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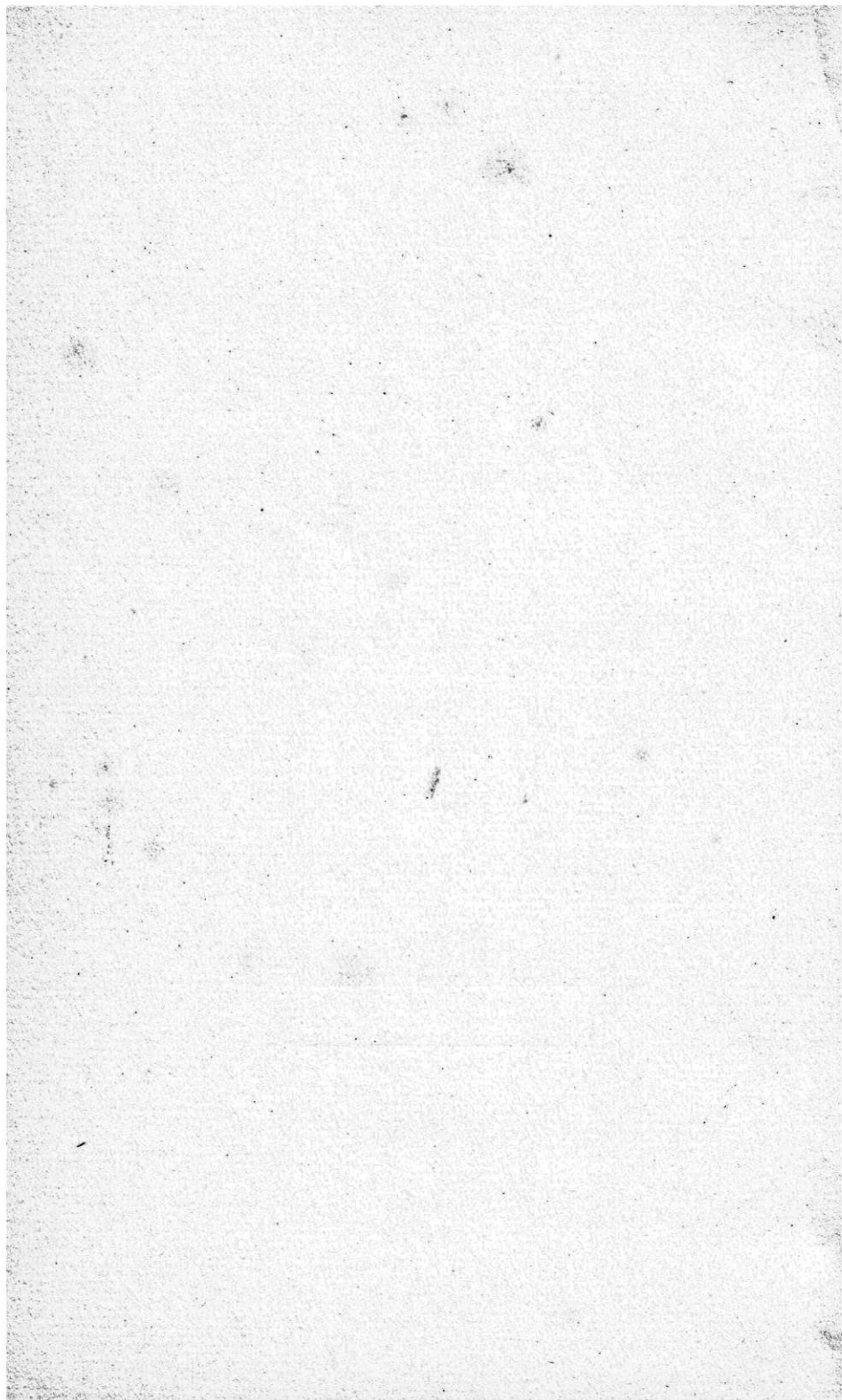




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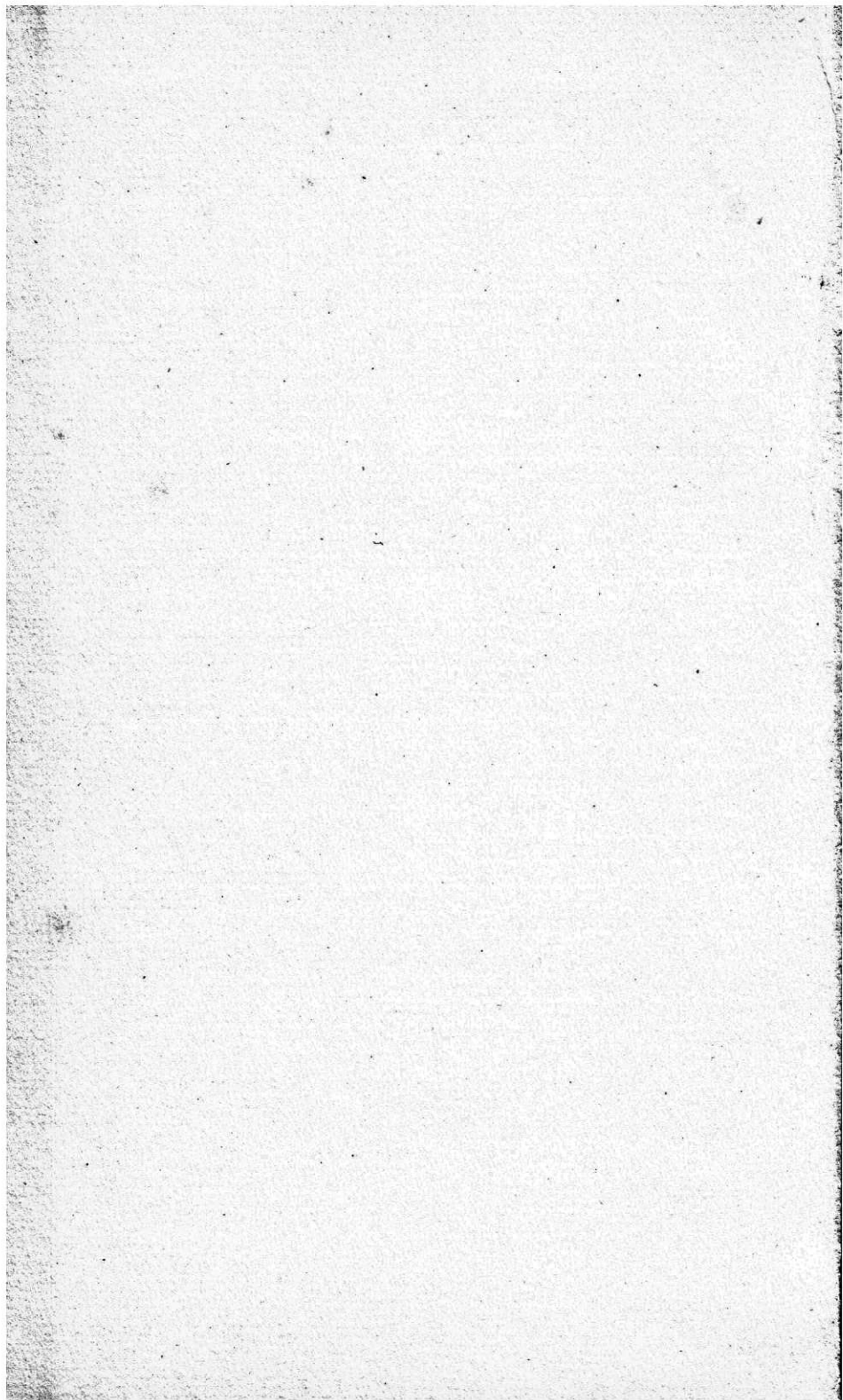
THIS collection of deeds, part of the Talbot-Shrewsbury muniments, was purchased by me from a philatelist's in London in 1948. It seems to be probable that the documents, at some time in the nineteenth century, were abstracted from the muniments for some legal purpose and by inadvertence never replaced. As late as 1807 they were still in the possession of the Earl of Shrewsbury, when the texts of some—the Bagot deed of 1267, the Duchess of Norfolk's letter, and the Troutbeck chapel contract—were communicated by William Hamper to Ormerod and quoted in the latter's publication. It is noteworthy that this collection seems to have been abstracted systematically from the muniments with some specific object in view; for instance, it includes every single document which relates to Brimstage, with a solitary exception—No. 261 in the present edition—and that may have been overlooked accidentally, as there is a hole in the MS. obscuring part of the place-name.

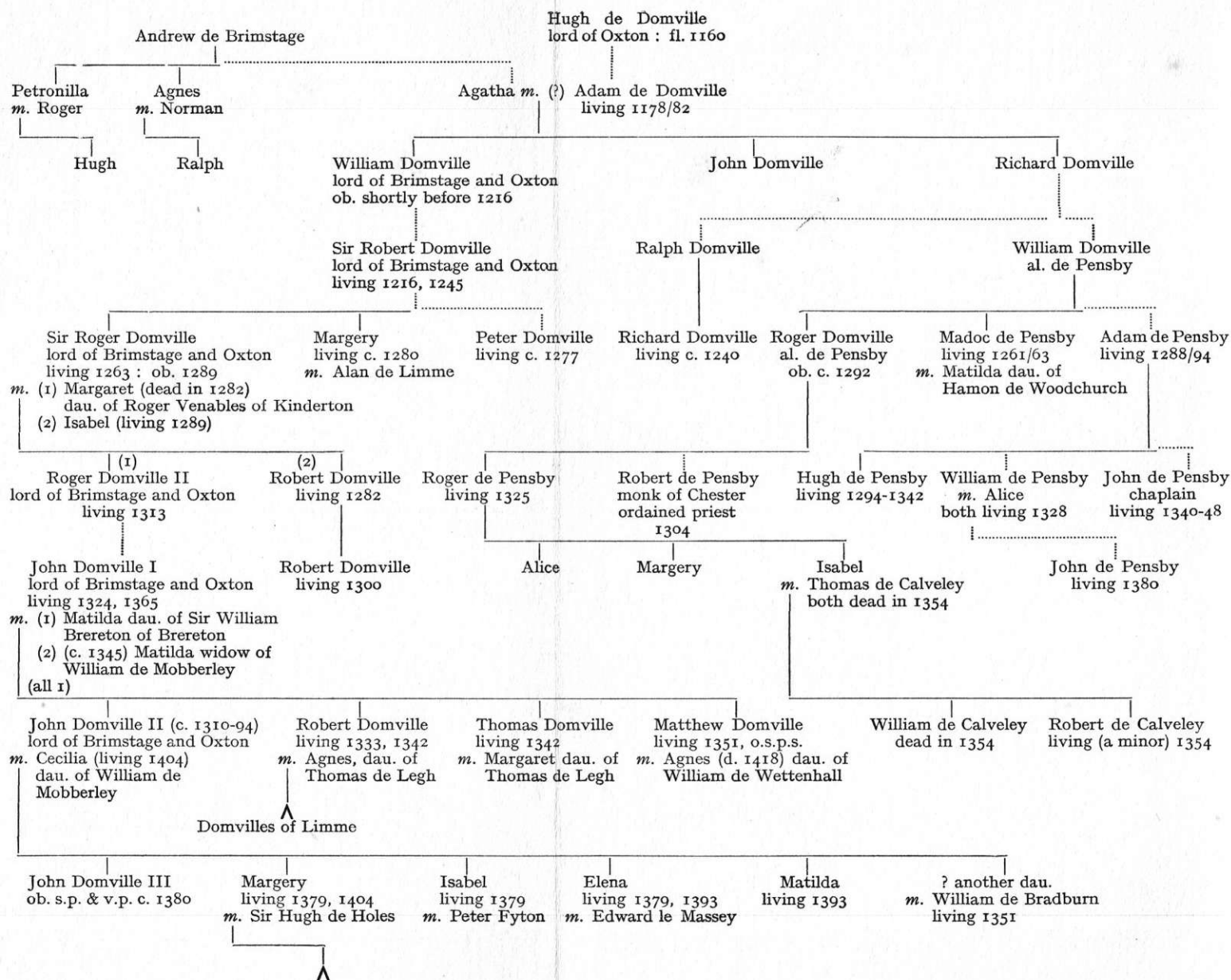
In preparing the present edition, I have reproduced in full only those documents of which the text seemed to present some feature of outstanding interest. The remainder, drafted in legal common form presenting no exceptional features, I have abstracted. In the case of all documents prior to the year 1400 I have added a description of the seals where present. The diameters of circular seals and the principal dimensions of oval or vesicular seals are given in millimetres; except in the case of the Forest Court proceedings (Nos. 68, 69), the Inquisition on Warin Grosvenor, and one or two other documents which are expressly described as unsealed, it may be assumed that every deed whose seal is not described has a tag or other evidence of the former existence of a lost seal.

I should like to express my indebtedness to those who have helped me at various stages of the production, and especially to Mr. Culverwell Brown, who first suggested to me that the material might be worth publication, and to the President, Mr. W. Fergusson Irvine, who has freely placed his profound knowledge of the subject at my disposal, and by whose advice and criticism I have been saved from a number of serious errors and omissions.

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The Domvilles of Brimstage and Oxton

The Domvilles first appear holding the lordship of Oxton in the middle of the twelfth century. An *inspeximus* has survived of a charter by which Hugh Domville granted land in Oxton to Birkenhead Priory for the souls of himself, of his heirs, and especially of his lord Robert the steward.¹ The form of the charter makes it a practical certainty that the Robert in question was Robert I de Montalt, who held the hereditary stewardship of Chester in the reigns of Stephen and Henry II, and died about 1162. From that time, although the descent of the manor cannot be proved continuously, it can be inferred with tolerable certainty. Shortly before 1182 one Adam de Domville attested a charter of Ralph de Montalt,² and it is likely that he was the son of the above-mentioned Hugh.

Not long after this the family acquired the manor of Brimstage in Wirral. About 1200 we find William de Domville buying out the rights of two of the daughters of Andrew de Brimstage—Petronilla³ and Agnes.⁴ Since in the latter of these quitclaims William was associated with his mother Agatha, who had already granted away three bovates and fifteen ploughstrips of demesne in Brimstage to her other son Richard,⁵ it seems probable that Petronilla, Agnes and Agatha were all sisters and that William de Domville was buying out his mother's co-heiresses. It is not impossible that William and Richard Domville and another brother, John—to whom, at an early date, William de Domville granted land in Oxton⁶—were sons of the Adam de Domville of a generation earlier. The two manors, brought by this process under the same lordship, remained together thenceforward.

William de Domville attests a charter of Earl Ranulf Blundevill, issued some time after 1203,⁷ and seems to have died before 1216. When, a century and a half later, the then lord John Domville was defending his right to free assart of his manors, which lay within the forest of Wirral, he based his claim on a charter of Earl Ranulf of Chester,

confirmed by King Edward I at Westminster on 30th March in his 28th year. These particulars shew that the charter of Earl Ranulf was in fact the Magna Carta of Chester—of which c.8 was actually quoted in John Domville's plea—issued in 1215 or 1216; ⁸ and it was stated that at that time the manors of Brimstage and Oxtou had been held by Sir Robert Domville.⁹

This Robert appears as witness to a couple of Cheshire deeds¹⁰ and one to Eggleston priory in Yorkshire¹¹ issued during the early years of Henry III. He made an exchange of land in Brimstage with his relative Richard Domville,¹² and survived until at least 1245; on 13th November of that year he and others were granted protection while on the king's service in the parts of Chester.¹³

The next lord of whom any record seems to have survived, is Sir Roger Domville; and with his emergence we come on to much firmer ground. He first appears as witness to legal proceedings in 1263;¹⁴ and in 1265 was witness to the marriage settlement of Sir Philip de Bamville.¹⁵ In a deed little, if at all, later than 1265 he is already described as knight.¹⁶ After the baronial wars he was granted the Buckinghamshire fief of Geoffrey de St. Martin, an adherent of Montfort's party; in 1268 he was alleged to have alienated parts of this land contrary to the terms of the grant, and the affair was remitted for enquiry by the justices in eyre.¹⁷

In 1275 the inquisition on the death of Robert de Montalt revealed Sir Roger Domville holding a knight's fee in Brimstage and Oxtou;¹⁸ and thenceforward there is plenty of documentary evidence of his activities. It is clear that he occupied a leading position among the gentlemen of the county. Many times he is found on the Bench at the county court. It is unfortunate that in the past those scholars, who have been responsible for the calendaring of fines, have not generally seen fit to include the names of the justices in their abstracts, for a study of the occurrence of certain names would be of the utmost historical importance; but in those fines for Cheshire which happen by chance to have been printed in full, we find Sir Roger Domville as a member of the court in 1277,¹⁹ 1281,²⁰ 1284,²¹ and 1289.²² He served on many juries: in 1278 in a boundary dispute between Chester and Stanlaw abbeys;²³ in 1287 in an inquest on the property of the late William de Warrenne;²⁴ in 1288 in a dispute between Richard the Engineer and Hugh Brichull;²⁵ and on 11th May of the latter year he was one of the knights from whom information was obtained as to the service due to the king from Cheshire in time of war in Wales.²⁶

Sir Roger Domville was the first of his line of whom there is much evidence as to his possession of estates outwith the

ancestral manors of Brimstage and Oxtou. He acquired the manor of Thingwall, some time before 1278, from Roger de Limme and his wife Hawise,²⁷ heiress of the house which had taken its surname from the place.²⁸ Before 1288 Ralph de Montalt granted him a rent of 10s. per annum from property in Chester, which eventually came into the hands of Stanlaw abbey.²⁹ He also owned a salthouse in Middlewich, which he leased at a rent of 5s. per annum,³⁰ and was granted some property in Over Alderley.³¹

Sir Roger Domville was probably married twice. His first wife is said to have been Margaret, daughter of Roger Venables of Kinderton,³² and it is possible that his son and successor Roger was the child of this marriage. Before 1305 this second Roger granted some property in Williamsholme, and the 5s. rent from the salthouse mentioned above, to Hugh Venables his lord.³³ This description is manifestly wrong with respect to most of the Domville estates, which were held of the barony of Montalt; the heirship of this barony became eventually vested in the Ardens of Alvanley. But it would be accounted for on the assumption that some property had passed into the hands of the Domvilles by the marriage of Sir Roger and Margaret. Before the statute *Quia Emptores* of 1290, the conveyance of land as part of a marriage settlement would normally take the form of a subinfeudation, and the Domvilles would become by this process tenants of the Venables with respect to the land so conveyed. Sir Roger's second wife was named Isabel; she seems to have been a frequent and, on the whole, successful litigant. She had a son named Robert, mentioned in a lawsuit in 1282,³⁴ and he in his turn had a son Robert who leased land at Storeton to Alexander Bamville in 1300.³⁵

On 29th January 1289 Sir Roger appeared as a member of the court, when a fine was levied between St. Werburgh's abbey and the city of Chester.³⁶ Soon after this he died; on 9th August in the same year his widow brought an action against various persons for waste.³⁶ Besides the two sons already mentioned, he had a sister, Margery; she was married to Alan de Limme, who died about 1280, and survived him.³⁷ It is possible that the Peter Domville who attests a deed in which Sir Roger was concerned before 1278 was his brother.²⁷

He was succeeded by his son, Roger Domville the second, who seems in accordance with the spirit of his age to have successfully evaded the responsibilities of knighthood. About 1294 he granted half of the manor of Thingwall (the other half had already been transferred by his father) to his namesake Roger Domville *alias* de Pensby,³⁸ probably in exchange for land in his ancestral manor of Brimstage.³⁹

In 1296 he was a juryman to assess the rights of the abbot of Chester in Wirral forest.⁴⁰ In 1303 he, along with one William de Puddington, was amerced in 10s. in the county court;⁴¹ in February 1313 he appears as witness to a lease to Chester Abbey of waste in Poulton Lancelyn.⁴² He also attests a number of undated deeds probably issued early in Edward II's reign and relating to the same neighbourhood.⁴³ In 1310 he was one of the king's purveyors for the hundred of Wirral: he and his colleagues were bound over to produce all the corn and bacon charged upon the hundred.⁴⁴

In 1334 a certain John Domville, probably but not certainly the son of Roger Domville the second, appears in possession of both manors.⁴⁵ His existence is first attested by a deed witnessed by him and dated 30th November 1324,⁴⁶ and by a number of undated deeds, none of which appears to be later than the opening years of Edward III's reign.⁴⁷ In 1331 he was one of a syndicate to which the farm of Northwich town was leased for two years at £52 a year: on 11th April of that year they made recognizance for the rent.⁴⁸ On 13th January 1340 he was appointed warden of the property of Vale Royal Abbey, which had been taken into the Black Prince's especial protection. He was ordered to take into custody all he found in Cheshire violating the abbey's property, and deliver his prisoners to the gaol at Chester castle, there to be detained until further orders.⁴⁹ Between 1334 and 1345 he conveyed much property to trustees for the creation of various entails. The conveyances reveal him as the owner of properties scattered over a wide area; besides his manors of Brimstage and Oxtou he had property in Thingwall, Barnston, Upton, Congleton (this last was worth, as appears by a deed of 1382,⁵⁰ 14s. per annum), and elsewhere, as well as rents and reversionary interests.⁵¹ Other documents reveal him as the owner of land in Kinderton and Bretton⁵² and in Newton by Middlewich.⁵³

John Domville was a litigious man who appears to have had a cavalier disregard for the forest laws, and consequently his name appears often in records. In 1351 he, with many other landowners of the district, was amerced heavily for alleged trespasses in Wirral forest. The magnitude of these amercements, promulgated on 24th March, shews that the offences were regarded as very serious; they were: John Domville, senior, £200; John Domville, junior, 133s. 4d.; Matthew Domville his brother, 100s.; William de Bradburn his son-in-law, 66s. 8d.⁵⁴ Such large sums were not to be paid without protest; the Domvilles and many other delinquents amerced at the same time pleaded poverty and offered £66 13s. 4d. between them for a general pardon.

