, with all hys pertenaunces; of the gyft of Symond of wahylle, halfe of the churche of pateshyl, with all hys pertenaunces: That these benefettys, resonably I-grauntyd & yese to the forseyd Mynchyns, to be turnydyd to her vses, & to be servyd with her chapleyns, be ratiffed & confermyd by that autorite that he was bysshopp. Also he grauntyd to the forseyd servaunts of crist that they sholde be free & quiete fro all exaccions, custome, & gref, saunyng the bysshopp's ryht & the dignyte of the churche of lincoln. And for to make it ferme & stedfast, he put to thys confyrmarcion hys seele. These beyng wytnesses whoo names byn shewyd in the confyrmarcion: & is with-out date.

[870.] * A confyrmarcion of william, bysshopp of lincolne, of Pe tolf in banbury with oper pynges.

The sentence of thys confyrmarcion is that William, bysshopp of lincolne, wyllinge to gyf faouor to the ryhtful desyrys of the religius pepul the Abbas of Godstowe & of hyr mynchyns, hathe wylyyd to be knowe a-monge all folke, that he hathe ratiffed & confermyd to the hows of our lady seynyt mary & seynyt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe, & to the seruauntys of crist there dwel-lynge, to her perpetual vses, benefetys, to a-byde, & to profite, that haue be grauntyd thorow the largenes of trewe cristyn men, the whych we wylle & deme by her owne namys to be expressyd & shewyd:—that is to say, of the gyft of that goode man Alisaunder bysshopp of lincolne, C. skillings yerly to be payd in the tolle-bow* the of Banbury; of the gyft of henry, the sone of molde the emperice, the churches of wycombe, & of Bloxham, with all her pertinences; of the gyft of aylwynye, the sone of Godgose, the churche of seynyt Gylys, the whych is set with-out Oxenford, with all hys pertinences longyngye to the same churche; of the gyft of agnes, the dowhter of pagane the sone of Iohn, the churche of dunnyngton, with all hys pertinences; of the gyft of the sone of william, the halfe of the churche of pattyschul, with all hys pertenences. The fore-seyde benefices, euyn like as they byn resonably gyft to the same Mynchyns a-fore-seyd, to be turnyd fullych in-to her owne vses,
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& to be seruid with her owne chaplaynys, the fore-seyd’ bysshop william hathe ratified & confermyd'. Furthermore he hathe [granted] to the fore-seyd’ seruaunt[s] of crist for to be free & quiete fro all exaccion, custom, & grefe, sauynge the bysshop’s 4 ryht, & the dignite of the churche of lincolne. And, for that it shulde be sure & ferme, he confermyd hit with hys wryntyng & seele: Thes beyng wytnes, as hyt is shewyd’in the conferracion ther-of.

* leaf III or 16, back. A.D. 1221.

[871.]* An ordynaunce I-made by hugh bysshop of lincolne of our churchys, wycombe, bloxham, & seynt Gylys.

The sentence of thys dede is that Hugh, Busshop of lincolne, ordeynyd, by the autorite of the council, in the churchys of Wycombe, Bloxham, & of seynt Gylys with-out Oxenford; admittid, & set in hem so ordeynyd, perpetual vicarys at the presentacion of the wellouyd dowhtyrs in crist the Abbas of Godstowe & of hyr Mynchyns. The forseyd vicaragys byn sette & ordeynyd in thys maner:—that is to say, that the perpetual vicar of wycombe shall haue, in the 16 name of hys vicary, a dwellynge-place assynyd' to hym vppon the west syde of the hows of the Abbas of Godstowe; the half of all offerynges & vayles of the * auter, with all the teth of chese & all the eggys comynge forth to the churche in the vigils of hestur, & all the tethes of gese & all the tethys of gardeynys & orchardys with-in [the borowe] (except and out-take the offrynges & the vaylys of fowre days by the yere, that is to say, of Candylmes-day, Goodfryday, Hesturday, & Holy rode day in heruyst; & out-take all tethys of wolfe, fel, lambs, pigge, & calues whenne a hole calfe comyth forth; & out-take all frutes of gardynys & of orchardys with-out the borowe, & all the of all tesys that longyn to the office of fullers, bothe with-in the 28 town, & also with-out the town; out-take also all eggys comynge to the profit of the seyd churche, saue vppon hestur eve; & except alle offryng of candel thorowe the yere, save the erased letter.

1 ' for pe vicar of Wycombe,' in margin.
2 The 'h' is erased. There are also many instances of 'h' being erased in this way, in words which elsewhere begin with the
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candel that is brouht forthe with 1 the holy love in the sonneday to the auter, The whyche, alt a-boune except & out-take, shal longe & be hole to the Abbas & Mynchyns of Godstowe.

Furthermore, the perpetual 2 vicar of the churche of Bloxham shal haue, in the name of hys vicariage, alt the auterage of that churche & of the chapel of Myddylcombe, except the tethys of wolfe & of lambys of the modur-church of Bloxham; he shal haue also the corn that is wonyd to be gyf I-thresshe to the seyd churche of Bloxham & chapelle of Myddylcombe, the whyche is callyd cherset; & he shal haue a place that is set by-twene the place that was of pagane Berforde & the place that was of

william Colman.

The perpetual vicar of seynt Gylys in Oxenford shall have, in the name of hys vicariage, half of all the auterage of that churche, with alle the tethys of gardynys, except wolfe, & flex, lambys, & except candal vppon candelymes day, the whyche the seyd mynchyns shal haue stytle. Furthermore, he shall have a dwellynge-place, where the chapleyne of the churche was wonyd to dwelle, for the whyche the vicar shal pay to the same churche vj. d. yerly.

In these thre vicariages thys wyse ordeynyd; the forseyd mynchyns shal bere alt burduns ordynarie dewe & wonyd of tho thre seyd churchys, out-take dewteys pat longyn to the seyne, the whyche the vicarys shal pay. Also alt the vicaryes 5, al so sone as they byn admittyd to the forseyd churchys, they shal make to the mynchons a-fore-myndyd an othe to be trewe. Also the chapleyns, in case that the fore seyd vicarys take ony vn-to theyre helpe for to do seruise in the forseyd churchys, shal swere also a-fore the vicaryes, & a-fore the procur of the mynchons, the whyche the seyd mynchyns wyllen to sende, that the for-seyd vicaryes & chapellaunys shal be trewe to the Mynchons a-fore-rehersyd; al so longe as they a-bydyn there in the forseyde churchys seruynge, in tho thynges that towchyn & be dewe to the Mynchons a-fore seyde, sauynge in alt cases the bysshopys ryht & dewtes, & the dignite of the churche

1 'praeter candelam que pervenit die dominica ad altare cum pane benedicendo.'
2 'for the vicar of bloxham,' in margin.
3 'Cherecheset,' in the Latin copy.

Godstow to have all other tithes and offerings. In Bloxham, the vicar is to have the offerings and most of the small tithes of Bloxham & Milcomb, 'church-soft,' and a lodging.

In St. Giles', Oxford, the vicar is to have half the offer-ings, most of the small tithes, and a lodg-ing.

These vicars, and their deputys, must take oath of loyalty to Godstow.

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1 'Q' for pe vicar of seynt gylys,' in margin.
2 'Q' for the vicar of bloxham,' in margin.
3 'Q' & take heede for both of Q vicars & chapeleys,' in margin = oath.
of lincolne. And in-to wynes of thys he put to hys seal: & the date was the xij. yere of hys bysshopyrche.

[General Charters:—2. By the Sovereign.]

*leaf II* or 14. A. D. 1136

Confirmation by King Stephen, of no. 4, with full manorial rights.

The sentence of thys chartur is, how Stephyn kynge yeuyth & confermithe to the seyd Mynchyns & her successours of Godstow alle the yfys, landis & possessions, rentys, tenwrs, that byn rehersyd in the next dede a-fore, that begynneth Alexander, in pure quiet fre & in perpetual almys from all secular service & customs, and her courtys to be holde with sok 8 & sake, tol & team, with infange & outfange *theyf, as wor-shiply & frely as eny chyrche in englond or bettur or freer may holde in all thynges.

[Note.—In the Exchequer MS., on a leaf of the table of contents, an annotator has noted, from ‘William de Shareshulle’ [C. J. K. B., 1350-7], that socha is ‘secta curiae,’ i. e. a lord’s right to attendance of his tenants at his court and to try their causes in it; ‘sacha’ is ‘amerciamentum tenentium,’ i. e. a lord’s right to retain to his own use the fines imposed in his court; *toll* is ‘taxatia’ nativorum ad voluntatem Domini, Anglice seuse vel yele; *team* is a lord’s right to retain in servidom the issue of his serfs; *infangethef* is a lord’s right to take cognisance, at the suit of the injured party, of thefts committed within his demesne if the thief be taken within the demesne, *cum manuopere* (mainour or manour, i. e. the stolen goods) found in the thief’s possession, but if the thief is not indicted within three days, both he and the mainour shall be handed over to the king’s gaol. Outfangethef is not explained. Cowell’s *Interpreter* (1607) makes it a ‘privileged, whereby a lord is unable to call any man dwelling within his owne fee, and taken for felonie in any other place, and to judge him in his owne court.’ In the valuation (Escheat 14 Edw. III. 67, no. 2), 10 April, 1340, of the Castle and Manor of Fotheringhay, Northts., note is made that the manor possessed ‘Infangenthef et Outfangenthef,’ but ‘nichil valent per annum eo quod magis cadunt in onere quam in aliqo allo valore,’ i. e. they are burdens, not sources of profit. Outfan-ge-theif is absent from most charters of Godstow; and its mention here, and on p. 658, is probably due to a clerical error. It was a power rarely conferred.]

*leaf III* or 15. About 1142.

Confirmation to Godstow,

[873.] *A chartur of the feyre of Godstowe, I-made by dame Molde the emperyse.*

Thys chartur makyth mension how that the emperice Malde hath graunt in perpetual almys that the Mynchyns of Godstowe

1 '-worthy of your dominions in all places,' in margin.

2 Otherwise explained in Osney Regis-

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mowe hold & haue her fryre there at the fest of seynt Iohi
Baptist & iiij. days¹ aftur, commandynge to haue² pese & rest
to aif men that woff com & goo for hem & aif her mar-
chaundes, and no dystrubylauns vyrythfully ypon hem be
made, in payne of forfetynge of x. ij.

[Note.—The Exchequer MS. shows that the charter was given at Oxford. The
witnesses were [Nigel] bishop of Ely (1133–69), William [Fitzgilbert] chancellor
(1142), and Robert (Consul), earl of Gloucester (1109–47). The date was probably
the summer of 1142, before the siege of Oxford Castle by Stephen, Sept.–Dec. 1142.]

