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"And in this undertaking, the Reader may see what Furniture (though it lie dispersed) our Publick Records will afford for History: and how plentifully our own may be supplied and improved, if pains were taken therein: for what is hitherto made publick, hath been collected, chiefly out of old Annals, and they filled with few things but such as were very obvious, nay the Annalists themselves (for the most part residing in Monasteries) too oftentimes byassed with Interest, and Affection, to Times and Persons: But on the contrary, in our publick Records lye matter of Fact, in full Truth, and therewith the Chronological part, carried on, even to days of the Month. So that an industrious Searcher may thence collect considerable matter for new History, rectifie many mistakes in our old, and in both gratifie the world with unshadowed verity."—(ASHMOLE'S *History of the Garter*.)

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II.—The leading object of the Society shall be the editing and printing of original documents relating to the County of Stafford, to which, however, may be added papers selected by an Editorial Committee, illustrative of the same, or coming under any of the eight following heads :—

- (a) Abstracts of the Monastic Chartularies, and of Ancient Family Deeds, with the names of witnesses and fac-similes of seals; Genealogies of Nobility and Gentry (accompanied by proofs), Heraldic Visitations, and other papers touching the general history and descent of properties and families.
- (b) Printing and editing of the Public Records relating to the County, including the Exchequer or Pine Rolls, the Assize Rolls, Fine Rolls, Inquisitions, Perambulations of Forests, Subsidy Rolls, and Assessments, &c., &c.
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- (e) Notices of British and Roman Remains, and Roads and Buildings, and the Antiquities generally of the District.
- (f) Autograph Letters and other Documents relating to the Civil War.
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- (h) Correspondence, in which enquiries may be made and answered, on any of the above subjects, and miscellaneous information, including corrections of errors.

III.—The general affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council of ten, of whom five shall be trustees of the William Salt Library, and nominated by them, from time to time, and five shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Subscribers. The Council shall be empowered to delegate, if they see fit, the selection of the papers to be printed, to an Editorial Committee. Of the Council, three shall be a quorum, and in case of equality of votes, their Chairman shall have a casting vote.

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V.—The Subscription shall be One Guinea annually, to be paid in advance, upon the first of January in each year, and such annual payment shall entitle each Subscriber to the volume issued for the year of such subscription. Any Subscriber shall be permitted to withdraw from the Society by giving notice of his intention three months before the termination of any year of Subscription.

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The William Salt Archaeological Society.

GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20TH, 1896.

THE Eighteenth General Meeting of the Society took place at the William Salt Library, Stafford, on the 20th October, 1896. The Right Hon. the Lord Wrottesley, in the Chair. There were also present: The Rev. W. Beresford, the Rev. E. Collett, the Rev. T. Daltrey, the Rev. F. P. Parker, the Rev. E. Salt, Messrs. W. S. Brunga, W. F. Carter, W. H. Duignan, George Gill, T. Hughes, N. Joyce, F. C. Perry, Thomas Salt, Major-General the Hon. George Wrottesley, Honorary Secretary, and Mr. John W. Bradley, Assistant Secretary.

The Report of the Editorial Committee was read by the Honorary Secretary, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1895-96.

The Editorial Committee have to report that Volume XVI of "Staffordshire Collections" was issued to the Subscribers in August, 1896. This date was later than usual owing to the lamented death of the Rev. Canon Bridgeman, who was engaged at the time on the History of Weston-under-Lizard, which was to have formed part of the issue for that year. As this contribution could not be completed in time, it became necessary to substitute other matter for it, and the volume was made up to 300 pages by the addition of the Rydeware Chartulary and a further instalment of the Fines of the reign of Elizabeth.

Volume XVII is in the press, about 120 pages having been printed up to the present date. Its contents will consist of the Plea Rolls of the reigns of Henry V and Henry VI; the Poll Tax of A.D. 1379 for the Hundreds of Offlow and Cuttlestone, which is all that is extant of this important Record for Staffordshire; and the Shenstone Charters, from the Chartulary of the Duchy of Lancaster, with notes by the late Mr. Sydney Grazebrook. If these are not sufficient to make up the volume, a further instalment of the Fines of Elizabeth and James I will be added. The Shenstone Charters, which were left unfinished by Mr. H. S. Grazebrook at the date of his death, have been completed by Mr. George Grazebrook, and the Rev. Ernest Bridgeman and Mr. Charles Bridgeman will add the concluding chapters to the History of Weston-under-Lyzzard; but this latter work will not be ready for issue before 1898.

An account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the past year has been prepared for the Meeting, which shows a balance of £3 7s. in favour of the Society upon the working of the year; in addition to which a sum of over £43 has been received from the sale of surplus volumes.

Since the last Meeting of the Society, the Committee have to deplore the loss of three of their most esteemed Colleagues—the Hon. and Rev. George Bridgeman, Mr. Henry Sydney Grazebrook, and Mr. Francis Whitgreave—all of whom had been associated with them since the first formation of the Society. The two first named have contributed several valuable papers to the "Collections for Staffordshire"; and obituary notices, giving a detailed account of their labours for the Society, will be found in the Introduction to Volume XVI, lately issued.

One of the first duties of the present Meeting will be to fill up the vacancies caused by these losses in the Council and Editorial Committee.

The Chairman announced to the Meeting that the Trustees of the William Salt Library had nominated Sir Reginald Hardy and Mr. Brough to fill the seats on the Council vacated by the deaths of the Hon. and Rev. George Bridgeman and Mr. Henry Sydney Grazebrook; and on the proposal of the Chairman the Rev. William Beresford was elected to fill the seat vacated by the death of Mr. Francis Whitgreave.

The Assistant Secretary reported the death of nine Members of the Society, viz. :—

The Rev. Prebendary Finch Smith, F.S.A.

Dr. Tylecote.

Mr. Joseph Nayler.

The Hon. and Rev. George Bridgeman.

Mr. W. H. Dutton.

The Hon. E. S. Parker-Jervis.

Mr. Francis Whitgreave.

Mr. H. S. Grazebrook, and

Mr. Granville Leveson-Gower.

and the withdrawals of

The Rev. F. Hicks Beaven, and

Mr. W. Downing.

On the other hand, ten new subscribers had been added, viz. :—

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The Rev. Ernest Bridgeman.

Mr. W. Bucknall.

Mr. W. Farrer.

Mr. W. P. Gibbons.

Mr. George Gill, and

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lichfield.

A discussion followed respecting the proposed contribution of the Society to the History of the Gresley Family which was about to be undertaken by Mr. F. Madan, the Sub-Librarian of the Bodleian Library. Eventually Lord Wrottesley proposed that Mr. Madan's terms should be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Carter, and carried unanimously.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Officers of the Society and the Contributors, the Meeting separated.

The William Salt Archaeological Society.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1895, AND SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1896.

1895.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1895.	Payments.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 15.	To Balance in Bank .. ..	..	..	..	125	5	2	Sept. 19.	To Messrs. Wright and Roberts (stationery)	1	18	6
1896.								Oct. 25.	„ Mr. John W. Bradley (honorary for 1894-5).	15	0	0
Sept. 15.	„ Subscriptions and Arrears from Old Subscribers ..	172	4	8					„ Mr. G. W. Thompson (clerk to Mr. Morgan, Auditor)	2	2	0
	From ten new Subscribers, viz.—								„ Messrs. Grindley (being refunding of payment in error for Rev. C. Swynerton)	2	2	0
	£ s. d.							Dec. 3.	„ Mr. J. H. Jeayes for an abstract of the Rydeware Chartulary	4	4	0
	1 Compounder ..	10	10	0				1896.				
	8 copies, Vol. XVI.	8	8	0				Jan. 17.	Do. for 210 impressions of a facsimile of a page in the Rydeware Chartulary	2	19	0
	5 „ Vol. XVII.	5	5	0				„ 29.	„ Mr. W. Boyd for copying the Poll Tax A.D. 1380 in the Public Records Office	4	15	6
		24	3	0				May 16.	„ Messrs. John Steer and Co. of Wolverhampton for Illustrations to the History of Weston-under-Lizard ..	16	16	0
	Total Subscriptions received				196	7	0					
	To Sales as per account during year .. ..	..	..	..	43	1	8					
	„ 1 Index .. ..	..	..	..	0	5	6					

Total .. £364 19 4

Examined and found correct,

(Signed)

WILLIAM MORGAN,

Hon. Auditor.

16th October, 1886.

Aug. 1.	Mr. Ovenden for making Index to Vol.				
	XVI.			7	10 0
Sept. 14.	Messrs. Harrison, for printing, binding,				
	and issuing Vol. XVI.			136	0 0
				<u>193</u>	<u>7 0</u>
	„ Balance in Bank.			171	12 4
				<u>171</u>	<u>12 4</u>
	Total ..			£364	19 4

(Signed) GEORGE WROTTESLEY, MAJOR-GENERAL,
Hon. Secretary.

30th September, 1896.

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MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON GEORGE WROTTESELEY.

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PETITIONS TO PARLIAMENT. 2 H. V.¹

Edmond de Ferrers petitions that whilst he was away on the King's service Hugh Erdeswyk, Thomas Gifford, Robert Erdeswyk, Roger Erdeswyk, of co. Stafford; Hugh Venables, Ralph Venables, William Venables, Hugh Daumport, Hankyn Maynwarving, and John Kyngesle, with many others of co. Chester, with the assent and *malveys conyn* of the said Hugh de Erdeswyk, had come arrayed in arms, with a great number of people from divers places, on the Sunday of Pasque floure last to his vill of Chartley, and had beaten and ill-treated his tenants and servants, and had killed one Ralph Page his servant, and had pulled down a large part of his park palings, to the great disturbance of the country and subversion of the King's peace, and for which he prayed a remedy according to the wise discretion of the King and the lords of the present parliament.

Hugh Erdeswyk petitions the same parliament that whereas divers *jours d'amour* had been arranged in former days between him and Edmond Ferrers, esquire,² of the same county, touching certain matters of debate which the said Edmond pretended to have against the said Hugh without any reasonable cause or "desert" of the said Hugh, who was well and loyally known by the whole county; and notwithstanding several assurance of the part of the said Edmond to keep loyally the said days, he had congregated a large body of men arrayed in a warlike manner, who had laid in wait in divers places in order to kill the said Hugh, and had done great damage to him and his servants, so that they have often been in despair of their lives, as was more fully shown in a bill appended to this petition, and for which he prays a remedy, etc.

The "bill" annexed states that, whereas a *jour d'amour* had been taken (*pris*) between Sir John Bagot, knight, and Dame Joan Malveysyn at Ruggeley, and Hugh Erdeswyk had been selected to be present with the said Dame Joan on that day, Edmond Ferrers, esquier, knowing that he would be there, had ordered his brothers, Thomas Ferrers and Edward Ferrers, and Richard Peshale and others of his men, arrayed as for war, to lay in wait on the road by which he had to pass, in order to kill and murder him, and of which design Hugh had been warned by his friends, and in place of going himself had sent one William Hyde, the vicar of Sondon, to acquaint the

¹ Taken from the Rolls of Parliament (printed). The originals are in French.

² Edmund Ferrers was the Baron of Chartley, although designated merely as an esquire in these proceedings.

said Dame of the cause of his absence ; and when the said William had come to the house (*à ostell*) and given his message, the said Thomas and Edward and Richard, and other malefactors, had taken him to Weston on Trent as a prisoner, and had illtreated him and despoiled him of his horse and harness, to the value of 4 marks.

Also, that when the said Esmond had arrayed men in the manner of war and taken the field against the King's peace, Hugh had sent divers worthy men (*prudeshomes*) of the co. of Chester to ask him why he laid in wait for him with such an array near his house (*pres son hostel*), and Esmond had sent answer, that he had no cause of quarrel against him ; but notwithstanding this answer, he and his brothers, and men arrayed as for war, had stopped several of the King's lieges and detained them till they had made an oath that they were not his servants ; and upon this the said Hugh had sent to the said Esmond by other prudhoms, viz., by Sir William Newport, knight, Walter Bullock, clerk, Thomas Griffyth, Robert Babbethorp, and Thomas Stanley, esquires, to tell the said Esmond that if he had any grievance against him, he was ready to do him justice, upon which the said knight and others had arranged a *jeu d'amour* between them, and Esmond had assured them he would keep it by law. And after the said assurance, the said Esmond had sent his brothers, and other armed men to the number of 200, who rode in the early morning towards the house of the said Hugh in order to kill and murder him in his bed on which he had been warned by Sir Thomas Gresley, knight, and at that time by the mediation of the said Sir Thomas, they had retired ; but notwithstanding which, Esmond from that day to this had given liveries to divers lieges of the King, some of the greatest malefactors of the county, whom he maintained to destroy the said Hugh.