The Black Prince, then Earl of Chester, replied on 13th June that those who would not pay were to be imprisoned and their goods distrained upon; the offer of £66 13s. 4d. must, said the Prince, have been intended as a jest.⁵⁵ With the typical mediaeval attitude, however, that it is better to get any money under any conditions than none, we find him writing to the justice of Chester on 4th July that in view of the repentance of the delinquents, the fines might be suitably mitigated.⁵⁶ On 18th July the reduced scale of fines was promulgated: John Domville, senior, was to pay £66 13s. 4d. and the other three members of his family 133s. 4d. between them.⁵⁷ On 8th November a further relaxation was granted, when John Domville the elder was ordered to pay £20 by 1st August next following and the remainder by instalments to be decided upon.⁵⁸ There may, after all, have been some justice in the defendants' case: in May 1351 they claimed that they had been denied the privileges to which they were entitled under the terms of the Magna Carta of Chester,⁵⁹ and these privileges were confirmed by the Black Prince in 1354 and upheld in a lawsuit in 1357.⁹ The reluctance of John Domville to meet his legal obligations seems, however, to have been chronic. In 1361 he was summoned to shew cause why he should not contribute to the putures which were due to the chief forester of Wirral. He agreed to pay.⁶⁰

In November 1365 John Domville entered into a recognizance to Sir John de Delves in 39s. 9d.⁶¹ He probably died soon after this: as far back as 1333 his younger son Robert had been granted a rent of 13s. 4d. per annum for ten years,⁶² and was, presumably, of full age even then. Thus John Domville must have been well over seventy years old in 1365. He was married twice; his first wife is said to have been Matilda, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton.⁶³ About 1345 he married another Matilda, the widow of William de Mobberley; in that year he and his wife obtained writ of dower from her former husband's estate.⁶⁴ It is possible that a declaration of uses upon the manor of Brimstage, made on 31st August 1345, was done upon the occasion of his marriage.⁶⁵

He had a numerous issue, all apparently by his first marriage. John Domville the younger succeeded him as lord of Brimstage and Oxton. Robert Domville, mentioned in 1333,⁶² married, in or before 1342,⁶⁶ Agnes, daughter of Thomas de Legh, and became the ancestor of the Domvilles of Lymm. Thomas married Margaret, daughter of Thomas de Legh and sister of Agnes.⁶⁶ Matthew Domville, defendant with his father in the forest case in 1351, married Agnes, daughter of William de Wettenhall, and died without surviving issue; his wife remarried, survived her second

husband, and, dying full of years in 1418, was succeeded by her grand-nephew.⁶⁷

John Domville the younger was probably born about 1310, if the presumption that his brother Robert was of full age in 1333 be valid. In 1386 when he gave evidence for Grosvenor against Scrope he was described as aged sixty years and more,⁶⁸ but he must in fact have been nearer eighty than seventy; the modesty of elderly people in quoting their ages is not confined to the present day. By 1345 he was married to Cecilia, daughter of William de Mobberley and of his own stepmother; his father granted him an estate in Oxtou⁶⁹ and the reversion of much of his other property.⁷⁰ In 1351 he was in trouble, with his father, for trespasses in Wirral forest; one of his co-delinquents was his son-in-law William de Bradburn.⁵⁴ In 1363 he did homage to the Black Prince at Reading for property in Macclesfield to which his wife was heir.⁷¹ In 1376, for some undisclosed reason, he was granted the king's especial protection for a year;⁷² in 1380 he received an annual rent of 20s. in Somerford.⁷³

In 1378, after much litigation, he succeeded in gaining possession of his wife's inheritance, consisting of the manor and advowson of Mobberley and a good deal of property there;⁷⁴ this property was defined as consisting of 35 messuages, 627 acres of land, 100 acres of wood, 20 acres of pasture and 120 acres of moor with some other interests.⁷⁵ The whole property was conveyed to trustees in September 1379,⁷⁶ as part of the arrangements made on the conclusion of a marriage settlement between Domville's daughter Margery and Henry, son of Henry de Torbok. Two other daughters of John and Cecilia are mentioned in the settlement deed as tenants in remainder: Isabel, married to Peter Fyton, and Elena, married to Edward le Massey.⁷⁷ The marriage then contemplated seems never to have taken place. In 1386 a marriage was arranged between the same Margery and Hugh de Holes of Chester; it was arranged that young Henry de Torbok would be caused to relinquish his rights in the Domville estates within six months of his coming of age.⁷⁸ This was done in April, 1395;⁷⁹ Henry de Torbok can thus have not been more than five years old when the first settlement was made in 1379. His intended wife was in all probability a good deal older. By the time that the arrangements connected with his daughter's marriage were thus completed, John Domville was dead. In the meantime, in December 1391 he had been one of the commissioners appointed to levy a subsidy of £2,000 granted to the king by the commonalty of Chester for a confirmation of its charters, and also to arrest certain rebels who had

interfered with the sheriff in his collection of the subsidy and had robbed him with violence of so much as he had collected.⁸⁰ On 30th March, 1393 his seal was affixed to an exemplification of the proceedings of 1345;⁸¹ on 28th April 1394 he was a surety for the good behaviour of Sir Ralph Vernon and for his appearance at the county court.⁸² On 10th September in the latter year his son-in-law Hugh de Holes made a grant of lands to his widow Cecilia.⁸³

John Domville was probably about eighty-five years of age at the time of his death in 1394, and as he left no surviving male issue, his line terminated with him; the descendants of his brother Robert have continued in the male line to the present day. John Domville had had a son, John Domville the third, who probably died about 1380;⁷⁴ and four or five daughters: Margery, Elena, and Isabel, mentioned above; Matilda, who was present at the exemplification in 1393;⁸¹ the daughter who was married to William de Bradburn in 1351 may have been identical with one or other of these four. Through the marriage of Margery to Henry de Holes, the family estates passed in the fifteenth century into the hands of the Troutbecks of Dunham and in the sixteenth to the Talbots, earls of Shrewsbury. The widow Cecilia survived until at least 1404,⁸⁴ by which time she can hardly have been less than seventy-five years of age; clearly the longevity of the family was not confined to its male members.

Another branch of the Domville family, named indifferently Domville or de Pensby, was settled at Thingwall in the thirteenth century and soon terminated in an heiress. The descent of this family is set out very clearly in an inquisition taken in 1354,⁸⁸ in which the line is traced back to a certain William Domville who must have lived in the reign of Henry III. His connection with the main line of the family cannot be established with any certainty, but there is some evidence that makes a tentative suggestion possible. It has been mentioned above that at the end of the twelfth century Agatha Domville had given her son Richard fifteen ploughstrips of land at Brimstage.⁵ Considerably later, perhaps about 1230 or soon after, one Richard Domville gave to his lord, Robert Domville, fifteen ploughstrips and a bovate of land in Brimstage in exchange for a bovate which his uncle, William, had held.¹² Now the mention of fifteen ploughstrips in each case suggests very strongly that this was the same land which had been granted by Agatha a generation or so before. Clearly, then, the Richard Domville of the later transaction was probably a descendant of his earlier namesake. They are not likely, as might be suggested, to be one and the same man; for, in the first

place, it is intrinsically improbable that an uncle of the first Richard should have held land in Brimstage—the family in that period were still lords of Oxtou only—and, in the second place, the lord Robert Domville (fl. 1216-45) was almost certainly nephew to the first Richard, and one would expect this close relationship to be noticed. Who, then, was this second Richard? It seems eminently reasonable to suggest that he was identical with the Richard, son of Ralph de Domville, who held land in Cheveley and, some time after 1240, exchanged it for land in Broughton with the abbot of Chester.⁸⁶ On this supposition Ralph Domville would be the son of Richard the first; while Uncle William, another son of Richard the first, may well be identical with the William Domville who founded the Pensby line.

At all events this William Domville had a son, Roger Domville, to whom Sir Roger Domville the first of Brimstage granted a moiety of the manor of Thingwall for the yearly render of a pound of cumin. In 1354 this moiety was held of John Domville the first by service of an eighth part of a knight's fee. Roger Domville of Thingwall died apparently about 1290 and was succeeded by his son Roger de Pensby; to him Roger Domville the second of Brimstage granted the other moiety of the manor of Thingwall, for a rent of 26s. 8d. per annum. As this second grant took place after the passing of the statute of 1290, it was not a subinfeudation; consequently in 1354 this second moiety was held of the lords-in-chief, the lords of Wistaston, by knight service. Roger de Pensby died, after 1325,⁸⁶ leaving three daughters, Isabel, Alice and Margery. Isabel married Thomas de Calveley and had two sons, William and Robert; both of their parents died during their minority and William followed them to the grave soon after. In 1354 John Domville the first was seized of the manor of Thingwall as guardian of Robert de Calveley, who had still not attained his majority.

Some other persons who may have been members of this branch of the Domvilles deserve mention at this point; the pedigree of this branch given by Ormerod⁸⁶ is in need of some correction. A certain Robert de Pensby, a monk of Chester, was ordained priest in 1304, and he and one Adam de Pensby who is mentioned in deeds about 1288⁸⁷ and in 1294⁸⁸ may well have been, as suggested, brothers of Roger the first of Thingwall; although I would prefer to assume that Robert de Pensby was brother of Roger the second: for Roger the first of Thingwall died about 1290, and there is nothing to suggest that he had not reached at least a respectable middle age; while Robert, on the other hand, may well have been under thirty at his ordination in 1304.

Adam de Pensby had a son Hugh, who leased some land in Pensby to his father in 1294⁸⁸ and is mentioned in the Recognizance Rolls from 1309⁸⁹ to 1342;⁹⁰ he must have reached a ripe old age. William de Pensby who with his wife Alice sold lands in Thornton Mahew in 1328⁸⁶ may also have been a son of this Adam. Of a later generation, perhaps a son of Hugh de Pensby, was a certain John de Pensby, chaplain. About 1340 he was holding lands in Oxton;⁹¹ in 1348 he was concerned in some transaction with Richard Griffin, parson of Woodchurch.⁹² In 1380 he granted lands in Pensby and Thingwall to Henry Coly and Richard Vernon.⁹³ Finally, the Madoc de Pensby who married Matilda, daughter of Hamon de Woodchurch, and who, Ormerod suggested, was a brother of Roger the second of Thingwall, is proved by the mention of his name in a charter of 1261/63 in the Chartulary of St. Werburgh's to belong to a different generation altogether;⁹⁴ he may have been a brother of William Domville alias de Pensby, or of Roger the first.

In 1194 there is mention of a certain Robert Domville and his wife Emma in an Oxfordshire lawsuit,⁹⁵ and late in the thirteenth century one H. Domville held land in Elton.⁹⁶ It is not clear what, if any, was the relationship of these persons to the other members of the family.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Tait	...	Chartulary of St. Werburgh's Abbey.	Chetham Soc. N.S. 79,82. (Ref. to No. of document).
JRL	...	Handlist of Charters, etc., in the John Rylands Library.	Vol. II. 1935. (Ref. to No. of document).
MA		Monasticon Anglicanum,	1817-30 edition.
Pat	...	Calendar of Patent Rolls.	
Inq	...	Calendar of Inquisitions.	
Court	...	Cheshire County Court Rolls.	Chetham Soc. N.S. 84.
BM	...	British Museum, Additional Charters.	
BPR	...	Black Prince's Register, Vol. III.	
No.	...	Documents calendared in the present volume.	

NOTES.

¹ No. 262. ² Tait 527. ³ No. 1. ⁴ No. 4. ⁵ No. 3. ⁶ No. 2. ⁷ R.J.L. 1783. ⁸ Tait 60; the confirmation is in Pat 1292-1301 p. 499. ⁹ No. 68. ¹⁰ JRL 1275, 1719. ¹¹ MA vi, 943. ¹² No. 261. ¹³ Pat 1232-47 p. 466. ¹⁴ Tait p. (xxxii). ¹⁵ JRL 1265. ¹⁶ JRL 1808. ¹⁷ Pat 1266-72 p. 278. ¹⁸ Inq. ii no. 128. ¹⁹ Tait 306. ²⁰ Tait 837. ²¹ Tait 893. ²² Court p. 122. ²³ Tait 308. ²⁴ Court p. 78. ²⁵ Court p. 124. ²⁶ Court p. 109. ²⁷ Nos. 19-21. ²⁸ Tait 649. ²⁹ Whalley Coucher Book, pp. 351-4. ³⁰ Middlewich Chartulary, p. 135. ³¹ Ibid p. 256. ³² Ormerod ii p. 433. ³³ Middlewich p. 90. ³⁴ Court pp. 46, 51. ³⁵ JRL 1810. ³⁶ Court p. 145. ³⁷ No. 23. ³⁸ Plea Roll 27/32 Edward III m.42. ³⁹ No. 26. ⁴⁰ Hist. Soc. of Lanc. and Ches. vol. 55/6 p. 63. ⁴¹ Chamberlain's Accounts p.60. ⁴² Tait 690a. ⁴³ JRL 1278, 1293, 1392-3. ⁴⁴ Recog. Roll 3 & 5 Edward II m.1. ⁴⁵ No. 40. ⁴⁶ BM 72385. ⁴⁷ JRL 1451, 1523, 1561-2. ⁴⁸ Recog. Roll 4 & 5 Edward III m. 1d. ⁴⁹ BM 72561. ⁵⁰ BM 72346. ⁵¹ Nos. 40, 49-56. ⁵² BM 72187.

"BM 72391. "BPR p. 12. "BPR pp. 31-2. "BPR pp. 33-4.
 "BPR p. 37. "BPR p. 51. "BPR pp. 25-6. "BPR p. 434.
 "Recog. Roll 39 & 41 Edward III m. 1. "No. 39. "Ormerod ii p. 432,
 quoting Leycester's MSS. "Plea Roll 17 & 18 Edward III m. 22d.
 "Nos. 53-4. "Leycester's abstract of a deed in the possession of
 Domville of Limme in 1664; Ormerod i p. 452. "Ormerod iii p. 365.
 "Hist. Soc. of Lanc. & Ches. vol. 89 p. 21. "Nos. 55-6. "Nos. 51-4.
 "BPR p. 455. "BM 72420. "BM 72537. "Ormerod ii. p. 432.
 "Plea Roll 1 & 2 Richard II m. 11. "No. 97. "No. 96. "No. 105.
 "No. 124. "Recog. Roll 15 & 16 Richard II m. 2. "No. 57. "Recog.
 Roll 17 & 18 Richard II m. 5. "No. 122. "No. 138. "Tait 835.
 "Ormerod ii. p. 530. "JRL 1401. "JRL 1437. "Recog. Roll 2
 Edward II m. 2. "Recog. Roll 16 Edward III m. 2d. "No. 43.
 "Recog. Roll 21 & 22 Edward III m. 3d. "JRL 1477. "Tait 646.
 "Farrer, Honors & Knight's Fees, ii, p. 55. "Tait 433.

THE FAMILY OF DUNFOUL, OF CHESTER

The Dunfouls of Chester were a distinct family having no demonstrable connection with the Domvilles of Brimstage and Oxtou. Nevertheless, as the two families have been in the past confounded with each other by writers including some of the most eminent Cheshire antiquaries,¹ it has seemed not inappropriate to add a few notes on the Dunfoul family. For, as Fuller said in a very different context, "though it is pleasant for brethren to live together in unity, yet it is not fit by error that they should be jumbled together in confusion." The confusion was one which arose in an age when the science of philology was imperfectly understood and when names having but a superficial resemblance one to another were identified with a facility which was only equalled by the ignorance of linguistics so displayed. The name Dunfoul occurs for the first time late in the thirteenth century (1288 is the earliest reference I have encountered), with spellings *Dunfoghull*, *Dunfughell* and the like; it is clearly a by-name of native English origin, meaning 'brown bird'.* In the fourteenth century the medial *-gh-* dropped out, as it did in the common word (Mod. Eng. 'fowl') and *Dunfoul* or *Dounfoul* are universal spellings. The name Domville, on the other hand, is well attested from the opening years of the thirteenth century (the charter of 1162² is only preserved in a late transcript), the earliest spellings being *Dunevill* and *Dunvilla*, which with minor variants are adhered to pretty consistently. Later, by assimilation, we get *Dumvill*, *Dounvill*, *Downvill* and the like with an occasional *Domvull*; the persistence of the terminal *-vill* shows that we have here a name of locative

* My attention has been drawn to a statement in Morris's *British Birds*, Vol. V. p. 227, that the Pochard Duck is known locally as the Dunbird. This duck still visits the Cheshire meres and the estuary of the Dee below Chester. It is occasionally called the Dun-fowl by Cheshire fowlers.

origin, a French place-name of the very common type ending in *-ville*. In short, the Domvilles were an Anglo-Norman family named from their Continental place of origin; the Dunfouls, a family probably of native origin whose surname was derived from a nickname bestowed upon some common ancestor.

The Dunfouls in the last twelve years of the thirteenth century jumped suddenly from complete obscurity to a leading part in the civic affairs of Chester. The earliest reference I have encountered to a member of this family is an entry in the city court rolls for 4th April 1288, when William Dunfoul was fined half a mark for the release of the king's suit; it is not known what he had been prosecuted for.³ Within the space of seven years from that date no less than six members of the family make their appearance upon the stage of history. William Dunfoul himself survived until at least 1311;⁴ he had an unnamed son, who was pledge for the prosecutor in a lawsuit in 1297.⁵ In chronological order, the next to appear was Roger Dunfoul, who on 19th July 1289 was a member of a jury which assessed the damage sustained to the property of Richard the Engineer during the latter's absence in the king's service in Wales.⁶ He held the shrievalty of Chester four times, in 1292/3, 1295/6, 1297/8, and 1303/4,⁷ and was still living in 3 Edward II (1309/10).⁸ In 1291 there is mention of a certain Thomas Dunfoul; his daughter Beatrix, who had been the victim of an assault, failed to prosecute her attackers; the court ruled that they must be brought to answer, and Thomas was surety for his daughter's continuing the case.⁹ Between 1292 and 1297 John Dunfoul appears as a participant in city court proceedings;¹⁰ he was a taxer of amercements in the Pentice Court.¹¹ He was dead in 1320, when his wife Margery was re-married to Robert Russell.¹² Finally, in 1295 Gilbert Dunfoul made his appearance as warranty in a dowry case.¹³ Gilbert lived in Foregate Street and was probably a wool merchant;¹⁴ he was sheriff five times, in 1307/8, 1310/11, 1314/5, 1319/20 and 1321/2.⁷ He was dead by November 1324; his wife was named Agnes.¹⁴

Thus, between 1288 and 1297 we have mention of William, Roger, Thomas, John and Gilbert together with the unnamed son of William and Beatrix, daughter of Thomas. There is no express evidence for the relationship of one to another. Yet it can hardly be doubted that they were all members of one family, and probably closely related at that. The name is a very rare one,¹⁵ and it is almost inconceivable that so many holders could appear in one place by accident. The only suggestion that can be made as to their relationship is based on the fact that while William, Roger, Gilbert and

probably John all survived until 1310 or later and were thus probably quite young men in 1290, Thomas had a daughter who was of full age in 1291 (she was called upon to prosecute on her own behalf), and can therefore hardly have been less than forty years of age even then. It seems therefore likely that Thomas Dunfoul belonged to an older generation than the others, and not impossible that he may have been their father.

Of all these persons the only one of whom there is any exact evidence about his descendants is John. In 1320 Richard the clerk sought possession of a messuage in Chester against John, brother and heir of Alexander Dunfoul. In the evidence it was stated that Richard the clerk, father of the pursuer, had granted this messuage to one John Dunfoul, whose wife Margery, now married to Robert Russell, was called as a witness. The case was delayed to 27th July 1321 by essoins and adjournments and then not prosecuted.¹⁶ From this it appears that John Dunfoul the first had died before 1320, leaving two sons, Alexander, also dead, and John the second.

Entries on the Recognizance Rolls take us a little further. On 11th July, 1324¹⁷ and again on 6th July, 1326¹⁸ John Dunfoul, senior, and several others, made recognizance to the Earl of Chester in £200; in 1326. John Dunfoul, junior, and others, were bound to the Earl in 100s.¹⁹ Clearly John Dunfoul 'senior' must be the defendant of 1320 and John Dunfoul 'junior' his son.

We now have to jump more than thirty years, to a petition addressed to the Black Prince, as Earl of Chester, in 1360. Then it was stated that John Dunfoul had been seized of six messuages and three acres of land in Chester, and 'in the time of the present king' (i.e., in or after 1327) had taken profits thereof amounting to over half a mark a year. On his death the property descended to his daughter and heir Margery, married to Roger de Maysham, and from her to her heir Margery, the petitioner. The property had been escheated because of the bastardy of one Richard de Ridley (apparently a tenant), and Margery petitioned for her rights to be restored.²⁰ Clearly as John Dunfoul's property had descended to his daughter, he can have had no surviving sons; from this it appears, especially in the light of what follows, that the John Dunfoul here referred to is John Dunfoul the third, the 'junior' in 1326.

In November 1354 an inquisition was ordered on the death of Henry Dunfoul;²¹ in July 1358 the property in Chester which had belonged to this Henry was sold by the Black Prince to John de Brunham, chamberlain of Chester, and the record explains how this property came to be in the

prince's hands.²² John Dunfoul had had by the last of his two wives a son named Henry, who had died seized of the premises without leaving an heir. This must have been John Dunfoul the second, the 'senior' of 1326. It is, moreover, clear from the foregoing that the several Johns can have had no sons other than those already mentioned.

The family continued to occupy an important position in Chester life throughout the fourteenth century, but evidence so far available does not indicate the connection of its later members with those mentioned above. In 1349 the Black Prince granted to Richard del Wode some property in Bridge Street and in Pepper Street which had belonged to one Philip Dunfoul. This Philip by his wife Christine had had a daughter Joan, and both father and daughter had died without issue; Christine had married as her second husband, the grantee Richard del Wode. The property had come into the Black Prince's hands by reason of the bastardy of Philip, who had been born before the marriage of his mother Matilda to Ranulf Cartwright.²³ About the same time there lived a certain Thomas Dunfoul, who attests a couple of deeds of the year 1340; ²⁴ he may have been father to Richard Dunfoul, who was sheriff of Chester in 1371/2.⁷ This Richard was still alive in 1385,²⁵ but was dead in 1395, leaving two sons, Thomas and Alan, of whom the latter was abroad at the time of his father's death.

¹ Including Ormerod, Helsby, Morris, Brownbill, Farrer, and the editor of the Calendar of the Recognizance Rolls (Appendix to the 36th Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records). ² No. 262.

³ Court p. 153. ⁴ Recog. Roll 3 & 5 Edward II m. 1d. ⁵ Court p. 201.

⁶ Court p. 161. ⁷ Morris, *Plantagenet and Tudor Chester*, pp. 576-7.

⁸ Recog. Roll 3/4 Edward II m. 1. ⁹ Court p. 173. ¹⁰ Court pp. 177,

186, 202. ¹¹ City p. lxviii. ¹² City p. 102. ¹³ City p. 6. ¹⁴ PRO Feet of

Fines, Chester 31/File 11 No. 14. ¹⁵ To obtain a rough check I searched

the indices of the Calendars of Patent and Close Rolls from 1216 to

1350 without finding a single instance. ¹⁶ City pp. 97-113. ¹⁷ Recog.

Roll. 18/19 Edward II m. 1. ¹⁸ Recog. Roll 19/20 Edward II m. 3.

¹⁹ Ibid. m. 1. ²⁰ BPR pp. 396-7. ²¹ BPR p. 185. ²² BPR p. 305.

²³ Plea Roll 22/23 Edward III m. 12. ²⁴ Nos. 44, 46. ²⁵ Recog. Roll 8/9

Richard II m. 2. ²⁶ Recog. Roll 18/19 Richard II m. 6.

THE CHARTERS

1. Quitclaim: in the court of Robert de Muhalt, seneschal of the Earl of Chester; Petronilla, dau. of Andrew de Brunstahe, and Hugh fitz Roger her heir, to William de Dunvill; all her rights in the vill of Brunstahe, for 4 marks. Witnesses: Robert de Muhalt; Thomas, chaplain of Nest; Robert, chaplain of Hesta; Roger de Muhalt; Roger de Bachep; William, parson of Kirchebi; Hugh de Columbe; William de Heselwalle; Alan de Waley; Gilbert de

Bornest'; Robert Lancolin; Hugh, dean of Wdekirche. n.d. (c. 1200).

Seal: Vesica 54 x 32; female figure erect; insc. SIGILLV PETRONILLE. See *Frontispiece*.

2. Grant: William de Dunvilla to John his brother; 2 bovates of land in Oxton which Hugh, son of Lefwinus, held of grantor in fee; for 20 oxen worth 20s. and a rent of 1lb. of cumin p.a. payable at Midsummer for all services except scutage. Witnesses: Ralph, prior of Birheuet; William de Prenton; Matthew de Torinton; Mr. Alexander; Gilbert de Brumboreh; Richard de Dunvill'; Robert de Bebinton; William Walense. n.d. (c. 1200).

3. Grant: William de Dunnevilla to Richard his brother; 3 bovates and 15 ploughstrips (*landas*) in Brunstade which he has from his mother Agatha, as set forth in the charter which he has from her. Witnesses: Robert de monte alto "my lord"; Mr. Alexander; Bertram the chamberlain; Alan de Waleia; William de Rabi; Hugh his son; Turstin de Torinton; Robert Brun; Richard his brother; Hugh de Brexis; Robert de Pulle; Robert de Hukonhul'; Richard de Thurstaneston; William de Lechton; Richard le Savage. n.d. (c. 1200).

4. Quitclaim: in open court before Philip de Orreby, justice of Chester; Ralph son of Norman and of Agnes dau. of Andrew de Brunstad, to William de Dunevill' and Agatha his mother; all rights in the vill of Brunstad, for 2½ marks and 6s. payable on St. James before St. Peter's Chains. Witnesses: Roger de monte alto, seneschal of Chester; William de Venables; Warin de Vernun; Ranulf de monte alto; Hugh de Columba; Joceram de Hellisbi; Richard de Kynchisl'; Thomas de Plessel'; Henry de Mol'; William, parson of Kyrkebi; John de Sancta Maria; John, son of Peter; Richard, parson of Monte Alto; Andrew the clerk who wrote the charter. n.d. (c. 1210-15).

5. Grant: Gerard de Thingale to Gregory, son of William de Raby, in wedlock with Anabla my daughter; 4 bovates in Wodekirke which formerly belonged to Emma dau. of Adam; for 1d. worth of white gloves p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Richard de Thurstaneston; Gilbert de Borneston; William de Prenton; Richard de Dunevill'; Richard de Prenton; Henry de Moles; Simon de Thurstaneston; Richard de Borneston; Thomas the serjeant; Peter, son of Richard de Thurstaneston. n.d. (c. 1220).

Seal: Circle 40. Eagle rising. Insc. + SIGILLV (GIR) ARDI DE THINGWELL.

6. Grant: in the open portmote of Chester; Margaret, widow of Reoald, to Philip de Orreby; the *croftum puni*

by the walls of Chester towards Brewardeshalh. Witnesses : Peter, clerk to the Earl ; Richard, son of Lid' ; Thomas, chaplain of St. Nicholas ; Mr. Hugh ; Robert Bras ; William de Beauchamp ; Robert, son of Arnwei ; Roger the clerk ; Roger Harre ; William the barber (*minutore*) ; Hugh, son of Ralph ; Geoffrey, son of Mazelin ; William, the reeve ; Richard de Kegwrth, Richard de Rodes't', clerks. n.d. (c. 1225).