[874.] * A Charter of Moolde the Empereesse confermyng * leaf 162.
to the mynchons of Godestowe: lij. shillings vj. d.
in Shillyngworthe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, the Empereesse,
willed to be know to henry her sone, and to the bishop of lyn-
8 colne, Erles, and Barons, and to aif her trew men, frensh and
English, bothe at that tyme and in tyme to be, in Oxenforde-
shire, that she, for the love of god and for the sowles of her
fadir and modir and for her owne helth and of her children and
12 astate of the Reame of Englonde, yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera
and to the mynchons of Godestowe, into perpetuel almesse,
lij. shillings vj. d. of lond in Shillyngford; And an hundred
shellyngworth of lond at Walton, the which kynge Stephen afs
16 to the same place. And because that she willed hit to be sure,
She willed and comaundered surely that the mynchons of the
aboueseid place shold haue and hold the londis were fully
and pesibly frely worshipfully and quety, as hit is I-said, for
20 euer, these beyng' witnes.

[Note.—At Devises. Witnesses:—Hereher, chaplain (of Godstow); [Robert] earl
of Gloucester ; Milo of Gloucester ; Brian fitz-count.]

[875.] * A Charter of Moolde the Empereesse, I-madeto
the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. hydes and j. half
and half a yerde of londe in Shillyngforde, and
for an C. shillyngworth of londe in Walton.

Moolde the Empereesse willed to be know to henry her sone,
Archebisschopis, Bisshopis, Abbottyis, Erles, Barons, Justices,
Sherefs, Mynystres, and to aif her trew men frenssh and
24 English of aif England, that she, for the love of godl and the

¹ In error for 'ij. days.'
² '¶ against he distrobulers of the feyere, the peyne,' in the margin.
sowles of henry her fadir, kyng of Englonđ, and of her modir Moolde, quene, and for the helthe of her owne sowle and the welthe of her husband and lord Geoffrey duke of Normandie and erle of Aunge, and of her children, yaf and graunted, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to say, ij. hydes and an half and half a yerde that Raaf vicounte helde for lij. shillings vj. d; and an C. shillyngworth of lond in 8 Walton for euer, in perpetuel almesse, as she had hit when she was I-segid at Oxenford. And therfor she willed and commaunded surely that the lady of the abonesaid place shold hold and haue the londis and her lond of Eaton, and all other londis longyng to her chirch, wele and presibly, frely quetyly and worshipfully, in medys and in waters, in fedyngis, and in wode and playne, and Mylles, and all other thynges and fre customes and fredoms, with sok and sak, tol and theum, Infangtheef, and of hundred and danegolde and afl yelede and afl quarels and excacions fre and quyte, as ony cherch in Englonđ held best most fre and quyte ther possessions, that no man do in ony thyng to them wronge or dispYTE. And she toke that house and afl thyngis that longed to hit in her honde, kepyng; and protection, evene as her fadir and she had I-founden hit, and hit had be of ther owne almesse. And that hit shold be sure, & cetera.

[NOTE.—At Devises. Witnesses:—Robert, earl of Gloucester; Milo (de Gloucester), earl of Hereford; Brian fitz-count; Humphrey de Bohun. This and the next charter involve a difficulty of date. Geoffrey of Anjou is styled Duke of Normandy, a title not assumed till April, 1144, but Milo of Gloucester, one of the witnesses, was killed 24 Dec. 1143.]

About 1143.

[876.] A Charter of Moolde the Empresse, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. hydes and j. half and half an Acre of lond; [held at] lij. shillings vj. d; an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton; a fysshewere in Charwelle, and water; and all the tythe of all frutis of Wodestok; and the hayres that durith ij. dayes at Godstowe.

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the Empresse willed to be know to her sone kyng of filia.' The translator has wrongly expanded it to 'regi Henrici filio.'
Abbottis, erles, Barons, Iusticis, Shereis, Mynysters, and to all her trew men, Frenssh and Englissh, of all Englonde; that she, for the lone of god, and for the sowles of her sadir, kyng henry 4 of Englonde; and of her modir Moolde, quene, and the helth of her owne sowle, and the welthe of her lord Geffrey, duke of Normandie and heire 1 of Aunge, and of her children, yaf and graunted into perpetuel almesse, to god & cetera and to the

8 mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, ij. hides and an half, and half a yerde lond, that Raaf Scribe held by yere for lij. shillings vj. d., with medys and pasturis; and an hundred shillyng-worth of lond in Walton, al so holy aft as they had hit whan she was I-segid at Oxenford; and a fysshwere 2 in Charweuff, and water, with ther perteyntnis also with medis and pasturis; and aft the tythe of all frutis of Wodestoke; and the Feyris, the which dure iiij. dayes fully at Godestowe, at the birth of Seynt

16 John Baptist, And she commaunded surely that they that come to the faires shold haue there sure pease, and all ther goodes, in comyng, tariyng; and goynge ayene, that no man distrouble vnrightfuly them or ther goodes: wher she willed and

20 commaundde surely that the forsaid chiche of Godestowe and the mynchons shold haue and hold, wele and in pease, the londes, and ther lond of Eaton; and Wyke in portmaunet, the which the citegens of Oxenford yaf to them; and the chirch of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford, the which Ailwyyn fitz Godogosc yaf to them; and ther mylle that is I-called boym[i]ln, with medys pasturis and londis and other perteyntis; and all other londis perteynyng to ther chirch, in * perpetuel almesse, and all maner

28 other thyngis I-gete by the yitte of god; with alle fredoms and fre customs, with soke and sak, tol and theam, and infangenthef, wele and in pease, frely and worshipfully, vttirly, quetyly, and fre fro shire, hundred, and gelde, and danegelde, and pleys, and helpis, and assises, and scuagis, fro murther thefte and all gelde, also all quarels or playntis and exaccions and all other thynges; that no man do to them wronge or greefi in ony thyngne. For the forsaid chiche of Godestowe and the myn-

36 chons ther seruyng god and all ther goodes and possessions and

1 In error for 'erle.' Latin is: 'et comites Andegavensis.'
2 Latin is: 'piscaria in Chiarewell.'
ther men and all thyngis that longe to them were more specially in her owne honde, proteccion, and kepyng, than any other. These beyng, & cetera.

[Note.—The witnesses are Bernard, bishop of St. David's (1115-47); Robert, earl of Gloucester; Milo, earl of Hereford; Brian fitz-count; Humphrey de Bohun. Maud withdrew to Normandy, Nov. 1145.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1154. 

[877.] * a chartur of kynge henri fitz emperyese of Walton & delingyscrofte.

Thys chartur makyth mensyon how kynge Henry wrote a commandment to the shryf of Oxenford-shyre that he shold do & make the Mynchnys of Godstowe to hold & haue in pese, frely & quietly in perpetual almys, her lond of Walton and delingescroft, the whyche my modyr the emperice hath gyf & graunt; & is with-out date.

Note.—'Delingys-crofte' is an error of the translator. In the Latin the initial letter is plainly 'S', the end of the word is indistinct: 'Selingeft' = Shillingford. Henry II succeeded 25 Oct. 1154; the precept was perhaps sent out before his departure for England, Dec. 1154.]

* leaf 185. 

1156. 

[878.] * A Confirmacion of kynge Henry Fit3 Empersesse, & cetera.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of—

(1) the island in which the nunnery stands;
(2) Godstow, i.e. the site of the abbey church (no. 3),
(3) land at Shillingford (no. 716);
(4) land at Walton (in no. 4);
(5) tithes of the fruits of Woodstock (no. 876);
(6) Godstow fair, for three full days, with protection to traders (no. 873);

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Henry, kyng of Englond; & cetera, graunted and confirmed, into perpetuett almesse, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god; the lond and the place in which the chirche was I-founded; and all the yiftis that were I-do to them; And of the yifte of Raynold of Seynt Walerye, the place that is I-called Godestowe, in the which ther chirch was 16 I-founded; Of the yifte of the Empresse and his, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and an half [and half] a yerde-lond, with medis and pastures, the which Raaf Scribe held for two and fifty shillyngis and Sixe pens by yere; 20 And an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Waltoñ, as they had hit when the Empresse was I-seged in Oxenford; And all the tythes of all the frutes of wodestoke; And the faires, the which shold dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestow, at the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And comaundered surely pat
all they that come to the fayres shold haue ther sure pease and all ther goodes in comyng and goyng alway, that no man wrongfully distrouble them nother ther goodes; Of the 4 yfte of Reynold of seynt * Walere, the mylle of Wolgare-
cote, and one Fyssh-were that is called the kyngis were, and medys that ben called heryngis ham, Boie-ham, and liches-ey, And the lond that lieth bitwene the two watirs, And half 8 a mede that is I-called lambeye; And another half parte of the same mede, of the yfte of Robert Doylle, And one bussheft of whete of the mylles that ben vndir the Castell of Oxenford yerely to be paid; Of the yfte of Alisaundre,
12 bissop of lynconle, an hundred shilyngworth by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury; of the yfte of Robert, Bissop of Exetir, xl. shillings yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx.
shillings of the chirche of farendo, And xx. shillings of the 16 chirche of our lady in Gloucestre; Of the yfte of Robert,
Erle of lecyster, thre poundsworth of lond in Halso; Of the yfte of Reynold, the sone of the Erle, and Emelyne his wyf, and of his heires, Eton, with [all] that longith thereto;
20 Of the yfte of Raaf Bloet, and of his modir and of his brethren [the church 1 of] Dantesburne, with the londes and all his pertynentis; Of the yfte of Symond wadhill, half of the chirche of Patishille; Of the yfte of Symond 2 Spensere,
24 the tithe of Rollendrith; Of the yfte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of lond in Rysyndon; Of the yfte of Richard
Baanc, all the dowrye of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessors had in possession, that is
28 to sey v. hides, And cnolle and Swanton, with all ther pertynentis; Of the yfte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond that is I-called Sanford; Of the yfte of Roger Dalmary, ffty acres in Blechesdon; Of the yfte of walter Pery, in the 32 same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres; Of the yfte of Hugh of Tywe, ix. shillyngworth of lond in Oxenford; Of the yfte of the Citezeys of Oxenford; the wyke the which Sagryne held, in portmanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yfte of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. shillyngworth of rent in wyn-
chester; Of the yfte of Elywyne fitz Godesghe the chyrche of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford; Of the yfte of Baldewyn

1 Added from the Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 164). 2 Read 'Thomas.'
(26) Baldwin fitz Ingram's rent-charge (118) in East-cheap, London;
with full manorial jurisdiction;

* leaf 166.
and exemption from royal taxes.

[Note.—Although put second in the Register the preceding charter is the earliest in date. It was given at Rouen, probably in 1156, at the time of his first French visit. The witnesses are:—Maud, his mother (died 1167); Philip, bishop of Baieux; Arnulph, bp. of Lisieux; Thomas (Becket), chancellor (1154-62); Robert de Novo-burgo; Richard de Humez, constable; Warin fitz-Gerald, chamberlain; Manasses Biset, dapifer; and Robert de Dunest.]

* leaf 184. [879.] * Here begynneth 2 the Carters of kyng henry fitz Empresse, & cetera.