Also, that when Sampson Erdeswyk, the brother of Hugh, an apprentice of the law, had taken counsel with Hugh to pursue divers writs in the King's Chancery, Esmond had procured a number of malefactors to intercept the said Sampson on his road back from Westminster, and they had beaten and wounded him and maimed him in a horrible manner, having cut off his toes and put them into his mouth, and left him for dead, with wounds on his arms and legs, by which he will be maimed for life, etc.

On the receipt of these petitions, Henry V decided on proceeding in person to the Midland Counties. At Easter, 2 H. V, *i.e.*, in April, 1414, he was at Leicester with his new Chief Justice, Sir W. Haukeford (Gascoigne having been dismissed). At this place he heard in person a civil action against Thomas Dethick, late Sheriff of Staffordshire, for an act of oppression under colour of his office. From Leicester he proceeded to Lichfield, where he obtained presentments from all the Hundreds of the County of Stafford, and called for all the Coroners' Rolls of the last year. These still exist in the Public Record Office, and fill over forty large membranes of parchment. A selection of the more important presentments has been made for this volume, but they are not a tenth of the crimes brought before the King on this occasion, and this will give an idea of the state of Staffordshire during the reign of Henry IV. The King remained at Lichfield for over two

months, during which he heard every kind of plaint brought into his Court, including the Common Assizes of novel disseisin, mordauncester, &c., and a Gaol Delivery. The object of this was doubtless to initiate the young King in the judicial system of the country. From Lichfield he proceeded to Shrewsbury, where he obtained presentments from all the Hundreds, as he had done at Lichfield. Some of these, where they affect Staffordshire tenants, have been extracted for this volume, but the great bulk refer to Shropshire only. They are of considerable interest, and ought to be translated for the history of that county.

INDICTMENTS, CO. STAFFORD. No. 89.

The jury of Pirehull (William Eggerton and others) presented, that Robert Erdeswyke, of Stafford, gentelman; John Barbour and John Golborne, of Stafford, with other unknown malefactors, arrayed in the manner of war (*modo guerrino*), broke into the houses of Ralph Aleyn and Roger Baxter, at Hykston, on the Saturday before the Feast of St. Matthew, 1 H. V., and beat and insulted and wounded the said Ralph and Roger.

That John Barbour, of Stafford, yoman, and John Golborne, of Stafford, yoman: John Rounde, of Here, yoman, the younger, and two others named, on Palm Sunday, 2 H. V., had laid in wait at Chattle to kill one Ralph Page, and had murdered him with their words when he was on his knees begging for his life, and that Robert Erdeswyke, of Stafford, gentelman, had procured and abetted them.

That John Pulteney, of Mystraton, co. Leycester, knight; Thomas, his son, gentelman; James, son of the said John, and John Pulteney, brother of James and Thomas; John Janwyle, of Kynecote, co. Leycester, and John Waver, of Walton, in the same county, gentelman, on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, 1 H. V., had laid in wait to kill Richard Chetwynde and his servants, at Hopwasway, as the said Richard was riding to Collesworth.

That John Bagenald, of Honford, of co. Stafford, yoman, had laid in wait for one John Lagowe, of Honford, on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Margaret, 10 H. IV., and had killed him with a bill, and that Thomas Ward, of Honford, aided and abetted him in the felony.

That Thomas, son of Richard Snede, of Ruggestrete, in co. Stafford, gentelman; Thomas, son of Hugh de Erdeley, of Audeley, yoman, and Robert de Bylleston, of Audeley, yoman, on the Saturday the Vigil of Palm Sunday, 1 H. V., had come armed to the house of Thomas Smyth, of Audeley, by night, and had taken and imprisoned the said Thomas without any cause.

That Magister John Hobelle, the Archdeacon of Salop, on the Thursday before the Feast of the Purification, 6 H. IV., had taken one Joan, daughter of Juliana Launder, aged 13 years, from Trentham, and had feloniously ravished her.

That Hugh Erdeswyke, of Sondon (Sandon), in co. Stafford, armiger, and Robert Erdeswyke, of Sondon, gentelman, and Sampson Erdeswyke, of the same place, gentelman, had broken into the house of John Passemere, at

Uttoxhatre, in 9 H. IV, and had beaten, wounded, and illtreated him, and taken brass and copper vessels (*vasa enea et erea*) belonging to him to the value of 20s.

That Ralph Marchyn-ton, of Carswalle, in co. Stafford, gentelman; Robert Erdeswyke, of Sondon, gentelman, and Thomas Gyffard, of Chylyngton, armiger, with other malefactors unknown to the number of 100 men, had assembled illegally armed in a warlike manner, with the view of killing Thomas Bykley, chaplain in 8 H. IV, and had broken into the park of Brosshulph (Bramshall), searching for the said Thomas Bykley, and had taken John Bykley, his brother *et ipsum per testiculos suos ibidem suspendebant et eum carceratum detinuerunt quousque ipse essenciam predicti Thome fratris sui invitis ejus dentibus detegebat*.¹

That Thomas Gyffard, of Chylynton, of co. Stafford, armiger, on the Wednesday before Christmas Day, 12 H. IV, had delivered 3 yards of cloth, as livery to John Bound, of Cannok, yoman; John Cartwryght, of Hatherdon, yoman; John Northwey, of Acton, yoman; John Pere, of Albryghton, yoman; John Mall, of Horsbroke, yoman; John Baillie, of the same place, yoman; John Hord, of Pedercrych, yoman, against the form of the Statute, none of them being servants of his household or connected with him in any legal manner.

That Hugh Erdeswyke, of Sondon, armiger, on the Thursday before Christmas Day () H. IV, had delivered 3 yards of cloth as livery to the following, viz. to John Marchall, of Stafford, yoman; Thomas Barbour, of Stafford, yoman; John Shelley, of Stafford, yoman; (. . .), of Draycote, of co. Stafford, yoman; Thomas Pakeman, of Gayton, yoman; (. . .), of Mulewych, yoman; John Smyth, of Stone, yoman; Robert Orchard, of Mulewych, yoman; Robert Loewode, of Stone, yoman; Ralph Orchard, of Mulewych, yoman; Richard Glover, of Stone, yoman; William Sonbache, of Ottoxhatre, yoman; Henry More, of Coton, yoman; John Prymyngham, of Sondon, yoman; Roger Warde, of Hildreston, yoman, and three others whose names cannot be deciphered, against the form of the Statute. m. 2.

That William Bermyngeham, of Bermyngeham, in co. Warwick, armiger, in 1 H. V, at Easter, had given liveries to John Hawardyn, of Alrewych, carpenter; William Blunhill, of Great Barre, yoman; John de Gunston, of Alrewych, yoman, viz., to each of them 3 yards of green and white cloth, when they were not servants or holding any office in the household (*milites, seu officiarum*) under the said William.

That William Newport, of Lichefeld, had given liveries to John de Broynton, of Shenstonhame, in co. Stafford, yoman, and to John Seyntjones, of Lichefeld, sadeler; William Seyntjones, of Lichefeld, yoman; Walter Jonson, William Waleys, of Lichfeld, Webster, Henry Mariot, of Lichefeld, Bowyer, viz., to each of them 3 yards of green and white cloth, against the form of the Statute, etc. (as above).

That Thomas Stanley, of Elford, squyer, had given a livery of cloth to Thomas Sprot, of Lichefeld, fisher; to Philip Bosset, of Lichefeld, fysher, and to Henry Alwhite, of Lichefeld, corviser; to each of them 3 yards of green and white cloth at Christmas, 1 H. V, at Eleford, and none of them were his servants or officials, etc.

¹ i.e., until he had unwillingly disclosed the whereabouts of his brother. This is a very curious piece of mediæval Latin. The reader will observe the origin of the modern word "essence," from the Latin verb "esse." The expression "invitis dentibus" is probably an ancient idiom.

Staff. In the suit of William Wybbe and Richard Whithull and Joyce, his wife, against John Pety, of Pel-hale, for cutting down their trees at Barre, John appeared, and pleaded that the close where the trees were cut was his freehold. The plaintiffs denied this, and stated that on the 20th November, 3 H. V, when the trees were cut down, the close in question was the freehold of the said William and Joyce and Margaret, who was then wife of the said William, but who had since died, and they appealed to a jury, which was to be summoned for the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 301.

Staff. The King sent a writ to the Justices *ex parte* John Nowell, of Lyche-feld, webbe, that whereas one John Trowell, of Lychefeld, webbe, had been outlawed at the suit of one Thomas Burford in the Husteng of London, the Sheriff of co. Stafford, supposing that the said John Nowell had been outlawed under that name, had arrested the said John and detained him in prison, to his great damage and grievance—the said Justices by inquisition or other lawful mode were to enquire whether the said John Nowell had been known by the name of John Trowell, or not. Witnessed by John, Duke of Bedford, the *custos* of England, 16th June, 6 H. V.

The Sheriff of co. Stafford was therefore ordered to make an inquisition in the presence of the said Thomas, and to return whether the said John Nowell had been known by the name of John Trowell, of Lychefeld, webbe, or not, and return the inquisition into Court on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist; on which day John Nowell appeared, and the Sheriff returned an inquisition taken at Lichfield, which stated that John Nowell, of Lychefeld, webbe, had never been known by the name of John Trowell, and the Sheriff further returned that the said Thomas Burford held nothing within his bailiwick, by which he could be warned *ad potest premuniri* (to show cause); and as the Justices were doubtful whether the said John Nowell could be released or not until the Sheriffs of London had made enquiry, he was admitted to bail on the surety of Thomas Heuster, one of the clerks of the Court, who would produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 304.

Staff. Thomas Asteley, of co. Leicester, armiger, was attached, at the suit of Thomas Harecourt, of Elenac, knight (who appeared for the King as well as for himself), in a plea put against the Statute of 1 H. V the said Thomas, with one William Arderne, of Aleysham, in co. Derby, by a conspiracy between them, had fabricated and published a deed on the 7th September, 4 H. V, which purported that William Harecourt had granted the manor of Bosworth to Richard Harecourt, and the heirs of the body of Richard, by Margaret his wife, and had fabricated divers other false writings and deeds at Stafford with a view of disturbing him in his possession and title of the said manor, and for which he claimed £1,000 as damages. Thomas Asteley appeared in person, and denied the accusation, and appealed to a jury, which was to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 310, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas Harecourt likewise sued William Arderne for the same, and William did not appear, and the Sheriff was therefore ordered to arrest and produce him at the above date. A postscript shows that the Sheriff had made no return to the Court up to Michaelmas term, 9 H. V. *m.* 310, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas del Hethe sued John Bradgate, of Great Worley, of co. Stafford, yoman, for burning down his house at Great Worley, *vi et armis*. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 375, *dorso*.

DE BANCO. HILLARY, 6 H. V.

Staff. Roger Waryng sued John Wyghtwyk of Wyghtwyk, husbond-men; Henry Stevens, of Seyndon, and Richard Hucok, of Wythegus, husbond-men, for breaking into his close at Trescote, and taking fish to the value of

Staff. John Meverell, of Throwley, armiger, sued Richard Huchyn, of Tatenhulle, yoman, and William Porter, of Tatenhulle, yoman, for a debt of £20. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 409.

Staff. Richard, the abbot of Deulacres, sued Thomas Coton, of Coton, co. Chester, gentleman, and Robert Nedeham, of Cranage, in co. Chester, gentleman, for breaking into his close at Leek, and beating, wounding, and illtreating his men and servants, so that he lost their services for a length of time. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 409.

Staff. Thomas Gryme and Joan, his wife, late wife of Richard de Ruggeley, son of Richard de Ruggeley, son of Richard de Ruggeley, the elder, sued Magister Walter Bullok, of Lychefeld, clerk, Nicholas Ruggeley, of Haukeserthe, in co. Stafford, armiger, and Joan, late wife of Richard de Ruggeley, the elder, executors of the will of Richard de Ruggeley, the elder, for a debt of 17 marks. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the above date. *m.* 409, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard Grove sued Robert Danyell, of Lutteley, gentleman; Walter Cole, of Bobynton, bulward; Edward atte Wode, of Lutteley, yoman; William Glover, of Lutteley, yoman, and William Williamservant Danyell, of Lutteley, yoman, for congregating at Bobynton, with many other unknown malefactors, for the purpose of killing him, and for beating, wounding, and illtreating him, and so threatening him with loss of his life and mutation of limbs, that he was unable for a length of time to leave his house. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain Robert, who had found bail, and to arrest the others, and produce them on the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 410.