7. Inspeximus (c. 1310) by John de Orreby, kt., lord of Stapilford (witnesses : Sir Rqoert de Dutton, kt. ; Sir Simon Strech, kt. ; Robert, son of William de Huxlegh ; William de Coton ; Henry the clerk) of a charter of his grandfather Sir Philip de Orreby as follows:—Grant to William the barber (*minutori*) : a croft under the wall of Chester called Puneiescroft, and another beyond the Dee bridge, in the vill of Honebruge between the house of the hospital of St. John Baptist and the land of Elias the fisher ; for 12d. p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses : Richard, son of William the chaplain of St. Nicholas ; John, parson of St. Mary ; William, his son ; Richard de Kegworth ; Philip, my son ; Robert Bras ; David, chamberlain to the Earl ; Jordan, the desponder ; William de Beauchamp ; Richard the clerk of Rodes't'. n.d. (before 1229).

8. Grant : John, chamberlain of Chester, to Ralph Hose, son of Geoffrey Hose ; land in Brugestrete, Chester, lying between the land of Richard de Roudethoren and that of Walter Bochar ; for 40s., and 4s. p.a. payable quarterly, grantor & heirs to have first refusal in case of subsequent sale. Witnesses : Richard the clerk, mayor of Chester ; Ranulf Debelday & Matthew de Deresbiri, sheriffs of Chester ; William Bunce ; Andrew Throstlebert ; Nicholas Ulkil ; Richard, son of Emma. n.d. (1258-60).

9. Inspeximus and confirmation indented by Nicholas, abbot of Deulacresse and the convent, dated at Chester, 9 Edward II (1315-16 ; witnesses : Sir Hugh de Audeley, justice of Chester ; Sir Ralph de Vernoun, kt. ; Sir William de Boydel, kt. ; John de Leye ; William de Venables of Bradewelle ; Peter de Thorntoun ; William de Milnetoun) of a charter of Hamon, abbot of Deulacresse and the convent, granting to Philip the clerk, son of Geoffrey the barber, (*minutoris*) of Chester, a messuage which belonged to Richard the butler on the highway towards the bridge gate in Brugestrete, near the Earl's byre ; in perpetual fee-farm, for rent of 4s. p.a. payable at St. Werburgh's church, Chester, at Midsummer and Martinmas, and the payment of 1s. p.a. at Midsummer to the Earl's exchequer. Witnesses : Sir James de Audeley, justice of Chester ; Sir Robert de Stocport, constable of Chester ; Sir S(imon), abbot of St.

Werburgh's, Chester; Sir Richard the clerk, mayor of Chester; Robert de Hole; John de Stanley; Richard de Orreby. n.d. (1265-67).

10. Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Ric' Bagod de Cestr' dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi et omnino quietum clamavi Philippo clerico civi Cestr' totum ius meum et clamium quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in porta pontis Cestr' cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Habendum et tenendum eidem Philippo et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis libere quiete plene et pacifice sicut ego et antecessores mei habere consuevimus. Faciendum servitium debitum et consuetum domino capitali sicut ego et antecessores (*sic*) mei facere consuevimus. Ita quod nullus medius sit inter dominum capitalem et dictum Philippum vel heredes suos aut assignatos et quod sint respondentes et intendentes domino capitali ita quod dominus capitalis pro dono meo de servicio suo nichil amittat. Et quia servitium dicte porte propter paupertatem et inpotenciam debito modo et maxime in guerra sustinere non potui; predictum ius meum et clamium predictae porte cum pertinenciis dicto Philippo et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis in pleno portmoto Cestr' coram domino Thoma de Boulton' tunc iustic' Cestr' omnino concessi et per presens scriptum quietum clamavi. Et ad maiorem huius rei securitatem habendam huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Domino Thoma de Boulton' tunc iustic' Cestr', Ric' clerico tunc maiore Cestr', Joh' Arnewey, Math' de Deresbury, Rob' Harald, Ric' Apotecar', Ade (*sic*) Godeweyt, Will' Pinsun, Will' Bunce, Rob' de Molend', Rob' Ese et multis aliis. n.d. (1267).

Vellum, 26.2 x 10.7 cm.; 1.2 cm. turned up at bottom for seal. Seal, on a double tag of vellum 8 mm. wide: circular, 18 mm. diam.; six-pointed asterisk; insc. + S' RIC' BAGOT'.

Endorsements: (contemp). Carta Ric' Bagot de porta pontis Cestr'. (c.1500) the brigge yatte. (16th c.) 146. (c.1600) porta pontis. (c.1700). DXCIV. (c.1800). Chester, s.d.

11. Grant: Hugh, son of Simon de Raby, to William de Magna Neston in wedlock with Sibyl my daughter; half of my land, viz., of one bovate in the vill of Raby, and the other half on my death; for 6d. p.a. to me during my lifetime, and 12d. p.a. payable after my death to the lord in chief at Martinmas and Candlemas for all service saving foreign service. Witnesses: Hugh de Thorrinton; Hugh de Berniston; Roger de Lecton; William Punterlig'; John le Deney; Ralph the clerk. n.d. (after 1268).

Seal: Circle 31. Fleur-de-lys. Insc. + S' HUGONIS :
FILLI : SIMONNIS :

12. Grant: Robert Eyse and Margaret his wife to Philip the clerk (as 9); the messuage in which Richard, son of Elias, lately dwelt, next the wall by the bridge gate, Chester; the dower in Chester which they have from the said Richard for Margaret's lifetime; and all rights which they have from the said Richard in the river De; for 1d. p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Sir John Arnewey, mayor of Chester; Laurence the vintner and Alexander Hurel, sheriffs of Chester; Nicholas Ulkel; William le Beel; Robert de Hole; William Pinzon; Richard le Gynur; Robert de Molend'; Roger his brother; Nicholas the skinner; William Bonce; Thomas the clerk; Godfrey the clerk; Ranulf le Messer; Roger le Lyndisay, the clerk. n.d. (1269-70).

2 Seals, one gone, other: Vesica (damaged) 35 x 23; eight-pointed asterisk; Insc. + S' MARGARET(E UXO)R' ROB(ERTI EY)SE.

13. Lease for 39 years commencing Ascension Day, 1270: Herbert, son of Kydomon, and Alice his wife, to Philip the clerk (as 9); one third of a messuage next the wall by the bridge gate, Chester, adjoining the land of the said Philip and which belonged to Richard, son of Elias; for ½d. p.a. payable at Lady Day; warranty on pain of 10 marks *ad opus domini Cestrie* and 40s. to the archdeacon of Chester. Witnesses: Sir John Arnewey, mayor of Chester; Richard the clerk; Laurence the vintner and Alexander Hurel, sheriffs of Chester; William Bunce; Robert de Molend'; Roger his brother; Thomas Hose; Richard Bagot; John de le Hul; Hondekin, son of Richard, son of Emma; Thomas the clerk; Walter, chaplain of the castle. n.d. (1270; indented).

14. Lease for 39 years commencing Assumption of B.V.M. 1270: Mabel, dau. of Richard, son of Elias, to Philip the clerk (as 9); one ploughstrip between the land of Herbert Kydemon and that of the said Philip, towards Bromfeud' Way; for ½d. p.a. payable at Midsummer; warranty on pain of 10 marks payable to the lord of Cheshire. Witnesses: John Arnewey, mayor of Chester; Richard the clerk; Alexander Hurel and Laurence the vintner, sheriffs of Chester; Nicholas Ulkil; Nicholas the skinner; Robert and Roger de Molend', brothers; Thomas Hose; Herbert Kydemon; Robert Eyse. n.d. (1270; indented).

15. Grant: parties and lands as 13; for one rose p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Sir John Ernewey, mayor of Chester; John de Berchamstede, sheriff of Chester; Richard the clerk; Robert the mercer; Richard Harald;

Robert de Tervin ; Nicholas the skinner ; William Throstilbert ; John Tardy ; Robert de Molend' ; William Bunce ; Thomas the clerk. n.d. (c. 1270).

Seals : 1. Vesica 35 x 23. Eight-pointed asterisk. Insc. + SHERBATFRATERAGNETISVINCTA'

2. Fragment of vesica. Insc. ————— E FIL' —————

16. Grant : Stephen son of Richard the fisher to Elena his sister ; a messuage next the wall of Chester by the river De with grange, etc. ; a bovat and 8 ploughstrips in the field of Clauertona ; the land which he had from his father next the house of Ralph de Greneway ; a free boat in the river Dee ; 12 rents from land in the castle which was given to his sister Mabel ; all his rights in land near a house called Wasdewy outside the wall of Chester towards the mill ; for 8s. p.a. payable at Midsummer and Martinmas. Witnesses : Mr. Andrew the fisher ; Andrew Hurel ; Matthew de Deresbur' ; Nicholas Hulkel ; Nicholas the skinner ; Thomas de Wadenowe ; William Bunce, junior ; Richard, son of Emma ; John Ketel. n.d. (c. 1270).

17. Grant : John son of Elias the carter of Chester to Hamon de Pulford ; land in Clauertonelane, Chester, which he got from Roger de Lodelawe in the open portmote of Chester, lying between the land of Basingwerk Abbey and that of John Ulkil ; for 36s. cash, 2s. p.a. payable at Midsummer and Xmas to Basingwerk Abbey, and a pair of white gloves, or $\frac{1}{2}$ d., at Midsummer to grantor. Witnesses : John Arnewey, mayor of Chester ; Alexander Hurel and Richard le Spec', sheriffs of Chester ; Richard the clerk ; Stephen Saracen ; Matthew de Deresbir' ; Adam Godeweyt ; Philip the clerk ; Robert Russel ; Richard le Calf ; Geoffrey the clerk. n.d. (1270-71).

18. Grant : Robert de Thyngwelle and Amecia his wife to Sir Roger Dunvile ; a bovat in Thyngwelle which they hold by inheritance ; for 100s. and 11d. p.a. payable to Horym de Thyngwelle and Celiana his wife at Midsummer and Martinmas for all services except 7d. p.a. for a puture for serjeants. Witnesses : Philip de Banvile ; William Lancelyn ; William Walens' ; William de Prenton ; Robert de Bebinton ; Alan de Lymma ; Roger de Lecton ; Richard de Mascy ; Ralph the clerk. n.d. (before 1278).

19. Grant : Roger de Lymme and Hawise his wife to Sir Roger Dunvile ; the manor of Thingwal ; for 27 marks. Witnesses : Philip de Bonvile ; William Walens' ; William de Prenton ; Robert de Bebinton ; Alan de Lym ; Roger de Lecton ; Richard de Mascy ; Peter Dunvile ; Roger the chaplain. n.d. (before 1278).

Seals : 1. Vesica 32 x 20. Crescent and star. Insc. + S' HAWISIE FI..AL

2. Vesica 29 x 22. Fleur-de-lys. Insc. + S' ROGERI DE LIMME.

20. Identical copy of the same ; seals counterchanged. n.d. (before 1278).

21. Copy of the same ; slight variations in wording. n.d. (before 1278).

22. Lease for 23 years commencing Midsummer 1281 : Thomas Hose of Chester to John de Salopesbir' citizen of Chester ; land in Brugestrete between that of Richard the engineer and that of John Hose, brother of Thomas Hose, except a small part which the said Richard had from the beginning ; for £6 and ½d. p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses : Alexander Hurel, mayor of Chester ; Robert de Hole, sheriff of Chester ; Ranulf de Deresbir' ; Hugh de Moles ; Robert the mercer ; Robert Harald ; Robert de Terven ; William de Salopesbir' ; Geoffrey the clerk. n.d. (1281).

23. Grant : Margery, widow of Alan de Limme, to Roger Dunville her brother ; the land in Brunstath which she had by gift of the said Roger, for 10 marks. Witnesses : Sir Patrick de Heslewelle ; Sir William Lancelyn ; Robert de Pulle ; Bertram de Moelis ; Robert de Bebintona ; William Walens' of Tanemul ; Peter, parson of half the church of Limme. n.d. (1278-82).

Seal : Vesica 35 x 23 ; eight-point asterisk ; Insc. + S' MARGER' D' LIMME.

24. Quitclaim : Roger de Lymme and Hawise his wife to Sir Roger Dunville ; all rights in manor of Wodechirche which is member of the manor of Thingewalle, and in advowson of the church of St. Peter, Wodechirch'. Witnesses : Sir Patrick de Heselwell, kt. ; Sir Richard de Mascy, kt. ; Sir Philip de Bamville, kt. ; Sir William Lancelyn, kt. ; William Walens' ; Bertram de Melis ; Robert de Bebinton ; Robert de Pulle ; William Walens' of Tranemol. n.d. (1278-82).

25. Grant : Philip the clerk, citizen of Chester, to his daughter Joan, wife of Walter de Hole ; land in Brugestrete, Chester, lying between the land of Hugh de Meles and the road which leads to the castle alongside the land which I occupy, for 1d. p.a. payable at Midsummer, the grant to be void should Joan die without issue. Witnesses : Sir Reginald de Grey, justice of Chester ; Hamon de Pureleg', constable of Chester ; Hugh de Brichul, mayor of Chester ; Hugh Payn and Andrew de Stonlowe, sheriffs of Chester ; Robert de Terven ; Robert Harald ; Richard his brother ; Robert de Bradeford ; Ranulf de Merton ; Mr. Richard the engineer ; Robert de Molend'. n.d. (1292-3).

26. Grant: Roger Doumville, son of William de Pennesby, to Roger Doumville, son and heir of Roger Doumville; all his land in Bronstathe. Witnesses: Sir Patrick de Heselwell; Sir Richard de Sondbach; William de Praers, sheriff of Cheshire; William Launcelyn; James de Pulle; Robert de Bebington; Nathaniel the clerk. n.d. (c. 1294).

Seal: Circle 28, damaged. Insc. ————— DE PENNISBI.

27. Grant: Robert Harald of Chester to Richard, son of Richard Childerhous; land in Bruggestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land of Alexander Hurel to that of Christina Bertay, and in length from the highway to the land of the said Alexander; for 12s. 4d. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: Hugh de Brichull, mayor of Chester; Alexander Hurel and Robert Ithel, sheriffs of Chester; Ranulf de Derisbur'; Robert de Terven; William de Donecastre'; Richard Harald; William Young; Philip del Childerhous; Richard Russel the clerk. n.d. (1294-6; rough transcript).

28. Grant: Hugh de Raby to his eldest son Robert; the vill of Raby, for 20 marks. Witnesses: Sir Reginald de Grey, justice of Chester; Richard de Masey, kt.; Hugh de Dutton, kt.; Patrick de Haselwelle, kt.; Ralph de Vernon, kt.; Robert de Bebington; James de Pulle; Robert de Praers; Hugh de Caluilegh. n.d. (1282-1300).

Seal: Circle 23; eight-point asterisk; Insc. S' HUGONIS D' RABY.

29. Grant: Hugh de Raby and Amicia his wife to their son and heir Robert; five messuages in Chester next the wall, which formerly belonged to Gilbert de Newton; for one rose p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Sir Reginald de Grey, justice of Chester; Richard de Masey; Sir Patrick de Haselwelle; Robert de Bebington; James de Pulle; William the clerk. n.d. (1282-1300).

30. Grant: William de Hellesby to Ralph le Sumtere of Hapesforde; an arable plot in Hellesby wood, lying in breadth from the property of the abbot and convent of St. Werbergh's, Chester, to the ditch by the Chester-Frodesam road, and in length from the plot which Elyas the smith holds of the grantor and the plot called le Ermitesfeld. Witnesses: Peter, lord of Thornton; Robert de Manlegh; Thomas de Eltone; Robert de Eltone; William de Trofforde; William le Brun of Donam; William de Hapesforde; John the clerk. n.d. (c. 1300).

Seal: Circle 22. Eagle and small bird. Insc. S' WILLEL' DE HELLISBY.

31. Quitclaim: Agnes daughter of Richard de Holle of Donham and widow of John de Pylkinton to William,

son of Ralph le Sumpter of Hapusford; all her rights in a messuage and $4\frac{1}{2}$ strips of land in Donham, which William son of Richard de Donham, and his wife Alice, daughter of Richard de Holle, gave to the said William son of Ralph. Witnesses: Peter de Thornton; William de Hellusby; William de Troford; Robert de Elton; Thomas de Elton; William, son of Robert; William le Bruyn, n. d. (c. 1300).

32. Grant: W(arin) de G(rosvenor) of B(udworth) to R(obert) Daa, his son; a plot of land in B(udworth) in foresta, boundaries as follows:—Firstly at the corner between Duntun and the assart which Dogge formerly held in farm, following the ditch to le Dedecherlenche, up the ditch by the head of the assart which A de B (*sic*) formerly held in farm, along the ditch to Doggruding, down the ditch between Doggruding and Duntun to the afsd corner. With fishing and other privileges. n. d. (1307-09; rough draft without witnesses).

33. Exchange of land: Warin le Grosvenor, lord of Boddeworth, and William, son of Robert le Grosvenor; five half-strips of which three lie in le Witefeuld and two in le Berecroft, viz., one on le Witefeuld above le Polforlong next the half-strip which Marg' de Lewes held, and it extends above le Haslond near Baldwelle; item, one between that which William Kayn held and the strip which Henry, son of William del Halwes, held, and it extends to le Heth'; item, one between that which William Kayn held and the strip which Richard, son of Deykyn, held, and it extends towards le Homappeltrestawe; item, one in le Hallecroft between the land which Robert le Mareschall held of Katharine, daughter of Warin le Grosvenor, and the strip which Richard Balle held, and it extends to le Walkemulnepoul; item, one above le Blakeflatte next that which Robert, son of Roger, held, and it extends towards the house of the afsd William, son of Robert le Grosvenor; against five strips of which three lie in le Dichefeul, one in le Schepecroft, and one in le Hethilewes above le Solinhurstesflatte, near le Clovenlowe. Witnesses: Richard Doun; Sir Robert de Farnworth, chaplain of Boddeworth; Ranulf de Martona; Robert Daa; Richard, son of Warin le Grosvenor; John the clerk. n. d. (1307-09).

Seal: Circle 26. Broad arrow. Insc. S' WARINI LE GROVENVR.

34. Inquisition taken at Chester, Friday before Michaelmas 3 Edward II; Warianus, son of Warianus de Grosvenour held on the day of his death the vill of Budwurthe by homage of the king in chief, and it was worth £10 p.a., and he held certain forestries in the forest of Mara and Mondrem by finding one foot-man for the custody of the

said forest, worth $\frac{1}{2}$ mark p.a. ; and Robert, son of Warianus, is his heir, and he is 21 years old and more. (26 September 1309).

35. Grant : Robert de Grovenour of Budworth to Mabel, widow of his uncle Thomas de Budworth ; all land which belonged to the said Thomas (except the dower of the said Mabel) within the following bounds :—firstly at *noim oreñ* along the hedge to the house called le Hayhous,, thence along the hedge and the ditch to le Brok', along le Brok' to Wodefordefurde, along Wodefordefurde and Stodleysiche to the hedge, along the hedge and the ditch to *noim oreñ* ; for one rose p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses : Sir Hugh (de Audley), justice of Chester ; Sir Hugh de Dutton, kt. ; Sir Roger de Chedul, kt. ; Richard de Fouleshurst, sheriff of Cheshire ; William de Baggel' ; John ———legh. n.d. (c.1314 ; damaged).

Seal : Circle 21. Stag's head with cross between antlers. Insc. S' ROBERTI DE GROVENOVR.

36. Grant : Ranulf de Merton to Ranulf de Alreton and Eva his wife ; a plot of land in Bruggestrete, Chester, which he had by gift of King Edward, lying in breadth from the city wall to the lane which leads from Bruggestrete to the gate called le Shipgate, and in length from the highway to the wall ; for 33s. 4d. p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day. Witnesses : William de Danecastr', mayor of Chester ; Hugh de Brichull ; Alexander Hurel ; Mr. Richard, the engineer ; Roger Dunfoul ; Robert de Maclesfeld ; John de Terven ; John de Deresbur' ; Robert Urkel. n.d. (c.1301-2).

37. Release for grantor's lifetime : Gilbert de Lymme to Peter, son of Sir Peter de Werbirton, kt. ; lands which he holds by gift of the said Peter in Buddeworth, and Aston in the place called Erredon. Witnesses : Roger de Leycestr' ; Hugh de Pikemere ; John de Merbur' ; Hugh de Merbur' ; Richard Stanley of Buddeworth. Given at Buddeworth St. Nicholas's day 16 Edward II. (6th December 1322).

38. Agreement : Robert Daa of Bodworth and William de Venables of Brodewall ; *re* all those lands of which Robert was enfeoffed by Warin Grovenor his father, excepting a field called Wylmyscroft towards Ruston, and an empty plot lying between the water which is the boundary of Ruston and the road which leads from Ruston to Norwyc', and thus along the road to the by-road which leads from Boddeworth to Utkynton ; that the lands belong to the afsd William and his wife Agnes, daughter of the afsd Robert, with reversion to the heirs of Robert. And if Robert fails to carry out the necessary procedure William and Agnes shall recover £100 from him. Witnesses : John de Wetonale ;

Peter de Thorneton; Robert de Grovenor; Ranulf del Hope; Robert, the clerk; Peter de Wetonale. Given at Boddeworth, Monday after St. Nicholas, 18 Edward II. (10th December 1324; rough transcript unsealed, in a later hand).

39. Release for 10 years commencing Whitsun 1333; Joan, daughter of Hugh de Berneston, to Robert, son of John Dounvill; a rent of 13s. 4d. p.a. from lands which Matthew de Thyngwall holds in Thyngwall, as granted to the said Robert by Ralph de Berneston and Isabel his wife. Witnesses: Ralph de Haselwall; Stephen de Merton; Richard del Hogh; William de Prenton; Hugh de Pennesby. Given at Pennesby Friday after St. Augustine A.D. 1333. (28th May 1333).

Seal: Oval 18 x 14. Spread eagle. No insc.

40. Grant for life; John Dounville to Richard del Cros, chaplain; the manors of Brunstat and Oxton, and demesne and rents in Thyngwall. Witnesses: Robert de Bebynton; Stephen de Merton; Richard del Hogh; William de Prenton; Hugh de Pennesby. Given at Brunstat, Monday after St. Barnabas Ap. A.D. 1334. (13th June, 1334).

41. Grant: Richard de Brumburgh and Mary his wife to Thomas, son of William Garlek; lands in Bruggestrete, Chester, which they had by inheritance from Eva de Schottwyke, mother of the said Mary. Witnesses: John le Blound, mayor of Chester; Henry Hurell and Madoc de Capenhurst, sheriffs of Chester; John de Hawardyn; Henry, the clerk. Given at Chester the vigil of SS. Simon and Jude App., 11 Edward III. (27th October 1337).

42. Grant: William, son of Ralph the clerk, of Berneston, to Adam, son of Henry, son of William de Schotewik; all his lands, etc., in Berneston. Given at Berneston 28th April 12 Edward III. (28th April, 1338).

43. Grant for lives: John de Penisby, chaplain, to Thomas son of Robert Hollissone and Hugh his brother; land in Oxton which he had from Thomas Hollissone of Oxton, with reversion to John Dounwil, senr., and his wife Matilda. Witnesses: Robert de Poull; Henry de Hoton; Hamon le Massy; Robert de Berneston; John Lascelis. n.d. (c. 1340; indented).

44. Grant: Matilda, widow of Robert de Heth of Chester, to William Garlek, citizen of Chester, and Isolde his wife; lands in Bruggestrete, Chester, which she inherited from her parents Ranulf de Olerton and Eva; for one rose p.a. for the first ten years, payable at Midsummer, and 4 marks p.a. thereafter, payable quarterly. Witnesses: John Blound, mayor of Chester; John de Hawardyn and

Edmund de Waterfall, sheriffs of Chester; Richard de Capenhurst; Roger le Calf; Hugh de Mulneton; Thomas Dunfoull; Thomas Ulkell; Richard, the clerk. Given at Chester, Saturday the morrow of the translation of St. Thomas M., 14 Edward III. (8th July, 1340; indented).

45. Indentures between Robert de Raby, citizen of Chester, of one part, and Richard del Hogh of the other: granting the marriage of his son Robert fitz Robert to Katharine, daughter of the said Richard; and to the said Robert and Katharine 2 messuages, 4 bovates of land and 40 acres of waste in Raby, and the reversion after his death of all the remainder of his property and of certain lands in Chester of which he has enfeoffed his two sons for their lifetime—viz., a messuage called Earl Ranulf's Forge and two curtilages at Claverton, and the bailwick of the serjeanty of Bruggestrete; and a garden and a plot of land between the city wall and le Rodeghe, of which he intends to enfeoff his son Philip. If the said Robert die without issue by Katharine, the whole to revert to the afsd Robert de Raby, senr., and his heirs. For this agreement Richard will pay Robert, senr., 80 marks, half of which is returnable if the said Katharine dies without issue before attaining the age of 20—unless the Church will allow Richard to have the marriage of Robert, junr., to one of his other daughters, in which case any outstanding payment will be respited. Witnesses: Sir Henry de Ferrers, justice of Chester; Robert de Bulkley, sheriff of Cheshire; Richard Praers; Richard de Capenhurst; James de Coghill. Given at Chester 16th August 14 Edward III (16th August 1340).

