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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Durham Cathedral Archive: Locelli

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Dates of creation: 1087-1606

Extent: Over 1500 items in 30 boxes

Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Creator: Durham Cathedral.

Language of material: Latin

The creation of a series of locelli dates from the late Middle Ages. The contents are chiefly medieval documents of legal and administrative business (but cf. XXIX), rather than title-deeds (but cf. XXXVI). The principle of arrangement was to bring together materials concerning a particular subject in a single locellus.

Accession details

Placed in the University's care by the Dean and Chapter of Durham in 1948.

Arrangement

The medieval arrangement no longer obtains, although a reconstruction of it would be possible from endorsements of documents, many of which are now classed as Miscellaneous Charters. A summary description of the arrangement as it stood in the seventeenth century is to be found in (14) fols. 155v-157v. The present arrangement is presumably the work of Joseph Stevenson, who was engaged on cataloguing the cathedral's muniments 1841-48; he preserved the principle of arrangement by subject, but apparently undertook major re-organization of the details. The changes have left some locelli devoid of documents (XI-XII, XV, XXII-XXIII, XXVI, XXX-XXXVI, XXXVIII-XL), and one with only a single item (XXIV:79) so that only 24 of the original 40 locelli have contents. Documents were added later, when appropriate, by the Revd. Canon William Greenwell, Chapter Librarian 1862-1907, and by others.

Many of the documents have endorsements by the monk Thomas Swalwell of the earlier 16th century. Joseph Stevenson compiled catalogue slips for the collection, in the language of the original (ie mostly in Latin) in the 1840s. These were augmented by Canon William Greenwell in the later nineteenth century and occasional others throughout the twentieth century as additions were made to the collection. Photocopies of these slips, with introductions (in English) to each series, were bound up as two volumes in the mid-twentieth century and served as the searchroom finding aid to the collection. Word-processed lists of some small sections were compiled in the later twentieth century, but it was not until October 2002 that a systematic programme to produce an online EAD catalogue in XML, beginning with Loc.IV and then proceeding sequentially from Loc.I, was started by Michael Stansfield. This was completed in May 2013. It attempted to incorporate the work of others where appropriate, providing technical details of the physical description of each item as well as a description of the item's contents, and cross-references to copies or originals elsewhere in the archive and published editions, calendars, transcriptions or images of the items.

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DCD Loc.I - Mortuary rolls etc

1225 - 1517

A very miscellaneous collection of documents concerning the affairs of the kingdom, the church, and the monastery of Durham, but including mortuary-rolls and drafts of obituaries therein (1-13), and commissions to brief-bearers to carry mortuary rolls (14-18 & 58).

For a discussion of all of Durham's surviving obituary or mortuary rolls, see L. Rollason, "Medieval Mortuary Rolls: Prayers for the Dean and Travel in Medieval England", *Northern History* (XLVIII:2 September 2011), p.187-223.

DCD Loc.I:1 [1283]

Obituary roll of Robert [of Holy Island], bishop of Durham, containing:

Lamentation in praise of Bishop Robert by Richard [of Claxton], prior of Durham, recording his death on the 7 Ides of June [7 June] 1283 and his burial with his predecessors in the Durham [cathedral] chapter house.

Indulgence of 40 days from Robert [de Prebenda] bishop of Dunblane for those who should pray for the late bishop's soul. At Durham, 6 Ides October [10 October] 1283.

Tituli of: St Mary's abbey, York; [Whitefriars], York; [Greyfriars], York, at York, 11 Kal. November [22 October] 1283; [Blackfriars], York; Holy Trinity, York, at York 1283; church of St Clement, York; [priory of] St Andrew, York; brothers of the penance of Jesus Christ [Friars of the Sack], York, at York, 11 Kal. November [22 October] 1283; [abbey of] St German, Selby, at Selby 1283; St James Warter [priory]; Master of the scholars, York; Holy Trinity, Kirkham [priory], at Kirkham 3 Non. November [11 November] 1283.

Size: 685 x 315 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.51-53 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.351-355.

DCD Loc.I:2 [1381]

Obituary roll for the soul of Thomas Hatfield, bishop of Durham, and his parents, lower part only, comprising *tituli* for 32 houses starting with St Mary of Graces by the Tower, London, and continuing through London, Southwark, Bermondsey, Aylesford, Canterbury, Lesnes, Rochester, Boxley, Faversham, Sandwich, Langdon, Dover, Fulston, and Horton, to Bilsington.

On the dorse is a cancelled index to a theological text.

Size: 670 x 315 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Obverse printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.56 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.538-558.

Related material elsewhere: See DCD Loc.I:3 next below for 3 further membranes.

DCD Loc.I:3 [1381]

Obituary roll for the soul of Thomas Hatfield, bishop of Durham, and his parents, upper part only, with the ornamental heading missing, comprising *tituli* for 107 houses starting with Tynemouth, and continuing through Newcastle, Newminster, Brinkburn, Alnwick, Hulne, Blanchland, Dodnash, Hexham, Lambley, Lanercost, Carlisle, Holmcoltram, St Bees, Calder, Seton, Furness, Conishead, Cartmel, Shap, Penrith, Cockersand, Burscough, Holland, Preston, Whalley, Sallay, Bolton in Craven, Fountains, Jervaulx, Coverham, Easby, Eggleston, Hartlepool, Jarrow, Guisborough, Handale, Whitby, Scarborough, Bridlington, Nunkeeling, to Meaux.

(End of the obverse; Loc.I:2 then follows on but there is probably at least 1 membrane now missing. Then on the dorse, following on from the end of Loc.I:2.)

Tonbridge, Combwell, Robertsbridge, Battle, Winchelsea, Hastings, Michelham, Lewes, *Calcet* [?Selsey], Tortington, Boxgrove, Sele, Chichester, Hardham, Rusper, Reigate, Tandridge, Chertsey, Ankerwyke, Burnham, Little Marlow, Bisham, Hurley, Reading, Wallingford, Dorchester, Abingdon, Osney, Oxford, Medmenham, Godstow, Eynsham, Bruern, Cirencester, Bradenstoke, Stanley, Lacock, Hinton, Longleat, Stavordale, Witham, Ilchester, Montacute, Sherborne, Cerne, Milton, St Mary and St Edward *Cheptonia* [?Shepton], Wilton, Winchester.

Size: 1640 x 310 mm

Parchment roll 3 membrane

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.54-56 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.538-558.

Related material elsewhere: See DCD Loc.I:2 above for a further membrane.

DCD Loc.I:4 [1406]

Obituary roll of Walter Skirlaw, bishop of Durham, comprising:

Lamentation in praise of Bishop Walter by John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham, citing his work for peace in England and France, his chantries at Skirlaw and Oxford, his hall at Howden, his reconstruction of the dormitory at Durham, and his bequests to the cells and monks of Durham;

Tituli seeking prayers for his soul for 294 houses, starting in (m2) Newcastle, then Tynemouth, Alnwick, Brinkburn, Langley, Newminster, Hexham, Lanercost, Wetheral, Carlisle, Holmcultram, St Bees, Calder, Furness, Conishead, (m3) Cartmel, Bolton in Craven, Kirkstall, Sawley, Whalley, Preston, Cockersand, Lancaster, Upholland, Warrington, Norton, Vale Royal, Birkenhead, Chester, Combermere, Haughmond, Shrewsbury, Wenlock, Bromfield, Ludlow, Wigmore, Wormsley, Hereford, (m4) Little Malvern, Great Malvern, Worcester, Pershore, Evesham, Tewkesbury, Hailes, Winchcombe, Gloucester, Llanthony, Cirencester, Malmesbury, Bradenstoke, Butley, Stanley, Lacock, (m5) [Monkton] Farleigh, Norwich, Bath, Keynsham, Bristol, Glastonbury, Ilchester, Athelney, Montacute, Muchelney, Buckland, Taunton, Cleeve, Barlinch, Exeter, Buckfast, (m6) Plympton, Sutton, Buckland, Tavistock, Launceston, St Michael's [?Mount], Truro, Bodmin, St Germans, Plymouth, Cornworthy, Torre, Sherborne, Cerne, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Milton, Bindon, Tarrant, Twinham, Beaulieu, Southampton, Netley, (m7) Romsey, Mottisfont, Wherwell, Hyde, Winchester, Reading, Goring (prayers for the souls of Prioress Lucy, Thomas Besford, Avisia, Thomas Gloucester, Alexander Besford and his wife Joan, Alexander Besford and his wife Beatrice, and Roger and Petronella his wife), Wallingford, Dorchester, Abingdon, Oxford, Osney, (m8) Eynsham, Wroxton, Chacombe, [Canon's] Ashby, Northampton, Huntingdon, St Ives, Cambridge, Barnwell, Walden, Tilty, [Little] Dunmow, Waltham, St Albans, (m9) Carhow, Westminster, London, Southwark, Bermondsey, Lesnes, Dover, Langdon, Sandwich, Canterbury, Faversham, Boxley, Aysleford, (m10) Rochester, Hatfield Peverell, Coggeshall, [Earls] Colne, Colchester, Wix, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Campsey, Snape, Leiston, Dunwich, Blythburgh, Wangford, Rumburgh, Flixton, Bungay, (m2d) Norwich, Hulme, Horsham, Hickling, Broomholm, Walsingham, Binham, Coxford, Castle Acre, West Acre, Pentney, [King's] Lynn, (m3d) Wormegay, West Deerham, Bromehill, Thetford, Bury [St Edmunds], Babwell, Ely, Ramsey, Sawtry, Peterborough, Crowland, Spalding, Stamford, Vaudey, Bourne, Swineshead, Boston, Freiston, Revesby, (m4d) Kirkstead, Stixswould, Tupholme, Bardney, Stainfield, Barlings, Lincoln, Bullington, Louth Park, Grimsby, Wellow, Nun Cotham, Thornton, Newsham, *Bella Landa* [?Elsham], (m5d) Newhouse, Kingston upon Hull, Swine, Meaux, Beverley, Selby, Nun Appleton, York, Marton, Rievaulx, (m6d) Guisborough, Yarm.

Size: c.3050 x 300 mm

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.56-63 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.198-238.

DCD Loc.I:5 [1234]

Lamentation of the convent of Durham on the death of their prior, Ralph [Kerneth], who died on 4 Non. March [4 March] 1233/4.

Followed by an unconnected verse in a different hand of comparable date.

Incorrectly endorsed by Swalwell as a lamentation for Prior Richard.

Size: 580 x 175 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Copy or draft of DCD Loc.I:5* below.

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.45-48 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.244-249.

DCD Loc.I:5* [1234]

Obituary roll of Ralph Kerneth, prior of Durham, comprising:

Lamentation in praise of Prior Ralph by the convent of Durham.

Tituli of 3 houses:

Blanchland has held a full service for him in the convent and a thirty-seven day ? for him as if he had been one of their canons, and each priest has said three masses on his anniversary, those in lesser orders a psalter and the lay brothers 500 pater nosters, his name has been written in the martyrology to be recited each year, he also has the common blessing of the house, and Canon Richard de Kenebelle has offered fully a *tricenarium*.

Hexham has held a full service and a *tricenale* for him with a canonical corrody, and each priest has said 3 masses and those who are not priests have said a psalter, and he has the common blessing of the house.

Lambley has given the common blessing of the house.

Size: 665 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly DCD Loc.VI:14.

Lamentation printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.45-47 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.244-249.

DCD Loc.I:6 [1244]

Obituary roll of Thomas of Melsonby, prior of Durham, comprising:

Lamentation in praise of Prior Thomas by the convent of Durham.

Titulus for ?Stanley, (only part remaining), with other membranes with further *tituli* now missing.

Size: 720 x 230 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.48-50 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.315-318.

DCD Loc.I:7 [1416]

Lamentation in praise of John of Hemingbrough, prior of Durham, 89 years old, 66 years a monk and prior for 25 years, who died on 17 Kal. October [15 September 1416].

[Draft for an obituary roll] with a [draft] petition for prayers for his soul and those of all the faithful departed.

Endorsed (contemporary) as ordinances in the annual chapter of Durham 1417 and written in the martyrology (all cancelled)

Size: 285 x 295 mm

Paper roll 1f

Fair copy in DCD Loc.I:7* which is printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.63-64 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.385-441.

DCD Loc.I:7* [1416]

Obituary roll of John of Hemingbrough, prior of Durham, comprising:

Lamentation in praise of Prior John, 89 years old, 66 years a monk and prior for 25 years, who died on 17 Kal. October [15 September 1416].

Petition for prayers for his soul and those of all the faithful departed.

Tituli for 407 houses (noting where other than Prior John is to be prayed for) in Tynemouth, Newcastle, Stamford, Alnwick, Hulne (with a verse on its foundation), Brinkburn, Hexham, Sherborne, Lanercost, Wetheral, Carlisle, (m2) Holmcultram, *Coupland*, Calder, Furness, Conishead, Cartmel, Lancaster, Cockersand, Preston, Whalley, Sawley, Bolton, Kirkstall, Fountains, Sandwich, Jervaulx, Coverham, Richmond, Easby, Egglestone, Meaux, (m3) Blanchland, Jarrow, Guisborough, Whitby, Scarborough (for the soul of Prior John of Durham and Brother William Scott), Bridlington, Beverley, Haltemprice, Hull, Thornton, Newhouse, Grimsby, Louth Park, Markby, Hagnaby, Kirkstead, Topholme, Bardney, Stainfield, Barlings (for the soul of Thomas former abbot of Crowland, cancelled and Prior John of Durham interlined), Lincoln, (m4) Swineshead, Kyme, Boston, Freiston, Spalding, Crowland, Stamford, Newstead, Peterborough, Sawtry, Ramsey (with a prayer), Chatteris, Ely, King's Lynn, Pentney, West Acre, Castle Acre, Wendling, Hempton, Coxford, Creake, Walsingham, (m5) Binham, *Snyterleye*, Weybourne, Broomholm, Hickling, Yarmouth, St Benet of Hulme, Norwich, Langley, Bungay, Flixton, Rumburgh, Mendham, Eye, Leiston, Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds, Thetford, Ipswich, St Osyth, (m6) Colchester, Earls Colne, Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverell, Chelmsford, Blackmore, Thoby, Rochester, Boxley, Aysleford, Leeds, Faversham, Canterbury, Sandwich, Dover, St Radigunds, Folkestone, Monks Horton, Bilsington, Winchelsea, Battle, Pontefract, Robertsbridge, (m7) Tonbridge, Bermondsey, London, Westminster, Ware, Hertford, St Albans, Hitchin, Royston, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Stonely, Bushmead, Newnham, Caldwell, Bedford, Northampton, (m8) Sulby, Leicester, Lenton, Nottingham, Newstead, Worksop (with a rebus representing ?Nailston in the margin), Blyth, Roche, Doncaster, Monk Bretton, Nostell, Pontefract, Selby, Drax, Ellerton, York, Kirkham, (m9) Marton, Newburgh, Sibton, Byland, Rievaulx, Northallerton, Kirkby Bellars, Belvoir, Shelford, Thurgarton, Newbo, Croxton, Owston, Launde, Ulverscroft, Charley, Pipewell, Leighs, Tilty, Maldon, Hatfield Regis, Beeleigh, Blythburgh. (Dorse)

Thremhall, Maldon, Wangford, Mendham, Flixton, Bungay, Langley, Herringfleet, St Neots (for the souls of John, Margaret, William and Richard), Stonely, Bushmead, Bedford, Caldwell, Elstow, Warden, Woburn, Kings Langley (for the soul of William abbot of Thornton, cancelled and John prior of Durham added), Missenden, Thame, Notley, Rewley, Oxford, Osney, Eynsham, Bruern, Worcester, (m2d) Great Malvern, Little Malvern, Hereford, Abbey Dore, Llanthony Prima, Wormsley, Leominster, Wigmore, Ludlow, Lilleshall, Shrewsbury, Haughmond, Stafford, Stone, Hulton, Dieulacresse, Croxden, Rocester, Tutbury, Church Gresley, Merevale, Atherstone, Combe, Coventry, (m3d), Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Hailes, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Llanthony Secunda, Cirencester, Hyde, Winchester, Titchfield, Southwick, Chichester, Durford, Sherbourne, Reading, (m4d), Wallingford, Dorchester, Abingdon, Bicester, Bath, Bristol, Glastonbury, Bruton, Stavordale, Maiden Bradley, Shaftesbury (for the souls of Elizabeth Hugh, Alice Wilton, and Thomas Calwe), Tarrant (for the soul of John of Sherburn, abbot of Selby (d.1408); also at the next two), Milton, Cerne, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Bindon, Beaulieu, St Denys by Southampton, Romsey, Netley (*Lettele*), Boxgrove, (m5d) Tortington, Chertsey, Bisham, Hurley, Medmenham, Salisbury, Ivychurch (*Ederosae*), Forde, Newenham, Dunkswell, Exeter, Totnes, Buckfast, Plympton, Buckland, Bodmin, St

Germans, Launceston, Hartland, Frithelstock, (m6d) Pilton, Barnstaple, Cleeve, Barlinch, Bridgewater, Athelney, Stanley, Bradenstoke, Malmesbury, Alcester, Studley, Bordesley, Halesowen, Maxstoke, Arbury, Norton, Chester, Vale Royal, Darley, Derby, Dale, Thurgarton, Welbeck.

(Inverted)

Oxford, Evesham, Pershore, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Burton upon Trent, Winchcomb, Winchester, Selborne, Monkton Farleigh, Keynsham, Witham, Montacute, Torre, Tavistock, Barlinch, Muchelney, Repton, Rufford.

Size: 7015 x 230 mm

Parchment roll, 9m

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.63-71 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.385-441.

DCD Loc.I:8 [1451]

Lamentation in praise of John Wessington, prior of Durham, over 60 years and 6 months a monk, prior for 29 years and 6 months, who died aged 80 on 5 Ides April [9 April] 1451 at the 9th hour, by Prior William [Ebchester] and the chapter of Durham. Draft (an obituary roll with *tituli* does not survive).

Endorsed (contemporary) "1451".

Size: 290 x 305 mm

Paper roll 1f

Fair copy and reduced version of DCD Loc.I:9.

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.72-73 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.678-681.

DCD Loc.I:9 [1451]

Lamentation in praise of John Wessington, prior of Durham, over 60 years and 6 months a monk, prior for 29 years and 6 months, who died aged 80 on 5 Ides April [9 April] 1451 at the 9th hour, by Prior William [Ebchester] and the chapter of Durham. Draft, with corrections (an obituary roll does not survive).

Size: 300 x 310 mm

Paper roll 1f

Draft of DCD Loc.I:8.

Verse incorporated in the text is printed with the final version in Loc.I:8 in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.72-73 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.678-681.

DCD Loc.I:10 [1464]

Lamentation in praise of William Ebchester and John Burnaby, priors of Durham, by Prior Richard [Bell] and the convent of Durham. Draft.

Size: 220 x 295 mm

Paper roll 1f

Fair copy from B.IV.48 printed in T. Rud, *Codicum Manuscriptorum Ecclesiae Cathedralis Dunelmensis Catalogus*, (Durham, 1825), p.436 and, with all the *tituli*, in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnaby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.1-44 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.261-362.

Related material elsewhere: Fair copy in the full obituary roll in Durham Cathedral Library, MS B.IV.48.

DCD Loc.I:11 [1488]

Obituary roll of Robert Ebchester, prior of Durham, (part) comprising:
Lamentation in praise of Prior Robert, by Prior John [Auckland] and the convent of Durham (repeating that in DCL MS B.IV.48), by [the prior's] nuncio Robert Dyton, 1488. *Tituli* for 334 houses (noting those to be prayed for other than Prior Robert) in (m2) Durham (*bis*) (the first with a decorated initial containing the priory's arms, with also some decorated ascenders; the second with an initial in the form of a rose tree, with a rose in bloom, with other initials infilled), Coventry, Easby (decorated initial of a rose-tree with a rose in bloom, with other initials infilled), Richmond, Stainsfield, Coverham (blank space for a decorated initial), Jervaulx, Byland, Newburgh, Marton, Moxby, Kirkham, Warter, Beverley, Meaux (decorated initial), Swine, Hull, Haltemprice, Bridlington (decorated initial and others), Nunkeeling, Scarborough, Whitby, (m3) Handale, Guisborough, Jarrow, Mount Grace, Rievaulx, Rosedale, Keldholme, Malton, Nun Monkton, Healaugh, Pontefract, Nostell, Monk Bretton, Doncaster, Roche, Blyth, Mattersey, Axholme, Drax, Selby, Nun Appleton, York, (m4) Thornton, Elsham, Thornholme, Torksey, Worksop, Welbeck, Newstead, Rufford, Thurgarton, Shelford (decorated initial), Nottingham, Lenton, Dale, Darley, Repton, Burton upon Trent, Tutbury, Rocester, Croxden, Stone, Trentham, Hulton, Dieulacresse, Vale Royal, Norton, Chester, (m5) Combermere, Lilleshall, Wombridge, Aconbury, Haughmond (very elaborate initial containing a shield), Shrewsbury (elaborate initial with a face with the tongue sticking out), Buildwas, Wenlock, Wigmore (elaborate coloured initial with a grotesque shield, faces and star of David; other initials coloured and elaborated), Hereford, Leominster, Wormsley, Monmouth, Tintern, Flaxley, Llanthony Secunda, Lincoln, Stamford, (m6) Huntingdon, Merton, Newark, Waverley, Winchester, Hyde, Mottisfont (for the soul of William Westcarr prior), Ivychurch (*Ederose*), Salisbury (cathedral, for the souls of William Nesyngwyke canon and Thomas Burton vicar), [Wilton] (for the souls of Alice Comalend abbess of Wilton, Elisabeth Ellewell prioress and Eleanor Romsaye [nun]), Shaftesbury, Witham, Maiden Bradley, Glastonbury, Athelney, Muchelney, Montacute, Bindon, Milton, Christchurch, Beaulieu, St Denys by Southampton, (m7) Netley, Titchfield, Southwick, Boxgrove, Tortington, [Pynham by Arundel], Lewes, Michelham, Hastings, Battle, Robertsbridge, Combwell, Tonbridge, Stratford (elaborated initial), Walden, Ely, Denney, Ramsey, Sawtre, Peterborough, Newhouse, South Lynn [by King's Lynn], Bromehill, (m8) Langley, Eye (written by R. Belynges), Redlingfield, Ipswich, Colchester, St Osyth, Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverell, Beeleigh, Rochester, Boxley, Canterbury, London, Missenden, Grantham.

(Dorse, early entries badly faded and stained)

Hulton,,, Ranton, Lilleshall,,, (m2d) [Nostell], Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Winchcomb, Hailes, Bruern, Eynsham, Oxford, Rewley, Osney, Abingdon, Dorchester, Wallingford, Goring, Hurley, Bisham, Little Marlow, Chertsey, Southwark, Bermondsey (large initial containing a cross), West Smithfield, London, (m3d) Haliwell (for the soul of Elizabeth Prudde prioress), Waltham (elaborated initial, with a border; this and other initials colour washed), St Albans, Dunstable, Markyate, Woburn, Bradwell, Luffield, Snelshall, Biddlesden, Canon's Ashby, Chacombe, Clattercote, Evesham, Pershore, Worcester, Great Malvern, (m4d) Ludlow, Studley, Wroxall, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh (decorated initials), Coventry, Combe, Croxton, Belvoir, Newbo, Lincoln, Watton, Thicket, Knaresborough, Fountains, Vaudey, Newstead by Stamford, Royston, Winchester, (m5d) Romsey, Stavordale, Sherborne, Cerne, Abbotsbury, [?Bindon], Bruton, Jervaulx, Kirkby Bellars, Owston, Launde, Leicester, Bordesley (elaborated initial containing a shield and a rose, also a face emitting a scroll with a verse extolling the house), Halesowen, Wroxton,

Westminster, Reading, Sele, (m6d), Bayham, Stratford at Bow (for the soul of Elizabeth Gayton prioress), Ickleton (for the soul of Constancia Bozim prioress), Cambridge, Barnwell, Anglesey, Thorney (elaborated initial), Crowland, Spalding (elaborated initial containing a monk holding a rosary), Swineshead, Boston (for the soul of Robert Thron' prior of the Augustinian friars), Freiston, Revesby, Kirkstead, Stixwold, Tupholme, Bardney, Barlings, Grimsby, Humberston, Louth Park, Hagneby, (m7d) Greenfield, Markby, King's Lynn, West Dereham, monastery of St Edmund King and Martyr, Babwell, Ixworth, Thetford, West Acre, Castle Acre, Coxford, Walsingham (decorated initial with a head emitting a scroll with "Walsingham" on it), Binham (prayer on an elegant scroll), Beeston, Broomholm, Ingham, St Benet of Hulme, Norwich, (m8d) Faversham, Canterbury, Lesnes, Northampton, Pipewell.

Size: 2610 x 280 mm

Parchment roll, 8m

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.73-81 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.381-433.

Related material in other DUL collections: A further obituary roll for Ebchester is in DCD Loc.I:13 and 12.

DCD Loc.I:12 [1488]

Obituary roll of Robert Ebchester, prior of Durham, (part), comprising:

Tituli for Beverley, Watton, Warter, Nunburnholme, York, Kirkham, Yedingham, Rosedale, Rievaulx, Arden, Jervaulx, Coverham, Fountains, Bolton in Craven, Sawley, Whalley, Upholland, Warrington, Norton, "Danstriae" (?Doncaster), Chester, (m2) Vale Royal (decorated initial), Haughmond, Combermere (decorated initial), Shrewsbury, Buildwas, Wenlock, Wigmore, [Leominster], Wormesley, [Hereford], Monmouth, Tintern, Chepstow (decorated initial), Bristol (decorated initial), (m3) Witham, Maiden Bradley, Shaftesbury, Wilton, Mottisfont, Romsey, Winchester, Hyde, Wherwell (for the soul of Juliana Dure abbess), Lacock, Stanley, Bradenstoke, [Cirencester], Malmesbury (decorated initial), (m4) Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Little Malvern, Great Malvern, Bromfield, Worcester, Pershore, Evesham (decorated initial), (m5) Studley, Bordesley (decorated initial), Halesowen, Pinley, Kenilworth, Stoneleigh (decorated initial), Coventry, Combe, Arbury, Atherstone, Merevale, Polesworth, Church Gresley, Burton upon Trent, Tutbury, Repton, Darley, Derby, Felley, Newstead, (m6) Welbeck, Worksop, Roche, Wallingwells, Monk Bretton, Nostell, Kirkstall, Knaresborough, Newburgh, Pontefract, Tickhill, Lenton, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Lavendon, Newnham, Caldwell, Wardon, Dunstable, Sopwell, London, (m7) St Albans (elaborately decorated initial with an animal head), Shelford, Westminster, Rochester, Faversham, Canterbury (decorated initial containing a shield), Bermondsey, Southwark, London (decorated initial with a capped head), Bisham, Hurley, [?Reading] (decorated initial containing a flower), Rufford, (m8) Dorchester, Abingdon, Oxford, Osney (for the soul of William Wyginton), Byland, Marton, York, Selby, Drax, Blyth, Thurgarton, Dale, Rocester, Croxden, Trentham, Wormbridge, Flaxley, Kingswood, Bath, Forde (decorated initial), Newenham.

(dorse)

(m1d) [?Barnstaple], Pilton, Frithelstock, Hartland, Bodmin, Tywardreath, St Germans, Tavistock, Buckland, Plympton, Buckfast, Totnes, Torre, [?Cowick], Polsloe, Abbotsbury, Cerne, Milton, Bindon, Beaulieu, Quarr, Southampton, *Bekley* [Netley], Titchfield, (m2d) Southwick, Chichester, Boxgrove, Tortington, *Calcet* [Pynham] by Arundel, Lewes (elaborately decorated initial containing an animal head and leaves), Michelham, Hastings, Battle, Robertsbridge (for the soul of Prior Robert N), Combwell, Leeds, St Radigunds, Dover, Langdon, Boxley, Aylesford, Malling, Lesnes, London, Stratford Langthorne, (m3d) Waltham, Walden (decorated initial), Ickleton, Cambridge, Barnwell, Ely, Denney, Ramsey, Sawtrey (for the soul of John Alcumbre), Peterborough, Thorney, Crowland, Bourne, Vaudey, Stamford, Fineshade, Launde, Owston, Kirby on Wreak [Bellars], Croxton, Belvoir, Newbo, Easby, (m4d) Healaugh, Sinningthwaite, Beauvale, Garendon, Ulverscroft, Wroxall, Winchcombe, Hailes, Bruern, Wroxton, Clattercote, Chacombe, Canon's Ashby, Daventry, Eynsham, Notley, Missenden, Marlow, (m5d) Chertsey, Newark by Guildford, Waverley, Merton, Barking, Thoby (decorated initial), Blackmore, Leighs, Dunmow, Tilty (for the soul of Thomas Hamlbe), Hatfield, Coggeshall, Colne, Colchester, St Osyth, Ipswich, Woodbridge, (m6d) Campsey, Butley, Snape, Leiston, Sibton, Rumburgh, Carrow, Norwich, St Benet of Hulme, Hickling, Ingham, Broomholm, Binham (decorated initial), Walsingham, Coxford, Castle Acre, West Acre, Pentney, Bury St Edmunds, Babwell, Thetford, (m7d) Bromehill, West Dereham, Spalding, Swineshead, Boston, Freiston, Revesby, Kirkstead, Tupholme, Bardney (elaborately decorated coloured initial), [?Belvoir], Bullington, Barlings, Lincoln, Markby, Greenfield, Legbourne, (m8d) Louth Park, North Ormsby, Humberston, Grimsby, Nun Cotham, Irford (or Orford), Newhouse, Thornton, Elsham, Thornholme, (inverted at the foot) Twynham, Anglesey, Thame, Hagnaby.

Size: 440 x 300 mm

Parchment roll, 8m

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.82-90 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.455-507.

Related material in other DUL collections: A further obituary roll for Ebchester is in DCD Loc.I:11 above.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally sewn to the foot of: DCD Loc.I:13 below, with DCD Reg.IV f.241r-243v probably also being originally part of the same roll.

DCD Loc.I:13 [1488]

Obituary roll of Robert Ebchester, prior of Durham, (part), comprising:

Tituli for 21 houses at Mount Grace (decorated initial), Baysdale, Guisborough, Handale, Whitby, Scarborough, Bridlington, Nunkeeling, Meaux (decorated initial containing ? "Mar Flite"), Beverley, (dorse)

Monkton Farleigh (decorated initial with "Wyott" beneath), Bruton (decorated initial), Glastonbury, Athelney, Muchelney, Montacute, Sherborne, Taunton, Cleve, Barlinch.

Size: 440 x 300 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Printed in *The Obituary Roll of William Ebchester and John Burnby, Priors of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (Surtees Society 31, 1856), p.81-82 and *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.451-455.

Related material in other DUL collections: A further obituary roll for Ebchester is in DCD Loc.I:11 above.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally sewn to the head of DCD Loc.I:12 above, with DCD Reg.IV f.241r-243v probably also being originally part of the same roll.

DCD Loc.I:14 9 May 1467

Letters patent of Richard [Bell], prior of Durham and the chapter, giving licence to John Preston during pleasure as a brief-bearer on behalf of the souls of the deceased of the priory.

Given at Durham, in the chapter house, 9 May 1467.

Size: 340 x 95 mm

Seal: Sealed open, on a central tag through a turnup, fragments of G&B 3427

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:18a.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.107 (though incorrectly dated there as March).

Image in L. Rollason, "Medieval Mortuary Rolls: Prayers for the Dean and Travel in Medieval England", *Northern History* (XLVIII:2 September 2011), p.197.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.195v.

DCD Loc.I:15 20 July 1397

Letters patent of John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham and the convent, giving licence to Stephen de Lyth for two years as a brief-bearer on behalf of the souls of the deceased of the priory.

Given at Durham, in the chapter house, 20 July 1397.

Size: 255 x 90 mm

Seal: Sealed open, on a central tag (now missing) through a turnup, seal missing

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:18b and 1.2.Loc.I.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.578-579.

DCD Loc.I:16 24 June 1494

Letters patent of Thomas [Castell], prior of Durham and the chapter, giving licence to Edmund Pynder during pleasure as a brief-bearer on behalf of the souls of the deceased of the priory.

Given at Durham, in the chapter house, 24 June 1494.

Size: 440 x 100 mm

Seal: Sealed open, on a central tag through a turnup, seal missing

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:18c.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iv*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2008), p.444-445.

DCD Loc.I:17 9 July 1412

Letters patent of John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham and the convent, giving licence to Stephen de Lyth for two years as a brief-bearer on behalf of the souls of the deceased of the priory.

Given at Durham, in the chapter house, 9 July 1412.

Size: 310 x 135 mm

Seal: Sealed open, on a central tag (now missing) through a turnup, seal missing

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:18d.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.376.

DCD Loc.I:18 9 June 1451

Letters patent of William [Ebchester], prior of Durham and the chapter, giving licence to Robert Alwent (cancelled, John Colynson interlined in a different hand) for two years as a brief-bearer on behalf of the souls of the deceased of the priory.

Given at Durham, in the chapter house, 9 June 1451.

Size: 310 x 135 mm

Seal: Sealed open, on a tongue (now missing), seal missing

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:18e.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.iii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2007), p.727.

DCD Loc.I:19 [mid 14th century]

Articles for an inquisition into the king's [?Edward III's] subjects, their rights and their misdemeanours, and especially those of royal officers - sheriffs, bailiffs, coroners, and escheators.

Size: 790 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar roll: DCD Loc.I:39 below.

DCD Loc.I:20 [1304]

Process of a plea between the prior of the predicant friars [Dominicans/Black Friars] and the warden of the friars minor [Franciscans/Grey Friars] of Cambridge on the one part, appealing to the pope, and Chancellor Stephen [de Haslingfield] and the masters of the university [of Cambridge] on the other concerning the edition of certain statutes to which the said friars could not agree. ?Draft.

(m1-4) Recording the progress of the case with Nicholas de Dale of the friars predicant and Adam Howden of the friars minor against John de Clare of the Austin friars, detailing the three statutes concerning matters to be held as statute only if ordained by the greater and saner part of the regent and non-regent masters with the carrying out of statutes and dispensations being reserved to the regent masters, sermons being delivered in Great St Mary on three specified days of the year by the chancellor or regent masters appointed by the chancellor, and bachelors in theology having to preach publicly in Great St Mary on a day assigned by the chancellor and nowhere else before inception as doctors, and detailing the arguments of the friars against the statutes, with insertions and comments on the dorse. The statutes were agreed in November 1303, and Dale and Howden first protested and then appealed to Rome. Early in March 1304, proctors John and John, one for each order, were dispatched to Rome. On 25 April they put the case before the *curia*. On 2 May a congregation was held at Cambridge to which Dale and Howden were cited to explain their behaviour. They refused to withdraw their appeal and were both excluded from the society of the masters and deprived of all position in the university. On 11 June the proctors at Rome appealed John de Clare of the Augustinian friars and again on 1 July, along with the chancellor and the regent masters, pleading amongst others, that they now had to preach their examinatory sermons outside their own churches, which had not been done in Paris or Bologna, and that it was unclear what might happen if the rector of St Mary's refused to have a friar preach in his church, as some of the masters who were beneficed had done.

(m5-6) (In a different hand) Summary of the case as presented to the chapters for the election of the master general of the friars predicant at Toulouse in 1303 and the minister general of the friars minor at Assisi at Pentecost 1304 by the prior of the convent of the predicant friars of Cambridge and the provincial minister of the friars minor for the province of England, detailing the outline of the case and the statutes.

Size: 2760 x 160 mm

Paper roll, 6m

Printed in J.R.H. Moorman, *The Grey Friars in Cambridge 1225-1538*, (Cambridge 1952), p.227-238, and discussed there p.35-37

DCD Loc.I:21 [1 September] 1439

Letters of grace and mandate by Eugenius [IV], pope, considering whether the day would dawn when he would see the peoples of the east return to the apostolic see and the Roman church, describing his efforts to bring about reunification, including reference to his dealings with John Palaeologus, emperor of Constantinople, Joseph, patriarch of Constantinople, &c; intimating that the work of reunification is necessary and involves great expense; granting to all who contribute, according to their abilities, to the support of his work, the faculty of choosing a confessor who is to be able, once and for all in a lifetime, to give absolution, and a confessor to give full remission for sins confessed at the point of death; and granting that the confessors so chosen be able to lift sentences of excommunication (&c); and also be able to commute vows of abstinence or of pilgrimage, including those to the Holy Land, Rome and Compostella, to other good works, provided that the estimated cost of the journey and of the oblations were paid to the subsidy. The confessors could also absolve usurers, if they delivered to the cause the profits which for one reason or another could not be restored to the individuals from whom they had been taken, and could likewise absolve those who had sold arms to infidels or to heretics contrary to the prohibitions of canon law, if they surrendered the gains which they had made. He ordered prelates, convents, chapters and other ecclesiastics to make the indulgences known to the people through suitable preachers. To those who listened to the preachers he granted relaxation of 2 years and 2 quarantines of enjoined penance. The money was to be kept by 2 good men of each place selected by the ordinary or by the executive agent appointed by the pope. It was to be consigned by them to those designated as receivers by the pope.

Date: Florence, Kal. September 1439, 9 Eugenius[IV].

Endorsed (contemporary) as for the reformation of the Greeks.

Size: 720 x 530 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Previously numbered Loc.I:39.

Copied in DCD Loc.I:22 below and Reg.III, f.254r-255v.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England* (Cambridge, Mass. 1939-1962) vol.II, p.570-572.

DCD Loc.I:22 [1 September] 1439

Bull of Pope Eugenius [IV] granting indulgences to those who would help his work of reuniting the Eastern Church to Rome.

Date: Florence, Kal. September 1439, 9 Eugenius[IV].

Copy, with some amendments and marginalia.

Size: 215 x 305 mm

Paper, 2f

Ownership history: Previously numbered Loc.I:13.

Copy of DCD Loc.I:21 above. Also copied in DCD Reg.III, f.254r-255v.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England* (Cambridge, Mass. 1939-1962) vol.II, p.570-572.

DCD Loc.I:23 [6 October 1399]

Petitions and supplications of the prelates and clergy of the province of Canterbury to [Henry IV] king of England against his ministers, threatening the liberties of the Church. Only articles 15-35 remain.

Size: 820 x 250 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Articles 15-19 and 21 are printed in D. Wilkins, *Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae*, vol.iii, (1737), p.245 articles 58-63.

DCD Loc.I:24 [6 October 1399]

Petitions and supplications by Thomas [Arundel], archbishop of Canterbury, the suffragans and clergy of his province against injuries to the English Church by the ministers of the king [Henry IV]. Articles 4-[31] remain.

Also petitions by the clergy of the province of Canterbury of grievances against the court of Canterbury. 9 articles.

Also a letter from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge to the archbishop seeking royal protection for their ancient liberties.

Size: 1265 x 250 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:20.

Printed in D. Wilkins, *Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae*, vol.iii, (1737), p.240-243 articles 4-27, 29-43, 28.

DCD Loc.I:25 [1225] & [1253]

Copies of Magna Carta documents.

(face) 1.2.Reg.2

(Henry III's reissue of Magna Carta in 1225).

(face) 1.2.Reg.5

(Henry III's reissue of the Charter of the Forest in 1225)

(dorse) Copy of a sentence of excommunication pronounced by B[oniface of Savoy] archbishop of Canterbury, F[ulk Basset] bishop of London, W (*sic, recte* H[ugh of Northwold]) bishop of Ely, R[obert Grosseteste] bishop of Lincoln, W[alter Cantilupe] bishop of Worcester, E (*sic, recte* P[eter d'Aigueblanche]) bishop of Hereford, W[alter Kirkham] bishop of Durham, R[ichard Blund] bishop of Exeter, S[ilvester Everdon] bishop of Carlisle, J (*sic, recte* L[awrence of St Martin]) bishop of Rochester, and Th[omas le Waleys] bishop of St David's against violators of the liberties of the church and the liberties or free customs of the realm of England, and especially those contained in [Magna Carta] and the Charter of the Forest; also extending to those who disturb the peace of the king and the realm.

In the presence and with the assent of Henry [III] king of England, R[ichard] earl of Cornwall the king's brother, R[oger Bigod] earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, Marshal of England, H[umphrey de Bohun] earl of Hereford, H[ugh de Vere] earl of Oxford, J[ohn du Plessis] earl of Warwick, and other magnates (assembled as at a council).

Date: Westminster Hall, [3 Ides May (from the dating clause in the following copy papal confirmation)] [13 May] 1253

(dorse) Copy papal confirmation, 1253

Size: 730 x 225 mm

Parchment roll

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:23.

Discussed (excommunication): *English Episcopal Acta 29: Durham 1241-1283*, ed P.M. Hoskin (Oxford 2005), p.85.

Printed (papal confirmation) in D. Wilkins, *Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae*, vol.i, (1737), p.703-704.

DCD Loc.I:26 [February 1388]

Appeal exhibited to the king [Richard II] in parliament and the council by [the Appellants] Thomas duke of Gloucester and constable of England, Henry earl of Derby, Richard [FitzAlan] earl of Arundel, Thomas [Beauchamp] earl of Warwick and Thomas [Mowbray] Earl Marshall against Alexander [Nevill] archbishop of York, Robert de Vere duke of Ireland, Michael de la Pole earl of Suffolk, Robert Tresilian justice and Nicholas Brembre, accusing them of high treason in 39 articles, detailing their undue influence over the king, their abuse of their power and taking advantage of the king's tender years for personal gain, their encouragement of the king's bid for French help and of his military action against the Appellants, with some additions.

Language: French

Size: 1730 x 250-310 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

Printed in *Rotuli Parliamentorum* vol.iii, (1832), p.229-232. Extract translated and printed in *English Historical Documents 1327-1485*, ed A.R. Myers, (1969), p.157.

DCD Loc.I:27 8 March 1517

Letters of confraternity for Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham and the confraternity from Elizabeth [Gibbs], abbess, and John [Trowell], confessor general, and the whole congregation of the sisters and brothers of the monastery of St Mary and St Bridget of Syon of the order of St Augustine, London diocese.

Date: at the monastery [of Syon], 8 March 1516/7.

Size: 425 x 420 mm

Seal: G&B No.3549, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.I:28 [1349]

Copy of the Statute of Labourers of Edward III addressed to the bishop of Durham.

Size: 410 x 190-210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Another copy printed in *Statutes of the Realm* i, (1810), p.307-308.

DCD Loc.I:29 [c.1440]

Memoranda of papal bulls securing plenary remission at the point of death for the monks of Durham, namely

Firstly bull of Boniface IX, year 8 [12 November 1396];

Secondly bull of Alexander V, 15 Kal. August year 1 [18 July 1409], personally procured by Bishop Thomas Langley at the general council in Pisa in 1409;

Thirdly bull of Eugenius IV, 12 Kal. April [21 March] 1438;

With a description of forms of absolution whereby a chosen confessor should absolve a penitent according to the force of the apostolic letters of plenary remission, after hearing and absolving the penitent as is the custom.

Size: 650 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.I:15.

Related material in other DUL collections: Memoranda re the bulls also cited in DCD Reg IV, f.19r-v with the forms of absolution repeated there f.19v-20r.

DCD Loc.I:30 1 May [1459]

Copy of a plea between Richard of Bingham and Alice his wife against Master Alan de Newsom over the manor of Bingham and Clipston, 9 messuages, 28 acres and 8½ bovates of land, and 12 acres of meadow in Owthorpe, Kinoulton, Cotgrave, Nottingham and Ruddington (*Rodyngton*), and the advowson of the church of Ruddington together with a writ of Henry VI to John [Burnaby] prior of Durham to appear in the case, and a note of Richard Sutton's ancestry as heir of Richard Bingham. 1 May 37 Henry VI.

Size: 420 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.I:2.

Related material in other DUL collections: Also recited in DCD 4.5.Reg.2.

DCD Loc.I:31 2 May [1462]

Copy quitclaim of Richard Sutton, esq., to John [Burnaby] prior and convent of Durham in the advowson of Ruddington (*Rotington alias Rodyngton*) church, with warranty against the abbot of St Peter Westminster.

Dated: 2 May 2 Edward IV.

Sealed in the presence of William [Booth] archbishop of York.

Size: 340 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.I:2.

Original: DCD 3.5.Ebor.19a.

DCD Loc.I:32 [c.1460]

Copies of quitclaims about Ruddington church advowson.

1. Quitclaim of Thomas of Bingham, son of William of Bingham rector of Bingham church, to John Nevill, lord of Raby, and the prior and convent of Durham, of 2 bovates of land with the advowson of Ruddington church. Dated at Bingham 8 March 1387. Witnesses: Hugh of Annesley; Thomas Bulcote of Cotgrave; John of Colston Basset; William Odenell of Herdby.

2. Quitclaim of Joan, former wife of Richard of Bingham, kt, deceased, to the prior and convent of Durham, in 40s rent from land in the vill of Ruddington and in the advowson of the same church. Dated 20 May 15 Richard II [1392].

3. Quitclaim of Edmund of Bingham, cleric, son of William of Bingham, kt, to the prior and convent of Durham of 2 bovates of land with the advowson of Ruddington church. Witnesses: Gerard of Braybroke kt; William Thirning kt; Thomas of Mapperley; Robert Germen of Nottingham; John of Thannesley of Nottingham. Dated 20 August 22 Richard II [1398].

Size: 210 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Original of (1) in DCD 3.5.Ebor.14a and 3.5.Ebor.14b.

Original of (2) in DCD 3.5.Ebor.17 (with a different date of 11 May).

Original of (3) in DCD 3.5.Ebor.15a with a copy (without witnesses or date) in DCD Reg.II, f.329v.

DCD Loc.I:33 [c.1460]

Copy of:

(1) Letters patent of Richard II granting, for the use of Durham College, Oxford, 3 bovates of land in Ruddington and Claxton, with the advowsons of the churches of Ruddington, Bossall & Fishlake.

Given at Westminster 10 October 10 Richard II [1386].

(2) Bond in 2,000 marks from John de Nevill, lord of Raby, to Robert [of Walworth] prior of Durham.

Given at the staple in Westminster 26 May 5 Richard II [1382].

(3) Bond in £500 from John de Nevill, kt, lord of Raby, to Robert [of Walworth] prior of Durham.

Given at the staple in Westminster 19 August 5 Richard II [1381].

(4) Grant from William Fitzwilliam, knight, to the prior and convent of Durham of licence to appropriate 2 bovates of land in Ruddington with the advowson of the church.