Staff. Humfrey Cotes sue Joan Swynerton, of Ecclesale, widowe, for a debt of £10. Joan did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce her on the above date. *m.* 410.

Staff. John Cheswardyne, elsewhere called John Owinne, of Eculsale, co. Stafford, knave,¹ sued Thomas Shelley, of Walton; Richard Shelley, William Fysche, and John Waleys, all of Walton, husbandmen, in a plea that by a conspiracy made between them they had caused him to be arrested for a robbery of 4 oxen, worth 4 marks, belonging to them, and taken to Stafford, and kept in prison there until he had been acquitted of the felony before John Bagot, Richard Lone, and William Lee, Justices assigned to hear and determine divers felonies, etc., in co. Stafford. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 467.

Staff. William Lee sued in person Joan, late wife of Rustin Villeneuf, knight, of Chebbeseye, widowe, for a debt of 100s. Joan did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach her for the above date. *m.* 483.

DE BANCO. TRINITY, 7 H. V.

Staff. John Meverell, the Sheriff of co. Stafford, sued William Leveson, of Hampton, gentleman; Clement Jurdan, of Hampton, yoman, and William Bone, of Wednesfeld, husbandman, for a debt of £100. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain William, who had found bail, and to arrest the others, and produce them on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m.* 19, *dorso*.

¹ "If thow be Gentylmon, Yomon, or Knave."—Old verse, fifteenth century.

goods and chattels, to the value of £20, viz., doors, windows, locks, and bows and arrows, and a buck and a doe from the park, and for beating and wounding and illtreating the King's servant, John Base, so that his life was despaired of, and the King lost his services for a quarter of a year. William de Ferrars appeared by attorney, and the other defendants made no appearance, and the process was the same as in the last suit. *m.* 293, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas Dethcke, late Sheriff of co. Stafford, sued William Hayteley, of Strangsil (Stramshall), yoman, for a debt of £40. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 356.

Staff. William Boydelld sued John Holand, of Newcastle under Lyme, webbe, and John Swanyld, of the same, yoman, for beating, wounding, and illtreating his servant, William Hardshyn, at Newcastle under Lyme, so that he lost his services for a length of time. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 356 *dorso*.

Staff. Adam Fave, of Fossebrok, sued John Heyne, of Draycote Leyghes, husbondman, for beating, wounding, and illtreating him at Fossebrok. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in last suit. *m.* 356, *dorso*.

Staff. The abbot of Burton upon Trent sued William Kent, of Burton, tailour, for beating, wounding, and illtreating his servant, Peter Swynerton, so that he lost his services for a length of time. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 402.

Staff. John Thiknesse sued William Briswall, the elder, husbondman; William Briswall, the younger husbondman, and Thomas Briswall, laborer (all of Chatkylne), for illegally rescuing, at Charnes, cattle which he had taken by his servant, Emma Thiknesse, and was about to impound, according to law. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 402.

Staff. William Froddeswall sued John Wastnesse, of Colton, in co. Stafford, husbondman, and Isabella Benteley, of Abbots Bromley, housewyf, for a debt of 40s.; and he sued Agnes, late wife of Henry Halton, of Hurst, in co. Stafford, wydowe, for a debt of 4 marks; and he sued William Wastnesse, of Clyfton, in co. Derby, husbondman, for a debt of 40s. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 402.

the mother of Hugh, had been jointly enfeoffed with her husband, John de Wrottesley, in the manor of Wrottesley. John died on the 7th September, 1402, and on the 27th June, 1403, Sir William le Botiller, the baron of Warrington, co. Lancaster, occurs as lord of Wrottesley on a Manor Roll of that date at Wrottesley, and again in 1412. He was dead on the 1st March, 1416, for on that date Elizabeth occurs as his widow on the Duchy of Lancaster Records (printed). The same Records show that his widow, Elizabeth, was married to Sir William de Ferrers, the baron of Groby, before the 26th October, 1416. It is not unlikely that Sir William le Botiller was killed at Agincourt on the 25th October, 1415, for he was in command of the Lancashire levies in the expedition of 3 H. V. A Leicestershire Fine, levied in 10 H. V., shows that Elizabeth had two sons by the baron of Groby named Thomas and John; but the baron was succeeded by a grand-daughter, Elizabeth, the daughter and sole heir of Henry de Ferrers, the eldest son of the baron by his first wife. This Elizabeth married a Grey, and was the ancestor of Lady Jane Grey and the Dukes of Suffolk. This note explains the suit at p. 54 of Vol. XVI, and should be substituted for the foot-note on that page.

Ware. The suit of Thomasia, late wife of Richard Chetewynd, plaintiff, versus Edmund, the bishop of Exeter, *custos* of the land, and heir of William Chetwynd, in a plea of dower, was respited till the Quindene of St. Michael through defect of a jury. *m.* 440.

DE BANCO. MICH., 7 H. V.

Staff. Thomas Chilterne and Agnes, his wife, executrix of the will of John Bonde, were sued by Richard Bonde to give up to him three pyxes containing deeds and muniments; and Richard stated that John Bonde, his father, was seised of certain lands and tenements in Wednesbury, in demesne as of fee and after his death they descended to him, as his son and heir, together with the pyxes in question, and deeds pertaining to the property, one of which was a deed by which the abbot of Halesoweyn gave a messuage, 10 acres of land, and a piece of moor in Wednesbury to Philip Bonde, his great grandfather (*proavo suo*), and another by which Thomas, son of Roger Kyng, gave a messuage and 20 acres of land in the same vill to John Bonde, his grandfather, and an indenture by which John Hervyle (Heronville) remitted and quit-claimed to John Bonde, his grandfather, and to his heirs, all his right in the same lands and tenements, and many other deeds, which had come into the hands of Agnes as his father's executrix; and although she had been frequently required to give up the deeds, both before and after she had married the said Thomas, she had hitherto refused to do so, and for which he claimed 200 marks as damages.

The defendants stated that Richard could not maintain his action, for after the death of John Bonde, the plaintiff's father, the plaintiff, under the name of Richard Bowde, of Wednesbury, in co. Stafford, by his deed, which was dated 4 H. V, had remitted and quit-claimed to them all actions, real and personal, and all debts and demands he had made upon them, and they produced the deed in Court.

Richard denied that the deed was his act, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a jury from the vill of Wednesbury for the Octaves of St. Hillary. A postscript shows no jury had been summoned up to Mich., 8 H. V. *m.* 120, *dorso*.

Staff. Richard Sterndrop, clerk, and two others sued Nicholas Rugeley, son of Richard Rugeley, of Haukesyerd, armiger, for a debt of £16. Nicholas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 476.

Staff. Richard, the abbot of Deuleucres, sued Robert Nedeham, of Cranage, in co. Chester, gentelman, for breaking into his close at Leek and beating, wounding, and illtreating his servants, so that he lost their services for a length of time. Robert did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him as above. *m.* 476, *dorso*.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to take into the King's hand, by view of legal men of the county, a messuage and 20 acres of land in Lounour which John Buxstones claimed against Thomas Hayne, of Duffeldfirth, and Margery his wife, by a writ of entry. John appeared in person, but the Sheriff had made no return to the writ. He was therefore ordered as before, and to summon the parties for the Quindene of Easter Day. *m.* 500.

Berks. Walter, the abbot of St. Mary of Bruere, sued John Hyde, of Denchesworth, and two others, for the next presentation to the church of South Denchesworth.

vi et armis, on her grass at the same place. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 85, dorso.*

Staff. John Pype, of Bylston, sued William Wodehous for a messuage, 24 acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow in Dorlaston, which he claimed by a writ, "*de forma donationis in le reverti*."¹ William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon him for the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m. 101.*

Staff. Agnes, late wife of John Smyth, of Bonicale (Boningale), sued Richard Wylkyn and Denise, his wife, for a messuage and 60 acres of land and 4 acres of meadow in Pattyshull. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Trinity. *m. 101, dorso.*

Staff. Elizabeth, late wife of John Birmyngham, knight, sued George Longueville, of Wolverton, armiger, and Elizabeth, his wife, for a moiety of the third part of the manor of Great Barre, which, together with the other moiety, she claimed as dower against them, and against Edmund Ferrers, of Charteley, knight, and Elena, his wife. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand, and to summon them for three weeks from Easter. The same day was given to Edmund and Elena, who appeared by attorney. A postscript shows the Sheriff had made no return to the writ up to Trinity term 9 H. V. *m. 103, dorso.*

Staff. Nicholas Hesley, chaplain, sued Agnes Caldewalle, of Lichefeld, wedowe, and John Caldewalle, of Lichefeld, tyler, in a plea that, whereas King Edward, the King's progenitor, for the improvement of the State and condition of his people, had ordained that the Steward and Marshal of the King's Household should not hold pleas of debt or covenant, trespass or contract, except of trespasses within the King's Household, or other trespasses made within the verge, or of contracts and conventions which any one of the said Household might make in the same Household, and within the said Household, and not elsewhere, the said Agnes and John, and John Caldewalle, of Lichefeld, now deceased, had carried a plea against him before the Steward and Marshal of the King's Household against the tenor of the said Articles, to his great damage and loss. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 108, dorso.*

Staff. Reginald Lathbury sued in person John Gerard, of Hurlon upon Trent, husbondman, for breaking into his close at Cokesalle, cutting down his trees, and depasturing cattle on his grass. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 146.*

Staff. Ralph Brereton, armiger, and Alice, his wife, daughter and heir of William de Ipstones, sued Elizabeth, late wife of John Ipstones, knight, for a debt of 420 marks, the arrears of an annual rent of 20 marks which she owed to them. Elizabeth did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach her for three weeks from Easter. *m. 163.*

Staff. Richard White and Margery, his wife, late wife of John Byram, of Newcastle under Lyme, executrix of the will of John Byram, sued John de Hogh, of Newcastle under Lyme, for a debt of £4. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 163.*

¹ A writ of "*formedon in le reverti*" is where the plaintiff claims under a deed by which the reversion falls to him after the remainder specified in the deed has failed.

Staff. John Wolseley sued Henry Knyghton, of Whetenaston, husbandman, for breaking into his close at Whetenaston, and taking his goods and chattels, to the value of 100s. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 163.*

Staff. John Ives sued William Gybons, of Stretton, and Roger Alayn, of Byllerbroke, husbandmen, for breaking into his close at Stretton, and cutting and carrying away underwood, to the value of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 163.*

Staff. Joan, late wife of John Wedewessone, sued Richard Parker, of Rowel, husbandman, for breaking into her close at Alderstone, and taking two oxen, worth 40s. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him at three weeks from Easter. *m. 163.*

Staff. Humphrey Cotes sued in person Isabella, late wife of Humfrey Halughton, and John Wyld, parson of the church of Halughton, the executors of the will of Humfrey, to give up to him a pyx containing deeds and muniments, which they unjustly detained. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of Easter day. *m. 163, dorso.*

Staff. John Aylesham, citizen and grocer of London, and two others named, sued John, son of Robert de Rideware, bastard, of Lichefeld, for a debt of 100s. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m. 167, dorso.*

Staff. William Deye sued Nicholas Thiknes, of Horborne, gentelman, for taking by force 11 oxen belonging to him, from Dorlaston, worth 11 marks. Nicholas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m. 167, dorso.*

Staff. John Baker, of Cotenale, sued William Wygheges, of Wygheges; William Sydenale, of Compton; John Wyghtwyk, of Wyghtwyk, and John Perkys, of Wythehes (husbondmen), in a plea that each of them should render an account for the time they were receivers of his money. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m. 311, dorso.*

Staff. William Lee, of Knyghtley, sued John Bassett, of Waturfall, yoman, Nicholas Halle, of Waturfall, yoman, and Thomas Bassett, of Wodehouses, husbandman, for a debt of 5 marks. None of the defendants appeared and the process was the same as in the last suit. *m. 312.*

Staff. John de Burgh sued Juliana Walker, of Neuburgh, in co. Stafford, widow, for breaking into his close at Neuburgh, and rooting up his trees, to the value of 10 marks. Juliana did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce her on the Quindene of Easter Day. *m. 312.*

Staff. Thomas de Sapurton sued Henry Coton, of Mitton, for breaking into his close at Coton, and taking goods and chattels, to the value of 100s. Henry did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m. 312, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Swynerton sued in person Richard Gervays, of Whityngton, yoman, for breaking into his park at Swynerton, and chasing and taking his game. Richard did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 312, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Swynerton sued by attorney John Swynerton, of Boterton, yoman, for a debt of 10 marks. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 312, dorso.*