46. Grant: William de Praers, parson of Herthull, to Philip, son of Robert, son of Hugh de Raby of Chester; a garden and plot called Pinsynescroft, lying between the walls of Chester and le Rodeghe, and the bailwick of the serjeanty of Bruggestrete, Chester; with reversion to grantee's father, then to Robert, son of the afsd Robert, son of Hugh, and his heirs by his wife Katharine, daughter of Richard del Hogh, then to any other heirs of Robert, son of Hugh. Witnesses: John Blound, mayor of Chester; John de Hawardyn and Edmund de Waterfall, sheriffs of Chester; Richard de Capenhurst; Roger Blound; Henry Hurell; William de Donecastr'; Thomas Dunfoull; Richard, the clerk. Given at Chester 4th September 14 Edward III. (4th September 1340; indented).

47. Grant, for grantor's lifetime: Thomas, son of Robert Hulleesson to John Donville, junr.; a messuage and a bovat of land in Oxtou. Witnesses: Robert de Berneston; John de Warwyk; John de Thyngwall. Given at Oxtou Monday after Candlemas A.D. 1341. (5th February, 1342).

48. Quitclaim: Henry, son of John le Clerk of Byshpuston, to William le Budel of Albritone and Amicia his wife; all rights in a messuage in Albritone between that of William Carles and that of Isabella Villynk. Witnesses: Ralph de Wyllye; Thomas de Aston; Thomas de Claverleye, clerk; Simon de Hadinton; Richard de Wodehous of Albritone. Given at Claverleye Sunday after St. Laurence 16 Edward III. (11th August 1342).

49. Grant: John Dounville, senr., to Richard del Crosse, chaplain; all his lands in Upton, Berneston, Wylaston, Boggelauton (a vacant plot called Bolemore) and Congulton. Witnesses: Thomas de Ferers, justice of Chester; Robert de Pull; John de Capenhurst; Henry de Hoton; Richard del Hogh. Given at Bronestath the octave of St. Lucia V., A.D. 1343. (20th December, 1343).

50. Surrender: as 49; reversion of lands in Berneston on the death of Maud, widow of Ranulf the clerk of Berneston, and of her daughter Margery. Witnesses: Robert de Pulle; Henry de Hoton; Robert de Berneston; Robert de Calvylegh; William de Laken. Given at Berneston, Wednesday after Epiphany A.D. 1343. (7th January 1344).

51. Grant: Richard Pigot and Richard del Cros, chaplains, to John Donville, senr.; the manor of Oxtou, except the land which John, son of the afsd John, and Cecilia his wife already hold by their gift; and to John, junr., and heirs by Cecilia, all their rents and demesne in Thyngwall, with reversion to the heirs of John, senr. Witnesses: Robert de Pulle; Henry de Hoton; Robert de Berneston; John de Capenhurst; Richard del Shawe. Given at Oxtou Thursday after St. Petronilla A.D. 1345. (2nd June, 1345; rough draft unsealed).

52. Fair copy of 51. (2nd June 1345).

53. Grant: Richard Pigot and Richard del Cros, chaplains, to John Donville, senr., and Matilda his wife; the manor of Brunstat, with reversion to John, son of the said John, and heirs male, and then to the heirs of John and Matilda. Witnesses as 51. Given at Brunstat Wednesday after St. Augustine, Bp., A.D. 1345. (31st August 1345).

54. Counterpart of 53. (31st August 1345).

55. Grant: Richard Pigot and Richard del Cros, chaplains, to John, son of John Donville, his wife Cecilia and heirs male; lands in Oxtou which Richard, son of Robert de Oxtou, Roger de Forneby, William the smith and Adam de Wylaston held of grantors on lease, and 10 acres of waste in Oxtou as measured and agreed upon by grantees, with reversion to John Donville, senr., and his heirs. Given at Oxtou; witnesses and date as 53. (31st August 1345).

56. Counterpart of 55. (31st August 1345).

57. Exemplification on one sheet of 53 and 55. (31st August 1345). Copied 30th March 16 Richard II and sealed by the said John, son of John Donville, in the presence of: Edward le Mascy; John le Brunstat, parson of Modberlegh; Nicholas le Mascy; Thomas de Swetenham; John Jardre, chaplain; Ralph de Swetenham; Cecilia, wife of John Donville, junr.; Elena, daughter of the same; Matilda, daughter of the same; Roger de Holes; David de Holes. (30th March 1393).

Seal: Circle 21. Shield of arms, a lion rampant. Insc. + S' IOHIS: DOVNWILE:

58. Lease for 6 years commencing St. Ceadde's day 20 Edward III: John Dannville, citizen of Chester, to Robert the clerk, citizen of Chester; a messuage in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land of Henry del Forde to the lane called Flescmongereslane, and in length from the highway to the land of Henry afsd; for one rose p.a. payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Richard de Capenhurst, mayor of Chester; Madoc de Capenhurst and Bartholomew de Northurdene, sheriffs of Chester; Robert de Ledesham; Richard le Bruyn; John de Lodelouwe; William Braz, clerk. Given at Chester, date as above. (2nd March 1346; indented).

Seal: Circle 11. A bull's head. No insc.

59. Quitclaim: Hamon, brother and heir of William de Winstaniston to John Dounville, senr.; all his rights in Penisbi and Thingwal. Witnesses: Thomas de Farariis, justice of Chester; Richard de Fowshurst; John de Wetenale; Richard de Munsul; John de Bressi. Given at Malham village, Friday after the Exaltation of St. Cross, 20 Edward III. (15th September 1346).

60. Grant: Henry de Eccles, chaplain, to John le Sausser, citizen of Chester, and Thomas de Preston of Chester; a plot with cellars, shops, etc., in Estgatestrete, Chester, which he has by gift of the said John le Sausser, lying in breadth from the land of Vale Royal Abbey to the land late of David Russell, and in length from the highway to the land late of John de Deresbur'. Witnesses: John Blound, mayor of Chester; William de Capenhurst and Richard de Ditton, sheriffs of Chester; Richard de Capenhurst; Alan de Whetelegh; Bartholomew de Northworthyn; Adam del Wode; Robert de Castro; Richard, the clerk. Given at Chester, Monday after Ascension Day 23 Edward III. (25th May 1349).

61. Settlement of dispute between John Dounvill and William de Sannelegh (*sic*), chief forester of Wirral forest, concerning certain putures. Witnesses: Robert de Pulle;

Richard del Hogh ; Henry de Hoton. Given at Brunstat Friday before St. Barnabas Ap., 26 Edward III. (8th June 1352 ; indented).

Seal : Circle 20. Shield of arms, on a bend, three stags' heads caboshed. Insc. SIGILLUM WILL'I STANL..

62. Grant : Thomas Garlek, citizen of Chester, to Richard le Bruyn, citizen of Chester, and Alice his wife ; lands in the city lying in breadth from the city wall to the lane which leads from Bruggestrete to le Shippegate, and in length from Bruggestrete to the wall and le Shippegate ; which lands formerly belonged to William Garlek and his wife Isolde my mother, Richard de Brunburgh and his wife Mary, and Robert le Taverner and his wife Alice. Witnesses : John Blound, mayor of Chester ; Thomas Wyssy and Adam del Hope, sheriffs of Chester ; Richard de Capenhurst ; Alan de Whetelegh ; William de Whitmore ; Richard de Rydelegh ; John Dalby. Given at Chester Monday after Michaelmas 27 Edward III. (30th September 1353).

63. Quitclaim : Robert, son of Robert le Taverner, to Richard le Bruyn, citizen of Chester, and Alice his wife ; all rights in lands in Bruggestrete, Chester, which formerly belonged to Robert my father, Alice my mother, and Thomas Garlek. Witnesses and date as 62. (30th September 1353).

64. Quitclaim : Roger de Forthewynd, parson of Tilstan, to Richard le Bruyn, citizen of Chester, and Alice his wife ; all rights in lands in Bruggestrete, Chester, granted to them by Thomas Garlek. Witnesses and date as 62. (30th September 1353).

Seal : Circle 24. Our Lord in Glory. Insc. (S') ROGE(RI DE F)ORTHE(WYN)D.

65. Grant : John, son of William de Shavynton, to John Colle, citizen of Chester, and Agnes his wife ; a messuage in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land late of Hugh le Mercer to that late of William de Waterfall, and in length from the highway to the land late of Roger le Harper ; for 24s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses : Richard le Bruyn, mayor of Chester ; Roger de Ledesham and William Braaz, sheriffs of Chester ; Richard de Capenhurst ; Alan de Whetelegh ; William de Whitmor ; Stephen de Kelshale. Given at Chester Monday after Christmas 28 Edward III. (29th December 1354 ; indented). Seals : (1) Circle 21. Shield of arms : on a bend, five crosslets. Insc. (S')IOHANIS D' SHAVINTON. (2) Circle 28. Shield of arms : quarterly, 1 and 4 a bend sinister, 2 and 3 a cross engrailed. Insc. s' ioh' (de) schauinton.

66. Lease for life: Roger la Warre, kt., to John de Buspuston; the manor of Albrighton; for £20 p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day; provisions for distraint, conditions of maintenance. Given at Albrighton Monday, Michaelmas day, 29 Edward III. (29th September 1355; indented).

67. Grant: as 65. Witnesses: John Blound, mayor of Chester; Benedict de Rydelegh and Hamon de Tyddesbury, sheriffs of Chester; Richard le Bruyn; Stephen de Kelshall; William de Whitemore; Alleyn le Bellezett'. Given at Chester Tuesday after Midsummer 30 Edward III. (28th June 1356; indented). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the open portmote of Chester, Monday after St. Matthew Ap., 32 Edward III, before the mayor and witnesses as below (*sic*—no names given). Seals: As 65.

68. Pleas of the forest of Wyrhale held at Chester before Richard de Wylughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves, and John de Brunham, junr., justices in eyre of the lord Prince of Wales for determining pleas of the said forest, Monday after St. Matthew Ap., 31 Edward III.

John Dounville, senr., gave half a mark in pledge for his claim by plea of Robert de Pulle. And he claims for himself and his heirs in all his lands and holdings in Wyrhale forest to freely assart his lands within the bounds of cultivation, and also if there be lands of his within the bounds of his manors formerly cultivated where wood has not grown, licence to cultivate it; and to take housbote and haybote of all kinds of wood within the afsd forest without view of forests, and to give or sell dead wood to whomsoever he pleases, and that his heirs should not be impleaded for such. And he claims for himself, his heirs, men, tenants, and farmers in his manors of Brunstath and Oxtou which are within the afsd forest, the right to cut turfs, to cut, dry and carry peat, and to take broom, bracken, and heather for fuel to a reasonable extent without view of forests. And he claims all these rights by virtue of a charter of Ranulf, late earl of Chester, which he produced in testimony; the which privileges the late King Edward, grandfather of the present king, confirmed by charter, which he produced in testimony, and it was dated at Westminster 30th March anno 28. And he also says that Edward, now Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, confirmed all these privileges by charter, which he produced, and it was dated at Chester, roth September 27 and 14 Edward III. And he says that at time of Earl Ranulf's grant one Robert Dounville, kt., was seized of the said manors; and that he and his predecessors have enjoyed the said privileges time out of mind. And William de Wakebrugge objected to the cutting of turfs, because on this

very eyre it has been presented that the turf-cutting has made holes into which divers beasts of the forest have fallen, to their great injury, and contrary to the forest assize. And John admitted this, and his claim to cut turfs to be in mercy. And William stated that John and his ancestors time out of mind had not enjoyed the other privileges without interference from the forest, and this could be verified. And John put himself on oath before the said justices at Chester on Monday after the assumption of the B.V.M., when William came and declared that John in person and agreed jurors had stated on oath that John and all his ancestors time out of mind had enjoyed the afd privileges from the time of the granting of the afd charters without interruption. It was then agreed that John should enjoy them to himself and his heirs, saving the rights of the Prince of Wales. (27th February 1357).

69. Rough summary of the pleadings in 68. (27th February 1357).

70. Lease for life : Sir Roger la Warre to Hugh Careles, clerk ; the manor of Albrighton, Salop, for £20 p.a. payable at Burstall near Leycestre on SS. Philip and James and Martinmas. Witnesses : Thomas de Wyke, parson of Mamecestre ; John de Wyke of Scredington ; John Undrewod' of Magna Castreton. Given at Assewell, feast of SS. Simon and Jude, 32 Edward III. (28th October 1358 ; indented).

Seal : Circle 20. Shield of arms : a bend, in the sinister field a mullet. Insc. SIGILLU(M HUGO)NIS CA(RE)LES.

71. Lease for lives : Roger la Warre, kt., to John atte Wode and Lucia his wife ; the manor of Albrighton, Salop ; for £20 p.a. payable at Easter and Michaelmas, with permission to sublet for grantees' lifetime plus one year. Given at Sandwych' Saturday after St. Luke Ev., 33 and 20 Edward III. (19th October 1359 ; indented).

72. Grant : William de Whytemore, citizen of Chester, and Idonia his wife, to John Colle, citizen of Chester, and Agnes his wife ; $\frac{2}{3}$ of a tenement in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land of John de Northworthyn to that of John Colle afd., and in length from the highway to the land of John Colle afd. ; and reversion to the other $\frac{1}{3}$, which Richard Mody and Agnes his wife hold in dower of the said Agnes after the death of her former husband John le Mercer, and which on her death ought to return to us ; for 6s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses : Alan de Whetelegh, mayor of Chester ; John de Tramoll' and Henry de Walsh, sheriffs of Chester ; John Blound ; Richard le Bruyn ; Stephen de Kelshall ; John de Haurthyn, clerk. Given at Chester Monday the morrow of St. Mark Ev.,

35 Edward III. (26th April 1361; indented). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the open portmote of Chester held Monday after the Nativity of the B.V.M., 38 Edward III, before Alan de Whetelegh, mayor of Chester, Richard de Manlegh and Geoffrey de Flynt, sheriffs of Chester.

Seals: (1) Circle 21 (bad strike). Shield of arms. Insc. SIGILLUM WILLI DE W.

(2) Circle 18. Shield of arms: fretty. Insc. illegible.

73. Lease for 12 years commencing Saturday, Christmas day next ensuing the date of these presents: John, son of William de Shavynton, to Adam de Huyton; one shop and two rooms above, and one room next the afsd two rooms which Margery de Blorton formerly held of the afsd John, in le Buttershoppes in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying between the land of Robert de Brocton and that of the afsd John; for 32s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: Alan de Whetelegh, mayor of Chester; Henry Doun and Hugh de Stretton, sheriffs of Chester; Richard le Bruyn; William de Derwalshagh. Given at Chester the day abovenamed (*sic*) 35 Edward III. (25th December 1361; indented).

74. Power of attorney: Philip de Raby to Richard de Dedenam; to delivery to Richard Fylkes, chaplain, and Thomas de Raby, seizin of lands in Raby, Chester and Clarton. Given at Chester Monday the vigil of St. Matthew Ap., A.D. 1361. (23rd February 1362).

75. Lease for lives: John, son of Richard de Frodesham, to Henry Doun, citizen of Chester, his wife Margery, and their son Thomas; a messuage in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land late of William de Doncastr' to the city wall, and in length from the highway to the land late of Henry Gyn; for one barbed arrow p.a., payable at Midsummer. Witnesses: Alan de Whetelegh, mayor of Chester; Henry Doun and Hugh de Stretton, sheriffs of Chester; Richard le Bruyn; Richard de Manlegh; Roger de Ledesham; Thomas de Apulton. Given at Chester, Wednesday before St. Gregory, pope, 36 Edward III. (9th March 1362).

Seal: Circle 25. Shield of arms: a cross engrailed; crest, a saltire chequy; Insc. s' iohis frodushā

76. Power of attorney to William Doun to deliver seizin as in 75. Given at Chester, Thursday before St. Gregory, pope, 36 Edward III. (10th March 1362). Seal: As 75.

77. Grant: John le Taylor of Albrizton to Henry, vicar of Albrizton and William, rector of Ruton; all his lands in Albrizton. Witnesses: William Austyn of Albrizton; John Gillesone; John le Walkar. Given at Albrizton Sunday after Lady Day 38 Edward III. (31st March 1364).

Seal: Circle 20. Shield of arms; an escutcheon voided, a label of three points for difference. Insc. illegible.

78. Grant: Henry and William to John (as in 77) and Margery his wife; the lands which John gave them in Albrizton. Witnesses: as 77. Given at Albrizton Wednesday before SS. Philip and James 39 Edward III. (30th April 1365).

Seals: (1) Circle 16. A quatrefoil. Insc. illegible.

(2) Circle 24. Shield of arms: barry. Insc. SIGILLV (W)ILL'I.....

79. Quitclaim: John, son of Richard de Frodesham to Henry Doune, citizen of Chester; all rights in land in Chester (as in 75) which Henry, his wife Margery and son Thomas already hold for lives. Witnesses: Richard le Bruyn, mayor of Chester; Nicholas de Troghford and Richard de Hawardyn, sheriffs of Chester; Roger de Ledesham; Thomas de Apulton; William Graie; John de Tranemore; Thomas Pecok. Given at Chester Saturday after St. Ceadda, bp., 43 Edward III. (3rd March 1369). Seal: As 75.

80. Grant: John Colle and Agnes his wife to Robert de Bredon, parson of St. Peter's, Chester, John de Neston and Richard de Eccleston, chaplains; all their lands in the city and fields of Chester, inside and out. Witnesses: Richard le Bruyn, mayor of Chester; Nicholas de Troghford and Richard de Hawardyn, sheriffs of Chester; Henry Doun; Alexander Hurell; Alexander le Belleyetter; Robert de Drotton; Robert le Calf. Given at Chester Saturday the vigil of St. Mary Magdalene, 43 Edward III. (21st July 1369.)

81. Grant: Richard le Grovenor, lord of Buddeworth in le Fryth, to James le Taylor; mills and millponds in Buddeworth, fishing rights in the ponds and the right to fetch timber and earth for embanking. Witnesses: John de Oldynton; Thomas de Venables of Olvendeleghe; Thomas Tochet; Robert, son of William de Buddeworth; John de Overton of Dyton. Given at Buddeworth Tuesday after St. James, Ap., 43 Edward III. (31st July 1369).

82. Grant for life: James le Taillour of Buddeworth to Cecilia, widow of Richard le Grosvenor; rights as in 81. Witnesses: Richard Doune; John de Olton; William de Horton; Thomas de Venables of Alvandeleghe; Robert, son of William de Buddeworth; Peter de Norleghe, clerk. Given at Buddeworth in le Fryth Sunday after St. Laurence 43 Edward III. (12th August 1369).

83. Quitclaim: as in 82; reversion to heirs of Richard le Grosvenor. Witnesses: Hugh de Venables of Kynderton; John de Olton; Arthur de Davenport; Thomas de Venables of Alvandeleghe; William de Horton; John de Overton;

William de Hulgreve of Terperlegh. Given at Buddeworth Sunday before Michaelmas 43 Edward III. (23rd September 1369).

84. Quitclaim: Richard, son of Hugh de Oxtou, to John Dounville; all rights in two messuages and two bovates of land in Oxtou. Given at Upton the morrow of SS. Philip and James App. 44 Edward III. (6th March 1370).

Seal: Circle 17. Shield of arms: Impalement of (1) chequy, a fess, and (2) a bend. Insc. S' HVG' DE . . .

85. Writ of Edward the king's eldest son, addressed to Mr. John de Brunham, chamberlain of Chester: Whereas John Doune and Katharine his wife have showed to us that Earl Ranulf gave by charter to William Myntour, ancestor of the said Katharine, the wardship of the garden within Chester castle, in return for which service he was to have daily livery of food and drink at his house; in lieu of which livery our great-grandfather the King, then Earl of Chester, granted to the ancestors of the said Katharine 3d. per day; and whereas this was paid regularly up to the death of Philip de Raby, father of the said Katharine, nearly nine years ago, but has not been paid since; you are to pay them £10 in settlement of arrears and maintain the regular payment henceforth. Given at Chester 14th March 44 and 31 Edward III. (14th March 1370).

86. Release and quitclaim: William le Grosvenor of Buddeworth, brother of Richard le Grosvenor of Buddeworth, to Cecilia, widow of the said Richard and executrix of his will, and Richard de Henshull of Buddeworth, co-executor; all personal and real actions which he might have against the said Richard up to the date of this charter. Given at Buddeworth 8th January 44 Edward III. (8th January 1371).

87. Release: John de Scolehall, escheator of Cheshire, to Cecilia, widow of Richard le Grosvenor of Buddeworth; the dower assigned to her by the said Richard, viz., one room at the end of the hall in Buddeworth, with a small closet and kitchen annexed; a messuage and a field called Brodeokfeld of 10 acres; a field called Wodefordfeld with a haw called Haskethey (25 acres); a field called le Hethelees with a house called le Shepcote (10 acres); 12½ and 1/3 acres in Oldestodeley towards Haskethey; 1/3 part of Buddeworthwode; a messuage which Richard Clement holds and he pays 4s. 4d. p.a.; a messuage which William le Shermon holds and he pays 7s. p.a.; a messuage which Adam Dawesson holds and he pays 40d. p.a.; a messuage which James le Taillour holds and he pays 6s. p.a.; a messuage which John Bloncorn holds and he pays 4s. p.a.; a messuage which John Clement holds and he pays 40d. p.a.; 2s. 4½d. p.a. from the rent of William David; 1/3 part of a bailewick

in the forest of Mara, worth 13s. 4d. p.a.; and 1/3 share in waste, pasture and other rights in the rest of his lands. Given at Buddeworth 20th January 46 Edward III (20th January 1373).

Seal (damaged): Circle 24. Shield of arms: on a fess, four saltires, between three crescents. Insc. SIGILLV...

88. Grant: Katharine de Raby to Richard Spark and Robert de Neston, chaplains; all her lands; the serjeanty of the gate called Briggezate; 6 marks and 11s. p.a. which she receives from the Earl of Chester; allegiance of her serfs, etc., in Chester, Raby, Honbrigge, and Claverton. Witnesses: Roger Erneys; Nicholas de Troghford; William de Bradburn; John le Chaumberleyn; John le Barbour. Given at Chester Saturday after SS. Peter and Paul 48 Edward III. (1st July 1374). *Dorse*. This was done on condition that the said Richard and Robert should reinfeoff Katharine or her nominees at her pleasure.

Seal: Circle 20. Agnus Dei. Insc. + S' PETRI DE CANDAV.

89. Grant:.....Trumwyn to William Hykken and his lawful heirs; a piece of land called Jewkynesbreche lying in Douston' between the land called on one side and that called le Parkbruche on the other. (1375 or earlier; fragment only, being seal-tag to No. 90).

90. Confirmation of life grant: Roger de Wodehous, William de Hulle of Albrighton, William Gryd of Worcester, Thomas Harlewyn of Norton, Walter Sondford of Grotton and Henry de Ree, to Sir Hugh Careles, rector of Egemondon; a burgage, two crofts, and four plots of land called Hondesley, Cronemere, Chaumpeney, Hondesley, with a plot and four acres in Gaydych, granted to the said Hugh by Amicia le Bedeles with reversion to us. Given at Albrighton Sunday before Michaelmas 49 Edward III. (23rd September 1375).

91. Counterpart of 90. (23rd September 1375).

92. Life grant: Richard Spark and Robert de Neston, chaplains, to Hugh de Holes; lands, etc., as in 88, reciting terms of 88. Witnesses: Roger Erneys; William de Bradbur'; Henry Coli; John le Chaumberleyn; John le Barbour. Given at Chester Wednesday after St. Denis 49 Edward III. (10th October 1375).

Seals: (1) Circle 20. Shield of arms: a chevron between two mullets and a roundel. Insc. S' IOHIS PAVELI.

(2) Circle 24. Virgin and Child under canopy. Insc. s' dñi Ricardi Spark.

(3) Circle 20. A griffin. Insc. + S' WILLI HANKTYN.

93. Power of attorney: Richard Spark to Robert de Neston and Roger Erneys; to deliver seizin as in 92. Date as 92. (10th October 1375).
Seal: As 92 (2).

94. Grant: William, son of William, son of John de Stanley, to Hugh de Holes and David de Holes of Norbury; the putre which I and my ancestors had by virtue of our bailewick of Wyrhale forest, arising from lands, etc., in Raby which Thomas le Wryght and Margery his wife hold by Margery's right; and also 3d. p.a. rent which Thomas and Margery have been paying in lieu. Witnesses: Roger Erneys; David de Eulowe; William de Bradburn; Nicholas de Troghford. Given at Raby Tuesday the vigil of St. Hilary, bp., 1 Richard II. (12th January 1378).
Seal: Circle 22. Shield of arms: on a bend, three stags' heads caboshed. Insc. SIGILLUM (W)ILLI (DE S)TANLEY.