Given at London 3 November 1386.

Size: 400 x 305 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.I:2.

Originals: (1) DCD 3.4.Reg.10 (not surviving); (4) DCD 3.5.Ebor.11.

Copies: (1) DCD Cart.III, f.233v; (2) & (3) 4.5.Ebor.8a.

Calendared: (1) *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1385-1389*, p.243.

DCD Loc.I:34 23 June 1476

Inspeximus by Richard [Bell] prior and chapter of Durham of the following grant.

Letters patent of Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham granting, on the surrender by Henry Preston of an earlier grant, to Henry Preston, esq, and Henry Radcliffe, esq, [the bishop's] nephew, the office of constable of Durham castle, for life, at 20 marks *per annum*, with livery or 13s 4d each year at Christmas.

Dated at Durham 10 June 19 Pont. [1476] *per manus* Henry Gyllowe clerk of the chancery.

Dated in the chapter house at Durham 23 June 1476.

Size: 260 x 360 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:45.

DCD Loc.I:35 [November 1326]

Judgement against Hugh le Despenser [the younger], detailing his acts of tyranny, that he had robbed the Church of land and possessions, that he forbade the cult of Thomas of Lancaster, was a pirate, acquired lands, maltreated the Queen and usurped royal power by compelling men to swear allegiance to him.

Language: French

Size: 510 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:27.

Printed in G.A. Holmes, "Judgement on the Younger Despenser, 1326", *English Historical Review* 70 (1955), p.264-267 with some discussion on this and other versions of the text on p.261-263. Also printed from one of the other 6 versions in J. Taylor, "The Judgement on Hugh Despenser, the Younger", *Medievalia and Humanistica* 12 (1958), p.70-77 and printed and translated from yet another version, somewhat imperfectly, in *Litterae Cantuarienses vol.iii*, ed J.B. Sheppard (Rolls Series, 1889), p.404-412.

DCD Loc.I:36 Trinity [1460]

Plea between the prior of Durham and Richard Sutton, esq, kinsman and heir of Richard of Bingham, about the advowson of Ruddington church, concerning the descent of the right through the heirs of Richard of Bingham and the legitimacy of William Bingham kt. Dated Trinity term 38 Henry VI.

[Extracted by] S. Elryngton, with, at the foot on the dorse, in English, [his opinion] that evidence must be sought to prove William Bingham knight *mulier* (legitimate) for the issue is whether he is *mulier* or bastard and that is the point that will be put to the jury; if they find him bastard, the church will be lost.

Endorsed (contemporary) "To ye mastir of Durem College in Oxenford", "mastir or wardeyn of College in Oxenford delyverit in hast" and "Elryngton pro priore de Durham"

Size: 780 x 280 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

DCD Loc.I:36* 10 June [1462]

Copy plea of the quitclaim of Richard Sutton of 2 May 1462 (copy in Loc.I:31 above) releasing his right to the advowson of Ruddington church to Durham prior and convent.

Size: 220 x 205 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Original: DCD 3.5.Ebor.19a.

DCD Loc.I:37 5 November 1397

Letter of John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham, to John of Ripon, his fellow monk of Durham, ordering him, by virtue of a recited bull of Pope Boniface [IX] (3.2.Pap.15), to aver all ecclesiastical benefices and return to the cloister at Durham, his licence to receive and hold a benefice with or without care of souls having been revoked.

Dated in the chapel of St Nicholas next to the private chamber within the abbey of Durham, 5 November 1397.

Witnesses: John Hyndelay *litteratus* and Richard Normanby cleric of Durham and York dioceses.

Notary: Thomas Ryall clerk of Lincoln diocese.

Size: 110-310 x 300 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:49.

DCD Loc.I:38 19 November [1317]

Copy bull of Pope John [?XXII] against plurality of benefices with or without cure of souls annexed to them, reciting the constitution *exsecrabilis*).

Dated at Avignon 13 Kal. December Pont. 2.

Size: 315 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:3.

The constitution is printed in the *Extravagantes* of John XXII, *tit.iii de praebendis et dignitatibus*, in *Corpus Iuris Canonici II Decretalium Collectiones* (Lipsiae, Tauchnitz, 1928), p.1207-1209.

DCD Loc.I:39 mid 14th century

Articles listing the subjects, offences, officials, fees and lands about which the king's justices itinerant ought to make inquisitions, in order to defend the crown's rights and privileges.

Size: 825 x 170-190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar roll: DCD Loc.I:19 above.

DCD Loc.I:40 [17 June 1335]

Copy bull of Pope Benedict [XII] reciting a constitution that monastic prelates could be compelled by papal deputies to receive back into the cloister apostates and monks who had strayed into the secular community, and should discipline them mercifully so as not to frighten them from resuming their habit.

Dated at Avignon 15 Kal. July Pont. 1.

Size: 430 x 200 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:6.

Related material in other DUL collections: Cf. DCD Reg.II, f.168v.

DCD Loc.I:41 [1355]

Extract from the Exchequer memoranda roll of Michaelmas 29 Edward III for Northumberland about the case of wool of Robert Cokside of Durham not having paid custom dues and thereby being forfeited, detailing wool sold by William de Cotes and Robert Cokside at Dordrecht (*Durdraght*) [for the king in 1338/9], through his attorney William de Swethorp, in two shipments, appearing in the account of William de la Pole and Reginald de Conductu, for which payment was made at Dordrecht, from the customs at Hull and Newcastle, and by allowances against the customs of Newcastle, Hartlepool and Hull. Cokside took more than his allowance and was to answer for 16 sacks 6 stone and 5 pounds of wool price £107 14s 11¾d on which he has paid no customs. Cokside's executors, his wife Lucy and William de Stapilton, with Thomas de Seton and William de Walton, answered that rather this sum was part payment of £127 7½d still owed Cokside by the king as per two letters patent; these were to be surrendered and new letters patent issued entitling him still to £19 8d. Incomplete.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the forfeit of wool "non custumate" .

Size: 575 x 235 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.I:26.

Related material in other DUL collections: Cokside's allowances from the customs are calendared in: *Calendar of Close Rolls 1337-1339*, p.424-429.

DCD Loc.I:42 [6 September 1419]

Dispensation of Pope Martin [V] to Robert de la Haye, who by both parents is of noble birth, and holds the canonries and prebends of Chester in Chester[-le-Street] and Barneby in Howden churches, not exceeding 10 marks and 30 marks in value respectively, to hold after his 20th year any benefice with cure and to be promoted to the priesthood and minister therein.

Dated at Florence 8 Ides September Pont. 2.

Size: 155 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:4.

Calendared in *Calendar of Papal Letters vii*, p.122-123.

DCD Loc.I:43 10 June [1462]

Copy plea of the quitclaim of Richard Sutton of 2 May 1462 (copy in Loc.I:31 above) releasing his right to the advowson of Ruddington church to Durham prior and convent.

Size: 285 x 210 mm

Paper roll, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:2.

Original: DCD 3.5.Ebor.19a.

DCD Loc.I:44 [6 April] 1397

Letters of confraternity by William, prior of Beauvale, for Thomas Ile, monk [of Durham]. Dated at [Beauvale] 8 Ides April 1397.

Size: 110 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.I:45 1446

Letters of confraternity by the chamberlains, warden and brothers of the hospital of the Holy Trinity and St Thomas [Becket] at Rome for Robert Westmorland, monk of Durham, (the monk's name and status are written in a different hand), allowing him to choose his own confessor for all but reserved sins and once for all sins at the hour of death. 1446. Endorsed with various English and Latin doodles including "Feriby" variously.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3719 on a tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:44.

Printed, translated and discussed in: M.M. Harvey, "Some documents on the early history of the English Hospice", *Venerabile* 30 no. 4 (1994), p.39-41.

DCD Loc.I:46 11 August 1444

Letters of confraternity by John [Wessington], prior of Durham, for John Portington, king's justice.

Dated at Durham in the chapter house, 11 August 1444.

Endorsed "comonie nundum totum" .

Size: 110 x 305 mm

Seal: Fragment of seal on a tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:44.

DCD Loc.I:47 30 July 1448

Licence of Cardinal John [Kemp], archbishop of York, to John Gateshead, monk of Durham, that he might be the third of ten persons entitled to have a portable altar, as allowed to Cardinal Kemp by authority of the following bull of Pope Nicholas V.

Bull of Pope Nicholas [V] granting to Cardinal John [Kempe] of York power to license ten noble persons to have portable altars at which mass and other divine offices may be celebrated in the presence of them and their households.

Date: St Peter's Rome, 6 Id. June [8 June] 1447.

Date: his house near Westminster, [30] July 1448, translation 24.

Size: 155 x 385 mm

Seal: G&B No.3239, on a double parchment tag through a double slit in a turnout

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:16.

DCD Loc.I:48 21 July 1391

Declaration of the official of the bishop of Durham that, at the petition of Master Robert of Ashbourne, proctor of John of Aycliffe subprior, John of Normanby, John of Bishopton, Richard of Sedgebrook, Richard of Birtley, William of Killerby, Reginald of Wearmouth, Robert of Pikton, William of Kelloe, Richard of Stockton, John of Charlton, Reginald of Billingham, Thomas Dautre, Roger of Mainsforth, Robert of Ripon, John of Barton, John of Newborn, William Mounceux, William of Appleby, William of Pocklington, John Harley, John of Durham, Robert of Emyldon, Adam of Durham, Robert of Easby, John of Houghton, John of Ryton, Robert of Bolton, Stephen of Howden, William Creshopp, John of Lytham, William Barry, Richard of Hessewell, John of Wessington, and John of Gisborough, [monks of Durham], John Dunbar, earl of Moray, of the Scots race, whom they had admitted into their confraternity, is a catholic man and a faithful son of the Holy Roman Church and not a schismatic as declared by Robert of Geneva, formerly cardinal of the Roman Church and now the antipope Clement [VII].

Date: Durham, 21 July 1391.

Size: 260 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.I:49 [?1318]

Quarrels of the cardinals [Gaucelin d'Eauze and Lucas Fieschi] sent by the pope to Scotland concerning the breaking of truces by Robert the Bruce, his disrespect for the envoies from the friars minor of Berwick sent to promulgate the truce in Scotland, Bruce's hostile occupation of the town and castle of Berwick-upon-Tweed and besieging of Wark and Harbottle castles, and his despoliation of the lands of the kingdom of England.

On the dorse is a memorandum of a certain commission about the same quarrels sent to the king of England, necessitated by the suit raised about this at the Roman *curia*, and a note that the articles were delivered to the dean of York and the priors of Durham and Carlisle churches.

(Berwick was captured by the Scots in 1318).

Size: 140 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.I:50 [13 November 1396]

Dispensation by Francis [Tomacelli], cardinal priest of St Susanna, for Roger Mainsforth and John of Newburn, priests and monks of Durham, formerly of minor years, to be promoted to holy orders and to minister therein.

Date: Rome, St Peters, Ides November, 8 Boniface IX.

Size: 140 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:47.

DCD Loc.I:51 16 February 1438

Licence of John Marshall, LLB, canon of Wells and vicar-general of John [Kemp] archbishop of York and keeper of spiritualities in the diocese of Durham *sede vacante* after the death of Bishop Thomas Langley, for Stephen Howden subprior of Durham cathedral, William Ebchester STP, and Richard Barton BTh, monks of Durham, to hear confessions.

Date: Sherburn by Durham, 16 February 1437/8.

Size: 100 x 265 mm

Seal: G&B No.3241, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie stub

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:46.

DCD Loc.I:52 2 March 1430

Licence of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham for Stephen Howden, subprior, William Ebchester, STP, monk of Durham cathedral, Master Thomas Lyes, dean of the collegiate church of Auckland, Thomas Hebdon, DCL, rector of Boldon church, John Boteller, canon regular of the order of St Augustine, Richard Pennymaster, BTh, rector of Haughton[-le-Skerne] church, William Tart, rector of Whickham church, William Blackburn, LLB, rector of Stanhope church, William Doncaster, LLB, perpetual vicar of St Oswald's church in Durham, and John Rande, perpetual vicar of Norton church, to hear confessions.

Date: the bishop's manor at Auckland, 2 March 1429/30, Pont.24.

Size: 130 x 285 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie stub

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I.46b.

DCD Loc.I:53 4 February 1436

Licence of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham for Stephen Howden, subprior, Richard Barton, monk of Durham cathedral, Master Thomas Leys, rector of Wearmouth church, John Boughton, rector of Whitburn church, William Doncaster, dean of the collegiate church of Auckland, Richard Pennymaster, rector of Haughton[-le-Skerne] church, William Blackburn, rector of Stanhope church, John Lythom, perpetual vicar of St Oswald's church near Durham, and Master Christopher Knolles, precentor of Lichfield cathedral, STP, to hear confessions.

Date: the bishop's manor at Auckland, 4 February 1435/6, Pont.30.

Endorsed (contemporary) (amongst others) as the commission of Richard Billingham.

Size: 95 x 290 mm

Seal: Stubs of a sealing tongue and a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I.46c.

DCD Loc.I:54 1 August [1442]

Mandate by Robert [Nevill], bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having on 30 July last past received the following commission/mandate, instructing him to have the aforesaid remissions and indulgences published forthwith, after receipt of the presents, in Durham cathedral on the said Sundays and festivals during masses, to the multitude of the people; and requiring certification, by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, at a suitable time and place, as to what he shall have done in the foregoing. Commission/mandate by John [Kempe], cardinal priest (&c), archbishop of York, to Robert, bishop of Durham, referring to the foundation of the college of St Mary at Eton, near the royal castle and town of Windsor, by King Henry VI, instructing him to publish in his cathedral and diocese, on solemn days and festivals when the greater number of people are present, indulgence and remission of sins to those who visit the college of St Mary at Eton between first and second vespers on the feast of the Assumption; Pope Eugenius [IV] having granted to those who so visit, in a bull which the archbishop has read and inspected, as many indulgences each year as are available at the church of St Peter's, Rome, and in a subsequent bull full remission of sins each year.

Date: Scrooby, 22 July 1442.

Date: (no place of issue), 1 August, Pont.5.

Endorsed (contemporary) that the mandate was exhibited by John Norton chancellor of the bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham on 4 August and was executed and declaimed in the common tongue to the congregation on 5 August in the nave of the church immediately after the procession by William Ebchester, sacrist of Durham.

Size: 280 x 375 mm

Seal: Stubs of a sealing tongue and a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I.46d.

Copy: DCD Reg.III, f.280r-281r.

DCD Loc.I.54*

Seal: G&B No.3179, on a parchment tag

DCD Loc.I:55 11 August [1372]

Letters close of Edward III to the prior of Durham asking for his prayers, *facto* etc, to prosper the king's coming expedition to France.

Date: Westminster 11 August 46 Edward III.

Some erasures and amendments.

Size: 130 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Calendared: *Calendar of Close Rolls 1369-1374*, p.460.

DCD Loc.I:56 10 July 1462 & 10 July 1463

Copies of:

1. Lease by Thomas Caly, warden of Durham College Oxford, to Richard Wayte of Fishlake, gent, and William Perkyn of Fishlake, yeoman, of the tithes of the rectory of Fishlake church with the house there, from the feast of St Margaret 1463 for 3 years paying annually £15 at three terms at the feasts of the Purification, the Nativity of St John the Baptist and St Peter Advincula, supporting the church, keeping the buildings in good repair and not using any of the rectory's timber without the permission of the warden, and providing hospitality and stabling for the warden and 5 or 6 horses 3 or 4 times a year. For the greater security of the payment, they make a bond to the prior of Durham cathedral in £20.

Date: Fishlake, 10 July 1463.

2. Lease by Thomas Caly, master or warden of Durham College Oxford, to Nicholas Machell, perpetual vicar of Bossall church, of the tithes of the rectory of Bossall church with the house there, from the feast of St Margaret 1462 for 3 years paying annually £18 in the first two years at two terms at the feasts of the Purification and the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and £20 in the third year, and providing hospitality and stabling for the warden and 5 or 6 horses 3 or 4 times a year. For the greater security of the payment, he makes a bond to the prior of Durham cathedral in £20.

Date: Bossall, 10 July 1462.

Size: 265 x 285 mm

Paper, 1f

DCD Loc.I:56* 26 April 1496

Lease by William Cawthorne, warden of Durham College Oxford, to Thomas Fairburn, vicar perpetual of the church of Fishlake, of the tithes of the rectory of Fishlake church with the house there, from the term of St Margaret 1496 for 5 years paying annually £12 at three terms at the feasts of the Purification, the Nativity of St John the Baptist and St Margaret, supporting the church, not using any of the rectory's timber without the permission of the warden, and providing hospitality and stabling for the warden and 5 or 6 horses 3 or 4 times a year. For the greater security of the payment, they make a bond to the prior of Durham cathedral in £12.

Date: Oxford, 26 April 1496, 11 Henry VII.

Size: 200 x 280 mm

Seal: Residue of a seal on a parchment tag through slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:4.

DCD Loc.I:57 23 September 1476

Bond of John Halyman of Fulthorp, yeoman, and Thomas Yutson of Northallerton, mercer, to Richard prior of Durham in £40.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Seal: Stub of a sealing tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:41.

DCD Loc.I:57* 23 September 1476

Indenture between Richard prior of Durham on the one hand and John Halyman of Fulthorp, yeoman, and Thomas Yutson of Northallerton, mercer, on the other, stating that if William Halyman chaplain, as long as he is vicar of the parish church of Northallerton, pays to the warden of Durham College Oxford £16 in equal portions at the feasts of St Martin and Pentecost as part of an annual £20 pension due from the vicar to the warden, beginning at the next feast of St Martin, then the bond in £40 between the parties of the same date will not obtain.

Size: 175 x 135 mm

Seal: Residue of two seals on parchment tags through two slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:41.

DCD Loc.I:58 20 December 1394

Appointment by John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham cathedral and the convent of Thomas of Barton as bearer of the mortuary roll (*breviator*) to solicit prayers for [Durham's] dead.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 20 December 1494.

Size: 90 x 340 mm

Seal: Residue of a seal on a parchment tag through a slit in a cut-down turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.I:28.

Printed in *Receuil des Rouleaux des Morts vol.ii*, ed J. Dufour (Paris 2006), p.572-573.

DCD Loc.I:59 23 February 1308

Notarial instrument reciting that William of Cowton and John of Layton (*Lauton*) monks of Durham, appointed proctors of the monks and chapter of Durham by letters dated at Durham 23 July 1307, are bound to pay 345 florins to a certain Stephen Speciaro in the Roman *curia* or the city of London within 6 months for the funeral of the late Richard de Hoton, formerly prior of Durham, who died in the Roman *curia*, and other expenses.

Witnesses: Master Matthew Daynesis of Ploraco, notary; James de Montecinico and Lello de Fulgineo, papal cursors

Notary: Paul Rocca of Colle Vicul, Reacin diocese.

Size: 340 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.I:60 1260 - 1281

Instruments concerning the elections of Richard Stichill and Robert of Holy Island as bishop of Durham in 1260 and 1274 respectively, with some interlinking narrative, in the form of annals, with also instruments for the election of Richard of Claxton as prior of Durham in 1273, with various letters added, all providing a formulary of legal and administrative material in a similar form to the contemporary Misc.Ch. 5712.

(m.1) The three ways of holding an election: by scrutiny, compromissary or inspiration.

(m.2) Commission by Richard subprior and the chapter of Durham to R [Robert] of Holy Island prior of Finchale, R [Richard] of Claxton prior of Holy Island, H [Henry] of Horncastle sacrist of Durham, R [Roger] of Aslakby almoner of Durham, John of Brafferton subprior of Coldingham, John of Walkington sacrist of Coldingham, Walter of Durham almoner of Coldingham, W [William] of Greatham librarian of Durham, and P [Patrick] of Wearmouth as compromissaries to elect a new prior of Durham on 24 January, after the resignation of Hugh of Darlington.

In the chapter house at Durham, 1272/3.

(m.2) Commission by Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale, Henry of Horncastle and the other [compromissaries] to Henry of Horncastle to elect Richard of Claxton prior of Holy Island as prior of Durham.

In the chapter house at Durham, 24 January 1273.

(m.2) Decretum of Henry of Horncastle publishing the election on behalf of the compromissaries.

In the chapter house at Durham, day aforesaid 1273.

(m.2) Decretum of Richard subprior and the chapter of Durham detailing the election of Richard of Claxton as prior of Durham.

(m.2) Letters of Richard subprior and the convent of Durham to R [Robert Stichill] bishop of Durham seeking confirmation of the election.

(m.3) To the council of Pope Gregory X at Lyons in May 1274, the prior and chapter of Durham sent Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale, William of Masham prior of Stamford and Master Robert Aveneale canon of Howden as proctors.

(m.3) Letters to Pope Gregory [X] announcing Robert of Holy Island and William of Masham as proctors of the prior and convent of Durham to the council at Lyons.

At Durham, 13 February 1274.

(m.3) Appointment of Robert [of Holy Island] and William [of Masham] as proctors of the prior and convent of Durham to seek letters at the papal *curia*.

At Durham, 13 February 1274.

(m.3) Letters to Pope Gregory [X] announcing Robert of Holy Island and William of Masham as proctors of the chapter of Durham to the council at Lyons.

At Durham, 13 February 1274.

(m.3) Letters of R [Richard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham giving Robert of Holy Island authority to present to benefices in their patronage.

At Durham, 13 February 1274.

(m.3) Letters of Richard [of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham appointing Robert [of Holy Island] and William [of Masham] as proctors at the Roman *curia*.

At Durham, 13 February 1274.

(m.3) Letters from the succentor of Durham cathedral, judge subdelegate of the prior of Durham, principal judge delegate, to Master Thomas of Adderbury, official of York, concerning the case of the prior and convent of Carlisle against Geoffrey Laurence and Thomas of Laton.

At Durham, 24 July 1281.

(m.3-4) Letters from the succentor of Durham cathedral, judge subdelegate of the prior of Durham, principal judge delegate, to W [William Wickwane] archbishop of York concerning the case of the prior and convent of Carlisle against Geoffrey Laurence and Thomas of Laton.

At Durham, 1281.

(m.4-5) Citation of S archdeacon of Oxford to N rector of B reciting a mandate of O [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln about the university of Oxford's statutes to be published in the church of St Mary in Oxford.

At Iffley, 17 March 1289.

(m.5) Letters of O [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln to the archdeacon of Oxford or his official concerning the jurisdiction of the chancellor of Oxford university.

(m.5) Letters of King Edward [I] to W [William] of Kingscote about seeking confirmation of his election as chancellor of Oxford University from O [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln.

(m.1d) Robert Stichill bishop of Durham died on the way back from the council at Lyons on 4 August. His body was buried in the Benedictine monastery at Savigny but his heart was brought back to Durham for burial in the chapter house.

(m.1d) Petition by R [Richard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham to [King Edward I] for licence to elect a new bishop of Durham after the death of Bishop Robert [Stichill].

At Durham, 23 August 1274.

(m.1d) Mandate of Richard [of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham to all the priors of the cells to attend the election of the bishop of Durham on 24 September.

At Durham, 12 September 1274.

(m.1d) Appointment by Richard prior of Durham and Roger prior of Coldingham of Hugh of Darlington former prior of Durham, Richard of Escrick (*Hescer*) subprior, Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale, Henry of Horncastle sacrist, Nicholas of Hexham, Richard of Barnby hostiller, and W [William] of Masham as compromissaries for the election of a new bishop of Durham, 1274.

(m.2d) Election by the compromissaries of Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale as bishop of Durham.

In the chapter house at Durham, 24 September 1274.

Appointment by the compromissaries of Henry of Horncastle to publish the election.

Same place and date.

(m.2d) Announcement of the election by Prior Richard [of Claxton] and the chapter of Durham to W [Walter Giffard] archbishop of York.

Same place and date. (Printed in Raine, *Historians of the Church of York* iii, (Rolls Series), p.196.)

(m.2d) Appointment by Prior R [Richard of Claxton] and the chapter of Durham of Henry of Horncastle sacrist and Ambrose of Banbury as proctors to carry the announcement to W [Walter Giffard] archbishop of York.

At Durham, 26 September 1274.

Printed in Raine, *Historians of the Church of York* iii, (Rolls Series), p.195.

(m.2d) Letters of presentation by Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and his fellow monks to King [Edward I] of Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale as bishop of Durham.

At Durham, date aforesaid.

(m.2d) The announcement of the election was made to the archbishop at Ripon on 25 October and was confirmed by him at Durham on 30 October.

(m.2d) Appointment of T and R as proctors by N and N.

At Durham.

(m3d) Bishop Walter Kirkham died on the vigil of St Lawrence [9 August] 1260 at Howden and was buried on the octave of St Lawrence.

(m.3d) Appointment by G [odfrey Ludham], archbishop of York, of Master John de Gras, canon of Beverley, archbishop's clerk, as his official in the city and diocese of Durham, vacant by the death of Bishop Walter [Kirkham]; with mandate to the clergy of the diocese to submit to him. [Pont.]2. [1260]

(m.3d) Brothers S, H and N went to the king [Henry III] at Winchester to seek a licence to elect a new bishop.

(m.3d) Licence of King Henry III, petitioning in favour of John Maunsel, treasurer of York. At Winchester, 30 August 1260.

(m.3d) Petition of the Queen in favour of John Maunsel.

At Marlborough, 30 August 1260.

(m.3d) The brothers returned to Durham on 10 September with their various letters; the election was to be held on the feast of St Jerome, the morrow of Michaelmas [30 September], and the priors of the cells were accordingly summoned.

(m.3d) Petition of Prince Edward in favour of H [Hugh] de Cantilupe.

At Chester, 8 September [1260]

(m.3d) Others also sent letters but at last the day of the election arrived.

Appeal to Robert [Stichill] as bishop of Durham of N, monk of Durham, on behalf of the prior and convent of Durham.

(m.4d) Mandate of William [Wickwane] archbishop of York to Master Adam of Darlington, prebendary of Howden church, to publish until further notice in the churches of Howden and [North]allerton and their chapels, and in all the churches in the diocese of York of which the prior and convent of Durham are the patrons, the excommunication by the archbishop, for resisting his visitation of the city and diocese of Durham, of the bishop of Durham, the prior, subprior, precentor, sacrist, cellarer, and chamberlain, R[oger] of Methelay monk and William of Fenham, clerk, and the archbishop's interdict of the cathedral church of Durham; Master Adam is to carry out the mandate in full on pain of excommunication, certifying what he has done within fifteen days.

At Sherburn, 3 Kal. September [30 August] 1281.

(m.4d-5d) Letters of the succentor of Durham, judge subdelegate of the prior of Durham, principal judge delegate, to the official of Durham concerning the case of the prior and convent of Carlisle against Geoffrey Laurence, Thomas Lanthon and Nicholas Pattern. At Durham, 9 September 1281.

Size: 2400 x 170 mm

Parchment roll, 5m

For Stichill's election, see also Misc.Ch.5519.

Further copies of the Holy Island election material: Misc.Ch. 5345, Misc.Ch. 5521a, Misc.Ch. 5712 (part), Loc.I:60 m.1d-2d and BL Cotton Julius D.iv f.96-100, which last is printed in *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, ed F. Barlow (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.46-53.

First way of holding election, only, printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.53.

The dispute with Oxford is discussed in J.I. Catto ed, *The History of the University of Oxford vol.I The Early Oxford Schools*, (Oxford 1984), p.110.

Printed (mandate of Wickwane) in *The Register of William Wickwane, Lord Archbishop of York 1279-1285*, ed W. Brown, (Surtees Society 114, 1907), p.175.

Another copy: DCD Misc.Ch.7168, m.1.

DCD Loc.I:60* 1274

Papal statutes, with letters from Michael [VIII Palaeologus], emperor of Byzantium, to Pope Gregory [X], re the Council of Lyon and discussions about the union of the Greek and Roman churches.

m.1. Constitution "Zelus fidei" (on which see Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England*, p.317).

m.2. Constitutions 3, 4, 5, 6, 76, 8, 9, 19, 15, 24, 29, 30.

m.2-3. Treatise on canon law as affecting the mendicant orders, marked "vacat" (continued on m.1d).

m.4. Letter of Emperor Michael Palaeologus to Pope Gregory X (printed in Binius, *Concilia vol.iii part 2* (Cologne 1618), p.742-744).

m.4-5. Another letter of Emperor Michael Palaeologus to Pope Gregory X.

m.5-6. Letter of Andronicus, eldest son of Emperor Michael Palaeologus, to Pope Gregory X ("aujourd'hui perdue" - Hefel, *Histoire de Conciles*, p.176).

m.6. Another letter of Emperor Michael Palaeologus to Pope Gregory X.

m.6. Letter of prelates of the Eastern church to Pope Gregory X (printed in Binius, *Concilia vol.iii part 2* (Cologne 1618), p.745-746 and in other early collections, see also Raynaldi, *Annales Ecclesiastici vol xiv*, p.222-223).

m.1d. Conclusion of treatise on m.3.

m.1d. Letter to Pope Gregory X from papal envoys to the Emperor Michael Palaeologus.

m.1d. Letter of Emperor Michael Palaeologus to the cardinal bishop of Praeneste.

m.1d-2d. The errors of the Greeks (42 in number).

m.2d. Address of the envoys of Abaga king of the Tartars.

m.2d. Constitution 2 (incomplete).

m.3d Constitutions 10, 17, 20, 11, 28, 31, 12, 16, 25, 26, 27, 22 (with additional text at the beginning), 21, 23, 1 (marked "vacat" and differing in text from that printed).

m.4d. Constitutions 18, 13, 14.

m.4d. Constitution "Quoniam gravis", incomplete.

m.5d-6d. Constitution "Quoniam gravis", stated to be issued at the Council of Lyons, but not traced in print.

Size: 3190 x 225 mm

Parchment roll, 7m

Described in: P. Johanek, "Studien zur Überlieferung der Konstitutionen des II. Konzils von Lyon (1274)", (*Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung* 65, 1979), p.149-216, especially p.165-169.

Discussed in B. Roberg, *Das zweite Konzil von Lyon (1274)*, (Paderborn, 1990).

For the numbered constitutions, see Hefele, *Histoire de Conciles, trs. Leclercque vol.vi part 1* (Paris 1914), p.181-209.

A negative microfilm is available at 5TCFilm 48

DCD Loc.I:61 [1311 - 1321]

m.1-4 [Draft of] the ordinances of Edward II of 1311 promulgated by elected representatives of the clergy and barons, and confirmed by the king.

m.1d Copy of the 1316 statute of sheriffs, addressed to the sheriff of Nottingham 21 February.

m.1d Writ to the sheriff of Nottingham revoking the 1314 price ordinances, 20 February 1316.

m.1d-3d Grievances (*gravamina*) of the southern clergy presented in the parliament of Lincoln in 1316, with the king's responses.

m.3d Copy of the sumptuary ordinance of 3 August 1316 as sent to the sheriff of Northumberland.

m.4d [Possibly the earliest version of] the charges against the Despensers 1321.

Language: French (ordinances); French and Latin (grievances); French (charges)

Size: 2170 x 190 mm

Parchment roll, 4m

m.1-4 discussed and printed in M.C. Prestwich, "A New Version of the Ordinances of 1311", (*Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* lvii, 1984), p.194-203; m.4d

discussed and printed in M.C. Prestwich, "The Charges Against the Despensers, 1321", (*Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* lviii, 1985), p.95-100.

DCD Loc.I:62 [March or April 1261]

[Copy of] Henry III's grievances against his council (21 clauses), with a newsletter outlining political events.

Size: 555 x 190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Discussed and printed in H. Ridgeway, "King Henry's Grievances against the Council in 1261: a New Version and a Letter describing Political Events", (*Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* lxi, 1988), p.227-242.

DCD Loc.I:63 [14th century]

Propositions against the exercise of secular authority by the clergy.

Incomplete.

Size: 650 x 245 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.I:43.

DCD Loc.II - Privileges

1214 - 1461

Miscellaneous legal and financial documents concerning the rights and privileges of the monastery, including several of Prior Wessington's compositions

DCD Loc.II:1 [mid 15th century]

Draft letter from [a Durham monk] to [a fellow monk] re Robert Erghowe, a Durham monk, about whom the addressee has written through Edmund Hayward jointly with the prior, concerning his joining the Dominicans at Bamburgh, and also his personal effects. Dated at Durham, February.

Size: 165 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:54.

DCD Loc.II:2 1 June [1453]

Copy privilege granted by the Turkish sultan Mehmed II to Genoese merchants granting them licence to travel, trade, and retain their property within his lands together with certain other liberties and privileges.

Dated at Constantinople, 1 June 6961, first indiction.

Size: 135 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:35.

DCD Loc.II:3 [13 April 1417]

Articles of the convent of Durham against the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, presented before Robert Thresk, clerk, remembrancer [of the exchequer], holding an inquisition [over fishermen at North and South Shields and boats on the Tyne] on Tuesday in Easter Week, 5 Henry V, quoting from the *Historia Aurea*, Bede, Roger of Hoveden, and others, citing charters granted to the priory by William I, Henry I (*bis*) and Henry II (*bis*), also citing Henry II's confirmation of William I's charter, a record of Henry I of fishing rights in the Tyne and on the sea, a 1235 rental concerning South Shields, an agreement with the community of Newcastle of 43 Henry III, and an inquisition of 7 March 1353.

On the dorse are notes of King John's charter to Newcastle upon Tyne, as confirmed by Henry III, also King John's concession to the bishop of Durham and others of the liberty of the bishoprick of Durham of fisheries on the south of the Tyne on 5 February 1213, the bishop of Durham's concession to the prior of Durham of fisheries on the south of the Tyne in 1093, the rights of the South Shields fishermen and liability to tolls for fishing on the open sea.

Size: 870 x 300 mm + 225 x 275 mm

Paper roll, 2p + attached schedule of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:33.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Misc.Ch. 6586 & 6586*.

DCD Loc.II:4 [1453 x 1461]

Memorandum of the prior and chapter of Durham cathedral protesting that the rights of their almonry school were being impeded by Robert Grene, priest, who was seeking to run a grammar school in the city of Durham by authority of letters patent of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, and was taking boys from the almonry school.

Size: 420 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:43.

See R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.60 and M.M. Harvey, *Lay Religious Life in Late Medieval Durham*, (Woodbridge 2006), p.122.

DCD Loc.II:5 [November 1439]

Historical narrative of the rights of the prior of Durham in the quarrel with the tenants of Elvet over pasture on Elvet moor and a place called Wardlaw. Incomplete.

Size: 205 x 265 mm

Paper, 1p

Related material elsewhere: For the rest, see DCD Misc.Ch. 5828/14.

DCD Loc.II:6 [1437]

Evidence of the prior of Durham concerning the passage between Monkwearmouth and Sunderland, citing extracts from Bede and the Boldon Book and entries in the accounts of the master of Wearmouth (1335-1434) and the bursar (1384), along with various grants and confirmations of various kings and bishops of Durham, and comparing the rights in the passages between Berwick and Tweedmouth, and South and North Shields. Endorsed (early 16th century) as 1437.

Size: 635 x 260 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:29.

Draft: DCD 4.4.Spec.14.

DCD Loc.II:7 [later 13th century]

Formulary of appeals, presentations and other instruments concerning the priory's churches in Yorkshire, the patronage of its priory of Lytham, the behaviour of an archdeacon and the penance of a monk.

Size: 540 x 200 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

1.

The cardinal legate Ottobono orders a report to be made on the behaviour of an archdeacon who, he hears, is sinful, a pluralist, and a simoniac, and he orders that after the inquiry the archdeacon shall be summoned to appear before him.

Dated: London etc.

Also BL Stowe 930 f.15v (2).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.196-197.

2. [18 May 1269]

Appointment by H prior and convent of Durham of H [Henry] of Horncastle terrar and master A [Adam] of Darlington clerk as proctors for the priory's business in the diocese of York.

Dated etc.

Also BL Stowe 930 f.20v (3).

3.

Appeal by Adam of Darlington, clerk, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, against the archbishop of York, not to infringe the convent's rights in the churches of Howdenshire and Allertonshire along with other churches within the liberties of St Cuthbert in the diocese of York, especially by visiting the liberties.

Also DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.2 (1) and BL Stowe 930 f.20r (3).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.143.

4.

Appeal by Adam of Darlington, clerk, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, against the official of the archbishop of York, especially lest he hear cases for Howden, Hemingbrough, Brantingham and other churches and vills within York diocese to the prejudice of the court of the prior and convent of Durham.

Also DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.2 (2) and BL Stowe 930 f.20v (1).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.143-144.

5.

Appeal by N of N in the name of the prior and convent of Durham against [Robert Stichill] bishop of Durham to preserve the liberties of Durham as did his predecessors, bishops Nicholas [Farnham] and Walter [Kirkham].

Also Misc.Ch. 5712 m.1 (23) and BL Stowe 930 f.20r (2).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.187.

6. [18 June] 1267

Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham present to W [Walter Giffard], archbishop of York, Hervicus of Darlington, clerk, for ordination and admission to the church of Kirby Sigston, vacant on the death of Reginald, former rector there. Dated at Durham, 14 Kal. July 1267.

Also DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.3 (12); BL Stowe 930 f.18v (2); DCD Loc.III:40 m.2 (10).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.174.

7. [25 June 1267]

Report from Gilbert, official of the prior of Durham in Allertonshire, to H [Henry] of Corbridge, official of W [Walter Giffard] archbishop of York, as mandated by Corbridge on [21 June 1267], on an inquisition made into the church of Kirby Sigston on the occasion of the presentation of Hervicus of Darlington as rector there, vacant on the death of the last rector, Reginald, on the feast of St William of York [8 June] 1267, the patronage pertaining to the prior and convent of Durham, to the value of 40 marks.

Done in the church of Allerton [Northallerton], the morrow of St John the Baptist, year as above.

Also DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.3 (13) and BL Stowe 930 f.18v (3).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.132-133.

8.

Letters dimissory of R bishop of Durham for Hervicus of Darlington, ordained acolyte. Dated etc.

Also Misc.Ch. 5712 m.4 (2) and BL Stowe 930 f.25r (8).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.149.

9. [29 August 1265]

Mandate from the chapter of St Peter's York [Minster] to J[ohn] de Brumpton, official of the prior of Durham, to institute R[ichard] of Middleton to Saltmarshe, the fifth prebend in the church of Howden.

Dated at York, etc.

Original: DCD 1.4.Ebor.42a.

Other copies: DCD Cart.III, f.i.44v; Misc.Ch. 5712 m.4 (5); BL Stowe 930 f.25r (7).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.134.

10. [12 October 1265 - 25 January 1266]

Appointment by Hugh prior and convent of Durham of R [Robert] of Holy Island (*Insula*) to receive 20 marks for the business of the house from its debtors. Dated etc [Durham].

Memorandum that R [Robert] of Holy Island, sacrist of Durham, came to the royal court after Michaelmas in 1265 with 2 contracts for 20 marks each, and came similarly at the conversion of St Paul with 2 contracts for 50 marks.

Also BL Stowe 930 f.25r (2).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.197-198.

11. [13 December ?1214 - before 1259]

Memorandum that the patronage of Appleby church was collated by Margaret Banastre to the house of Lytham by her charter, which church in the time of Clement then prior [of Lytham] being vacant for the elapsed time, was sequestrated by the ordinary Hugh [?of Wells] bishop of Lincoln and at last by the negligence of the said prior, the clerk Thomas Audley was collated and was admitted by the bishop's letters as follows.

Admission by Hugh bishop of Lincoln, at the presentation of the prior of Lytham, patron of the church of Appleby, of Thomas of Audley, clerk, to the church of Appleby. Dated *per manus* Warin of Kirkton, chaplain, canon of Lincoln of the Stow prebend, Ides December pont. 5.

On the death of the last rector, Stephen of Dalton prior of Lytham had licence to present to the said church a suitable person for whom he is to answer to the prior and convent of Durham.

Also BL Stowe 930 f.19r (2).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.119-120.

12.

H prior of Durham to N subprior, imposing penance on a monk.

Also DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.2 (3) and BL Stowe 930 f.25v (1).

Printed: F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940), p.90-91.

13.

Letter from the prior of N telling of his intentions for celebrating his installation on the feast of the Purification of the Virgin.

DCD Loc.II:8 [early 14th century]

1. Formulary of documents re marriage, burgages, rent, protection, liberties, sale of ale, quitclaims, agreements, leases, etc;
2. Regulations for making manorial accounts (continued in DCD Misc.Ch. 7130);
3. Oaths of fealty to be made to a superior;
4. Tables etc for the assize of bread and ale.

Initials not filled in, with letters noted in the margin.

Endorsed (early 16th century) as being various quarrels and propositions in the temporal court ...

Language: 1 & 2 Latin, 3 & 4 French

Size: 1230 x 190 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:79.

2 is discussed briefly in D. Oschinsky, *Walter of Henley*, (Oxford 1971), p.49.

DCD Loc.II:9 [mid 15th century]

Headings for articles of complaint by the burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne against the prior of Durham about various issues at North and South Shields (the *Sheles*).

Language: English

Size: 240 x 210 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:39.

DCD Loc.II:10 [?1323]

Rationes of the prior and convent of Durham refuting the articles of Thomas of Goldsborough, archdeacon of Durham, attempting to overturn the inhibition of the court of York and the appeals of the said prior and convent, in the case between them and the archdeacon over jurisdiction in the prior and convent's appropriated churches and chapels in the diocese of Durham, appealed by both sides [from Durham to York], detailing the petition of the prior and convent,

listing the documents of the case with their *incipits*,

reciting the development of jurisdiction in the diocese of Durham from the time of Bishop Walcher,

and outlining the arguments of the prior and convent

Size: 1820 x 225-245 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:13.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Misc.Ch. 7212 and Cart.III, f.182v-183v.

DCD Loc.II:11 [c.1436]

Reasons for excusing the prior and monastery of Durham from paying the royal subsidy, with amounts detailed:

1. The prior has had to be collector of the tenths for the king for several years, paid in in 14 [Henry VI];
2. The prior and monastery have accommodated lords and their people going to the Scottish march for 28 years;
3. The monastery's properties in Northumbria and especially Norhamshire and Islandshire have suffered greatly in the wars over several years.

Details of expenses incurred in accommodating the lords as in 2 above:

1. The duke of Exeter, earls of Northumberland and Westmorland and many others discussing in the chapter house the relief of Berwick, besieged by the Scots.
2. Accommodating the comings and goings of the said duke, earls, Henry archbishop of York and many others on the same cause.
3. Negotiations between lords of England and Scotland for a fortnight and more over the release of the king of Scotland.
4. Various negotiations of Thomas bishop of Durham, the earl of Northumberland, and the prior of Durham in the chapter house and Newcastle over the death of William Heron.
5. The comings and goings of the archbishop of York, earl of Northumberland and others to relieve Roxburgh castle, besieged by the Scots.
6. The arrival of the duke of Norfolk the first time with 300 men and with others at various times in great numbers.
7. Negotiations at Durham between the amabassadors of the kings of England and Scotland about a truce in the previous May.

Size: 370 x 175 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly Loc.II:44.

DCD Loc.II:12 [c.1302 - 1305]

Complaints to the king [Edward I] by [Richard de Hoton] prior of Durham against [Antony Bek] bishop of Durham:

1. That the bishop's ministers Walter [of Rothbury, Peter of Emlendon], Robert [the serjeant, Gilbert] the coroner, [Master Hugh of Saundon and others, on ?] took the prior's corn from the villis of Ancroft, [Horncliffe, Cornhill, Tweedmouth], Morton and Kyloe to the value of £700 6s 8d, and also took 240 lambs from Norham to the value of £16, at a cost to the prior of 100 marks.

2. That the bishop's ministers Walter of Rothbury, Peter of Emlendon, Robert the serjeant, Gilbert the coroner, Master Hugh of Saundon and others on [1 October 1291] took the prior's corn at [Norham], Upsettlington, Horncliffe, and Berrington to the value of £50 11s 4d, at a cost to the prior of £40.

3. That the bishop's ministers Henry of Lusby, Henry of Stansted, Adam of Boyvill and Robert of Stanley took plate to the value of 1000 marks from the priory on 25 April 1302, at a cost to the prior of £300.

4. That the bishop obligated the convent together with him for £1000 received from Master Geoffrey Vezzano collector of the tenth for the Holy Land, promising to repay the money for the convent on 16 June 1296 to the king, Oliver [Sutton] bishop of Lincoln, Geoffrey Vezzano and others, but he defaulted and the convent was unable to meet the obligation so the convent was sequestrated and placed under an interdict, at a cost to the prior of £200.

5. That the bishop had agreed to repay £4000 to Restauro Bonaventure, Simon Gerard and the merchant company of Florence, and has defaulted, and as the bishop was obligated to the prior's predecessor Hugh [of Darlington] in this, the present prior is now being sued for the said debt by the said company, at a cost to the prior of £100.

6. That the bishop's ministers Master William of St Botolph, Roger of Esh, and Peter of Bolton, had forcibly ejected the prior from the wardship of 20 marks worth of land of the late John of Fery in Fery and *Coppoun*, of which the prior was lawfully seised, on [5 November 1292], at a cost to the prior of £200.

7. That the bishop's ministers Roger of Esh and Robert of Hawkhurst had, [on 25 June 1291], dismantled a windmill which the prior had built at Jarrow, worth 10 marks a year, so that the prior lost the profits of the mill for 10 years, at a cost to the prior of £100.

Language: French

Size: 425 x 105 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: 1. See *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. IV, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1878), p.63.

2. See *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. IV, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1878), p.35-36.

4. See C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.121.

5. See DCD Loc.VII:22c printed in *Records of Antony Bek*, ed C.M. Fraser (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.10-14.

6. See *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. IV, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1878), p.36-37.

7. See *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. IV, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1878), p.39-40.

DCD Loc.II:13(1) [c.1397]

Gift by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham of £100 towards the cost of rebuilding the dormitory within 7 years. No date.

Size: 105 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.II:13(2) [c.1402 x 1404]

Certificate that Thomas Lythe, sacrist of Durham, delivered to the prior, subprior and William Barry 50 marks given by the bishop of Durham towards the construction of the new dormitory: £10 *per manus* Peter del Hay; £10 by Peter Dryng on the vigil of Easter; £8 on the vigil of Pentecost.

Size: 155 x 165 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:13(3) [3 May] 1398 - [6 June] 1400

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1398 to Pentecost 1400.

Receipts, expenses, *exoneraciones*, reconciliation.

Size: 390 x 190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Misc.Ch. 6073, transferred 20 January 1958.