Staff. William Lee sued William Atterley, of Patyngnam, yoman, and John Belysaunt, of Pattyschulle, laborer, for breaking into his close at

hampton. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. A postscript states that on that day Thomas appeared in person, but Juliana did not appear to prosecute her suit, and it was dismissed. *m. 72, dorso.*

Staff. William Wyrley, of Walshale, sued Roger, son of Cornelius Wyrley and Joan, his wife, for a messuage, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 3 acres of moor in Honnesworth (Handsworth) which Roger Wyrley, of Honnesworth, gave to William Wyrley, of Honnesworth, and the heirs of his body *temp. E. III.*, and from William the right descended to Richard, his son and heir, and from Richard to him as son and heir. The defendants called to warranty Thomas Shynguler, chaplain, and John Ellesmer, chaplain, who were to be summoned for the Octaves of Holy Trinity. *m. 103.*

Staff. William Lee, of Knyghtley, and Joan, his wife, sued Walter Jonson and Agnes, his wife, for a messuage, 40 acres of land, and 6 acres of meadow in N. Ham, near Little Wirley, which they claimed as the right of Joan. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon them for the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m. 112.*

Staff. John Brocton and John Barre, sued John Lynton, son of Thomas Lynton, of Asshemerbroke, in co. Stafford, husbandman, and another, for breaking into their close at Pyra, and depasturing cattle on their grass *vi et armis*. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day. *m. 151, dorso.*

Staff. Roger Waring armiger, and John Taillour, of Tresulle, husbandman, to render a reasonable account for the time he was the receiver of his money. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him as above. *m. 173.*

Staff. John Whatecroft, the King's Escheator in co. Stafford, sued John Brewode, of Staundon, yoman, and William del Wyse, of Staundon, yoman, for a debt of £20. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m. 174.*

Staff. Richard Flaxhale sued Walter Jones, of Norton super le Cank, yoman, for taking, *vi et armis*, 12 sheep belonging to him at Lecroft, worth 100s. Walter did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m. 233.*

Staff. William Blakham sued Thomas Corbyn, of Westbromwych, husbandman, and John Turnour, of Westbromwych, grome, for beating, wounding, and illtreating him at Honnesworth. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain Thomas who had found bail, and to arrest John, and produce them on the above date. *m. 233.*

Staff. William Packynton, of Lichefeld, barker, and Katrine, his wife, sued Richard Baxter, of Cank, baxter, and Alice, his wife, in a plea that by a fraudulent conspiracy between them and one William Chorley, of Lecroft, they had caused the plaintiffs to be taken and imprisoned on a charge of feloniously breaking into the house of the said Richard, at le Cank, in 7 H. V., and taking sheets and napkins (*mappas*) and utensils of the house, to the value of 40s., and in consequence of which they had been imprisoned in the King's gaol at Stafford until acquitted before the King's Justices of Gaol Delivery. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. The same day was given to William Chorley, who had appeared in person. *m. 257, dorso.*

Staff. Isabella, late wife of William de Benteley, sued Thomas Gryffen, armiger, for the third of a carucate of land, 6 acres of meadow, and 20 acres

Staff. William Blakham sued Thomas Corbyn, of Westbromwych, husbondman, and John Turnour, of Westbromwych, grome, for insulting, beating, and wounding him at Honesworth. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain Thomas, and to arrest the said John and produce them on the Morrow of St. John the Baptist *m.* 157.

Salop. Thomas, the abbot of Salop, sued John Wulsley, of Brokton Graunge, in co. Stafford, husbondman,¹ for a debt of four marks. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 181.

Staff. Richard Hopkys sued John Hopkys, vicar of the church of Penne, William Hopkys, of Overpenne, husbondman, and John Cokkes, of Overpenne, husbondman, for insulting, beating, and wounding him at Overpenne (Uppe Penne) so that his life was despaired of. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 219.

Staff. John Breton sued John Coton, of Tamworth, husbondman, the elder, and John Coton, of Tamworth, the younger, husbondman, for depasturing cattle by force, on his growing corn and grass at Tamworth. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the above date. *m.* 236, *dorso.*

Staff. Richard Hopkys sued John Cokkys, of Overpenne, husbondman, for breaking into his close at Overpenne, cutting down his trees to the value of 20s., and for chasing his sheep with dogs, so that 20 of his sheep, worth 40s., were killed, and for depasturing cattle by force on his growing corn and grass. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m.* 283, *dorso.*

Staff. Robert Kynnerley, armiger, sued Thomas Tynker, of Gratwich, husbondman, for breaking into his house at Brenderdesmylne, and taking timber from it, to the value of 40s. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m.* 297.

Staff. Thomas Whityngton and Ralph Genord, executors of the will of Thomas Tommehorne, knight, and Robert de Kynnerley and Joan, his wife, late wife of Thomas Tommehorne, knight, co-executrix of the same will, sued John Snell, of Whityngton, husbondman, for a debt of 40s. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m.* 297.

Staff. John Chetewynd and Rose, his wife, sued John Clerk, of Colton, husbondman, for a sum of 11s., which was in arrear of an annual rent of 22s., which he owed to them. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach him for the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 297.

Staff. In the suit of Nicholas Rykhille and Isabella, his wife, kinswoman and nearest heir of Thomas de Halughton, knight, against Isabella, late wife of Humfrey de Halughton, for execution of a Fine levied in 14 E. III. by the said Thomas, respecting the manor of High Offley, Isabella, the defendant, did not appear to her summons, and the summons having been proved, the Court ordered the execution to be carried out. *m.* 325.

Staff. The same order was made in a suit between the same parties, and in which the plaintiffs claimed execution of a Fine levied by Thomas de Halughton and Margaret, his wife, in 6 E. III, respecting the manor of Dokeseye, and lands and rents in Stafford, Selkemor, Gretwode, Bradeleye, Castel, near Stafford, and Wolaston, the defendant not having appeared to her summons. *m.* 326.

¹ The terms "yoman" and "husbondman" appear to have been applied to many ancient freeholders of good birth.

Staff. The same order was made in a third suit between the same parties, in which the plaintiffs claimed execution of a Fine levied in 14 E. III by Thomas de Halughton, knight, and Margaret, his wife, respecting the manor of Halughton (Haughton), the defendant not appearing to her summons. *m.* 327.¹

DE BANCO. TRINITY, 10 H. V.

Leyc. William de Ferrars, of Groby, knight, gave to the King 60s. for license of concord with Thomas Assheton respecting the manor of Lutterworth, and advowson of the church of the manor. *m.* 22.²

Staff. Roger Wirley sued John Roper, of Aston in Colfeld, co. Stafford, husbondman, for breaking into his close at Colfeld and depasturing cattle on his grass *vi et armis*. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 92, *dorso*.

Staff. The same Roger sued William Swayne, of Barre, husbondman, for taking and abducting his servant, Alice Swayne, from Honnesworth, so that he lost her services for a length of time. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m.* 92, *dorso*.

Staff. John Sprot and Margery, his wife, recovered 5 acres of land in Great Pipe, as right of Margery, by a writ of *formedon* against John, son of John Lynton, of Asshamerebrok, and Alice, his wife, the defendants making default. *m.* 101.

Staff. Richard N. well (Noel) sued in person Henry Pakeman for 4 messuages, 3 tofts, 100 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of moor in Cesteford (Seigniford), which he claimed by a writ of *formedon in descendere*, and Henry did not appear after he had appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to take the tenements into the King's hand, and to summon the parties to hear judgment on the Morrow of All Souls. *m.* 101, *dorso*.

Staff. In the suit of William Lee, o. Knyghtley, and Joan, his wife, against Walter Jonson and Agnes, his wife, for lands and tenements in Norton, near Little Wirley, the defendants appeared, and denied the disseisin, and appealed to a jury, which was to be summoned for the Morrow of St. Martin.

A postscript shows no jury had been assembled up to Hilary term 1 H. VI. *m.* 105, *dorso*.

Staff. William, the bishop of Coventry, and Lichfield, sued John Somerford, of Somerford, in co. Stafford, for destroying the dam of his mill pool at Somerford, so that the water escaped, and he had lost the profits of his mill.

¹ The non-appearance of the defendant Isabella in these suits is a misfortune, as the descent of Isabella, the right heiress of Sir Thomas de Haughton, is not known. Chetwynd, in his MS. "History of Pirehill Hundred," says, under High Offley, "Humfrey de Halughton, Sheriff of Staffordshire 7 H. V, was the last of his name, and I suppose died childless. Certain it is that both Offley and Halughton came in the next age (by what means I know not) to the Bouchiers, Lord Berney." Isabella, the widow of Humfrey, subsequently married Sir Robert Fraunceys.

² By this Fine the manor and advowson of Lutterworth were settled on William de Ferrars and Elizabeth, his wife, and the heirs male of the body of William, and failing such, to remain to Thomas de Ferrars, son of William and Elizabeth and heirs male of his body, and failing such, to John de Ferrars, brother of Thomas, and heirs male of his body, and failing such, to the right heirs of William de Ferrars for ever.

Staff. Robert Lowe, chaplain, sued Thomas Stafford, of Alveton, gentleman, for a debt of 60s. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the above date. *m.* 318, *dorso*.

Staff. Elena, late wife of John Mille, of Chedulle, sued William, son of John Clerk, of Uttoxatre, yoman, for breaking into her close at Uttoxatre, and beating and chasing her horse so that it had been much deteriorated in value, and for depasturing his cattle on her grass *vi et armis*. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 368.

Staff. Robert Moton, knight, sued Elena Mille, late wife of John atte Mille, of Chedelle, wedowe, for a debt of £17 22s. Elena did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce her on the above date. *m.* 369.

Staff. Nicholas, the abbot of Hylton, sued Andrew Valentyne, of Bydulf, clerk, for taking, by force, twelve oxen belonging to him, worth 100s., from Bydulf. Andrew did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. *m.* 368.

Staff. Anne, Countess of Stafford, sued Ralph Basset, of Blore, gentleman, for a debt of £100. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the above date. *m.* 369.

Staff. William Hexstall and Margaret, his wife, sued John Wode, of Kele, gentleman, William Fytkyn, of Blore, husbandman, and Thomas Couper, of Assheley, husbandman, for fabricating and publishing divers false charters in order to disturb them in their possession of certain lands and tenements in Assheley. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter. *m.* 383, *dorso*.

DE BANC. TRINITY 10 H. VI.

Derb. Margaret, late wife of Ralph Longford, knight, sued Nicholas Mountgomery, knight, Ralph Shirley, knight, and Roger Venables, clerk, for three-parts of the third part of the manor of Longford, and of a moiety of the manors of Hathersegge, Pynkerton, and Normanton, and of two parts of the manor of Kynwalmerssh, of three-parts of the manors of Barleburgh and Boythorp, of one-fourth part of the manor of Blakewell, and of 45 messuages, 670 acres of land, and 224 acres of meadow in Whitwell, Hafeland in Scarresdale, Morton Halle, Wynfeld, Pullesley, Egslawe, Brampton, Dukmanton, Skegby, Neuton Sulny, Asshover, Chattesworth, Calton, Kavekewell, Derley in the Peak, Calton Lees, Parkhal, Tupton, Steynesby, Stanton, Rollesley, and Edensore, which she claimed as dower. The defendants did not contest the action, and Margaret was to recover seisin of the dower claimed. *m.* 110, *dorso*.

Derb. The same Margaret sued Thomas, the bishop of Durham, for a fourth part of the third part of the manor of Longford and of the moiety of the manors of Hathersegge, etc., as in the last suit. The bishop appeared by attorney, and did not contest the action, nor that the said Ralph, the husband of Margaret, was seised, after his marriage with her, of the manor of Longford and a moiety of the manors of Hathersegge, Pynkerton, and Normanton, and of two parts of the manor of Kynwalmerssh, or of three parts of the manors of Barleburgh and Boythorp, and of the fourth part of the manor of Blakewell, and of the other messuages, lands, etc., named in her plea. Margaret was therefore to recover seisin. *m.* 110, *dorso*.

Staff. The same Margaret sued the same defendant for a third part of the manor of Ellaston, in co. Stafford, and the same process was followed. *m.* 112.

Chapman is a merchant in a small way—a buyer or dealer.

Dobber, or Dubber. To dub is to strike cloth with teasels, so as to raise the nap.

Heuster, according to Halliwell, is a dyer; but it more probably means an upholsterer, the last part of the modern word being evidently derived from it.

Pardoner is a dealer in Pardons or Clerical indulgences.

Sherman is a worker in cloth.