About 1165.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, taking Godstow under his special protection, of (stated in a different order) the properties mentioned in no. 878;

*leaf 184, back.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englond, duke of Normandye and Erle of Angye, willed to be know to Archebissoppis, Bissoppis, Erles, Barons, Instici, Sherifis, Mynystres, and his trewe men, Fressh and Englissh, of all Englond; that the monastery ofoure lady blissed marye the virgyne and of seynt Ioyn Baptist of Godestow, and the abbesse and the holy mynchons of the same place, and all here possession and goodes, and ther men, wher-so-ever they be, they ben in myne honde and kepyng; and in my proteccion: that is to saye, the Ile in the whiche the monastery is I-founded with the londis therto; the lond * or grounde that is I-called Godestowe, with his appendauntis or mansions; The mylle of wolgarlecote, 28

1 Read 'more': cp. 654/1.
2 Put first in the Register, but certainly second in order of time.
with his appendauntis; ij. dwelling places or mansions in Wolgarecote, with his pertynentis; The Ile that lieth betwixt the two watirs afore the yate of the monastery, which is I-called licheseyt; thr medys, that is to sey, Boyham, Lichesham, Heryngesham; one Fysshewere in the Themys with his appendauntis; A meade that is I-called lambye, and one bussheft of whete by all yeris to be paid of the mylfe vndir the Castell of Oxenford; The chyrche of seynt Gyle with-out Oxenford; Fyve hide lond in Sigresham; in walton, C. hundred shillyngworth of lond; in the fest of the birthre of Seint John Baptist, Faire of thr dayes of Godestowe; Eton, with alle his pertynentis; In halso, thr pounde worthe of lond; the lond that is I-called the wyke, in portmanheyt; what-so-ever right and all pat they had in the chyrch of patishulle; In Oxenford, nyne shillyngworthes of lond; with-oute the north gate, Sevne shillyngworth of lond; In Rysyndon, j hyde of lond; In Blechesdon, fyfty acres, and j. yerde lond, and ten acris; in knolle, londe that is I-called Sanford; beside Godestowe, parte of a meade the which Robert of Wytham yaf.

The chyrche of Dantesborne; with-oute the South-yate of Oxenford, one mansion that Eylwyne fitz Godegose yaf, with the pertynentis; In wynchester, fyve shillyngworth of lond; In the towne that is I-called Shilityngford; the right in the tythes of Rollendrith; In the chyrch of Farendon, xx. shillings by euery yere; And of the chyrche of our lady of Gloucestre, xx. shillings by euery yere to be paid; The towne that is I-called Pery and all the rightes of the same towne in all thyngis; In Oxenford, the lond that Walter Perry yaf; Of the yift of Richard Labaanc, all the dowry of his modir, that is to sey, cnolle and swantow, the whiche perteyneth to the same, and hodicote al so moche as his predecessours possessed, that

1 Latin has 'Boi-ham.' At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow owned (Monast. iv. 370) 'Beyam' (i.e. error for Boy-ham), 5 acres, valued at 2s. 4d. an acre; as also Great Ham (4 acres) and Little Ham (2 acres) in Wolvercote mead, which, as being common after the first hay (vestura) was removed, were valued at only 1s. 8d. an acre. They are, no doubt, the two 'hams' mentioned here with Boy-ham.

2 So also in the Latin copy, but either in error or descriptive of property afterwards alienated. It is neither Shillingford nor Swanton, which are both mentioned in this confirmation.

3 Síc, repeated by a slip.

4 Latin 'Conulla.' Possibly this is the same as no. 878, § 18.

5 Omit 'In.' It is an error in translation.

6 So also in the Latin, but how did it come? Perhaps in error for Walter of Perry's gift in Bletchingdon (no. 290).
A Confirmation of kyng henry fitz Emperice

is to sey, fyve hydes of lond, frely and quyetly fro all secular service, with all ther pertynentis; The mylde of Blecheworth, of the yfte of Roger bisshop of Salisbury, The mylde that is I-called Boiemylle, with the londis and all his pertynentis; beside Oxenford; the tythes of the mylles of Sewcourte, with the mede I-called the hert; the lond of Clare prevet by name; the mylde of Cumbe, with all that longith therto; In london, in Estchepe xij. shilyngworth of lond; In london by seynt Martyne chirche, in soca of the bisshop, vj. shilyngworth of lond: All these thyngis resonably purchased, and all other thyngis resonably I-goten to the forsaid chirche and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god; he willed that they shold be to the same chirche and to the holy mynchons he conformed; Also surely comaundyngeth that they shold hold, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, with tol and team, soke and sak, Infanghen-theft and out-fangenthief, and with all other customs and libertewis with the which ony chirch and almesse was I-hold in England most freist quyetyliest and best. And they, that is to sey, the Archebishops and bisshoppis, & cetera, shold kepe and maynteyne them, and all there goodes, as they loved hym, that is to sey, the kyng; evynse as that chirche that kyng henry his grauntsire founded and furthered and gretyly loued; and his modir the Empresse afterward; And he hym-self gretyly loued; And not suffice that ony man did to them wronge or greest in ony thynge: for yf ony did gretyly, hit shold hevy hym gretyly. These beyng witnessse, & cetera.

[Note.—Eyton gives April 1157 as the date of the foregoing charter. The witnesses are: Rodbert (de Bellomont, second) earl of Leicester (1118-68); Richard de Canuill.; Warin, son of Gerold; Henry son of Ger. : apud Lundias. Warin fitz-Gerald died about end of 1157.]

[Some minor Charters of Henry II.]

[Note.—It is impossible to fix the dates of the following charters from the evidence available. No. 880 was given at Oxford; witness, Roger, the king's chaplain. Nos. 881 and 882 were given at Woodstock; witness, Richard, archdeacon of Poitiers. No. 883 was given at Woodstock; witness, Richard de Humez, constable. No. 884, at Woodstock; witness, John Cumin.]

1 Latin has 'Bechaworth.' This property has not been identified.
2 Read 'heit.'
3 xxis. in the Latin.

* The sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englo prosecutor, & cetera, comoued to all maner of men that they shold maynteyne kepe and defende all mart- chaundis comyng to the Faire of thre fulle dayes at the Nativity of Seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe, So that they shold do to them no wronge nother greef, nothere they shold not suffer that they were I-troubled, but they shold have sure peace in doyng there customs. These beyng witness, & cetera.

[881.] A charter of kyng henry for tol, passage, and poundage purgh Englonc.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englo prosecutor, & cetera, charged that the monchons of Godestowe, and all ther goodis the which ther men may swere to be ther owne, shold be quyte fro tol, passage, and pointage, and all custome thurgh all his lond of Englo; and he forbode that no man shold dis-trouble them wrongfully, vndir the payne of x. li. These beyng witness, & cetera.

[882.] A Charter of the same kyng forbedyng pat no man hold ther bondmen.

The sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng, & cetera, charged alle manere statis and mynysters that they rightfully without delaye shold make and haue to the monchons of Godes- stowe all ther natifs or bondmen or fugitives with ther catalls, where-so-euer they were I-founde in ther bailliifshippis, that flowe fro them aftir the deth of kyng Henry his graunt-sire. And he forbode that no man shold hold them, vndir the payne of x. li. These beyng witness, & cetera.

[883.] A charter protectorie for the monchons of Godes- stow and all ther goodis.

The sentence of this charter is that Henry, kyng of Englo prosecutor, & cetera, charged to all statis and to the baillis of Gloucestre that they sholde maynteyne, kepe, and defende the londis and

1 'to the sheriff,' in Latin copy.
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men and all goodes of the holy mynychons of Godestowe, not suffryng Robert Selothire 1 or other [to] vexe them or ther men or ther servauntis wrongfully of londis or pasturis or other goodis in his baillyf-shippis or to do them wronge or greefe. 4 And yf ony man do to them wronge or greefe, with-out ony delay they shold make to them hit to be amended. And yf they did hit not, his Insticis shold do hit, that he herde no more clamoure for defaute of right and Justice beryng: These beyng witnesse, 8 & cetera.

* leaf 188, back. About 1170.

Privilege to Godstow, by Henry II, that they may not be sued about lands held by them except in the royal courts.

[884.] * Another charter, that they shold not be impleyd' with, but in the kyngis Courte, for her tenuris and possessions, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, by the grace of god; & cetera, comaundèd to all Sherifs, baillifes and mynystris in whos bailly-wykis the mynychons of Godestowe helde all their 12 tenuris and all their tenementis, that they shold hold hem wele and in pease, and they shold not be pleyd of ony of their tenement but afore hym or his Insticis. For the forsaid mynychons and all their possessions were in his honde and kepyng and 16 pröteccion: witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 186. About 1175.

[885.] * A Confirmacion of kyng henry fitz Emperesse, for all almesse and all maner thyngis that were I-yeve or shold' be yeve to the mynychons of Godestowe, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng of EngloncT; & cetera, graunte'd, and confirmed with this present charter, to the mynychons of Godestowe, all the almesse, in chirches and 20 londes and tythes and in all other tyngis, that were resonably I-yeve to them or shold' be yeve. Wherfor he willed and comaundèd surely that the forsaid mynychons shold haue and holde all ther almesse and possessions, bothe of chirch [and 2 lay] 24 fee, [in 2 wood and plain, in meadows and pastures, in waters] and mylles, in pondis and maryse 3, in weyes and pathis, and in all other placis and other thyngis perteynyng to

1 Probably questioning Godstow title to lands at Rissington, see no. 190. 2 Added from the Latin copy. 3 *in vivariis et mariscis.*
them, wele and in peace, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, with all fredoms and fre customs. Witnesse thise, & cetera.

[Note.—Directed to 'all archbishops,' &c. Witnesses are:—G[offrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174–89]; Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153–95]; and G[offrey Plantagenet], bishop elect of Lincoln [1173]; Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Roger, the king's chaplain; Richard de Luci; Reginald de Curtenai; &c. The explanation of this charter, as of its immediate predecessors, may be that Godstow felt the need of additional protection for lands acquired since no. 879; and so we are led on to the next charter, which enumerates by name both the old properties and those lately acquired.]

[886.] *A Confirmacion of kyng Henry fitz Empresse confromyng att maner of yiftis afores yove, & cetera.