95. Release: William Stanlegh of Wyrhale, senr., to Hugh de Hulles, Richard Spark and Robert de Neston, chaplains; all rents, profits and returns in Raby in Wyrhale which he has been receiving from them. Given at Chester Tuesday before St. Hilary, 1 Richard II. (12th January 1378). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the open county of Chester before Thomas de Felton, king's justice, Tuesday after Epiphany 1 Richard II.
Seal: As 94.

96. Indentures of agreement between John Domvyl and Cecilia his wife of one part and Henry de Torbok of the other. They have granted to the said Henry the marriage of their daughter Margery to his son Henry; and will enfeof trustees in all their lands, etc., in Wyrhall, with remainder to Margery and heirs by Henry; and in the manor and advowson of Modburlegh, so that the demesne lands, advowson and half the other lands within the vill of Modburlegh are to go to John and Cecilia for life and then to Margery and Henry and heirs; and of the remainder of the lands of the manor, half to John and Cecilia for life, then to Elena, wife of Edward le Mascy, and heirs, and half to Isabel, wife of Piers Fyton, and heirs—with reversion of both halves to Margery and Henry. Given at Brunstath Sunday after the Exaltation of St. Cross, 3 Richard II. (18th September 1379).

97. Grant: John de Domvyl to John de Brunstath, parson of Modberlegh, and John Brydde, chaplain; the manors of Brunstath and Oxton and all my rents, etc., in Wyrhall hundred. Witnesses: John de Pulle, kt.; Hamon de Mascy of Podynton; William de Stanlegh; Thomas del

Hogh ; John de Capenhurst. Date as 96. (18th September 1379).

98. Grant : Margaret de Tervyn to John le Barbour, citizen of Chester, and Roger Landecan, chaplain ; three shops with gardens adjacent in Castellane, Chester, lying in breadth from the property of Hugh de Holes in the west to the shops and gardens of Robert Mareschall in the east, and in length from the lane to the garden of Robert le Grosvenor and Joan his wife ; also all lands which the afsd Hugh held on lease from me in Claverton and Chestrefeld, and all lands which ought to come to me by the death of my father Robert lately deceased ; for 10s. p.a. payable at Midsummer and Martinmas during my lifetime. Witnesses : David de Eulowe, mayor of Chester ; Roger de Ditton and Robert Launcelyn, sheriffs of Chester ; John le Chaumberleyn ; William de Bradburn ; John le fitz Warre le rouge (*sic*). Given at Chester 18th January 7 Richard II. (18th January 1384).

99. Grant : Margaret de Tervyn to Hugh de Holes of Chester, David de Holes and John de Holes of Norbury ; property as in 98 ; for 20s. p.a. payable quarterly during my lifetime. Witnesses : David de Eulowe, mayor of Chester ; Roger de Ditton and Robert Launcelyn, sheriffs of Chester ; John le Chaumberleyn ; John de Capenhurst ; William de Bradburne ; John l'armerer ; Robert Mareschall ; Thomas Doune ; John le Barbour. Given at Chester 17th May 7 Richard II. (17th May 1384 ; indented).

100. Charter of Richard Spark, chaplain, and Robert de Neston al. Robert de Ilkestone : reciting terms of 92, and whereas the late Katharine in will made in presence of Roger Erneys her uncle, Roger Brescy, William de Bradburn, Beatrice her servant and Richard Spark, directed that the property should be sold and the proceeds distributed by Roger Brescy and Richard Staunton, rector of Dodeleston, for the soul of her father Philip and her mother Margaret ; we have sold the reversion of Hugh's possessions and all other reversions which ought to come to us, to Roger Brescy, Roger de Horton, John le Barbour, John de Halghton, parson of St. Peter's, Chester, and John de Sudbury, chaplains, and John de Holes of Norbury. Witnesses : Sir Thomas, abbot of St. Werburgh's, Chester ; Sir John Wodehous, chamberlain of Chester ; John Chaumberleyn, mayor of Chester ; Roger Erneys ; William de Bradeburne ; John le Armerer ; Hugh de Holes of Chester. Given at Chester the feast of St. Benedict, Abb., 8 Richard II. (12th January 1385).

Seals : (1) As 92 (2).

(2) Circle 19. Bearded head and sword. Insc. CAPUT IOHIS.

101. Quitclaim for life: Joan de Raby, relative and heir of Philip de Raby and his daughter Katharine, and Richard Filcok, chaplain, acting with the consent and mandate of the said Joan, to Hugh de Holes; all her rights in the manor of Raby, which manor the said Hugh already holds for life by grant of Richard Spark and Robert de Neston, chaplains, made at the order of the said Katharine, lately wife of the said Hugh. Witnesses: John de Wodehous, chamberlain of Chester; John Chaumberleyn, mayor of Chester; Roger Brescy; John Barbour; William de Bradburn. Given at Chester 2nd March 8 Richard II. (2nd March 1385).

102. Grant: Joan de Raby to Robert Erneys, chaplain, with the consent and goodwill of Roger, son of Richard Erneys; a messuage in Castellane, Chester, extending in length from the castle ward (*vicus*) to the land of Robert le Grosvenor, and in breadth from the land of Our Lady of Delves to that of Robert le Mareschall, citizen of Chester. Witnesses: John Chamberlein, mayor of Chester; Thomas Dod and John de Preston, sheriffs of Chester; David de Eulowe; William de Barton; John le Walshe. Given at Chester 12th May 8 Richard II. (12th May 1385).

103. Grant: Joan de Raby, relative and heir of Philip de Raby and his daughter Katharine, and Richard Filcok, chaplain, to John de Halghton, parson of St. Peter's, Chester, Roger Brescy, Hugh de Holes of Chester, Roger de Horton, and John de Holes of Norbury; rents of £4 11s. 3d. which the said Philip and his ancestors had of Chester castle; of 9s. from Matthew del Flynt and his wife Cecilia; $\frac{1}{2}$ the rent of Thomas Hurell, viz. 5s.; $\frac{1}{2}$ the rent of Hugh de Bulkylegh and his wife Cecilia and Alice sister of the said Cecilia, viz., 2s.; custody of the garden of the said castle with all profits and commodities arising therefrom; and confirmation of 101. Witnesses: Sir Thomas, abbot of Chester; John Chaumberleyn, mayor of Chester; Thomas Dod and John de Preston, sheriffs of Chester; Roger Erneys; Robert Fox; Thomas Doune; John Barbour. Given at Chester 16th May 8 Richard II. (16th May 1385).

104. Grant: Roger Erneys, son of Richard Erneys, to John de Halghton, etc., as in 103; rents, etc., as in 103; also quitclaim to the same of all rights in lands in Chester, Honebrugge and Claverton, which they have by grant of Richard Spark and Robert de Neston, chaplains. Witnesses: Sir Thomas, abbot of Chester; John Wodehous, clerk, chamberlain of Chester; John Chaumberleyn, mayor of Chester; Thomas Dod and John de Preston, sheriffs of

Chester; Thomas Doune; Robert Mareschall; John Coly; John Barbour. Given at Chester 17th May 8 Richard II. (17th May 1385).

105. Indentures of agreement between John Domvill of Modburlegh of one part (with the consent of Cecilia his wife) and Hugh de Holes of Chester of the other. Hugh will take to wife Margery, daughter of the said John. The said John will cause Henry, son of Henry de Torbok, when he attains the age of 21 years or within 6 months next ensuing, to relinquish his claims in the manors of Brunstath and Oxton and in lands, etc., in Modburlegh, Thyngwall, and elsewhere in Cheshire and in the advowson of Modburlegh church, which John and Cecilia hold for life; and to enfeof in the said property, by the counsel of the said Hugh, John de Wodehous, clerk, chamberlain of Chester, Roger Brescy, Roger de Horton and John de Holes of Norbury, or whom they shall appoint; and the said John and Cecilia will make fine to the said Hugh and trustees at the next county court of all the said property. 8th April 9 Richard II. (8th April 1386). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the exchequer of Chester before John de Wodehous, chamberlain, 26th September 10 Richard II.

106. Quitclaim: John Wodehous, clerk, to John de Holes of Norbury; all rights in manors of Brunstath and Oxton, with rents of 2 marks and of 1 lb. of cumin in Thyngwall in Wirehall hundred, which John Domville and Cecilia his wife recently granted by a fine levied in the county of Chester to John de Holes, Roger de Horton, Roger Brescy and myself. 6th September 10 Richard II. (6th September 1386).

107. Bond of 500 marks by John Dounvill of Modburlegh to Hugh de Holes, to carry out terms of 105. Given at Chester 7th September 10 Richard II. (7th September 1386; indented). *Dorse*. As 105.

108. Power of attorney: Roger de Brescy, John de Holes of Norbury and Roger de Horton to Fulk le Lytell of Brunstath; to receive seizin of the manors of Brunstath and Oxton with rents of 26s. 8d. and of 1 lb. of cumin in Thingwall, and of the service and homage of Henry Coly and Thomas de Hoton. Given at Chester 12th September 10 Richard II. (12th September 1386).

109. Letters close: Richard D. G. king, etc., to the sheriff of Cheshire; whereas John Donvill of Modburlegh and Cecilia his wife have granted in our court at Chester before the justice of Chester, to Roger Brescy, John de Holes of Norbury and Roger de Horton, lands, etc., as in 108; they are to have possession and seizin without delay. Witness, our uncle the Duke of York, justice of Chester, at

Chester, 12th September anno 10. (12th September 1386; fragment of seal on dorse).

110. Quitclaim: John atte Wode, kt., to Thomas de la Warre, clerk, Thomas Cleymond, William Gerneys, Thomas Stathele, Richard Wolmere, John Fengreyn, and John Overton; his rights in the manor of Albryghton, Salop, which he holds for life and one year more of Sir John de la Warre, kt., lord de la Warre, at a rent of £20 p.a. payable at Martinmas and SS. Philip & James, and which the said Sir John has granted in reversion to present grantees. 29th August 11 Richard II. (29th August 1387).

Seal: Circle 27. Shield of arms: a lion rampant double-tailed. Insc. sigillum iohannis.....s.

111. Charter of John Doumwill and Cecilia his wife: whereas Roger Bressy, clerk, John de Holes of Norbury and Roger de Horton held a moiety of the manors of Brunstat (and Oxton.....by fine) levied in the full county of Chester; and whereas John de Wodehous, chamberlain of Chester, Henry de Duyston, Richard de Spurstowe, and John Chaumberleyn of Chester.....manors to themselves and their heirs by fine levied in the same county, paying to us 20 marks p.a. for our lifetime; we have respited this payment for 12 years on condition that they reserve to us our rights in.....of Ordeshalle in Modberlegh. Given at Modberlegh 12th April 12 Richard II. (12th April 1389; damaged).

112. Lease for life; John de la Warre, kt., Thomas la Warre, clerk, etc., as in 110, to John atte Wode, kt., and Alesia his wife; reciting terms of 110; the manor of Albryghton for £20 p.a. payable at Easter and Michaelmas. Given at Wakyle Friday after Midsummer 13 Richard II. (25th June 1389; indented).

Seals: (1) Circle 36. Shield of arms: semé of cross crosslets, a lion rampant; supporters, on each side a dog, collared; crest; a tree. Insc. (sig)illum iohis la warre.

(2) Circle 27. Shield of arms: as last, without crest or supporters. Insc. sigillum (thome) la warre.

(3) Circle 24. Shield of arms: semé of cross-crosslets, three roundels. Insc. (si)gillum th(ome) clay(mond), And five signets.

113. Power of attorney to Robert de Lye, chaplain, to deliver seizin as in 112. Given at Wakyle Thursday after Midsummer 13 Richard II. (1st July 1389). Seals: As 112.

114. Lease for 10 years: William de Bromburgh, rector of Eaton, Thomas le Porter and John de Crowton, chaplains, to Robert Scotte, carpenter of Chester; a tenement in Estegatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from that of John de Kyrkeby, senr., to the wall of the Earl of Chester,

and in length from the highway to the garden of Sir Laurence de Dutton, kt.; for 40s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: John le Armerer, mayor of Chester; Thomas Hurell and John de Arwe, sheriffs of Chester; John le Chamberleyn; Thomas Doune; Robert Coly; Thomas Pecok; John de Hatton; John de Hawardyn, clerk. Given at Chester Michaelmas day 13 Richard II. (29th September 1389; indented).

115. Repairing lease for 12 years; Hugh de Holes to William de Kerdyne, pelter; the house called le Bultynghous in Chester in which Hugh is wont to dwell, excepting one lower room next the chief room of the house and two others next the kitchen of the house, and the grange of the house; reserving to Hugh, his heirs and their servants accommodation for their horses in two stables when they come to Chester, and also reasonable lodging for the servants as long as they remain on business, with free entry through the hall of the house and the great doorway to the said stables, grange and lower rooms. Rent, 26s. 7d. p.a. payable quarterly; prohibition of sub-letting on pain of 100s. Given at Chester the vigil of Christmas 14 Richard II. (24th December 1390; indented).

116. Grant: John Wodehous, clerk, John Chamberlein, citizen of Chester, Henry de Beston and Richard de Spurstowe to Thomas de Budenhale, parson of Routhestozum, and John de Brunstath, parson of Modberlegh; lands in Brunstath, Oxton, Thyngwall, and Modberlegh, and 1/3 of the advowson of Modberlegh, which we have by grant of Hugh de Holes and his wife Margery as set out in a fine lately levied in the full county of Chester. Witnesses: John le Armure, mayor of Chester; John de Bebinton and Ralph de Hatton, sheriffs of Chester; Robert le Mareschall. Given at Chester 25th March 14 Richard II. (25th March 1391).

Seals: (1) and (2) Signets.

(3) Circle 25. Shield of arms: three mullets. Insc. S' RICARDE DE SPOVRSTOV.

(4) Circle 26. Shield of arms: a bend. Insc. sigillum henrici de beston.

117. Grant: William de Grene, perpetual vicar of Albrighton, and Simon de Calley, chaplain, to Agnes, widow of Roger de Wodehus of Albrighton; all lands, etc., which formerly belonged to William le Bedeles in the demesne of Albrighton, and which we had by grant of the said Roger; reversion to Ralph, son of the said Roger and Agnes, and heirs, then to Alice, daughter of Roger and Agnes, and heirs, then to any other heirs of the said Roger. Witnesses: John Minfrey; Edmund de Hadynton;

John the clerk of Albrighton; Hugh le Machon' of Albrighton; John le Barcar' of Shuffenhale. Given at Albrighton Tuesday after the Nativity of the B.V.M. 16 Richard II. (10th September 1392; indented).

118. Charter of William de Brunburgh, parson of Aldeford, Thomas le Porter, chaplain, and John de Crouton, chaplain; whereas Mr. Thomas Doune, clerk, gave us at will a messuage in Estgatestrete, Chester, which Henry Doune and his wife Margery held, and which extends from the city wall on the east to the land of Richard le Cartwright which he holds in fee-farm of William de Hope on the west, and from the highway on the north to the garden of Peter de Dutton, relative and heir of Laurence Dutton, kt., on the south; and whereas Mr. Thomas directed in his will that the land should be sold and the proceeds disposed of by executors as directed; we have sold the land to Hugh de Holes for an agreed price. Witnesses: Gilbert Trussell, mayor of Chester; Robert Launcelyn and John de Preston, sheriffs of Chester; John le Chaumberleyn, John le Barbour, Robert Coly, Thomas Pygot, and William de Bradburne, citizens of Chester. Given at Chester 20th March 16 Richard II. (20th March 1393).

119. Grant: William de Becheton al. William le Baille to Hugh de Holes; all his share in common land belonging to Katharine his wife in Budworth, which land Katharine and others her partners recovered by assize of novel disseisin in the open court of Chester against Richard le Grosvenor, along with damages taxed at 4 marks. Witnesses: John Markam and John Woderone, serjeants at law; Roger de Holes; Thomas Wirsoppe; David de Holes. 21st October 17 Richard II. (21st October 1393).

120. Grant: John de Holes of Norbury to Hugh de Holes; the manors of Brunstat and Oxtou and rents of 2 marks and of 1 lb. of cumin in Thyngwall in the hundred of Wirehall, which John Dounvill and Cecilia his wife lately granted to me, to Roger Brescy and Roger de Horton by fine levied in the county of Chester, and the said two Rogers afterwards devised their interest to me. Given at Chester 8th September 18 Richard II. (8th September 1394).

121. Quitclaim: as 120. (8th September 1394).

122. Grant: Hugh de Holes to Cecilia, widow of John de Dounvill; the manors of Brunstath and Oxtou with a rent of 2 marks in Thyngwall; and 1/5 of the hamlet of Hargreve, which he obtained of William de Bradburn of Chester; this 1/5 is held of the king as earl of Chester by knight service. Provided always that the said Cecilia regrants to me on demand. 10th September 18 Richard II. (10th September 1394).

123. Quitclaim : John de Holes of Norbury and David his son to Hugh de Holes ; all rights in lands, rents, etc., in Cheshire, which we, along with said Hugh, acquired from divers persons. 12th September 18 Richard II. (12th September 1394).

124. Quitclaim : Henry, son of Henry de Torbok, to Cecilia, widow of John Dounvill of Modberlegh, Richard de Spurstowe, and John Chaumberleyn, citizen of Chester ; all rights in lands in Brunstath, Oxton, Thyngwall and Modberlegh, and in the advowson of Modberlegh, which John Dounvill and the said Cecilia held by fines levied in the full county of Chester ; by which fines the said lands, etc., were entailed to me. Given at Chester 23rd April 18 Richard II. (23rd April 1395 ; unsealed draft).

125. Grant : Cecilia, widow of John Dounvill of Modberlegh, to John de Brunstath, parson of Modberlegh, and Thomas de Swetenham of Modberlegh ; the manors of Brunstath and Oxton and rents of 2 marks and of 1 lb. of cumin in Thyngwall proceeding from the tenement of Henry Coli ; and also all the lands, mills, etc., which belonged to my father William de Modberlegh, along with the advowson of Modberlegh ; excepting only those lands which I hold for life with reversion to Ralph de Leycestr' and his heirs male. Witnesses : John de Mascy of Podynton, kt. ; John de Pulle, kt. ; John de Mascy of Tatton, kt. ; Robert le Grosvenor, kt. ; John de Leycestr' ; John de Holford ; Robert de Tofte ; William de Stanlegh, senr. ; Thomas del Hogh ; William de Hoton ; Henry Coly. Given at Brunstath 26th April 18 Richard II. (26th April 1395 ; indented). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the exchequer of Chester before Robert Parys, chamberlain of Chester, 27th April 18 Richard II.

126. Counterpart of 125. (26th April 1395).

127. Power of attorney to Roger de Holes to receive seizin as in 125. (26th April 1395).

128. Power of attorney to John de Halghton, chaplain, to deliver seizin as in 125. (26th April 1395).

129. Grant : John de Brunstath (etc., as in 125) to Hugh de Holes and Margery his wife, widow of Henry, son of Henry de Torbok ; lands, etc., as in 125 which we have in fee-simple by gift of Cecilia, widow of John Dounvill of Modburlegh, the mother of the said Margery ; reversion to (1) Thomas, son of Hugh and Margery, and heirs ; (2) Edmund, son of Hugh and Margery, and heirs ; (3) Heirs of body of Hugh and Margery ; (4) Heirs of body of Margery ; (5) Elena, sister of Margery, and heirs male ; (6) Matilda, sister of Margery, and heirs male ; (7) Isabella, sister of Margery, and heirs male ; (8) heirs of John Dounvill.

Witnesses: John de Mascy of Tatton, kt.; Robert le Grosvenor, kt., sheriff of Cheshire; Ralph de Vernon, kt.; Richard de Venables, kt.; John de Mascy of Podynton, kt.; John de Pulle, kt.; John de Leycestr'; John de Holford; Thomas de Whelok; William de Stanley, senr.; Thomas del Hogh; William de Hoton; Henry Coly. Given at Brunstath 14th September 19 Richard II. (14th September 1395; indented).

130. Counterpart of 129. (14th September 1395).

131. Grant: Cecilia Grosvenor, widow of Richard de le Mere, to John de Pulle, kt.; a rent of 10 marks p.a. from her manors of Budworth en le Fryth and other lands in Budworth; with reversion in turn to her sons, William del Mere, Thomas del Mere, Robert del Mere, John del Mere and Richard del Mere. 6th August 21 Richard II. (6th August 1397; indented).

132. Inquisition taken at Kelsale before Richard de Manley, escheator of Cheshire, Thursday before SS. Simon and Jude 4 Henry IV. 12 jurors swore on oath that John, son of Hugh de Wrottesley, kt., died seized in demesne as of fee of 2 parts of a messuage and of 30 acres of land in Boddeworth in le Frith which are held of the Earl of Chester by knight service and are worth 17s. 10d. p.a.; and also of one toft and 5 acres of land in Tyrefford, held of St. John of Jerusalem by rent of 12d. p.a., and they are worth 6s. p.a.; and also of two parts of a messuage and of 10 acres of land in Kelsale, held of John de Kyngesley by rent of 7d. p.a., and they are worth 5s. 4d. p.a. And the said John was not seized of any other lands in this county. He died on Sunday, the vigil of the Nativity of the B.V.M. last past, and a certain Hugh is his son and next heir, and he was 2 years old on Thursday the Exaltation of St. Cross last past. (26th October 1402).

133. Grant: John, son and heir of Henry le Bryn, to Richard le Spencer of Chester and Matilda his wife; 2 adjacent messuages in Bruggestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land of Thomas Fylkyn to the lane which leads from Bruggestrete to le Shippegate, and in length from the highway to the land of the said John lately granted to Roger Erneys, tanner; for 32s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: Roger le Porter, mayor of Chester; Innocent de Chestrefeld and William Kempe, sheriffs of Chester; Robert le Mareschall; Ralph de Hatton; John de Preston. Given at Chester Saturday the feast of Michaelmas 4 Henry IV. (29th September 1403; indented).

134. Quitclaim, with consent of King Henry IV: William Gerneys, Richard Wolmer and John Fengreyne, to Thomas la Warre, clerk, and John de Overton; all

rights in the manor of Albrighton, Salop, which was granted to us all and to Thomas Claymond and Thomas Stathele, now deceased. 1st February 5 Henry IV. (1st February 1404).

135. Grant: Thomas la Warre, clerk, lord la Warre, brother and heir of John la Warre, kt., late lord la Warre, and John de Overton, to Richard de Wolmer; the village and manor of Albrighton, Salop, and a market fair; reversion to Hugh de Holes, kt., Roger Horton, Thomas Thorneburgh, Henry de Birchelees, and heirs of said Hugh. This was done by the king's licence, the octave of Candlemas 5 Henry IV. (9th February 1404; indented).

136. Fine made at Westminster the octave of Candlemas 5 Henry IV, before William Thirnyng, William Rikhill, John Markham, William Hankeford and William Grenehesle, justices: between Richard Wolmer, querent, and Thomas la Warre, clerk, brother and heir of John la Warre, kt., and John de Overton, deforcians; the manor of Albrighton, etc.; deforcians quitclaimed for 200 marks with reversion as in 135. This fine was made by the king's order. (9th February 1404).

137. Grant: John, son and heir of Henry le Bruyn, to John Gogh of Chester and Agnes his wife; a messuage in Bruggestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land which Ralph Corbyn holds in perpetual fee-farm of John de Arderne, kt., to that which Mr. William le Plummer holds in perpetual fee-farm of Hugh de Ravenscroft; and in length from the highway to the land of Ralph Corbyn afsd; for 11s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: John de Preston, mayor of Chester; William Rachedale and Thomas Aleyn, sheriffs of Chester; Ralph de Hatton; John de.....; William del Hope. Given at Chester Friday after Lady Day (5) Henry IV. (28th March 1404; damaged).

138. Grant for life: Richard de Spurstowe to Cecilia, widow of John Doumville of Modberlegh; lands, rents, etc., which John Wodehous, clerk, chamberlain of Chester, Henry de Beeston, John Chaumberleyn of Chester, now deceased, and I, had by grant of the afsd John and Cecilia and of Hugh de Holes, kt., and Margery his wife; reversion to said Hugh and Margery and heirs. Given at Chester 6th August 5 Henry IV. (6th August 1404). *Dorse*. Enrolled in the exchequer of Chester, 6th August 5 Henry IV, before John, bishop of St. Asaph's, chamberlain of Chester, on the 9th roll.