Summoner, Sumner, or Summunder, is a legal apparitor, a name of dignity amongst clerks.

Walker is a fuller.

Stringer is a maker of bowstrings.

Webbe, or Webster, is a weaver.

Barker, according to Halliwell, is a tanner; but the Latin word "Tannator" is used for a tanner on the Roll; and the Latin word "Bercarius" certainly signifies a shepherd.

The office or trade described as a Souter, Souster, or Seuker, I have not been able to identify.

Shropshire County Studies
Sample

EXCHEQUER LAY SUBSIDIES, STAFFORDSHIRE,
²⁴²/₃₉, PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

ASSESSMENT OF THE POLL TAX, LICHFIELD, 3-4 RICHARD II.,
A.D. 1379-80.

Lichfield.

	s.	d.		d.
De Johanna Kedele	....	xij. d.	Roberto serviente eorun-	
Johanne Brokke Moler			dem	.... xij.
dinario	ii.		Johanna de Walsale	.... vj.
et uxore ejus			Willelmo Ferour fabro	} ii.
Johanne Chaloner			Johanna uxore ejus	
Sibilla uxore ejus			Johanne Flesshewere	} ij.
Radulfo Carectario			Margareta uxore ejus	
Johanne Hondesacre car-			Johanne Dolfyn	} ij.
pentario	xvii.		Cecilia uxore ejus	
Margeria uxore ejus			Thoma Turnour	} ij. vj.
Ricardo Carter serviente	xij.		Matilda uxore ejus	
Emmota uxore ejus			Ricardo de Hulton	} ij.
Willelmo Daniel fabro	ij.		Agnete uxore ejus	
Agnete uxore ejus			Emma ancilla ejus	.... vj.
Johanne de Walton bur-			Henrico de Sawyer	} ij.
gense	ii.		Alicia uxore ejus	
Johanna uxore ejus			Margareta Wyse vidua	.... xvii.
Johanne Barewe	ij.		Alicia ancilla ejus	.... vj.
Matilda uxore ejus			Margareta de Athelstone	vj.
Agnete Corleye	.... xij.		Josec de Harlaston cissorel	xvii.
Hugone Gonstone	.... xij.		Alicia uxore ejus	
Isabella Ferour vidua	.... xij.		Johanne de Wyllenhale	} ij.
Cecilia filia ejus	.... xij.		Anna uxore ejus	
Agnete ancilla ejus	.... iiij.		Johanne Dunham	} ij.
Thoma Whichenovere	} ij.		Alicia uxore ejus	
Margareta uxore ejus			Rogero serviente eorundem	vj.
Johanne Prodome fisshere	ii.		Johanne Chapman mercer	} ij.
Alicia uxore ejus			Alicia uxore ejus	
Roberto Yoxhale carpen-	ij.		Johanne Goldsmythe	} ij.
tario			Alicia uxore ejus	
Matilda uxore ejus			Johanne Solihulle pistore	} ij.
Radulfo Browe bocher	ij.		Agnete uxore ejus	
Margareta uxore ejus			Thoma Taillour	.... xij.
Thoma Bidelle pistore	ii.		Thoma Webbe serviente	} ij.
Johanna uxore ejus			Margeria uxore ejus	
			Roberto Colshulle	} ij.
			Isabella uxore ejus	

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Johanne Rulyng dobber }	v.		Agnete Dieugard		xij
Editha uxore ejus }			Roberto Heywode }	ij.	
Johanne Sogunhull car-			Agnete uxore ejus }		
pentario }	ij.		Johanne Haywode ser-		
Anabilla uxore ejus }			viente		xij.
Johanne Swelle shermen }		xviii.	Thoma Dudley pistore }	ij.	
Isabella uxore ejus }			Juliana uxore ejus }		
Ricardo Pinner }	iiij.		Sibilla de Lichfeld		vj.
Matilda uxore ejus }			Johanne Parchemener }	ij.	
Wilhelmus Mortimer }	ij.	iiij.	uxore ejus }		
Agnete uxore ejus }			Ricardo Fleccher }	ij.	
Johanne Parbour }		xviiij.	Alicia uxore ejus }		
Joyes (sic) uxore ejus }			Alicia de Edenesford		xij.
Agnete ancilla eorundem		vj.	Johanne Plummer mercer }	iiij.	
Rogero Meysham for-			Alicia uxore ejus }		
viser }	iiij.		Alicia de Coton vidua		xij.
Isolda uxore ejus }			Margeria Harper		xij.
Henrico Bromeley draper }	ij.		Willelmo Irmonger }	ij.	
Alicia uxore ejus }			Margareta uxore ejus }		
Alicia serviente dicti Rogeri }		vj.	Johanne White pistore }	ij.	
Ricardo Scriveyn }		xij.	Margeria uxore ejus }		
Agnete uxore ejus }			Radulfo Bandy }	ij.	
Thoma Bromeley }		xviiij.	Alicia uxore ejus }		
Alicia uxore ejus }			Matho Piper }	ij.	
Johanne Ruggeley }		xviiij.	Alicia uxore ejus }		
Alicia uxore ejus }			Hugore Walker }	ij.	
Willelmo Rys }		xviiij.	Tibota uxore ejus }		
Leticia uxore ejus }			Johanne Rudde draper }	v.	
Johanne Sogunhulle pis-			Alicia uxore ejus }		
tore }	ij.	vj.	Rogero Walker }		xij.
Elena uxore ejus }			Agnete uxore ejus }		
Johanne serviente eorundem }	ij.		Willelmo Drifeld }	ij.	
Johanne Amynton cissore }	ij.		Johanna uxore ejus }		
Agnete uxore ejus }			Ricardo Bromeley cis-		
Willelmo Coriour }	ij.		sore		ix.
Agnete uxore ejus }			Alicia uxore ejus }		
Johanne Brid serviente }		xij.	Ricardo Couper }	ij.	
Alicia uxore ejus }			Alicia uxore ejus }		
Henrico Ideshale chap-			Thoma Buggynges walker }	ij.	
man }	ij.		Alicia uxore ejus }		
Margareta uxore ejus }			Roberto Tayntrell spicer	iiij.	
Willelmo Couper }	j.		Roberto Brokke carpen-		
Alicia uxore ejus }			tario }		ix.
Avicia Balle vidua		xx.	uxore ejus }		
Ricardo Baxster }	iiij.		Johanne Berkeswyche }	iiij.	
Agnete uxore ejus }			Elionora uxore ejus }		
Aniballa serviente eorun-			Summa xix.s. iiij.d.		
dem		vj.			

	s.	d.
Thomas Northale cultor		
Isabella uxor	...	ij.
Summa xxxvij.s. De xxxvij. personis.		

**Mera cum membris
(Meertown).**

Alicia uxor ejus	...	ij.	iiij.
cultor	...	ij.	iiij.
serviens ejus	...		xij.
Nicholaus Wy cultor Agnes			
uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Agnes serviens ejus	...		xij.
Ricardus de Burtone cultor			
Margeria uxor	...	ij.	
Hugo Tanner cultor Alicia			
uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Johannes de Borton cultor			
Agnes uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Walterus Palmere cultor			
Agnes uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Simon de Chirchyarde cultor			
Johanna uxor	...	ij.	
Willelmus Mercer cultor			
Amiscia uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Emma Romesbede vidua	...	xij.	
Thomas Meygnille cultor			
Alicia uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Willelmus Shirne cultor			
Alicia uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Thomas William cultor			
Dionisia uxor	...	iiij.	
Willelmus serviens ejus	...		xij.
Johannes Shepherde cul-			xij.
tor	...		
Bekbury cultor			
Isolda uxor	...	ij.	
endour cultor Alicia			
uxor	...	ij.	
s Glovere cultor			
Alicia uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Thomas Busshe cultor Alicia			
uxor ejus	...		xx.
Hugo Holdere cultor Mar-			
geria uxor	...		xvj.
Robertus Aleyn cultor			
Margeria uxor ejus	...	ij.	

	s.	d.
Hugo Atteclowe cultor		
Juliana uxor	....	ij.
Adam Godrede laborator	....	xij.
Johannes Skacharde mo- lendararius Juliana	} iiij.	
uxor ejus		
Willelmus Palmere cultor		
Johanna uxor ejus	....	iiij.
Robertus serviens ejus	....	viiij.
Johannes de Milynton Ali- cia uxor ejus laborator	....	ij.
Willelmus Skachade carpen- tarius Alicia uxor	....	xx.
Henricus Cotte webbe		
Juliana uxor	....	ij.
Willelmus Thomas palkere		
Margeria uxor	....	ij.
. . . que fuit uxor Ri- cardi filii Willelmi labo- rator	....	xij.
Thomas de Falle labora- tor	....	xij.
. . . Warynges	....	xij.
. . . cultor [M]atilda		
uxor	....	ij.
. . .	....	xij.
. . . uxor	....	ij.
Willelmus de Falle cultor		
Elena uxor	....	ij.
Ricardus [. . .] cultor		
Juliana uxor	....	ij.
Thomas Laffere cultor		
Alicia uxor	....	ij.
Ricardus Michelle cultor		
Alicia uxor	....	ij.
Johannes Cressaunt cultor		
Anna uxor	xij.
Willelmus Smythe cultor		
Alicia uxor ejus	ij.
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Befcote.

Willelmus Fraunceys cultor			
Sibilla uxor ejus	...	ij.	
Johannes Bailly cultor			
Emma uxor ejus	...	ij.	vj.
Willelmus serviens ejus	...		xij.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Johannes Wrighte cultor			Henricus de Houptone cultor		
Alianora uxor	ij.		Margeria uxor	ij.	
Johannes Lams . . .			Thomas Snelle cultor Isabella uxor	ij.	
laborator Margareta uxor		xij.			
Willelmus Deykyn cultor			Summa xvijj. s. De xvijj. personis.		
Sibilla uxor	ij.	vj.	Summa totalis Cx.li. ij. x. s.		
Adam filius ejus laborator		xij.	Summa personarum ij. CCx.		
Petrus Deykyn laborator					
Alicia uxor ejus	ij.				

Staffordshire County Studies
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FINAL CONCORDS
OR
PEDES FINUM OF MIXED COUNTIES
(WHICH INCLUDE STAFFORDSHIRE)
TEMP. ELIZABETH.

FINAL CONCORDS OF MIXED COUNTIES. TEMP. ELIZABETH.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

And afterwards recorded on the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 1 Elizabeth.

Between Ralph Madesfeild and Thomas Brynley, gentlemen, complainants, and John Barte and Joan, his wife deforciants of a fourth part of the manor of **Chawilton** with the appurtenances, and of 40 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 34 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 20 acres of marsh, 60 acres of furze and heath, and 20s. of rent in **Chawilton**, and of a moiety of a fourth part of the manor of **Meare**, and of 3 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 curtilages, 8 gardens, 300 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 30 acres of marsh, 70 acres of furze and heath, and 20s. of rent in **Meare** and **Aston**, and of a moiety of a messuage, a garden, 40 acres of land, 14 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in **High Olton** (Alta Olton) and **Tunstall**, co. Stafford; and of a moiety of 3 messuages, 100 acres of land, etc., in **Sowdeley** and **Chynall**, co. Salop.

John and Joan remitted all right to Ralph and Thomas, and to the heirs of Thomas, for which Ralph and Thomas gave them £120.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 2 Elizabeth.

Between George Pierson, clerk, and Richard Foster, complainants, and John Newport, armiger, and Jane, his wife, deforciants of the manor of **Wythynston**, etc., co. Salop, and of the manor of **Colstock**, and 23 messuages, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture and 10 acres of wood in **Colstock** and **Lichfeld**, in the county of the city of Lichfeld.

John and Jane acknowledged the said manors and tenements to be the right of George, for which George and Richard granted them to John and Jane for their lives, with remainder after their decease to John Barte Clerk, and his heirs forever.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 1 Elizabeth.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Hillary. 2 Elizabeth.

Between Henry Hygford and Joan, his wife, complainants, and William Byrde, gentleman, and Alice, his wife, deforciants of a sixth part of 5 messuages, etc., in **Solyhull**, co. Warwick, and of a sixth part of 2 messuages, 5 cottages, 5 tofts, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, and 100 acres of furze and heath in **Dudley**, **Typton**, and **Rohley**, co. Stafford, and of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 40 acres of land, etc., in **Halysowen**, co. Salop.

William and Alice remitted all right to Henry and Joan, and to the heirs of Henry, for which Henry and Joan gave them 250 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 2 Elizabeth.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Hillary. 3 Elizabeth.