4 Henry 1, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, graunted and with his charter conformat, into perpetuel almesse, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, the towne of wolgardecote and the place in the which the chirch was I-founded and all the yiftes that were I-made to them, that is to sey, of his yifte, the towne of wolgardecote and the place that is I-called Godestowe in the which the chirch was I-founded; with the assent and graunte of Bernard of Seynt Walereye and of his heires, the which, that is to sey, Bernarde of Seynt Walereye yaf the forsaid towne and the forsaid place and graunted hit to kyng henry and seisyned hym (by a silken cloth, wherof was a chesible I-made) with the lordship and the right of the Avowery of the same Abbey that he had afore in hit, So that the forsaid abbey shold be free for ever, and in chief of his crowne, as the Abbey of Seynt Edmond and other raift Abbeyes that ben I-sette in Englond; Also of his yifte, the chirch of wycombe, with all his *pertynentis; And the chirche of Bloxham, with all his pertynentis; Also of his yifte, the vicarage 2 of Patishulle, with the pasture, as he had hit in his owne hande; And the londe of Clare by name prevet, the which he bought of Manasse Sandevyle 3 for xxv. mark; Of

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tion to Godstow, by Henry II, at its re-
foundation as a royal, abbey, of the pro-
properties mentioned in no. 878 and no. 879, and, in addition to them, of [Ceremony of the sik-
en cloth: no. 5.] (40) Wy-
combe church (no. 87); (44) Blox-
ham church (no. 306); (43) cow-
house and pasture at Pattishall;

1 The Latin text in the Monasticon, iv. 364, is from the Inspeximus of Richard I.
2 A slip of the translator. Latin is "vaccaria de Pautheshale cum pastura, a cow-house. See no. 902, § xxxvii.
3 'Sannerville.'
the yifte of the Empresse and his, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and j. half yerde, with medys and pasturis, the which Raaf Scribe helde for lij. shillings vj. d\' by yere; and an hundred shillyngworth of londe in Walton, as they had hit when the Empresse was I-seged in Oxenford; And a fisshewere in Charewelle watir, with medis, and pastures, and all the pertynentis; And all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestoke; And the faieris that shold dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestowe, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comande surely that all they that come to tho faires shold have there sure pease in comyng and goyng away, that no man dis trouбл2 wrongfully them nether their goodes; Of the yifte of Raynold of seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and one fysshwere that is I-called the kyngiswerc, and the medys that ben called Heryngesham, Boieham, and Licheseye, and the lond that lieth bitwene the two watirs, and half a mede that is I-called Lambeye; And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doyle; Of the yifte of Alisaundre, bishop of lyncolne, an hundred shillyngis by yere of the tolle of Banbury; Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called Pekeseye, And to mowe the same mede iiiij. shillings by yere at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. shillings in Erydinton and ij. shillings in lye); Of the yifte of Robert, Bishop of Exetir, xl. shillings by yere to be paid, that is to sey, xx. shillings in the chirche of Farendon, and xx. shillings in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestir; Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycetire, thre poundeworth of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and with the granute of 28 hym, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakley and another in farntyngho; Of the yifte of Raynold, the Erles sone, and of Emelyne his wyf, and his heires, Eaton, with alle his pertynentis; Of the yifte of Symond Wadhille, half of the chirche of Patishulle; Of the yifte of Robert Bluet and of his modir and of his brethern, the chirche of Dantesburne, with the londes and his pertynentis; Of the yifte of Symond Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Baset, one hide of lond in Rysyndon; 36

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1 'piscaria.'
2 'disturbare iniuaste.'
3 At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still possessed (Monast. iv. 370) Pyxsey, 40 acres, valued at £3 (i.e. 1s. 6d. per acre), which was common after removal of the first hay-crop (vestura).
4 'Leyga.'
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Of the yfte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is to sey v. hides, and Cholle and Swanton with all that longith therto, that is to sey, ther pertynentis; Of the yfte of Arnulphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called' Sanford; Of the yfte of Roger Dalmary, fynty acris in Blechesdon; Of the yfte of Walter Pyrve, in the same towne, one yerde of lond 8 and x. acris; Of the yfte of hugh Tywe, nyne shilyngworthes of lond in Oxenford; Of the yfte of Roger, Bisshoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called Boysmyle, with the lond that lieth to the same; Of the yfte of the Citezens of Oxenford, the wyke the which Segryne helde, in portemanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yfte of Eyllwyne Godegose, the chyrch of seynte Gyle, with his pertynentis, the which he founded; the which is without Oxenford; And of the other parte of the same Citee, vpon the Southe Brigge, xvij. shilyngworthes of lond; Of the yfte of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. shillings in wynchestir; Of the yfte of Raaff fitz Ingerid; in London in Estchepe, xj. shillings; Of the yfte of Edward fitz Sewyne 8, vj. shillings, vpon Cornwall; Of the yfte of hugh, Archidekon of leyceter, one shop in westchepe, And ij. shillings with-out the west yate of Seynt Poule; Of the yfte of Anstede 4 Bendeville, the mylle of Benchesworde 5; Of the yfte of henry of Oxenford, one hide of lond in walton 6; Of the yfte of william venz, one mylle and his lond [in 7 Imbesette; of the yfte of Robert of Meysy, in Wynchestir all the londe] with-oute the northe yate, And in Shedewritstrete and Flesshmongerstrete; Of the yfte of Robert Euersy, his tofte with-oute Gloucestr at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place; Of the yfte of herebert of seynt Quyntyn, in Wynchestir, ij. dwellyng placis with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yfte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in putham; Of the yfte of Robert fitz Nigeff, one yerde of lond 32

1 Latin 'virgata': Monast. iv. 364.
2 'Baldwin,' ibid.
3 'filli Siwemri.' ibid.
4 'Aluredi': ibid.
5 'Becheswrde': ibid.: 'Benchesworda' in the Exchequer MS. See note 1, p. 658.
6 In Richard I's Confirmation (Monast. iv. 364), there appear at this point two clauses, probably omitted here by accident:
7 of the gift of Bartholomew of Yekeford one half-marc of land in Ikeford (no. 67); of the gift of William (son of Durand) and Maud his wife one marc of rent in Oxenford. But William is in error for Jeffrey (no. 517).
8 Line omitted in MS., supplied from the Latin copy.

(46) shop in Westcheap and land in London (no. 243);
(47) a hide in Walton (no. 516);
(48) mill in Empshott (no. 203);
(49) land at Winchester (no. 276);
(50) land & house at Gloucester (no. 165);
(51) houses at Winchester (no. 237);
(52) rent-charg at Petham (no. 86);
(53) yardland
in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Nicholas Sutton, iij. shillings in Thornerton; Of the yifte of wydorn of Seynt Walerye half a marke in Cumberton; Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendo and of aft ther Couente, by their petcio in acres called Podereasham by name; Of the yifte of William of Sewkeworth, the chirche of Esyndon; Of the yifte of Baldwin of Columbers, * the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of Hugh Mortymere, one Marke by yere of the mylle of Worthe; Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton, with aft his pertynentis, And in the wyche xiiiij. myttes of Salte, and one mese; Of the yifte of Osbert fitz Hugh, one Salyne, that is to say, a salte pitte in the wyche, the which is I-called a Cowe; Of the yifte of Anneys mountchenesy, the chirche of Donygnton, with aft his pertynentis; Also in Wynchestir of the yifte of Herebert fitz westman, xvij. shillings ix. d; Of the yifte of Edyue, the wyf of Thurstey[n] Osyre, iij. shillings viij. d. obolus, Of the yifte of Herbert Reve, v. shillings, Of the yifte of william, Preest of Seynt Pancrace, iij. shillings with-oute the Est yate, Of the yifte of Humfrey, the Abbesse chapelayne, in Wynchestir in Chesshult, ix. shillings vij. d. obolus, Of the yifte of Alisaundre, preest of Gloucester, xij. d.; Of the yifte of Thurkille Reve in Brakeley, iiii. shillings; Of the yifte of Aleyne Rysmongere and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke by yere with-out the north yate of Oxenforde: Wherfor he willed and comounced that the foresaid abbesse of Godestowe, the which was his owne almesse, and the mynychons ther servynge god, aft the fore-named thyngis and what-so 28 ever other thyngne were I-gete by the yifte of god, they shold have and holde hit, into fre and perpetuell almesse, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys, in pasturis, in watirs and 32

1 'Vutton' or 'Nutton' (ill-formed letter) in Exchequer MS.; 'Murton,' Monast. iv. 364; in error for Mutton.
2 'Cumberton' also in Exchequer MS.; 'Chicheton,' Monast. iv. 364. Knighton in Berkshire is meant.
3 'per petitionem domini Henrici patris nostri' in Richard I's confirmation: Monast. iv. 364.
4 'Pederissam' in Exchequer MS.
5 'ex dono Hugonis le Morton,' Monast. iv. 64, in error.
6 Latin has: 'et in Wicia xiii. mittas salis et unam messagium': Monast. iv. 365, and Exchequer MS.
7 Latin has: 'salimun unam in Wicia quae dicitur vaca': Monast. iv. 365.
8 Latin: 'praepositi.'
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mylles, in weyes and pathes, in pondis and stewis, with-in burgh
and with-out burgh, and in all others placis, with sok and sak,
tol and team, and infangethef, and utterly quyte fro shires and
4 hundredis, pleis and playntis, helpys and assises, yelde and
danegelde, of Murthere and of theeft, of scuage, yiftis, scottis,
and workes of Castels and howses, walles, parkes, stywys,
dichis and briggis, of summage and cariage, of warde peny, and
8 averpeny, hundredepeny', and thederyngpeny; and they shold
be quyte by waitr fro tol and passage and pountage and stallage and lastage and of all other customs,
as the charters of the yevers witnesse. These beyng witnesses,

12 & cetera.

[Given at Winchester. The witnesses fix the date as not earlier than 1181. They are:—Richard [Tocliffe], bishop of Winchester [1173-89]; [Geoffrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174-89]; [Baldwin], bishop of Worcester [1180-84]; [Geoffrey Plantagenet], his son, chancellor [1181-89]; master Laurence, archdeacon of Bedford; master Walter de Constantiis; Bertram de Verdon, &c.]

[887.] * A protection of kyng Richard, worde by * leaf 190, back.

A.D. 1190.

April 8.

Protection by

Richard I.

[Note.—The 'protection . . . afore I-writte' may be that of Henry III (no. 893), which is erroneously regarded as being by Henry II. An Inspeximus and confirmation, by Richard I, of no. 886, is printed in Monast. iv. 364. This is dated at Danfront, 8 April, i Richard I, i.e. 1190, and witnessed by Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153-95]; Richard [Fitz-neale], bishop of London [1189-93]; Godfrey [de Luci], bishop of Winchester [1189-1204]; Hubert [Walter], bishop elect of Salisbury [1189-93]; &c.]

[888.] A Charter of kyng Richard, chargyng that A.D. 1190,

May 31.

General protection by Richard I.

the mynchons of Godestowe sholde haue aff the
tenauntries in goode pease, that no man shold vexe them wrongfully.

[Note.—Richard I had left England to go on crusade. The charter refers to 'the day when he last left England,' and is dated 'at Aquileia, 31 May,' 1190. Godstow perhaps felt that, during the king's absence, it was desirable to have a general charter, covering new acquisitions of property.]

1 'hundradder peny,' in the Latin.
About 1191.
Confirmation, by
prince John, of
no. 886.

[889.] A Charter of Iohn, Erle of Morteyne, confermyng the yiftis that his fadir kyng Henry yaf to the mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, the chirche of wycombe with all his pertynentis and libertes; and a lond in Clare, prevet I-called by name, that his fadir bought of Manasses Saueruille for xxv. marke; and forthe, even like worde by worde, as hit is I-writte a-fore.

[Note.—In Oct. 1191 prince John drove out William de Longchamp, Richard I’s chancellor, and laid hold on the administration. Godstow, no doubt, thought it necessary to secure a fresh confirmation. Among the witnesses are Stephen Bidell, prince John’s chancellor; William of Wevenall; Roger Planes.]

1199, 
June 13. 
General protection by King John.