139. Grant: John Combe of London, clerk, and his wife Joan, daughter and heir of Robert Happysford of Cheshire, to Thomas More of Stony Donham; a messuage

with garden and $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Donham ; 5 ploughstrips in Happysford of which $2\frac{1}{2}$ lie in a place called Rouredyng and $2\frac{1}{2}$ at Harebuttes, Conmedewes, and Carteresgreves ; and 4 acres of land in the demesne of Hellesby, called Hellesbyreding. This land belonged to the said Robert Happysford and descended to me by will. Witnesses : Richard de Manle ; William de Frodesham ; John Hicson ; Richard Bere ; Thomas Coupe. Given at Donham 16th July 8 Henry IV. (16th July 1407).

140. Power of attorney to Richard de Manle to deliver seizin as in 139. (16th July 1407).

141. Grant : Thomas More of Stone Dunham to his son Richard More ; lands as in 139. Witnesses : Richard de Manley ; William de Frodesham ; John Hycson ; Thomas Hoppewod'. Given at Donham 7th January 9 Henry IV. (7th January 1408).

142. Grant for life : Gerard Ufflete, kt., Elizabeth, duchess of Norfolk, his wife, Joan Beauchamp, lady of Bergevenny, Roland Lenthale, kt., and Margaret de Arundel, his wife, to William Troutbek, Esq. ; the manors of Troghford, Stonydunham and Hole, Cheshire, with all appurtenances except wardships, marriages and advowsons ; for £26 13s. 4d. p.a. payable to our exchequer at Castrum Leonum at Lady Day and Michaelmas. Given at Troghford the feast of St. Thomas Ap., 4 Henry V. (21st December 1416 ; indented).

143. Repairing lease for 50 years : John de Bradburne of Co. Derby and Cecilia his wife to John Savage and Peter de Legh, kts., John de Dutton and John Savage, junr., Esqrs. ; the manor of Budworthe in le Frythe with forest rights in the forest of Mara, etc. ; for £20 p.a. payable at Midsummer and Martinmas. Witnesses : Peter de Dutton, kt. ; William de Brereton, kt. ; Richard de Wynnynton, kt. ; John de Legh, Esq. ; Thomas Dommey, Esq. Given at Budworthe in le Frythe, Monday after Easter 6 Henry V. (28th March 1418).

144. Grant : Thomas Grosvenor, kt., to Ranulf Maynwarding, esq., Edmund Holes and David Holes ; the manors of Moburlegh, Brunstath, Oxton, and Raby, and lands in Tranmor', Hargreve, Upton, Chester, Claverton, Honbrygge, Pykmere, Coggeshyll, Kyndaton, Brereton, and Wyreswall, Cheshire ; for one red rose p.a. for 10 years, payable at Midsummer. Given at Moburlegh, Sunday before Palm Sunday 7 Henry V. (2nd April 1419 ; transcript on same sheet as 145).

145. Grant as 144 on condition that they reinfeoff me in demand ; if I die before such a demand, they are to realize 1,000 marks from the estate to pay my just debts

and legacies ; and enfeoff my brother John Holes in lands afsd in Pykmere, Wyreswall, Hargreve, Honbrygge and Claverton ; and enfeoff my brother Hugh Holes in the manor of Raby and lands in Tranmore, Upton and Chester ; and enfeoff my brother Andrew Holes in the manors of Moberlegh, Brunstath and Oxton and lands in Brereton, Kyndton and Coggeshyll ; all with reversion to my heirs. Given at Moberlegh Monday before Palm Sunday 7 Henry V. (3rd April 1419).

146. Grant : Roger Gray and Andrew Sothwell, chaplains, to William Troutbek, Esq. ; lands in the vill of Hole. Witnesses : James del Holt, justice of Chester ; John de Legh del Rothes, sheriff of Cheshire ; John de Manley ; John del Lee ; William Venables of Troghford. Given at Hole 14th February 7 Henry V. (14th February 1420).

147. Power of attorney to Thomas Norres to deliver seizin as in 146. Given at Chester, as 146. (14th February 1420).

148. Power of attorney to Richard de Barwe to receive seizin as in 146. Date as 147. (14th February 1420).

149. Power of attorney : Alice, daughter and heir of John de Brunburgh and of his wife, Beatrice, one of the heiresses of Robert de Berneston, to John Whitmore, Esq. ; to deliver to John Stanley, Esq., son of William Stanley, kt., seizin of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the vill and demesne of Berneston in Wyrall hundred. Given at Berneston 6th May 9 Henry V. (6th May 1421).

150. Power of attorney to Roger Huls of Wyrall, Esq., to receive seizin as in 149. Given at Berneston 10th May 9 Henry V. (10th May 1421).

151. Grant : Roger Horton and Henry Bircheles to William Troutbek, Esq., and his wife Margery, daughter and heir of Thomas Holes, son and heir of Hugh Holes ; the manor of Albrighton, Salop. Witnesses : Roger Corbet ; Thomas Corbet ; Hugh Harnage ; Brian Seintpier. Given at Albrighton Sunday before Whitsunday 10 Henry V. (24th May 1422).

152. Power of attorney : Roger Horton and Henry Bircheles to William Troutbek, Esq., and John Kyngesley, Esq. ; to administer the manor of Albrighton, Salop. Thursday the feast of Corpus Christi 10 Henry V. (11th June 1422).

153. Grant : Thomas Fylkyn of Fykeden to John, son of Henry le Bruyn, citizen of Chester ; a garden in Bruggestrete, Chester, lying in length from the lane which leads towards Shipgate to the city wall and in breadth between the lands of the said John on either side ; and it is

9 statute rods (*virgas regias*) long and 5 broad ; for 8d. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses: John Walssh, mayor of Chester ; Nicholas Russell and Robert le Hewst', sheriffs of Chester ; William de Hawardyne ; John Hope. Given at Chester Monday after Circumcision 1 Henry VI. (4th January 1423).

154. Fine made at Chester, Tuesday in the third week of Lent 1 Henry VI, before Thomas, duke of Exeter, justice of Chester ; William de Stanley, kt. ; Peter de Dinton, kt. ; John Savage, kt. ; Ranulf Maynwarding ; and John de Manley ; between Henry Scortrede, chaplain, querent, and John Bradburne and Cecilia his wife, deforcians ; the manor of Budworth in le Fryth ; deforcians quitclaim and in return querent grants the manor to deforcians with reversion, (1) to Thomas del Mere, son of said Cecilia, (2) Margaret, sister of said Cecilia, (3) any other heirs of said Cecilia. (9th March 1423).

155. Quitclaim for life : Alice, daughter and heir of Beatrice Bromburgh, widow of Robert Bromburgh, to John Stanley, son of William de Stanley, kt. ; rights in lands in Berneston and elsewhere within Wyrall hundred. Given at Berneston 1st October 2 Henry VI. (1st October 1423).

156. Grant for life : as 155. Witnesses : John de Whytmore ; John Lytherlond ; Gilbert Gleg. Given at Berneston 2nd February 2 Henry VI. (2nd February 1424).

157. Grant : verbatim the same as 156. Given at Berneston Wednesday after SS. Simon and Jude App., 4 Henry VI. (31st October 1425).

158. 'The Duchesse of Norff'. Right dere and welbelouet we grete zow well ; and for asmycull as we haue gyven vnder our grete seall of oure armes vnto our seruant Norman' Babyngton' and Margaret his wife and vnto the heires of Norman' the thrid part of þe manoirs of Stanre Dunham and Troghford' with the appurtenaunce of þe which William Troutbek holdes of vs the thrid part terme of his lyfe zeldyng to vs zereley a certayn rent as þe saide William Troutbek can declare zow more pleynelly ; We pray zow with all oure hert that ze make fyne to be rered bifore zow of þe thrid part of the saide manoirs And also of þe thrid partie of the ferme the which the saide Troutbek zeldes to vs and to our sistres vnto the saide Norman and Margaret and to þe heires of Norman and with warantie writen vnder oure grete seall atte Annesley þe .xx. day of May.

To our dere and Right welbylouet Piers of Pole Justice of Chestre.' (? 1425).

159. Fine made at Chester, Tuesday before St. Ceadda, bp., 5 Henry VI, before Peter de Pole, justice of Chester ;

Peter de Dutton, kt. ; Thomas le Grosvenor, kt. ; Laurence Fyton, kt. ; Ranulf le Maynwaryng ; and John Doun of Utkynton ; between William Troutbek, Esq., querent, and Norman Babyngton and Margaret his wife, deforciant ; $\frac{1}{3}$ of the manors of Magna Troghford, Stanredunham, and Hole, and of 3 messuages, 50 acres of land and 80 acres of pasture in Hole. Deforciant quitclaimed for £100. (25th February 1427).

160. Grant : William Troutbek to John del Dedwode and Richard de Bolde ; two parts of the manors of Magna Troghford, Stanredunham and Hole, and of three messuages, 50 acres of land and 80 acres of pasture in Hole ; which I have by enfeoffment of Joan Beauchampe, lady of Bergevenny, one of the sisters and heiresses of Thomas, late Earl of Arundel, and of Norman Babyngton and Margaret his wife. Witnesses : Peter de Dutton, kt. ; John Savage, kt. ; John Doune ; Richard Bunbury ; William de Frodesham. Given at Stanredunham 28th July 6 Henry VI. (28th July 1428).

161. Grant : John Spenser of Rygge, son of John Spenser of Wyldykote, to Ralph Chernok of Kyngeswode ; a plot of land called Sokkesmor' in the demesne of Albryghton, lying in length from Wrottesley park to le Taberersheye, and in breadth from Wyldykote wood to the Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton high road. Witnesses : William Rygge, lord of Rygge ; Richard Grene ; Sir Thomas Smyth, chaplain. Given at Albryghton the feast of St. Michael in monte 8 Henry VI. (16th October 1429).

162. Power of attorney : Thomas More of Stony Dunham to William Bithewall ; to deliver seizin of lands in Stonydunham, Happesford and Hellesby to William Troutbek, Esq. 20th May 9 Henry VI. (20th May 1431).

163. Charter of Richard le Mascy, mayor and escheator of Chester, dated 17th December 10 Henry VI, reciting and giving effect to letters close as follows :—Henry D.G. etc. to Richard le Mascy etc. greeting. Whereas by inquisition held by you and returned in our exchequer at Chester it was established that Cecilia, widow of John de Bradburn, held on the day of her death as free life tenant a messuage in Bruggestrete, Chester, and a rent of 13s. 4d. p.a. from a messuage of William de Hondeford in Estegatestrete, Chester, in which John Frodesham, tailor, now dwells, as parcel of the manor of Budworth in le Fryth of the gift of Henry Scortrede, chaplain, by virtue of a certain fine with reversion after the death of the said Cecilia to Margaret, sister of Thomas del Mere, now wife of Walter de Twyford, and her heirs, which messuages are worth in all 29s. 4d. p.a. ; and the said manor of Budworth in le Frith is held of

us in chief by knight service ; and the said Cecilia held no other lands in the city in fee-simple, fee-tail, or for life, of us or of anyone else ; and she died on Monday next before All Saints last past, and William del Mere is her son and next heir and is aged 40 and more, and the said Margaret is aged 26 and more ; and whereas we have ordered John le Bruyn our escheator in Cheshire to receive the fealty of the said Walter and sufficient surety for a relief ; you are to deliver the said messuage and rents to Walter and Margaret without delay in the customary manner. Witness : Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, regent of England, at Chester, 17th December anno 10. (17th December 1431).

164. ' This indenture made bytwene William Troutebek Esquier on that on partie and Thomas Bates Mason on that other partie beres wittenesse that the forsaid Thomas has made covenant and grauntes to the said William that he shall make a Chapell in the Chirche yarde of Seynt Marie of the Hill on the south syde of the chauncell of the chirche there that is to wete the Est ende, the south side and the west ende contenyng the lengthe of the chauncell there. And xvij fete wyde withinne the walles and as high as hit nedes resonably to be, with v faire and clenle wrought wyndewes full of light, that is to say, on gable wyndew in the Est ende with iiij lightes, And iij wyndewes on the south side, ichone of iij lightes. And on in the west ende in the best wise to be deviset. And iiij botras on the south side with a grete arche in the west end. And the Chapell to be batellet above like to the litell closet withinne the castell of Chestr' with a corbell table longyng thereto. And at ayther ende iij honest Fynyals. And the forsaid William shall pay to the forsaid Thomas xx li' like as the werke gose forward, and also give hym a goune. And also the forsaid William shall find fre stone lyme sonde water wyndlasse and stuff for to scaffalde with. And sich manere necessities as the forsaid Thomas nedes. And all manere of cariages that longen therto. And the forsaid Thomas shall by the oversight of Meistr' John Asser make the chapell and all thynges that longen therto ('masoncraft' *intra lin.*) honestly. In wyttenes of the wheche thyng to these presentes indentures the parties aforesaid aitheravendes other haven set to thair seals. Gyven at Chestr' the Mononday (*sic*) next before the fest of the Natyvyte of seynt John the Baptist Inne the yere of the regne of kyng Henry the sixt after the conquest xj.' (22nd June 1433).

165. Fine made at Chester, Tuesday after Epiphany 12 Henry VI, before Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, justice of Chester ; John Savage, kt. ; Laurence Fyton, kt. ; John de Caryngton, kt. ; Ranulf Maynwaryng ; and John

Scitum tam p[re]sentat[ur] q[uod] ego petronilla filia andree
comit[is] . . . in curia d[omi]ni Rob[erti] de Brunstade . . .
f[aci]m[us] . . . me . . . Berth[old] . . . Will[elmu]s de Brunstade . . .
t[un]c . . . me . . . clamar[um] mea . . . de Brunstade . . .
a p[re]s[en]te Will[elmu]s . . . et . . . t[un]c ego . . . Rob[ert] . . .
mag[ist]er . . . Will[elmu]s de Brunstade . . . et . . .
h[ab]e[re] donat[ur] . . . clamar[um] mea . . . firma . . .
de Sigilli m[ei] munimine roborau[imus] cora[m] H[er]ic[um] Coll[um]. Rob[ert] de
W[est] . . . Cap[itu]l[um] de . . . Rob[ert] Cap[itu]l[um] de . . .
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CHARTER OF PETRONILLA' DAU. OF ANDREW OF BRUNSTAHE (c. 1200).

Kyngesley ; between William Troutbek, Esq., querent, and John Wynwhik of Coventry and Sybil his wife, deforciant ; a moiety of 4 messuages, 3 tofts, a garden and 30 acres of land in Parva Cristelton, Ledesham, Wodchirche and Chester. Deforciant quitclaimed for £20. (12th January 1434).

166. Grant : John Bruyn of Bruggenorth, son and heir of Henry Bruyn of Chester, to William Troutbek, Esq., Richard Pensell, parson of St. Mary on the Hill, Chester, Richard de Bolde and John del Dedwode ; messuages in Chester, one lying in breadth from the city wall to the lane which leads from Bruggestrete to le Shippegate, and in length from Bruggestrete to the wall by le Shippegate ; and another in Bruggestrete, lying in breadth from the land late of John de Arderne, kt., to the land which Mr. William le Plummer held in perpetual fee-farm of Hugh de Ravenescroft, and in length from the highway of Bridge Street to the land of the said John de Arderne. Witnesses : William Chauntrell, acting-justice of Chester ; Adam de Wotton, mayor of Chester ; Bartholomew Lyalton and Thomas Hamon, sheriffs of Chester. Given at Chester 12th August 13 Henry VI. (12th August 1435).

167. Power of attorney to William——to deliver seizin as in 166. Date as 166. (12th August 1435 ; damaged).

168. Quitclaim : as 166 ; witnesses as 166 ; given at Chester 13th August 13 Henry VI. (13th August 1435).

169. Fine made at Chester Tuesday after Trinity 15 Henry VI, before Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, justice of Chester ; Laurence Fyton, kt. ; John Maynwar yng, kt. ; Geoffrey de Warburton, kt. ; Hugh de Dutton ; and Thomas de Pulle ; between William Troutbek, Esq., querent, and William Burdon and Agnes his wife, deforciant ; 2 messuages, 2 tofts, 50 acres of land and 5 acres of meadow in Wodechirche, Ledesham and Litelcristelton. Deforciant quitclaimed for £20. (28th May 1437).

170. Whereas in indentures given at Chester, Thursday, the vigil of St. Matthias Ap., 9 Henry VI, I, Stephen Belly-atter, citizen of Chester, granted to John Hope, citizen of Chester, a messuage in Bruggestrete, lying in breadth from the land of William de Heth, draper, and that of Roger de Derby, and in length from the highway to the land late of John de Shavynton, for 20s. p.a. payable quarterly ; and whereas the place of the said John Hope is now taken by one John, son and heir of Henry Barbour ; I grant this rent of 20s. to William Troutbek, Esq., in perpetuity. Witnesses : Richard Mascy, mayor of Chester ; John Flynt and John del Wode, sheriffs of Chester ; John Dedwode ; John Walshe. Given at Chester 1st February 16

Henry VI. (1st February 1438). *Margin.* Enrolled in the portmote of Chester before Richard Mascy, mayor, Monday after St. Ceadda, bishop, 16 Henry VI.

171. Quitclaim: Thomas, son and heir of Stephen Belleyett', citizen of Chester, to William Troutbek, Esq.; all rights in a messuage in Bruggestrete, Chester, now occupied by Richard Shotton, skinner, and a rent of 20s. from the said messuage. Witnesses: as 170. Given at Chester 8th February 16 Henry VI. (8th February 1438). *Margin.* Enrolled in the portmote of Chester before Richard Mascy, mayor, Thursday after St. Ceadda, bishop, 16 Henry VI.

172. Power of attorney: John del Dedwode and Richard de Bolde to William de Horton; to deliver to William Troutbek and Joan his wife seizin of 2/3 of the manors of Magna Troghford, Stanredunham and Hole and of 3 messuages, 50 acres of land and 80 acres of pasture in Hole. Given at Stanredunham, 28th August 16 Henry VI. (28th August 1438).

173. Quitclaim: John del Bothe, late of Derby, to William Troutbek, Esq., and Joan his wife; all actions real and personal and all executions against them concerning lands and rents which belonged to Walter de Twyford by recognition of statute merchant. 20th July 17 Henry VI. (20th July 1439).

174. Quitclaim: as 173; all rights in the manor of Budworth in le Freth. Given at Chester 22nd July 17 Henry VI. (22nd July 1439).

175. Whereas John Troutbek, Thomas del Hogh of Thornton, Henry del Meoles and John Claves owe to William de Modberlegh £100 by obligation entered into 24th September 18 Henry VI; and the said William owes John Stanley £100 in consideration of granting him the lands that John Stanley holds in Carnesdale in the vill of Berneston; William releases John, Thomas, Henry and John of their obligation on condition that they satisfy John Stanley. Given at Chester 25th September 18 Henry VI. (25th September 1439).

176. Power of attorney; John de Hawardyn to John his son and Walter Gor; to deliver to William Troutbek, Esq., and Joan his wife, seizin of all his possessions in Happesford. Given at Happesford Monday the morrow of St. Valentine M., 19 Henry VI. (15th February 1441).

177. Power of attorney to John Mascy, chaplain, and John de Barwe, to receive seizin as in 176. Date as 176. (15th February 1441).

178. Grant: Ralph Chernok to Richard Worthington and Sir Ranulf Worthington; a plot of land called

Sokkesmor, as in 161. Witnesses : Sir Adam Grene, chaplain ; Sir John Ferron, chaplain ; Sir Thomas Smyth, chaplain ; Richard Clemesone ; Henry Webbe. Given at Payton the feast of St. Edward K. and M., 19 Henry VI. (18th March 1441).

179. Grant : William Troutbek, etc., as in 166, to Roger Holme, parson of Astbury, and John Mascy, chaplain ; lands as in 166. Witnesses : John Pilkynghon, mayor of Chester ; William Mascy and Henry Wilaston, barber, sheriffs of Chester ; Thomas Wotton ; Hugh Wodecok ; Richard Weston. Given at Chester 20th March 19 Henry VI. (20th March 1441 ; indented).

180. Counterpart of 179. (20th March 1441).

181. Grant : William Troutbek, Esq., to Roger Holme, etc. as in 179 : 2 messuages, 2 tofts, 50 acres of land and 5 acres of meadow in Wodechirche, Ledesham and Litelcristelton which I have by grant of William Burdon and Agnes his wife ; also $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3 messuages, 3 tofts, a garden and 30 acres of land in Parva Cristelton, Ledesham, Wodechirche and Chester, which I have by grant of John Wynwhik of Coventry and Sibyl his wife ; also rent of 20s. from a messuage late of John Hope in Bruggestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land late of William de Heth, draper, to the land of Roger Derby, and in length from the highway to the land late of John de Shavynton ; and also rent of 13s. 4d. from a messuage of Thomas Stretton in Foryatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from the land late of John Coly to that late of John Warwik, and in length from the highway to the land of the dean and chapter of St. John's church, Chester ; which messuage lately belonged to John Kenyon. Witnesses : John Pilkynghon, mayor of Chester ; William Mascy and Henry Wilaston, barber, sheriffs of Chester ; Richard Bolde ; John Dedwode ; Thomas Wotton. Given at Chester 20th March 19 Henry VI. (20th March 1441). *Dorse*. Enrolled among the royal exchequer enrolments at Chester before John Troutbek, Esq., chamberlain of Chester from Michaelmas 22 Henry VI until the following Michaelmas.

182. Power of attorney to Thomas del Yate to deliver seizin as in 181. Given at Chester 21st March 19 Henry VI. (21st March 1441).

183. Power of attorney to Laurence Byllyngton to receive seizin as in 181. Date as 182. (21st March 1441).

184. Power of attorney to William Horton to deliver seizin as in 179. Date as 182. (21st March 1441).

185. Power of attorney : Hugh Wotton, chaplain, of Bruggenorth, to Thomas Merewalle ; to deliver to William Rowlowe and Margery his wife, seizin of all my lands in

Byssheton and Wildecote. Given at Byssheton, Wednesday the invention of St. Cross 19 Henry VI. (3rd May 1441).

186. Grant: Roland Lenthale, kt., and Edmund Lenthale, son and heir of Roland and of his late wife Margaret, to Richard Tounley, Richard Pensell and Richard Bolde, clerk; $\frac{1}{3}$ of the manors of Stanredunham, Magna Troghford and Hole, etc., as Margaret received on the death of her brother Thomas, late earl of Arundel. Witnesses: William de la Pole, earl of Suffolk; Thomas de Stanley, kt., justice of Chester; William de Bulkyley of Eyton; Thomas de Pull; John de Dutton of Hatton. Given at Stanredunham Saturday in the first week of Lent 22 Henry VI. (29th February 1444).

187. Power of attorney to William Horton and David Ferrs to deliver seizin as in 186. Date as 186. (29th February 1444).

188. Licence to alienate for fine of 100s.; Henry VI as earl of Chester, reciting terms of 186; grantees may pass the property on to William Troutbek and Joan his wife. Given at Chester 2nd March anno 22. (2nd March 1444).

189. Quitclaim: William Troutbek to three Richards as in 186; all rights in lands as in 186. Witnesses: William de la Pole, earl of Suffolk; Thomas de Stanley, kt., justice of Chester; William de Bulkyley of Eyton; John de Dutton of Dutton; John de Dutton of Hatton. Given at Stanredunham Wednesday in the third week of Lent 22 Henry VI. (11th March 1444).

190. Quitclaim: verbatim the same as 189. Given at Stanredunham Monday in the third week of Lent 22 Henry VI. (16th March 1444).

191. Quitclaim: John Stanley, Esq., to John Troutbek, Esq.; all rights in lands as in 155. 28th July 22 Henry VI. (28th July 1444).

192. Grant: three Richards (as in 186) to William Troutbek and Joan his wife; lands as in 186. Witnesses: William de la Pole, earl of Suffolk; Thomas Stanley, kt., justice of Chester; Geoffrey Warburton, kt.; John Maynwaryng, kt.; William de Brereton; Thomas de Pull. Given at Magna Troghford 8th September 23 Henry VI. (8th September 1444).

193. Power of attorney to Laurence Billynton, clerk, to deliver seizin as in 192. 9th September 23 Henry VI. (9th September 1444).

194. Grant: Richard Bolde, Roger Holme, Richard Pensell, and Roger Bolton, clerks, to William, son of John Troutbek, and his wife Margaret, daughter of Thomas Stanley, kt.; lands in Oxton, Tranmore and Wyreswall, and rents of 26s. 8d. in Upton and of 1 lb. of cumin in

Thyngwall, which we have by gift of John Troutbek and Margery his wife in a fine levied at Chester; reversion in default of heirs, or in case William and Margaret should be divorced before she attains full age, to heirs of John and Margery. Witnesses: William de Bulkyley, acting-justice of Chester; Thomas de Pulle, Esq.; William Whitmore; Thomas Glegge; Henry Lytherlond. Given at Oxtou Thursday before St. Thomas Ap., 23 Henry VI. (17th December 1444).