Between George Allen, Humphrey Dakyn, and John Roper, complainants, and William Alestre and Agnes, his wife, deforciants of 20 messuages, etc., in **Derbye**, **Bakewell** otherwise **Baukewell**, and **Osmaston** near

Derby, co. Derby, and of 4 messuages, 2 cottages, 6 gardens, 3 orchards, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 60 acres of furze and heath in **Marchyngton** and **Marchyngton Woodland**, co. Stafford.

William and Agnes remitted all right to the complainants, and to the heirs of George, for which the complainants gave them £340.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 3 Elizabeth.

Between Mathew Berisford, complainant, and Humphrey Berisford, gentleman, deforciant of 5 messuages, a cottage, 5 gardens, 20 acres of land, etc., in **Kynstendall**, **Moniasshe**, and **Tissington**, co. Derby; and of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 16 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 60 acres of furze and heath in **Tutburie** and **Longnowre**, co. Stafford.

Humphrey remitted all right to Mathew and his heirs, for which Mathew gave him 160 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 3 Elizabeth.

Between Hugh Mathue and Arthur Mathue, complainants, and Humphrey Berysford, gentleman, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, a garden, and an orchard in **Tyttery**, otherwise **Tudburye**, co. Stafford; and of 4 acres of land, etc., in **Marsdon**, co. Derby.

Humphrey remitted all right to Hugh and Arthur, and to the heirs of Hugh, for which Hugh and Arthur gave him £80.

On the Quindene of St. Hillary. 3 Elizabeth.

Between Ralph Adderley, armiger, complainant, and Richard Horsley, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in **Denston**, co. Stafford, and of 50 acres of pasture in **Rocettur**, co. Derby.

Richard remitted all right to Ralph and his heirs, for which Ralph gave him £100.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 3 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Sutton, armiger, Adenus Baworth, armiger, and George Eyns, gentleman, complainants, and Mathew Knyveton, armiger, deforciant of the manors of **Bradley**, **Knyveton**, etc., co. Derby, and of [the manor] of **Prinethorp**, co. Warwick, and of the manors of **Cotton** and **Denston**, and 3 messuages, 5 tofts, 2 dovecotes, 4 gardens, 200 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and of a rent of 1*d.* in **Cotton** and **Denston**, co. Stafford, and of 60 acres of land, etc., in **Langley**, co. Nottingham.

Mathew remitted all right to the complainants, and to the heirs of Thomas, for which the complainants gave him £3,600.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 3 Elizabeth.

Between William Bulkeley, gentleman, and Thomas Bulkeley, gentleman, complainants, and William Hyll, clerk, deforciant of the manor of **Buntanesdaie**, etc., co. Salop, and of 3 messuages, 2 tofts, 1,000 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath in **Stalyngton**, co. Stafford.

William Hyll acknowledged the said manor and tenements to be the right of Thomas, for which William Bulkeley and Thomas granted them to the said William Hyll for his life, with remainder to Rowland Bulkeley, gentleman, and Margaret, his wife and their issue, and failing such, to the issue of the said Margaret, and failing such, to the right heirs of the said Rowland forever.

On the Octaves of St. Martin. 4 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Lyttelton, knight, complainant, and Robert Wyngfeld, knight, deforciant of the manors of **Longrych** and **Leydall**, and 12 messuages,

6 tofts, 10 cottages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, 40 acres of moor, 40 acres of marsh, and 20s. of rent in Longrych, Leydall, Penkeryche, Pype, Elmhurst, Abnall, Wall, Kynges-Bromley, Aldershawe, Shenston, and Curborowe, co. Stafford, and of a messuage, a toft, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in the city of Lichefeld.

Robert remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave him 380 marks of silver.

On the Quindene of Easter. 4 Elizabeth.

Between Henry Smalley, complainant, and Thomas Busby, gentleman, deforciant of 3 messuages, 13 cottages, 20 tofts, 10 gardens, 40 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood in Tutburye, Fald, Uttoxeter, otherwise Uttaxceter, and Merchynton otherwise Marchington, co. Stafford; and of 3 messuages, a cottage, 4 tofts, 5 gardens, 60 acres of land, etc., in Hatton and Scrapton, co. Derby.

Thomas acknowledged the said tenements to be the right of Henry, for which Henry granted them to Thomas and his heirs forever.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 4 Elizabeth.

Between Robert Mylward, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Russell, knight, and Frances, his wife, deforciants of the manor of Eyton otherwise called Eyton on Dove, otherwise called Eyton in Dovedale, etc., co. Derby, and of 20 acres of land, and 60 acres of pasture in Eyton otherwise called Eton on Dove, otherwise called Eton in Dovedale, co. Stafford.

Thomas and Frances remitted all right to Robert and his heirs, for which Robert gave them £400.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 4 Elizabeth.

Between John Reed, Thomas Salter, gentlemen, and Thomas Burnell, complainants, and Robert Pigott, armiger, and Elizabeth, his wife, William Reed, armiger, and Mary, his wife, Thomas Clynton, armiger, and William Clynton, gentleman, deforciants of the manors of Chetwyn and Stockton, etc., co. Salop, and of the manor of Knighton, and 20 messuages, 4 tofts, 4 cottages, 30 orchards, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 40 acres of furze and heath, and 20s. of rent in Knighton, Eccleshale, Wynnynghton, Ore, Grenbongre, and Sugnell co. Stafford.

The deforciants remitted all right to the complainants, and to the heirs of John, for which the complainants gave them £340.

On the Octaves of St. Martin. 4 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Lyttelton, knight, complainant, and Charles Wyngfeld, armiger, Richard Wyngfeld, armiger, Anthony Wyngfeld, armiger, and Henry Wyngfeld, armiger, deforciants of the manors of Longrych and Leydall, and of 12 messuages, 6 tofts, 10 cottages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, 40 acres of moor, 40 acres of marsh, and 20s. of rent in Longrych, Leydall, Penkerych, Pype, Elmhurst, Abnall, Wall, Kynges-Bromley, Aldershawe, Shenston, and Curborowe, co. Stafford; and of a messuage, a toft, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, and 10 acres of wood in the city of Lycheveld.

The deforciants remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave them £220.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 5 Elizabeth.

Between Humphrey Dawes, complainant, and William Greysley, knight, and Katherine, his wife, deforciants of a messuage, a garden, 30 acres of

land, 3 acres of meadow, and 10 acres of pasture in **Edyngale**, co. Stafford, and of a messuage, a cottage, a garden, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 16 acres of pasture in **Edyngale**, co. Derby.

William and Katherine remitted all right to Humphrey and his heirs, for which Humphrey gave them £80.

On the Morrow of All Souls. 4 Elizabeth.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Hillary. 5 Elizabeth.

Between Emma Cumberford, widow, complainant, and Thomas Throcknorton, armiger, and Margaret, his wife, deforciant of a moiety of 2 messuages, 4 cottages, a water mill, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 600 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 100 acres of furze and heath, 40 acres of moor, and 40s. of rent in **Rowley**, co. Stafford; and of a moiety of 30 acres of land, etc., in **Halon**, co. Salop; and of a moiety of a messuage, 3 cottages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 100 acres of land, etc., in **Duddeley**, co. Worcester.

Thomas and Margaret remitted all right to Emma and her heirs, and warranted the said tenements against themselves and their heirs, and against the heirs of William Whorwood, armiger, deceased, for which Emma gave them £170.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 5 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Leveson, armiger, complainant, and William Wolaston and Thomas Knockery, deforciant of 8 messuages, 3 tofts, 8 gardens, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 150 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 40 acres of furze and heath, 30 acres of moor and marsh, and 10s. of rent in **Walsall**, **Trenth**, **Seisdon**, and **Bobyngton**, co. Stafford, and of 10 messuages, 5 tofts, a water mill, 10 gardens, 500 acres of land etc., in **Bewbrydye**, **Broughton**, **Linton**, **Whitbymer**, and **Claverley**, co. Salop.

William and Thomas remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave them £240.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 6 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Rudgeley, complainant, and Humphrey Dawes and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 cottages, 5 gardens, 5 orchards, 180 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 12 acres of pasture in **Edyngale**, co. Stafford, and of a messuage, a cottage, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 150 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture and 8 acres of wood in **Edyngale**, co. Derby.

Humphrey and Elizabeth remitted all right to Thomas and his heirs, for which Thomas gave them 220 marks of silver.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 6 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Arden, armiger, complainant, and Hugh Massey, armiger, deforciant of the manor of **Walton**, and of 3 messuages, 3 cottages, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 100 acres of moor and 30s. of rent in **Walton**, **Chedell**, and **Kynesley**, co. Stafford, and of 8 messuages, 2 cottages, 100 acres of land, etc., in **Yardington** and **Sutton**, co. Warwick.

Hugh remitted all right to Edward and his heirs, for which Edward gave him £360.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 5 Elizabeth.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Michael. 6 Elizabeth.

Between William Colbarne, gentleman, complainant, and Henry Higford, gentleman, and Joan, his wife, and Thomas Collins and Margaret, his wife, deforciant of a third part of 2 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 curtilages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 40 acres of moor, and 10 acres of wood in **Rowley**, **Tybyngton**, and **Dudley**,

co. Stafford; and of a third part of 2 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 curtilages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood in **Dudley**, co. Worcester.

The deforciant remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 6 Elizabeth.

Between Gilbert Gerrard, Attorney General of the Lady the Queen, and William Gerrard, armiger, Recorder of the city of Chester, complainants, and Thomas Gerrard, knight, and Thomas Gerrard, gentleman, bastard son of Thomas Gerrard, knight, deceased, deforciant of the manors of **Bromley** and **Asheley**, and of 40 messuages, 2 water mills, a windmill, 2 dovecotes, 40 gardens, 3,000 acres of land, 2,000 acres of meadow, 3,000 acres of pasture, 1,000 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of furze and heath, and 40s. of rent in **Bromley**, **Asheley**, **Wynnyngton**, **Podmore**, **Owre** otherwise **Ore**, **Rydge**, **Wyllngbrydge**, and **Chatkyl**, and of the advowson of the church of **Asheley**, co. Stafford; and of 10 messuages, 10 gardens, 4 orchards, 200 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, 500 acres of moor, and 20s. of rent in **Rydge**, **Owre** otherwise **Ore**, **Wyllngbrydge**, **Asheley**, **Chatkyl**, and **Wynnyngton**, co. Salop.

Thomas and Thomas remitted all right to Gilbert and William, and to the heirs of Gilbert, for which Gilbert and William gave them 350 marks of silver.

Certified into the Chancery, Trinity, 20 Elizabeth, by writ of *certiorari*.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 7 Elizabeth.

Between Roger Vryght and Michael Wright, complainants, and Thomas Wright and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of a third part of the manor of **Blackehall** and of a third part of 3 messuages, etc., in **Gravhanger**, co. Salop, and of a third part of 4 messuages, 2 cottages, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 300 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, and 200 acres of furze and heath in **Great Madeley**, **Bettley**, **Cleyton**, **Shebridge**, and **Newcastell under Lyre**, co. Stafford.

Thomas and Elizabeth remitted all right to Roger and Michael, and to the heirs of Roger, for which Roger and Michael gave them 190 marks of silver.

At three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

And afterwards recorded on the Octaves of St. Hillary. 7 Elizabeth.

Between Thomas Holte, complainant, and John Holte, deforciant of a moiety of the manor of **Meare**, etc., co. Salop, and of a moiety of the manor of **Meare**, and a moiety of 2 messuages, 2 tofts, 2 cottages, a dovecote, 200 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 1000 acres of furze and heath, 10s. of rent, and of a pool called "a Meare," in **Meare**, **Chalton**, **Sydney**, **Oneley**, **Olton**, and **Norbury**, co. Stafford.

John acknowledged the said moieties to be the right of Thomas, and granted for himself and his heirs that the said moieties, which John Dart and Joan his wife hold for the term of the life of the said Joan of the inheritance of the said John Holte, after the decease of the said Joan, shall remain to the said Thomas and his heirs forever, for which the said Thomas gave him £66.

On the Quindene of Easter. 7 Elizabeth.

Between Edward Corbett, armiger, Robert Eyton, armiger, and Thomas Buton, gentleman, complainants, and Edward Mytton alias Harpesfyld, and Anne, his wife, deforciant of the manors of **Weston under**

¹ From Notes of Fines.

of furze and heath, and £14 of rent in **Enfeld**, **Morff**, **Trysell**, **Seysdon**, **Overtou**, **Wombourne**, **Whyttington**, **Amblecote**, **Bobyngton**, and **Kynver**, co. Stafford; and of the manor of **Beckburie**, etc., co. Salop.