[890.] A protection of kyng Iohn to the mynchons of Godestowe I-made for ther men, londes, and goodes, and possessions, to be defended; worde by worde as in the protection of kyng henry afore is I-writte.

[Note.—Dated at Medestan (Maidstone), June 13; Hubert Walter, archbishop of Canterbury, chancellor. The reference is to no. 893, Henry III’s (wrongly supposed to be Henry II’s) deed. King John was at Canterbury on June 12, 1199.]

About 1199.
Grant of exemption from tolls, by King John, as in no. 881.

[891.] A Charter of kyng Iohn, to the mynchons of Godestowe, I-made for tol, passage, pountage, and all custome thrugh all Englonde, even as hit is I-writte afore in the charter of kyng henry.

[Note.—Dated at Hallon, June 16; Hubert, archbishop, chancellor.]

* leaf 188, back.

About 1217.

[892.] * A confirmacion of kyng henry, confermyng the yift of kyng henry his graunte sire, made to them and with his charter confermed; [and] all the yiftis that were I-made to theym, & cetera.

The sentence of this confirmacion is that Henry, kyng of Englonde, & cetera, graunted, & cetera, into perpetucl almesse, and confermed with his charter to god, & cetera, and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, that yift that henry his graunte sire made to them and with his charter confermed;

1 This confirmation is treated as given by Henry II. It is plainly by Henry III. The Latin has, correctly, 'Henrici filii regis Iohannis.'
and all the yifteis that were I-made to them, that is to say,
of the yifte of Henry his graunte sire, the towne of Wolgreacote,
and also the place that is I-called Godestowe in the whiche the
4 chirc was I-founded with the assente and graunte of Bernard
of Seynt Walery and of his heires, the whiche, that is to say,
Bernard, graunte to henry his graunte sire the forsaid towne
and place, and yaf and resynyd hym (by a silken threde,
8 wherof was I-made a chesible) also with all the lordship
and right of the Avowry of the same Abbey that he had afoire
in hit, So that the forsaid' abbey shold be free and in chief
of his crowne as the Abbey of seynt Edmond and other riali
12 Abbeyes that be I-ordeyned thurgh Englonde: Also of the
yifte of henry his graunte sire, the chirc of wycombe with all
his pertynentiis, And the chircj of Bloxham with all his pert-
tynentiis, and the vicariage of Patishulle with the pasture
16 as kyng henry his fadir had hit in his owne hande, and * the
loude [Clere] by name called prevet the which his fadir bought
of manasse Samhulle for xxv. mark: Of the yifte of the
Empresse his graunte dame and of his fadir, Shillyngford that
is to say, two hydis and half a yerde with medys and pasturis
the whiche Raaf Scribe held for lij. shillings vj. d: by yere, and
an hundred shillyngworthe of lond in waltoin as they had hit
when Mooode the Empresse was I-seged at Oxenford, and a Fyss-
24 were in Charwolle and the watir with mede and pastures and
all his pertynentiis, and all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestok,
and the Faires the which shold dure thre fulle dayes at Godes-
towse at the nauitive of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comande-
28 surely that all they that come to the feires shold have ther sure
pease and all their goodis in comyng and goyng away, that no
man shold be hardy wrongefully to distrouble them nother ther
goodes. He graunte also and confirmed, to the forsaid' myn-
32 chons for ever, two cartis to go every day in the wode of
Shottore to carry wode to there nede. Also of the yifte of Rey-
35 nold of Seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgreacote, and the fyssh-
were that is I-called the kyngiswere, and the medis that bein
36 I-called Heryngisham Boieham and licheseeye, and the lond that
lieth bytwene the two watirs, And half the mede that is I-calledi

1 In error for Henry III.  
2 * vaccaria: see note 3, p. 661.  
3 grandfather.  
4 great-grandmother.

of the properties enumer-
ated in Henry II's third
charter (no. 880),

* leaf 189.
Lambey: and the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doylle. Of the yifte of Alisaundir, bishôp of lyn-colne, C. shillings by yere of the Tolle of Bannewey. Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walery, a meede that is I-called 4 Pecheseye, and to mowe the same meede iiiij. shillings by yere, at the fest of the natuuite of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. shillings in Erdynton and ij. shillings in lye). Of the yifte of Robert, Bishôp of Exceter, xl. shillings yerely to be paide, that is 8 to sey, xx. shillings in the chirche of Faryndôn, and xx. shillings in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre. Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leyceter, thre pounde-wortho of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and by his grante, ij. marke 12 by yere, in Brakeley one marke and another in Fermyngho; Of the yifte of Reynold, the sone of the Erle, and of Emelyne his wyf and of his heires, Eaton, with all his pertynentis; Of the yifte of Symond of wadhulle, half of the chirche of Patishulle; 16 Of the yifte of Raaf Bluet and of his modir and of his brethren, the chirche of Dauntesburne with the londis and his pertynentis; Of the yifte of Symond Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond in Rysyndôn; 20

* Of the yifte of Richard Labaane, all the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is to sey, v. hides and Cnolle and Swantôn with all ther pertynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond that is I-called Sanford; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, syfty acres in Blechesdôn; Of the yifte of Walter Pery, in the same town, one yerde lond and x. acris; Of the yifte of hugh Tywe, ix. shillings of lond in Oxenford; Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshôp of Salisbury, a mylle that is called Boyemylle, with the lond that lieth to the same; Of the yifte of the Citêzens of Oxenford, the wyke or wyke crofte, the whiche Segryne held, in portman-heyt beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Eylwye fitz Godegose 32 the chirche of seynt Gyle, with his pertynentis, the whiche chirch he founded, which is with-out Oxenford, And, of the other parte of the same Citee, vpon the south brigge, xviiij. shillynge-worth of lond; Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Gerald, v. shillings 36 in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Baldewyne fitz Ingerid; in londôn in Estchepe, xj. shillings; Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sewyn,

1 In error for Henry III.
A Confirmation of kyng henry \(^1\) fitz Emperice

vj. shilling vpo Cornhille; Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekon\(*\) of leyceter, one Shoppe in Westchepe and ij. shillings with-out the west gate of seynt Poule; Of the yifte of Alured Bendenuile, the mylle of Blechesworde; Of the yifte of henry Oxenford, one hide of lond\(*\) in Walto\(*\); Of the yifte of Bartholomew Hicford, half a marke of lond\(*\) in Hicford; Of the yifte of Gefferey Durante and Moolde his wyf, one marke of rente in Oxenford; Of the yifte of william venn, his mylle and londe in Imbesette; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, in wynchestir, att pe londe with-out the northe yate and in Sheldwirthstrete and Flessmongerstrete; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, his tofte of Roddis with-out Gloucesteir, at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place; Of the yifte of herbet of Seynt Quyntyne, in wynchestir, ij. dwellynge places with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yifte of Aleyne of Iye, half a marke in Putham; Of the yifte of Robert fit\(3\) Nygelle, j. yerde of londe; Of the yifte of Nicholas Mutton, ij. shillings in Thormerto\(*\); Of the yifte of wydo of seynt walery, half a marke in Cumbreto\(*\); Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendo\(*\) and his Couente, thrugh\(\*) the peticion of henry his zadir\(\*)\(,\) v. acris by name pederesham; Of the yifte of william of Sewkeworthe, the chirche of Esyndon; Of the yifte of Baldewyne of Columbers the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of hugh Mortymer, one marke by yere of the mylle Worthe. Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford; the mylle of Framto\(*\), with all his pertynentis, And in the wyche xiiij. myttis of salte, And one mese. Of the yifte of Osbert fit\(3\) hugh, one salyne that is called a salte pitte, in the wyche the which is I-called a Cowe. Of the yifte of Anneys Mountcheneisy, the chirche of Donyngto\(*\), with all his pertynentis. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of the wyf of Thurstone Oser, iij. shillings viij. d. obolus. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of Osbert fit\(3\) Westmanne, xvij. shillings xj. d.; Of the yifte of herebert Reve, v. shillings; Of the yifte of william, preste of seynt Pancrace, ij. shillings with-out the Est gate; Of the yifte of Humfray, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in wynchestir vpon Chesse hulle, ix. shillings v. d. obolus, Of the yifte of Alissaundir, preste of Gloucesteir, xij. d. Of the yifte of Thurchehille Reve, in Brakeley, iiiij. shillings. Of the yifte of Aleyne Rusmonger

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1 In error for Henry III.  
2 See note 4, p. 663.  
3 grandfather.
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and Edith his wyf, half a mark, by yere with-oute the northe yate of Oxenford. Wherfore he wold and surely charged that the forsaid Abbesse of Godestowe and the mynchons ther ser-uynge god shold haue and hold all the forsaid thynges and all maner thyngne I-gote by the grace and yifte of god, into fre and perpetueff almesse, wele and in pease, frefly and quyetyly, fully holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys and pasturis, in watirs and mylles, in weyes and pathis, in pondys and stewys, with-in borough and with-oute borough, and in alle other placis, with soke and sake, and tol and team, and infangen-theeff; vtterly quyte, and [that? their] fre tennauntis ought ther to be quyet fro shire and hundred; pleys and playntis, helpis and 12 assises, yelde and daneyelde, fro Murdre and theeft, of Scuage and hydage, yiftis and scottis, and workynges of Casteff howsis and wallis parkis stewys dichis and briggis, and of summage and cariage, of wardepeny and of Averpeny, and of hundrrede-16 peny and thedyngpeny, and to be quyte (thurghe all his londe and by watir) of tol and passage, of pountage and tallage and lestage, and of all other customs that longed to hym, with all [their ²] liberteis and fre customs. And he forbede that no man shold do them wrongful greefs in no wise. For the forsaid chirche and mynchons of Godestowe and all their goodes and possessions and theire men, more specially than all other in Englond; [ben] in oure hande, proteccion, and 24 kepynge, * These beyng witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 190, back.

[893.] * Another charter for them and all ther goodis and possessions, & cetera.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry kyng of Englond, & cetera, toke into his proteccion and defence his abbesse and mynchons of Godestow, * And all ther men, londes and rentis, 28 goodis and possessions. And therfor he commaunded that all statis and mynystres, & cetera, shold maynteyne, kepe, and defende the same Abbesse and mynchons, and all ther men, londis and rentis, goodis and possessions, doyng to them, nother 32

¹ In error for Henry III.
² Added from the Latin.
A Charter of kyng henry the iiijde

suffring to them, wronge, greefe, harme or vexyng. And if any man forsettid to them, they shold make hit to be amended to them without delaye; witnessyng, & cetera.

[Note.—The preceding charter is put among those of Henry II, but as it bears date 'at Westminster, Sept. 8, the 13th year of his reign' (Exchequer MS.), it is plainly of Henry III.]

[894.] * A Charter of kyng henry the thirde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all that parte of wode of hildesdene in-to an eschaunge of ij. cartis walkyng every day to busshyng in Shottore, for all the tythe of huntyng in wodestok and wychewode, and the tythe of Elys of his stewys.