195. Power of attorney to John Mascy, chaplain, to deliver seizin as in 194. Date as 194. (17th December 1444; indented).

196. Counterpart of 195. (17th December 1444).

197. Grant: Elena, widow of William Jenkynson, and daughter and heir of Thomas de Budworth and Alice his wife, to Joan, widow of William Troutbek, Esq.; 5 half-strips in Budworth in le Fryth, of which 3 lie in le Whitefelde and 2 in le Berecroft; which Warin Grosvenor, late lord of Budworth, gave to William, son of Robert le Grosvenor. Witnesses: John Troutbek, Esq., chamberlain of Chester; William Bulkyley, acting-justice of Chester; John Doune of Utkynton; Robert Doune; Richard de Bunbury. Given at Budworth Monday after the Invention of St. Cross 27 Henry VI. (5th May 1449).

198. Grant: Thomas, son and heir of Robert Jankynson, late of Raby, to John Troutbek, Esq.; a messuage and two bovates of land in Raby. Witnesses: Thomas de Pull, Esq.; William Stanley, Esq.; William Whitmore; John Bebynton; Thomas Hough. Given at Raby Wednesday after the Assumption of the B.V.M. 29 Henry VI. (18th August 1451).

199. Power of attorney to Patrick Joneson to receive seizin as in 198. Date as 198. (18th August 1451).

200. Quitclaim: as 198. Given at Raby, Thursday after the Assumption of the B.V.M. 29 Henry VI. (19th August 1451).

201. Power of attorney: John Troutbek, Esq., to Simon Billynge and Patrick Joneson; to deliver to Thomas Stanley, Thomas Par, Richard de Haryngton, William de Assheton, kts., William de Brerton, Robert Fouleshurst, Hugh Venables, John Troutbek, junr., John Streteley, Gilbert de Par, John Wroth, Thomas Hough, Esqrs., William Horton, Henry Unton, John Mershe, William Perkynson and Peter Loburshawe, seizin of the manor of Albryghton, Salop, except 1/100th part thereof. 10th June 33 Henry VI. (10th June 1455).

202. Repairing lease for lives: William Rowlowe of Wotton and his son and heir Hugh Rowlowe, to Thomas

Fletcher of Bussheton and Margery his wife ; a messuage and a virgate of land in Bussheton and a toft and a half a virgate in Wyldecote ; for 26s. p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day. 8th September 6 Edward IV. (8th September 1466 ; indented).

203. Lease for 60 years ; William Troutbek, Esq., to William Hayward, cook, citizen of Chester ; a messuage with cellar below and garden adjoining in Estgatestrete, Chester, lying in breadth from a messuage of my own now held by John Dedewode, goldsmith, to a tenement now held by Nicholas Yate, corn-dealer, and in length from the highway to the land of the said William Hayward in Fleshmongerlane ; for 18s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses : John Spenser, mayor of Chester ; Nicholas Hopkyns and John Evans, sheriffs of Chester ; Robert Rogerson ; John Cotyngeham. Given at Chester Tuesday before St. Denis 13 Edward VI. (5th October 1473 ; indented).

204. Lease for 41 years : William Troutbek, Esq., to Richard Holynshed, glover ; a messuage in le Castellane, Chester, lately held by Patrick Johnson, lying in breadth from the grantor's land on the east to that of the Abbot of Dieulacresse on the west, and in length from the highway to the land late of Robert Grosvenor ; for 7s. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses : William Whitmore, mayor of Chester ; William Snede and John Barwe, sheriffs of Chester. Given at Chester 13th September 14 Edward IV. (13th September 1474 ; indented).

205. Grant : William Troutbek, kt., to Ralph Davenport, citizen of Chester ; a messuage or empty plot in Bruggestrete, Chester, formerly held by Adam Wotton, lying in breadth from the land of Ralph Ravenescrofte, esq., on the south, to that of the heirs of Thomas Wotton on the north ; and in length from the highway to the land of the abbey of St. Mary, Whalley ; for 3s. 4d. p.a. payable quarterly. Witnesses : John Hawardyn, acting-justice of Chester ; William Snede, draper ; Roger Huolton, mercer ; John Cliffe, mercer, and Thomas Moneryng, sheriffs of Chester. Given at Chester Thursday after St. Hilary 5 Henry VII. (14th January 1490).

206. I.O.U. : Robert Rowlowe, gentleman, to John Fletcher ; £40 payable at Midsummer next. 26th May 20 Henry VII. (26th May 1505).

207. Indenture of agreement for mortgage : Robert Rowlowe al. Rowley, gentleman, to John Fletcher, yeoman, for £30 ; a messuage, 50 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 8 acres of marsh and 8 acres of heath in Bissheton and Wyldicote in Albrighton parish, co. Salop, for 8 years ; Richard Haughton, Esq., and John Pytte of

Dalley to be trustees in the meantime. 26th May 20 Henry VII. (26th May 1505).

208. Grant: Robert Cragge and Margaret his wife to Roger Pikk, merchant of Chester; a messuage in Estgate-strete, Chester, lying in length from the land of the brothers and sisters of the fraternity of St. Anne on the west to that of William Troutbek, kt., on the east; and in breadth from the highway to the land of the heirs of John Bromley, kt. Power of attorney to Thomas Torbok and Hugh Johnson to deliver seizin. 10th September 2 Henry VIII. (10th September 1510).

209. Grant: Roger Pykk, merchant, of Chester, to John Bradborne, shoemaker, of Chester; land as in 208. Power of attorney to Thomas Thorneton, alderman, of Chester, and Robert Barrow, merchant, of Chester, to deliver seizin. 19th April 5 Henry VIII. (19th April 1514).

210. Grant: John Woodhouse of Albryghton to John Talbott, kt., lord of Albryghton, and Margaret his wife; land called Sokkesmores, as in 161. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Woodhouse, vicar of Albryghton; Edward Corbett, gentleman; Roger Clerke of Albryghton; John Staunton of Albryghton; Henry Southall of Albryghton. Christmas day 7 Henry VIII. (25th December 1515). *Dorse*. Present at livery of seizin on same day were: Sir Hugh Staunton, chaplain of the chantry of Albryghton; Thomas Porter, the seneschal; Richard Troutbek, gent.; William Leyghton, gent.; Henry Baylye; Thomas Cooke; Richard Maie; Richard Taylor; Edward Forster; Thomas Jobber; John Clemson, bailiff of Patyngnam; Thomas Stook; Robert Walford.

211. Quitclaim: as 210. Witnesses: John Mytton of Weston, Esq.; Richard Wrottesley, Esq.; William Humfreyston of Humfreyston, gent.; Thomas Hadyngton, gent.; John Fletcher of Byston; Roger Pytt of Byston; William Stooke of Wyldycoote. Epiphany 7 Henry VIII. (6th January 1516).

212. Grant: John Talbott, kt., lord of Albryghton, and Margaret his wife, to John Woodhouse of Albryghton; a rent of 3s. from lands as in 210. Epiphany 7 Henry VIII. (6th January 1516).

213. Release: John Wodhus, gent., of Albrighton, to Sir John Talbot, kt., lord of Albrighton; a debt of 10 marks duly paid. 10th July 8 Henry VIII. (10th July 1516).

214. Grant: Richard, abbot of St. Mary's Buildwas, Salop, and the convent, to Sir John Talbot, kt., lord of Albrighton, and Margaret his wife; the right to build mills in the said lordship, on the brook called the mill broke or the cloke broke at any place from the field called the cloke

fylde along the heath called Donnyngton hethe to the land of the said abbey called Cosford ; to make dams, etc., in the same area ; to dig for springs for the said mills provided that a public highway 30 ft. wide be left ; and to take stones and dig turfs on the abbot's ground for the building and repair of the mills ; for 4d. p.a. payable at Lady Day and Michaelmas. Given in the chapter house at Buildwas 24th December 11 Henry VIII. (24th December 1519).

215. Quitclaim : Robert Rowlowe, gent., to John Pytte of Dalley and John Fletcher, yeoman ; all rights in a messuage, 50 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 7 acres of marsh and 8 acres of heath in Bisshton and Wildcote in the parish of Albrighton, Salop. ; the which the said John Fletcher lately obtained from myself. 24th November 14 Henry VIII. (24th November 1522). *Dorse*. Enrolled coram rege at Westminster in Michaelmas term 14 Henry VIII on the 60th roll.

216. Lease for 61 years : Thomas Freman of Albrynton to John Stanton, senr., of the same ; a share of 2 leasowes called Whete ruddyng and Caldur croft in the demesne of Albrynton, Salop. ; for 3s. 4d. p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day. Witnesses : Thomas Iwock ; Thomas Somer ; John Hand ; John Fletcher of Byston. 3rd March 14 Henry VIII (*sic.*) (3rd March 1523 ; indented).

217. Grant : Thomas Fowler of Norton in the parish of Stokton to John Talbott, kt. ; land in Wyldecote and elsewhere within the demesne of Albrighton, Salop., called Beddullsground ; for 6s. 8d. p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day. Given at Wyldecote Monday after St. Barnabas Ap., 15 Henry VIII. (15th June 1523 ; indented).

218. Counterpart of 217. (15th June 1523). *Dorse*. Seizin was delivered 19th June 15 Henry VIII. Witnesses : Thomas Wodhous, vicar of Albrighton ; John Wythere ; Roger Clerk ; Thomas Whyston ; [Hugh Whiston ; John Chamberleyn ; John Derne.

219. Grant : as 216. Witnesses : John Northam ; John Fletcher ; John Hande of Albrighton. Given at Albrighton 15th February 15 Henry VIII. (15th February 1524).

220. Quitclaim : James Southall, son and heir apparent of Henry Southall and of his wife Jocosa, to grantees as in 221 ; all rights in $\frac{1}{4}$ of a pasture in Wyldecote in Albrighton, which my parents held along with John Talbott, kt., and William Wodhous. Given at Albrighton 20th August 19 Henry VIII. (20th August 1527).

221. Grant : Henry Southall of Albrighton and Jocosa his wife to George, Earl of Shrewsbury, Francis Talbot, lord Talbot, Richard Talbot, esq., Gilbert Talbot, kt., John

Lyttlylton, esq., and Ralph Kettyll, clerk; $\frac{1}{2}$ of a toft in Albryghton with pasture called le Byddyllys Grounde; which we hold along with John Talbot, kt., and William Woodhouse, gent. Power of attorney to Richard Harryngton and Thomas Betonson to deliver seizin. Given at Albryghton 15th July 20 Henry VIII. (15th July 1528). *Dorse*. Seizin was delivered same day. Witnesses: Hugh Staunton, parson of Mobburley; Hugh Whyston; Simon Pytte; John Colop; Thomas Pendulton; John Forst; Hugh Marshe.

222. Grant: William Wodhous, gent., of Albrighton, to Richard Troutbek, Esq., Humphrey Glover, chaplain, Elmer Hapey and Thomas Cooke; 6 acres of pasture in Albrighton called Pyrrefeldys al. Sokemozes, lying in breadth from the Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton road to the pasture called Sokemozes belonging to John Talbot, kt., and in length from Taberers hey to Wrottesley Park; which lands we recovered against John Gerney in the king's court in Trinity term 23 Henry VIII, roll 45. Given at Albrighton the —th day of ——— 23 Henry VIII. (dates blank. August 1531, cf. 223).

223. Quitclaim: as 222. Given at Albrighton —th August 23 Henry VIII. (date blank. August 1531).

224. Grant: John Fletcher, of Byston, Salop, yeoman, to John Skrymsher, John Clerk, gent., John Warton, gent., and John Barney, yeoman; lands, messuages, etc., in Byshton and Wyldecote within the demesne of Albryghton. Witnesses: Thomas Wodhus, vicar of Albryghton; William Wodhus; Roger Clerk; Richard Flecher, chaplain; John Stanton. Given at Byston 14th August 24 Henry VIII. (14th August 1532). *Dorse*. This was done to create entails: to afsd John Fletcher for life, then to his wife Jane until her death or re-marriage, then to their son John and his heirs male, then to the daughters of John and Jane, then to the right heirs of John the elder.

225. Grant: William Wodhous of Albrighton to Walter Wrottesley, Esq., Richard Trotbek, gent., and Humphrey Glover, chaplain; my share of land in Albrighton called Bedulsground, viz., $\frac{1}{2}$ of Byrchecroft, $\frac{1}{2}$ of Wallcroft, $\frac{1}{2}$ of Pytcroft, $\frac{1}{2}$ of two crofts which John Frost now holds, $\frac{1}{2}$ of a meadow called Bedulsmede, and my share of three fields called Bedulslande; for the use of Sir John Talbot, kt., and his heirs. Given at Albrighton 18th November 24 Henry VIII. (18th November 1532). *Dorse*. Livery of seizin was made 23rd November 24 Henry VIII. Witnesses: Thomas Pendulton; John Waters, senr.; John Hamond; John Waters, junr.; John Pryce; Hugh Waters.

226. Grant: William Tailor to John Staunton, junr., and Henry Southall; a messuage in Albrighton with 3 acres

of arable in a field called Clowfeld above the furlong called Polefurlong, of which 2 acres lie between the land of St. Mary and that of the lord, and the other between that of William Wodhous and that of St. Mary; and a croft or pasture called Teynturyozde, now held by Humphrey Spytte. Power of attorney to Thomas Cooke and Richard Jolycose to deliver seizin. 18th July 31 Henry VIII. (18th July 1539).

227. Fine made at Westminster the quindene of Hilary 33 Henry VIII, before John Baldwyn, William Shelley, Thomas Willughby and Christopher Jenner, justices; between John Staunton and Isabella his wife, querents, and Thomas Corbett, Esq., deforciant; 12 acres of pasture at Albrighton. Deforciant quitclaimed for £20. (27th January 1542).

228. Counterpart of 227. (27th January 1542).

229. Repairing lease for 60 years: John Talbot, esq., junr., and Frances his wife, to Peter Tonge, citizen of Chester; a messuage on the south side of Estegatestrete, Chester, with all buildings, etc., thereon; for 18s. p.a. payable at Xmas. Monday after St. Valentine M., 35 Henry VIII. (18th February 1544; indented).

230. Grant: John Bradbourne, gent., of Cheynes, Bucks, relative and heir of John Bradbourne, shoemaker, late of Chester, deceased, to Robert Johnes, merchant, of Chester, and Richard Boydell, sculptor, of Chester; land as in 207 ("dissolved" fraternity). 29th October 5 and 6 Philip and Mary. (29th October 1558). *Dorse*. Livery of seizin was made same day. Witnesses: William Fyton; Richard Woodcock; William Parry; Thomas Bradborn; Thomas..

231. Indentures of bargain and sale made 2nd March 2 Elizabeth, between Richard Harryngton, gent., of Bisheton, Salop, Elizabeth his wife and John Harryngton, his son and h. app. of the first part and Thomas Harryngton another son of the said R.H. of the other part; for £100: all their messuages, etc., in Bysheton, Boningall, Upton, Norton, Idsaull al. Shiffenall, Oldton, Compton, Alderton, Northampton, and Tomworthe, cos. Salop, Staffs., Warws., Northants., and Glos., remainder to William, son of said R.H., then to Walter, youngest son of said R.H. Covenant to warranty. Witnesses: Richard Fletcher, John Tailor, William Stooke. (2nd March 1560)

232. Grant: John Flecher of Bysshton, Salop, yeoman, to John Coke of Albrighton, Salop, yeoman, and Hugh Pytt of Donyngton, Salop, husbandman; lands as 224. 25th January 4 Elizabeth. (25th January 1562). *Dorse*. Livery of seizin was made 27th January 4 Elizabeth.

Witnesses: Roger Eccleshall; Thomas Busnell; Roger Whyston; Richard Jans; John Wolriche.

233. "(daughter of) / Robert Tottie whom the said Rauf by god his permyssion doyth intend to marye ther executors and assignes at all tymes / herafter duryng the naturall lyf of thabove named John Tylston and of Jane nowe his wyf and from tyme to tyme as oft as / necessarie shall requyre wythin the space of (blank) next after he or they shalbe admonyshed and have / therein, that the mesuage or tenement wherin the said Rauf now doyth inhabit or any part or part therof . . . ruyne and decay, by the /" (20th June 1565; fragment only, being seal tag to 234, q.v.).

234. Grant: John Tylston, shoemaker, of Chester, and John Tylston his son and h.app., to William Dodde, cutler, and John Barnes, tanner, of Chester; a messuage in le Estgate strete, Chester, now held by John Tylston, senr., and lately by Roger Davenport, gent.; and a messuage in the same now held by Ralph Tylston and lately by J. Tylston, senr.; for purposes as set out in an indenture between J. and J. Tylston and Robert Tottie dated 20th instant and containing the marriage settlement of Ralph Tylston and Jane Tottie. Power of attorney to Thomas Pyllyn of Chester and Robert Brooke of Upton to deliver seizin. 22nd June 7 Elizabeth. (22nd June 1565).

235. Bond in £20; Ralph Tylston of Chester, shoemaker, and Robert Tottie of Molynton, Cheshire, yeoman, to John Tylston, senr., of Chester, shoemaker. 24th June (7) Elizabeth. (24th June 1565; seal tag to 234).

236. Bond in £200: Thomas Bellyn of Chester, alderman, William Aldersey of Coventry, draper, Richard Bunburye of Chester, gent., and Gilbert Knowes of Chester, founder, to John Tylston of Chester, shoemaker; to fulfil conditions specified in a pair of indentures of present date made between Thomas Bellyn of one part and John Tylston of the other. 19th June 13 Elizabeth. (19th June 1571).

237. Letter testimonial of Edmund, bishop of Salisbury, issued at the request of John Talbot, Esq., dated 8th February A.D. 1576, 6th of translation, reciting letters of Robert, bishop of Salisbury:—"We have received letters of Peter de Burghfeilde, rector of Burghfeilde, stating that he has appointed Sir Simon de Thormerton, priest, to be vicar in his church and asking the bishop to appropriate to the use of the said vicar the following portions:—(i) a house in which the parish priests have been accustomed to reside; (ii) all tithes, oblations and forthcomings whatsoever, excepting tithes of grass and mortuaries; (iii) one acre of meadow in Westelandemeade for the upkeep of a horse, and

two acres of arable with common of beasts where the rector has been accustomed to have it. Sealed with the seal of the officary of the archdeacon of Berkshire, my own seal being unknown to your lordship ; given at St. Lawrence's church at Radinge xiii Kal. June A.D. 1355. We have agreed to this being done. Given at our park at Remmesbury vii Kal. June A.D. 1355, 25th of consecration. The afsd Simon was afterwards canonically instituted 8th June A.D. 1355. (8th February 1577).

238. Grant : John Wrottisleye, Esq., of Wrottysley, Staffs., Elizabeth his wife and Walter his son and h.app., to John Talbot, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs. ; licence to erect a conduit house or conduit head in their park of Wrottysley over the well called Hakewell in Sookemore on the north side of the park, and to lay pipes, etc., for providing a supply of water to his mansion house called Peperhill, Salop ; for 2s. 6d. p.a. 2nd August 19 Elizabeth. Witnesses : John Lyttelton ; Robert Caldwell ; John Asken ; Robert Leek. (2nd August 1577).

239. Indentures of covenant made 2nd October 22 Elizabeth, between John Talbot, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., of one part, and Robert Caldewall and Owen Enor, gent., servants to the same, of the other, creating entails as follows : (1) The manor of Albrighton and properties in Albrighton, Peperhill, Wildecote, and Bisheton, Salop, to the said John Talbot and Katharine his wife and heirs male ; in default whereof to heirs male of Sir John Talbot, kt., deceased (grandfather of afsd J.T.) by his last wife Elizabeth ; in default whereof to heirs male of the same by his first wife dame Margaret ; in default whereof to the right heirs of dame Margaret. (2) The manor of Longforde and properties in Longforde, Chursall and Brocketon, Salop, to afsd J.T. for life without impeachment of waste, then to John Talbot, second son of afsd J.T. and his heirs male ; in default whereof to the heirs of afsd J.T. for ever. (3) The manors of Edgemonde, Salop, Mobberley and Little Budworth al. Budworthe in le Frithe, Cheshire ; properties in Egemonde, Roughton, Severne fildes, Lytle Aston and Worfilde, Salop, and Mobberley, Lytle Budworth, Chester, Handbrige, Claverton, Oxtou, Thingwall, Howle, Pickmeare, Upton, Newton, Kynderton, Worswall, Barnston, Carnesdale, Woodchurche, and Tranmole, Cheshire ; a moiety of the manors of Fordeshome and Newport, Salop, and of properties in Fordeshome, Forde, Newporte, Ventall, Sheradon, Sascot, Polmer, Newneham, Egerley, Crockton, Meale, Sibberscot, Arscot and Pleyley, Salop ; to afsd J.T., his heirs and assigns for ever. Witnesses : John Petre, Esq. ; Thomas

Rock ; Roger Braunche ; John Troughton. (2nd October 1580).

240. Indenture of award made last day of February, 25 Elizabeth, by John Broke, Esq., of Madeley, Salop, arbitrator in dispute between John Talbot, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., and Gilbert Asceley, Esq., of Patteshill, Staffs., regarding the title to a lane lying between the park of Patteshill on the one side and the lordship of Albrighton, Salop, on the other, and leading from Wildicot to Westbache ; the afsd Gilbert may during 20 months next ensuing cut down any trees, timber, etc., now growing along the lane between the place where the brook emerges from Patteshill Park and the Wildicot end ; and thereafter he and his heirs may take such timber as is required for maintaining the fence round Patteshill Park, provided that the maintenance works be completed within 40 days of the cutting of the timber ; with the a/m exceptions all rights in the afsd lane to the afsd J.T., at whose request and expense the afsd G.A. shall within 6 years make a deed to this effect. (28th February 1583).

241. Power of attorney: John Talbott, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., to John Clarke and Thomas Remys, gents. ; to receive an indenture of bargain and sale whereby Thomas Asceley, Esq., of Patteshill, Staffs, and Margery his wife, sold to me those lands in Albrighton, Salop, lately by them purchased of Thomas Staunton, late of Albrighton, gent. ; and to seal and deliver for me the counterpart thereof. 5th March 36 Elizabeth. Witnesses: Robert Caldwell ; Ralph Appletree ; Richard Clarke. (5th March 1594).

242. Power of attorney: John Talbott, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., to William Dunsterfield and John Dunsterfield of Raby, Cheshire ; to enter into possession of a house in Estgatestreete, Chester, having on its east side a passage running alongside the city wall and leading from the street into the backyard of a house called le Talbott, now or late in the possession of Elizabeth Geoffreys, widow, William Alcock, and George Heath ; on its north side the street ; and on its west and south sides the afsd house called le Talbott. 15th June 44 Elizabeth. Witnesses: Ralph Appletree ; William Beryngton. (15th June 1602). *Dorse*. Entry was made 24th July 44 Elizabeth into the house of William Alcock and the cellar underneath it occupied by Joan Cowper, widow, which they hold of John Tylston, late of Chester, alderman ; with the consent of the same and in accordance with these letters of attorney, in the presence of John Frodsham, Thomas Erne, and Edward Gregge.

243. Power of attorney: as 242 ; to receive a quitclaim from John Tylston, alderman of Chester, of all his rights in

land as in 242. 20th June 44 Elizabeth. Witnesses: Ralph Appletree; William Beryngton; Robert Leek. (20th June 1602).

244. Indented lease for 21 years from Martinmas last, made 13th November 1607, 5 and 41 James I: John Talbott, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., to Roger Gest, yeoman, of Trafford, Cheshire,* (acting as agent for the other tenants of J.T. in Trafford); a meadow estimated at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres called the Horsepasture in Tyall in Trafford, Cheshire; for £20, and 26s. 8d. p.a. payable at Midsummer and Martinmas. Witnesses: Ralph Appletree; Robert Saunders; John Pennell. (13th November 1607).

245. Indentures of covenant made 23rd May 14 and 49 James I, between John Houghe, Richard Shurlock, Thomas Hancock, John Hancock, William Bruston, Thomas Deane, Robert Taylor, John Pemberton, Henry Hill, Richard Richardson, John Hunt, and Gilbert Wharton, yeomen, and Katharine Hodgson, widow, all of Oxton, Cheshire, Thomas Wilkinson of Brimstaughe, Cheshire, yeoman, John Wise of Barnston, Cheshire, yeoman, Mary Bennet of Barnston, widow, and Roger Kinge of Chester, baker, of one part; and George Talbott, Esq., of Grafton, Worcs., and Ralph Apeltree and John Dunsterfeilde, gents., servants to afsd G.T., of the other. Parties of the first, in order that R.A. and J.D. may be freehold tenants of lands in Oxton, Brymstaughe and Barnston and that a recovery by writ of entry sur disseisin in le post may be had to such uses as said G.T. may determine. do grant them all such lands in which they have any interest, for such periods as their rights extend; for £1,000 payable on or before 12th October next between 2 and 4 p.m. at the dwelling-house of John Houghe of Oxton afsd., in default whereof this covenant is to be void. Witnesses, John Wilson; William Bennet; William Stoneton; Thomas Bailie. 17 Seals. (23rd May 1616).