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(4) & (5).

DCD Loc.II:13(4) [3 May] 1398 - [6 June] 1400

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1398 to Pentecost 1400.

Receipts, expenses, *exoneraciones*, reconciliation.

Size: 385 x 195 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(3) & (5).

DCD Loc.II:13(5) [3 May] 1398 - [6 June] 1400

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts conceded towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1398 to Pentecost 1400.

Receipts, expenses, *exoneraciones*, reconciliation.

Size: 380 x 195 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(3) & (4).

DCD Loc.II:13(6) [6 June] 1400 - [14 May] 1402

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from Pentecost 1400 to Pentecost 1402.

Remaining [from the previous account], arrears, receipts from obedientaries and cells, receipts various, expenses for wages, building work and materials, *exoneraciones*, reconciliation.

Size: 580 x 150 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(7) & (8).

DCD Loc.II:13(7) [6 June] 1400 - [14 May] 1402

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from Pentecost 1400 to Pentecost 1402.

Remaining [from the previous account], arrears, receipts from obedientaries and cells, receipts various, expenses for wages, building work and materials, *exonerationes*, reconciliation.

Size: 580 x 150 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(6) & (8).

DCD Loc.II:13(8) [6 June] 1400 - [14 May] 1402

Account of Thomas D'Autre and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for two years from Pentecost 1400 to Pentecost 1402.

Remaining [from the previous account], arrears, receipts from obedientaries and cells, receipts various, expenses for wages, building work and materials, *exonerationes*, reconciliation.

Size: 580 x 160 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicates in DCD Loc.II:13(6) & (7).

DCD Loc.II:13(9) [3 May] 1400 - [14 May] 1402

Account of Thomas Lythe of money receipts towards the subsidy of the dormitory from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1400 to Pentecost 1402 paid to the prior and subprior.

Receipts, expenses.

Size: 200 x 180 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:13(10) [3 May] 1402 - [3 May] 1404

Account of Thomas Lythe of money receipts towards the subsidy of the dormitory for 2 years from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1402 to the same feast 1404.

Remaining from the last account, receipts, expenses.

Size: 190 x 140 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(11).

DCD Loc.II:13(11) [3 May] 1402 - [3 May] 1404

Account of Thomas Lythe of money receipts towards the subsidy of the dormitory for 2 years from the Invention of the Holy Cross 1402 to the same feast 1404.

Remaining from the last account, receipts, expenses.

Size: 190 x 150 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(10).

DCD Loc.II:13(12) [14 May] 1402 - [18 May] 1404

Account of Thomas D'Autry subprior and Thomas Lythe of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory for 2 years from Pentecost 1402 to Pentecost 1404.

Remaining from the last account, arrears, receipts from obedientaries, cells and various, expenses for wages, building works and materials, *exonerationes*.

Size: 445 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(13).

DCD Loc.II:13(13) [14 May] 1402 - [18 May] 1404

Account of Thomas D'Autry subprior and Thomas Lythe of receipts conceded towards the subsidy of the dormitory for 2 years from Pentecost 1402 to Pentecost 1404.

Remaining from the last account, arrears, receipts from obedientaries, cells and various, expenses for wages, building works and materials, *exonerationes*.

Size: 445 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(12).

DCD Loc.II:13(14) [18 May - 12 October] 1404

Account of Thomas D'Autry subprior and Robert of Crayke of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory from Pentecost 1404 to the feast of St Wilfrid following.

Remaining from the last account, arrears, receipts from obedientaries and cells, various receipts and loans, expenses for wages, building works and materials, *exonerationes*.

Size: 455 x 215 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(15).

DCD Loc.II:13(15) [18 May - 12 October] 1404

Account of Thomas D'Autry subprior and Robert of Crayke of receipts granted towards the subsidy of the dormitory from Pentecost 1404 to the feast of St Wilfrid following.

Remaining from the last account, arrears, receipts from obedientaries and cells, various receipts and loans, expenses for wages, building works and materials, *exonerationes*.

Size: 455 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Duplicate in DCD Loc.II:13(14).

DCD Loc.II:13(16) [21 September 1398]

Agreement between the prior and convent of Durham and John of Middleton mason for building the dormitory walls, quarrying, carrying and preparing materials, and providing his own scaffolding and tools, the work to be completed by Christmas in 3 years' time, being paid at 10 marks per rod, with messing for him and his assistant, being paid £40 at the start, and then £40 for each 6 rods, the work to start after Christmas with the prior and convent finding suitable timber to sustain the vault, with Middleton being obligated to the prior and convent with 4 others in £100 for the performance of this.

Language: French

Size: 140 x 280 mm

A fuller version, in Latin, with detailed building specifications, is in DCD Reg.II, f.216v-217r which is printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.clxxx-clxxxii.

DCD Loc.II:13(17) [2 February] 1402

Agreement between John [of Hemingbrough] prior and convent of Durham and Peter Dryng mason for building new dormitory walls, erecting walls to match those already constructed on the west side, detailing the features, windows and dimensions, with the work to be finished by the end of October 1404, quarrying, carrying and preparing materials, and providing his own scaffolding and tools, under the same conditions as John Middleton mason had, with a garment of the suit of an esquire of the prior, and detailed food and drink, to be paid at the rate of 10 marks a rod, which is to comprise 6½ ells, 1 ell square, either above or below ground, with £40 at the start and then £40 for each 6 rods, with Dryng to enter into a bond with one other with the prior and convent for £100 for the performance of this.

Date: Durham, Purification of the Blessed Mary, 1401.

At the foot are the names [?of bondsmen]: William Lameton; William Jalkar; Thomas Forster; William Melode; Peter Dryng mason; William Benett vicar of Merrington; Robert Daywell mason; William Landes mason. Also a note of timber from Haining park.

On the dorse is part of a draft letter from John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham cathedral, ordinary of the spiritualities of St Cuthbert in Howden and Howdenshire to William Aghton concerning the rectory of the collegiate church of Howden, its profits, and service in the choir.

Size: 430 x 300 mm

Printed (except for the dorse), with some minor errors, in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.clxxxvii-cxc.

DCD Loc.II:14 [c.1436]

List of free tenants who were amerced in the courts of Elvethall and New Borough for trespasses in Smithyhaugh at the time of the opening of Elvet wood and others within the demesne of Elvethall, listing tenants, their trespasses, the date of the court 1315-1400 and when [their amercement] was paid.

(Dorse)

Agistments in the appurtenances of Elvethall manor, namely Elvet wood, St Cuthbert place, the Peth with the adjacent *Langmerflatt*, Allers on the west side of the River Wear, Barncroft, *Dedere* and *Dederebanks*, the *quadrante* next to Smithyhaugh mill, Mountjoy, Kirkcroft, *Welhews*, *Frenaseclose* and Charleys, noting the amounts received from whom and for what, and when they appeared in either the Elvethall court roll or the hostiller's account 1381-1436.

Size: 595 x 420 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.II:71.

DCD Loc.II:15 [c.1381]

Treatise on accounting with an introductory section written for the accounting clerk, a specimen estate account for receipts and expenses for 1380-1381, rules, questions of the tenants, attachments, a specimen court roll for the prince [of Wales]'s honor of Wallingford, and a specimen grange stock account on the dorse.

Size: 3640 x 255-270 mm

Parchment roll, 5m

The introductory section is printed in D. Oschinsky, *Walter of Henley*, (Oxford 1971), p.464-467, and the whole is discussed briefly there at p.50.

DCD Loc.II:16 4 January 1427

Notarial instrument inspecting charters of various archbishops of York granting privileges to the church of Durham:

extracts from (spurious) charter of Thomas [I] archbishop of York (as in 1.1.Archiep.1);
 charter of Thurstan archbishop of York (as in 1.1.Archiep.7a);

extracts from charter of Roger [de Pont l'Évêque] archbishop of York (as in 1.1.Archiep.4);
 revocation by Walter [Giffard] archbishop of York of the sequestration of Hemingbrough 14 November 1273 (as in 2.1.Archiep.18);

composition between William [Melton] archbishop of York and William [Cowton] prior and chapter of Durham 7 September 1325 (as in 4.1.Archiep.2c);

extracts from sentence of the commissary of Henry Bowet archbishop of York 26 September 1410 (as in 3.2.Archiep.1a).

Date: in the chapel of St Nicholas, 4 January 1426/7.

Witnesses: Masters Thomas Tange, Robert Berall, and John Runcorn, notaries public; John Binchester and John Pertrik chaplains of York, Durham, and Coventry and Lichfield dioceses.

Eschatols recited of Thomas de Ryhale, clerk, Thomas de Tang, clerk, and Robert de Berall, clerk. (Notarial signs repeated at the membrane break.)

Size: 1790 x 290-325 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

DCD Loc.II:17 1424

List of free tenants by military service making suit at the prior's court fortnightly, from Staindrop, Monkton, Hedworth, Winstow, *Symonds* and Southwick, Wearmouth, Hesleden, and Wolviston, detailing, by place, the tenant, their acreage and the amount. Endorsed (contemporary) as "Feodarium prioris Dunelm'...".

Size: 940 x 315 mm

Paper roll, 3p

Related material in other DUL collections: See DCD Loc.IV for similar material.

DCD Loc.II:18 [c.1380]

List of building works done in Prior Fossor's time in Durham and on the estates.

Size: 480 x 145 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.II:59.

Printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.cxli-cxlii.

DCD Loc.II:19(1) 1409 - 1413

Accounts of John Wessington for the Durham cloister work, detailing receipts and expenses for lathwork, quarrying, carpentry, carriage of stone and timber, and tools and equipment, lime and sand, ironwork, and construction, with amounts and individuals listed. Accounts:

28 January - 25 December 1409;

25 December 1409 - 21 September 1410;

12 September 1411 - 1 October 1412;

29 September 1412 - 29 September 1413.

Size: 1110 x 220 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

DCD Loc.II:19(2) 28 January - 25 December 1409
Accounts of John Wessington [for the Durham cloister work]:
28 January - 17 August 1409;
17 August - 25 December 1409.
Size: 480 x 190 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(3) 25 December 1409 - 21 September 1410
Accounts of John Wessington for the Durham cloister work:
25 December 1409 - 1 August 1410;
1 August - 21 September 1410.
Size: 600 x 155-180 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(4) 12 September 1411 - 1 October 1412
Account of John Wessington for the cloister work
Duplicate
Size: 620 x 180 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(5) 12 September 1411 - 27 May 1414
Accounts of John Wessington for the cloister work:
12 September 1411 - 1 October 1412;
29 September 1412 - 29 September 1413;
29 September 1413 - 27 May 1414.
Size: 570 x 175-190 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(6) 27 May 1414 - 19 May 1415
Account of John Wessington for the Durham cloister work.
Size: 485 x 180 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(7) 29 September 1415 - 29 September 1416
Account of John Wessington for the Durham cloister work.
Size: 540 x 200 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(8) 29 September 1415 - 29 September 1416
Account of John Wessington for the Durham cloister work.
Duplicate.
Size: 530 x 200 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(9) 15 May 1418 - 4 June 1419
Account of receipts and expenses for the work of the fourth part of the Durham cloister.
Size: 520 x 220 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:19(10) 15 May 1418 - 4 June 1419
Account of receipts and expenses for the work of the fourth part of the Durham cloister.
Duplicate
Size: 320 x 210 mm
Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.II:20 15th century

Copy extracts of charters concerning the privileges of the prior and convent of Durham:
charter of William of St Calais bishop of Durham of 1082 (as in 1.1.Pont.2a);
diploma of William I [1083-1084] (as in 1.1.Reg.2a)
charter of Thomas [I] archbishop of York (as in 1.1.Archiep.1).

Size: 490 x 350 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.III - Privileges, papacy, licences

1121 - 1496

Documents concerning the privileges and property of Durham cathedral priory and its cells; business of the priory involving the Roman *curia*; licences, absolutions etc for individual monks.

DCD Loc.III:1 7 December 1496

Notarial instrument made by the authority of Thomas Swalwell, monk and chancellor of the church of Durham, STB, having inspected certain charters of Thomas [?I] and Roger [de Pont l'Évêque], archbishops of York, and finding them to be uncanceled and uncorrupted, certain clauses from each being recited concerning the rights of the prior of Durham over his churches and clergy within the diocese of York, that the prior of Durham may appoint his own vicars in his churches, that they are to be free from exactions by archbishops, archdeacons and deans, that disputes are to be resolved in the court at Durham, and that the prior is not to be disturbed in his possession by the archbishop or his successors.

Witnesses: John Milner and John Neshe, chaplains; Richard Claxton, *literatus* of Durham diocese.

Notarial eschatol of Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham diocese.

Size: 280 x 435 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:22.

DCD Loc.III:2 [c.1121 x 5 September 1128]

Copy charter of Thurstan, archbishop of York, confirming to the prior and monks of St Cuthbert the churches of Howden, Welton, Walkington, Brantingham, Holy Trinity (Goodramgate) York, St Peter the Little York, All Saints (Pavement) York, Holtby, Hemingbrough, Skipwith, Brompton, Allerton (Northallerton), and [Kirby] Sigston, with all their chapels, lands and other appurtenances, also granting the monks liberty to commit their churches to the custody of vicars, and freedom from exactions by archbishops, archdeacons and deans.

Witnesses: Ranulf [bishop of Durham] etc.

Mid-thirteenth century copy.

Size: 160 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Originals: DCD 1.1.Archiep.7a & 1.1.Archiep.7b, printed in W. Farrer ed., *Early Yorkshire Charters II* (1915), p.274-276 and J.E. Burton ed., *English Episcopal Acta V - York 1070-1154*, (Oxford 1988), p.38-40.

DCD Loc.III:3 [5 November 1319]

Copy of letters patent of Edward II, being an inspeximus of:

Inspeximus of Edward I, 20 March 1300 (2.2.Reg.4a & 2.2.Reg.4b);

Inspeximus of Edward I, 12 July 1293 (2.2.Reg.7);

Grant of Edward I, 16 September 1296 (unknown number following 1.3.Reg.2a);

Mortmain licence of Edward I, 20 January 1291 (1.3.Reg.12b);

Mortmain licence of Edward I, 20 January 1291 (1.3.Reg.12a).

(Only the first three witnesses are listed; date omitted.)

Size: 1505 x 220 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Original: 1.3.Reg.2a and 1.3.Reg.2b.

DCD Loc.III:4 1372

[Draft] notarial instrument of the bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham instructing him to provide a benefice for John of Askeby, a poor priest of Carlisle diocese, to the value of 20 marks if with cure of souls, or 15 marks if without cure of souls, as instructed by a bull to the bishop from Pope Gregory [XI] at Avignon of [22 May] 1371.

Date: Gateshead St Mary churchyard, 1372.

Witnesses: John of Henlay rector of Houghton, Henry Grespase rector of Boldon, Master William of Faknan notary public.

Notarial eschatol of John of Beringham clerk of York diocese.

Size: 720 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.III:38.

DCD Loc.III:5 [27 February 1300]

Copy bull of Pope Boniface [VIII] to the abbot and convent of St Augustine, Canterbury, exempting them from the jurisdiction of the archbishop [of Canterbury], according to papal privileges, which have been infringed by the compositions made between the late archbishop Richard [of Dover] and abbot Roger, and with archdeacon Simon Langton, with the consent of archbishop St Edmund [Rich] and archbishop Robert [?Winchelsey]; all their possessions are secured to them and they are placed directly under the apostolic see, any compositions, ordinances, or constitutions to the contrary notwithstanding, or that they are in litigation with archbishop Robert about the churches of Lenham, Plumstead, Tenterden, Selling, Preston, Littlebourne, Canterbury St Paul, St Lawrence's hospital, and the chantry for the soul of Master Hamo Doge, or any other churches; one mark by way of cess is to be paid yearly to the pope and his successors at Easter in token of the above exemption.

Date: Lateran, 4 Kal. March, Pont. 6.

Size: 480 x 180 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:60.

Calendared in *Calendar of Papal Registers - Papal Letters I 1198-1304*, p.585-586.

DCD Loc.III:6 mid 14th century

Copies of charters relating to the leper hospital of St Leonard at Lowcross (between Hutton and Barnaby, North Yorkshire) and Guisborough priory.

In two hands, with a new hand starting with Roger of Stranton's grant on m.3, which also records witness lists in full.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being copies of various charters of Lowcross hospital relating to the canons of Guisborough and (15th century) as Guisborough.

Size: 1540 x 180-190 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

All the documents are taken from or also appear in a cartulary of Guisborough priory, now BL Cotton Cleop. D. ii, f.112-332, which has been transcribed and printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne*, 2 vols., (Surtees Society 86 & 89, 1889 & 1891).

m.1

Quitclaim by John lord of Hutton (*Hoton*) to the prior and convent of Guisborough, and the almoner, warden of Lowcross hospital, of any right to the site of Lowcross hospital.

Witnesses: William Hastyngs; Adam of Thorp.

Printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.193-194.

m.1

Quitclaim by William of Barnaby (*Bernaldby*) and his wife of the site of Lowcross hospital, also granting 3½ acres of garden, ½ acre of assart and 10 perches of meadow, bounds detailed, with common of pasture at Barnaby for 60 sheep, 8 oxen, 2 cows, and 2 horses.

Witness: William of Tanton (*Tampton*).

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.191.

m.1

Grant by John of Barnaby to Lowcross hospital of his land and meadow in *Walrig*.

Witness: John of Tocketts (*Toscots*).

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.180.

m.1-2

Grant by Richard, son-in-law (*gener*) of William Pinchin, and his wife Matilda to Lowcross hospital of an acre of land, 23½ rods in Pinchinthorpe field, and ½ rod at Pulaynbrigg.

Witnesses: William of Tocketts (*Toschof*), Richard of Hutton, John of Thorp.

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.184.

m.2

Grant by Ralph of Tanton to Lowcross hospital of 3½ rods of land except the marsh on the east part of his cultivated land called *Weshou* next to the land which he exchanged with Walter son of Nicholas of Ayton towards the west, in exchange for 3½ rods and 6 *fallis* of land at *Greneberg*, bounds described.

Witness: Nicholas of Ayton.

Printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.177.

m.2 [c.1319]

Lease by John lord of Hutton by Guisborough to the prior and convent of Guisborough and the almoner, warden of Lowcross hospital, of the park of *Tyngoudale*, bounds described, from Pentecost 1319 for 20 years, rendering 6s 8d in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin's, with authority to enclose and harvest the park.

Witnesses: William Hastyngs, Adam of Thorp, William of Morton, Thomas of Bourne, Ralph of Newton.

Printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.174-175.

m.2 [c.1218]

Confirmation by Walter of Percy, Alan de Parco with his wife Agnes, Helias de Wardhou, John Breton with his wife Basilia, Amice of Tunstal, Anselm of Tunstal with his wife Alice, Alice of Salkot, and Walter son of Richard of Lackenby of grants of land in Upsall to Lowcross hospital, with the proviso that they were not to build there nor claim any rights of common in Upsall field.

Witness: Michael prior [of Guisborough].

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.190.

m.2

Confirmation by Geoffrey of Morsholm (*Morusum*) to the prior and canons of Guisborough and Lowcross hospital of the grant of 7 acres of land in Little Moorsholm to them by his sister Millicent.

Witness: Godfrey.

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.178.

m.2

Confirmation by Jordan Paen, at the petition of the brothers of Lowcross, of their grant to William of Westgail of 2 acres of land and a mill-pond which they had of the gift of him and his father William Paen for a rent of 8d, payable twice yearly at Pentecost and the feast of St Martin.

Witness: Lawrence [arch]deacon [of Cleveland].

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.179-180.

m.2

Grant by Lowcross hospital, with the consent of Jordan Paen, to William of Westgail of 2 acres of land in the territory of Great Broughton, which they had of the gift of Jordan Paen and his father William, together with a mill-pond, for a rent of 8d, payable twice yearly at Pentecost and the feast of St Martin.

Witness: Lawrence [arch]deacon of Cleveland.

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.195.

m.2

Grant by John of Barnaby to Lowcross hospital of ½ acre of land next to *Gildesbeth*, bounds described.

Witnesses: William of Tocketts, Richard of Hutton.

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.188.

m.2

Grant by John of Lackenby son of Ilger to Lowcross hospital of an eighth part of a quarter of wheat, for ½ acre of land which he had given to the hospital, bounds described, annually at the the feast of St Martin.

Witnesses: Hugh of Hutton, Henry of Lazenby (*Leysingby*).

Printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.189.

m.3 [c.1199 x 1203]

Grant by Geoffrey son of William of Moorsholm to Lowcross hospital of 2½ acres of land at *Stordes* in the field at Moorsholm with common of pasture, and confirmation of his father's grant of a toft, a croft, 1 acre and ½ perch of land in Moorsholm, bounds described, and 3½ perches at *Engehil* given by his brother Thomas and his sisters Millicent and Alice.

Witness: Roald prior of Guisborough.

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.179.

m.3

Grant by William Pinchin to Upsall hospital of ½ acre of land and ½ acre of meadow at *Soukebrigge Wra*.

Witness: Hugh of Hutton.

Another version below m.3.

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.185-186.

m.3

Grant by John of Langbaurch to Lowcross hospital of a bovat of land with a toft and a croft in Pinchinthorpe given him by Walter of Hutton, bounds described.

Witness: Ralph.

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.188-189.

m.3

Grant by Roger of Stranton of Pinchinthorpe to Lowcross hospital of half a carucate of land in Pinchinthorpe with a toft, croft, and meadow.

Witnesses: William of Tocketts; John of Langbaurch; John of Tocketts; John of Thorp; William of Morton; John of Barnaby; William the stable-man; Nicholas son of Stephen.

Printed, with variations and more and different witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.183.

m.3 [c.1136 x 1170]

Grant by William Pinchin (*Pinzin*) to Barnaby hospital of 5 acres of land in Thorp in *Langelandes* and *Keldesik*, bounds described.

Witnesses: Cuthbert prior of Guisborough; Ralph his brother; Richard Rufo; William of Eden; William of ?Tanton (*Thampton*).

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.184-185.

m.3

Grant by John Pinchin of Thorp to Lowcross hospital of 4 acres of land and ½ acre of meadow in Thorp, details given.

Witnesses: Reginald of ?Rose Hill (*Roseh*); Hugh of Hutton; William of Tocketts.

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.187-188.

m.3

Grant by William Pinchin to Lowcross hospital of ½ acre of land and ½ acre of meadow at *Southbriggewra*.

Witnesses: Hugh of Hutton; William of Barnaby.

Another version above m.3.

Printed, with variations and more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.185-186.

m.3

Grant by William of Guisborough, clerk, to Lowcross hospital of an acre and a rod of land in the field of Thorp.

Witnesses: Ralph of ?Nevill (*Novill*); Roger of ?Rose Hill (*Rosell*).

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.184.

m.3

Grant by Robert son of Matthew Bosse to Lowcross hospital of 1½ perches of land at Wandaile in the fields of Thorp, bounds described.

Witnesses: Hugh of Hutton; Walter of Hutton.

Printed, with more witnesses, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.186.

m.3

Grant by Walter of Hutton to Roger of Stranton of ½ acre of land in *Blakemolde* in exchange. (Heading only)

Printed in full in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne I*, (Surtees Society 86, 1889), p.192-193.

m.3d

Grant by Robert of Stuteville to the church of St Mary of Guisborough and the canons there of a carucate of land in Ayton which Nicholas son of Osbert of Ayton held of him with Nicholas's service for the land, namely an annual pound of cummin.

Witnesses: William of Tanton; Richard and Henry his brothers; Richard of Levington; John of Braithwaite; William of Guisborough; William of Boulby (*Bolleby*); Jordan of Beverley; Robert of ?Middleton (*Mid'*).

Printed in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne II*, (Surtees Society 89, 1891), p.63-64.

m.3d [1 May] 1282

Grant by Nicholas Meynell (*Menill* and *Meignill*) of Whorlton in Cleveland to the prior and canons of St Mary Guisborough of all his lands and tenements in his fee in Cleveland, that is a carucate of land in Ayton, 82 acres of land and a mansion in Broughton, 3 bovates of land in Hutton Rudby, 2 bovates of land in Middleton upon Leven, and 2 bovates of land in Tunstall.

Date: Whorlton, St Peter and St James 1282.

Witnesses: John of Meynell, Walter of ?Rose Hill (*Rosell*), William of *Bonington*, Robert of Skutterskelfe, knights; John of Meynell; Hugh of Hilton; John of Lazenby; Adam of Tocketts; John of Goulton.

Printed, with variations, in W. Brown ed., *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne II*, (Surtees Society 89, 1891), p.67-68.

DCD Loc.III:7 [24 December] 1255

Letter from Master Rostand, papal sub-deacon and chaplain, to the prior and convent of Durham, mandating them, by virtue of a recited bull of Pope Alexander [IV] at Naples of 4 Nons May [4 May] Pont. 1 [1255] to him and [John] archdeacon of Paris, to repay 300 marks, which the bishop of Hereford has bound them in, to Hugh and Dulcis de Burgo, Florentine merchants, for themselves, and Hugnicio and Spinello Symonetti and others of their Florentine colleagues, to enable the carrying out of the affairs of the monastery at the apostolic see, by 1 May next on pain of excommunication and interdict.
Date: London, the vigil of the Lord's Nativity, 1255.

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:38.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass. 1939), p.268.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD 4.1.Pap.10 & 4.1.Pap.11.

DCD Loc.III:8 [10 July 1358]

Copy bull of Pope Innocent [VI] appropriating the church of Appleby, Lincoln diocese, (in the patronage of the prior of Lytham), to the *mensa* of Durham College in the university of Oxford.

Date: Avignon, 6 Id. July, Pont. 6.

Size: 150 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:40.

Other copies: DCD Reg.II, f.159r; 3.4.Ebor.28.

DCD Loc.III:9 late 14th century

Copy of a charter of William I

Size: 180 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:39.

Original: 1.1.Reg.2a and 1.1.Reg.2b.

DCD Loc.III:10 8 September 1419

Copy of a charter of John de Swinton, granting, if he dies without heirs, all his lands of Little Swinton to the prioress and convent of Coldstream, rendering annually to the prior of Coldingham 1 mark.

Witnesses: William de Ekillis, Thomas Harker, William of Musselburgh (*Muskylburgh*), chaplains; Patrick Browne, Alexander Browne, Robert Browne, Hugh de Spens esquires.

Date: Dunbar, 8 September 1419.

On the dorse is an incomplete and now partly missing draft or further copy of DCD 1.1.Pont.9 of [21 February 1419], being notarial transcripts of two charters of William [of St Calais], bishop of Durham.

Size: 255 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.III:11 18 May 1444

Notarial instrument of the commissary-general of the official of the consistory of Durham, enrolling documents concerning the rights and property of the prior and convent of Durham in Lytham, including:

Appointment of Robert Westmorland as proctor by John [Wessington], prior and convent of Durham, to produce and transcribe documents, at Durham, 9 March 1444.

List of the following documents exhibited concerning Lytham with their seals detailed.

Copy of Prince John's charter (2.4.Ebor.20a & 2.4.Ebor.20b).

Copy of Richard son of Roger's charter (2.4.Ebor.2a).

Copy of King John's 1201 charter (3.1.Reg.19).

Copy of Morgan, archdeacon of Richmond's, confirmation (2.4.Ebor.9).

Copy of Pope Martin [IV]'s confirmation of Richard of Roger's charter, at [Rome] (*urbem veterem*) Nones October [7 October], Pont.1 [1281].

Copy of Roger of St Edmunds, archdeacon of Richmond's, confirmation (2.4.Ebor.8).

Copy of Henry of Walton, archdeacon of Richmond's, confirmation, 7 October 1351 (2.4.Ebor.21).

Copy of John of Craven, canon of Chester St John's, confirmation, 13 July 1347 (2.4.Ebor.18).

Copy of the Benedictine constitution concerning general chapters, subventions and their collection, and obtaining benefices.

Date: Durham cathedral, 18 May 1444.

Witnesses: Richard Prentys, John Runkhorn priests, and John Berehalgh, clerk, all notaries public; John Hagerston, William Shirburn, Thomas Tebott, of Durham diocese, and William Bellendon of York diocese, *literati*.

Notarial eschatols recited of: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, N.P. by apostolic authority; Richard Prentys, priest of York diocese, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority; John Runkhorn, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, N.P. by apostolic authority; John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority, and that of the court of the archdeacon of Durham.

There are also notarial marks across the membrane join.

Size: 1210 x 445 mm

Seal: Residue of a seal on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:14.

Another copy: DCD Misc.Ch. 5639.

Draft: DCD Loc.IX: 66.

DCD Loc.III:12 [11 June] 1412

Letter of fraternity from Antony de Pereto of the Franciscans to John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and the monks of the abbey.

Date: Babwell, 3 Ides June 1412.

Size: 190 x 330 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3717, on double silk cords through a pair of holes in a turnup

Parchment, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:34.

DCD Loc.III:13 17 July [1308]

Letter of Raymond de Monteboerii, canon Xaretoniensis, general auditor of causes of the court of Bernard, papal chamberlain, to John of Laton and William of Cauton, monks of Durham, [proctors of] Richard of Aslaby subprior, Richard of Grunton infirmarer, Roger of Stanhope sacrist, Peter of Sedgfield rectorian, Michael of Cithilton granetar, William of Egglescliffe, Robert of Langton, Thomas de Aldewood chamberlains, Roger of School Aycliffe (*Scelacley*) bursar, Geoffrey of Tynedale, Thomas of Haswell almoners, John of Haxby (*Haysbey*), Henry of Newcastle librarians, John of Becton cellarer, all monks of Durham, denouncing and excommunicating them and placing the monastery under an interdict for not having repaid to Avocadus ?son-in-law (*neri*) of Avocadus Raynucio, Gerard Hugh, Francis Raynucio, and Beccino and Simon sons of the said Avocadus, citizens and merchants of Florence, 450 marks within a stipulated time now elapsed, this denunciation to be read publicly before the church of St Mary the Less in Padua.

Date: Padua, 17 July, Pont.3 Pope Clement V.

On the back are 14th century notes of payments for ?building materials.

Size: 200 x 345 mm

Seal: Residue of an applied seal

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:17.

DCD Loc.III:14 [27 March] 1256

Letter of [John], archdeacon of Paris, papal judge delegate, and sub-delegate of Master Rostand, papal chaplain and his co-[judge delegate], to Masters Thomas papal subdeacon, Roger Aretun and Walter of Apulia, canons, reciting a bull of Pope Alexander [IV] to his chaplain Master Rostand and the archdeacon of Paris, dated at Naples, 4 Nones May [4 May] Pont. 1 [1255], ordering the prior and convent of Durham to pay the loan, under penalty of excommunication and interdict, as well as the damages, interest and expenses.

Date: Paris, Monday after *Letare* Jerusalem 1256.

Size: 320 x 300 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3714, on a parchment tag through a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1939), p.271.

DCD Loc.III:15 [21 March 1310]

Commission of Berengar, bishop of Tusculum, to the prior of Tynemouth, to absolve the prior and convent of Durham from the sentence of excommunication on account of a certain sum of money once borrowed by them from Avocadus Nerii of Avocandus, Ranucio and Gerard Hugh, Francis Rayner, and Bettino and Simon [?], citizens and merchants of Florence, for expediting their business in the Roman *curia*.

Date: Avignon, 12 Kal. April, Pont. 5 Clement V.

Size: 255 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.3725, on cords, bifurcating in the seal, through 2 holes in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:21.

DCD Loc.III:16 [25 June 1408]

Licence of Louis, archbishop of Tarento, acting as papal penitentiary and by special command of the pope given by word of mouth, to the prior of Durham, on this occasion, to ordain as priest 6 monks under the age of 22 years; the prior and chapter having petitioned that because of pestilence and lack of priests divine service is much diminished in their church.

Date: Lucca, 7 Kal. July, Pont. 2 Gregory XII.

On the turnup: "Rta G pro cancellaris John de Masters" .

Size: 160 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:20.

DCD Loc.III:17 13 June 1370

Licence of John [Fossor] prior of Durham to brother Simon of Leaventhorpe to choose any monk of Durham as his confessor.

Date: Durham, 13 June 1370.

Size: 80 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:41.

DCD Loc.III:18 [14 June 1363]

Commission of William, priest cardinal of St Lawrence in Lucina, to the prior of Durham to absolve the monks of Durham, according to the form called "si inveneris", from any violence up to and beyond the drawing of blood, within and outside the church, or any other cause for which they may have incurred excommunication.

Date: Avignon, 18 Kal. July, Pont.1 Urban V.

"Belli viginti' filius" at the foot. Endorsements include (contemporary): John of Stratford.

Size: 210 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:28.

DCD Loc.III:19 1 August 1407

Letters patent of Lorenzo, bishop of Ancona, papal nuncio and collector in England, to the prior and convent of Durham, absolving Thomas Esh, monk of Durham, from the sentence of greater excommunication, on account of his assault, drawing blood with a knife, made on his fellow monk, Richard Stockton.

Date: London, 1 August 1407.

Size: 345 x 325 mm

Seal: G&B No.3683, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:16.

DCD Loc.III:20 30 April 1255

Notarial instrument, in the presence of Cardinal Octavian of St Mary in Vialacti and papal legate, of Peter [d'Aigueblanche] bishop of Hereford, in the name of the prior and convent of Durham, acknowledging the loan of 500 marks from Christopher lord Tholonum, Peter Scott Dominicus and Reynold Rainery, merchants of Siena, at the Roman *curia*, to be repaid by the prior and convent at the New Temple, London, 250 marks on 1 May 1256 and 250 marks at Michaelmas 1256, with interest and damages on any sum unpaid to be paid at the rate of one mark every two months for every 10 marks owed, and renouncing protections and actions accorded to them by canon or civil law or given them by apostolic privileges.

Witnesses: Master Jordan, papal notary; Master William of Staxin, papal chaplain; Bertold Marthione de Hoemburth (?Hombruch); Oddo his brother; Octonicecionice, chaplain of the above cardinal; Robert of Barto, *familiarus* of the said Master Jordan.

Date: Naples.

Size: 345 x 340 mm

Seal: 2 parchment double tags through single slits in a turnup, with a third slit

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:23.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1939), p.267-268.

DCD Loc.III:21 4 December 1425

Transumpt by the commissary-general of the bishop of Durham, at the request of John Fishburn, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, of a licence by John [XXIII], pope, to the prior and chapter of Durham, that the prior and his successors may grant to monks of their church who attain their twenty-second year of age and who have no other canonical defects, licence to be promoted to the priesthood, at Bologna on 5 Kal. August [28 July] Pont. 5 [1414].

Witnesses: Thomas Tange, notary public; Robert Middleham and William Snayth of Durham diocese and proctors of the commissary's court.

Notaries: Robert de Berall, clerk of Durham diocese and NP by apostolic authority, and Thomas de Ryhale, clerk of Lincoln diocese and NP by apostolic authority (eschatols recited).

Date: Galilee, Durham, 4 December 1425.

Endorsed (contemporary): "duplicatur" .

Size: 380 x 560 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:5.

Licence also in DCD Cart.I, f.20v and Reg.Parv.II, f.65v-66r.

DCD Loc.III:22 [1247]

Process of the case between the prior and chapter of Durham against Master Stefano Annibaldi, clerk and canon of Furnes [in the diocese of Therouanne (Belgium)], concerning a pension of 20 marks to be paid to him annually by the prior and chapter, by mandate of the pope, until he is provided with an ecclesiastical benefice, with memoranda of acta in the case, and recitals of papal and other commissions, indults, inhibitions and citations. There are recited an indult of Pope Gregory [IX] to the prior and convent of Durham, releasing them from obedience to letters of provision for Leonard and Jacinto, papal chaplains, lacking express mention of this indult, at Viterbo, on [7 May 1237] (also in 2.1.Pap.42) and then a further indult from Pope Gregory [IX] of an annual pension of 20 marks from the prior and convent of Durham, at Lateran [7 May 1240].

On a mandate of P [Peter] de Supino, papal clerk, at Durham of 15 December 1240, Fulk dean of York and William archdeacon of Durham, as papal judges delegate, heard the case at York Minster ("maior' ecclesia") on 19 July 1241 with Annibaldi represented by his proctor Peter the deacon and the prior and convent by their proctor B. Cornwall. The archdeacon of Durham mandated Nicholas of Elvet vicar of St Oswald and Roger chaplain of Durham St Nicholas to summon Thomas prior and convent of Durham to appear in York on 28 February 1242. There are further acta of the case at York on 14 May 1242, with the dean of York then excused, and with Hugh of Barnard Castle acting as proctor for the prior and convent of Durham.

Pope Innocent IV committed the case anew to the chancellor of Amiens and John de Ascaria, canon of St Mary Magdeburg, at Lateran, [15 January 1244]. The case was to be heard before R. prior of Carlisle and the archdeacon of Carlisle. The former appointed H. dean of Newcastle and Thomas of Barton, chaplain of Newcastle, and the latter appointed [J. Dusig] vicar of Newburn to act for them. The case was heard in the church of St Nicholas in Newcastle on 2 November 1245.

Annibaldi was to be declared excommunicate in Furnes on 31 August 1247 by the abbot and prior of Furnes, and this was carried out in the churches of St Nicholas and St Walburga in Furnes. He had disrespectfully seized letters from the papal judge delegates' messengers in the choir of the church of St Nicholas in Furnes. The prior and archdeacon of Carlisle commissioned the dean of Newcastle, the rector of Benton, the vicar of Newburn and the master of the scholars of Newcastle to hear the case. This was done in St Nicholas church, Newcastle, on 4 November 1247. R. de Oleseby and W. de Helton acted as proctors for the prior and convent of Durham and Annibaldi was fined 40 marks. The abbot of Blanchland was mandated to hear the case by Pope Innocent IV, at Lyons [14 June 1247] (also in 3.1.Pap.19), and before him in St Nicholas church Newcastle on 12 November 1247, Annibaldi failing to appear, the prior and convent of Durham claimed 60s expenses.

On the dorse is noted [in the same hand] that the testimony was sealed by the bishop of Durham and the abbots of Fountains, Newminster, Meaux, Roche and Salley, and that it was written with his own hand by William de Helt', notary.

Size: 480 x 425 mm

Seal: 6 double parchment tags through double slits in a turnup, 4 with seals on: G&B No.3121, 3517, 3527, 3539; 2 further double slits in the turnup.

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:32.

DCD Loc.III:23 19 November [1448]

Copy grant, by letters patent, by Henry [VI], king of England, to William [Ebchester], prior and the convent of Durham, their successors and their cells, of exemption from any tenth or other subsidy granted to the king by the clergy of the province of Canterbury or York and from the collecting of any such.

Dated: Westminster, 19 November 27 [Henry VI].

Bottom right corner: by the king and the authority of parliament, and "Sturgeon".

Size: 215 x 390 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:33.

Original: DCD 3.5.Reg.3.

Related material in other DUL collections: Petition: DCD Loc.III:37.

DCD Loc.III:24 14 August 1357

Mandate of John de Silvis, dean of the collegiate church of St Agricola in Avignon, to the clergy in York, Durham and Carlisle dioceses, carrying out a mandate of Pope Innocent VI of 4 December 1355, for the publication of a sentence in an appeal to Rome in a case before him and Master William of Rothbury archdeacon of Carlisle, in favour of John Marescall against William of Embleton (*Emeldon*) over the church of Rothbury, notwithstanding an inhibition of Master Thomas of Buckton official of the court of York. Witnesses: William Raymbaud; John de St Prisco and Andrew Constance, priests in the church of St Agricola, Avignon.

Notary: Jordan de Haya, clerk of Bayonne diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatol recited).

Date: in the house of our habitation in Avignon, 14 August 1357.

Size: 500 x 400 mm

Seal: 2 large fragments of a bowl of wax on 2 silk cords through 2 holes in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:26.

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Reg.II, f.149r-v.

DCD Loc.III:25 [4 November 1256]

Indult of Pope Alexander [IV] to the prior and convent of Durham to convert the tenth from their church and its cells, granted by the apostolic see to the king of England as a subsidy for the Holy Land, to the payment of 605 marks sterling to be paid by them to certain Florentine merchants according to a composition, concluded at the order of Master Rostand, papal chaplain and nuncio in England, between them and the merchants in settlement of a debt incurred on their behalf by the bishop of Hereford; notwithstanding papal letters which might hinder it. If this obligation, with the interest due to the merchants, exceeds the tithes to be paid from their church and cells in five years, the balance is to be made up to them from the tithes of the bishopric of Durham.

Date: Anagni, 2 Non. November, Pont. 2 [Alexander IV].

Size: 305 x 395 mm

Seal: No bulla.

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:44.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1939), p.272-273.

DCD Loc.III:26 December 1426

Ordinance (unexecuted) by John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, of the church of Hemingbrough as a collegiate church, with four canons (a provost and three prebendaries), six vicars including the chaplains of the existing chantries of Cliffe and Waas, and six clerks of the second order including the two *aquebajuli*, reciting the following submission.

Submission by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham of the church of Hemingbrough to the ordinance of John [Kempe] archbishop of York for the purpose of erecting it into a collegiate church.

Date: Durham, 10 November 1426.

Date: the archbishop's lodgings near Westminster, [blank] December 1426.

Endorsed (early 16th century) as being a copy of of the ordinance.

Size: 470 x 790 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:8.

Later version (March 1427): DCD 1.3.Archiep.6.

Copy (of the later version): DCD Reg.III, f.121r-123v.

Printed (from the register copy): Thomas Burton, *The history and antiquities of the parish of Hemingbrough in the county of York*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888) p.372-378; *ibid.*, p.67-69 gives a summary of the statutes.

DCD Loc.III:27 9 October 1445

Notarized letters of John Norton, vicar-general and official of Robert [Nevill] bishop of Durham, at the petition of Robert Westmorland, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and chapter there, exemplifying a bull of Pope Eugenius [IV] of [16 December] 1444 concerning claims to exemption from the authority of the priory of Durham by William Partrik, prior of its cell of Lytham.

Witnesses: Robert Sotheron, priest, John Mawer and William Bolton, *literati* of Durham diocese; John Mason, *literatus* of Carlisle diocese.

Notary: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority (eschatol recited).

Date: consistory court of Durham, 9 October 1445.

Size: 290 x 485 mm

Seal: G&B No.3174, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:9

Copied in DCD Reg.IV, f.24r-25r.

DCD Loc.III:28 [8 October 1311 x 1316]

Inspeximus by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham of a [spurious] bull of Pope Gregory [VII] to William [of St Calais] bishop of Durham and his successors, at Benevento, 8 Id. January [6 January] 1083, ordering that no one is to interfere with the rights (some of which are specified) or possessions of the monks of Durham.

Date: Durham, 8 Id. October 13[?].

Some interlineations.

Size: 325 x 405 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Further copies of Gregory's bull: DCD 3.13.Pont.6 (printed in W. Holtzmann, *Papsturkunden in England*, vol.II, (Berlin 1935), p.132-136), Cart.I, f.1r-v (printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.vii-x, Cart.Vet., f.11r-12v and Loc.IX:2, and also Durham Cathedral Library MS A.II.16, f.101v

DCD Loc.III:29 [25 April 1387]

[Copy] privilege of Pope Urban [VI] to the chancellor of the church of York granting licence to the abbey of St Mary, York, to have transumps, exemplifications and authentications made of their privileges, muniments and instruments.

Date: Lucca, 7 Kal. May, Pont.10.

Size: 140 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Formerly numbered Loc.III:58.

DCD Loc.III:30 [30 June 1408]

Letter from Louis [Bonito] archbishop of Tarento, acting as papal penitentiary and by authority of a general commission from the pope, to Thomas Lythe, priest and monk of Durham, giving him licence to choose his own confessor to give him absolution as often as is opportune for five years, except in the case of offences which ought to be referred to the apostolic see; the confessor may this once commute any vows of pilgrimage and abstinence into other works of piety, except for vows to make the overseas pilgrimages of SS Peter and Paul and of St James.

Date: Lucca, 2 Kal. July, Pont.2 Pope Gregory XII.

John de Caltrescans inside the turnup; B. de Troysio on the turnup; John Bloduell and T. Lyhte on the dorse.

Size: 125 x 215 mm

Seal: Turnup with 3 holes [for a seal]

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:29.

DCD Loc.III:31 [14 March 1396]

Indult of Pope Boniface [IX] to John Bishopton, monk of Durham, to choose a confessor to hear his confession as often as it is opportune, give absolution, and enjoin penance, except in cases where the Holy See ought to be consulted.

Date: St Peter's, Rome, 2 Id. March, Pont. 7 [Boniface IX].

Size: 180 x 475 mm

Seal: No bulla (bottom of document cut off).

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:30.

DCD Loc.III:32 11 May 1310

Notarial instrument of Teghia de Altis, Guy Donatus and Taldus Valoris, merchants of the society of the Bardi of Florence, proctors of Avocadus Neri of Avocadus and Gerard Hugonis, citizens and merchants of Florence, on behalf of them together with Ranuccio Hugonis, Francisco Ranuccio with Bertino and Simon, sons of Avocadus, their fellow merchants of Florence, substituting Master John of Suddington, William le Lardiner and Richard of Cave, clerks, to gain absolution from the prior of Tynemouth and the archdeacons of Durham and Cleveland for the prior and chapter of Durham from a sentence of excommunication and interdict on account of 1750 marks, in three separate sums, borrowed from the Florentine merchants and not repaid.

Witnesses: Master John of St Quentin of York diocese; John Giobeley rector of Scrayingham of York diocese; John de Sayligh citizen of London; Richard of Cave of York diocese; Randolph of Bride citizen of London.

Notary: Albertinus *natus condam* Rugieri Niccolai de Pistorio, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Date: London, in a house in the parish of St Antholin, 11 May 1310.

Size: 210 x 295 mm

Seal: G&B No.57 & 2519, on double parchment tags through a single slit in a turnup, with another slit for a third seal

Parchment 1 membrane

Formerly numbered Loc.III:31.

DCD Loc.III:33 16 January 1429

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to Prior [John Wessington], Robert [Foston] bishop of Elphin, the archdeacon of Durham and his official, the subprior of Durham cathedral, Master William Ebchester DTh monk of Durham, Master Thomas Lyes dean of Auckland collegiate church, John Boinour DD rector of Gateshead, George Radcliffe LLL rector of Sedgfield, Richard Pennymaster BTh rector of Haughton le Skerne, William Blackburn LLB rector of Stanhope, and William Doncaster LLB vicar of St Oswald's Durham, to publish in the city and archdeaconry of Durham the bull of Pope Martin V, given at Rome on [18 March 1427], granting Cardinal Henry [Beaufort] licence to gather troops to eradicate Wycliffites, Hussites and other heretics in Bohemia.