4 The sentence of this charter is, that kyng henry, by the grace of god kyng of England, & cetera, willed to be know to Archebisschoppis, & cetera, that he yaf, & cetera, to god & cetera and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god and 8 to serue for ever, all that parte of wode of hildesdene with his pertynentis the whiche kyng Io(h) his fadir in his day graunte(d) to them, and assigned, into an eschaunge of ij. cartis the which they had every day walkyng to busshyng in his wode of Shot-tore, as the forsaids parte of the wode is dyyded fro a parte of wode of the Abbot and Couente of Oseney by the ledyngr of a watir rynnyng bitwene: To be had and to be hold; of hym and his heires, to them, and to ther successours, into fre and 16 perpetuel almesse, quyte fro wast and * rewardes. He graunte(d) also to the same abbesse and holy mynchons of Godestowe, for hym and his heires, they shold haue and take for ever the tythe of the huntyng (all that they shold take in the tyme to come) in 20 his parke of wodestok, and in his forest of wychewode: Also and the tythes of Elys of his stewys of wodestok al so ofte

*1 in Buckinghamshire; see Rot. Hundred, i. 22, col. 1. temp. Henr. III. ‘Dominus abbass de Oseneya tenet medietatem bosci qui vocatur Hildesdene. Et abbatissa de Godestowe tenet aliam medietatem de Hildesden ex domo dominii Regis Iohannis in perpetuum elemosinam.’

*2 Marginal note: the tythe of huntinge in wodestoke parke and wychwode forest. At the dissolution (Monast. iv. 372), 1540, Godstow was leasing the tithes of Woodstock manor and park for £2 6s. 8d.

*3 i.e. the king and his successors.

*4 Latin (Exchequer MS.) has: ‘quotiens aualatio anguillarum contigerit’; i.e. (perhaps) as often as the eel-bucks are taken up. In the Calendar of Charter Rolls of Henry III the word is given as ‘abalatio,’ and explained as letting the eels come down from the eel-ponds.
as the valson of elys happenyd of the same his stewys. He
granted also to them, for hym and his heires, that they shold
not [be] put into ple of ony of ther tenement that they held in his
demayne, but afore hym or his chief Justices and afore his heires
and chief Justicis of his heires. Wherfore he willed and surely
charged, for hym and his heires, that the forsaid Abbesse
of Godestowe, and the holy mynchons ther seruyng god and to
serve for ever, shold haue and hold for ever the forsaid parte of 8
wode of hildesdene with his pertynentis, quyte of wast and
rewarde, wele and in pese, quetyl and holy, into fre and
perpetuell almesse. And that they shold haue and take for
ever the tythe of aiff huntyng, the which they shold take in the 12
tyme to come in his parke of wodestok (that is {1 to sey, he and
his heires), and in ther forest of wychewode also, and the tithe of
eyls of his stewys of wodestok al so ofte as the valson of Elys
happenyd of the same ther stewys, and that they shold not 16
be put into ple of ony of there tenement that they held in his
demayne but afore hym or his chief Justice, and afore his heires
and ther chief Justices, as hit is I-seid afore. These beyng
witnesse, & cetera.

* leaf 191, back.
1251, July 11.

A chartor of kyng henry the iijde

as the valson of elys happenyd of the same his stewys. He
granted also to them, for hym and his heires, that they shold
not [be] put into ple of ony of ther tenement that they held in his
demayne, but afore hym or his chief Justices and afore his heires
and chief Justicis of his heires. Wherfore he willed and surely
charged, for hym and his heires, that the forsaid Abbesse
of Godestowe, and the holy mynchons ther seruyng god and to
serve for ever, shold haue and hold for ever the forsaid parte of 8
wode of hildesdene with his pertynentis, quyte of wast and
rewarde, wele and in pese, quetyl and holy, into fre and
perpetuell almesse. And that they shold haue and take for
ever the tythe of aiff huntyng, the which they shold take in the 12
tyme to come in his parke of wodestok (that is {1 to sey, he and
his heires), and in ther forest of wychewode also, and the tithe of
eyls of his stewys of wodestok al so ofte as the valson of Elys
happenyd of the same ther stewys, and that they shold not 16
be put into ple of ony of there tenement that they held in his
demayne but afore hym or his chief Justice, and afore his heires
and ther chief Justices, as hit is I-seid afore. These beyng
witnesse, & cetera.

A cartaion of kyng henry, the sone of
kyng Iohn, confermyng aiff that kyngis Henryfit3
Emperice and kyng Iohn confermed and that worde
by worde: loke the one of them and se the other of
hem, & cetera.

[Note.—At Woodstock: July 11, 35 Henry III.]

1273, Oct. 17.

A cartarion of kyng Edward, aftir the same
forme, worde by worde, & cetera.

[Granted at Winchester, Oct. 17, 1 Edw. I, i. e. 1273, by the Chancellor.]

* leaf 192, back.
1312, Aug. 9.

Licence in
mortmain, granted to
Godstaw, by
Edward II, to acquire

Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & cetera,
willed to be know that he of his special grace graunted and yaf
licence for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym to his
welbeloued in crist the abbesse and mynchous of Godestowe, 24

1 This clause should follow 'they' in preceding line.
that they myght purchase and holde, to them and to ther succes-
sessours for cuer, londis and tenements to the valew of a C. shil-
lings by yere after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and of other fee except londis and tenementis that were I-hold of hym in chief; * The statute not-with-stondyng I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put to morte-mayne. So nathelesse by Inquysicion to be do perof in dew forme, and to 8 be returned in his Chauncery, hit be founde that hit myght be do withoute his harme and preuidice and of all other. Into winnesse of the which thynge, he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at Dovere, the nynthe 12 day of August, the vj. yere of his reign.

[Note.—We know from other sources that Edward II was at Dover, August 9, in the sixth year of his reign, i.e. 1312. This fixes the date, and removes the possibility of the licence belonging to Edward I's reign.]

[898.] *A confirmacion of kyng Edward, worde by *leaf 192. worde as kyng Henry Fit3 Emperice confermed afore.

[Issued to Edward II.]

[899.] *A Charter of kyng Edward, confermyng all the liflode of Godestowe, worde by worde, as hit is I-writte afore, & cetera.

[900.] A Charter of kyng Richard confermyng all that other kyngis before hym confermed, and that worde by worde, and noper more ne lesse, & cetera.

[General Charters:—3. By the Pope.]

[901.] *A-nother1 confirmacioun of pope Eugenye, I-graunted the yere of our Lord god a thousand a hundred and xlvi.

The sentence of this confirmacioun is, that Eugenye, Bisshoppe, seruaunte of the seruaunts of God, willed to be know to his wel-

1 Put second in the Register, although first in point of time.
beloved doughtirs in criste, Edyue, Abbesse of the monastery of Seynt Ioyn Baptist of Godestowe, and to her susterne bothe at that tyme beyng and to be, professed regular lyf, that, to that * entente the Cure of all the Chirche was I-commytted to hym 4 of God, provisou of all goode peple, that he sholde love religious peple and labour to spredre to god Religion were pleasing in all wises, For ther is never kynde or good seruyce do to god; but service comynge forth of the roote of charite be I-keped of the 8 purenesse of Religion. For this cause hit is needefult that all custemen men, lovers of cristen feith, to love Religion and to norissh worshipful places, with there persones I-sette to goddis seruyce, that they be not made vnrestfull or greved or I-weried 12 with importune grefis. Therfore welbeloued in god doughtirs, he, bowed with the praier of his welbeloued Robert, preeste Cardenaft and Chauncellere, granted to youre rightfull askyngis mekely, and toke the forsaid monastery of seynt Ioyn Baptist, in 16 the whiche ye bene sette to goddes seruyce,/vndir his protection and seynt Petir, and defended by the privilege of this writyng:

And first trewly ordeynynge that the ordire of Mynchons 20 be kepil therhere clennelly, in tymys perpetuell, aftir the rewele of Seynt Benette.

Furthermore, all possessios and all maner goodes that now rightfully and lawfully ye possesse, or myght purchase, by 24 the grace of god, or in tyme to come, by the graunte of Bisshoppes, liberalnesse of kyngis, largenesse of prynces, offrnyng of cristen peple, or by ony other rightfull maners, shold abide to them and to ther successours sure and vntastid.

In the whiche he willed these 2 to be expressed [by] ther owne names:—The same monastery of our lady and of Seynt Ioyn Baptist, with the possessios, and the Ile in the whiche the monastery Is I-founded, with his other pertynentis. Of the 32 yfte of Ioyn of seynt Ioyn and of Reynold of Seynt Walerye, the lon that is I-called Godestowe, with the pertynentis; The mylle of wolgarecote; ij. mansions in wolgarecote, with ther pertynentis; The Ile that lieth bitwene the two watirs afore the 36 yate of the monastery; thre medis, that is to sey, Boyeham,

1 A goode reynysg in margin. and differs from that in the royal charters already given.
2 The order of the items is arbitrary,
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Licheham, and Heryngesham; One Fryshwere vpon Themyse, with his pertynentis; Half a mede that is I-called^ Lambeye. And the other half of the same 4 mede, of the yifte of Robert Doyle, with one bushelet of whete yerenly of the mylle vndr the Castell of Oxenford. The Chirch of seynt Gyle, the which is without Oxenford. Of the yifte of the 8 Bissho^p of * Lyncolne, an hundred yifte, shillyngys of the Tolle of Bannebury yerenly to be paid to theyme. Of the yifte of kynge Stephyne, an hundred yifte, shillyng-worthe of londe in walton, the Feyres of thre dayes at the Natinute of Seynt John Baptist at Gode- 12 stowe. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshopp of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called^ Boyemylle, with his londis and pertynentis, ij. mansions at Seynt Cle- 16 mentis. Of the yifte of Raynold the Erles sone and of Emelyne his wyf, Eaton, with all his pertynentis. In Halso, thre pounde worthe of londe, the which Robert, Erle of Leyceter, yaf. Of the yifte of the 20 Citezens of Oxenford the londe that is I-called^ the wyke in portemanheyt. And all the right that they had in the chirch of wadhille. Of the yifte of Hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworth of londe in Oxenford. Of 24 the yifte of Seware, seven shillyngworth of londe with-out the northe gate. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of londe in Rysyndon. Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blessedon. In 28 the same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres, of the yifte of Waltere Pery. In knolle, the londe that Raaf wafere yaf to them. The londe that is I-called^ Sanford. Of the yifte of Robert Wytham, 32 a parte of mede beside Godestowe. Of the yifte of Ailwyne fit^ Godegose xvij. shillyngworth of londe with-out the South gate of Oxenorde. In Estchepe 36 at londoN, xvij. shillyng-worthe of londe. In Wynchestr v. shillyngworth of londe of the yifte of Ambrose. Of the yifte of Raaf Shreu and moodel 36 his wyf, Shillyngforde. Alle the rightis in the tythes of Rollendrith. xx. shillings of the chirche of

(e) King's-weir, 
(f) half Lamb-eye (no. 771) 
(iv) the other half of Lamb-eye, and a dole 
from Oxford Castle mills (no. 512) 
(v) St. Giles' Church, Ox- ford (no. 4); 
(vi) rent-charge on Ban- 
leaf 196, back. 
(bury market (no. 385); 
(vii) land in Walton (no. 4); 
(viii) Godatow fairs (no. 873); 
(ri) Boy-mill (no. 4); 
(x) two mansions in St. Clement's (no. 510); 
(xi) Watereaton, Wilts. (no. 847); 
(xii) land in Halso (no. 269); 
(xiii) the Wyke near Ox- ford (no. 4); 
(xiv) moisy of Pattishall church, Northnts. (no. 4); 
(xv) Hugh of Tew's ye. rent-charge in Oxford (no. 513); 
(xvi) Sewar's 7a. rent-charge outside North Gate, Oxford (no. 4); 
(xvii) land in Rissington, Gloucestshire (no. 186); 
(xviii) 50 acres in Bletching- don (no. 288); 
(xix) yardland in Bletch- ingdon (no. 290); 
(xx) Ralf Wafre's land in Knoll (no. 231); 
(xxi) land called Sanford; 
(xxii) Robert of Wytham's meadow (no. 32); 
(xxiii) Ailwyn's land out- side South Gate, Oxford; 
(xxiv) 17s. in London, l. e. 
(a) 11s. and (b) 6s., as in 
p. 679, l. 12; 
(xxv) Ambrose's 5s. in 
Winchester; 
(xxvi) Shillingford estate 
(no. 716); 
(xxvii) Rollright tithes 
(no. 713); 
(xxviii) pensions in the 
churches of Farringdon,
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and of St. Mary-le-Crypt, Gloucester (no. 207 and no. 163). Godstow to supply the head in any community founded from it, under Benedictine rule.