John remitted all right to the complainants, and to the heirs of William, for which the complainants gave him £1,501.

On the Quindene of Easter. 30 Elizabeth.

Between Richard Harleston, gentleman, complainant, and Philip Stretlay, gentleman, deforciant of the manor of **Strethay**, and of 8 messuages, 4 cottages, 4 tofts, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 100 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ of rent, and common of pasture for certain beasts in **Strethay**, **Morfall**, **Whitby**, etc., and **Alrewas**, co. Stafford; and of 4 messuages, 4 burgages, 6 cottages, 4 tofts, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, and 20 acres of land in the city of **Lichfield**.

Philip remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave him £486.

On the Quindene of Easter. 30 Elizabeth.

Between Mary Egerton, widow, and Richard Bedulphe, gentleman, complainants, and William Lanton and Mary, his wife, deforciants of 40 messuages, 2 dove-cotes, 10 gardens, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, and 100 acres of furze and heath in **Hampstowe**, **Stiware**, **Prestwoode**, **Balterley**, and **Betley**, co. Stafford; and of 40 messuages, 2 dove-cotes, 40 gardens, 300 acres of land, etc. in the vill of **Salop**, **Frackvill**, **Calcott**, **Shelton**, and **Monford**, co. Salop; and of 50 acres of land, etc., in **Monckes Some**, **Kenton**, and **Debenham**, co. Suffolk.

William and Mary, his wife, remitted all right to Mary Egerton and Richard, and to the heirs of Mary Egerton, for which Mary Egerton and Richard gave them £936.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 30 Elizabeth.

Between William Grene, gentleman, complainant, and Richard Grosvenor otherwise Gravenor, gentleman, deforciant of 2 tofts, 60 acres of land, etc., in **Claverley** otherwise **Clareley**, **Bewbide** otherwise **Bowbridge**, **Heathton**, **Broughton**, **Whittymere**, and **Aston**, co. Salop; and of a toft, 2 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Bobynton**, co. Stafford.

Richard remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £300.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 30 Elizabeth.

Between Walter Leveson, knight, complainant, and John Aron, gentleman, deforciant of 10 acres of pasture in **Shereffhales**, co. Salop; and of a toft, 6 acres of land, and 6 acres of pasture in **Shereffhales**, co. Stafford.

John remitted all right to Walter and his heirs, for which Walter gave him £80.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 30 Elizabeth.

Between John Kynge, complainant, and John Carter and Joan, his wife, deforciants of two-sixths of 12 acres of meadow in **Bordesley**, co. Warwick; and of two-sixths of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 10 acres of land, 10 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood in **Hondesworthe** otherwise **Honsworthe**, **Pymybarre**, and **Oscott**, co. Stafford.

John Carter and Joan remitted all right to John Kynge and his heirs, for which John Kynge gave them 250 marks of silver.

(To be continued.)

SHENSTONE CHARTERS.

BY THE LATE

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THE documents here printed are contained in the "Great Coucher Book" of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the Public Record Office, Vol. II, and have been transcribed therefrom by Mr. George Grazebrook, F.S.A., a member of this Society.

The scribe who recorded them in this book does not appear to have adopted any system of arrangement, but copied the originals before him just as they came to his hand. Thus, the oldest in date—numbered 34—is preceded by at least a dozen documents of *temp* Ed III.

I have here arranged the undated charters in (as far as I am able to judge) chronological order, and have dealt in a similar manner with the dated charters.

In addition to the Duchy of Lancaster Charters, I have here given abstracts of a dozen Shenstone deeds remaining in private hands, a few of which are in my own possession; and to render the series as complete as possible I have thought it advisable to reproduce the few charters noted by Shaw under Shenstone, in the second volume of his "History of Staffordshire." It should be here mentioned that the five Shenstone deeds which have been printed in Vol. III, pp. 197–200 of these Collections (from the Huntbach MSS.), are not recorded in the Coucher Book.

A "History and Antiquities" of Shenstone, with the pedigrees (written narratively) "of all the families and gentry both antient and modern" of that parish, was written about the year 1773 by the Rev. Henry Sanders, but remained in manuscript until 1794, when it was published by his son, the Rev. John Butler Sanders.

¹ The second Nos. in square brackets show the sequence in the "Great Coucher Book." Any additions to the Notes are placed in square brackets and initialled. The Editor is also responsible for some of the extension.

Of this work Shaw so largely availed himself that the account he gives of Shenstone is almost a *verb. et lit.* copy of Sanders, with the addition of a page or two containing an account of the Grendon family, which he has copied from Dugdale. But having access to the Huntbach MSS., and to the title deeds of the Dolphin and Pennant families, he has added from these sources the eleven charters above-mentioned. A new and revised edition of Sanders's work, properly edited, is, I think, a desideratum. The published volume was printed from his MS., just as he left it, by his son, who made little or no attempt to improve it, or even to supply the numerous blanks in Christian names with which it abounds.

It is hoped that the few notes to these charters which I have been able to furnish will be found useful. I regret they are so few.

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1. [54.]

Sciunt omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Rodbertus de Olleio concedo Ricardo de Brai servicium Ricardi de Sancto Eadmundo ad tenendum de eo libere et quiete sicut de patre meo et de me tenuit et per eundem servicium, scilicet, pro terrâ suâ sextam decimam partem militis perficiat. Et præterea hoc, si dominus suus voluerit, mittet illum in suo servicio semel in anno tantum spacium viæ quantum est inter Oxenford et Sheneston, et hoc ad omnem dispensam domini sui. Hujus donacionis et concessionis est testis ipsa domina Editha, et Fulco frater domini, et Froin. Capellanus, et Radulphus Clericus, et Robertus filius Widonis, et Will^{us}. filius Sewardi.

This is the Robert D'Oyley, son of Nigel, who in 1129 founded the Abbey of Osney in Oxfordshire. He is stated by Mr. D'Oyley Bailey, author of the "History of the House of D'Oyley," to have succeeded his father in 1112 and to have died *circa* 1150. Edith, his wife (daughter of Fornus de Greystock), who had previously been the mistress of King Henry I, and mother by him of Robert Fitz-Edith, or Consul, died in 1152, and Fulke, his brother, in 1126.¹ It is probable that Robert Fitz Wido was the cousin german of the grantor, viz., son of Wido, who was a brother of Nigel.

¹ An error. He attests the foundation charter of Osney in 1129, as did also Robt. fitz Wido.

2. [1.]

H. de Oilli Constabularius Regis omnibus hominibus et amicis suis salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse¹ et concessisse Willelmo filio Tanetini de Brai totam terram de Senestan quæ fuit Ricardi de Brai, avunculi sui, et Tanetini patris sui in feodo et hæreditate ac tenendum de me et hæredibus meis cum omnibus pertinenciis tam in dominicis quam in serviciis militum in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et molendinis et in omnibus rebus sicut prius prædictus Ricardus de Brai melius et liberius et quietius tenuit de Roberto de Oilli patre meo vel Tanentinus de Brai post eum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad illius feodum pertinentibus pro rationabile servicium quod ad idem feodum pertinet. Hoc eciam concedo et confirmo Hugoni filio Tanetini patri prædicti Will^m. si ipse Willm^s. sine alio rectiori hærede mortuus fuerit. Et pro hac conventionione et concessione dedit michi Magister Radulphus Clericus domini regis xv marcas argenti in exercitu de Wallia apud Ruelec. Testibus, M. Biset, dapifero domini regis, Jocelino de Bailleul, Hugone de Condewell, Thom^a de Ardena, Willelmo de Lamval, Thoma Basset, Turstano filio Simonis, Radulfo de Salteio, Micheli Belet, Martino de Hosa, etc.

The charter whereby the wardship of William de Brai was sold by Henry de Oilli, for 15 marks, to Ralph the King's Clerk, is printed in "Staff. Coll.," Vol. iii, p. 197, and with a few exceptions it is attested by the same witnesses as the above. It will be seen that the "T. filio Simon" of that charter was Thurstan and not Thomas. He, as well as Hugh de Gundeville (here written "Condewell") and Michael Belet, occurs in the list of Itinerant Justices anno 1176, given in Dugdale's "Origines Juridicales." I presume William de Brai was of full age at the date of this charter, but the repayment of the 15 marks to De Oilli by the King's Clerk, "pro hac concessione," would seem to indicate otherwise. This charter is nearly identical with that printed in Vol. iii, p. 198, but is attested by a different set of witnesses.

I must confess I do not understand this instrument. By a charter, which must have been of almost even date with this, H. Doyley gives the wardship of W. de Braie for 15 marks to the King's Clerk. By this deed Doyley gives or restores his inheritance to Brai, and the King's Clerk returns him the 15 marks.—H. S. G.

3. [4.]

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod Ego Ricardus de Vernun et Avicia uxor mea dedimus et concessimus Willelmo de

¹ [The term "reddidisse" is remarkable.—Geo. G.]

Bray cum Ysabel filia nostra in libero maritagio totam villam de Swynefen cum pertinenciis suis et unam hidam terre in Adestoke cum pertinenciis suis; sed quia terciam partem Swynefenn' ei warantizare non potuimus, consensu et voluntate Willelmi et Roberti heredum nostrorum dedimus ei in excambium unam hidam terre in villa de Trop cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, illam videlicet quam contra Wakelinum Harang in Curia domini regis assignavimus; pro hida vero de Adestoke, quia nobis jacebat ad concedendum dedimus ei in excambium in villa de Kersinton hidam de Burghleia cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, has autem terras dedimus et concessimus ei et heredibus suis tenendas de nobis [et] nostris in libero maritagio libere et quiete ab omni servicio, salvo forinseco servicio. Et sciendum quod nos et heredes nostri predicto Willelmo de Bray et Ysabel filie nostre et heredibus suis predictas terras cum omnibus pertinenciis suis contra omnes homines warantizabimus si vero illis easdem warantizare non poterimus, eis et heredibus suis de hereditate nostra nos et heredes nostri rationabile excambium proficiemus. Ut autem hec donacio nostra et concessio rata sit et firma, eam presenti carta et sigilli appositione corroboravimus. Hiis testibus, Radulfo Harang, Radulfo filio Galfridi, Willelmo Baynell, Roberto de Vernun, Hugone priore de Kanewell, Genteschui, Henrico de Ses, Roberto le Gayt, Willelmo de Pichecot, Willelmo de Grendon, Philippo de Hertindon, et multis aliis.

Richard de Vernun appears in the Pipe Roll in connection with Ervaleston (Harleston) 1175-1193. Between 1154 and 1157 the Countess of Chester enfeoffed Walter de Vernon, grandson of a former Walter de V., in Harleston ("Hist. Coll.," i. 78; ii. 34, 176.) Richard appears in the Pipe Rolls up to 1200. In 6 R. I., 1194-5, Pipe Rolls (Bucks.), "Simon Basset reddit Comp. de C marc. pro habendo terra Rici de Vernon quam cepit cum uxore, the hereditas of his second wife, who was dau. of Richard? (ii. 34). No pedigree of Vernon that I have seen gives the Richard of this charter and his wife except "Vis. of Chester" (Harleian Soc., p. 233), where Richard, son of Warren de Vernon, is stated to have married Avice, dau. and heir of Avenil of Haddon, son of John Mapresall of Haddon, but no dates are given. Helsby's "Ormerod" gives, iii. 252, a ped. of Vernon, under Shipbrooke, in which the earlier descents are confused and doubtful. He commences with W. de Vernon of Normandy, whose son Richard was grantee of Shipbrooke, etc., etc., before Domesday. In a note to p. 325 he refers to a charter, dated Paris, 1195, whereby Richard de V. and Richard, his son and heir, by command of King R. I. of England, quitclaim their Norman lands to the King of France. As to the witnesses of this charter, Hugh was Prior of Canwell in 1184. Wm. Bainell attests a charter of Henry D'Oyly circa 1164

et Johanne uxori sue et heredibus eorum vel assignatis illud tenementum cum edificiis, curtilagiis, terris, pratis, moris, et omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis, quod quidem tenementum dictus dominus Radulphus michi pro servicio meo dedit, et quod quidem tenementum Henricus de le Mosse quondam tenuit apud le Mosse, sicut jacet per particulas prout carta inde michi pro predictum dominum Radulphum facta plenius protestatur. Habend': et tenend': eidem domino Radulpho et Johanne uxori sue et heredibus eorum vel assignatis libere, quiete, bene, et in pace, faciendo capitalibus dominis feodi servicia inde debita et consueta ad terminos in materia de Shenston statutos per omni servicio seculari exactione et demanda. Et ego predictus Ricardus et heredes mei predicto domino Radulpho et Johanne uxori sue et eorum heredibus vel assignatis totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis ut predictum est contra omnes gentes warantizabimus ac quietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum.