Date: Crayke, 16 January 1428/9.

Size: 425 x 610 mm

Seal: Residue of a seal on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:19.

Printed from the register copy in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume III*, ed. by R.L. Storey, Surtees Society 169 (1954), p.146-147. The papal bull (recited within this document) is printed from the register copy in the same volume at p.129-136 (where the date is incorrectly recorded on p.134 as 11th year of his pontificate, as in Reg. Langley f.154v, not 10th year as Loc.III:33).

DCD Loc.III:34 13 March 1397

Notarial instrument of John of Dalton, official of Durham, appointing William de Wales, chaplain of Newcastle upon Tyne, to exemplify the will of Richard of Pickering, burgess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of 15 May 1340, endowing a chantry in the church of All Saints, Newcastle, probate 3 Kal. June [30 May] 1344.

Witnesses: Thomas de Well and Robert de Therillewall clerks of York and Durham dioceses.

Notary: Robert de Berall, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority (eschatol recited).

Date: his lodging in Durham, 13 March 1396/7.

Size: 470 x 330 mm

Seal: G&B No.3173, on a double parchment tag through a single slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:37.

DCD Loc.III:35 16 January 1429

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to Prior [John Wessington] and the official of the Durham court, to publish in the city of Durham the bull of Pope Martin V, given at Rome on [18 March 1427] granting Cardinal Henry [Beaufort, bishop of Winchester], papal legate in all Germany, Hungary and Bohemia, jurisdiction over Wycliffites, Hussites and other heretics in those parts.

Date: Crayke, 16 January 1428/9.

Size: 510 x 570 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148, on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:13.

Printed from the register copy in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume III*, ed. by R.L. Storey, (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.143-145.

DCD Loc.III:36 [December 1429]

Instructions of Cardinal Henry Beaufort for his proposed crusade in Bohemia.

Those who came to hear the preaching were to receive each time they were present relaxation of 100 days of their enjoined minor penances. The preachers were to impress upon those who took the cross that it was to be received with due reverence. Specific detailed prayers, blessings and other services were to be used in the ceremony of affixing the cross, which was to be made of red silk or other cloth.

Those who went on the expedition at their own expense, those who died on the journey, those who did not go but gave money according to the extent of their faculties to pay the expenses of a soldier and those who went at another's expense were entitled to a plenary pardon. Those who gave advice or help other than financial, including those engaged in the administration of the business of the crusade, could have relaxation of 60 days of enjoined penance. Those who undertook to go in person and were unable to fulfill their pledges, if they were too poor to provide substitutes, could earn 60 days relaxation of enjoined penance on each day that they said prescribed prayers for the expedition. Religious and secular clergy were given the same rewards for prayers.

The crusaders were to have the protection of St Peter for their families and goods and all the liberties granted by general councils to participants in crusades to the Holy Land. The preachers were to hear confessions and to give absolutions in forms as detailed, except for sins reserved to the pope, for which only the cardinal himself could give absolution. In all churches there were to be solemn processions and masses, as detailed. The confessors could commute vows of pilgrimage to Jerusalem or Compostella to the estimated amount of money that would have been spent on the pilgrimage. They could also commute vows to take part in the crusade, provided the applicant sent a soldier or soldiers in his place, or, at the discretion of the confessor, shared with another person desiring redemption the cost of a soldier.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Paper booklet, 4f, with a parchment spine-guard

Printed in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume III*, ed. by R.L. Storey, Surtees Society 169 (1954), p.136-142.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England 1327-1534*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1962), p.564-565.

DCD Loc.III:37 [1448]

Petition of William [Ebbchester] prior and convent of Durham to [Henry VI] asking for exemption from tenths, parts of tenths, subsidies, aids, quotes and other contributions, for ever. Petition set out in the form of letters patent.

Endorsed (early 16th century) as "Copia ..." and "2a".

Language: English (preamble) and Latin (petition)

Size: 155 x 520 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:33.

Copy: DCD Loc.XIX:1.

Petition granted: DCD 3.5.Reg.3 and Loc.III:23 (both Henry VI).

DCD Loc.III:38 1256

Roll of copy/draft documents concerning the prior and convent of Durham's appeal against their papal loan contracted by the bishop of Hereford. In various hands.

Size: 1195 x 125-160 mm

Parchment roll, 5m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:48-52.

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1939), p.271-272.

m.1 1256

Memorandum that Hugh of Darlington and Martin [of St Romaldo], going to the Roman *curia*, took with them various writings of Master Rostand, the archdeacon of Paris and Master W. de St Sever concerning the 300 marks, in a roll under the seal of the bishop of Durham, together with a transcript of Master Bernard concerning 500 marks, the sentence of the subprior of York, and the letters of revocation of the same sentence of the prior of York and the same subprior in a roll under the seal of the same bishop, with letters of protestation and appeal from the chapter.

m.1 [1256]

Memorandum of petitions to be presented in the Roman *curia* as compensation, along with discharging the obligation by paying £100 a year in place of 500 marks in two years: tithes and the churches of Brantingham and Hemingbrough; similarly for Giggleswick; letters to judges delegate, the prior and subprior of Carlisle, concerning Gilbert Hansard; likewise to the dean of Stamford and the prior of the new order of St Augustine concerning John Bec; portions for vicars presented and instituted; exemption from contributing to quinquennia; an indulgence for the feretrary of St Cuthbert.

m.1 [1 April] 1256

Form of an appeal of B. prior and convent of Durham to the pope and his cardinals, and to the general council if necessary, against the sentence of excommunication and interdict of the archdeacon of Paris, professing obedience to the apostolic see, but refusing consent to the intolerable and impossible spoliation of their churches and the dissipation of their goods, opposing the introduction of the vilest servitude into the church of Christ; declaring themselves ready to pay the tenth granted to the king by certain of the major prelates, but protesting that they were not bound to honour the loan contracted for them fraudulently by the bishop of Hereford without their authorisation.

Date: Durham [cathedral], chapter house, Saturday known as *Sitientes* 1256.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712, m.2r and BL Cotton MS Julius D.iv, which latter is printed in F. Barlow ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1940) p.11.

m.1 [22 May 1256]

Another more general form of an appeal by B. prior and convent of Durham to the pope, and to the general council if necessary, against the sentence of excommunication and interdict of the archdeacon of Paris and Master Bernard Senens.

Date: Monday before Ascension year as above.

Present: Masters R of Driffild then official of [the bishop] of Durham; P then official of the archdeacon.

m.2 [3 June] 1256

Letters of Bertram prior and convent of Durham to Pope Alexander [IV] appointing their fellow monks Hugh of Darlington and Martin of St Rumbald as proctors in the Roman *curia*.

Date: Durham, 3 Non. June 1256.

m.3 [3 June] 1256

Letters of Bertram prior and convent of Durham appointing the monks Hugh [of Darlington] and Martin of St Rumbald as their proctors.

Date: Durham, 3 Non. June 1256.

m.3 [3 June] 1256

Letters of Bertram prior and convent of Durham authorising their proctors Hugh of Darlington and Martin of St Rumbald to borrow 20 marks for carrying out their business in the Roman *curia*.

Date: Durham, 3 Non. June 1256.

m.4 [8 June] 1256

Letters of Sewal [de Bovill] elect [archbishop] of York witnessing that the priors and convents of Durham and Guisborough have before him appealed to the Roman see as follows: when the pope empowered the bishop of Hereford to bind the two priories to pay a certain sum of money, he did not intend that the bishop should be able to bind them to pay more than the amount of the tenth granted to the king; yet Master Berardus of Siena, claiming to be a papal executor, is unjustly trying to compel them to pay to certain Sienese and Florentine merchants, Christopher Tholomei, Hugh Mace and others, a sum greater than the tenth, which the bishop is said to have bound them to pay; the proctors appeal to the pope against this situation, against threats of excommunication and interdict made against the priories by Master Rustandus and Berardus of Siena, papal chaplains and nuncii, and against attempts to compel the priories to pay 500 marks from Durham and 300 marks from Guisborough to the named marchants.

Date: Cawood, 6 (interlineated, 5 cancelled) Id. June 1256.

m.5 May 1256

Letters of J [John of Stonegrave] abbot and convent of Whitby acknowledging that he had received a loan at London from Aldebrand Aldebrand and Benevenuto, on behalf of them, Roland and other merchants, of 170 marks, with repayments and interest detailed.

Date: Whitby [abbey], chapter house, May 1256.

DCD Loc.III:39 [?1378]

Commission of Robert of Walworth, prior of Durham, to the clergy of Durham and York dioceses, by virtue of a bull of Pope Urban [VI] given at Rome on [18 February 1378] whereby the accused is mandated to answer concerning the detention of tithes and other goods to the detriment of William Walworth dean of Auckland St Andrew. Undated.

Size: 370 x 295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:25.

DCD Loc.III:40 late 13th century

Formulary of letters.

Endorsed as being copies of various letters.

Size: 1330 x 215 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:11.

Calendared in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.241-245, (from which the following entries are taken) with some entries printed *in extenso* as indicated.

m.1r (1) [c.1286]

H de B informs J [John le Romeyn], archbishop of York, that he has been unable to accede to the petition presented by Master T de N [Thomas of Normanton], the proctor of Durham convent, that the sentences incurred in the quarrel between the monastery and the archbishop should be revoked; he gives reasons.

m.1r (2)

Quitclaim for debts and pensions to the executors of a prebendary [?of Howden].

m.1r (3)

Form for a letter of thanks.

m.1r (4) [January 1287]

Letter from Prior Hugh [of Darlington] to the abbot of St Mary's York agreeing to attend personally, or through proctors, the meeting of the General Chapter of black monks on 25 January 1287 at Northallerton.

Printed: F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.191-192; *Chapters of the English Black Monks III*, ed W.A. Pantin (Camden 3rd Series vol.liv, 1937), p.276.

m.1r (5)

Form for a letter of credence.

m.1r (6) [?1285 x 1286]

Letter of J[ohn le Romeyn archbishop of York] to a p[rrior of D[urham]: the archbishop has lately written to the prior through the prior's fellow-monk Ambrose [of Bamburgh] telling what was done at Ripon, and sends his steward, to whom the prior is to give full credence, to negotiate with the convent.

m.1r (7) [1272 x before 1286]

King Edward [I] laments the quarrel between the convent of Durham and the archbishop of York; he complains that the convent did not meet his councillors, William de Hothum, provincial prior of the Dominicans, and Master Bonectus de N, at Beverley (?*sic, recte* Beauvais), as required; he informs the convent that a plan of peace was arranged in its absence with the archbishop in the presence of the bishop of Durham; he asks the convent to meet J [John] de Vescy and the same Master Bonectus who will expound the plan, to which, he hopes, the convent will adhere.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.142.

m.1r (8) [?1289 x 1290]

Prior H [Hugh of Darlington] informs Bishop Antony Bek that he is fairly well and that the monastery is peaceful.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.191.

m.1r (9) [1286 x 1288]

Prior H [Hugh of Darlington] requests R [Robert] Avenel, one of the executors of the will of R [Robert of Holy Island, late bishop of Durham], to pay £300 owed by the deceased to the convent.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.187-188.

m.1r (10) [before 1279]

R [Reginald] of Brandon, cleric, asks the prior and chapter of D [Durham] for the payment of the arrears of two pensions due to him from the the convent.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.88.

m.1r (11)

[The prior of Durham] orders a monk to return to his duties and to cease acting as executor of the will of Master A de Golyn, late archdeacon of Lothian.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.92.

m.1r (12) [?1286]

O [Osbert], bishop of Asti, reminds the prior of D [Durham] of his promise to pay a pension to the bishop's relative, Sir Peter de Montecute, and offers to be serviceable at Rome.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.153-154.

m.1r (13) [?1286]

H [Hugh of Darlington, prior of D [Durham], orders H [Henry of Horncastle], prior of Coldingham, to resume the wardship of the heirs of Paxton, alienated by the former prior [of Durham], R [Richard of Claxton], to his brother E and his son-in-law Jordan.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.182.

m.1r (14) [1286 x 1290]

H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], orders Master T [Thomas] de Birland to repay a loan of 107 marks.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.135.

m.1r (15) [?1281]

W [William] de la Corner, [archdeacon of Northumberland] and papal chaplain, asks W [Walter Wickwane], archbishop of York, to postpone his visit of the convent [of Durham in 1281], so that he can consult its absent bishop.

m.1r (16) [1258 x 1273 or 1286 x 1290]

R [Robert de Chaury or Ralph Ireton], bishop of Carlisle, informs H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], that he is forced to postpone an ordination. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.149.

m.1r (17) [1286 x 1288]

Prior Hugh [of Darlington] informs Robert Avenel that his co-executors of the will of the late bishop [of Durham, Robert of Holy Island] have agreed to a settlement and, as they require his assent, encloses letters patent for him to seal. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.188.

m.1r (18) [1286 x 1288]

R [Robert] Avenel's assent to the settlement of his fellow executors of the will of the late R [Robert of Holy Island], bishop of D [Durham]. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.188-189.

m.1r (19) [?c.1286]

H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], appoints A [Ambrose] of Bamburgh as prior of Lytham. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.122.

m.1r (20) [c.1286]

H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], asks G [Gilbert] of Clifton, sheriff of Lancaster, to protect the cell of Lytham during a vacancy and to aid it in its quarrel with the lords of Weeton and Westby. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.121-122.

m.1r (21) [1285 x 1290]

H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], rejects overtures from J [John le Romeyn], archbishop of York, on behalf of Master T [Thomas] de Birland, his clerk, who owes the convent money for 4 years or more. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.136

m.1r (22) [1286]

A [Antony Bek, bishop of Durham], about to go abroad to make peace between the kings of France and Aragon as commissioned by the king at Woodstock, asks H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], to cause prayers to be offered for his safety. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.189.

m.1r (23)

A monk, recently arrived at the university, ingeniously seeks the prior [of Durham]'s aid in the purchase of a fine copy of the *Decretals*. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.130.

m.1r (24)

Form of authorisation for proctors to raise a loan at Rome or elsewhere.

m.1r (25)

H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], orders his official to warn Master B [Benedict of Hartlepool] rector of Welton and [Master Thomas de Birland] rector of B [Brantingham] to repay debts under threat of sequestration.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.135-136.

m.1r (26) [1286 x 1289]

W [William] de Montefort, dean of London St Paul's, regrettfully informs H [Hugh of Darlington], prior of D [Durham], that he cannot revoke the sentences promulgated by his predecessors against the convent [of Durham] in the course of Durham's struggle with the archbishop of York; he gives welcome news of Durham monks studying in Oxford.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.129-130.

m.1r (27)

Various rhetorical forms.

m.1r (28) [c.1286]

[The bishop of Durham], in accordance with the terms of a settlement of the quarrel between the convent [of Durham] and the archbishop of York, requests his correspondent to revoke all the sentences he has laid.

m.1d (1) [c.1286]

[A papal judge delegate] by apostolic authority revokes and annuls all sentences etc laid by the convent of Durham and W [Walter Wickwane] and J [John le Romeyn], archbishops of York, during their quarrel.

m.1d (2) [1273 x 1285 or 1290 x 1300]

R [Richard of Claxton or Richard de Hoton], prior of D [Durham], orders his official to warn Master H, rector, to pay the 10 mark pension due to [Durham] from his church, under threat of sequestration.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.136.

m.1d (3) [1285]

Richard [of Claxton], prior [of Durham], and the convent appoint proctors to negotiate for a settlement of their quarrel with J [John le Romeyn], archbishop of York.

m.1d (4) [1258 x 1273 or 1286 x 1290]

H [Hugh of Darlington], [prior of Durham], grants a corrody to the convent's carpenter Master R of N.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.183.

m.1d (5)

Rhetorical form.

m.1d (6)

Form for a proxy.

m.1d (7) [?1290]

Promise to attend [a prior's] installation.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.85.

m.1d (8) [9 April 1290]

Promise to attend the installatioin [of Prior Richard de Hoton] in Durham cathedral.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.85.

m.1d (9) [?1290]

Request for hospitality in the monastery.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.85.

m.1d (10)

Rhetorical form.

m.1d (11) [?c.1289]

[Hugh of Darlington, prior of Durham,] informs [the bishop of Durham] that he is extremely ill, and asks him to further the interests of the convent [of Durham].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.189-190.

m.1d (12) [1286]

Prayers requested for the soul of the late Sir H [Hugh] Burnell by [his brother Robert Burnell], bishop of Bath [and Wells].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.97.

m.1d (13) [1285 x 1286]

[The bishop of Durham] informs the convent [of Durham] that he has asked J [John le Romeyn], archbishop of York, to suspend action against it until he (the bishop) can have a personal talk with the prior, and so he orders the prior likewise to suspend operations.

m.1d (14) [1285 x 1286]

[The prior of Durham] in reply rejoices in the safe return of [the bishop] from an arduous legation, thanks him for his mediation, and agrees to his proposals.

m.1d (15) [1285 x 1286]

[The prior of Durham], in a further reply, regrets that the convent [of Durham] has been unable to suspend action, for it has been compelled to resist a hostile move.

m.1d (16)

Request for the ordination of Master T de N, rector of C, yet in deacon's orders.

m.1d (17)

Request for aid for the building of a palace.

m.1d (18) [1291 or 1293]

[The prior of] Stamford is requested to resign the cell and hand it over to G de S [Geoffrey of St Botolph (Boston)].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.127.

m.1d (19) [1291 or 1293]

The cell [of Stamford] is ordered to obey G [Geoffrey of Boston].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.127.

m.1d (20) [?1291 or 1293]

A favour is requested at court for the prior [?of Stamford].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.127.

m.1d (21)

Form for an apology.

m.1d (22) [1280 x 1283]

Commission to seize an excommunicate by O [Oliver Sutton], bishop of Lincoln, (used as a model at Durham).

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.137.

m.1d (23) [?1283 x 1284]

Writ of R [Richard of Claxton], prior of D [Durham], to King E [Edward I], (based on the last preceding), signifying obdurate excommunicates in Howdenshire.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.138.

m.1d (24) [1283 x 1284]

Writ of *significavit* from King E [Edward I] to the sheriff of York, to apprehend an excommunicate, as advised by the prior of Durham.

Date: at N, 12 [Edward I].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.138.

m.1d (25) [? before 1265]

Form for a commission of the prior of D [Durham] to his official in Howdenshire and Allertonshire.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.132.

m.2r (1) [?1273 x 1285]

[The bishop of Durham] grants the late prior of Durham the right to hear the confessions of the monks, and the right to choose a confessor for himself.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.186.

m.2r (2) [?1290]

King E [Edward I] protests to Pope N [Nicholas IV] about papal collations in the dioceses of Lincoln and York.

Printed in W. Prynne, *An exact chronological vindication ... of our ... kings* iii, (1668), p.417.

Calendared in *Calendar of the Close Rolls 1288-1296*, p.134.

m.2r (3)

Poems:

a. *Veritas, equitas, largitas corrui; ... virtutis gaudent precio.*

b. *Avaricia querit spolia, quia propria facit communia ... amicitie sub effigie, nequicie structura.*

c. *Iam prelati sunt Pilati ... mentis in minores.*

d. *Canes impudicie avidi muti; ... solent esse tuti.*

e. *Omnis status immutatus ... fortune minoris.*

f. *Vota plura, preces, thura ... per hos ammoueri.*

m.2r (4) 6 & 13 February 1292

An account of the Convocation of Canterbury held at the New Temple and Lambeth, London, led by [John Pecham], archbishop of Canterbury, detailing postponements, the reading of the papal bull, the consideration of five articles for a crusade to recover the Holy Land, the arrangements for the discussions and a report to be sent to the pope. The articles concerned the necessity of peace in Europe through the election of an emperor, a sexennial tithe from the clergy of his country for any prince going, the unification of the Templar and Hospitaller orders to fund the maintenance of the defence of the Holy Land, financial support through a clergy tax of a halfpenny or a farthing in the mark according to the Norwich valuation, and the archbishop and his suffragans arranging papal loans in the meantime.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.201-202.

Discussed in *ibid.*, p.232 and D.L. Douie, *Archbishop Pecham*, (Oxford 1952), p.333-336.

m.2r (5)

Letters dimissory for a clerk.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.4r (3).

m.2r (6) [1251 x 1266]

Letters dimissory of Thomas [O'Connor], bishop of Achonry, (or of Robert of Holy Island, bishop of Durham), for W of Howden, ordained priest, on the presentation of Sir John de Cogan.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.149-150.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.4r (4) and BL MS Stowe 930 f.25r-v.

m.2r (7) [?1260]

Form for the acknowledgement of a loan.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.1r (16).

m.2r (8)

Reply to the prior of a cell who has asked to be recalled.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.104.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.4d (2).

m.2r (9)

Plea for the reception of a fugitive monk.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.2d (1).

m.2r (10) [1267]

Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham present to W [Walter Giffard], archbishop of York, Hervicus of Darlington, clerk, for ordination and admission to the church of Kirby Sigston, vacant on the death of Reginald [de Frou], former rector there.

Dated at Durham, 14 Kal. July 1267.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.174.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.3r (12), Loc.II:7 and BL MS Stowe f.18v.

m.2r (11)

Rhetorical form.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (5).

m.2r (12)

Rhetorical form.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (6).

m.2r (13)

Form for a petition for counsel.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (7).

m.2r (14)

Form for a letter of credence for a nuncio.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (8).

m.2r (15)

Form for a petition for help for the convent's nuncios at the royal court.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (10).

m.2r (16)

Rhetorical form.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (11).

m.2r (17)

Form for a letter of reproach.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.8d (13).

m.2r (18) [?1259 x 1260]

H de S [Henry of Silton], prior of Coldingham, announces his resignation to A [Alexander III], king of Scotland.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.110-111.

Also in DCD Misc.Ch. 5712 m.3r (1).

m.2r (19) [1273 x 1285 or 1290 x 1300]

Commission by R [Richard of Claxton or Richard de Hoton], prior of D [Durham].

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.98-99.

m.2d (1) [1279 x 1285 or 1290 x 1292]

R [Richard of Claxton or Richard de Hoton] prior of D [Durham] asks J [John Pecham], archbishop of Canterbury, to restrain the dean of Arches from publishing the excommunication of Master W de M, rector of a church in the diocese of York. Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.138-139.

m.2d (2)

Rhetorical forms.

m.2d (3)

Rhetorical forms.

m.2d (4)

The general chapter of the Premonstratensian Order makes a grant of confraternity to the prior of Durham out of regard for the church of Blanchland.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.97.

m.2d (5)

Rhetorical forms, including some excerpts from John of Salisbury.

m.2d (6)

Rhetorical form.

m.2d (7)

Rhetorical forms.

m.2d (8)

Rhetorical forms.

m.2d (9)

Rhetorical form.

m.2d (10)

Florilegium of Becket correspondence:

- a. *Stultum est.*
- b. *Utinam immundam.*
- c. *Impium est.*
- d. *Taciturnitas nutrit assensum.*
- e. *Quante compassionis.*
- f. *Licet faciem vestram.*
- g. *Magna pars.*
- h. *Humanitas vestra.*
- i. *Ut honestas.*
- j. *Quod dileccioni.*
- k. *Ex assuetudine.*
- kk. *Profecto rerum dispositio.*
- l. *Unde presumcio videtur.*
- m. *Confidencia securas.*
- n. *Chaos quod inter nos.*
- o. *Sepe nobis a pluribus.*
- p. *Ne dissimulacio.*
- q. *Dyurnitas silencii mei.*
- r. *Ut ammoneat habundancius.*
- s. *Circumspeccionis vestre.*
- t. *Et me liberalitati vestre.*
- u. *Malo is esse in quo.*
- v. *Amicicie racio.*
- w. *Ea que nobis litteratorie.*
- x. *Quibus in breui Christus.*
- y. *Instancia portitoris.*
- z. *Licet per varios temporum discursus.*

See: *Materials for the History of Archbishop Thomas Becket* vols. v & vi, ed J.C. Robertson (1875-1885); John of Salisbury, *Letters*, ed W.J. Millor, H.E. Butler, C.N.L. Brooke (1955) and St John's College Oxford, MS 126.

m.2d (11)

The prior and convent of D [Durham] promise Master N, a clerk, the next vacant benefice in Howdenshire or Allertonshire.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.158.

m.2d (12)

Rhetorical form.

m.2d (13)

Form for a petition for help.

m.2d (14) [1289 x 1290]

The monks inform [Bishop Antony Bek] that Prior [Hugh of Darlington] is suffering from a paralytic stroke after journeying from Pittington manor to Finchale, and that they have been advised by their chamberlain Warner [of Craven] that the tenants in Hemingbrough are disaffected.

Printed in F. Barlow, ed, *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.190-191.

m.2d (15)

?Cover to the previous entry.

m.2d (16) [1277 x 1280 or 1288 x 1292]

Edmund son of the king, W [William] de Valence, E [Edmund earl of] Cornwall, G [Gilbert de Clare earl of] Gloucester and the other magnates of the kingdom protest to Pope Nicholas [III or IV] about foreign clerks being appointed to English benefices.

m.2d (17)

Letter of recommendation for William de Stanford, who is with the correspondent at Newcastle.

DCD Loc.III:41 [?1311 x 1316]

Copy letter of Richard [?Kellaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of the English province of the order of predicate (preacher) friars regarding the proposed removal of friar Henry Wawklin from the [Dominican] friary at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Size: 75-80 x 180-195 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.III:42 c.1400

Copies of documents about archdeaconry of Richmond visitations vindicating the rights of the abbey of St Mary's, York, to churches, pensions and tithes in the archdeaconry. With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 1910 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 5m

m.1-2 2 May 1344

Notarial instrument being testimonial letters of Simon of Bekyngnam, official of Robert of Woodhouse, archdeacon of Richmond, reciting the following commission, reporting his carrying out a visitation of Richmond archdeaconry, hearing the opposition of G. de Norton vicar of Burneston, proctor, and the petition of Master W. Moubray proctor of the abbey and convent of St Mary's, supported by documents from popes, archbishops of York, the church and chapter of York, archdeacons of Richmond and others, vindicating the rights of the abbey of St Mary's, York, to the churches etc in the archdeaconry of Richmond, and confirming those rights.

Commission of Robert of Woodhouse, archdeacon of Richmond, to Master Simon of Bekyngnam, his official, W[illiam] of Langton *iuris paritis* and J[ohn] of Huntingdon vicar of Easingwold to visit Richmond archdeaconry and especially to ascertain the rights of St Mary's abbey, York, to the church of Kirkby Lonsdale with a half of the tithes of *Dylaker*, the church of Kirkby in Kendal, pensions of 100s and 20lb of wax from the church of Richmond, 100s from the vicar of Gilling, 5½ marks from the vicar of Middleton, £10 in tithes from the demesne of the earl of Richmond from the church of Croft, two parts of the tithe of sheaves from the parish of East Witton, tithes from the demesne of the lord of Coupland, and tithes from the rector of Egremont.

Date: Methley, 15 September 1342.

Affirmed by Masters J. of Thirsk of York diocese, John *natus* John Hall of Shipdham of Norwich diocese and Hugh of Grantham of Lincoln diocese.

Date: Nun Monkton church, 2 May 1344.

Witnesses: J de Tyneryngton claustral prior, Adam of St Botulph [Boston] monks of St Mary's York, J. de Stainton clerk, R. Tortemeyns *domicellus*, of Lincoln, York and Ely dioceses.

Notary: Hugh of Denton *dictus* of Grantham of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatol recited.

Note of the seal of the official of Richmond.

m.2 4 June 1344

Notarial instrument of R[obert] of Woodhouse, archdeacon of Richmond, being an inspeximus of Bekyngnam's processus.

Date: Stamford, 4 June 1344.

Notary: Hugh of Denton *dictus* of Grantham of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

Witnesses: T de Lexham clerk of Norwich diocese, John Brown clerk.

Note of the archdeacon's seal and that this document agreed with the original.

m.3 21 August 1344

Letters testimonial of William [Zouche] archbishop of York witnessing that at his visitation the abbey of St Mary's, York, produced their title deeds from his predecessors as archbishop and from the dean and chapter of York to their churches and possessions in the archdeaconry of Richmond, that is the churches of Burneston and Catterick, a portion in the church of Well, tithes at East Witton, tithes at Holm and the fishery at *Egue* [Ehen] and Esk, pensions of 100s and 20lb of wax from the church of Richmond, 100s from the vicar of Gilling, 13s 4d from the vicar of Catterick, 5½ marks from the vicar of Middleton, and 13s 4d from the vicar of Bryneston, and confirming their possession of them.

Date: Cawood, 21 August 1344.

Note of the archbishop's seal and that this document agreed with the original.

m.4 26 September 1351

Notarial instrument being letters testimonial of Henry of Walton archdeacon of Richmond witnessing that at his visitation the abbey of St Mary's, York, through their proctor, Thomas Danby, monk of St Mary's, produced their title deeds to their churches and possessions in the archdeaconry of Richmond, namely the churches of Burneston, Middleton, Kirkby Lonsdale and Kirkby in Kendal, tithes at East Witton, tithes at Coupland and tithes from the rector of Egremont, pensions of 100s and 20lb of wax from the church of Richmond, 1 mark from the vicar of Catterick, 5½ marks from the vicar of Middleton, and 1 mark from the vicar of Burneston, whose possession their proctor sought and received confirmation of.

Date: St Bees priory, 26 September 1351.

Witnesses: Masters Adam of York, John Heriz, and John of Todyngton [?Tottington], *juris paritis*; John of Dishforth NP.

Notary: William Clavyle clerk of Salisbury diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatol recited.

Note of the archdeacon's seal and that this document agreed with the original.

m.5 3 December 1373

Notarial instrument being letters testimonial of Humphrey of Charlton archdeacon of Richmond witnessing that at his visitation the abbey of St Mary's, York, through their proctor, Master John of Stanton, clerk, produced their title deeds to their churches and possessions in the archdeaconry of Richmond, namely the churches of Burneston, Middleton, and Kirkby in Kendal, tithes at East Witton, Holm and from the fisheries of the *Egues* [?Ehen] and Esk, pensions of 100s and 20lb of wax from the church of Richmond, 100s from the vicar of Gilling, 5½ marks from the vicar of Middleton, and 1 mark from the vicar of Burneston, whose possession their proctor sought and received confirmation of.

Date: York, in the Minster, 3 December 1373.

Witnesses: Masters John of Norton and Hugh of Fleetham advocates of the court of York; Reginald of Weston priest of St Asaph diocese.

Notary: Master Roger de Clone clerk of Hereford diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatol recited.

Note of the archdeacon's seal and that this document agreed with the original.

DCD Loc.III:43 [13 November 1385]

Commission of Peter [Amelius de Brunaco] archbishop of Tarento, acting as papal penitentiary, to the prior of Durham this once to absolve monks of Durham who are guilty of violence or other offences (listed in detail), according to the form of the custom of the Church, except in the case of offences which ought to be referred to the apostolic see, and to dispense them from irregularity inadvertently incurred thereby; granted at the petition of the subprior and monks of Durham.

Date: *Janue* [Genoa], under the seal which he used to have as bishop of Senogallia [Sinigaglia (bishop there 1376-1382)], 1d. November, Pont. 8 Urban VI.

"Anthanasius" on the turnup and "Johannes de monasterio" on the dorse; also endorsed (early sixteenth century) as being a commission of the papal penitentiary.

Size: 175 x 245 mm

Seal: 2 holes through a turnup [for seal cords]

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:36.

DCD Loc.III:44 [13 April 1400]

Licence of Francis [Tomacelli], cardinal priest of St Susanna, to the bishop of Durham to absolve Hugh Sherburn, monk of Durham, from a sentence of excommunication for wounding the subprior of Durham in the belly with a knife.

Date: Rome St Peter, Id. April, Pont.11 Boniface IX.

"John Rede" on the dorse.

Size: 155 x 240 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3697(i), 3 fragments, on red and white cords through 2 holes in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:22.

DCD Loc.III:45 25 May [1376]

Pardon by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, at the request of the prior and convent of Durham, to Richard of Eden, their fellow monk, for any felonies, robberies, larcenies or other transgressions.

Date: Durham, *per manus* Richard of Barnard Castle our clerk, 25 May, Pont.31.

Size: 100 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3138, on a parchment tag through a single slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.III:46 [1 October 1422]

Letters of Jordan [Orsini] bishop of Albano to the prior of Durham absolving Robert Emuldon, Thomas Coton, John Lumley and John Morby monks and priests from excommunication for ministering the sacrament without licence in the parish church of Holy Island.

Date: Rome S Maria Maggiore, Kal. October, Pont. 5 Martin V.

"Pro p. textoris" and "Bertandus" on the turnup and "T::prys" on the dorse.

Size: 170 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:43.

DCD Loc.III:47 [20 October 1423]

Dispensation by Martin [V], pope, to the abbot and convent of St Albans, of the Benedictine order, in Lincoln dioc., upon their petition that although they are bound to continue to observe according to their rule, as they have done hitherto, the general fast before Easter, with abstention from the eating of meat between Septuagesima Sunday and Easter, they bear greater difficulty than usual through observing the fast and maintaining their claustral duties because an abundance of fish is not readily to be had in their district, and their monastery is a long way from a seaport; granting them and their successors the indulgence that henceforward from Septuagesima Sunday until Quinquagesima Sunday, on every day upon which the eating of meat is not otherwise forbidden by Church precept, they be able to eat meat and dairy products, and that the fast should begin at Quinquagesima and not before, and continue until Easter; decreeing that in place of the days when the fast will lapse between Septuagesima and Quinquagesima they are to fast each year on the vigil of St Alban, whose body or relics are kept in the monastery.

Date: Rome S Maria Maggiore, 13 Kal. November, Pont. 6 Martin [V].

"A Fidelis Galhaidne" in the bottom left corner and "B de Montepolician" and "Pro B de Montepoliciano" in the bottom right corner (all contemporary).

Endorsed (c.1500) "Take this to ye prior of Tynmouth" .

Size: 225 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:59.

Register copy in DCD Reg.III, f.203v-204r.

DCD Loc.III:48 early 15th century

Fragment of a leaf from a register (?possibly a missing leaf from the back of DCD Reg.Pap. (as the handwriting compares with f.127v), or from a now otherwise lost register) containing:

Size: Maximum 155 x 200 mm

Paper, 1f

r [6 November 1385]

Part of the end of a mandate by [Urban VI, pope, to John Fordham, bishop of Durham, to expedite the appropriation of the churches of Frampton, Bossall, Ruddington and Fishlake, in the dioceses of Lincoln and York, to Durham College Oxford].

Date: Genoa, 8 Id. [November], Pont. 8.

Complete copy in DCD Cart I, f.27r-28r.

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Part of letters to the prior and convent of Durham concerning the election of the prior.

v

Start of *Le Conuenit*, comprising part of the introduction (with the first couple of lines missing), clauses 1 and 2

Full text in DCD 1.4.Pont.4, printed in *Feodarium prioratus Dunelmensis*, [ed W. Greenwell] (Surtees Society 58, 1872), p.212-217.

DCD Loc.III:49 29 July 1476

Notarized exemplification by Hugh Snell', D.Dec., vicar-general in spiritualities of Lawrence [Booth], bishop of Durham, in distant parts, and chief official of the consistory court of Durham, making it known that when seated judicially (place and date as below), there appeared in person before him a certain Thomas Halver, monk of Durham, chancellor and almoner [of the monastery], claiming to be, along with others, a proctor or agent (*sindicus*) of the prior and chapter thereof, as was sufficiently apparent to the vicar-general; holding in his hands various muniments, whole and entire, concerning, as he claimed, the state, custom [?: *modum*] and utility of the church of Durham, which he showed and handed over, on behalf of the prior and chapter and in his own name, to the vicar-general for examination; declaring that the prior and chapter and he, of necessity, are sending these muniments, or true copies thereof, to various remote places for the protection of their interests, goods, liberties (&c), which are defended by force and authority thereof; that, since the proctor fears these original muniments, if sent to such remote places, might be damaged or destroyed through the hazards of the roads, flood, robbery, plunder, fire, loss, or other accidents, he begged the vicar-general to have the muniments transcribed and exemplified and reduced into public form; and that he, the vicar-general, accepting the petition as just, having received the muniments, examined them, found them to be above suspicion, announced that the following [1] [Charter] by Thomas, archbishop of York, to all archbishops, bishops and abbots in England and their successors, and to his own successors, "&c" . [1070 x 1100 or 1108 x 1114]

[2] [Charter] by Thurstan, archbishop of York, "&c" . [1114 x 1140].

[3] [Charter] by Roger, archbishop of York, "&c" . [1154 x 1181]

[4] [Charter] by Walter, archbishop of York, "&c" . [1215 x 1255 or 1266 x 1279]

[5] [Bull] by Honorius [III], pope, "&c" . Date: Lateran, 3 Id. April, Pont. 2 [11 April 1218]. [Cf. Cart. Vet. f.37r, a copy of 2.1.Pap.11, now missing.]

[6] [Bull] by Honorius [III], pope, "&c" . Date: Lateran, 6 Non. March, Pont. 11 [2 March 1227]. [Cf. Cart. I. f.10v-11r, a copy of 2.1.Pap.13, now missing.]

were to be copied and exemplified, and ordered this to be done by the notary, specially taken on as his scribe for this business and as scribe of the acts of the consistory court; and that he has ordered that as much faith, in and out of court, be applied to this present copy as ought to be applied to the original muniments if they should be brought to light. Under the seal of his office of official, along with the sign and subscription of the notary. Witnesses: Master John Rudd', B.Dec., Master John Pickering, LL.B., James Wilkinson and William Clerk, chaplains, Master John Whithead, N.P. by imperial authority, Thomas Claxton', gentleman, and William Fynlaw, of Durham diocese.

Notary: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited)

Done: Durham, the customary place for passing sentences in the consistory, 29 July 1476.

Size: 720 x 560 mm

Seal: 3 slits through a turnup [for a seal tag]

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.III:24.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV f.175v-176v.

DCD Loc.III:50 [1281]

Record of the dispute between W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York and the chapter of Durham concerning Durham's presentation to the church of [West] Rounton and York's visitation of the chapter of Durham.

Headed as "Incipit placita ...".

Size: 2140 x 275 mm

Parchment roll, 4m

Described and discussed in R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)*, (Berkeley & Los Angeles 1959), p.115-120.

Related material elsewhere: Continued by and possibly originally joined at the foot to DCD Misc.Ch. 7168.

m.1 [1281]

Presentation by the prior and convent of Durham to W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York of Adam de Barneby sub-deacon to the church of [West] Rounton vacant on the resignation of Master Benedict of Hartlepool.

m.1 April 1281

Appointment of Thomas of Normanton as proctor by the prior and convent of Durham.
Date: [?] Nones April 1281.

m.1 [9 April] 1281

Notification by Thomas of Normanton, clerk, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York of the prior and convent's appeal to Rome against his refusal to confirm their presentation of Adam de Barneby to their vacant church of [West] Rounton.

Date: Lancaster, in the prior's chamber where the archbishop spent the night, Wednesday after Palm Sunday, 1281.

Witnesses: Master Henry of Stanton then chancellor of Oxford, Master Nicholas of Wells, Master Robert of Laford, Master Walter Gloucester, Master Robert of Swindon, Master Walter of Nottingham, Thomas of Boston, Adam de Barneby, clerks.

m.1 [1281]

Supplication of the prior and convent of Durham for the abbot and prior of Alnwick, the prior and subprior of Brinkburn, or the prior and subprior of Lanercost as [papal] judges [delegate] over [West] Rounton church.

m.1 [1281]

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton], prior of Durham, of Master Peter of Assisi as proctor in the Roman *curia* to promote the choice of the abbot and prior of Alnwick as judges, with 6 marks as salary for the purpose.

m.1 [1281]

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton], prior of Durham, of Master John of Haxby as proctor in the Roman *curia*.

m.1 [1281]

Announcement by R[ichard of Claxton], prior of Durham, of the appointment of Master John of Haxby as proctor in the Roman *curia*.

Sealed with the common seal.

m.1 [11 March] 1281

Mandate of William [Wickwane] archbishop of York to the prior and convent of Durham of his intention to hold a metropolitical visitation in the diocese of Durham to "recreacionem animarum vestrarum" by receiving "nostra salubria monita", requiring them to be in the chapter house at Durham on the morrow of St John the Baptist [25 June]; this was to be certified by the Annunciation [25 March].

Date: Cawood, 5 Id. March, 1280/1.

Archbishop's register copy printed in: W. Brown ed., *The Register of William Wickwane, Lord Archbishop of York 1279-1285*, (Surtees Society 114, 1907), p.155.

m.1 [21 March] 1281

Certificate of R[ichard] prior and convent of Durham to W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, [through Master Philip of Alverton], saying that he had received the above mandate from the archbishop's messenger on the feast of St Cuthbert in March [20 March] when vested for high mass in the church of Durham at the hour of terce, but that the bishop was away in Scotland, the *maiores* of the chapter were not assembled and that he could not answer the archbishop's mandate without consulting them as they would blame him if he did; they could not be consulted before the Annunciation.

Date: Durham, 12 Kal. April, 1280/1.

m.1-2 [1281]

Letter [from Robert of Holy Island, bishop of Durham, having been consulted when staying at Norham, to Richard of Claxton, prior and convent of Durham] advising [them] not to commit themselves to writing, but rather to send an answer of sorts to the archbishop through a proctor who might say that, except in certain cases, the archbishop had no jurisdiction over the subjects of his suffragans, and that thus the prior and convent of Durham were not subject to him, and further advising that appeals might be prepared that nothing should be done to the prejudice of the church of Durham; he would be in Durham about Easter after his arduous business in remote parts.

m.2 [23 March] 1281

Appeal of Thomas [of Normanton] proctor of the prior and convent of Durham to William [Wickwane] archbishop of York against his unjust refusal to admit Adam de Barneby to the church of West Rounton, as the prior and convent from its foundation had not had to acknowledge *obediencia* to the archbishop, they place themselves under papal protection; they have enjoyed their privileges in the diocese of York for 100 years or more under papal protection.

Date: chapter house, Durham, Sunday before the Annunciation 1280/1.

Witnesses: R[ichard of Claxton] prior of Durham, William of Masham hostiller, Nicholas of Hexham almoner, William Cuthbert terrar, Roger of Methelay sacrist, Ralph of Middleham librarian, William of Middleton bursar, Ambrose of Bamburgh, [monks]; Master Gilbert of Luton, John of Norham, Alan of Berford, Ralph of Stamford chaplain, Adam de Barneby clerk, Austin of York, John of Peebles, Ralph de Rotherline, secular [clergy].

m.2

[The bishop of] Durham came to Durham at Easter and then to Auckland on the morrow of the close of Easter, summoning the clergy and people of his diocese to Durham to discuss the archbishop's action, whence he returned to Auckland and then to the royal court.

m.2 [1281]

Letter of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham to Master William de la Corner, professor of canon law, archdeacon of Northumberland, and papal chaplain, seeking his advice about how to answer the mandate of the archbishop received by the prior on St Cuthbert's feast in the church of Durham at high mass, reciting his difficulties in responding to the mandate by the Annunciation with the bishop and *maiores* of the chapter away, and reciting the basis of the prior and convent's holdings of churches in the diocese of York under previous archbishops from the foundation of the church.

m.2

A further convocation of clergy did not gather in Durham as the bishop [of Durham] returned from the royal court only as far as Halton manor near Thornton in Lindsey to which he summoned the prior [Richard of Claxton].

m.2-3 13 July 1281

Appeal of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham on behalf of himself and his chapter that the proposed visitation of the archbishop of York on the morrow of St John the Baptist [25 June] was against the rights of the bishop of Durham.

Date: Halton in Lindsey, in the house of Henry earl of Lincoln, in the greater chamber near the hall, 13 July 1281.

Witnesses: Masters Thomas de Byrland, rector of Brantingham, Hugh de la Wodhalle rector of Ovingham, Adam perpetual vicar of Auckland, Robert Avenel rector of Stamfordham, Nicholas of Appleby, William de Insula, clerks; John de Lythegraynes sheriff of York, William of Masham, Jordan of Ulveston, Thomas de Heton, Robert de Hoton, Richard de Barneby, William of Wingate, Andrew of Hartlepool, William of Newsham (*Neusum*), laymen.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority.

m.3

The bishop now went to Rome and the prior and his fellow [monks] returned to Durham.

m.3 [14 June] 1281

Certificate of the prior and convent of Durham to W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop or York that they had received his letters.

Date: Durham, 18 Kal. July 1281.

With a note in the margin that these were not shown.

m.3 [18 June] 1281

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham to the archbishop, brought to him at Guisborough by the monks Roger Methley and Stephen of Howden, of them as proctors of the prior and convent of Durham.

Date: Durham, 14 Kal. July 1281.

m.3-4 20 June 1281

Appeal by Roger Methaley, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the archbishop of York against his proposed visitation of Durham; they did not wish to injure the archbishop or his jurisdiction but they had to defend the rights of the church of St Cuthbert.

Date: Guisborough priory, in the chamber called *la blaunche chaumbre*

Witnesses: Masters Thomas of Grimston archdeacon of Cleveland, Nicholas of Wells, Thomas de Byrland, William of St Quentin, Thomas de Alberosby, Robert Avenel, Nicholas of Appleby, Philip of Alverton, Hugh de la Wodehall, and William of Fenham clerks.

[Notary]: Edmund of Canterbury.

m.4

[The archbishop] was at the [hospital] of Sherburn by Durham on the vigil and feast of St John the Baptist [23 & 24 June] where the prior and his fellow monks and clergy came to ask him to desist from or at least postpone his visitation.

m.4 24 June 1281

Appeal by Roger Methaley, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the archbishop of York against his proposed visitation of Durham.

Date: Sherburn hospital near Durham, in *pratellus* near the hall, 24 June 1281.

Witnesses: Masters Robert Avenel, William of St Quentin, Roger *dictus* Le Civite, Nicholas of Berwick, Nicholas of Wells canon of Southwell staying at Lincoln, Robert de Merley, Thomas de Abyrbyres, Gilbert de Sotheask, Hugh of Langley and Thomas of Normanton, clerks.