Godstow to enjoy free choice of an abbess

* leaf 197. at every vacancy.

Wilful wrongers of Godstow are placed under sentence of the greater excommunication, except they make satisfaction.

Farendon, Of the yffe of Robert, Bissho[p] of Excetir, yerely to be paid: Of the yffe also of the same, xx. shillings of the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre yerely to be paid.

Beside all this he ordeyned that in abbayes that come out of them and keped ther rewles that none abbesse of another ordire or prioresse be preferred aboue yow.

And that 1 when the abbesse at that tyme, or any othere succedyng, dyed, he charged that none shold be made abbesse 3 there by violence or wylynesse of surrepccion, but suche one as the Susterne with the commune assente, or elles the most parte of the sadde counsel of Sustres, prouide to be chose after the drede of god and the reule of Seynt Benette. Also he 12 decreed that hit shold be not lawfull 2 to 2 any man to trouble the forsaid place frowardyly or to take away their possessions, or to holde theyme I-take awaye, lessen them, or to wery them with any vexacions, but that they sholde be keped hole for 16 there gouernynge and susteynyng for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all maner vsis, Savynge his auctorite and the lawfull right and reverence of the Bisshoppe diocesane, And yf ony persone of the chirche or seculars, knowynge the 20 writynge of thise lettres his ordeynyng; tempte frowardyly aycnst hit, twyes or thries I-warned, yf he correcte not his gilte with couenable satisfiynge; he sholde lakke the dignyte of his worshippe and powere and know hym-selfe to be gilte to the Iuggemente of 24 god of his wikkednesse I-do, and that he is alyene fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure lord agayne-byere Ihesu criste, and to be subiected to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. But pease of oure lorde Ihesu criste shold be to all men 23 kepyng the rightis of the same place, that they myght here bothe take the frute of goode doyng, and fynde rewardes of everlastyng pease ayenst the streight Iuge, & cetera.

* leaf 193. About 1192.

Bull of pope Celestyn

CELESTYNE, bissho[p], seruaunte to the seruauntis of god, 32

1 For the election, in margin.
2 The heading of fol. 197 is 'A bulle of pope Bonyface to take to forme ther lythes,' referring to no. 903, which follows no. 901 in the MS.
3 In the Register, Celestine III's bull is put first, as being the fullest confirmation, but it is second in point of time.
willed to be know, that [he] owed to yeve help to his well-beloved in crist daughters, abbesse of the monasterie of our lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to her suster in bothe the now byeng; and to be, I-professed * regularre lyfe for ever, wise virgynes, the which vndir the habite of religion, with lampes I-tended; araised them-self besely by the workis of mercy to go ayenst ther spouse, lest peraunter to comyng of ony frowardnesse other shold reuoke fro ther purpose or strength of the holy religion be broke, that god forbe. Therfore, he graunted mercyfully to the rightfull askyngis of his wellbeloved in criste doughtirs, and toke the forsaid monasterie of our lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe in the which they were I-sette to the seruyce of god; at the exemple of his predecessours of blissed mynd; Eugeny, Alisaundre, and Clement, popis of Rome, and defended hit with the privilege of this present writyng; he toke hit vndir his 1 proteccion. And first he ordeyned that the ordir of mychons the which is I-know I-ordeyned after god and the rewle of seynt Benet in the same monasterie shold be kepéd for ever ther inniolably. Furthermore that all possessions all goodis that the monasterie at that tyme rightfully and lawfully had in possession in tyme to come by graunte of Bishhoppes, yiftis of kyngis or of prynces, by the offeryngis of trew cristen men, or by ony other rightfull maners, by our lordis graunte, myght be purchased, shold abide to them sure and clene, and to ther predecessours. 

In the which he willed to be expressed these thyngis by ther owne names, that place in the which the monasterie is I-sette with the Ile and all his pertynentis; The chyrche of wycombe, with all his pertynentis; The chyrche of Bloxham, with all his pertynentis; all the tythe of all the frutes of woodestok; The Right that they had in the chyrche of Patishulle; The chyrche of Dauntesburne, with the londes and ther pertynentis; The tythe of Rollendrith; The chyrche of Seynt Gyle, that is with-out Oxenford, with his pertynentis; The chyrche of Lamyeth; And the chyrche of Esendoith, with his pertynentis; The

1 'Marke wele,' in margin. 2 Read 'successours.'
chirche of Donyngtoun, with all the pertynentis; Also of the yifte of kyng henry the seconde, the towne of wolgrencote, with all his pertynentis. Also of the yifte of the same, the Cowerye of pacheshale with pasture; and londe in Clerc by name Prevett. And of the yifte of the same kyng henry and of kyng Richard his sone, two cartis every day walkyng in the wode of Shottore to carry busshes to the nede of the myncouns. Of the yifte of Moolde the emperice his modir and his, the londe of Shillyng forld, that is to sey, two hides and half a yerde, with his other pertynentis; And a hundred shillyngworth of londe in Walton; And one Fysshwere in Carewell, with medis and pastures and all there pertynentis; And the Faires that dure by thre hole 12 days at Godestowe at the Natiuete of Seynt Iohn Baptiste. Of the yifte of Reynolde of Seynt Walerye the mylle of Wollegarecote, and one Fysshwere that is I-called' bynsilwre; And medis that bene called' Heryngisham, Boyeham, and Licheseye; And a londe that lieth bitwene the two waters; And half of a mede that is I-called' Lambye. And the other half of the same, of the yifte of Robert Doyle. Of the yifte of Alisaundre, somtyme bisschoppe of Lyncolne, an hundred shil-lynges by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury. Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called' Pechesey, and to mow the same mede iiiij. shillings by yere At the fest of Seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. shillings in Erdenyntoun And ij. shillings in lye). Of the yifte of Robert, Bisschoppe of Exceter, xl. shillings yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx. shillings in the chirche of Farendon, And xx. shillings in the chirch of our lady of Gloucester. Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of lyeceuter, thre pounde worthe of londe in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye Countesse, his wye, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakeley and another in Farnyngho. Of the yifte of Raynold, the Erles sone, and of Emelyne his wye, and of his heires, Eatoñ with all his pertynentis. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of londe in Rysyndene. Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowerye of his wyf; that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is to sey, v. hides 36 and Cholle and Swanton with all ther pertynentis. Of the yifte of Arnolphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called' Sanford.

1 'Binsilwre' also in the Latin; in both cases in error for King's-weir.
Of the yifte of Roger Dalmarye, fifty acres in Blechesdoun.

Of the yifte of Walter Pery, in the same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acris. Of the yifte of Hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworth of londe in Oxenford. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisschoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called boymyle, with the londe that lieth to the same. Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford wyke or wyke crofthe, the 8 which Segreue held in portemanheyte beside Oxenford; And of the other parte of the same Citee vpoeth the Southbriggge, xviiij. shillyngworth of londe. *Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Geralde, v. shillings in winchester. Of

12 the yifte of Baldewyne fitz Ingelot, in londor in westchepe, xj. shillings. Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sywyne, vj. shillings. Of the yifte of Hugh, Archidekon of Leycester, one Shoppe in westchepe ij. shillings, and ij. shillings with-in the west yate of Seynt Powle. Of the yifte of Alured Bendeuille, the mylle of Botheworde. Of the yifte of Henry of Oxenforde, one hide of londe in walton. Of the yifte of William Venn, a mylle and his londe in Hymbeset. Of the yifte of Robert Meysey in winchester, his londe with-oute the north yate, And in Selwithstrete and Flesshmongerstrete. Of the yifte of Robert Euesy, his toste of Roddys (in Latyne virgultum) without Glou-

24 cestre at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place. Of the yifte of herebert of Seynt Quyntyn, in winchestr two dwellyng placis, with-in the walle one, and one with-oute. Of the yifte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in Putham.

28 Of the yifte of Robert fitz Nigelle, one yerde of londe in Blechesden. Of the yifte of Nicholas Motto, ij. shillings in Thomerto. Of the yifte of Gye of Seynt walereye, half a marke in winchestr. Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendon and of all the Couente, v. acris by name called Pedersesham. Of the yifte of Hugh of Merton, one marke by yere of the mylle of worthe. Of the yifte of walter Clfford, the mylle of Framto with all his pertynentis, And in wyche xiiij. mittis of Salte and one mese. Of the yifte of hubert fitz Hugh, one Salyne,
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(l.vii) a salt-pit in Wiche (no. 200); (l.x) rent-charges in Winchester; (l.xi) in Brackley; (l.xii) (Bras-monger's) outside Oxford; (l.xiii) and at Ickford (no. 67); (l.xiv) messuages in Cat-street; (l.xv) and in St. Edward's Street, Oxford; (l.xvi) fit3 Durand's rent-charge in Ox-

* leaf 195. ford (no. 517); (l.xvii) meadow at Wytham (no. 32).

Exemption from paying tithe of
(a) 'novale,' (b) cattle, (c) fruit-trees, (d) fisheries.