Pro hac autem donatione, concessione, et quieta clamacione dedit michi dictus Radulphus quadraginta solidos per manibus. In cujus rei testimonium hinc presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Gilberto le Hunte, Ricardo Bagot, Galfrido de Ley, Galfrido Walters, Hugone de Aston Clerico, et aliis. Dat' apud Shenstan die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Lawrencii anno regni regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici tricessimo tercio. (1305.)

The feast of St. Lawrence was on 10th August.

32. [50.]

Anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi, primo, die veneris proxima post festum Sancti Dunstani, ita convenit inter dominum Radulphum de Grendon dominum de Schenston ex parte una, et Philippum de Aust dominum de Swynefen ex altera, videlicet quod predictus dominus Radulphus concessit pro se et heredibus suis et assignatis suis predicto Philippo quod ipse Philippus et heredes sui et assignati sui et omnes tenentes sui de Swynefen solvant tantomodo pro quarta parte cujuscumque forinseci totum manerium de Schenneston tangentis tam de visu francipleggii quam de aliis una cum servicio domino de Schenneston debita et consueta. Pro hac autem concessione dictus Philippus dedit dicto domino Radulpho unam marcam argenti per manibus. Et quod hoc sit firmum et stabile et sine contradiccione utrumque eorum et heredum suorum

utraque pars alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus, Radulpho filio Johannis de Grendon, Hugone le Reyder domino de Aston, Radulpho de Pipe, Willelmo de Freford, Roberto de Gresebrok, et aliis.

Dat: apud Schenneston die et anno supradictis. (, 1308.)

Saint Dunstan's day was 19 May.

33. [19.]

A tous iceus que cest escript voiron ou orront Roger Illary parsonne del Eglise de Alrewych Salutz en Dieu. Sachez moy aver relesse et en toute maniere pur moy et pur mes hiers quiteclame a Monsieur Rauf de Grendon tout le droit et cleym que ieo avoy ou en ascune maniere aver purroie et toutes les rentes services et custumes que ieo avoye en le manoir de Sheneston del assignement Johan de Wyrley et Monsieur Rauf de Grendon. Issint que ieo le avauntedit Roger ne mes heirs ne nul aultre en mon nomme pour nous en les dites rentes services et custumes desormes puissions rien clamer ne chalenger mes de ceo jour en avaunt de les dites rentes services et custumes soicomms feroles a touz jours. En tesmoignaunce de quelle chose a ceste quiteclamaunce jay mis mon seal par iceus tesmoignes Johan de Wyrley, Hugh de Aston, Robert de Gresebrock, Henry de Teddesley, John Bertelot et autres. Done a Sheneston le Mardy prochein apres la feste del Assumpcion nostre Dame seynte Marie lan du regne le Roy Edward fuitz le Roy Edward vintyme. [August, 1325.]

34. [20.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod Ego Radulphus de Grendon dedi concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Domino Rogero Hillari, rectori ecclesie de Alrewich ad totam vitam suam octo libras, tresdecim solidos, tres denarios et Obolum argenti annuallis redditus recipiendi: de tenentibus meis de Scheneston. Videlicet de terris et tenementis que Ricardus de Leye, tenet, ijs. viiij. ; de terris et tenementis Ricardi Haselwod, vijs. iiij. et ob'; de terris et tenementis Radulphi Payn, ix. s., xd. et ob'; de tenementis Rogeri filii Prepositi, iijs. iij. ; de Willelmo Hondon, xvij. ; de Ricardo Baroun, viij. ; de Roberto Adokot, vjs. iiij. ; de Ricardo de Yilkebro', ijs. ; de Ade Brid, ijs. iij. ; de Alicia Ters, ijs. ; de Adam Hobb, vs. ; de Emma le Maresschal, xxd. ; de Hugone del Heet, ijs. ; de Ricardo Hondon, xvjs. iij. ; de Ricardo Wychet, viij. ; de Agnete Togod, xd. ; de Roberto atte Mosse, xiijs. viij. ; de Rogero de Yilke-

en nostre noun en droit de la seisyn prendre. En tesmoignauce de queu chose nous avons fait cestes noz lettres patentes ensealez de ma seal. Don' a Loundres le primer jour de Feverer lan du regne nostre seignur le Roy Edward dysseptisme. (1 Feb. 1344.)

47. [59.]

Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domini Regis apud Westminster in Octavis Sancti Trinitatis anno regni Edwardi Regis Anglie tercii a conquestu decimo octavo, et regni ejusdem Regis Francie quinto Coram Johanne de Stonore, Willelmo de Shareshull, Rogero Hillary, Ricardo de Kelleshull et Ricardo de Wylughby, Justiciariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Henricum de Lancastre comitem Derby querentem, et Robertum de Grendon deforciant: de Manerio de Shenston cum pertinentiis. Unde placitum convencionis sumus fuit inter eos in eadem Curia, scilicet quod predictus Robertus recognovit predictum manerium cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsius Comitis et illud quod idem comes habet de dono predicti Roberti. Habend' et tenend' eilem Comiti et heredibus suis de capitalis dominis feodi illius per servicia que ad predictum manerium pertinet imperpetuum et preterea idem Robertus concessit per se et heredibus suis quod ipsi warantizabunt predicto Comiti et heredibus suis manerium predictum cum pertinentiis contra omnes homines imperpetuum. Et pro hac recognitione, warantia, fine, et concordia, idem comes dedit predicto Roberto centum marcas argenti. (1344.)

Gen. Wrottesley (Chetwynd Chartulary reprint, p. 57) refers to this Fine, and states that it is endorsed "John de Freford and Margaret his wife, and Alice, formerly wife of Philip de Chetwynde, put in their claim." See a short note of the Fine, "Staff. Coll." Vol. XI., p. 156.

48. [21.]

A touz ceux qui cestes lettres verrount ou orrount Henri de Lancastre Conte de Derby saluz en Dieu. Sachez nous avoir graunte et par cestes noz lettres conferme a nostre chier bachiler Monsieur Roger de Chetwynd et dame Johane sa femme a terme de lour vies un annuel rente de vint livres a resceivre de nostre manoir de Shenston par les mayns de noz prevotz et bailletz quilloeque serrount as deux termes del an par owells porcions a les festes de pasque et de Saint Michel. Quel annuel rente nous

avioms du graunt nostre bien ame Robert de Grendon a terme des vies les suisdit Monsieur Roger et dame Johane come piert par les chartrez a nous entre faites. A avoir et tenir la dit annuel rente de vint livres as ditz Monsieur Roger et dame Johane a terme de lour vies saunz emeschment ou countredit de nous nos executours, ou de nul autre en nostre noim. Et Nous Henri de Lancastre Counte de Derby avaunt dit noz hiers et noz executours la dite annuel rente de vint livres as dites Monsieur Roger et dame Johane a terme de leur vies countre toutes gentz warantours et defendroms. Et si arriegne que le dit Monsieur Roger ou dame Johane soient ariere en partie ou en toute a nul terme susdit bien lise as suisditz Monsieur Roger et dame Johane en nostre dit manoir destreindre et la destresse retenir tanque plein paiement lui soit fait de ce que ariere sera. En tesmoignaunce de quel chose a cest escript endente arroms mys nostre seal. Don' a Londres le vj jour de Fevrier lan du regne nostre Seigneur le Roy Edward tierz puis le Conquest dys et octisme par y ces tesmoignes, Monsieur Richard de Wylughby et Monsieur Piers de la Mare, chevalers Sire Johan de Gywell, Sire Piers de Wotton, cleres, et autres (6 Feb. 1344.)

49 [52.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Sibilla que fuit uxor Radulphi de Grendon militis Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me relaxasse et omnino quietum clamasse nobili viro et illustri domino Henrico de Lanc. Comiti Derby heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus et clamium quod habeo habui seu quocumque modo habere potero erga eundem, ratione dotis seu cujuscumque alterius juris que michi accedere poterunt in toto manerio de Shenston cum omnibus suis pertinentenciis in Com. Stafford post mortem prefati domini Radulphi de Grendon nuper viri et domini mei.

Ita quod nec ego prefata Sibilla nec aliquis alius nomine meo jus nec clamium in predicto manerio cum omnibus suis pertinentenciis ratione dotis seu cujuscumque alii juris habere nec exigere poterimus sed per presentes simus exclusi imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto quiete clamancie sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Dominis Hugone de Meynill, Ricardo de Stafford, militibus, Hugone de Aston, Roberto de Gresbroke, et Radulpho Attewall, et aliis.

Dat' apud Lychfeld duo decimo die Februarie anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum decimo nono. (12 Feb. 1345.)

Ralph de Grendon is stated by Dugdale to have died in 5 E. III, 1331, but the exact date of his death is not certainly known. Sibilla was his third wife, and in 18 E. III (1344) she sued Robert (son of Ralph de Grendon by his first wife Joan Burnell) for dower in Grendon. (See "Staff. Coll." xii., 30.) I have not been able to discover her parentage, but she was either a widow when Grendon married her, or she married a second husband; for a fine was levied at Easter, 1348, 22 E. III, in which Sibilla, widow of Ralph de Grendon, was complainant, and Sir Robert Gresley deforciant of certain lands in Edyngale in Staffordshire and Derbyshire, from which it appears that he was then the mother of six children, viz., John, Thomas, William, Margaret, Agnes, and Alice, while it is quite clear that she had no issue by Grendon.

50. [48.]

A touz ceaux qui cestes lettres verrount ou orrount Robert de Grendone saluz en Dieu. Sachez moi avoir donez et grauntez a noble homme Monsieur Henri de Lancastre Counte de Derby a ses heirs et a ses assignez une annuelte de cinquante livres a reseceivre en mon manoir de Grendone de an en an par les mains des ministres qui en mon dit manoir sont ou serrount. A avoir et tenir les suisditz cinquante livres delannuelte en mon manoir de Grendone susdit a les festes de pasque et de seint Michel par owels porcions a lui et a ses heirs et touz jours. Et si aviegne que le dit Counte ses heirs ou ses assignez soient ariere del annuelte avaunt dite en partie ou en tout que bien liste a eux et a chescun de eux mon dit manoir de Grendone destreindre pour touz les biens et chateux en ycele trouvez et pour toute la tenaunce a yeel apurtenaunt et meisme la destresse retenir tantqils soient pleinement paieez dequantque lui sera ariere del annuelte avaunt dite. Et ieo lavaunt dit Robert mes heirs et mes Executours al avaunt dit Counte ses heirs et ses assignez lannuelte de cinquante livres avaunt dite garaunteroms encountre toutes gentz et defenderoms a touz jours. En tesmoignaunce de queu chose a la partie de cest escript endente les avaunt ditz Counte et Robert entrechaungeablement ount mys lour seals Par y ceaux tesmoignes:—Richard de Wilughby, Roger Hillary, Thomas Cok, Chivalers, Simond de Ruggeley, Robert de Asshebourne, et autres. Escript a Loundres le disme jour de Maij lan du regne nostre Seigneur le Roy Edward tiercz puis le conquest disnoefisme. (10 May, 1345.)

¶ In addition to which the said Robert had the donacion of the church of Grandon, which is worth £10 by estimation, and all fees and seignuries which the said Sir Rauf had when he was alive and which were not then disputed.

For God's sake, beloved Sire, if it please you, have in remembrance the wrong which is done in the said Counties of Stafford and Warwick, and spare no pains so that the King may be assured that in the quindene of seint Michel, and for certain, this matter may be appealed.

Geo. G.]

† In 1344 Sibilla claimed dower as the widow of Ralph, *S.H.C.* xii, 30, 297 and by *C.* 49 she quitclaimed her dower to Henry de Lancaster 12 Feb., 1345. In 1348 Sibilla, formerly wife of Ralph, a Fine as to lands at Ednynghale, *S.H.C.* xi, 188. She was then remarried, and six children are named, but their father's name is not given.

§ This Sibilla is a mysterious personage! In 1365 we see she sued as wife of John de Rochford; in 1367 she continued her plea for dower as the wife of Edmund de Walsingham. After several adjournments the case finally came on in 1375, when Roger l'Estrange stated that she could not claim dower, as she had been divorced by Robert de Grendon in June, 1355 (a date which is wrong, if he was dead in 1349), but Hugdale must be wrong ("Warwickshire," ii, 1101), for he was alive and a witness in 1368, *S.H.C.* xiv, 111; see also xiii. pp. 60, 73, 86, 95, 120; xii, 298.

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