DCD Loc.IV - Prior's & other courts

1270 - 1464

Locellus IV mainly comprises rolls of the prior's free court dating from 1302 to 1425, along with some rolls of estreats of the court. In addition there are rolls of the courts for the free tenants in the Durham boroughs of Crossgate (or Old Borough) 1311-1408, Elvet Borough 1329-1382, and Elvet Barony or Elvethall 1332-1402. There may well once have been earlier records for these borough courts as the surviving documents seem to suggest they were well-established series by the early fourteenth century. These courts regulated borough life and dealt with lesser offences by borough inhabitants concerning public health, food, nuisances and minor agricultural offences.

Outside Durham, there is a significant sequence of rolls for the halmote at Shincliffe held for the hostiller's estate there 1395-1443, a couple of rolls for the Shoreswood court in Northumberland 1345-1372 and a run of estreat rolls for the prior's halmote court for the first half of the fifteenth century, with one or two other records of the court. Finally, there are various documents not directly linked to the operation of these courts, dating from 1270 to 1408 and including most significantly a bursar's rental for 1270.

Language: Latin with the occasional French item as indicated

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Ownership history: The item previously numbered Loc.IV:230 has been transferred (late 20th cent.) to DCD-Hos. acs Arrears, [1325], and Loc.IV:231 to DCD-Bur.acs Waste & Decay, 1432-3 (A) and/or to DCD-Bur.acs Waste & Decay, 1432-3 (B).

The rolls were probably first arranged in Locellus IV by Thomas Swalwell in the early sixteenth century; he appears to have written the date and "locellus 4" on many of them. Joseph Stevenson listed them, in Latin, in the mid nineteenth century, recording their start and end date and occasional highlights in them, though the slips recording this are possibly not in his hand. Some of the rolls also have wrappers in this hand. James Conway Davies recorded each individual court sitting on paper wrappers which were applied to the rolls in c.1960 with Martin Snape subsequently recording the reference on each roll. These wrappers were all removed in July 2003 but are still stored with the rolls.

In the present listing, the catalogue entries have been sorted into the various courts, and then arranged chronologically within each court; the actual numbering of documents has been left untouched. The outside dates of each roll are listed and the dates of the individual courts where there are gaps or the normal pattern of court holding is no longer being followed for whatever reason. Details of the significant cases or events recorded for each court have been extracted providing the names of parties and places and something of the nature of the business to facilitate searches for individuals, places and types of cases. Many of the rolls have damaged heads and sides which were repaired in around the 1970s with parchment or occasionally paper as appropriate.

Lomas, R A, "Durham Cathedral Priory as a Landowner and a Landlord, 1290-1540", (unpublished doctoral thesis, University of Durham, 1973), p.81-90;

Emsley, K. and Fraser, C.M., *The courts of the County Palatine of Durham from earliest times to 1971* (Durham, 1984), p.7-12;

Bonney, M., *Lordship and urban community. Durham and its overlords 1250-1540* (Cambridge, 1990), p.195-228.

Prior's Free Court

1302 - 1425

Apart from the rolls recording the business of the court, to which some occasionally have lists of suitors or details of inquisitions attached, there are some separate lists of suitors to the court, some of which have been marked up with their attendance and/or fines. In addition there are other lists of the prior's free tenants, lists of estreats from some of the courts and also a rental of the prior's free tenants. There are also two copies of a 1317 inquisition into the prior's rights to have delivered into his court people previously indicted before other courts if they were his free tenants.

134 parchment rolls.

Biographical information: The prior of Durham held a separate free court for his free tenants whose privilege was to be judged only by their equals. Its activities and their records complement those of the prior's halmote court for the prior's customary tenants. The free court was in existence by the early thirteenth century and was still operating in the early sixteenth century. Records of its activities date from 1302 to 1426 with the first half of the fourteenth century being the most informative.

The relationship and extent of the jurisdiction of the prior's free court relative to that of the bishop of Durham's palatine court was subject to a lengthy enquiry in 1223 which led to "Le Convenit" of 1229 between the prior and the bishop. This in theory limited the prior's court's jurisdiction to tenurial service and petty debts, but did not pronounce on "peace" jurisdiction. This grew during the fourteenth century so that the prior's free tenants could bring actions in trespass in his court and have the benefit of trial by jury. The court's procedure reflected that of royal courts in that presentments were made before the prior's steward as president of the court, suspects had trial by jury and breaches of the peace were dealt with. The prior's bailiff could also seek the referral to the prior's court of felonies committed on his land when the cases had been initiated in the bishop's court. Conversely, the prior might also be directed by the palatine courts to do justice in his court.

The prior's court also had a more administrative function in allowing the prior to correct the offences of his free tenants, such as moving boundary marks, encroaching on closes or the highway, withdrawing suit of mill or infringing the common oven monopoly in Elvet Borough. As a court of record, its rolls were cited as evidence for terms of tenure and it was used to settle disputes over these. It recorded changes of tenants, and inquisitions *post mortem* were either entered in the rolls or sometimes attached to them.

Tenants could also bring their own cases over disputes with their neighbours. A plaintiff might appeal a defendant on a particular plea or the accused may have been arrested. Ensuring the attendance of the parties in court at the same time was problematical. If agreement could not be reached, the case was resolved by inquest or defendants had to prove their innocence by mustering sufficient neighbours to vouch on oath for them. Guilty plaintiffs were fined, as were also plaintiffs who could not find sufficient pledges so that the prosecution would continue. Guilty defendants might be fined or, for felonies, executed which was carried out by the bishop's officers; most juries found for the defendants in felonies as the death sentence was so harsh.

The court met in Durham (from at least 1346) fortnightly on Tuesdays, on the day after the bishop's court of gaol delivery. A "capitalis curie" or "head" court was held 3 times a year at Michaelmas, Christmas/Epiphany and Easter when the more important free tenants, those owing suit 3 times a year, had to appear. The court's year started at Michaelmas. There is an early mention of it being held by the sheriff (in 13??) and what seems to be an early roll of goal delivery by the sheriff.

Records of its meetings mainly consist of tenants' pledges for suit of court owed. Some small cases of debt, trespass and covenants occur. The early rolls have marginal notes recording the number of times a person might have been summoned, if they are in mercy, quit, distrained or in default. There are two records of the court held on 18 December 1347 (72 and 77) which may indicate that separate rolls of presentments were kept, perhaps for a while. By the middle years of the fourteenth century, more information was being recorded about the progress of cases with details of inquisitions and "loquela". There is a 12 year gap in the records between 1360 and 1372. When the series re-emerges, the rolls are much less well kept and the court was evidently in decline. From thence, courts for a full year are entered on one roll. Gaps occurred during the year and some courts did not meet. From the mid 1380s rolls comprise courts for more than one year. Cases were increasingly carried over from one court to the next. Several different hands also appear in rolls of this date and so the quality and content of the rolls are less consistent. Some cases were Referred to it from the bishop's courts, and matters to do with the assize of ale now appear, but suitors and the process of cases were not so consistently recorded. It was difficult to secure the attendance of sufficient suitors to form juries to decide cases and the rolls are increasingly simply lists of fines for absent suitors by the time that records of the court end in 1426.

The court was usually presided over by the prior's steward or "senescallus". His instructions were carried out by a bailiff who summoned or attached people to attend, organised pledges for people, empanelled juries, levied fines and distrained goods. A coroner also assisted in swearing in jurors and clerks acted as attornies for parties, recorded proceedings and advised on precedents.

Initially the court's business was recorded on rolls of a single membrane. There are some stabblings for ties in the feet of some of these which indicate that they may have been filed together, perhaps the 2 or 3 that made up a year, or perhaps in larger groupings. By 1337, a whole year's courts are recorded on one roll made up of several membranes sewn head to foot chancery style. By 1400, several years are being filed together with the years running over the membranes. A number of the early rolls seem to have had their feet cut off, but little business seems to be missing. The rolls of the mid-fourteenth century have suffered from damp, mainly down one side, and a number are quite badly faded in parts.

Dating of the rolls is usually by the year of grace in the fourteenth century, often with the century date omitted. By 1400, the royal regnal year is being used, though on occasion the full year of grace is used instead. At this time the episcopal year is often used as well. Further confirmation is sometimes given by 1400 of the court meeting in the time of the named prior or/and the terrar/hostiller.

A number of the rolls of particularly the later fourteenth century have been endorsed and even annotated by ?John Fishburn, mainly noting rolls and entries concerning Scaltok mill and also the case of John Hedworth, possibly compiling information for the "Feodarium" of 1430. Most of the rolls have then also been endorsed by Thomas Swalwell in the early sixteenth century with the date and/or the locellus number. All of the rolls have been endorsed by Joseph Stevenson 1841-1848 with the locellus and item number, and also the date and that they are prior's court rolls.

C.M. Fraser, "The Free Court of the Priors of Durham", in *North-East England in the Later Middle Ages*, ed C.D. Liddy & R.H. Britnell (Woodbridge 2005), p.111-117.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also:

DCD 1.5.Pont.12 & 1.5.Pont.13: extracts of the prior's court for Michaelmas 1335 to Michaelmas 1336 and Michaelmas 1401 to Easter 1402 respectively.

DCD Misc.Ch. 5728: prior's court gaol delivery roll for 1381.

DCD Loc.II:17: list of prior's court free tenants by military service 1424.

Loc.IV:88 3 May - 16 November 1302

Prior's Free Court Roll

Courts - free court 3 May; free court 20 June; halmote; free court 20 July; (dorse) halmote; 16 November halmote. With a list of names, male and female, perhaps added later on m.1d.

Robert de Porteyath chaplain gave 5s to the hostiller for entering a tenement formerly of Robert son of Jordan of Whitworth.

Richard of Shadforth claimed that Robert Lander took "vestura" from his land in 1301.

John Pachet held 7 tenements ... for 8d pa ... suit at the lord's court or 1 man for a day at the moot of Shincliffe ... John's heir is his [wife] Eda ...

Parchment roll 2 membrane

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Loc.IV:61 5 May - 16 June 1304

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts. First court titled "curie domini prioris".

Endorsed (contemporary) "extracte facte" and (16th century) "Tempore antonii episcopi dunelmi".

[Robert of] Hett in dispute with William son of Catelyn over 2 acres of land which John of Stockton held, William claiming it was delivered to him by the prior.

Alan Goldsmith brought a document about the wardship of John son of William Stele of Ferryhill as granted by Hugh [of Darlington] formerly prior of Durham. Inquisition into the lands of William Stele of Ferryhill says that he died seised of 1 toft, 1 croft and 2 bovates of land at Ferryhill paying 5s pa to Durham prior and convent, worth 30s pa, services detailed as contained in *Le Raudbok*, John his son is his heir aged 21.

Robert son of John de Lassells claimed that Henry del Chippis and Cecilia his wife seized a messuage and 2 bovates of land in ?Great (?Mickle) Burdon about the time of the consecration of Bishop Antony (9 January 1284) at a cost of half a mark.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:161 1 March 1306 - 19 March 1308

Prior's Gaol Delivery Roll

Courts for 1 March 1306, 11 April 1307, 5 February 1308, 5 March 1308, and 19 March 1308.

The roll is endorsed "rotulus super delib' prison" and "rotuli vicecomit' super deliberacione gaole tempore domini Iodowici". On the front at the head is (in a later hand) "primus rotulus", so there may originally have been more than the remaining one roll.

Richard of Hett of the fee of the prior of Durham, was taken in Durham Borough by the bishop's bailiffs, imprisoned by the royal court on 28 February 1306 for theft, and removed by the prior's bailiff.

Margaret of Horsley was imprisoned for theft.

Richard of Newcastle upon Tyne was imprisoned in Elvet borough for theft, the dean said that he was a cleric.

William Curur of the fee of the prior of Durham was taken at Gateshead by the king's bailiffs, and imprisoned for theft by the royal court on 10 April 1307. The dean said he was a cleric and the prior's bailiff removed him.

Elena de Graham and Alice Harpour were imprisoned for various thefts and for stealing 2 tapestries, 2 ?linen hangings (*linthaminibus*), 1 tunic and 1 ?strong-box (*forsar*) from Adam de Paris.

John of Stockton living in Aycliffe, imprisoned for various thefts, claims he is a cleric and should not answer to a lay court.

Stephen Tropmell was taken in the prior's fee and imprisoned for various thefts and burglaries.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:55 [5 April] - 17 May 1306

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts.

The foot of the roll has been cut off and is missing, leaving only the heading for the last court. Endorsed in a later hand as "Tempore antonii ep'i".

William son of Walter Punder was in the peace of God and the king in the vill of East Rainton in the house of John Cook when Alan Paternoster came and assaulted him on 18 March 1296 at a cost of 40s.

John of Jarrow and Elena his wife were accused of taking the lord's corn and grass for 3 years.

Simon son of Simon of Heworth is enfeoffed by Ralph Fraunceys of Hedworth of 1 acre of land.

Inquisition that William Casse of Moorsley died seised of 1 toft and 2½ acres of land at Moorsley for 1d pa.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and right side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:57 [23] January - 5 March 1308

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts.

The second court is described as the prior's court held at Durham by Richard of Stanley sheriff of Durham. It is dated by the episcopal year, but the first court is dated by the year of grace.

Endorsed in a later hand as "Tempore antonii episcopi Dunelmi". The foot of the roll appears to have been cut off and is missing.

Inquisition that John son of Hugh of Hebburn died seised of 10 acres of land in Hebburn for 2s 6d pa, 40 acres of land in Hebburn for 4s 2½d, and a third of a weir on the River Tyne for ½d pa, all held of the prior of Durham. Services detailed. William his son is his heir and was of full age 2 years ago and all the land was the inheritance of his mother.

Inquisition that William son of John died seised of 1 toft and 3 acres of land and 3 rods in Wolviston and 1½ rods of meadow held of the prior of Durham for ½ mark pa. Services detailed.

Hugh of Ferryhill impeded Roger of Butterwick, the prior's bailiff, when he came to Ferryhill on 6 December 1307 to distrain him for certain debts and arrears of the prior of Durham at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:56 23 December 1309 - 20 January 1310

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

Both the head and the foot of the roll appear to have been cut off and are now missing. The courts however run consecutively so no complete court is missing. The roll does, unusually, start half-way down what is now the dorse.

Inquisition that John Wethirhird and John Bercar used to pay tolls and the prior [of Durham], Richard Ebny, Hugh Carnfax, Richard Schatelok, William of Preston, Alice the wife of Walter Carter and William Elot do not.

Robert of Hett, a suitor of the prior, says that Richard of Mainsforth unjustly carried off the mulct of a bovat at a cost of ½ mark.

Robert Miller, a suitor of the prior, says that Andrew of Ferryhill carried off mulct owing to Ferryhill mill at a cost of 20s.

John Hyne gave 2s for entering a toft, a garden and an acre of land from Fraunceys in the vill of Heworth.

William Colteman said that he was assaulted on 18 January 1310 at North Pittington by Henry of Hett, Adam Burgess, Utred Sclator and Alan of Hetton at a cost of 40s.

Inquisition that Adam de Sessinghop gave to the chaplain for celebrating in the chapel of St Andrew on the new (Elvet) bridge in Durham 6s rent from a tenement lying between the tenements of Andrew Burgeys and John the chaplain. And Nicholas son of Hugh gave to the same chaplain 2s rent from a tenement lying between the tenements of Nicholas Tabernar and John of Haswell. Both described as mortmain and escheated. With an attached list of jurors.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Loc.IV:49 20 June - 1 August 1312

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts.

"vj" on the foot of the dorse.

William Fat made homage for the tenement he holds of the prior in Burdon.

John son of Walter Punder made homage for his tenement in Wolviston.

Thomas son of William of Tudhoe accused Eustace Messor of insulting him on 28 April 1312 on Spennymoor moor.

Agnes daughter of John son of Richard of Wolviston made homage to the prior for 3 acres of land. Her sisters Matilda and Alice were summoned to show their tenancy but did not appear.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:63 27 February - 13 March 1313

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts.

The foot of the roll appears to have been cut off and is missing.

Inquisition that John del Haye is of full age on next 25 March and holds 2 parts of a messuage in which his father used to live and 20 acres of land paying 13s 4d pa to the prior of Durham, and he holds the third part of the messuage of the feoffment of John Schirelok paying him ½d and 3s to the prior of Durham. Services detailed. He holds of the prior in Wolviston 24 acres of land and ½ acre of meadow with a toft and croft, paying 6s 8d pa. Services detailed. He holds in Billingham a messuage and 48 acres of land paying to the prior of Durham 10s pa. Services detailed. He holds in Billingham of Emma Hynde 6 acres of land and a messuage paying to the prior 10d pa. Services detailed. Inquisition that William of Hebburn died seised of 40 acres of land in the vill of Hebburn held of the prior for 16d pa. Services detailed. He held 10 acres of the prior in parcanry for 2s pa. Thomas his son is his heir and is aged 21 years. He seeks seisin, relief 11s 8d.

Inquisition that Isolda Swan of South Pitlington died seised of 1 messuage and 4 acres of land which she held of the prior for 2s pa and that William her son is her heir, aged 21 and seeks seisin, relief 4s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:86 22 May - 3 July 1313

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

Samson Paytefyn of Newcastle had a horse value 16s distrained by Agnes wife of John Tinton of Newcastle.

Inquisition into Samson Paytefyn of Newcastle's claim of 18 marks from Agnes wife of John Tinton of Newcastle as per a bond drawn up in 1312, and also costs of 26s 8d. With an attached list of jurors.

Inquisition that Walter of Aycliffe died seised of 1 toft and 22 acres of land in the vill of Aycliffe paying to the prior 16d pa, valued at not more than 6s pa.

William his son is his heir.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:59 3 June - 9 September 1315

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

"iiij" at the left end of the foot, also "temporis Ricardi Kellaw".

Inquisition into the burglary by Hugh Talkan of Wolviston, William Body of Wolviston, and Agnes and Eleanor daughters of Hugh Talkan of the grange at Wolviston and other thefts.

Inquisition that Peter of Hedworth died seised of 1 messuage and 24 acres of land valued at 20s above his farm. William his son is his heir, is of full age and came to court to pay homage.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:62 30 September - 21 October 1315

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:50 4 November - 2 December 1315

Prior's Free Court Roll. 3 courts.

William Smith of Merrington was taken and imprisoned for stealing corn, oxen, cows, horses and others.

Adam de Merley farmer of Heworth manor impeded Adam Bet chaplain from having his common pasture at Haveracres.

Taken and imprisoned for various thefts: John de Brereton and his wife Emma, Thomas son of Roger servant of John de Brereton, John of Moorsley, John servant of John de Moorsley, Lawrence son of Ennuc, Gilbert de Nesbit and Alice his wife (stealing corn, bread and others), Margaret daughter of Hawis. Richard Ayre of Southwick was accused by the prior of taking a horse and a sack of corn from Brother Richard of School Aycliffe, master of the house of Wearmouth, going to the mill to mill his corn.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:39 16 December 1315 - 10 February 1316

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

"Third" at the left foot.

Robert Smith of Billingham in a case over the distraint of a horse against John Wetherhird of Billingham by testimony of the bailiff.

William vicar of Heighington sought 23s from William of Heighington and Stephen Sabyne, pledges of Walter farmer of Aycliffe.

Richard of Ferryhill was insulted in Ferryhill on 22 July 1288 by William Knyth of Ferryhill and Amya his servant at a cost of half a mark.

James Cook of Hebburn to recover 8d from John Forestar and John Willy of Hebburn for a certain tree lopped (*colp*) in his garden.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:202 23 February - 23 March 1316

Prior's Free Court Roll. 3 courts.

"iiij" at the right end of the foot.

William of Eden was taken and imprisoned for theft and burglary of the grange of Germanus of Norton and for stealing 1½ quarters of barley.

John of Newbottle acknowledges that he owes Peter Forestar 1 rase of wheat and 2 rases of barley.

Richard Marshall of Crossgate (the Old Borough), Roger of Hart of Crossgate (the Old Borough) and Cecilia Scaubys are accused by the farmer of Scaltok mill of carrying off mulct.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:205 6 April - 29 May 1316

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

"v" at the left end of the foot. Endorsed (later 14th cent) "1346 (cancelled) 1316 ?R Solasby".

Eleanor of Merrington acknowledges that she owes William Bruk 8s of silver for corn bought from him and she also owes him 2 quarters of barley, and 27s of silver to John Quaynt.

Richard Marshall, Roger of Hart and Cecilia called Scaubes took the mulct of 3 quarters of oats at a cost to the farmer of the mill of 10d.

William Corur and Denise his wife sought 2 quarters and 2 rases of barley bought from John of Newbottle.

Walter Hunter, Isabella his wife, John his son and Agnes his daughter were taken and imprisoned for sheep rustling.

Andrew Brenhand of Ferryhill acknowledges that he owes Peter Forestar of Merrington 1 rase and 3 kennings of barley and 20d of silver.

Simon Redworth sought 2 rases of barley from Hugh Knyth which his wife had bought from the said Andrew (*sic*).

Alice of Stanley acknowledges that she owes Leo of Claxton 20s of silver.

William Schort of Billingham made homage for land given by John son of Hugh Marshall of Wolviston.

William son of Gilbert of Bewley made homage for land given by Alice son of John son of Richard of Wolviston.

William son of Richard Stere of Wolviston made homage for 12 acres of land given him by his father.

Robert Smith of Billingham should recover from John Wetherhird of Billingham 12s of silver for corn carried off.

Hugh son of Gilbert of Bewley made homage for land given by John his brother and Walter Mus and the land of Robert Gretheved.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:58 15 June - 13 July 1316

Prior's Free Court Roll. 3 courts.

"vi" at the left end of the foot. Some cancellations.

Richard of Romaldkirk was taken and imprisoned for stealing oxen, cattle and others.

Isabella daughter of Eustace of Ferryhill made homage for 4 acres of land with which Roger her brother had enfeoffed her.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:37 [27 July] - 21 September 1316

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts. Some alterations.

Headed "? anni scripto sunt". Numbered "vij" at the left foot.

Richard son of William of Hett to show his charter for a certain parcel of land in Windleston (*Williston*).

Inquisition into the lands held by William of Heighington of Aycliffe at his death; he held 58 acres of land in Aycliffe, paying 3s for 22 acres, 8s for 12 acres, milling at the prior's mill for 12 acres for 13 measures (*vas*) and paying ½d for mill stones for 12 acres. He held of the prior by feoffment of Prior H (Henry of Lusby) 10 acres, service unknown, and 12 acres of land there, service unknown. His son John is his heir, aged 13 years.

John Cotherer of West Merrington and Roger Chekyn were taken and imprisoned for stealing a horse and other thefts.

Alice and Isabella daughters of Michael son of Peter are to recover a charter from Peter the clerk of Ferryhill.

Thomas Tuffan and William Punder recovered 12d from the prior's bailiff in Elvet.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:87 14 June - 20 October 1317

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts.

Endorsed (15th cent) "De diversis annis Iodowici" .

Robert Tinator [insulted] Henry of Hett in carrying out his office at a cost of ½ a mark.

... Alice Frewif of East Rainton made homage for all the land ... formerly held in the same town of which she was enfeoffed.

Goderic servant (*garcio*) of John de Haverington was taken at Wackerfield and was indicted for stealing 10 oxen from John son of Lawrence and William Carpenter.

Agnes who was the wife of Robert of Hett should recover from Geoffrey de Cattedon farmer of the prior's mill 1 ken of wheat price 19d and 2s for her costs.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:84 1 November 1317 - 7 February 1318

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts.

Endorsed (15th cent) "De diversis annis Iodowici".

William of Hebburn was denied his distrain of his farm of 4s from a certain tenement which he had bought from Thomas Scalter by John Goce who claimed that William had no right in it as he John had bought it beforehand from Th[omas Sclater] and his wife.

Roger de Halnton made homage for himself and his wife for [a messuage] and 3 bovates of land in Burdon with which he had been enfeoffed by Emma of Bur[don]. He agreed that Roger will hold the land for 40 days and will then enfeoff Emma with it for 15 years.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:36 15 February - 14 June 1318

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts.

The roll is headed "scriptus". Some alterations.

William of Chilton is to show his charter of feoffment for a messuage and 3 acres of land in Crossgate formerly of William of Newsham.

Andrew Brenhaud owes William Knyth 2 measures (*ras*) of barley to be paid at St Martin and 12d of silver to be paid after Pentecost.

William of Chilton made encroachment at Codesley.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:74 27 June - 19 September 1318

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts.

Richard of Ferryhill was distrained for a horse and an ox.

Thomas son of Ralph of Wearmouth, William his brother and Alice their sister took at farm from the prior and convent 7 acres of land for 16 years which Ralph of Wearmouth their father took at farm from Robert de Castro, annual rent of 12d per acre, pledges Henry son of Thomas and Cecilia his wife, in respect of whom the writings remain.

Robert son of Alice de Trihonton seeks 17s of silver from William Punder of Ferryhill for 2 oxen bought from him.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:3 9 December 1320 - 21 April 1321

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts. Pleas for debt and breaking of agreements or trespass.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:4 5 May - 24 November 1321

Prior's Free Court Roll. 15 courts.

John of Lumley paid homage for Preston manor which he had of the gift of Robert of Lumley.

Thomas of Monkton of Billingham was imprisoned for stealing a tunic in Billingham and selling it in Durham for 4s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:32 8 December 1321 - 16 February 1322
Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

John son of Amice of Burdon, farmer of the prior's mill in Burdon, against Henry del Chippis, Cecilia his wife and Ralph his son for insulting him on 17 October last and also for not bringing his corn to be milled at the mill in Burdon, Henry claiming that he had brought corn he had grown himself but that he did not have to bring corn he had bought in.

John son of Robert of Billingham acknowledges that he ought to pay Francis of Jarrow 13s 4d for his salary on 2 February.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:5 12 October 1322 - 15 March 1323
Prior's Free Court Roll. 12 courts.

"Capit cur' post fm' sci' michis'" at the head of the roll. Some amendments and sums in a different ink.

Hugh Knyth of Ferryhill surrendered a messuage and 20 acres, as contained in *Le Landbuk*; Hugh son of Hawis of Ferryhill took over the messuage and 20 acres.

William Qwytheved made homage for land he holds of the prior in West Rainton. Cristiana of Stanhope was imprisoned for burglary in the house of Agnes of Hett in Crossgate.

Richard de Dotland and William son of Julian of Gunnerton were imprisoned for losing the lord's cattle and sheep.

Henry Barker of Staindrop was imprisoned for losing corn.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:6 [11 October] 1323 - 8 May 1324
Prior's Free Court Roll. 16 courts.

William of Woodham made homage for [land held] of the prior in Alle (?).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:79 22 May - 14 August 1324

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. A number of the entries are described in the margin as gaol delivery. There are several instances of the scribe repeating words.

Endorsed "pro furno de Elvett".

Lawrence Fullo of Elvet was taken and imprisoned for stealing harvested sheaves in the field of Old Durham and elsewhere.

William Mores was taken and imprisoned for stealing 2 kennings of wheat in the church of Durham St Cuthbert (?) which had been in the chest of Hugh Grey.

William Ayredy was taken and imprisoned for stealing a stone and a half of wool from Elvet which was taken from next to the north gate.

Alan son of Hawise of Moorsley was taken and imprisoned for breaking into the grange of William of Wolviston in Moorsley and stealing harvested sheaves and plough-irons.

Walter son of Henry of Wallsend was taken and imprisoned for stealing 2 cows of William Chiry in the field of Walker.

Geoffrey de Pykdon and Eleanor his wife were taken and imprisoned for stealing 8 horses of Masters William of Whickham and Gilbert Gategang and selling them at Malton.

Richard Frankelayn was taken at Staindrop and imprisoned for stealing a P[] son of the widow of Cleatlam.

William of Rowley was adjourned to the next court for unjustly setting up a furnace.

Robert de Gilley was taken and imprisoned for stealing a cow of Henry Trower at Hoppyland and selling it to John de Mora.

John de Abbrewik was taken and imprisoned for stealing £17 from John Scalle and despoiling the goods of Guy del Ridding and other men ?working in the mines of Relley.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Upper part repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:81 28 August - 20 November 1324

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. Each court is headed as the court of the lord prior, but the fourth court is also headed as the chief court ("capit' cur") after Michaelmas for the year etc 24 [1324]. Some cancellations.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and foot repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:80 4 December 1324 - 5 February 1325

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts. Mostly lists of suitors and defaulters with some gaol delivery cases for the first court.

Geoffrey Pykdon was taken and imprisoned for raping (*rapuit*) Marieria the wife of John son of John Randolf by Brancepeth and feloniously carrying off goods and chattels to the value of 20s of the goods of the said John.

John son of Peter of Ingleton and Mariota his wife were taken and imprisoned for breaking into the house of John son of Alan of Ingleton and carrying off cloth (*pannos*) and other goods to the value of 20s.

Alan Pacok of Ingleton was taken and imprisoned for stealing a lead-weight of John Tailor (*Sutor*) of Ingleton which weighed 20 stones and he also stole harvested sheaves.

John of Wolviston is to show how he entered the lord's fee at Wolviston.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:7 [26 February] - 18 June 1325

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts.

Walter of Colchester acquitted of various thefts.

Copy letters patent of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham at Durham of 10 November 1319 [appointing Henry rector of St] Mary in the South Bailey and Gilbert Burhard [judges] in his secular court.

Copy grant by Thomas prior of Durham and the convent to William Stele of 2 bovates of land with a toft and croft in the vill of Ferryhill at 5s pa, customary services described (another copy in Reg.I f.i.24r, but with a higher rent).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:8 2 July - 10 September 1325

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

Thomas of Rainton carried off Henry of the Infirmary's grass (*herbam*) and hay to the value of 12d.

Robert of Coldingham used and limed the pasture of John son of Elias of Rainton to the value of 40d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:9 24 September - 31 December 1325

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts.

William of Billingham slandered Adam of Gilling.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:10 29 July - 23 September 1326

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

John de Elmedon distrained for the milling tithe from the prior's mill, likewise Roger of Butterwick.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:11 7 October - 16 December 1326

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

? of Auckland and Cecilia his wife [surrendered] their right to a messuage which [they held] in Auckland of the exchequer of the lord prior.

William of Offerton clerk made homage for a messuage and ½ an acre in Wolviston which he had of the gift of Walter former vicar of Billingham.

John Tid made homage for a toft and 9 acres of land in Bill[ingham] which he had of the said Walter.

William of Offerton and John his brother made homage for a messuage with 5 acres and 2 parts of an acre in Bill[ingham] which they had of the said Walter.

Adam of Gilling was accused of his dogs trampling the demesne corn and meadow.

Adam of Gilling called Peter of Ferryhill false and a perjurer when he was in an inquisition with other tenants of the prior.

Agreement between Thomas Corur and Richard Malbissun, John son of Robert, John son of Alan, and Richard of Merrington that if either side offends the other, they will pay the prior and convent 40s.

(Attached) inquisition into the prior's lands in Staindropshire and Joan de Abbewyk's holdings in Cleatlam.

Parchment roll 1 membrane, + 1 membrane attached

Loc.IV:12 30 December 1326 - 24 March 1327

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts ("ij" at the head of the roll).

Inquisition into Adam of Gilling taking from the demesne 4 quarters and 2 rases of wheat, 2 rases of dredge and 2 quarters of beans value 6s, and also defaming Peter of Ferryhill value 40d.

Pleading between Thomas de Hank and John son of Robert of East Merrington over sheep rustling, also Richard of Woodham.

William Lardener of Hebburn, William son of John of Hebburn, Nicholas son of James of Hebburn, Thomas son of William Mayressun, John of Moorsley, Thomas Brunyng, John Blak, Simon Forar of Hebburn, Robert Fabeo, John son of Walter and Hugh son of the reeve on 24 February 1327 (Tuesday in the feast of Carniprivium) attacked the prior's men at Hayning wood, pursued them to Wardley manor, and attacked the prior and monks staying there at a cost of £20.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:14 31 March - 30 June 1327

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts.

William son of William Mayr of Hebburn provides (*invenit*) Roger of Wearmouth and Richard Ayr of Southwick as his pledges to satisfy the lord prior of all the arrears and services for the land with which his father had enfeoffed him in his father's time.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Some parchment repairs to the edges c.1975

Loc.IV:13 14 July - 3 November 1327

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts.

Inquisition into William of Abberwick taking a loose horse of the bishop [of Durham] from a field at West Rainton and selling it to John de Hackeslane of Morton for 4s, likewise Robert son of Agnes.

List of gaol delivery jurors attached.

Parchment roll 1 membrane, + 1 membrane attached

Loc.IV:15 17 November 1327 - 22 March 1328

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts.

Inquisition into Juliana del Communhous wife of Edward del Fisshus breaking into the chest of John Ferur in his own house in the Bailey, Durham, and taking 20 marks of silver, 30 florins, 1 gold buckle (*firmaculum deaurum*) and other goods to the value of £40, and also breaking into the chest of John of Barnard Castle in the same house and taking 20 marks of silver.

William Pinar of the manor of East Rainton insulted Robert Carpenter of East Rainton in his own house at a cost of 100s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:18 11 July - 31 October 1329

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts. "j" at the head and foot (dorse) of the roll.

Gilbert Smith of Ferry had a quarter of wheat seized by William Tunnokman of Ferryhill and a quarter and a rase of wheat seized by John Wawayn.

Dispute between John Lukelyn serjeant of the prior's manor of Billingham and Adam of Gilling about ploughing at Billingham, involving arguments with forks and exchanges of words.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:17 14 - 28 November 1329

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts. "ij" at the head.

Richard Ayr of Southwick on 22 June 1329 insulted John son of Ralph of Southwick in Southwick and also hit him with a stone at the cost of 40s (cancelled and marked "vacat").

William Bullock of Southwick was removed from the court of the hall of Southwick to the free court to answer Richard Ayr of Southwick on 26 June 1329 that he trampled his corn at Southwick with his animals continuously up to Michaelmas at a cost of £10 (cancelled and marked "vacat").

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:16 [12] December 1329 - 6 March 1330

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. "iij" at the head of the roll. Endorsed (c.1500) "pro secta de Solasby".

Emery of Lumley, warden of Jarrow, sent his bailiff at Hebburn to distrain William son of John of Hebburn for various debts and services, the bailiff took a horse of William's from a meadow at Hebburn, and was leading it through Hebburn when William came out of his house with a sword and a bow and arrows and stopped the bailiff taking it to the fold at Jarrow.

Inquisition into Gilbert Derwent of Billingham and John Carter of Billingham [taking] 3 bushels of wheat in Billingham manor.

Hugh de Hildirton stole a mare of William Miller of ? and a plough of Walter son of Henry of Wallsend (entry cancelled).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:94 mid 14th century

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. A list of names paying standard [fines], mostly for default of suit of court. No title.

Endorsed (15th century) as being the names of free tenants.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:54 20 March - 29 May 1330

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts. "iiij" in the centre of the head, also (15th century hand) "Contra Johannem Hedworth in Southwyk" and endorsed (16th century hand) "De tempore Iodowici".

Letters of William [of Tanfield] prior of Durham at Durham 15 January 1313 giving to Margaret who was the wife of John of Southwick the marriage of Agnes and Alice the daughters and heiresses of the said John and also custody of the lands of the said John.

Inquisition that John of Southwick held a messuage and 100 acres of land paying 29s annual rent to the prior of Durham and suit of court every fortnight; the lands are worth above the farm 5 marks; Agnes and Alice daughters of the said John are his heirs and are aged 21 and 19 respectively; on 3 April 1330 they made homage in the prior's court for the said lands of which they have seisin from John de Hanlakby, the prior's steward.

(Attached) Hugh [] [was imprisoned] for stealing a mare worth 20s [] and also a whole plough with oxen.

Richard Hall of Wolviston has agreed that he will pay to John Barbur of the Infirmary 6 quarters of wheat, 3 quarters at Michaelmas 1330 and 3 quarters at Michaelmas 1331, and if he is in default the prior's bailiff can levy it from his own goods.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Reg.I, f.i.33v-34r.

Southwick inquisition copied

Loc.IV:19 12 June - 24 July 1330

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts. "v" on the right side of the head. Endorsed "pro secta de F de Solasby".

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:44 14 May - 17 September 1331

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. The foot of the roll is missing as part of the heading for a further court is cut through on the dorse. "Tertius" at the head of the roll.

William son of John assaulted Hugh son of the reeve at Plawsworth.

Inquisition before Adam of Bowes steward of Durham priory on 17 September 1331 saying that William Rowet and Alice his wife were seised of a messuage and 3 acres of land in Billingham held of the prior for 8d pa, and it pays 16d pa at Billingham mill and 8d pa for maintaining a light in Billingham church; they demised the estate to Walter vicar of Billingham for 3 years, their daughter Alice is their heir, aged 16.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:43 15 October 1331 - 21 January 1332

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts. "Primus" in the centre of the head.

Richard Agr threw stones on the demesne at a cost to the lord of 20s, and also removed soil from the demesne.

John of Thorpe and Eleanor his wife made homage for 3½ acres of land formerly of William Sabyne. Ralph of Ricknall holds 3 acres of the same land. William Mus son of Walter is aged 18 and [holds] 1 messuage and 3 acres of land paying rent of 9d pa; he has paid 4s for 4 years.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:20 3 February - 26 May 1332

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts. "ij" at the head of the roll. Endorsed "anno terciodecimo Lodowici".

Richard of Blakiston stole 17 ducks and a goose at Shincliffe and 26 woollen ?bags (*bages*) from the garden of Alexander Leicester at Elvet and also a tunic of Emma wife of William Ferur of Auckland.

Matilda wife of John son of Widon of Old Durham stole a chalice from the church of St Giles.

Geoffrey Marshall of Elvet harboured Thomas Hardymarchand, a common thief abjured at Darlington, for half a year, from whom he had 2 oxen price 20s which he slaughtered at his own house.

William Ward of Harton assaulted Bertrand of Heworth and stole 2s from him.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:48 9 June - 29 September 1332

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts. The roll is headed "ijj".

William Qwytheved made homage for land held of the priory in Moorsley (*Moreslawe*).

Peter Colier of Hett fined 6d for depasturing the hostiller's meadow at Tursdale. Margaret of Howden died seised of 6 burgages in Crossgate and Allergate paying rent to the prior and other officers of 2s 10d pa and they are worth beyond the farm 15s 2d pa and are held by homage.

Richard son of Gilbert Smoule of Middlestone (*midmeryngton*) a villein (*nativus*) of the prior surrendered a bondage which he held of the prior in Middlestone paying 10s *pro abbano* starting at next 11 November.

Gilbert of Stamford and Christiana his wife demised to William Gibbescosyn (elsewhere called nephew of Gilbert) of Wolviston 10 acres of land for 3 years with an agreement for the ploughing and sowing which William had not carried out in the first year at a cost of 100s.

Parchment roll 2 membrane

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Loc.IV:190 29 September 1332 - 29 September 1333

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing the fines from 25 courts, mainly for default of suit of court, also for gaol delivery, trespasses, agreements and debts.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:47 13 October 1332 - 5 January 1333

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts, the last one being titled "curie capitalis post festum natalis". The roll is titled "capitalis curie post festum sancte Michaelis". ".j." on the foot of the dorse.

Gilbert of Stamford and Christiana his wife should recover 13s 4d from William nephew of Gilbert for breaking an agreement about land which he took at farm.

The bailiff has distrained William Gibbescosyn (elsewhere described as nephew of Gilbert) of a cow price 10s against Cuthbert Wolliston chaplain and the same for his chattels to the value of 3s against John of Belasis.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:42 12 October 1333 - 29 March 1334

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts. m.1 is headed as "curia capital post festum sancti michaelis ..." and has the record of the pledges and defaulters for that court on the front with a list of fines from it on the dorse; m.2 has all the rest of the courts, front and dorse.

Endorsed (contemp) "nota contra Johannem Hetheworth".

Parchment roll 2 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:45 19 January - 27 April 1333

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts.

Thomas of Greatham unjustly detains 5 *estr'* of ?wild (*fere*) wheat of Richard of Bolam for 2½ years.

Thomas of Greatham acknowledges that he should pay 2 rases of wheat to Thomas Murrok within the next fortnight.

Henry of Hett is distrained a horse and a cow in a plea of debt with John Randolf of Aycliffe and John of Heighington.

John Rose of Southwick claims that Richard Ayr took vesture from his land for 18 years at a cost of 12 quarters of wheat and peas.

William of Rowley has paid 20d of his 40d to the prior of Durham.

Reginald of Wearmouth is accused of taking mulct from 12 acres of John of Hedworth's ?free (*fere*) land over 14 years at a cost of 10 marks.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Left edge repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:197 11 May - 31 August 1333

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts. Endorsed (c.1500) "pro molendino de Shaklok" and "pro Solasby". At the head is a (14th century) note that this proves that the tenants of Crossgate (Old Borough) have to mill at Scaltok mill. "ijj" at the right foot of the dorse.

Thomas of Woodifield acknowledged that he owed Gilbert Smith of Middlestone 4s 6d for barley bought from him.

W[illiam] Pennissun distrained a tunic price 2s in a plea of debt by Gilbert Smith, and later distrained a surcoat price 3s, (Gilbert described on this occasion as of East Merrington).

William Pennyssun of Merrington acknowledged that he owed Gilbert Smith of Merrington 5s 10d to be paid at St Peter *ad Vincula* and Michaelmas.

Inquisition into Scaltok mill: John of Barnard Castle holds it of the prior and convent of Durham for a certain monetary sum paid annually to the prior and convent; John met on a certain day in Crossgate 2 women carrying half of a quarter of flour milled other than at the mill where all the prior's tenants in Crossgate (Old Borough) ought to mill, and he took the flour, and Gilbert de Duxfeld came and made relief from the said John by taking the flour against his will at a cost to John of 10s.

William Makand of Hett and Idonia his wife accused John of Hett clerk of insulting Idonia on last 26 May at a cost of 20s, fined 6d.

A pleading (*loquela*) between Richard Ayr and the men of Southwick was adjourned to Friday next at the hall of Horton.

Edmund de Wederington is to appear at the next court to pay homage to the lord prior for the 50 acres of land which he holds in the vill of Follingsby (*Foletterby*) and to show the muniments and writings by which he entered the land.

Inquisition into William Scherewind of Horton arrested for stealing 10s of silver in Easington from Alexander son of Hugh of Easington.

William of Hett, Adam Wythman, Robert son of John, William of Tudhoe, William son of Richard, Richard son of the marshall, Henry Denny, William Makand and Robert Makand were accused by the bailiff of the hostiller of pasturing their animals in his meadow and trampling the hay there.

A pleading between the hostiller and the men of Hett was put off to the next court.

John of Farnacres did not come to deliver the gaol of William Schere and Wyud of Horton.

Robert Smith of East Rainton has become the pledge of Margaret widow of William farmer of East Rainton along with Thomas of Haswell, Robert de Scouland and Robert Selvan to answer to the lord for the stock of the said manor and to make everything as is contained in a writing between the lord prior and the same William made in the time of his taking over the said manor.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:196 14 - 28 September 1333

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts. Endorsed (c.1500) "pro Solasby".

Edmund de Wederington made homage to the lord prior for land which he claimed to hold of the prior in the vill of Follingsby (*Folectby*).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:164 29 September 1333 - 29 September 1334

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing the fines from 23 courts, mainly for default of suit of court, also for trespasses and agreements.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:23 12 April - 21 June 1334

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts. "ij" at the head.

William son of John of Hebburn may recover from John of Heworth of Jarrow 16 sheaves of wheat to be paid at next Michaelmas for the loss of his corn.

Thomas Pulter and Emma his wife took 2 capons and 2 hens at *Le Brome* from John de Aldewod.

William son of Thomas Cook paid homage for land which he holds of the prior and convent in East Merrington.

William Schrop of Shields owes 24s 6d to Richard de Milveton for staying with him for 21 weeks (*stetit ad mensam*), and he has also withheld 20s from their shared boat.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:29 29 June - 23 August 1334

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

William son of John of Hebburn is to recover 16 sheaves of wheat from John of Heworth of Jarrow at next Michaelmas.

Richard de Milneton is in dispute with William Schrop of Shields over a half share in a boat.

Thomas Pulter and Emma his wife stole 2 capons and 2 hens from John de Aldewod at *Le Brome*.

Hugh Wright of Wolviston for distraint recovered from William Archer, the prior's bailiff.

William son of Alan of Wolviston makes homage for 2 messuages and 18 acres of land at Nedelerland, Wolviston.

John de Pothowe makes homage for the land of his wife Joan, the heir of William Chapman.

John of Redworth of Burdon broke the assize of ale.

Peter Dryng owes suit for his mill.

John de Gildforth to show what services and works are due from his free tenement in East Rainton towards the prior's mill and pond there.

John of the North took a horse from the lord's fold (interlineated that he had died).

John of Hedworth of Southwick has died and the bailiff has seised his lands.