Privileges to accept novices, and to retain professed nuns, except they have leave to enter a stricter rule;

(anglicè, a salte pitte) in wiche that is I-called a Cowe. (Also in winchestir, of the yifte of herberte fit3 westman xvij. shillings ix. d.; Of the yifte of Edeyne the wyf of Thursteyne Osere, iij. shillings viij. d. obulus; Of the yifte of hereberte 4 Reve, v. shillings; Of the yifte of william of Seynt Pancrace, iij. shillings with-oute the Est yate; Of the yifte of humfrey, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in winchestir vppon Cheshulles, ix. shillings v. d. obulus; Of the yifte of Alisandire, 8 preest of Gloucestire, xij. d. Of the yifte of Turkille Reve in Brakeleye, iij. shillings. Of the yifte of Aleyne Bras-monger and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke by yere without the north yate of Oxenforde: Of the yifte of Bartholomew 12 Ickforde, halfa marke. Of the yifte of Roger fit3 Sewyne, one mese at Oxenforde in Catstrete. Of the yifte of John Bishhoppe of Norwych, ij. mesis in Seynt Edwardis strete. Of the yifte of Geffrey fit3 Durande * and of Moolde his 16 wyf, one marke in Oxenforde. Of the yifte of Vyntente knyght of Wytham, v. acris of mede by name Ruenthi, with the pertynentis.

Furthermore no man shall presume to take or ask1 of 20 yow tythes of youre noualle that ye tele with youre bondes or costis, or of the norisshyng of youre bestis, or of the frutes of youre trees, or of the vsis of Fisshyngis.

And hit shall be lawfull to yow to recewe fre persones 24 and lowsidi'fleyng fro the worlde to conversion, and to holde theyme, with-oute ony agayne-seyng: More-overe he forbede that to none of her susterd shold be lawfull to go a-vey after profession I-made in the same place, with-oute licence 28 of the Abbesse of the same place, but by cause of streighter religion: And that no man holde none that gothe away, with-oute the writyng of there commune lettres.

And whan that ther is a generall 2 entirdityng I-made, 32 Hit shold be lawfull to them, the yates I-shitte, cursed peple I-excluded or I-shitte oute 3, and also suche as be entirdited;
the belles [not 1] I-ronge, with 2 lowe voice to sey goddis service.

Also he commandid to yeve to them with-oute only
4 exaccion creyme and holy oyle, halewyngis of auters
or of chirches, ordeynngis of clerkis the which ben
to be promoted to holy ordirs, and other sacraments
of the chirche, by the Bisshoppe diocesane.

8 And in parish chirches that they haue, hit shal 3 be lawfull
to theyme to chese preestis and presente them to their dio-
cesane Bisshoppe, to the which yf they be covenable, he shal take
commytte to them Cure of sowles, that they aunswere of dewte
12 to hym of spirituall thyngis, and to yow of the temper-
alteis.

Also he confermed by his auctorite the liberteis and the
immynumentis 4 the whiche somtyme Alisaundre, bisshoppe
16 of Lyncolne, resonably yaf, with the consente of the Archidekon,
to ther monastery, with good 5 denocion, vppon hospitaliteis not
to be asked of the Archidekon of the place, Chapeleyns and
other mynystres wrongfully to be impleyd nother to be com-
pellyd to go to Seyne, as hit is I-conteyned in the autentikes of
the forsaid Bisshoppe, and hidir to be ordre.

And whan the abbesse at that tyme of that place, or 6 any
of theyme that succede, [died] none shold be made abbesse there
24 by ony wylynesse of surrepcion or violence but suche one which
the * Sustirs, with the commune assente, or the more parte
of the saT counseille of Sustern, aftir the love of god and the
rewle of Seynt Benette prouide to be chose.

28 Also, he willyng with his fadirly besynesse to prouide to
pease and rest fro that tyme forthe, forbode, by his auctorite of
the appostles, that no man with-in the closyng of ther houes
or graungis do violence or Rauysshynge or theft, sette to fire,
32 take man or sle, or frowardely be bolde to do violence. There-
for (or 4 for these causes) decreid that hit shold not be lawfull to
no man vttirly to trouble the forsaid monastery frowardly,
or to take away theirs possessions, to with-hold them I-take

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1 Added from the Latin.
2 In the Latin: 'supressa voce celebrate divina officia.'
3 'grete priuylege,' in margin.

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to have from the diocesan (without feo) chriu, oil for extreme nunction,
consecration of altars and churches, and ordination of their chaplains;
and to im-properiate churches.

Exemption (no. 866) from arch-
dencon's jurisdiction in respect of hospitality, and calling chaplains into
his court or to his visitation.

Right to elect their own abbess at every vacancy.

Excom-
munication against all who com-
mit crimes in their houses or
barns, or take
away their possessions, away to lesse them or to vexe them with ony vexacions but that they shold be keppe hole for their sustenaunce and gouernyng for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all manere vsis, Savynge the auctorite of the pope and the regular right of the diocesane Bissoppe. And yf ony in the tyme to come, of the Chirche or of the secular parte, knowynge this his writyng; tempte frowardely to come or do ayenst hit twyes or thries I-warned; but he correcte his gilte with dew satis-faccion, he shold' lakke or be depryved of his dignyte, worshippe, and powere, and know hym to be Igged of god for that his wikkednesse that he did, And that he stondith departed fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure agayne-byere Ihesu crist, and be subjecte to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. And aly this is no more to sey after my symplenesse, but that suche persones bene accursed. And he wolde that the pease of oure lord Ihesu crist shold be, to ali kepyng of the same place their rightis, that is to sey, they shold have cristis blissyng; that they doyng so myght take the frute of ther good doyng and to fynde the rewardes of everlasting pease at the streight Iuggement. Amen, & cetera.

*A Confirmation of pope Celestyn* [903.] *A confirmacioõ of Boneface the nynthe, grauntyng that þei myght sette to ferme al frutis, availles, rentis, tythis, offryngis, porcions, & cetera.*

The sentence of this confirmacioõ is, that Boneface, bisshöp, servaunte of the seruantis of god, willed to be knowe to a perpetue myndyng or memorie, that al so ofte as hit was I-asked of hym that was accordyng (or semed to acorde) to the holy religion and honeste, he graunteõ and thought to graunte with a good wille and to graunte to the desiris of the askers converynt helpe. This was the cause that he inclyned to the supplicacions of his welbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and of the Couente of the same monastery of the ordre of Seynt Benette of Lycolne Diocise in this behalfe, that they myght lawfully and frely arendre, sette to ferme, yeve or selle, al frutis, rentis, proventis, tythis, and offeryngis of chirches, chapelles, porcions, pensions, and of othere possessions longyng.
then to them and to there monastery or afterward to be longed, to clerkes or to laye men, Ioynedly or departyngly, as hit semyth best to them, and also afore or these manere of: frutis, rentis, prouentis, porcions of tythes, and pensions, they were departed fro the grounde or the nyne parties. And also to the foresaid clerkis or Layemen, that they myght gadre the frutis, rentis, prouentis, tythes, pensions, porcions, and rescive them to ferme, and put theyme in Clerkes grounde or Layemennes frely and lawfully, and dispose of them after ther owne lust and wille, By the auctorite he yaf licence by the tenoure of this present writyngis, no licence of the ordinaries or of ony othere requisyte or gete, Notwithstanding statutis of the foresaid ordre contrary, And also legatinis of Otho and Octobo and Synodal and other constituencus strengthened by the pope or by ony other suerte. And yt hit happened that his worshipfulle brethren, Bisshoppes of Lyncolne beyng for the tyme, or ony other, wold gete lettres of the pope or of his legatis ayenst this manere of graunte, or happened in tyme to be in general or in special, hit shold not be of no strengthe nor of surete but mensio were had in them of these present lettres fulle and expressed and fro worde to worde, decreyng; fro that tyme, to be nought, and in vayne, yt hit happened to be attempted beside upon these thyngis of ony man, knowyngly or ignorantly, by ony auctorite, And that hit sholde not be lawfull to no man to breke this pagnye or writyn of this his grauntynge of wille and decree, or to go ayenst hit with frowarde boldenesse. And yt ony man presume or attempte hit, Lette hym knowe that he rynnynthe in-to the indignacion of god and of his blessed apostles Petir and Paule. The date at Rome, at Seynt Petir, xij. kalendis of marche, the xiiij. yere of his Bisshophode.

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1 The Latin is: ‘in posterum spectandum, clericis aye laicos, coniunctim vel divisim, prout ipsis videbitur expediens, et eciam antequam huiusmodi fructus, redditus, et proventus decimarum, porciones, ac pensiones a solo vel a novem partibus separantur seu oblaciones offerantur, arrendare, locare,’ &c.

2 ‘Afore or’ = before that.

3 i.e. before the tenth (tithe) sheave is brought into the tithe-barn, or even separated from the shocks in the field.

4 MS. ‘yt.’
ADDITIONAL NOTES

In a Shillingford deed, 544/6, Godstow agrees to allow a tenant one acre of stubble for repairs. This refers to a farm process now extinct. In 1366, in an *Inquisitio post mortem*, I find that at Dodford manor, Northamptonshire, it was required (among other works) of each *nativus* holding a virgate in villeinage that he should, during two days, mow the lord's stubble after harvest and give one day's work with his cart to cart said stubble. I have asked my farmer-churchwarden to explain this work to me. He says that, in his boyhood, in Essex, only the barley was 'mowed' with the scythe. The wheat was all 'reaped' with the sickle. The sickle left a long stubble, twelve or eighteen inches high. The length of the stubble depended on the farmer's orders for the reaping. If he was short of straw he would bid his reapers 'cut low'; if not, he would say 'cut high,' so leaving a longer stubble. After the crop was stacked, when the weather was favourable, this stubble was cut. It was, as a rule, very stiff; and could be cut only by leaning it against the boot and hacking it off. The local word for this operation was 'harming.' The stubble was then raked into heaps, in which it lay, possibly for some weeks, till it was carted off. It was used partly for spreading as litter for cattle in the yards, partly to make fences inside hurdles to shelter sheep and cattle from the wind. In the Shillingford deed it seems intended to be pounded up and kneaded with clay to make plaster for walls. Many such 'clay-built' sheds remain in Essex. The existence, for weeks after harvest, of this long stubble gives point to the lines in Milton's *L'Allegro*:

* Russet Lawns, and Fallow Gray,*
* Where the nibling flocks do stray.*

The pastures (lawns) would be russet because the grass was embrowned by the approach of winter: the stubble-fields (lying fallow, and common of pasture) would be gray by reason of the long stubble. Under modern reaping the soil shows up too distinctly to allow of this colour appearing so prominently.

In a Wiltshire deed, thrice repeated (nos. 809, 810, 813), among the manorial privileges granted to Godstow 'redempiones of progenitors' ('ayen-biyings of fadirs-fore') finds place. Assuming that the Latin is *redemptiones progenitorum*, the question arises what is meant. (1) If we take the *progenitores* to be the agents and to redeem, we may take it to be an allusion to the custom of *merchet* ('redemptio earnis et sanguinis pro filiis et filiabus ad voluntatem domini'), i.e. the fine exacted by the lord on occasion of the marriage of a child of his serf. The phrase would thus be 'payments by progenitors on the marriage of their children.' (2) It is possible to construe the genitive, as if the *progenitores* were the patients and were redeemed. In this case we would have to think of an emancipated serf paying a fee for a sort of ante-dated manumission. In defending himself against a suit *de nativo habendo*, it might be of importance to a man to have a presentable manumission of his father; and for that he would naturally pay a fee. For help towards the interpretation of this unusual franchise I am indebted to Mr. George Holden, of All Souls College Library, Oxford.