246. Indentures of mortgage for 90 years, for £200, made 15th March 1617, 15 and 51 James I: John Staunton, gent., of Byshton, Salop, and Frances his wife, to Humphrey Lee, Esq., of Langley, Salop, and Robert Corbet, Esq., of Humphryson, Salop; a messuage in Byshton, a toft in Wildicot, Salop, and other property in Bishton al. Biston, Wildicote, and Bonningall, Salop. (15th March 1618).

247. Indentures made 13th February 1626, 2 Charles I, between rt. hon. George, earl of Shrewsbury, of one part, and rt. hon. Thomas, earl of Arundel, earl marshal of England, Sir Thomas Penruddocke of Gunnersbury, Middx., kt., and Sir Robert Spiller of London, kt., of the other.

* *in marg. man. rec.* "now John Kelsall"

In pursuance of agreements made between afsd earl of Shrewsbury of one part and afsd earl of Arundel and rt. hon. William, earl of Pembroke, lord steward of H.M. Household, of the other, by the mediation of rt. hon. Francis, lord Russell, and William, lord Peter, arbitrators, afsd E. of Shr. grants to afsd Sir Thomas and Sir Robert all his rights in the manors of Rockwarden, Cheswarden, Tasley and Hulton, Salop, for 50 years at £130 p.a. payable at Michaelmas and Lady Day. Certain restrictive covenants. (13th February 1627).

248. Indentures of bargain and sale made 24th March 1630, 6 Charles I: Anne Pitt, widow, of Codshall, Staffs., John Wight, gent., and Frances his wife, daughter of said Anne Pitt and late wife of John Stanton of Byshton, Salop, gent., decd., Anthony Bryan, gent., and Jane his wife, Humphrey Goodman, gent., and Joan his wife, Zachary Bowne, gent., and Anne his wife—which Jane, Joan and Anne are daughters of said John Stanton and Frances Wight—to Walter Asthill of Pattshull, Staffs., Esq.; a messuage in Byshton afsd, now or late occupied by William Stoke, and a watercourse called Wanford Brooke which divides the lands, etc., of the townships of Byshton and Wyldecote, Salop; for £250. Witnesses: Gilbert Astley; John Brodhurst; William Frodgley; Simon Gobbitt. (24th March 1631).

249. Indentures of bargain and sale made 24th April 1631, 7 Charles I: Walter Astleye, Esq., of Patshull, Staffs, to John Harrington, gent., of Byshton, Salop; a messuage in Byshton, and a toft in Wildecott, Salop, with a close of pasture annexed thereto, called Wasterns brich in Albrighton, Salop; for £480, and the payment to Anne Pitt, widow, of Codsall, Staffs., of £11 p.a. for life. Witnesses: Giles Greene; Thomas Underwood; John Hues; John Edgerton. (24th April 1631).

250. Articles of agreement made 6th August 1638, 14 Charles I, between rt. hon. John, earl of Shrewsbury, and hon. Sir Percy Herbert, kt. and bart., of Powys Castle, Montgomeryshire. (1) It is intended that a marriage be had between rt. hon. George, lord Talbot, son and heir of afsd E. of Shr., and Marie Herbert, only daughter of afsd Sir Percy. (2) The E. of Shr. will grant to Sir Percy as trustee an estate to be specified in schedule annexed hereunto, to be settled upon said George lord Talbot and heirs male; if he die leaving only daughters by Marie Herbert, £5,000 is to be raised from the estate to provide marriage portions for them, payable at marriage or age 18, whichever sooner. (3) The Earl will, from the marriage until George attains age 18, furnish him honourably with necessaries for clothes

and servants' wages. (4) He will provide George and his wife with £500 p.a. from age 18 to 21, and £1,000 p.a. thereafter ; (5) and settle upon said Marie Herbert a jointure of £2,000 p.a. (6) Sir Percy will, from the marriage until George attains age 21, furnish the couple and their retinue with food and lodging, (7) and will pay to the Earl a marriage portion of £10,000, viz. £8,000 in cash and £2,000 in lands or mortgages, by Lady Day next if the marriage be then solemnized or within 6 months of the wedding if not ; (8) this to be repaid if said Marie dies childless before George attains age of 17½ ; if she die leaving only a daughter, £8,000 to be set aside as marriage portion for the latter. (9) Upon repayment within one year according to art. 8, Sir Percy will restore to the Earl the lands mentioned in art. 2. Witnesses : Pembroke and Montgomery ; Carnarvon ; Powys ; John Fortescue ; Humphrey Field ; Samuel Turner ; W. Knype.

Schedule of lands as in art. 2 :—

WORCESTERSHIRE. The manor of Grafton with the manor of Upton Warren ; the manors of Brandsgrave, Bell and Broughton, except the several parcels purchased of Richard Sanders and one Colwell ; worth per Annum	£1200
SHROPSHIRE. The manor of Pepperhill with the manors of Albrighton, Wildecoate, Bisson and Fordsholme, per Annum...	£550
A third part of the manors of Roccaddrine, Chessardine, and Tasley, with the Colepitts and the wood sales, per Annum ...	£500
DERBYSHIRE. The third parts of the manors of Wingfeild, Criche Stretton, and Shirland, with the duty of lead ore, per Annum ...	£600
The iron works not valued, yielding at present over £300 p.a.	
BERKSHIRE. The manor of Burfield with the wood sales, per Annum ...	£700
CHESHIRE. The manor of Budworth containing 1,300 acres of meadow, pasture and tillage and 800 acres of common ; the manor of Ogston contg. 570 acres of enclosure and 300 acres of common ; Branstone and Thingwale contg. 356 acres of enclosure ; the manor of Brinstage contg. 793 acres of enclosure and 120 acres of common ; the manor of Raby contg. 805 acres of enclosure and 410 acres of common ; the manor of Dunham, with members, contg. 1,134 acres	

of enclosure and 73 acres of common ; Thornton Grange contg. 249 acres of en- closure ; the manor of Trafford contg. 1,082 acres of enclosure ; Howle 188 acres ; worth per Annum	£3152 10s.
Lands and houses in Chester city, worth per Annum	£100
WILTSHIRE. The third part of Aston Gifford, worth per Annum	£40
Lands in various counties, whereof a third part descends to the earl of Shrewsbury on the death of the present Countess of Kent, viz., the manors of Sampton, Alton, Bolsterston, Heyfield, Hansworth and Eyen—worth per Annum	£1000
Total per Annum	£7842 10s.

(6th August 1638).

251. Disclaimer by rt. hon. Henry, lord Herbert, son and h.app. of rt. hon. Edward, earl of Worcester : of his trusteeship as set forth in indentures of bargain and sale dated 23rd June 1654, whereby rt. hon. Francis, earl of Shrewsbury, did convey for 60 years (if he lived so long) to rt. hon. William, earl of Strafford, afsd Henry lord Herbert, George Blount of Blakden, Devon, Esq., John Rushworth of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., George Gary of Gray's Inn, gent., and Jonathan Barthropp of Clement's Inn, gent. ; the manors of Stony Dunham al. Dunham upon the Hill, Trafford magna al. Mickle Trafford, Brunstagh al. Brunstaffe, Raby, Oxtou, al. Oxon, and Little Budworth al. Budurth in the Frith, Cheshire ; messuages, etc., in Chester city ; the manors and lordships of Albrighton and Ford al. Fordeshome, Salop ; a capital messuage called Pepperhill with a park, Salop ; the manors of Grafton and Upton Warren, Worcs. ; of Burfeild, Berks ; the earl of Shrewsbury's moiety of the manors of Southwingfeild, Criche Sherland, Stratton and Higham, Derby ; of Wrockardine al. Wrockwarden, Chesardine al. Cheswarden, Taseley and Hatton, Salop ; of Alton al. Alveton, Staffs. ; of Bolsterston, Heyfeild al. Heighfeild and Hansworth, Yorks. ; of Bampton, Oxon. ; and of Ashton Gifford, Wilts. Witnesses : H. Howard ; John Finch ; Charles Rue. 20th July 1654.

252. Indentures of agreement made 14th July 1658 between Sir John Fortescue of Salden, Bucks, kt. and bart., Thomas Gascoigne, Esq., son of Sir Thomas Gascoigne of Barnebowe, Yorks., kt., Ralph Clavering of Callaly, Northumbs., Esq., George Sheldon, gent., son of William Sheldon

of Beeley, Warws., Esq., and Gilbert Crouche of St. Giles-in-the fields, Middx., gent., of one part, and rt. hon. Francis earl of Shrewsbury of the other part, reciting: whereas articles of agreement between the earl of Shr. of the first part, other parties to presents of the second part, and Edmund Fortescue of Rushocke, Worcs., Esq., John Beverley of Smeaton, Yorks., Esq., John Tounge of Luttrington, co. Durham, gent., Ralph Salvyn of Grafton, Worcs., gent., and Stonor Crouche of Wallingford, Berks, gent., of the third part, were made dated 14th December 1657, wherein was agreed *inter al.* that the said Earl of Shr. would satisfy parties of the second part, on or before 31st July next ensuing, in £2120 paid out for the use of the Lady Conyers and the Lady Mary Talbott, daughters of the said E. of Shr.; and whereas this repayment is now respited until 31st July 1659 for consideration of 6%; the afd Earl undertakes not to disencumber any of his estates until payment be made, excepting the manors of Little Budworth in le Frith, Cheshire, and Hansworth, Heyfield and Bolsterstone, Yorks., which the said Earl may dispose of notwithstanding these articles; if this agreement be fulfilled, a recognizance of £4000 made by said Earl at Westminster before H. H. Oliver, Lord Protector, on 13th July, 1658, shall be void. Witnesses to signature of Sir John Fortescue and Thomas Gascoigne: John Pell; E. Buckner; George Parker; of Gilbert Crouche: Edward Grene; William Payne; George Collingwood; George Parker. (14th July 1658).

253. Indenture of lease for one year made 5th January 1658 in pursuance of the statute for transferring uses into possession, between rt. hon. Francis earl of Shrewsbury of one part, and John Caryll, Esq., of Harting, Sussex, Humphrey Weld, Esq., of Lulworth Castle, Dorset, and John Rushworth, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Middx., of the other part: for 5s. and rent of one peppercorn; the manors and advowsons of Grafton and Upton Warren, Worcs., and Byrfeild Abbott al. Berfeld al. Burghfeild, Berks., in order that grantees may be in actual possession thereof and able to accept a grant in reversion for uses to be declared. Witnesses: H. Simelby; Gilbert Crouche; Jo. Woolfe; Francis Woolmer; Matthew Johnson; George Parker. (5th January 1659).

254. Another copy of the same. (5th January 1659).

255. Indenture tripartite made 6th January 1658 between rt. hon. Francis earl of Shrewsbury of the first part, rt. hon. Thomas, lord Brudenell, baron of Stouton, hon. Robert Brudenell, Esq., s. and h. app. of said Lord Brudenell, John Caryll, Esq., Humphrey Weld, Esq., and

John Rushworth, Esq., (as in 253) of the second part, and hon. Gilbert Talbott, Thomas Talbott, John Talbott, and Buno Talbott, brothers of said earl of the third part : grant of lands to parties as in 253, in consideration of a marriage to be had between said earl and hon. Anna Maria, eldest daughter of said Lord Brudenell, and to the extent that the said manors, etc., may remain to the heirs male of said earl upon her begotten. Witnesses to signature of earl of Shr., Robert Brudenell, and John Caryll : as 253 ; of Lord Brudenell : Gilbert Crouche ; William Stevenson ; of Humphrey Weld : Gilbert Crouche ; Edward Forbes ; of others : Gilbert Crouche ; Jo. Woolfe ; George Parker ; E. Cannynge. (6th January 1659).

256. Another part of the same. (6th January 1659).

257. Charter of John Harrington, senr., of Bishton, Salop, Esq., reciting and revoking indentures made 1st May 1652 between afsd J.H. of one part and John Harrington junr. his son and h. app., Edward Smith, of Womborne, Staffs., gent., William Scot, junr., of Cosford Grange, Salop, gent., Richard Wakeman, of Kingston upon Teames, Surrey, brother and heir of Henry Wakeman, and Charles Stanley of Holford, Staffs., gent., of the other part ; determining the uses of lands in Bishton, Salop, Oldington al. Olton, Staffs., and Tanworth, Warws., conveyed by afsd J. H. senr. to Henry Wakeman, Esq., and Owen Claxton, gent., by fine levied in Trinity term 1646. Witnesses : Walter Grosvenor ; Ed. Smith ; Jos. Smart ; Thomas Greene. 19th April 15 Charles II. A.D. 1663.

258. Charter of the same, reciting and revoking indentures of lease and release made 7/8 July 12 Charles II, A.D. 1660, by J.H. afsd to Alexander Wood of the white abbie, Salop, gent., and Edward Smith of Womborne, Staffs., gent. ; of a messuage in Bishton or Little Bishton, Salop, then late occupied by Thomas Hatton and then occupied by Thomas Wilford, gent. ; and two cottages in the same, then or late occupied by John Howle and John Wincle ; and lands, meadows, etc., in Bishton or elsewhere in the parish of Albrighton, Salop, then or late occupied by Edward Holleyes, Henry Sheldon, Thomas Wilford and Jane Mason, widow, lying between the highway leading from Bishton to Bonyngshall, the fields and lands of Bonyngshall, the brook called Wanford Brooke, certain ground called the Hall yard, ground called the Muckeclose, and a little meadow then or late in the possession of John Astley. Witnesses : as 257 19th April 15 Charles II, A.D. 1663.

259. Indentures made 20th April 15 Charles II, A.D. 1663, between John Harrington, senr., of Bishton, Salop, Esq., of the first part ; John Harrington, junr., of

Oare, Sussex, Esq., his son and heir apparent, Thomas Harrington, gent., his second son, and George Harrington, gent., his third son, of the second part; and Richard Congreave of Stretton, Staffs., Esq., Jonas Grosvenor of Tettenhall, Staffs., Esq., and Alexander Wood of the White Abbey, Salop., gent., of the third part. Parties of 1st and 2nd parts have, in pursuance of an award dated 13th inst. and made by Walter Grosvenor, Esq., between said J.H. senr. and J.H. junr., leased to parties of 3rd part all their heritable property in Greate Bishton, Little Bishton and Albrighton, Salop, as set forth in schedule annexed, for 500 years at peppercorn rent, upon trust and under the following conditions:—lessees will, upon request and at cost of said J.H. junr., lease to him, heirs etc. or their nominees all the a/m property for 499 years 11 months from the present, such redemption to be under the following conditions:—if the said J.B. junr. dies without legitimate male issue, then his heirs, etc., shall pay within one year next ensuing the sum of £800, viz., to the then living children of Margaret, wife of Charles Staveley, gent., and daughter of said J.H. senr., £200; to those of Mary, wife of John Middlemore, gent., and daughter of said J.H. senr., £200; to those of Winifrid, wife of John Astley, gent., and daughter of said J.H. senr., £200; to those of Anne Harrington, spinster, daughter of said J.H. senr., £200; in default whereof the parties of 3rd part shall stand seized as trustees for the children of said daughters. Warranty of title to the whole except as set forth in three indentures:—(i) dated 10th May 1660 by said J.H. senr., leasing to Edward Hollies and Mary his wife a messuage in Bishton, Salop, for lessor's lifetime at £26 p.a.; (ii) dated 30th October 1660 by said J.H. senr., leasing to Thomas Wilford, gent., a messuage in Bishton at £30 10s. p.a. under covenants therein set forth; (iii) dated 1st July 14 Charles II by said J.H. junr., leasing to John Fortescue, Esq. and Charles Wareing, gent., four pastures in Bishton, one called the Clapper, and a second called the Long furlong consisting of 30 acres odd, occupied by William Stoakes, gent.; also a pasture called the greene field in the possession of John Astley of Bishton, gent.

(Sealing and witnessing clauses, but no signatures either of parties or witnesses, and the document has never been sealed; there are tags for four seals, and it is clearly not a mere draft).

Schedule of lands annexed thereto:—

(i) A mansion house called Bishton Hall with appurtenances and the following pastures: the Greene field, the Muckt close, the meadow lying beneath the Muckt close, the

meadow next to Hollis, the Hall yard held by John Astley, gent.

(ii) A messuage in Little Bishton with appurtenances and the following pastures :—the Well leasowe or Stanton field, the two crofts beneath the same, the meadow below the said two crofts, the two leasowes lately held by Henry Sheldon and the meadow beneath the same ; all now held by Thomas Wilford, gent.

(iii) A messuage in Bishton with appurtenances and the following lands :—the close adjacent thereto, being now sowed with rye and barley, the close between the said messuage and Boninghall field, the little marsh, the greater marsh, the Admants Croft, the Admants Croft meadow, and three crofts near Boninghall hill extending from the highway to the brook called Boninghall brook ; all now held by Edward Holleyes.

(iv) A leasowe called to the Hill leasowe now held by William Williams ; a parcel of land called the Clapper pitt field, held by William Stoakes ; another called the Harris pitt leasowe, held by William Smith. (20th April 1663).

260. Plea of sessions of Chester held at Chester in the court of pleas, Monday, 25th September, 34 Charles II, before George Jeffreys, kt. and bart., justice of Chester, and John Warren, justice of Cheshire.

John Arden, gent., claimed through his attorney Dominic Taylor against Gilbert Crouche, gent., the manors of Stony Dunham al. Dunham super montem, Trafford magna al. Troughford al. Miccle Trafford, Brumstaugh al. Brunstafte, Raby and Oxton al. Oxon ; 80 messuages, 40 cottages, 20 tofts, 7 mills, 3 dovecots, 800 acres of land, 350 acres of meadow, 800 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 1500 acres of heath, 50 acres of marsh, and rents of £8 in Stony Dunham al. Dunham super montem, Trafford magna al. Troughford al. Mickle Trafford, Hoblaine, Wimbolds Trafford, Hoole, Brunstaugh al. Brunstafte, Rabye, Oxton al. Oxon, Thornewton, Hargreave, Werswall, Saukehall, Plemstow, Barneston, Carnesdale, Hapsford, Helsby, Hambridge and Claverton as of right and inheritance and in which the said Gilbert had no rights since the disseizin which Hugh Hunt unjustly made against the said John within 30 years last past ; and stated that he (John Arden) was seized of the said lands, etc., as of demesne and fee in peace-time in the time of the present king.

The said Gilbert appeared in person to defend his right and called as warranty Charles, earl of Shrewsbury, who appeared in person and freely warranted the said lands, etc., to the said Gilbert ; and the said John Arden claimed against

the said Charles, etc., and stated that he was seized, etc., as above.

The said Charles, tenant by warranty, defended his right and called as warranty Walter Higgs who appeared, etc., and freely, etc., to the said Charles; and the said John Arden claimed, etc., as above.

The said Walter Higgs defended, etc., and said that Hugh Hunt did not disseize the said John of the said lands, etc.

And John Arden obtained an interlocutory licence and later returned to this court by his afsd attorney; and the said Walter Higgs though solemnly called defaulted in contempt of court; wherefore it was adjudged that John Arden should recover his seizin against the said Gilbert and that Gilbert should have lands of the said Charles to the value, etc., and that Charles should, etc., Walter Higgs to the value, etc., and that Walter Higgs should be in mercy. And John Arden obtained the king's writ to the sheriff to give him seizin, returnable on Saturday next; on which day he appeared by attorney, and Peter Pynder the sheriff gave him seizin, etc., by virtue of a writ directed to him dated 29th inst. (25th September 1682).

APPENDIX.

261. Brit. Mus. Additional Charter 72,189.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Dunewill dedi et concessi et quiete clamavi Roberto Dunewill domino meo quindecim landas in bru(nst)ade que appellant dihfurlong et unam bovatom terre quam Reginaldus albus de me tenuit in escambiis pro illa bovata quam Willelmus avunculus meus tenuit illi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis et Ego vero Ricardus dunewill et heredes mei predictam terram predicto Roberto domino meo et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus et ut hec donatio mea et concessio et quietia clamacio Rate sint et stabiles presens scriptum sigilli mei munimine Roborare feci his testibus Roberto de praers Gilberto de limma Roberto (de) masi Ricardo de bromhale Johanne de haslewall Hugone de corona Willelmo de byrincham Johanne Flori Radulfo clerico et multis aliis. (c.1230).

Seal: Circle 41. Fleur de lys. Insc. + SIGI(LLVM RIC) ARDI DVNVILE (damaged at right-hand edge).

262. Recognizance Rolls 3 & 4 James I (P.R.O. Chester 2, No. 273), m. 1d.

Pateat universis per presentes quod cum contencio mota esset inter me Rogerum filium domini Rogeri Dounvile ex una parte et priorem et monachos de Byrcheued ex altera

super metis et bundis inter villatas de Oxtou et Clatton Ego Rogerus filius domini Rogeri Dounvile consultus et bona fide deductus cognovi concessi et hoc scripto meo confirmavi tales fore divisas infra predictas villas sicuti prior et monachi eiusdem loci affirmaverunt esse et fuisse a tempore quo non extat memoria viz. Incipientes ad Bottislowe et sic usque ad swalewelewe et sic a swalewelowe per lapides ibidem in lyngedale positos directe usque ad le Raggedestean Ita vero quod nec Ego Rogerus filius domini Rogeri Dounvile nec heredes mei nec aliquis per nos nec pro nobis nec nomine nostri aliquod ius vel clameum in terris et tenementis ultra prenomintas divisas versus villam de Clatton exigere vel ullo modo vindicare poterimus imperpetuum. Inspexi etiam cartam domini Hugonis Dounvile antecessoris mei in hiis verbis. Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Hugo de Dounvilla salutem. Notum sit vobis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam assensu heredum meorum deo et sancto Jacobo et fratribus de Byrcheued pro salute anime mee et heredum meorum et precipue pro anima domini mei Roberti dapiferi unam mansuram in Oxtou et unam culturam que vocatur knavenebrec scilicet totam suam in longum et in latum sicut eam torrens ex una parte dividit et fossa ex altera parte solutas et quietas et liberas ab omni servicio seculari et ab omnibus quietanciis consuetudinibus sicut decet elemosinam exceptis solummodo oracionibus quare meis heredibus et omnibus hominibus meis precipio ut unusquisque vestrum pro amore dei et sancti Jacobi et mei hanc donacionem manuteneat quatinus omnium beneficiorum memorati loci una mecum particeps fiat. Quam quidem cartam ratam et gratam habeo Ita quod nec ego Rogerus filius domini Rogeri Dounvile nec heredes mei nec aliquis nomine nostri in terris et tenementis infra predictas divisas in illa carta contentas aliquod ius vel clameum unquam exigere poterimus preter oraciones hiis testibus Hamone de Masscy Patricio de Hasilwale Ricardo de Masscy militibus Jacobo de Pulle Willelmo Lancelyn Hugone de Berniston Roberto de Bebinton Fulcone de Melis et aliis. (c.1295; original charter c.1160).

263.* Indenture of bargain and sale made 26th September 1622, 20 and 56 James I: John Stanton of Byshton, Salop, yeoman, John Shenton of Whiston, Salop, yeoman, and William Pytt of Pattingham, Staffs., yeoman, to John Harrington of Byshton, gent., and Robert Corbett of Humfreston, Salop, esq.; for £224 to be paid as set forth in bonds made by afsd J.H. and one Richard Chapman to afsd

* This deed, which came to light while the work was going through the press, belongs in proper sequence between No. 246 and No. 247.

John Stanton and dated 7th May last ; 4 meadows in Byshton, called the streete feilde, New Closse, and Bryches ; to the use of afsd J.H., his heirs and assigns ; paying 2s. p.a. to the chief lord of the fee. Covenants to warranty. (26th September 1622).

Dorse. Witnesses to livery of seizin : George Shilton ; Thomas Howle ; John Stringer.

Memo. that Wanford Brook was specially excepted in Wights' grant of Stanton's land and Wildecott to Mr. Astley, 6 Chas., and afterwards by him to W. Stoke. It was expressly granted to Mr. Astley by them and by him to me with the lands in Byshton. W. Stoke's deed wherein it is excepted is extant in his hands.

My purchase of Stanton's house and other land in Byshton from Walter Astley of Patshull, Staffs., esq., was dated 6 Chas. The evidences thereof being plundered and lost, see the fine from Stanton, Wight and his wife, Goodman and his wife, and Bowne and his wife to Astley, dated 6 Charles I. (signed) John Harrington.

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