Parchment roll 6r each of 1 membrane

Loc.IV:52 5 July 1334 - 4 June 1337

Prior's Free Court Roll

r.1 7 courts 5 July to 27 September 1334. Endorsed (15th century) "anno primo Ricardi Bery" and at the head of the front "liberacio cuiusdam indictati ad curiam Prioris. Et comiss' ad recipiendum clericum ad carteres Episcopi".

r.2 9 courts 28 March to 18 July 1335. At the head of the front (16th century) "W de Offyngton de Wolviston".

r.3 10 courts 29 January to 4 June 1337. Endorsed (15th century) "de diversis annis Ricardi Bery" and various others badly rubbed, mentioning locello 4 and "prout ab 1311 ad 1422 & ultra".

r.1 Robert Smith of East Rainton was attached to answer the charge that he insulted and maltreated Robert Freeman of East Rainton on 26 June 1334 in the vill of East Rainton at a cost of 100s.

r.1 Inquisition that William de Schropp of Shields is owed 7s of silver by Richard de Milneton 7s for standing at his table (*ex eo quod stetit ad mensam*), and Richard has had half of a boat, and its profits, detained by William de Schropp for half a year at a cost to Richard of 5s.

r.1 Robert del Claye was taken in the lord prior's fee at Southwick, imprisoned and arraigned in the lord bishop's court for stealing 12 oxen at Consett, the prior's bailiff came and claimed the said Robert and he was arraigned in the prior's court. He claimed he was a cleric and did not have to answer in a secular court, Adam de Hosposcock dean of Durham came with the authority of the bishop which he showed by letters of Bishop Richard [de Bury] to him of 1 March 1334 at York authorising him to claim criminous clerks from any secular court in the diocese [of Durham].

r.1 William of Hett was accused of pasturing [his animals] on the herbage and meadows of the hostiller.

r.1d Gilbert son of the farmer of Aycliffe is accused on behalf of the prior of striking the prior's reap-reeve (*messor*) when carrying out his office.

r.2 John Shepherd (*Schiphird*) living at Follingsby (*Folectebey*) was indicted before John of Durham, coroner of the lord bishop's ward of Chester, for stealing 6 sheep at *Le Dernecruk* from Richard of Sleekburn and also 6 sheep at Farnacres from Alan of Sleekburn; he is a common horse thief and sheep thief. The prior's bailiff came and took him away to be arraigned in the prior's court.

r.2 Robert Gyk, Thomas Lyttist, John Alman, William of Cornsay, Alexander Littist, Reginald of Haswell and Thomas Bell were distrained an *oll* each for not presenting their measuring devices (*mensur*).

r.2d William son of Eustace of Renigill came and made homage for [land] in Aycliffe and Ferryhill held of the lord prior.

r.2d John of the Infirmary claimed 10s of silver had been unjustly detained by John del Haye at a cost to him of 12d.

r.2d Hugh son of the reeve of Monkton was distrained a surcoat [] land of John of Bywell.

r.2d John Potter claimed he took nothing from Robert of Middleham hostiller of the house of Durham.

r.2d Inquisition into the dogs of Roger of York strangling 10 sheep of John son of Robert of East Merrington at a cost to John of 16s.

r.2d Thomas del Buskes made homage for tenements and land which he claimed he held of the prior and convent [of Durham] in East Rainton.

r.3 John Tunnok was indicted before the sheriff and coroner for stealing 3 tanned skins (*cor' tannata*) from Robert de Gretwyche's tannery in Saddlergate in Durham, 2 tanned skins from the tannery of William del Somerhouses his father in South Street in Durham and a rase of barley from Thomas Bell's kiln in Durham. He was claimed by the bailiff of the prior and arraigned in the prior's court.

r.3 Thomas Freeman of Middridge sold to John of Merrington on 9 August 1335 a horse for 27s 8d, assuring him it was good and true and without defects, but it was not at a cost of 40s.

r.3 Inquisition held in the full court of the prior of Durham on 12 March 1337 before Walter of Scarisbrick terrar of the house of Durham says that Margaret Wall died seised of a tenement in Crossgate (Old Borough), Durham, held of the prior in chief by service of 6d and [appearing] every 3 weeks at the prior's court in the same borough, value pa of 2s, Walter son of William Forsterknaven son of William Forsterre her ?uncle (*adiunculi*) is her nearest heir, aged 22 and more.

r.3d Eva wife of Robert Beaumont with her husband stole at Bi[llingham] a mare and a foal.

Parchment roll 3 rolls each of 1 membrane, the rotuli are not attached

Loc.IV:22 [11 October] 1334 - 14 February 1335

Prior's Free Court Roll. Around 10 courts.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:21 28 February - 14 March 1335

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Sides and head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:24 1 August - 26 September 1335

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

Beatrice del Clay was accused by John Bewpeync and Alice his wife of entering John's house, insulting them and stealing bread at a cost of 6s 8d.

William of Tudhoe, William son of Richard, Henry Denny, William Makand, Robert Makand, Robert son of John, Richard Marshall, Thomas Daynell, and Walter de Cowesby of Hett were accused by William of Walworth, the prior's steward, of pasturing their animals on the demesne pasture of John Fossor, the chamberlain, for two years at a cost to the chamberlain of 40s.

John son of Agnes of West Rainton accused William son of Robert de Scouland of, on 6 August last, insulting John in East Rainton against the peace at a cost to John of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD 1.5.Pont.12: a roll of extracts for the courts of the year 1335-1336.

Loc.IV:69 [8 October] 1336 - 14 January 1337

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts. "j" at the centre head of the roll.

John son of Bernard of Thrislington, through his attorney Gilbert de Mora, said that Thomas of Woodifield sold him wine with a false measure and not marked for a year and a half at a cost of 20s.

Thomas of Eryholme made homage for land which he holds for life in Wolviston, enfeoffed by Master Richard of Eryholme.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD 1.5.Pont.No.12: A roll of extracts for the courts of the year 1335-1336

Loc.IV:203 17 June - 14 October 1337

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts. The 9th court is titled as the court of the lord prior "videlicet capital' cur'" after Michaelmas. Only the heading survives for the last court; it and the previous one are cancelled as they were entered on the head of Loc.IV:2. Endorsed (contemporary) "extract fuit".

m.1 John Fayrey in dispute with Robert Rose over the relief of a horse taken for a debt.

m.1 William of Barrow was taken at Fordhouses next to Finchale for the theft and robbery in the park of Frankland of silver and clothes.

m.2 The lands of William son of Thomas of Merrington were taken into the lord prior's hand since they had been alienated without licence.

Parchment roll 2 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:234 26 August 1337 - 30 June 1338

Prior's Free Court Extracts Roll. Extracts of 3 courts of later 1337 (feast day lost), 30 June 1338 and 26 August 1337. Mid 14th century with several later additions. Endorsed (15th century) as being men of Elvet pleaded from the prior's court to the bishop's.

John Horn burgled the house of William of Stanhope in Elvet in Durham on 27 May 1337 and stole a sword price 2s which was that of Robert son of Alexander of Stanhope and 2 items price 12d which were those of the said William, and money and various other goods; he claimed he was a cleric but he was still convicted by the inquisition and put in the bishop's gaol as he was a cleric. John Buseld was taken in South Street [Durham] in the prior's fee for stealing a horse of John Goce.

William of Barrow was taken at Fordhouses next to Finchale for the theft and robbery in the park of Frankland of silver and clothes.

Hugh Talkan of Westoe, William Bodi of Westoe, and Agnes and Eleanor daughters of Hugh Talkan were taken and imprisoned for burglary at the grange in Westoe.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:2 [7 October 1337] - 22 September 1338

Prior's Free Court Roll. 26 courts. For a complete record of the first court, see Loc.IV:203 m.2 below.

Inquisition into William of Ryton of Willington being assaulted by John son of Euune of Willington at Willington (jurors attached).

Inquisition into William de Kirk, keeper of the prior's pound at Billingham being assaulted by Alan Bishop of Billingham despoiling the prior's pasture at the West Meadow in Billingham as the hedges had not been maintained (jurors attached).

Inquisition into an assault by William Frere and Reginald Gilbesman *ferrant* of Shincliffe on John son of Gilbert Ward of Shincliffe with swords, bucklers and staves.

John Nouthird was assaulted by John Potter, Sybil his wife and Nicholas his servant in Durham.

Memorandum of a dispute between the prior and convent of Durham and William of Hett son of Richard of Mainsforth over Hett mill and pond: William would do the things prescribed in the charter of his ancestors, including grinding corn at the mill up to 12 *vas* except for the corn grown on the 46 acres and 3 rods of his demesne, repairing the mill pond, carting grind stones and timber for the repair of the mill and providing straw for the roof from all the bovates known as *wereland*.

Inquisition into Nicholas of Lamesley and Alice his wife being assaulted in Elvet by John Alman, Rose his wife and Elena his daughter; Joan maid of Nicholas Lamesley also assaulted there by them was attached.

John Horne burgled William of Stanhope's house at Elvet and stole a sword of Robert son of Alexander of Stanhope, a hanging (*tapetum*) and a linen sheet (*lintheamen*).

Thomas son of Robert Ferrou of Kirk Merrington was assaulted by Thomas son of John son of Robert of Kirk Merrington.

John de Byfeld stole a horse of John Goce in South Street [Durham].

John son of John of Howden stole money, a hood and a knife in Crossgate (Old Borough), Durham.

Parchment roll 7 membrane + 3 attached schedules each of 1 membrane

Loc.IV:1 6 October 1338 - 21 September 1339

Prior's Free Court Roll. 26 courts.

John Potter took building materials from the terrar's house in South Street [Durham].

Inquisition into the lands and heir of Henry del Chippes of Burdon.

Parchment roll 5m

Loc.IV:53 5 October 1339 - 25 July 1340

Prior's Free Court Roll. 22 courts. The first court is titled "Capital' cur' domini prioris dunelm".

m.1 John Barchew unjustly detained 32s for certain tithes from Richard son of Gilbert, William of Monkton, Clavis of Wallsend, William Bolt, Patrick Yoreward, Thomas Padre and John of Hebburn (attorney John Hawe).

m.1 John Barchew unjustly detained 9s for a ?shipboom from Robert Mastillon.

m.1 Christiana daughter of Thomas Cook of Merrington against Lawrence son of Perciose in a plea of trespass; Lawrence has nothing by which he can be attached, but since he is staying in the house of Thomas vicar of Merrington, the vicar is attached to produce him at the next court.

m.1 William of Chilton and Emma of Hart acknowledge that they ought to mill at the prior's mill of Scaltok.

m.3 John son of Gilbert of Wolviston owes John Tydde of Billingham 20s for a horse sold to him at a cost to John Tydde of ½ mark.

m.3 William Taylor of Kirk Merrington on 3 October 1339 assaulted Alice wife of Thomas Currou at Kirk Merrington at a cost to Alice and Thomas of £20.

m.3 Thomas Godybour of Gateshead has a plea of debt against Robert Kilpyn who has not appeared. It is testified in court by John Russell the prior's bailiff at Ferryhill that he ordered John son of Simon Gabriel reeve of Ferryhill to seize goods of Robert so that he would answer Thomas's plea, and so John seized goods of Robert to the value of 50s from the house of Thomas of Woodfield of Ferryhill, that is a horse and a load (*lad*) of salmon.

m.3 Thomas Ulkill of West Rainton owes 3s 6d to William son of Ivette of West Rainton for a pledge of William of Southwick.

m.4 John Russell owes John Hawe 5 quarters of barley for a pledge of Stephen Miller.

m.4 Adam Mason (*Mayessone*) of Crossgate (Old Borough) has carried off mulct from John Alman farmer of Scaltok mill.

m.4 Inquisition that William son of Margery of Wearmouth died seised of a messuage and 24 acres of land and meadow in Jarrow held of the prior by service of 3s pa and working at milling along with 4 acres of land in Hebburn, John his son is his heir and is aged 5.

m.4 John Watson owes Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill 2s 2d.

m.4 Robert Perotsone of Middlestone owes Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill 2s 9d.

m.4 Adam Wytchemun owes Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill 12d.

m.5 Hugh Smith of Ferryhill owes Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill 3s of silver and a quarter of wheat.

m.5 William farmer of the manor of East Rainton owes William son of Ivette of West Rainton 9d of silver and ½ quarter of wheat.

m.5 Stephen Miller of Ferryhill owes Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill 4s 2d of silver.

m.5 Stephen Miller of Ferryhill struck Gilbert Smith of Ferryhill at Ferryhill in contempt of the lord prior.

m.5 William of Coldingham of East Rainton was attached for breaking a fold.

m.5 Juliana who was the wife of Robert of Coldingham was attached for breaking friths (*frithes fractis*).

Parchment roll 5m

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:30 17 October - 12 December 1340
Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

Andrew of Winyard is owed 2 quarters of wheat and 4[s] of silver by John del Hay and John of Belasis and 6s of silver by Thomas of Greatham.

John son of Robert of Merrington was assaulted by William son of John son of Emma at East Merrington on last 16 September at a cost of £20.

Parchment roll 2 membranes
Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:199 9 January - 1 May 1341
Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts. The first court is head "Cur capital domini prioris Dunelm". There are no courts recorded between 6 February and 3 April. The last court has only a heading and there may have been a further membrane(s) originally attached at the foot.

Endorsed (contemporary) "pro From".

Ivette de Manfield was indicted for stealing by night from the treasury ("bursa") of William Standupright of Aycliffe at various times 10s and from his barn at various times 2 quarters of barley around Christmas 1336.

Parchment roll 1 membrane
Repaired with parchment on the right side c.1975

Loc.IV:25 [30 October] - 27 November 1341
Prior's Free Court Roll. 3 courts.
Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Loc.IV:35 19 March - 14 May 1342
Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts, though only the heading remains for the last court and the rest of the roll has been cut off.

Thomas of Woodfield of Ferryhill is to answer John [Fossor] prior of Durham for diverting an underground watercourse so that a coal mine was flooded at Ferryhill halting production at a cost to the prior of £100.

Inquisition into the lands John Herring held of the prior, being 1 messuage and 32 acres in Westoe by the service of 16s pa, Emeric Herring aged 21 or more being his heir.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:33 23 July - 17 September 1342
Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts. Note on the dorse that the men of ELvet plead in the free court of the prior.

William son of John of Billingham, John de la Haye of Wolviston and Cuthbert Stere had pastured their draught animals in the corn and meadows of the prior at Billingham, Bewley and Belasis at various times at a cost of 100s.

John of Billingham was owed 30s by John son of Gilbert of Wolviston for a horse bought from him which should have been paid on 29 September 1323 at a cost now of 20s, and he has a bond to prove it.

Walter de Scoresburgh of Wolviston, John of Newton of Wolviston and Robert of Kent of Wolviston took corn from the land of John del Haye which had been in the seisin of the prior as John's farm.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:38 1 - 29 October 1342

Prior's Free Court Roll. 3 courts.

Thomas of Elvet and John of Birchover communars of the house of Durham say that William of Hett, Robert Brand, Richard Fayrbarne, Richard son of the marshall, Thomas Daliell, John Clerk, William Brown, Peter Colyer, and Adam Hynd broke the ditches of Hett wood and over time felled and carried off oaks, allowed their pigs to feed in the woods and mined the prior's coal at Hett at a cost to the prior of £20.

William son of Richard of Coxhoe demised to Hugh son of Hawys of Ferryhill a toft and 20 acres of land in Ferryhill for 3 years at 20s pa but then William ejected Hugh and demised it to Alan of Chilton at a cost to Hugh of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:51 4 March - 15 April 1343

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts. A symbol at the left side of the foot (? "quartus").

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Head and sides repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:153 6 December 1345 - 31 January 1346

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts. Defaulting suitors written in a different hand, some interlineation and only 2 courts recorded, possibly a draft. "In tergo" at the foot (though courts are only recorded on the front).

Endorsed (15th century) "pro seta Johanni Hedeworth Freman".

Maurice of Galway and Agnes Brown had been indicted before William of Mordon sheriff of Durham for stealing in the field of Kirk Merrington on 24 December 1345 7 sheep price 7s, 2 being of William Kay and the others of John son of Robert, Peter Smith and Hugh of Ferryhill, and they are also thieves of geese and hens. They were taken at Kirk Merrington in the prior's fee and so their case has been transferred to the prior's court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:60 18 July 1346 - 13 January 1349

Prior's Court Gaol Delivery Roll

Endorsed (15th century) as being for various years of Lord Thomas Hatfield.

18 July 1346. John Alman of Elvet was indicted before the sheriff for taking hay at Houghall, filling 2 carts price 40s from the prior of Durham around 1 August 1325.

27 February 1347. John Aycliffe, Alan his son and Eda his daughter were indicted before the sheriff for furtively taking a yoke ox (*bovem iugrum*) price 16s from Richard son of Gilbert of Durham at Relley Hall on 9 November 1346. Walter Durand of Blakiston was imprisoned for stealing by night a bushel of peas from the grange of Roger of Blakiston at Blakiston on 27 January 1347.

10 April 1347 (actually dated Tuesday after *Claus Pasch* 1346 but it must be 1347 from the dates of the cases and the date of the previous court). William Smith of Great Lumley and Adam his son were indicted before the sheriff for stealing at Great Lumley 20 geese and 40 hens price 6s 8d from Roger Kellawinwi and other neighbours in the same vill around 18 October 1346. They were also indicted for burgling the house of Robert Ayre at Lumley and taking a ewer price 6d and 2 ?stone vats (*petras plumb*) price 6d also around 18 October 1346. They were captured at Ferryhill.

18 December 1347. Custanica daughter of Alan son of Eda of Shields was indicted before the sheriff for stealing at Shields 5s in money from William son of Eda around 24 June 1347.

15 January 1348. John of Sadberge was indicted for breaking into the house of Matilda Curtyn of Durham by night and carrying off kerchiefs (*flammeola*), towels (*manitargia*), cendal (*sindalum*) and other merchandise to the value of 40s within the borough of Durham on 21 July 1342. He was captured in Elvet and is resident there.

13 January 1349. John Smith of Monkton was indicted for burgling the house of William Marson of Hebburn at Hebburn and for taking 2½ bushels and a peck of wheat price 2s and a sack price 6d on 7 December 1348.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired along the foot, head and right side with parchment c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg.I, f.ii.67v-69r.

Loc.IV:170 13 February - 25 September 1347

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing the fines from 17 courts, mainly for default of suit of court, also for trespasses and agreements.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:77 [9 October] 1347 - 25 March 1348

Prior's Free Court Roll. 13 courts. The 1 January 1348 court is headed "Cur' capital' domini prioris".

m.1 Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth was attached for an encroachment made at Wearmouth.

m.2 William Wakster on 30 September 1347 assaulted Alan Sklater of Esh at Elvet at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 3 membranes

Head and left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:72 18 December 1347

Prior's Free Court Roll. 1 court. The 2 Elvet bakery entries have been marked (15th century) as "pro furno de Elvett". This contains additional information to that for the same court in Loc.IV:77.

John of Framlington of Elvet baker is prohibited ... within his tenement on penalty of 20s since by this he withdraws his suit from the prior's bakery in contempt of the prior and to the great loss of the farmers of the prior's bakery. John son of Richard son of Mabil several times drove his animals - horses, oxen and sheep - from Windleston to Merrington and trespassed on and trampled the corn and meadows of the prior making a path where he ought not to.

Hugh of Ferryhill is to answer for encroachment made in the field of West Merrington at various times to a length of 100 feet, that is for throwing up banks (*fodiendo curbas*) in the lord's waste in repairing his ditching and making meadow from fallow.

Robert Vaux of Billingham is to answer for encroachment made before his door (*ante hostium*).

John of Hedworth farmer of Southwick mill says that Reginald of Wearmouth has carried off mulct from 12 acres of land of Robert de Castro now for 27 years at a cost of 20 marks, and Richard Ayre of Southwick has carried of his mulct now for 3 years at a cost of 10s.

Reginald Forester farmer of the prior's bakery in Elvet says that Simon Alman bakes *metbred* and *chepbred* himself in contempt of the prior and at a cost to Reginald of ½ mark, with an attached list of inquisition jurors.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:78 8 April - 23 September 1348

Prior's Free Court Roll. 13 courts. A "Capital' cur" was held on 22 April.

m.1 William son of John Miller of Billingham was attached for carrying off timber from a place of the prior in Billingham to his own tenement in Billingham at a cost to the prior of 10s.

m.1 Hugh Smith of Ferry was attached for day and night at various times fishing in the prior's fishpond (*vivar'*) at Ferryhill to the great cost of the lord.

m.2 Writ from Bishop Thomas [Hatfield] to Prior John [Fossor] of 20 May 1348 in favour of Geoffrey Hunter about 22 acres of land at Wolviston of which John del Hay 9 acres, William del Hay and Agnes his wife 9 acres and Cecilia Lam 4 acres had deforced him.

m.2 John Framlington was attached for an iron ?fireplace (*caminum*) price 12d.

m.3 John Webster of West Merrington was attached for lopping an ash tree growing in the lord's waste.

m.3 Alan Bishop and Robert Vaux of Billingham were attached for an encroachment at Flagden.

m.3 John Grys of Cowpen junior was attached for distraint made of the reap-reeve.

m.3 Hugh of Ferryhill was attached for encroaching on the prior's selion/ploughland in various places to a length of 80 feet, and also for agisting alien animals on the lord's pasture and for severally depasturing the lord's pasture at a cost to the lord of 20 marks.

m.3 The prior says that John of Framlington has a common bakery in Elvet Borough within the fee and lordship of the prior and by taking a toll he gains a profit which should accrue to the prior at a cost to the prior of 10 marks.

m.4 John of Sadberge of Wolviston says that Geoffrey Hunter of Wolviston on 20 August 1348 assaulted John in his own house in Wolviston at a cost to John of 100s.

m.5 Under 23 September 1348 is an entry that the lord bishop ordered a writ in these words followed by a blank section of parchment.

m.5 William del Hay brought a writ against Joanna who was the wife of Walter Hunter about a messuage and 4 acres of land in Wolviston.

Parchment roll 5mm

Head and sides repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:65 7 October 1348 - 2 June 1349

Prior's Free Court Roll. 18 courts. "Capital' cur" are held on 7 October 1348, 30 December 1348 and 21 April 1349. Some interlineations and cancellations.

m.3 An inquisition says that Thomas of Morpeth vicar of the church of Merrington depastured and trampled the corn and meadows of John son of Alan of Merrington with his horses and oxen at a cost of 40d in one suit and at a cost of 40d in another suit. John also claimed Thomas had not paid him 39s 11d for breaking a bond in 40s not to trespass drawn up on 5 August 1347 by trampling with his horses, oxen and sheep on 21 April 1348 John's wheat, barley, peas and oats at Merrington, and he further claimed 40s damages for the breaking of the bond.

m.4 Thomas son of John son of Robert on 31 October 1348 assaulted Peter Smith at Merrington and also threw stones at his doors and windows at a cost of 40s.

m.4 When William Cursor of the lord's exchequer came to Merrington on 28 November 1348 to distrain Hugh of Ferryhill, Hugh made recovery from William in contempt of the lord prior.

m.5 William de Huton handed over to John of Chilton of Elvet a piece of wool cloth for fulling for the use of William but John discoloured it at a cost to William of 40d.

m.5 William son of William Lardener has not made suit for his father's land in Hebburn whereof his father has enfeoffed him.

m.5 William son of John of Hebburn enfeoffed John son of William Mayr of his land in Hebburn and John needs to make homage to the prior.

m.5 William son of Margery held in Jarrow (interlineated above "Hebburn" cancelled) 22 acres of land which were seised into the lord's hands and which John of Hedworth now holds and has now to show the prior's coroner why they should not be resealed. He also has to show why a messuage and 4 acres of land in Monkton of which Robert son of Reginald died seised should not be resealed.

m.5 John Ster of Wolviston claims to hold from Thomas Roter 12 acres of land in Wolviston.

m.2d John son of Alan of Merrington, Hugh of Ferryhill and Christiana Coke are attached for encroachments made at Crossthorngate.

m.3d Juliana of Coldingham of East Rainton was questioned about making a way beyond the lands of her neighbours.

m.3d The heir of John Jackson of Hebburn is to show the service by which he holds the lands he has of the inheritance of his wife.

m.5d Writ of Bishop Thomas [Hatfield] to Prior John [Fossor] of 28 April 1349 to restore to William del Hay 2 messuages in Wolviston which Joan Hunter and John Hunter have deforced him of.

m.5d Writ of Bishop Thomas [Hatfield] to Prior John [Fossor] of 28 March 1349 to give dower to Margery who was the wife of Robert Warde of Shincliffe of a third part of 16 acres of land in Shincliffe.

m.5d William son of John Miller of Billingham was arraigned for making recovery of John Bill bailiff of the lord prior.

Parchment roll 5m

Head and sides repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:228 2 June 1349

Prior's Free Court Suitors List. Recording those owing suit every fortnight and 3 times a year.

"Nomina sectatorum libere Curie Prioris de quindena in quindenam ad Curiam tentam die Martis post festum Sancte Petronille virginis [2 June] anno (domini) xlixno ... Sectatores ter in anno ...". 35 names in the first section and 10 in the second. Almost every name in the first section is followed by a row of up to about 10 added marks, either a dot or +, which presumably indicate whether or not a tenant attended; the increasing prevalence of + marks towards the end of each row probably shows that + refers to non-attendance, coinciding with the arrival of the Black Death in Durham. Notes of fines are added against some entries.

Marmaduke of Lomley & Ralph Bulmer *miles*, William Tailleboys *Miles*, Thomas of Whitworth, Beatrix of Skerningham, Alice relict of Roger of Fery, Peter Clericus of Fery, William son of Peter Clerici, Hugh son of Hauwys of Fery, Hered Richard son of Mabilla, John son of Alan of Merrington, Christiana daughter of Thomas Cocus, Thomas of Nesbitt, Hugh of Fery, Roger son of Walter of Bishopton, Stephen Barker, Gilbert of Wodom chaplain, William de Renegill, William of Hett, Roger of Blakeston, William of Billingham, John of Bellasis, Richard de Ask, Joanna of Etton, John del Hay, John de Hetheworth, William Mayre of Hebburn, William Lardener, Richard Ayre of Southwick, Reginald of Wearmouth, Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth, John son of William of Hilton, Heredes John of Farnacres, John son of Thomas of Rainton, Thomas Othebuskes

Ter in anno

William of Masham, Thomas of Greatham, William Otheholm, John son of Gilbert of Bewley, Simon son of Rauli, John Ayre, Robert son of Robert Lucas, Heredes Hugh son of Gilbert, Robert Vaux & Alan Bishop, John Tydd.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Small parchment repairs c.1975

Loc.IV:28 16 June - 25 August 1349

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

William del Hay against Joan Hunter for 2 messuages in Wolviston (badly stained).

John Marmaduke farmer of Southwick mill accuses Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth of obstructing the mill.

William of Masham and Thomas del Busbes are to answer about encroachments at Yarestreet.

Hugh Baxter of Wolviston against John Belasis of Wolviston for unjustly detaining 2 quarters of wheat and 7s, as Hugh on 3 August at Wolviston bought from John 2 quarters of wheat and on the same day he sold to John a mare for the said 7s, which wheat and money John would give him at Christmas which he has not done, at a cost to Hugh of 10s.

Parchment roll, 2m

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:144 6 October 1349 - 10 August 1350

Prior's Free Court Roll. 22 courts. "Capital' cur" were held on 6 October 1349, 29 December 1349 and 6 April 1350. The courts are now described as being held at Durham.

m.1 Thomas of Morpeth vicar of the church of Merrington is accused of trampling the prior's corn with his animals at various times at a cost of 100s. The jurors say that Thomas trespassed 12 times in the wheat, 32 times in the oats, twice in the peas and caused 2s of damage to the lord's hedges and by breaking ditches.

m.1d William de Bakworth against William of Hylton and Katherine his wife executors of the will of Geoffrey Hunter in a plea of debt.

m.1d John son of Thomas of Rainton took a bowl and a tripod price 40d from Adam Seriaunt of Ferryhill.

m.1d Avota who was the wife and executrix of the will of John son of Ralph of Aycliffe, together with John, agreed on 26 June 1340 at Durham to pay Thomas Currou 11 marks of silver on the next 4 September and 11 November and, despite repeated requests, he has still not received satisfaction at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 3 membranes

m.3 repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:85 10 August - 21 September 1350

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts.

John Littlefair says that Adam Jonesmaniopson of Newton unjustly detains a horse of his price 8s which he handed over to Adam at Norton on 12 July 1349 for 3s in which he was held to Adam on condition that if John should recover from a certain infirmity which was afflicting him he should recover the horse and that if he died Adam would keep the horse for the said debt and that John did recover and had often requested that Adam should return the horse which he had not done at a cost to John of 2s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Edges repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:175 29 September 1350 - 29 September 1351

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing the fines from 26 courts, mainly for default of suit of court, also for trespasses, agreements, debts and other cases. 3 courts in November have been added on another roll.

Parchment roll 2 rolls of 3 membranes and 1 membrane respectively

Loc.IV:26 [5 October] 1350 - 25 April 1351
Prior's Free Court Roll. 15 courts.

John Menevill accused William of Plumpton kt, William of Silksworth, Thomas Shepherd (*Schiphirde*) of Silksworth, John Wake, and John Gering of, on 26 July 1347, taking away his animals, corn and herbage from his field at Silksworth, and at various other times for the next year, at a cost to John of 100s.

John son of Peter the clerk of Ferryhill accuses Thomas son of John son of Robert of Merrington of detaining 10s for a good iron-tyred cart bought from Agnes wife of John which has thereby deteriorated at a cost of ½ mark, similarly for 3 *linthamina*, 2 blankets, 1 shalloon, 1 tripod, 1 pair of plough irons, 2 great barrels, 1 iron barrel and all the equipment for 2 cart-horses costing 10s at a cost of ½ mark.

William Mayr of Hebburn with his servants cut withies and *arkenspyrs* at Haining and took them off to Hebburn at a cost to the prior of 20s.

Inquisition into William Gynour selling a bullock against the will of the lord and unjustly keeping the money.

Parchment roll 4m

Head and sides repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:29 3 May - 23 August 1351
Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts.

William Mayrson of Hebburn on 21 June 1350 took 2 horses of Thomas Willy at Hebburn, value 40s, and worked them for 3 days and more so that they died, at a cost of 60s.

Lawrence Port to answer Peter Luband for insulting him in Elvet on 11 July 1350 at a cost of 20s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:83 4 October 1351 - 6 March 1352

Prior's Free Court Roll. 12 courts. Described at the head (contemporary) as for the bakery and the mill.

John Kitson skinner was attached to answer the prior for not baking his bread in the prior's common bakery in Elvet as all the inhabitants of the streets of Old Elvet and New Elvet had been supposed to do since time immemorial at a cost to the prior of 100s.

John of Hart was attached to answer Robert of Ellingham farmer of Scaltok mill for not milling at Scaltok mill as all residents of Crossgate (Old Borough) of Durham had been supposed to do from time immemorial at a cost to the farmer of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:66 26 June - 4 September 1352

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being for the suit of Scaltok mill and on the front as for the mill.

William of Shadforth and Alice his wife have to answer the prior that when John del Hay distrained sheaves of wheat, barley and oats of the same Alice at Wolviston on account of damages made by Alice in various lands and tenements which she held of the prior's fee in Wolviston, William and Alice carried off these sheaves at a cost to the prior of 100s.

John of Hart has to answer Robert of Ellingham farmer of Scaltok mill for not milling at Scaltok mill as residents of Crossgate (Old Borough) ought to at a cost to the farmer of 20s.

William de Harelme has to answer Robert of Ellingham farmer of Scaltok mill as William and all others residing in Crossgate (Old Borough) of Durham ought to mill all manner of corn within the borough at the said mill or to hand over some of the mulct as by ancient custom, the same William has not done so for 6 quarters of wheat, 2 quarters of silage and 20 quarters of malt at a cost to the farmer of 10s.

Richard the farmer of Aycliffe, Thomas of Stainton, William Rose and Thomas Becce servants of Richard the farmer, Gilbert Randolph, John le Webster of Aycliffe, Thomas Perkynson, William son of Henry of Yolton, Richard Lofe Shepherd and Christiana his wife have to answer the prior for trespass as John del Hay says that John de Marten reeve of Ketton manor and William Forester of Aycliffe were impeded at Aycliffe on 17 August from recovering from the lands and tenements of the said Richard *et al* at Aycliffe at a cost to the prior of £20.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:107 18 September 1352

Prior's Free Court Roll. 1 court.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being "libere curie".

Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth has to answer the prior for taking corn on [15 July] 1352 to the value of 40s from the land of the late William Yole's heir as the land was in the lord's hand because of the heir's minority at a cost to the prior of 100s; and also to answer the prior for on 7 May 1352 trampling wheat, barley, peas and oats at Monkwearmouth to the value of 40s with his cows, oxen, pigs and hens at a cost to the prior of 40s; and also to answer William Dawson for driving off his pigs at Monkwearmouth at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:70 2 October - 27 November 1352

Prior's Free Court Roll. 5 courts.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being for the suit of Scaltok mill, with such entries noted in the margin.

Inquisition into William of Shadforth and Alice his wife seizing and taking away the prior's corn valued at 13s at a cost to the prior of 40d.

John the shearman of Wolviston was to answer Adam Walker of Billingham for not taking woollen cloths to Adam for fulling, as he ought, but rather taking them across the Tyne for fulling.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:82 11 December 1352 - 19 March 1353

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts.

William Shepherd was to answer Thomas son of Richard of Ferryhill for depasturing 3 acres of oats of Thomas's at Ferryhill with certain sheep at a cost to Thomas of 20s.

Richard son of Roger of Wearmouth to answer John of Elvet cleric over a bond in 60s made in Durham on 14 May 1352.

John Cage, John of Sadberge, William Smith of Elvet and Richard Dawson were to answer the prior for taking 14 quarters of wheat to a bakery other than the prior's in Elvet where John Baxter was the approver, and baking bread for resale and their own use, at a cost to the prior of 20s.

John Baxter of Elvet, approver and farmer of the prior's bakery in Elvet, was to answer John of Sadberge for not baking bread from his quarter of wheat at a cost of 10s. Marked "pro furno de Elvett" in the margin.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:67 2 April - 9 July 1353

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts. "pro furno" at the head.

Inquisitions into the cases between: the prior and Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth, John Baxter of Elvet and John Cage *et al*; John of Sadberge and John Baxter; William Smith of Elvet and John Baxter; and Richard Dawson and John Baxter.

Matilda formerly wife and executrix of John Edmondbyres to answer William Seriant in a plea of debt.

Nicholas Bewick, Gilbert Randolf and Thomas Perkykson depastured the herbage *del leyes* in the lord's hand with their animals.

John Potter to answer William Shouff for, with his servants John and Richard, assaulting William in Crossgate (Old Borough) at a cost of 40s.

John of Staveley, John Byng, John de Orsum, Cuthbert Stere, Thomas of Greatham, Robert Lucas, Simon Randolfson, Thomas son of Peter, Cecilia del Pole and William of Edingham are to answer the prior for trampling and consuming his corn with their animals in Wolviston, Belasis and Billingham since Easter 1349 at a cost of 100s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:208 23 July - 6 August 1353

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts.

William de Scoresburgh [trampled] the corn and grass of the lord prior with a horse over four years.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:31 27 May - 30 September 1354

Prior's Free Court Plea Roll. 6 courts. These were held on 27 May, 10 June, 8 and 22 July, 5 August and 30 September. There may well have been courts held on 24 June, 19 August, 2 and 16 September but no pleas have been recorded for these.

William de Shaltford recovered a mare from John del Hay, serjeant of the prior at Houghall.

Thomas son of John of Merrington brother and heir of Richard son of John of Merrington against John son of Peter of Ferryhill and Agnes wife of the same John executors of the will of Richard son of John of Merrington in a plea of debt, and similarly against them as executors of the will of Alice former wife of the said Richard and executrix of the will of the same Richard for detaining chattels.

John of Elvet against Gilbert Randalf and Anoccean Randalf for chattels to the value of 40d.

William son of John of Wolviston and Scolastica his wife executrix of the will of William the Clerk of Wolviston against William of Hilton and Katherine his wife for chattels to the value of 10s.

William de Ragill against Gilbert Randolf for wounding his servant at a cost of 40d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:76 11 November 1354 - 17 February 1355

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. The first court is headed "Capitalis cur".

William de Renegill depastured *les leyes* of the lord at Aycliffe with his animals; likewise Thomas Perkynson and Nicholas of Bewick.

John son of Peter depastured *Coxsydeleyes* with his animals.

John de Tolliston unjustly detained one of William del Banks's servants.

Thomas Perkynson says that William de Barfer unjustly detains his itemised goods, and further itemised goods which ought to come to him from his brother whose heir he is.

Thomas son of Richard of Merrington says that John son of Peter of Ferryhill unjustly detains a basin, a cauldron (*ollam eneam*), a lead vessel (*plumb*), a vat (*masfat*), a cart with all its equipment, a silver bowl (*cocliar*), a cart with iron wheels, and a set of bed-hangings (*lect*) which he ought to have inherited as the heir of his late father. He said that he had also unjustly detained 3 silver bowls (*cocliar*) price 5s, 2 quarters of barley price 10s, and an iron grate (*camin' ferr*) which his father had left him in his will.

William Gyns says that John Ethewra depastured his herbage with his animals at a cost of ½ mark.

John Hopper says that William Gyns depastured his black and white peas at a value of 6 thraves and 8 sheaves during the last year at a cost of 40d.

Richard Hopper says that William Gyns depastured 4 years ago with his animals corn estimated at a quarter of oats and 6d, and also oats, wheat and peas in following years.

Also added later - 12 January 1377 appointment of John Dent, William Lombard and Gilbert of Elvet as proctors for the Westminster parliament of 27 January 1377.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:154 7 July - 27 October 1355

Prior's Free Court Roll. 6 courts. The court for 13 October 1355 is headed "Capitalis cur".

Endorsed (15th century) as "tempore Thome Hattfeld" and (16th century) "quartus" on the front.

Gaol delivery in the 21 July court. Thomas son of John of Bruntoft had been indicted before the sheriff of Durham for depriving John Chapman of Barnard Castle of 15s of silver along with a bag and a knife price 5s in the field of Wolviston on 14 November 1354. He was taken and brought before the gaol delivery justices of the bishop and then claimed by Hugh of Middleton, the prior's bailiff, under the terms of an agreement between the bishop's and prior's predecessors.

Also gaol delivery in the same court, on an attached schedule. John son of William Salter had been indicted before the sheriff of Durham for stealing a coffer price 8d with 37s in silver inside and a purse price 8d from Richard of Burton in Crossgate (Old Borough) of Durham on 22 September 1354. He was claimed by Hugh of Middleton, the prior's bailiff.

The corn and meadow of Richard of Heworth, that is his wheat, oats and peas at Aycliffe, had been trampled and eaten by the oxen, horse and sheep of John of Nesbitt cleric for the last four years at a cost of 40s; similarly the corn of Thomas Perkynson at Aycliffe for the last 3 years at a cost of £4, and the corn of William de Renegill at Aycliffe for the last 3 years at a cost of 20s, and the corn of Gilbert Randolf at Aycliffe for the last 3 years at a cost of 40s, and the corn of Hugh de Yolton at Aycliffe for the last 3 years at a cost of 40s.

John [Fossor] prior of Durham says that John Creler of Wearmouth took wheat from 2 acres at Osworthland at Wearmouth which was being held for the prior for the farm and other debts of the reeve at a cost of 10 marks.

William de Scoresburgh, Hugh and Robert sons of Richard have to answer Richard of Monkton over a bond of 42s at a cost of 13s 4d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg.I ii f.67r-v.

Loc.IV:34 10 November 1355 - 16 February 1356

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. The 19 January 1356 court is a "capitalis curie" or chief court.

John of Belasis broke a wall of Agnes the maid of the chaplain in taking his corn to the grange and he had not made it as new at a cost of 11s 8d.

Richard of Monkton had chattels detained on last 27 October by William ? and Hugh Bayster to the value of 32s.

John of Belasis pastured his animals on the prior's grass at Wolviston at a cost of 100s.

William of Southwick had let his oxen and pigs eat the sheaves of oats and wheat of Robert son of Ivette in the field of Moorsley 6 years ago at a cost of 3s.

Richard Hopper had [made a bond] with William son of Ivette at Michaelmas 4 years ago that each would not attack the other or their household, then Thomas Hopper servant of Richard had assaulted John servant of [William] at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:68 1 March - 2 August 1356

Prior's Free Court Roll. 12 courts.

Endorsed (16th century) "Wythouse".

John of Belasis, Thomas of Greatham and William del Hay were attached to answer the prior for abducting a horse of the prior's bailiff in Old Elvet in Durham.

John of Belasis is committed for depasturing and trampling the corn and grass of the prior with his animals at a cost of 3d.

Robert son of Richard of Merrington detained 6s 8d of John Prior of Durham and Thomas of Graystones his fellow monk, he paid it here in court to Adam of Darlington.

Thomas Toller to answer Thomas Willy of Hebburn for, with his dogs, driving off and devouring nine of his sheep at a cost of 20s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:40 4 October 1356 - 29 August 1357

Prior's Free Court Roll. 22 courts. The first court is titled "Capitalis Curie", the next 7 are just "Curie", then the rest are "Libera Curie"

Thomas Williamson's animals depastured the lord's corn at a cost of 6d and *Les Bayes* at a cost of 4d.

John of Belasis depastured the lord's corn with a horse.

William del Hay damaged Hugh Baxter's oats.

Thomas Chapman died seised of 2 tenements and 40 acres of land in Wolviston held for 3 suits a year, his son William is his heir and is of full age.

John of Wellington has not been making ditches.

John Lewyn at Durham on 25 May 1354 demised to John of Hart a messuage in Crossgate (Old Borough) Durham for 1 year at a rent of 5s 6d which has not been paid. Also Alexander of Thurgarton on 11 November 1352 demised to John of Hart a messuage in Crossgate (Old Borough) Durham to hold at the will of Alexander at a rent of 5s 6d pa which has not been paid, and Alexander loaned to John of Hart on 10 November 1353 various named and valued goods and utensils which are still retained at a cost of 30s.

William Dalton says that in Crossgate (Old Borough) Durham, John Potter's dogs chased and killed 22 of the prior's sheep price 30s on 13 November 1356 at a cost to the prior of 40s.

Thomas Seguntson carried off 5 acres of wheat growing on the land of Robert Lucas at a cost of 15s.

William de Scoresburgh carried off 3 rods of barley price 10s and 1½ acres of wheat price 10s growing on the land of Robert Lucas.

Andrew Taylor carried off 3 acres of wheat price 15s growing on the land of Robert Lucas.

Anota Randolf at Aycliffe on 11 November 1356 agreed that John of Coxhoe would have the office of baker at Aycliffe from 11 November for 1 year, but the same Alice (*sic*) expelled him from the office on 25 December at a cost of 20s. John of Hart owed John Lewyn 2s 6d and Alexander of Thurgarton 9s 6d.

John of Elvet says that Lawrence Payter on 4 May 1357 stopped the prior's servants from removing his dung from his field (*solum*) at Elvet at a cost of 100s.

William of Wolviston and his wife Colette on 27 July 1355 had taken custody of a certain headland price 30s from John of Belasis and it had now deteriorated at a cost of 20s.

Parchment roll 3 rolls each of 1 membrane

Loc.IV:212 27 February - 31 July 1358

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts. The 10 April court is headed "Capitalis cur". There are no courts recorded for 3 and 17 July.

John son of Richard of Merrington acknowledges that he owes Prior John [Fossor] 13s 6d.

Peter Brown of Ferryhill admits his trespass against Robert son of Gilbert Faukes at a cost of 12d.

William of Bolton subcoroner does not come to court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:75 8 October 1359 - 22 September 1360

Prior's Free Court Roll. 26 courts, a roll for a full year. The courts of 8 October, 31 December, and 7 April are headed "Capitalis cur". Very short entries for almost all courts recording just the suitors.

Endorsed as (15th century) [mill of Scaltok].

John Lambe [to answer] for mulct carried off to the cost of Thomas Harpour and Thomas of Ellingham farmers of Scaltok mill at a cost of 40s; Christiana of Aydon likewise at a cost of 13s 4d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment probably some time pre-1975, with a silk gauze cover attached to the head

Loc.IV:92 1372

Prior's Free Court Suitors List

Recording those owing suit either every fortnight or 3 times a year. Some names have [fines] against them and others dots and/or crosses possibly indicating attendance at court. With some earlier (14th century) notes about [fines] on the dorse.

Ralph Bulmer in the prior's hand, Marmaduke of Lumley, William Tailboys, John of Whitworth, Isolda de Doudall, Isabella of Skerningham, Richard son of John son of Peter of Ferry, Robert son of Richard of Merrington, Agnes de Lowlyn, John of Elvet, William of Heighington, Thomas son of Richard of Ferry in the prior's hand, William de Renegill, William of Hett, William of Blakiston, John of Bellasis, Richard of Heworth, John of Heworth, William Lardener, Thomas Ayr of Southwick in the prior's hand, Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth, heirs of John son of William of Hilton, William Whithead, Alice del Bulks of Rainton, Thomas Hadham for the tenement of Richard of Hett, Alan of Billingham

Ter in anno

Heirs of William of Masham, Cecilia of Greatham, William del Holm, William son of John of Bieulw, John son of Simon

Endorsed (15th century) as being names of suitors of the prior's court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:194 30 November - 14 December 1372

Prior's Free Court Roll. 2 courts.

Endorsed (16th century) "1373 .secta Jo.Hedworth".

John [Fossor] prior of Durham sued Richard [of Wolviston] chaplain and John of Belasis for on 10 May 1372 depasturing the lord's grass at a certain place called *Parkflat* in Wolviston with their animals and carts, and likewise at *Ryacres* on 4 October with their animals at a cost of 100s.

John [Fossor] prior of Durham sued Richard of Wolviston chaplain on 7 June 1367 for digging up the prior's land (*solo*) and taking it for himself for 5 years at a cost of 20s.

John Coik of Durham farmer of the prior's mill of Scaltok sued Peter Dryng for carrying off 30 quarters of malt which he ought to mill at Scaltok at a cost of 20s.

John Coik sued William of Harholme for a horse and ½ a quarter of malt at a cost of 20s.

John Coik sued William of Chilton for carrying off the mulct of 10 quarters of malt at a cost of 6s 8d.

John Coik sued William Harwood for carrying off 12 quarters of malt and having them milled other than at Scaltok at a cost of 40d.

Gilbert son of John of Cowpen sued John of Belasis for abducting a servant of his household for his own office against the law at a cost of 20s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:41 4 October 1373 - 8 January 1376

Prior's Free Court Roll. 4 courts. "Capital' cur" 4 October 1373 and 3 October 1374, "cur" 24 October 1374 and 8 January 1376.

First court

John de Farnhamsman for 3 years from 29 September 1370 harvested and carried away the corn and grass, valued at 20 marks, growing in the third part of the demesne of Aycliffe held by Thomas son of Peter of Aycliffe at a cost of £20, similarly John's animals had depastured the corn and grass of the same Thomas for 3 years at a cost of 40s, and also similarly John's oxen, horses and animals had devastated William Usher's part of the demesne from 29 September 1370.

John Farnhamsman and Alice his wife sued Thomas son of Peter of Aycliffe over a pot (*ollam eneam*) taken by Thomas for Prior John [Fossor] of Durham at a cost of ½ a mark.

Thomas Watson and William Usher on 11 December 1373 broke the doors and windows of John Farnhamsman's house at Aycliffe, entered his house, broke his pots (*vasa sua ligina*) and carried off his goods and chattels at a cost of 100s, and also attacked his wife Alice at a cost of 100s.

Last court

Prior Robert [Walworth] of Durham said that William Poner of Aycliffe brewed there illicitly at a cost of 20s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:64 late 14th century

Prior's Free Court Gaol Delivery Inquisition.

Copy of a sheriff's inquisition into the prior's rights to hear gaol delivery of those brought before Adam Bowes, sheriff of Durham 28 March 1317, *sede vacante*, that is John son of Walter of Wingate, Elias son of Walter of Wingate, Robert son of Lawrence of Hesleden, Walter Gaudy, Robert of Eden and William his brother, Isabella wife of William del Hall and Agnes her daughter, Thomas Bell of Woodham, and Margaret his wife, taken at Wingate, Hesleden, Ferryhill, Wolviston and Woodham for various robberies, crimes and burglaries, whose delivery to the prior's court was requested by Robert Gretheved, prior's steward. The sheriff had questioned the prior's ancient right to this, and so the prior had secured a mandate from King Edward II of 15 March 1317 and the sheriff had also held an inquisition to verify the prior's rights to have delivered from the bishop's court and from the king's court *sede vacante* to his own court those taken on his demesnes, imprisoned by the bishop and hanged on his gallows and his entitlement to half their chattels. They were delivered on the morrow when Robert of Eden, William his brother and Robert son of Lawrence of Hesleden were hanged and the others were acquitted.

Possibly copied for a dispute over *sede vacante* rights after the pontificates of either Bishop John Fordham (translated 1388) or Bishop Walter Skirlaw (d. 1406).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Loc.IV:157: other copies

Loc.IV:93 late 14th century

Prior's Free Court Suitors List.

Recording those owing suit every fortnight and 3 times a year. Annotated with fines, and dots and/or crosses possibly indicating attendance at court.

Ralph Bulmer miles, Marmaduke of Lumley, William Tailboys miles, heirs of Thomas of Whitworth, tenants of the land of Robert of Cockside, heirs of Roger of Ferry, Beatrix of Skerningham, John son of Peter of Ferry, Robert son of Richard of Merrington, William of Merrington (Thomas of Heighington and Diota his wife), Christiana daughter of Thomas Coke, John of Elvet, William of Heighington, Thomas son of Richard of Ferry, William de Renegill, William of Hett, Roger of Blakiston, John of Bellasis, Richard of Heworth, William Mayr of Hebburn, William Lardener, Richard Ayr of Southwick, Richard son of Reginald of Wearmouth, heirs of John son of William of Hilton, heirs of John of Farnacres, William Whithead, Alice del Buskes, Richard of Hett, Alan of Billingham

Ter in anno

William of Masham, Thomas of Greatham, William Othelholm, William son of John of Beaulie, Simon son of Rauli (now John son of Simon son of Rauli), Thomas Seriaunt, John Tydd, Robert Lucas, Robert Vaux in the lord's hand, Alan Bishop in the lord's hand

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:157 late 14th century

Prior's Free Court Gaol Delivery Inquisition.

Copy of a sheriff's inquisition into the prior's rights to hear gaol delivery of those brought before Adam Bowes, sheriff of Durham 28 March 1317, *sede vacante*, that is John son of Walter of Wingate, Elias son of Walter of Wingate, Robert son of Lawrence of Hesleden, Walter Gaudy, Robert of Eden and William his brother, Isabella wife of William del Hall and Agnes her daughter, Thomas Bell of Woodham, and Margaret his wife, taken at Wingate, Hesleden, Ferryhill, Wolviston and Woodham for various robberies, crimes and burglaries, whose delivery to the prior's court was requested by Robert Gretheved, prior's steward. The sheriff had questioned the prior's ancient right to this, and so the prior had secured a mandate from King Edward II of 15 March 1317 and the sheriff had also held an inquisition to verify the prior's rights to have delivered from the bishop's court and from the king's court *sede vacante* to his own court those taken on his demesnes, imprisoned by the bishop and hanged on his gallows and his entitlement to half their chattels. They were delivered on the morrow when Robert of Eden, William his brother and Robert son of Lawrence of Hesleden were hanged and the others acquitted.

Possibly copied for a dispute over *sede vacante* rights after the pontificates of either Bishop John Fordham (translated 1388) or Bishop Walter Skirlaw (d. 1406).

Endorsed by [John Fishburn c.1417x1431] as being about *sede vacante* gaol delivery.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg.II, f.55v and Reg.I ii, f.64r-v.

Loc.IV:206 2 October 1375 - 1 April 1376

Prior's Free Court Roll. 9 courts. Not all courts are dated; one is just titled as the court of the lord prior and another as the court of the prior of Durham held there, and it is noted that a court is not held as it was Christmas. Possibly a draft. The courts of 2 October and 8 January are titled "Capitalis cur" ".
Endorsed (16th century) "Wytheved".

William Yut broke the assize of ale, and sold a gallon of ale other than at 1d, and sold [ale] (cancelled) in measures not sealed (*cum disc' & ciphis non sigill'*).
William Poner of Aycliffe brewed against the assize.

John de Tolliston unjustly detained one of William del Banks's servants.

Nicholas of Bewick broke the assize of ale.

Inquisition that William ?[Poner] did not brew ale within his house or outside for sale from 29 September to 11 December 1375.

Thomas Willy sued John of Lumley formerly master of Jarrow for depasturing 7 acres of wheat and 3 acres of peas and oats with his oxen, cattle and stotts in June 1374 at a cost of 100s.

John of Elvet attorney of the prior sues John Willy and Thomas Willy who had made an agreement with John of Lumley formerly master of Jarrow to seal a bond in £4 7s 8d for damages made to the said John at a cost to the prior of 100s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:152 29 April - 19 August 1376

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. The courts are dated on the roll in order 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June, 8 July, 10 June, 24 June (different data from the previous entries for 10 & 24 June), 19 August. The roll is possibly a draft.

Adam Wright of Wolviston was indicted before the bishop's officers in the county court for stealing 39 marks on 8 January 1375 from the goods and chattels of Robert of Layton kt in the charge of William of Forcett chaplain at Wolviston. He was claimed for the prior's court by John of Hindley, prior's bailiff.

William Gaugi of Ferryhill sues Robert Dickinson for demising to him a messuage and 18 acres from 25 April 1373 for 9 years and then expelling him and putting in Isabella of Ferryhill at a cost of 100s.

Thomas Cockerton was attached in a plea of debt by Thomas son of Alan of Southwick before the sheriff of Durham over a quarter of barley, and the prior had claimed him for his own court through John of Elvet his coroner.

John Coik sued William Carter for milling 40 quarters of malt other than at Scaltok mill at a cost of 10s.

John of Whitworth sued Hugh Acchetonnhand for cutting wood and carrying it away without licence at a cost of £10.

An attached list of jurors.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg.I ii, f.67v.

Loc.IV:193 30 September 1376 - 23 June 1377

Prior's Free Court Roll. 15 courts. The courts of 30 September and 30 March are headed "Capitalis cur". The courts of 28 October, 11 and 25 November are noted as not having been held, the court of [14 October] has no business recorded and no courts are recorded between 23 December and 30 March. The roll may have been written up at various times and is possibly a draft.

William de Nouwyk [of Darlington] sues John Yoill of Ferryhill for 10s for leather hides bought from him which he ought to have paid for a year ago, at a cost of 6s 8d.

John of Heighington broke the peace.

Margaret Miry of Wearmouth sold ale against the peace.

William Poner of Aycliffe broke the assize of ale, likewise William Renegill, William Randolph and Nicholas of Bewick.

John Coik of the bailiwick of Durham farmer of Scaltok mill sues William Carter for milling 40 quarters of malt at a cost of 10s.

Adam servant of the bursar sues William son of Thomas and Alice his wife for detaining a brooch.

Robert of Owton (*Owythton*) cursor of the exchequer was ordered to attach Nicholas of Bewick and Agnes daughter of Thomas Parkynson for encroachments made on the highway at Aycliffe, and also for depasturing Le Balks of the prior there.

Gilbert Randolph, Thomas Parkington and William Yut attached for digging the soil (*solo*) of the prior himself in the highway from Aycliffe and for taking and carrying away the dug up land (*terram proiectam*) to the value of 40s, and for also mowing and carrying away the grass of the prior himself growing on *Le Balks* at various times over 20 years at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:71 12 October 1378 - 10 May 1379

Prior's Free Court Roll. 15 courts. The 12 October and 18 January courts are headed "Capitalis cur"; 3 are undated and have no business recorded.

Endorsed (15th century) as for Scaltok mill. With a list of those owing suit at the head.

Thomas Kendale wright sued Gilbert Webster for assaulting his wife Elena at a cost of 20s.

William Chapman and William of Wolviston depastured the prior's grass on the land formerly of William Hardlad with their cattle to a value of 10s.

Gilbert Randolf took away a cartload of loam (*lame*) from the prior's waste and Thomas Parkinson likewise 100 cart-loads.

Robert of Witton, prior's bailiff and cursor of his exchequer, took a brass pot (*ollam erream*) from the house of Hugh Cronan for the farm and arrears of the said house, and Hugh with his wife Isabel took it back by force.

John Teddi sues John servant of John son of Firmer for employing him up to Pentecost when he ought to serve him from St Martin up to Pentecost.

John Coik farmer of [Scaltok] mill sued John of Chilton for milling malt other than at Scaltok mill at a cost of 4 quarters of malt.

John Hopper says that William Gyns depastured his black and white peas at a value of 6 thraves and 8 sheaves during the last year at a cost of 40d; likewise Peter Dring at a cost of 4 quarters of malt; Richard Smith 4 quarters of wheat, 4 quarters of malt, 2 quarters of peas; Thomas Lester 2 quarters of wheat and 2 quarters of malt; John Legg and William Plummer 1 bushel of malt; John Short and Lawrence Jaks 4 quarters of wheat and 2 quarters of peas; William de Haihelm 4 quarters of wheat and 2 quarters of peas; Adam Barker 8 quarters of malt; Thomas Hert 1 quarter of wheat and 1 quarter of peas; Robert Barker 1 quarter of malt, 1 quarter of wheat and peas; Agnes Marshall ? quarters of peas.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:198 14 October 1382 - 18 November 1383

Prior's Free Court Roll. 16 courts. Courts are held 14 October to 30 December 1382, then there is 1 undated, followed by courts in 1383 for 3 June, 29 July, undated [12 August], 26 August, 24 June, 21 October, 4 and 18 November. The first is titled as "Capitalis curie". 2 of the courts have no entries. Possibly a draft.

Endorsed with a note (15th century) that the tenants of Crossgate (Old Borough) hold by suit of Scaltok mill, also headed on the front as being for the mill.

John of Elvet the prior's attorney sues William of Wolviston for ? (*sinc*) *le Balks* within the open field and for not holding the *hirsell* (*hirsillum*, cattle-pound or sheep-pen) and for also taking lute within the lord's waste at a cost of 40s.

Thomas Parkinson and Gilbert Randolf came and showed copies of certain charters whereby they had been enfeoffed with certain lands in Aycliffe.

Robert of Masham sued John of Boldon for a debt of 5s for the farm of a messuage in Elvet for 2 years past at a cost of 40d.

Alan of Billingham has to show his charters for his tenement; William del Raw and Thomas son of William have to show copies of their charters; Peter Dryng, John of Windleston and Thomas Jenkinson have to show charters for their tenements.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:148 1384 - 1385

Prior's Free Court Suitors List.

Recording those owing suit every fortnight and 3 times a year, with annotations of [fines], and marginal dots and/or crosses. With another list of names on the dorse, some marked as jurors. The foot has been cut off.

"Nomina sectatorum libere Curie domini Prioris Dunelm a festo Sancti Michaelis Anno domini MoCCC (iiijxx iiijto) vsque idem festum Anno domini Mo CCC iiijxx (vto) ... Sectatores ter in anno .."; the added elements in the date are contemporary, over an erasure. 30 names in the first section, and at least 12 in the second, the last being largely cut away. Dorse: List of names in a hand of the later fourteenth century. 24 names, the last two added in a contemporary hand responsible for writing "iurator" against these two and eight other names.

Ralph Bulmer, Marmaduke of Lumley, William Tailbus, John of Whitworth, Thomas Walworth, Thomas of Esh pro Skertingham, Richard Person, Hered Robert son of Richard of Merrington, Peter Ayer, (John Jackson), John of Elvet, John of Heighington, Thomas son of Richard of Fery, William Renegill, William of Hett, William of Blakeston, John of Bellasis, Richard de Hetheworth, John de Hetheworth, William Lardener, Thomas Ayer, Richard son of Reginald, Hered William of Hilton, John Lile, John Busse of Rainton, Dom John Nevill, Alan of Billingham, William Willy, Thomas Willy, John Willy, Hered William of Merrington.

Ter in anno

Heredes William Masham, (Colinson), Alan Whithead, William del Holme, Heredes William son of John of Bewley, John son of Simon, Robert of Bishopton, John Miryman, Robert Waux, Emma Barry, John Tidde, William del Rawe, William ...

Endorsed (15th century) as being the names of suitors of the prior's court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:200 3 October 1385 - 17 October 1386

Prior's Free Court Roll. 23 courts. The courts run to 24 July, then 3 and 17 October. 2 courts are undated and 6 courts have no business recorded, one being noted as "nihil quia infra Natale" and one being filled with practice 16th century letters.

Endorsed (15th century) "secta Johanni Hedwroth".

John Willy showed a charter for his lands and tenements in Hebburn.

The prior sued Thomas Willy of Hebburn for cutting thorn trees within *Le Redings* at a cost of 40s.

The prior sued John Roy of Burdon for various encroachments in the open field of Burdon and for mining the demesne at a great cost to the lord.

The prior sued John Wily for cutting thorn trees to the value of 12 *futhers* in the lord's waste without licence at the great cost of 20s.

Elena Standupright of Woodham sued Hugh of Monkton for buying from her 6 pigs price 13s 6d, hay price 5d, 1 *moldebred* price 2d, and straw price 3d; and Elena also had an agreement with John of Whitworth and Hugh that she should have a dwelling-house up to Pentecost but Hugh ejected Elena from it so that she lost her goods and chattels at a cost of 46s 8d.

The prior sued Thomas Willy for ?cutting ?thorn trees in the lord's ?waste for 40 years past without licence at the great cost to the prior of 100s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:207 [17 September] 1387 - [4 February] 1388

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts. "Capital' cur" are 1 October and 7 January. Courts are held [17 September], 1, 15 and 29 October, 12 and 26 November, 10 December, 7 and 21 January, and [4 February].

William son of Robert of Kent of Wolviston, ward of the lord prior and heir of Robert, came to seek his father's land as he is of full age.

Thomas Tumby, John Skaling, John Palman and William Barker, sued by William Thryn the approver of the prior's bakery in Elvet, baked bread for their own table and for resale at a bakery other than the prior's at a cost of 40s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:73 26 November 1387 - 21 December 1389

Prior's Free Court Roll. 24 courts with 1 Crossgate (Old Borough) court. The courts are quite intermittent - 26 November, 3 and 17 December 1387; 2, 16 and 30 January, 13 February, 13 March, 24 April, 1 May, 19 June, 9 July 1388, 12 and 26 January, 9 February, 20 April, [4 May], undated, 14 September, undated [28 September], 12 and 27 October court of Crossgate (Old Borough), undated, 7 and 21 December 1389. A number of the courts have no business recorded.

Inquisition that John Palman took nothing from John Piercebridge for baking his bread in his bakery.

Thomas Reis sued John of Guildford for owing him 3s 3d, 3 sheep price 3s 6d, 1 bushel of wheat price 6d and 1 iron clamp price 6d which he unjustly detains at a cost of 2s.

William the son and heir of Robert of Kent says that he is of full age. An inquisition says that Robert his father died 19 December 1368 seised of 20 acres of land and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of meadow in Wolviston held of the prior by military service and an annual rent of 2s, and that William was born in Wolviston and baptised in Billingham church on 8 September 1365 and is of full age being 21 and more, whereby William, present in court, sought his lands and tenements according to the law and made his homage. William Poner farmer of Aycliffe mill sued Thomas Parkinson for not milling his corn at Aycliffe mill at a cost of 4 quarters of malt and 3 quarters of wheat.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Some parchment repairs on the edges c.1975

Loc.IV:210 3 October 1396 - 9 January 1397

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts. The 3 October and 9 January courts are titled "Capital' cur". No business was recorded for the 26 December court as it was Christmas. All the other courts only record defaulting suitors.

Endorsed (15th century) as "pro secta Johanni Hedeworth".

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:188 2 October 1397 - 17 September 1398

Prior's Free Court Roll. 26 courts held by the steward William de Calthorn. The suitors for the first time are individually listed with details of their holding that they owe suit for in the "Capitalis cur" which is held on 2 October. At many of the courts later in the year, business was postponed.

r.1 John of Guildford accused of not repairing the roof of the prior's mill nor repairing the mill-pond which he ought to do for his free tenement in East Rainton; the archives were to be checked. He also sold ale not measured in gross by barrel and *olla* and in retail by gallon, pottle, quart and other small measures.

r.1 William son of Alan of Wolviston paid homage for 2 messuages and 18 acres of land in Wolviston called *Nedelerland*; he is to show by what service he holds them.

r.1 John de Pothowe of Wolviston paid homage for tenements in Wolviston which were his wife Joan's as daughter and heiress of William Chapman; he is to show by what service they are held. He also, with John Stere of Wolviston, acknowledged that they sold ale against the assize.

r.1 The bailiff is to distrain William Stevenson of Cowpen, William Tomson of Cowpen and John del North to answer the prior for breaking into his park at Bewley and cutting down and carrying off [timber] growing in the wood there; likewise Hugh Wright of Wolviston for impeding the distraint that William Archer the prior's bailiff had sought to take for customs, services and amercements which he ought to have rendered.

r.1 John of Redworth of Burdon has broken the assize of ale.

r.2 Richard Manyour and John de Leynthorp, farmers of the prior's mill of Scaltok, sue William of Wheatley (*Whetlawe*) for not milling wheat and malt at the mill to their great cost of 10s; William de Blenkhowe has similarly withdrawn his suit from the mill for the last 3 years at a cost of 20s; Agnes Gray similarly for the last 2 years at a cost of 10s; Alice Jakes, and also Margaret Gibson and Peter Dryng likewise are attached for suit owed to the mill.

r.3 William of Chilton similarly had withdrawn his suit from the mill for the last 6 years at a cost of 40d.

Parchment roll 3 rolls each of 1 membrane sewn together at the head

Right side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:27 1 October 1398 - 25 April 1402

Prior's Free Court Roll. 87 courts, held before William de Calthorn, steward. Very little business is now being recorded for courts other than the 3 chief courts and, from Michaelmas 1399, this almost exclusively comprises the names of tenants owing suit of court.

John of Guildford to have a record of the roll for the service made for the tenement he holds in East Rainton and also for selling ale in gross rather than by small measures.

William Stevenson, William Tomson, John del North, all of Cowpen, cut down and carried off wood from the prior's park at Bewley (*Bevlove*).

Hugh Wright of Wolviston recovered from William Archer, the prior's bailiff.

William son of Alan of Wolviston makes homage for 2 messuages and 18 acres of land at *Nedelerland*, Wolviston.

John de Pothowe makes homage for the land of his wife Joan, the heir of William Chapman.

John of Redworth of Burdon broke the assize of ale.

Peter Dryng owes suit for his mill.

John of Guildford is to show what services and works are due from his free tenement in East Rainton towards the prior's mill and pond there.

John del North took a horse from the lord's fold (interlineated that he has died).

John of Hedworth of Southwick has died and the bailiff has seised his lands.

Parchment roll 6r

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD 1.5.Pont.13: a roll of extracts from the courts for Michaelmas 1401 to Easter 1402

Loc.IV:89 early 15th century

Prior's Free Court List of Free Tenants. Listing names and places. Some names annotated in the margin with places and acreages and others with later tenants.

Some notes of free court cases on the dorse.

Endorsed (15th century) as being the free tenants of the prior of Durham.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.IV:90

Loc.IV:108 early 15th century

Prior's Free Court List of Free Tenants. Listing names and places of free tenants by military service and owing suit at the prior's free court every fortnight (on the front) and 3 times a year (on the dorse). With a few later amendments.

Paper roll, 1p

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Loc.IV:90

Loc.IV:219 29 September 1404 - 29 September 1406

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing those owing fines for the 2 years, mainly for default of suit of court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:90 1406

Prior's Free Court List of Free Tenants. Listing names and places. Some names annotated in the margin with later dots and/or crosses.

Endorsed (15th century) as being the free tenant suitors of the prior's court.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Loc.IV:89

Loc.IV:143 1414

Prior's Free Tenants Rental. A list of names, places and amounts, organised by place. On the dorse are various earlier (14th century, one dated 1342) rough notes about rents.

Endorsed (15th century) as being a rental of the free rents of those tenants in the fee of the prior of Durham.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Loc.IV:91 1418

Prior's Free Court Suitors List. Recording those owing suit every fortnight and 3 times a year.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:195 12 October 1423 - 17 January 1424

Prior's Free Court Roll. 8 courts held before Thomas de Langton prior's steward. 12 October and 3 January are "Capitalis cur".

William Hudson farmer of the lord's mill at Wolviston says that Richard Dyghton of Wolviston has not paid the service he ought to the lord's mill at Wolviston by not milling there 4 quarters of wheat and 20 quarters of malt at a cost of ?20s.

John Welles of Aycliffe sues John Lancaster of Aycliffe for on 17 July 1423 taking away ?40 wagon-loads of dung price 6s 8d at a cost of 39s.

Thomas Brown sues Thomas Lax of Merrington for continuously over 12 years depasturing his herbage growing on 18 acres of his at a cost of 39s.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:209 1 February - 25 April 1424

Prior's Free Court Roll. 7 courts. 25 April court is "Capitalis cur".

John Wadle farmer of the prior's common bakery in Elvet Borough sues Robert Elge and Robert Wolviston of Elvet for not baking bread for sale at his bakery, as all regrators of bread living within the borough ought to do, for the last 4 years at a cost of 20s.

John Richardson of Monkton made homage for lands which were of John Tosson there which he holds by right of his wife formerly wife of the said John for the life of the said wife.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Left side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:46 9 May - 12 September 1424

Prior's Free Court Roll. 10 courts.

John Wadle says that Robert Wolviston no longer bakes bread in the common bakery.

Roger Milner former farmer of the mill of the prior of Durham at Scaltok next to the borough of Elvet accuses Robert Elge, a regrator of bread and ale, of not using the mill from 1 November 1420 to 11 November 1421 at a cost of 35s; Robert claimed that an agreement had been made with Roger in the presence of Richard Thornton in Durham cathedral. Similar cases between Roger and William Heighington, Agnes Barker, William More of Old Elvet, and William Carter.

John Prior of Durham recovers 8s owed by Richard Thornton of Durham fleshewer for his tenement in Elvet.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:204 26 September 1424

Prior's Free Court Roll. 1 court.

Endorsed (16th century) as being for the suit of Scaltok mill, and similarly on a detached inserted parchment slip.

Roger Millner former farmer of the prior's mill at Scaltok in Elvet Borough sues Richard Webster for not milling there for 16 weeks from 1 November 1420 during which time he milled 10 quarters of malt at a cost of 40d.

Agreements between Roger Milner and Robert Elge, William Heighington and William Carter respectively that they are quit of all actions.

Agnes Barker had not milled 4 quarters of malt at the said mill at a cost to Roger [Milner] of 8d.

William Lethome and Thomas Turner, and William More of Old Elvet also in suits with Roger Milner.

William Maddeson made homage for lands which were of William Merlay in Winston.

Parchment roll 1 membrane + 1 membrane inserted

Loc.IV:113 [6 November] 1425 - [27 August]1426

Prior's Free Court Roll. 22 courts. The head of the roll is missing and damaged and the roll was probably originally for the whole year from Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

John Pulyng of Billingham made homage for 1 messuage, 21 acres of land and 1 meadow paying 3d *per annum* in the prior's exchequer.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:237 29 September 1426 - 29 September 1427

Prior's Free Court Estreat Roll. Listing those owing fines for the year, mainly for default of suit of court, with crosses against some names ?indicating they had paid.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Crossgate (Old Borough) court

1311 - 1400

5 rolls

Biographical information: The priory's Crossgate or Old Borough lay on the west side of Durham, linked to the centre of Durham by Framwelgate Bridge. Its court met weekly on Wednesdays and was presided over by the cathedral priory's sacrist. Business included recovery of debts and rent arrears, the registration of title deeds, some cases of theft and violence, and the regulation of brewing and baking. Many cases were dropped or postponed indefinitely and punishments for others were small fines or amercements or the confiscation of goods.

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Crossgate Court Books I and II:: Records of proceedings in the Sacrist's Crossgate Borough Court 1498-1531

Loc.IV:229 m.12 18 February 1311 - 20 December 1312

Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll. [Inquisitions] by the terrar and prior's steward of weights and measures and transgressions at Elvet 18 February 1311. List of defaulters.

"Crossgat" cases.

Roger son of Lucian sued John Goce and John of Thirsk for implicating him in a plea of debt with Richard son of Randolph.

John of Hart was accused of carrying off mulct from the prior's mill over a year and a half; 9 others similarly accused, along with Gilbert Burghard chaplain who had been doing it for 5 years.

John Gore accused of falsely measuring corn; 3 others similarly accused.

William del Gyle sought satisfaction for a debt of £10 which Thomas of Swalwell, Richard of Chilton, Roger Walle, Roger de Aske, Ralph Barker, William of Bolam and John Barker had bound themselves to repay him at ½ a mark each term from Pentecost 1309.

A session of the terrar and steward in South Street 12 December 1312. Cases adjourned a fortnight thence and the bailiff was also then to present all the measures of corn and ale.

A session on 20 December 1312. John Lorimer to pay Emma wife of William Barker a sack and 5 rases of malt barley which he took from the mill in ignorance.

Parchment roll 1 membrane, part of a roll of 12m tied together at the foot with a parchment tie

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Printed in: *Records of the Borough of Crossgate, Durham 1312-1531*, ed R.H. Britnell (Surtees Society 212, 2008), p.1-4.

Loc.IV:229 m.1-11 18 January 1390 - 11 September 1398

Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll

m.1 18 January to 8 June 1390. 18 courts, several with no data. John Rossell of Durham bought a burgage of Peter Dryng formerly held by Ralph of Whitby, fine 2s. John Betly jr of Durham bought a burgage of Peter Dryng situated between the burgages of Robert Godinbuer and William de Olverwik fine 18d. Thomas Kirkland sues Robert of Linarce over the debt of 1 yetling price 16d. Adam of Blackburn of Chester made homage for a burgage in South Street now held of Thomas Gray chaplain. The prior sues John Pearson for herbage bought from the almoner for 3s which has not been paid for 1 year at a cost of 12d. John Paerson sues Agnes Nesham for defaming him and calling him false and a thief so that he could not carry out any merchandising, buying nor selling. Agnes Nesham sues John Pearson and Christiana his wife for the latter abusing her in the high exchequer and carrying off her goods to the value of 20s. Agnes Nesham sues John Pearson for maliciously carrying off her goods at a cost of 40s.

m.6 29 November 1391 to 5 June 1392. 15 courts, 24 April 1392 is a "Capitalis cur". Several reporting about the deteriorating roof of a tenement of John Couper. Peter Dryng sues William Growsmith over a horse price 6s 8d. John Legg sues John Parson because his wife abused and maltreated Margaret, John Legge's daughter, at a cost of 40s. John Parson sues John Legge because his daughter Margaret abused Peter, son of John Parson at a cost of 100s. John Legge sues John Parson for allowing his dog to cause 5 *futfals* (foot-fells (dropped lambs)) at a cost of 12d. John Parson sues John Legge for entering his house and abusing Elena.

m.4 6 to 20 August 1393. 3 courts.

m.5 8 October 1393 to 28 January 1394. 10 courts, 8 October 1393 is a "Capitalis cur". Thomas Hawick sues William Aspoure over a debt of 1 horse and 1 pound of coal. William Smith sues John Norton over a debt of 12d. William Fleshhewer of Durham made homage for a burgage fine 20d.

m.2 22 April to 26 August 1394. 10 courts. Alice Jakes sues Matilda Ravyn over the payment of a roofer's wages of 20d. An inquisition into bread and weights reports that Robert Baxter has bread with insufficient second sifting and Alice has insufficient first sifting, being fined 12d each. Richard Py sues William Ryton for detaining an axe price 6d. John del Mos sues William de Bellishewe and Joanna his wife for Joanna abusing him on 4 June last in Crossgate (Old Borough) at a cost of 10s. Richard Fisher of South Street sues John Chester barber over a debt of 18d for a pannier of haddock not paid for at a cost of 12d.

m.10 2 September to 13 December 1394. 7 courts, 2 with no data. Roger of Easingwold sues Thomas of Durham for on last Monday allowing his pigs to get into his yard and trample and consume the grass at a cost of 2s. Agnes Hardgill sues Robert Baxter over a breach of contract for not repairing property he leased to her.

m.3 13 to 27 January 1395. 3 courts, 13 January 1395 is a "Capitalis cur". Thomas Waiter and Elena his wife acquired a burgage from the almoner of Durham fine 20d. John del Schel acquired a burgage from the chaplain of St Mary. John Smith acquired a burgage from the chaplain of St Mary. William Bay acquired a burgage from Thomas Gray chaplain. John Bare sues Alan Horseley for hiring a horse for 1 day and returning it in poor condition at a cost of 6s 8d. John Kaif sues Roger Easingwold over a debt for a canvas weight 2½ pounds and an ewer. Adam Watson acquired a burgage from John of Chester cleric fine 20d.

m.8 3 November to 29 December 1395. 8 courts. Agnes of Stanhope sues Thomas Gregory over a debt of 4s. William of Chilton sues Thomas Emery chaplain for allowing his animals to depasture his corn. William of Chilton sues Christiana Jakes over a debt of 21d.

m.7 6 October 1395 to 22 March 1396. 11 courts, "Capitalis cur" on 6 October 1395 and 12 January 1396 (no courts recorded in between). Robert Taylor sues John Moss over a debt for a tenement leased at an annual rent of 2s 6d. Robert Fonrother sues William del Wra over a debt of 4s. John Garnet sues Thomas Harbourhouse over a debt of 19d. William of Bishopton sues Elena Ka over paying 3 stones of wool for harrowing. Robert Taylor sues John Moss for allowing his horse to depasture his grass. A pleading between Thomas Gray and John of Billingham over a debt of 2s. A pleading between William Horseley and John Newton and John Garnet over debts of 11d and 2s 1d respectively.

m.11 31 May to 4 October 1396. 18 courts, 4 October 1396 is a "Capitalis cur", most courts have no data, the top of the membrane has been cut off and is missing.

Thomas Colvill jr chivaler by his attorney Robert de Belforth sues Robert del Bank carpenter over a debt of a bushel of peas price 4d and a sack price 2d.

m.9 27 February to 11 September 1398. 27 courts, many with no data. Robert Palman sues Alice del Peik over the rent of a house for 2 years. John of Doddington sues Richard Smith over a horse bought in 1396. Robert Trip sues William of Hedley over a sack of coal and the roofing of a building next to the bridge. Thomas Gray demised to John Couper a burgage for life for which John made a fine of 20d.

Parchment and paper roll, 11m (m.2 only is of paper), joined together at the foot with a parchment tie through 2 central stabbed holes

all membranes repaired with parchment (m.2 with paper) c.1975

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Loc.IV:95 24 May - 25 October 1391

26 courts. Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll. No business is recorded for several courts.

John son of Peter (alias John Pearson) sues John Mosse for allowing his pigs to enter his garden and trample and devastate his flax and grass growing there at a cost of 40d.

Inquisition says that John Glover drew his knife to strike Alice of Sherburn.

Robert of Kirkham and Juliana his wife sues William Emery for withholding 5s for hay bought 3 years ago at a cost of 6s 8d.

Robert of Belford sues William Sefwright over a debt for a pair of wheels.

John Glover sues John Couper over 1 *olla ennea*.

John Beckley sues Hugh Cronan over his labour for having been his attorney.

Robert of Kirkham sues John son of Robert of Kyo over pledge for a debt of 4s against Emma del Forth.

John Pearson sues John of Dondale for taking a pair of ?baskets (*crels*) without licence at a cost of 6d.

John Dondale sues John Pearson over a debt for 1 quarter and 2 bushels of coal.

John Pearson sues John Dondale for allowing his animals to enter his garden and destroy his grass, vegetables, leeks and other necessities growing there.

John of Heddon sues Robert Jonson of Harom over a debt of a horse with saddle and bridle valued at 6s.

Richard of Foxton sues John Pearson over a debt of 3s 8d which he has not paid.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:120 4 September 1392 - 14 January 1393

Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll. 15 courts. No business is recorded for the last 4 courts.

Endorsed (16th century) as "1390 &c".

John Legg sues Robert Baxter concerning bread bought from him.

Adam of Burdon sues Hugh Cronan about a horse price 10s.

John Legg sues Robert Baxter in a debt case about an agreement over an easement of 100s [not paid] at a cost of 6s 8d.

Thomas Bell by his attorney John Beclay sues William Arrowsmith about detaining 4s 6d.

Hugh Cronan sues Roger Tomson over Roger's [wife] Agnes depasturing his meadow at ?.

Robert Doncaster sues John Chester about a horse price 4s.

John of Chester of Whitley sues Nicholas Fullar about a horse.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:127 5 February - 17 April 1393

Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll. 8 courts.

John Glover sues Robert Cornay about 2 stalls in Durham market unjustly detained at a cost of 4d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:201 7 April - 1 September 1400

Crossgate (Old Borough) Court Roll. 5 courts. 3 of the courts are undated and it seems to be meeting intermittently.

Thomas del Fishhouse sues John Walker of Claipworth for destroying and devastating his corn, grass and hay in Relley field over 3 years at a cost of 20s.

Loquellus between Simon Gray and Margaret Gibson over a door-handle (*anulum*) price 8d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Elvet Borough court

1329 - 1382

2 rolls

Biographical information: Elvet Borough (New Elvet) was a long rectangle of land bound by the River Wear, Green Lane, Court Lane and Hatfield View, and was part of the hostiller's estate. Only 2 court rolls survive, but account rolls record the existence of the court from the fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries. It met fortnightly. The court's business included recovery of debts, the registration of title deeds, the performance of fealty, some cases of theft and violence, various agricultural offences such as animals straying and illicit wood gathering, and the regulation of brewing and baking. Many cases were dropped or postponed indefinitely and punishments for others were small fines or amercements or the confiscation of goods.

Loc.IV:130 [20 April] - 21 September 1329

Elvet Borough Court Roll. 11 courts.

Richard de Bleincham sues Andrew Postell over a debt of 14s.

Several cases between Henry Camera and Adam Cuper and his wife Agnes about the sale of ale, and verbal and physical assaults on 3 August 1329.

Agnes of Barton was accused by the steward of saying that the almoner and the hostiller were in disagreement.

Parchment roll 4m

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Loc.IV:123 3 October 1381 - 8 May 1382

Elvet Borough Court Roll. 13 courts.

List of brewers.

Various people making homage to Hugh of Sherburn hostiller - John of Belasis, John Bacon fleshhewer, Alan Webster, John of Bainton, Benedict Skinner.

Ordinance about brewers showing signs of their rates and measures, and that tenants should control their pigs and should not obstruct the highway with dung, with various people summoned for these offences.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Elvet Barony court

1315 - 1402

23 rolls

Biographical information: The Barony of Elvet (Old Elvet) was situated to the south and east of Durham, being bounded by the Wear on the west and east, and Rotton Row or the Borough of Elvet on the north. Its court was presided over by the hostiller and met on Wednesdays at Elvethall, by which name the court was known until 1352. The court's business included recovery of debts, the registration of title deeds, the performance of fealty, some cases of theft and violence, various agricultural offences such as animals straying and illicit wood gathering, and the regulation of brewing and baking. Many cases were dropped or postponed indefinitely and punishments for others were small fines or amercements or the confiscation of goods.

Loc.IV:137 [3 October] 1315 - 9 January 1316

Elvethall Court Roll. 8 courts. The court is headed as "Cur' de Elvethall".

Various defaulters for suit of court, and also various in mercy for trespassing variously with various animals, such as Richard of Shadforth's draught animals taken in the lord's corn.

Robert Feraund attacked (*rebellus est*) Ralph son of Adam at a cost of 3d.

Incaura Hay removed fencing (*claustrum*) from the lord's hostelry (*hostil*).

Matilda wife of Gilbert de la Wachery was seised of a tenement between those of Dennis Daunce and Robert Cementar.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Backed on to fine silk gauze c.1950

Loc.IV:192 [9 December 1332 - 9 June] 1333

Elvethall Court Roll. 8 courts, at least. The [20 January] court is a "capitalis cur".

The courts are headed as "Cur' tenta apud Elvethall", all meeting on a Wednesday.

Richard Datenese spoke badly of the prior.

William Pellipar [attacked] the hostiller's groom, and he was also sued by the forester for depasturing the pasture with his sow.

The serjeant of Houghall sues William Bacon for breaking fences at ? and cutting wood there and in *Waldefhesheued*.

Hugh Gray and John Punder sue William Bacon and his wife for speaking badly of them.

Inquisition into Richard of Shadford's trespassing in the lord's enclosures for 20 years, as have other bondsmen.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:238 9 August - 4 October 1340

Elvethall Court Roll. 5 courts. The lower part of the membrane is missing. There would probably also have been a membrane attached to the head of this as there are sewing thread remnants and the first court is dated as the "above year". The courts are headed as "Cur' tenta apud Elvethall" .

Inquisition that William son of Emer of the [G]range greatly insulted John Barbitons and Isabella his wife at a cost of 40d.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:239 [1340]

Elvethall Court Roll. 2 courts, only the foot of the first one remains, which is probably an Elvethall court. The second is dated Friday after Michaelmas and is entitled "Cur halnutorum apud Elvethall ..." .

William son of Eleanor sowed a rod of land for 2 years without licence.

Robert Felow *tambuavit* a rod of land of Walter Ferand in Helymerside, of Gilbert of Ireland in Bradlands, and of William son of Elen in Fareknolt.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Backed on to parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:110 [5 January] - 3 August 1345

Elvethall Court Roll. 9 courts. The courts are dated [5] and 21 January, 2 and 16 March, 8 and 22 June, [6] and 20 July and 3 August. The first is a "Capitalis" court held at Elvethall, the second is a court for the bondsmen of Shincliffe held at Elvethall on a Friday (Elvethall courts normally met on Wednesdays). The other courts are just headed as courts held at Elvethall, except for the seventh and ninth courts which are headed as being for free tenants held at Elvethall.

Hugh Gray [trespassed] with his sheep in Elvethall wood.

Brewers listed.

Peter Liban sued Thomas and Ralph the sons of Ralph the reeve saying that on 19 December 1344 they attacked and wounded him at Shincliffe at a cost of 100s.

Thomas son of the reeve sued Peter Bell for coming to his house in Shincliffe and calling him a false man and a thief at a cost of 12s.

Thomas son of Robert [broke] a ditch at Noubrokes.

A case over Shincliffe mill.

William de Dokesfeld is to answer the hostiller about milling.

Isabella del Kirk sued John Black and Joanna his wife saying that Joanna came to her house at night in Old Elvet and abused her.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:118 18 April - 31 October 1352

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 11 courts. 1 "capitalis curie" on 17 October. The court is titled as being for the barony of Old Elvet held at Elvethall.

John Baxter was summoned to answer for a debt of 14s for faggots sold.

John Baxter was sued for letting 2 pigs wander into the lord's corn.

William Langley was sued for letting 3 pigs wander into the lord's corn.

William del Chastel was sued for transgressing 3 times in the lord's corn.

John Milner was sued for letting 3 piglets wander into the lord's corn.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:109 [24 August] 1356 - 1 March 1357

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 11 courts. 1 "capitalis curie" on 4 January.

William of Shadford was attached to answer John de Coldon of Brillesdon for allowing his oxen, cattle, pigs and sheep to trample his grass growing in Old Elvet over 6 years at a cost of 10s.

John Baxter was attached to answer concerning William of Ryton, Thomas the Ostlerman and Old Elvet mill.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:102 11 March - 20 May 1360

Elvet Barony Court Roll. Probably 6 courts, but badly damaged.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:116 30 December 1360 - 24 March 1361

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 7 courts.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

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Loc.IV:104 7 May - 24 September 1382

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 11 courts. The court is described as being held at Elvet Hall.

The hostiller sues ?Beatrice wife of William Carter for being a common scold against the sheriff.

John Hyde sues Thomas Ripon for taking a ?water jug from his house at a cost of 3s.

William Webster owes 8d to Ralph Shepherd.

John de Boynton made homage for a certain tenement in Old Elvet held for life.

William Barker in a plea of debt with John Hobson was attached for chattels to the value of 6d, he was also distrained for chattels to the value of 4d, that is an iron tripod.

Robert Dawson in a plea of contract with Robert Ward was attached for chattels to the value of 3s 8d, that is the price of a cow.

Thomas Baxter in a plea of debt with William Saywer was attached for chattels to the value of 6d.

Alan Balter and Thomas of Ripon were attached for breaking the assize.

William Barker was attached for selling ale for 1½d against the assize and at a cost to the lord of 20s; he said that John of Elvet steward of the hostiller brewing at Shincliffe sold a gallon of ale for 1½d and a quart for 6s.

John Palman was summoned to answer Richard Paulyn about a debt of 13s 4d.

John Tayllor trespassed in the lord's herbage and broke ditches.

William Barker trespassed in the lord's corn with his pigs.

Thomas Baxter trespassed in the lord's corn.

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Loc.IV:134 27 June 1386 - 16 June 1387

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 17 courts. This roll is a little problematical, particularly in its dating, as it has been written up by various hands. The head is damaged, but the date of the first court appears to be "anno p...", which is probably referring to the episcopal year. The third court is dated "anno quinto". The courts on the dorse are dated as being in the sixth year of the bishop with some of the last ones being dated by the year of grace, 1387. This would all seem to fit with the roll being for a year's worth of courts covering years 5 and 6 of Bishop John Fordham. However, the fourth court is dated as 1385 and the "quinto" on the other courts on this side of the roll could be a shortening of this, a dating style which does appear in some of the earlier fourteenth century rolls. But this 1385 may actually be a mistake as this hand appears to be quite careless: the court is dated "sancti crucis" with no further mention of which particular feast, invention or exaltation; Wednesday is added at the end of the clause, almost as an afterthought whereas it should normally come before the feastday. The conclusive factor would seem to be that the previous court is dated as Wednesday in the feast of St James; in 1385 this was on a Tuesday and in 1386 it was a Wednesday. Previous cataloguers have dated this roll as 1385-1387; more information may have been visible before the roll was repaired but it would appear to be rather 1386-1387.

So the dates of the courts recorded are (some did not meet or have not been recorded): 1386 27 June, 11 and 25 July, 19 September, 3 and 17 October, 14 November; 1387 9 and 23 January, 6 and 20 February, 6 March, 17 April, 1 and 29 May, 12 and 26 June.

Before the sixth court is the heading "Extracte lib".

John Benton sued Juliana Spark over detaining a pot (*ollam*).

Goods and chattels which were Sabota Shepherd's to the value of 6s were delivered to William de Vewetrone.

John Emanson sued Elena his wife for abusing Alice Bennwyr.

Robert Spark trespassed with his cows at Charleys.

Various trespassed with various animals.

William Bainbridge is the nearest heir of Agnes [widow] of ? of Dalton and so he makes homage for the 2 messuages.

Hugh del Bate died seised of a messuage between the tenements of the prior of Durham and the hostiller, Nicholas del Bate is his son and heir, aged 21 and more, and makes homage for the messuage.

Agnes of Sedgfield sued Alexander Bay and Matilda his wife because Matilda refuses to return 2 ?covers/curtains (*velamina*) price 12d despite frequent requests at a cost of 6d.

John Ward sued Thomas Katryk and his wife Margery because Margery *ligitavit* and abused him at a cost of 6d.

Richard Pawleyn broke the lord's fold.

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Loc.IV:235 13 June 1397 - 22 May 1398

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 15 courts. No courts recorded between 11 July and 3 October 1397.

Richard Moynyour made homage for all the lands and tenements which were of John Frend in Rotten in Elvet and made a fine of 40d.

William Wright was distrained to answer for breaking folds.

John Skaling was in mercy for pigs taken in the lord's corn.

Peter Greveson and Juliana his wife sued Thomas Tindall and Constance his wife for unjustly detaining 5s for ale bought last Easter and not paid for at a cost of 40d.

Robert Berall made homage for a garden formerly of Alan of Aydon chaplain.

Roger White is in mercy for a horse taken in the lord's corn.

William Wright of Beron and John del North were attached to answer about carrying off the lord's wood and trampling the lord's wheat.

Richard Smith was attached to answer for cutting withies and underwood.

The bailiff presents Richard Dawson, Robert of Bradbury, Wiliam of Middelton and Alexander Bay for, each with 1 horse, nightly depasturing the lord's wheat at a cost of ½ a mark.

The bailiff presents John Skaling, Robert Bradbery, John Piercebrig and Alice of Lambton for brewing and selling ale against the assize.

John Skaling took the lord's wood and carried it away, and he also depastured the lord's corn, trampling it with his pigs, as did John Henrison with 2 horses.

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Loc.IV:101 26 June - 4 September 1398

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 6 courts. The first three courts are titled as being courts of the prior and hostiller of Durham for the Barony of Elvet held at Elvethall ... held before William de Calthorn steward.

Walter del Polhill sues Wiliam Playfair for abusing Roger his son and servant so that he lost his service at a cost of 20s.

The bailiff presents that Gilbert of Guildford depastured, trampled and consumed with 7 geese the lord's grass in Smithyhaugh.

The bailiff presents that William Wright bored into and opened up a certain oak of the lord's in Elvet wood, revealing a nest of bees, and he took away honey and wax at a cost of 10s.

John Aspour was attached to answer William Payntour, William of Wolsingham, and John Banes for breaking into their closes at *Wellehough* with his animals and depasturing, trampling and consuming their grass growing there at a cost of 10s.

The bailiff attached Alan of Aydon chaplain for dumping manure on the lord's land in *Le Lonyng* without licence.

[William] of Bishopton (*Bysshton*) forester presents that on 5 August 1398, John Skaling webster was in Elvet wood with 15 pigs and depastured, trampled and consumed the lord's grass and damaged the ditches at a cost of 100s. William tried to stop them through his son Richard, but John prevented him, and he also harvested and carried off [grass] from [Pe]th meadow, for which William attached him for a falcon, about which John abused William's son Richard.

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Loc.IV:96 2 October 1398 - 22 January 1399

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 9 courts. "Capital' curie" held on 2 October 1398 and 8 January 1399.

William Carter was distrained to answer for cutting down and carrying off oak wood in Elvet wood.

William of Bishopton forester did not come to present the defects in his office.

All the brewers, bakers and regrators were to come to the next court to answer the lord for excesses.

Peter Greveson depastured the wheat in the demesne with 4 pigs; similarly Richard Moniour with 3 pigs in the stubble, also John of Wadley with 3 pigs, Mabil Porter with 4 pigs in Smithyhaugh, Walter Lyster with 2 pigs there, Robert of Dalton with 4 pigs in the stubble, William of Wolsingham with 1 boar, William de Thornburgh with 5 pigs in Smithyhaugh, Robert of Bradbury with 1 pig in the stubble, John of Burdon with 1 pig, Thomas of Tynedale with 1 horse in the wood, William Potter with 1 horse, Thomas of Blencow with 1 horse, William Payntour with 1 pig in the stubble, Robert Plummer with 12 geese in Smithyhaugh all variously depastured, trampled and consumed the lord's grass.

John Saling, Robert of Bradbury, William Hyndley, John Piercebridge and Thomas of Tynedale brewed and sold ale against the assize.

John Palman and William Strong sold ale against the assize.

William of Lumley webster was to answer for cutting down and carrying off the lord's wood without licence.

Alan Webster was attached for cutting down and carrying off 7 *holyns* in Elvet wood without licence.

Adam Webster cut down and carried off brush (*brucr*) (*brome* in Loc.IV:132) formerly growing on the lord's soil next to Maiden Castle; similarly brush cut down in Elvet wood.

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Loc.IV:132 5 February - 25 June 1399

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 12 courts.

John Henrison sues Thomas Hyne for unjustly detaining 10d due to him from the judgement of an arbitration by neighbours for a pig of John's killed, at a cost of 6d. The bailiff presents that John Arthore with his pigs depastured the lord's grass at Cuthbertplace by ?digging up the lord's soil without licence.

The bailiff presents John Rose for depasturing with a horse the lord's grass at Smithyhaugh; John Fletcher for his servants taking and carrying off the lord's wood formerly growing in *Le Wellehalgh*; and Roger White for depasturing with a horse the lord's grass formerly growing in Smithyhaugh.

Thomas Tynedale common baker sells bread of less weight than it ought to be.

Roger White trespassed in the lord's wheat at *Langmeredike* with his horse.

Richard Stabler trespassed in gardens with his horse.

William Collinson trespassed at *Lamgmeredike* with his horse.

John Benett trespassed there with his horse.

The bailiff presents that William of Lumley webster depastured wheat at Peth meadow with his horse; similarly Thomas del Polhill with 3 horses there, also John Winship with 20 beasts depastured the lord's barley at Kirkcroft.

William of Ovingham and Mariot his wife were summoned to answer William de Burbrig abbot of Blanchland, and Hugh of Durham canon for unjustly detaining a girdle (*singulum*) price 6d and 14d in cash.

William Lardynner places himself in the lord's grace for trespassing in the lord's corn with 2 cows and a stirket.

William of Lumley webster trespassed at Charleys with a horse; similarly Richard Glover for trespasses made there, and John Henrison for trespassing in the wood and grass with 2 horses.

John Rose is distrained for on 11 June trespassing with his horse at Smithyhaugh without licence.

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Loc.IV:128 9 July 1399 - 21 January 1400

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 15 courts. *Capitalis curie* held on 1 October 1399 and 7 January 1400.

m.1 William of Lumley webster was to answer for trespassing at Charleys with 4 geese.

Alexander Bay places himself in the lord's grace for trespassing at *Wollerode* with his horse; similarly William Hyndley for trespassing at Charleys in the barley with his horse, likewise William Potter.

John of Cawood depastured with a horse the barley at Charleys without licence.

Robert Webster with his 2 pigs depastured, trampled and consumed the barley at the Kirkcroft.

Robert Webster depastured, trampled and consumed peas and oats at Barncroft with 2 pigs.

Attached for *ter capt*. Robert of Bradbury with 4 pigs; William Payntour with 4 pigs; Walter Lyster with 4 pigs; John Banes with 1 sow; [Thomas Clerk] with 4 geese.

m.1d Attached for trespasses: Alexander Bay with 1 horse; William of Lumley with 7 geese in the Kirkcroft; Thomas Clerk with 4 geese there; Thomas Bole with 1 horse there; John Skaling with 11 pigs in the lord's barley at Kirkcroft; John Reddyman with 3 pigs in the lord's peas in the Barncroft; Robert Webster with 1 horse twice taken in the Peth; John of Cawood with 1 horse; Henry Chaloner with 1 horse; John Skaling with 1 horse; John Henrison with 1 horse; William Potter with 1 horse in the lord's stubble at the Barncroft; William de Hyndley with 1 horse in the stubble in the Peth; Richard Pawlyn with 1 cow in Smithyhaugh.

The bailiff presents that the horse of John Palman, with the horses of 6 others, seized for trespassing in Le Peth, were being held in the lord's fold and Palman broke into the fold and took away his horse, at the same time allowing the 6 other horses to escape, to the great loss of the lord.

John Skaling, William of Bishopton, Richard Pawlyn, William Potter, John Raper, Robert Webster, Henry Chaloner and Robert of Bradbury took herbage from the lord at Smithyhaugh, Barncroft and Saintcuthbertplace up to next February 2 at a rent of 15s payable at Christmas.

John Palman to stand (*ad stand*) the ordinance of the court and the lord's council for breaking into the fold.

m.2 William Palman depastured the lord's herbage in the stubble in the Peth with 1 horse.

John Banes was attached for trespassing in the Barncroft with 2 horses.

John Skaling and his colleagues farmers of Barncroft sue John Banes for depasturing the herbage in the stubble there with 2 horses and a cost of 40d.

John Rose to answer for trespassing in Smithyhaugh with his horse without licence.

The forester presents that John Waynman harvested the lord's grass in Smithyhaugh around 1 August and at other times.

John Skaling, William Wright, Robert of Bradbury and John Piercebridge brewed and sold ale against the assize; likewise William String, Thomas of Tynedale (also baked), John Palman, William de Hyndley, William of Lumley, William Potter, Robert Webster.

m2d Robert of Bradbury sues William Bishopton for allowing 4 of his pigs to intrude into his garden and eat his grass growing there at a cost of 6 marks.

John Henrison with 8 pigs depastured the lord's herbage in the Westwood; Stephen of Shincliffe took and carried away the lord's wood from the Horseclose in Elvet wood without licence; John Fabian took and carried away wood from there; Juliana of Middleton wife of John of Middleton took and carried away the lord's wood blown down by the wood at St Helen's well. (*Seintlynwell*).

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Loc.IV:119 4 February - 26 May 1400

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 9 courts. The courts are numbered [ix] to xvii.

William Bishopton was attached to answer William Potter for, on 2 December 1399, at Horseclose next to Elvet wood, impeding him from carrying a carcass from the wood which he had bought from John Wright junior which he had bought from John of Newburn former hostiller.

Thomas Tymby and John ? in a case over a debt for the farm of the Tollbooth.

Alan Webster was attached for digging up the lord's soil without licence.

John Harpour was attached for trespassing with a horse on Charleys; John Beper for [trespassing] with 2 horses on Charleys; William ? with 1 horse in Elvet wood; Walter Lumley with 18 geese at Charleys; William Wright with 7 geese in the wood; Henry Chaloner with a horse in *Les Allers*.

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Loc.IV:124 9 June - 29 September 1400

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 9 courts. Numbered [x]viii to [xxvi].

William Potter was attached to answer the lord for trespassing at Charleys with his 2 horses.

William Lax sued Richard Pawlyn over a debt who was attached for a horse which the bailiff impounded in the prior's fold at Elvethall but which Pawlyn, breaking into the fold, took away.

In mercy for depasturing the lord's herbage - William Potter with 2 horses; William Hyndley with 1 horse; Henry Souter with 1 horse; William Taylor with 1 horse; Henry Taylor with 1 horse; John of Wadley with 1 horse.

William Todd trepassed in the lord's herbage with his horse.

Attached for trespassing: John Piercebridge with 4 pigs in Elvet wood; Walter Barker with 2 pigs there; John Skaling with 4 pigs, 1 pig and 2 pigs there; Robert Plummer with 1 calf in Smithyhaugh; Alexander Bay with 1 horse; Walter of the Hall with 1 horse.

Thomas of the Guesthall sues William of Evenwood over a debt of 2s 8d which he ought to have paid him for a stirket bought from him, at a cost of 18d.

Thomas del Lough sues William of Evenwood over a debt of 20d which he ought to have paid him for 2 *bel' de crispe* bought from him at Durham on 20 March 1393 which should have been paid at the following Easter, at a cost of 12d.

Attached for trespassing - John Rose with 1 horse on the lord's land; John Lawnell with 6 oxen next to the Peth; John Frere with 1 horse in the lord's wood; John Lyster with 1 horse on the lord's land.

Richard Pawlyn took his horse away from the lord's fold, being held in a suit of debt with William Lax.

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Loc.IV:129 13 October 1400 - 30 March 1401

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 12 courts. The courts are numbered [i] to [xii]. The first court is a "capitalis curie".

The bailiff orders that William Wright be distrained a small pot (*ollulam*) and that Henry Chaloner has nothing in his bailiwick.

John Piercebridge trespassed with 4 pigs in Elvet wood beyond the Peth.

Alexander Bay trespassed in the lord's herbage with 2 horses and a foal.

Richard Glover took the lord's wood from the place of St Cuthbert; likewise John Raper.

John Piercebridge's servant William Brook took a cow from the lord's fold without licence.

William Wright depastured with his stirket.

Alexander trespassed with 2 horses.

Case about a potter digging lute in the lord's soil.

The bailiff presents that he sent his servant to attach the son of Walter Blo but Walter Capper impeded him so that he could not carry out his office in contempt of the lord.

William Plummer with his 4 pigs dug up the lord's soil at Saintcuthbertplace.

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Loc.IV:103 13 April - 27 July 1401

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 9 courts. The courts numbered [i] to [ix].

Presentments for trespassing - Robert Spyer with 1 horse at Charleys; Henry Potter with 2 horses there; William Potter with 1 horse there.

Selling ale against the assize - John Skaling, William Potter, John of Piercebridge, William Stronger, John Fabian, William of Lumley.

Ale assize - William Wright, William Hyndley, Henry Potter, Eustace of Weardale, John Palman, Thomas Tyndale, William Chaloner, William Qwarres.

Presentments for trespassing - William Palman with a horse in oats at Charleys; John Wederard with a horse in corn at Houghall; William Wolsingham with a horse and a foal there; Walter Baley/Bayley with a horse there.

John Couper depastured the lord's oats at Charleys with 1 horse.

Alice de Cranntwyk and Joan wife of William Piercebridgeman carried off hedging and new fencing of Peter of Elvet from the enclosures by *Beutrouegatt*.

John of Dinsdale mason with 1 horse twice and with 2 horses depastured the lord's oats at Charleys; similarly William Carter with 1 horse the lord's oats at Charleys, Thomas Hyndley with 1 horse the lord's grass in Elvet wood, Henry Potter with 2 horses the lord's oats in Charleys.

David Cooper with 1 horse depastured the lord's oats in Charleys; similarly William Friend with 1 horse in the lord's oats there, William de Cotes in *Allers*; William Aldyngshels with 4 pigs in the corn and grass in Smithyhaugh.

Richard Pawlyn owed John Roos 6s 8d of silver.

Robert Spyre and Joan his wife sue John Martyn and Agnes his wife over Agnes abusing and assaulting Joan, causing an affray and drawing blood in Elvet on 21 June 1401 at a cost of 100s.

John Cawood depastured corn at Charleys with 1 horse; similarly John Glover with 1 horse at *Bynethgate*, John Raper with 1 horse in the meadow there.

Robert de Cotes with 1 horse depastured the lord's grass by *Milnedam*.

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Loc.IV:236 3 August - 26 October 1401

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 7 courts. The courts are numbered [ix] to [xv]. The last court has a note at the end of it stating that the rest of the court will be found on the following roll (Loc.IV:131).

Elena Carr sues William Carter for a debt of 12d which he ought to have paid for victuals bought from her on 22 May.

Hugh of Teesdale sues William Carter for a debt of 7s which he ought to have paid for a cow bought from him on 11 November 1400.

John Bathan sues William Carter for a debt of 19d which he ought to have paid for a pair of *carnibus* bought from him on 11 November 1399.

John Raper formerly staying in Darlington dug up the ditches, hedges and fences of the lord at Smithyhaugh between the highway and the fencing in a certain place by the end of Elvet vill and he broke down the ditch and made an entrance through the middle of the ditch and also depastured the lord's grass. He is attached for a horse price 1 mark.

Presentments of trespassings - John of Cawood in Charleys, John Glover in the meadows of *Bynethgate*, John Raper syvyer in the meadows, Robert Cotes in Barncroft, Walter Barker with his pigs in Smithyhalgh,

Thomas Cooper sues Robert de Cotes in a plea of debt; Cotes is not resident and is attached for hay to the value of ½ a mark.

William Blyth sues John Walker about a debt of 9s 4d for fulling bread for milling at various times over the last year.

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Loc.IV:131 26 October 1401 - 18 January 1402

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 7 courts. The first court is a continuation of the last court on Loc.IV:236. The roll is headed "Elvethalle"; barony is no longer mentioned in the heading of the courts.

Robert de Brall sues John Fabian for impeding the way to his door at a cost of 40d. John Skaling, John Fabian, William Potter, Henry Potter, Agnes Cooper, Constance of Weardale, John Palman, William Hyndley, William Strenger, William Wright, William of Lumley, Thomas of Tynedale brewed and sold ale against the assize.

William Palman depastured the hedges and grass in the lord's wood with 2 horses. Anyone polluting the common well should pay the lord 2d.

Proclamation about brewing ale and baking bread, using the correct weights and measures.

Presentments of trespassings - William of Wolsingham and Walter Bailey in the lord's corn and meadow at Houghall, John de Cawood in Charleys, John Glover in the meadows of *Bynethgate*, John Raper syvyer in the meadows, Walter Barker and John Elge with their pigs in Smithyhaugh.

William Wright sued Alexander Bay for trespassing with his horse in his garden and eating up his hay, vegetables, leeks and other things growing there.

Peter Greveson and Julia his wife sued Richard Pawlyn and Matilda his wife over a debt; they were attached for a stone of woollen cloth.

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Loc.IV:99 1 February - 10 May 1402

Elvet Barony Court Roll. 8 courts. Some of the courts are now headed as the court of the prior of Durham held at Elvethall; generally they are just headed as the court held at Elvethall; as well as the regnal year, they are also being dated by the episcopal year. 29 March court is ["Capitalis curie"].

Stephen Piper sold ale by cups, measures and other vessels which were not approved and he sold a gallon more dearly than the assize allows.

Thomas of Tynedale violently beat John de Frere.

John Elge the bailiff of the manor presents that William of Lumley broke the enclosures (*hayas*) of the lord at [blank].

Proclamation about ale pricing.

The forester [presents] that John del North cut down and carried off wood at Saintcuthbertplace, and he also abused the forester in trying to carry out his office.

The same forester presents John Blechester for carrying off the lord's wood from the lord's enclosures (*haiis*) of Elvet wood.

The same presents Robert Plummer for, by his servants, breaking and carrying off from the lord's enclosures at Saintcuthbertplace and *Dederebank*.

Henry Potter with his horse depastured the lord's wheat at the Hallcrofts.

Affeerers listed.

The forester presents Robert Spire for depasturing with a horse the lord's oats in Elvet wood; also John Cooper with a horse depastured the lord's wheat at *Pythend*.

The forester presents David Cooper for depasturing with a horse the lord's grass in *Wollayrodes*; similarly with a horse there Thomas Wadle.

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Shincliffe court

1395 - 1464

15 rolls

Biographical information: Shincliffe was the rural township within the hostiller's estate, sited 3 miles from the centre of Durham by the River Wear on the main road from Durham to Stockton. It was relatively moderate in size, containing in the early thirteenth century 24 bondlands each of 20 acres.

Its court was very much akin to the bursar's halmote court. It met 3 times a year in early spring, mid-summer and late autumn. The hostiller and his steward presided. The court was held usually at Elvethall but sometimes in Shincliffe. The court's business included recovery of debts, the registration of title deeds, the performance of fealty, some cases of theft, violence and lairwite (adultery), various agricultural offences such as animals straying and illicit wood gathering, and the regulation of brewing and baking. Many cases were dropped or postponed indefinitely and punishments for others were small fines or amercements or the confiscation of goods.

Loc.IV:105 13 January 1395 - 19 October 1397

Shincliffe Court Roll. 6 courts. Courts were held on 13 January and 3 November 1395, 5 April 1396, 10 January and 10 July 1397 (actually dated 20 Richard II but it must be 21 Richard II as it would seem to follow on in sequence) and 19 October 1397 (no year date but it is dated as Friday in the Vigil of St Luke, which vigil was a Friday in 1397). The court met on Wednesdays, except on the last 2 occasions when it met on Tuesday and then Friday. The courts are headed "Cur' de Shynklet tent' apud Elvethall". The 10 January 1397 court is a "Capital' Cur".

The bailiff presents John del Hall for cutting trees called alders unlicensed.

Joan Smale surrendered a cottage with garden to John Huetson and Margery his servant.

Roger of Cowesby (*Comsby*) has not enclosed his garden.

William Biwell variously depastured the common pasture in the meadow.

Walter de Hall by his son cut the grass of Richard del Hall.

Thomas Dawson depastured his neighbour's corn with his geese. Various others [trespassed] with calves and pigs.

Margery servant of John Hottson committed lairwite (adultery).

William Thomson, William Penther and Richard del Hall brewed and sold ale against the assize.

Isabella of Lowick occupies a tenement formerly held by John Alanson and afterwards by Thomas Coltman; Thomas Coltman has entered a tenement formerly held by William Penther.

Joan Sharpe has not enclosed her front garden.

Adam Webster has broken fallow land.

Richard del Hall and Roger of Cowesby defiled the common spring with their geese; likewise William Penther.

Richard del Hall put his horse at night into his neighbour's corn; similarly Roger of Cowesby and Thomas Hodgson.

Jurors named; also constables.

Thomas Coltman came and took a tenement with a husbandman land in Shincliffe which William Pencher formerly held, situated on the west side of the vill, with the demesne grange in front of it, for life.

William Clerk sued John de Grandon for, on 1 October 1394, depasturing his hay at Sherburngate with his animals at a cost of 2s.

Roger of Cowesby flooded land at *Hebekmore* by not repairing the watercourse.

All tenants to repair their tenements by All Saints.

Joan Ward took a cottage which Robert Ward formerly held, for life, where she now lives.

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Elena former servant of the parson of Hilton took hedging from the park.

Richard del Hall, Roger de Comsby and Thomas Ward defiled the spring at the end of the town with their geese.

Thomas Robinson trampled his neighbour's corn with his geese, and also damaged the pasture with his oxen.

Roger of Cowesby (*Colvysby*) and John de Grandon with their oxen and pigs depastured the lord's grass in the park and despoiled the soil.

Elizabeth daughter of Robert Taylor of Kelloe committed lairwite with William Penther.

Various trespassed in the west field with pigs, oxen and geese.

No tenant should speak badly of a juror.

Various presented for depasturing the corn of their neighbours.

Thomas Coltman and Thomas Dawson damaged corn with geese.

Roger of Cowesby and Agnes Alanson put a horse at night into the corn.

William Thomson and John del Hill brewed and sold ale against the assize.

Various with their pigs made an agreement about pannage at 2d per pig.

Tenants should not go through the lord's park.

John of Lowick and Alice wife of John of Brandon claimed a tenement and 20 acres of land.

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Loc.IV:112 11 July 1396 - 24 February 1399

Shincliffe Court Roll. 5 courts. Courts are recorded for 11 July 1396, 19 October 1397, 28 January and 18 October 1398, and 24 February 1399. The courts are variously titled "Cur' de Shinkclyff tent' ib'm" and "Cur' tent' apud Skynkley". The courts met on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. The 19 October 1397 court is a repeat though not an exact copy of the same court recorded in Loc.IV:105. The entry for the 24 February 1399 court is continued in Loc.IV:125.

Elizabeth daughter of Robert Taylor of Kelloe committed lairwite with William P... Various depastured with various geese, pigs and oxen the corn and grass in the [west field].

Roger of Cowesby and John of Brandon depastured the grass in the park with their geese.

William Thomson and John del Hill brewed and sold ale against the assize.

No tenant should reprove a juror.

Various with various pigs depastured their neighbours' corn.

Agnes Alanson and Roger of Cowesby put their horse at night into their neighbours' corn.

Alice wife of John of Brandon with the consent of her husband John surrendered a tenement and 20 acres of land and meadow, and then Alice and John of Lowick took the tenement and land for life.

Inventory of the goods seized from William Gem and John Yate.

Each of the 24 husbandman tenements should pay 4d and each of the 6 cottages 3d.

dorse

All the tenants should repair the common fold.

Richard Sharpe did not make the lord's hay or work on the mill pond.

John Ward did not work on the mill pond.

Richard Sharpe had 2 stirkets in the field at night.

Roger of Cowesby hobbled his horse at *Welgreve*.

John del Hill, Agnes Alanson, Roger of Cowesby, and Thomas had pigs/horses in the corn.

Robert Smyth of Sedgefield cut down and carried off withies in *Le Burne*; similarly William servant of John Dickson.

Agnes Alanson, Thomas Dawson, William Thomson and Thomas Ward have ruinous houses.

William Bishopton forester does not make the return of his office.

William Thomson, John del Hill and Richard del Hall came and leased two parts of a brewery called *Tolale* in Shincliffe at an annual rent of 9s.

Richard Sharpe surrendered to the hostiller a *cat'* and 3 acres of land which John del Hill and Isabella his wife took on.

Appointments of reeve, ale tasters, constables and jurors.

All tenants to repair their tenements by the Invention [of the Cross (3 May)].

John del Crake took away 1 bushel of silage and half a bushel of wheat from the lord's mill, John Dickson miller.

Agnes who was the wife of John Alanson took away wood unlicensed.

Megot daughter of Thomas Ward [sued] for lairwite.

Jurors are to present those who have cut down tress or have defects within the town.

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Loc.IV:125 24 February 1399 - 4 February 1400

Shincliffe Court Roll. 4 courts. The first court continues the entry at the end of Loc.IV:112 above and the last court is continued on Loc.IV:139 below. The courts were held on 24 February, 11 June, and 17 November 1399, and 4 February 1400. Stephen del Brome took a piece of land with 3 acres called ?*Hellner* and another piece of land at *Hallerhedes* surrendered by Richard Sharpe paying a fine of 3s. Thomas Ward took a cottage and 3 acres of land surrendered by his mother Joanna Ward paying a fine of ½ a mark.

Thomas Ward is to repair his close by Easter and to make ditches before 3 May. William Thomson, Richard del Hall and John de Hill broke the assize of ale.

Robert Colinson, Richard del Hall, John Huetson and Thomas Robinson ought to repair their ruinous houses.

John del Hill ought to build a new cottage for which he has been given the timber. Thomas Ward has neither repaired nor roofed his tenement.

John Robinson surrendered a messuage and a bondage, taken by John del Hill paying a fine of 20s.

William Sharpe sues Agnes widow of John Alanson for a debt of 5s for the *vestur* of a meadow in Hillmere.

John of Brandon and Thomas Ward hold jointly a close of which they ought to repair the half nearer their houses each, and they have not done so.

Inquisition into the *nativus* ancestry of Richard Sharpe whose father John Sharpe in the time of Prior John Fossor held a bondage in Shincliffe, and William Annotson's claim to it.

Richard of Mainsforth and Joanna his wife took from John of Newburn hostiller on 26 September 1399 a tenement containing a tithe barn and a husbandland formerly held by the late Thomas Coltman.

dorse

Thomas Ward did not repair his grange. John of Cowesby has not repaired his ruinous house.

Depasturing the lord's grass - Thomas Dawson with 2 pigs, Thomas del More with 3 pigs, John Colinson with 1 pig, William Thomson with 1 cow, John of Lowick with 1 beast, Agnes Alanson with 3 oxen and 2 pigs, John of Brandon with 2 oxen, Richard del Hall with 1 ox.

Emma de Bocland took wood unlicensed.

John del Hill repaired his tenement whilst he lived, which the jurors say could be done for 13s 4d.

John del Hill held a tenement and a bondage, he has died and Isabella his widow has surrendered them, which William Dande and Stephen del Brome have taken paying a fine of 46s 8d.

William Hogson took a messuage and a husbandland formerly held by the late Thomas Coltman paying a fine of 5 marks.

John Dickson sued Roger of Cowesby and Juliana his wife for hitting his servant John with a stone and so losing him his service and the profits of the mill.

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Loc.IV:139 [4 February 1400] - 24 August 1401

Shincliffe Court Roll. 3, possibly 4, courts. [4 February] and 2 November 1400, possibly a third court in early 1401, 24 August 1401. The second court is headed as "Cur de Shyncliff tent' apud Elvethall" and the [fourth] as "Cur & hallm' de Shynclif tent' apud Elvethalle".

Elena Sharpe sued for lairwite.

For depasturing [the lord's] corn: John Lovell, John Colinson with 1 pig, Richard del Hall with 1 pig, William Thomson with 3 pigs, Robert Colinson with 1 pig, Richard of Mainsforth with 2 pigs.

Thomas Ward has not bailed his land as he ought to the great nuisance of his neighbours.

[William] Thomson and Isabella his wife sued William Dande about a *belt'* price 5s and other works and goods to the value of 11s.

Thomas Clerk sued John Lawnell and Agnes his wife about a capon price 20d. dorse

Roger of Cowesby (*Cowycby*) came to court about reproofing and vilifying.

William Sharp placed himself in the lord's grace for his mother Joanna Sharp.

For trampling and depasturing the lord's corn: William del Hall with 2 pigs, Roger of Cowesby (*Cawysby*) with 4 oxen, Adam Webster with 2 horses, William Dand with 3 oxen.

Richard del Hall and Adam Webster brewed and sold ale against the assize.

John Colinson is elected reeve and juror.

Thomas Hodgson did not take any squirrels from the lord's park at Shincliffe as was presented beforehand.

John Atkinson trespassed with his pigs in the park.

John Geffrayson broke the lord's fold in Shincliffe with his horse.

Trespassing in the corn: John of Lowick with 1 calf, William Hodgson with 1 calf, Richard del Hall with 1 calf, John Colynson with 2 calves, Roger of Cowesby with 1 calf, William Dand with 2 calves, Stephen del Brome with 12 calves, Thomas Warde with 1 calf, William del Hall with 1 calf, Thomas Robinson with 1 calf.

William Thomson defiled the common spring with his geese, similarly Richard of Mainsforth and Thomas Dawson.

William del Hall trespassed in the lord's corn with 1 pig.

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Loc.IV:138 [October 1401] - 3 March 1404

Shincliffe Court Roll. 6 courts. The courts were held [October/November 1401], 24 February and [18 October] 1402, 22 February and 18 October 1403, and 3 May 1404. The courts are generally titled as the court and halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall.

Jurors and reeve elected.

Richard of Mainsforth has not repaired his barn in *Ryagehink*.

Richard del Hall fornicated with Alice Fowler.

Richard del Hall does not stay at his tenement.

William Thomson of Shincliffe and Adam Webster brewed and sold ale against the assize.

Peter Colinson is to repair his cottage at *Le Hink* by 24 June.

Isolda who was the wife of [Robert] del More came to Robert Crayke hostiller at Elvethall and surrendered a messuage and a husbandland at Shincliffe formerly held by Robert del More, for the use of William son of John of Mainsforth, paying a fine of 66s 8d.

William Thomson with John Lovell impounded a horse, and with horses variously depastured his neighbours.

William del Hall hobbled a horse in the corn and depastured the hedges of the pasture with his oxen. Similarly John Lovell and Richard of Mainsforth depastured with calves, oxen and geese.

No tenant is to take a Scot into service, or a tenement, or their household, and none are to stay more than 3 nights on pain of forfeiture.

Licences sought for pannage for pigs in the lord's park.

dorse

Roger of Mainsforth former hostiller of Durham presents William Thomson [of] Middleham for felling an oak in the lord's wood.

John Harteshed committed lairwite with Margery Ward.

William Thomson defiled the common spring with his geese.

William Thomson of Middleham and Isabella his wife formerly the wife of John del Hill took a cottage and 3 acres of land which Isabella formerly held for life after the death of John del Hill paying a fine of 3s 4d.

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Loc.IV:97 11 February 1405 - 3 November 1406

Shincliffe Court Roll. 4 courts. Courts held on 11 February, 31 July, and 21 December 1405, and 3 November 1406. The courts are headed as being the halmote court of Shincliffe held at Elvethall.

Ralph Lunbrum and John Blackburn of South Sherburn felled an oak in the west wood of Shincliffe.

John Blached of Sedgefield had a licence with Richard Smyth of Durham.

William Thomson brewed and sold ale against the assize.

Consuming corn: John Lowick with 1 calf, William of Mainsforth with 1 calf and pigs, Richard of Mainsforth with ?.

William Bishopton sold to John Barker of Gilesgate various items of timber including *cortice*, 15 *silez*, ribs, baulks, joists and 24 spars.

Cecilia who was the wife of John Colinson and held a whole bondage has died and the said John took her land and tenement, paying a fine of 40s.

Roger of Cowesby has not repaired his 2 ruinous granges and John Brandon has not repaired his roofed building (*tectura*).

Defiling the common spring: Richard of Mainsforth with 4 geese, William of Mainsforth with 2 geese, Thomas Dawson with 2 geese, similarly with geese William Sharp, Richard Colinson, John Lowick sr and John Lovell.

Richard of Mainsforth with 1 horse and John Lovell with 2 horses through their servants damaged wood.

Isolda de Hill committed lairwite with Thomas of Mainsforth.

In the court baron at Elvethall of 27 August 1404 William Thomson was presented for felling an oak in the park of Shincliffe, and for detaining 100 gallons of ale over 4 years.

dorse

Various with pigs depastured the lord's park of pannage.

Various with oxen depastured the lord's park of herbage.

Various with calves depastured their neighbours' corn.

William Thomson seeks a licence for *taburand* 4 acres of John Dicson.

William of Mainsforth and Margaret his wife took a tenement and a land which William del Hall, Margaret's father, had held.

Richard of Mainsforth felled and carried off oak branches from the lord's park.

John Huetson sued Thomas Cosin and Margaret his wife for on 11 November 1404 taking from John in Shincliffe a cottage and not paying the agreed rent. Thomas also retained money owed for repairs.

Corn was consumed by various and the common spring defiled by various with their geese.

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Loc.IV:121 24 February 1407 - 2 August 1409

Shincliffe Court Roll. 6 courts. Courts held on 24 February, 6 May, and 16 October 1407, 2 March and 28 November 1408, and 2 August 1409. The courts are headed as being pleas of the halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall.

Julian of Cowesby ?blocked up the water course at Newmore.

Constance the servant of Thomas Ward [committed] lairwite with Thomas himself.

John Mowbray took and carried off 3 bundles of briars from the lord's park.

Thomas Dawson depastured the herbage of the park with 9 stirkets.

Richard del Hall took a wagon-load of underwood in the west wood.

John Dickson broke the assize of ale and once sold ale before the ale tastors had approved it.

Alan Page tenant of Gilbert Elvet sold ale without letting the ale tastors approve it.

John Lovell took a tenement and 20 acres of land which John Colinson had held, paying a fine of 20s.

Roger of Cowesby surrendered his right to 1 tenement and 16 acres of land, and then he and his wife Juliana took the tenement paying a fine of 20s.

John Huetson sr surrendered his right to 2 tenements and 32 acres of land and then he, his son John Huetson jr and his wife Isabella took them paying a fine of £4 6s 8d.

Thomas Cosin and Margaret his wife took a cottage which John Huetson sr had held, paying a fine of 12d.

Isolda daughter of John del Hill committed lairwite with Thomas of Mainsforth once and with Thomas son of William Milner on another occasion.

William Thomson of Middleham brewed and sold ale against the assize.

William Thomson husbandman has a licence to sublet 4 acres of land for life, paying a fine of 2s.

Various trespassed variously with calves and geese in stubble and corn.

Isabella Baret committed lairwite with an outsider.

Adam Webster broke the assize of ale.

For the pannage of pigs this year is deducted 5s from the fees of the officers.

The reeve impounded William Richardson's horses taken in the corn but William took them away so breaking the common fold on penalty of 40d, and he also reproved Robert Colinson the reeve in carrying out his office.

William Thomson of Middleham cut down underwood.

Adam Webster and William Thomson broke the assize of ale.

Thomas Cosin took a cottage with a garden last held by Peter Colinson paying a fine of 12d.

dorse

William of Bishopton has not brought Hugh Gilson or Ralph Salter to answer for trespasses.

Richard of Mainsforth and William of Mainsforth diverted the water course at *Le Fulle*.

Richard of Mainsforth and William Dand blocked the water course at Howden to the inconvenience of adjoining landholders.

Richard Colinson hobbled a horse overnight in the corn.

The forester presented Richard of Mainsforth with 11 oxen and Thomas del More with 1 ox for depasturing the lord's herbage in the park.

Various depastured the corn with their geese.

Thomas del More, William Bywell and Thomas Ward have not repaired their tenements.

Isabella Baret committed lairwite with Thomas Ward.

Thomas Ward insulted William Chaloner and William Dand.

William Sharp depastured the corn and herbage of his neighbours with pigs and a calf.

Robert son of Richard of Mainsforth took a dovecote in the garden of Richard's tenement paying 12d.

John del More and Maria his wife took a messuage and a husbandland which Thomas his father and then Agnes his mother had held, paying a fine of 19s 5d.

Various trespassed variously with stirkets, calves, geese, horses and a young stallion (*stag*).

William Piper scolded (*obiugacione*) his wife.

Thomas Ward has not repaired his house.

William of Mainsforth and Elena his wife took 10 acres of exchequer land formerly held by Thomas del More paying 16s.

Thomas Ward unjustly withheld 18s from William Richard son of Mainsforth for 5 acres.

Richard del Hall and Isolda his wife took 1 cottage and 3 acres of land and 2 acres of exchequer land surrendered by Thomas Ward paying 4s 3d.

William Thomson and Isabella his wife took 1 other cottage and 3 acres of land and 2 acres of exchequer land surrendered by Thomas Ward paying 5s.

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Loc.IV:111 28 November 1409 - 28 November 1410

Shincliffe Court Roll. 2 courts. Courts held on 28 November 1409 and 28 November 1410. The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall.

Various with beasts and oxen depastured the lord's herbage in the park.

William Dand and Adam Webster broke the ale assize.

William of Mainsforth and Elena his wife [took] a perch of land 20 feet long and ? feet wide lying in Shincliffe between the tenements of the said William and John Lowick, paying a fine of 12d.

William Dand and Richard his son took a tenement and a husbandland formerly held by Thomas del More and surrendered by his son John del More and his wife Maria, paying a fine of 26s 8d.

?Alice wife of John Coltman took 1 ?tenement and 1 husbandland formerly held by Thomas del More paying a fine of 36s 8d.

Tenants are to make repairs before next ?.

dorse

The bailiff presents John Colinson for cutting briars in the west wood and Roger Peillek for carrying off cut wood there.

Alan Page on 27 March [1410] insulted John son of William Dand and attacked him with a knife and abducted a horse.

Various depastured corn in the fields with geese and calves.

William of Mainsforth sued Thomas More for detaining his mulct for a year.

Elections of reeve, jurors and constable.

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Loc.IV:100 24 October 1429 - 22 January 1432

Shincliffe Court Roll. 8 courts. Courts held on 24 October 1429, 27 February, 2 August, and 26 October 1430, 26 January, 13 May, and 5 October 1431, and 22 January 1432 (this last court being continued on Loc.IV:106). The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe. Each court begins with the names of the jurors and has the total at the end of it and *extract liberant*.

Roll endorsed (contemporary) as being for Shincliffe in the year 1429.

John Lovell, William Mainsforth of Elvet, John Robinson and William Thomson have not repaired their buildings.

John Rose felled 6 hollies (*holyns*) for enclosing a close called *Tonnokiner*.

William Esshet and Thomas Esshet broke horses out of the pound, and they owed William Green 46s 8d according to an agreement between them.

Various dug up the lord's soil in the park with their pigs.

Isabella Huetson owes for merchet with John Hunter, and similarly Emma Colinson with John Bates.

Robert Andrewson and William Thomson each took a tree (*lentiscum*) washed up by the river at the weir which should pertain to the lord as wreck.

Various had pigs and oxen digging up the lord's soil and depasturing his herbage and so they were impounded.

William Esshet and Thomas Esshet ought to pay for the last year for land formerly held by William Green.

William Mainsforth says he has not repaired his house because he has received no timber from the lord.

John Lovell and John Dand still have not repaired their houses; William Esshet and Thomas Esshet have not repaired their barn.

William Mainsforth has newly built a kiln (*ustrina*) and he has to roof a barn at the upper end of the town; William Esshet and Thomas his brother have to repair a walled barn and roof their house by Easter; John Lovell has to roof his house.

When Robert Andrewson the constable on 7 January 1421 arrested John of Mainsforth to keep the peace of Henry Wigton, the same John with William Esshet struck the constable

William Ruture, William Thomson miller for the wife of Thomas Esshet and John Smyth took cut wood.

Richard Colinson and John Bost broke the ale assize.

William Mainsforth sr to repair a kiln, John Mainsforth and John Dand to repair a close between the tenements of them and John Huetson; John Dand, William Richardson, Richard Colinson, Richard del Hall, and John Lovell to repair their houses.

The jurors are to view and present encroachments in the field at the next court.

Elena servant of Robert Colinson was presented for lairwite.

John Mainsforth reproved Robert Colinson the reeve.

John Dand has not enclosed his frontage at *Helmersyde*.

John Bates for 1 messuage and 1 husbandland formerly held by John Dand and William Mainsforth.

Adam Barbour for 1 cottage and 3 acres of land and 1 acre of exchequerland which William Thomson surrendered.

dorse

William Mainsforth has to repair his kiln; John Dand, John Lovell and William Esshet have not repaired their houses; John Mainsforth has repaired his tenement; William Thomson milner and Adam Barbour are to repair their houses.

John Bost and Richard Colinson did not carry out the assize of ale.

William Hackforth unjustly sued John Robinson for blocking his way towards the River Wear.

The tenants should repair the common bakery and fold.

John Dand and William Mainsforth are to abide by arbitration in their quarrel.

William Esshet has unjustly withheld 8s 2d from William Mainsforth for mulcture for the last 2 years, and he also owes him 10s for a horse bought from him.

First proclamation that Thomas Esshet sr should live on his tenement.

Thomas Mainsforth has taken a messuage and 19 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore.

William Esshet and Thomas Esshet have taken 2 messuages and 40 acres whereof 4 acres are on Newmore.

Robert Colinson has taken 1 messuage and 19 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore and another messuage and 20 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land at *Allerheved* and 3 acres of land at *Helymer*.

William Hogeson took 1 messuage and 16 acres of land and another messuage and 20 acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore.

William Richardson took 1 messuage and 19 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore and another messuage and 21 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore.

William Mainsforth of Durham took a messuage and 19 acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore and another messuage and 21 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore.

John Dand took 2 messuages and 40 acres of land whereof 4 acres are on Newmore and 3 acres at *Helymer*.

John Lovell took 3 messuages and 60 acres of land whereof 6 acres are on Newmore and 2 other acres of land there.

Richard Colinson took a messuage and 19 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore and another messuage and 21 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore.

William Mainsforth of Shincliffe took 1 messuage and 21 acres of land and 10 acres of land formerly held by Thomas del More and a perch of land newly approved at [blank].

William Mainsforth and Thomas Mainsforth took a messuage and 20 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore, cancelled and interlineated that it was cancelled because in the second year following it was divided between Robert Hodgson and Thomas Mainsforth.

John Mainsforth took a messuage and 20 acres of land whereof 2 are on Newmore and a small dovecote in the said messuage.

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Loc.IV:106 22 January 1432 - 24 September 1433

Shincliffe Court Roll. 5 courts. Courts held on 22 January (continued from Loc.IV:100 above) and 30 October 1432, 12 January, 16 May and, 24 September 1433 (continued in Loc.IV:122 below). The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe and sometimes held at Elvethall.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Henry Helay [hostiller] 1431, 1432, 1433 and Shincliffe. Each court begins with the names of the jurors and has the total at the end of it and "extract liberant". Tenants are variously fined for not repairing their property, for various transgressions with their animals and for breaking or not carrying out the assize of ale. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes - John Bates took a messuage and 20 acres of bondland formerly of John Dand whereof 1 acre is on Newmore.

John Huetson took a messuage and 20 acres of bondland formerly of Richard Sharp whereof 2 acres are on Newmore along with another 2 acres on Newmore.

Richard del Hall took 2 cottages with crofts and 16½ acres of land whereof 6 acres are on Newmore.

Adam Barbour took a cottage with a garden and 4 acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore formerly of William Thomson.

William Thomson miller took a cottage with a garden and 4 acres whereof 1 acre is on Newmore and another 2 acres on Newmore.

Second proclamation that Thomas Esshet should live on his tenement.

Richard Le Nowe insulted and made affray against Hawise Bost.

John Halywell broke out of the fold the pigs of William Lumley.

William Mainsforth has not repaired ditching at *Hebrigmer*.

John Carter carried off underwood from the lord's wood.

Thomas Cooper of Elvet unjustly sued John Bost for a debt of 4s for a horse bought from him.

William Esshet detained 2 bushels and 2 pecks each of wheat price 20d, barley price 12d, oats price 7½d, and peas price 7d of John Smyth.

Robert Andrewson owes Emma Dawson 9s.

John Green took a messuage and 20 acres of bondage land and 2 acres on Newmore last held by John Lovell.

John Halywell took a messuage and 20 acres of bondage land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore last held by John Dand.

Third proclamation that Thomas Esshet should live on his tenement, he has not done so, so loses his right.

Roger Esshet took a messuage and 20 acres of husbandland whereof 2 acres are on Newmore which John Lovell had surrendered.

Adam Barbour and John Bates took a cottage with a garden and a croft and 3 acres of land on *Le Lawe* and 1 acre on Newmore which Richard Hall had held.

dorse

The reeve and tenants have to repair the common forge.

Thomas Middleton has licence to espouse Agnes widow of Richard del Hall; similarly William Hodgson to espouse Emma former wife of Thomas Dawson.

Richard Colinson has not produced Henry Raper to answer for breaking the fold in the autumn of 1430 and to answer Robert Colinson then reeve and the tenants for his trespasses last autumn in the corn with his horse.

William Esshet to answer for partly damaging (with William Milner) ditches called *Moredikes* and *Hillymerdikes*, and for the merchet of Margaret former servant of Adam Barbour, and for 3s detained from Richard Colinson for 5 years.

Richard son of Robert Colinson took a cottage with a garden and 10 acres of land whereof 3 acres are on Newmore and 4 on *Le Lawe*, 2 acres are called *Watisparke* and 1 acre is on *Le Butleys* which were of Richard del Hall.

John Dand owed 20s to John Halywell for repairs to his former tenement.

Tenants to be fined for allowing their animals on to others' corn.

John Dand reproved John Bost the pound-keeper (*punderus*) openly in court saying he was a liar.

John Green was fined for his servant Stephen striking the pound-keeper when impounding his oxen.

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Loc.IV:122 24 September 1433 - 16 November 1436

Shincliffe Court Roll. 10 courts. Courts held on 24 September 1433 (continued from Loc.IV:106 above), 21 January, 11 May and 18 November 1434, 3 February, 20 May and 17 November 1435, 4 May, 27 July and 16 November 1436. The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe and, sometimes, held at Elvethall.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Henry Helay [hostiller] 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436.

Each court begins with the names of the jurors and has the total at the end of it and "extract liberant". Tenants are variously fined, especially for not repairing their property, and also for various transgressions with their animals. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes -

Roger Esshet depastured and trampled the oats of Elena May.

John Huetson took a messuage and 20 acres of bondland whereof 2 acres are on Newmore which John Halywell surrendered.

William Esshet was fined for the insult made by Margaret his wife against Juliana wife of Roger Esshet and for drawing blood, and also for a recovery made of Adam Barbour, the lord's bailiff, coming to make a certain execution at the suit of William Mainsforth of Elvet.

John Green was fined for recovery made of the same bailiff distraining amercements. Robert Hogeson took a messuage and 21 acres of land and ½ a messuage and 10 acres of husbandland which William Mainsforth had held.

Thomas Mainsforth took ½ a messuage and 10 acres of husbandland which William Sharp had held.

John Dand to answer for encroachments made at *Le Denebankes*.

William Esshet unjustly detained 3s of John Bates.

First proclamation that William Thomson miller should live on his tenement.

John Huetson cut down an ash-tree now used by the lord's carpenter.

Second proclamation that William Thomson miller should live on his tenement.

dorse

Third proclamation that William Thomson should live on his tenement, he has not done so, so he loses his right and Robert Andrewson takes the tenement of 1 cottage and 4 acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore.

The tenement formerly of the late William Mainsforth now held by Robert Hodgson was defective when Robert [took it] in addition to repairs made in William's name to the value of 2s which Ralph Skipton chaplain paid to Robert in open court in the name of William's widow Elena.

William Newham to answer for an affray against John Green.

Robert Colinson is in mercy for his unjust quarrel against Robert Green over the killing of his sow.

John Huetson and John Green agree to arbitration.

John Stevenson took a messuage and 20 acres of land whereof 2 acres are on Newmore last held by John Lovell.

Reginald of Green made insults and affray against John Huetson in his yard and broke his head with an iron fork drawing blood. Also William Newham is to answer for affray made against John Green.

William Esshet is in contempt of the lord for reproving his reeve about his governance in court.

Thomas Johnson took a cottage with a garden and 4 acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore late held by Adam Barbour.

Plea between John Dand and William Esshet over unjustly occupying and ploughing a perch of land next to *Tandlawe*.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:126 12 February 1437 - 10 March 1441

Shincliffe Court Roll. 11 courts. Courts held on 2 February, 25 June and 14 November 1437, 28 November 1438, 18 February, 23 June and 26 November 1439, 25 April, 1 July and 26 October 1440, and 10 March 1441.

The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe held some at Shincliffe and some at Elvethall. Each court begins with the names of the jurors and some have at the end a total and *extract liberant*. Tenants are variously fined, especially for not repairing their property, and also for various transgressions with their animals. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes -

Each tenant should enclose his front towards the vill.

A messuage and 20 acres of land to be divided between Robert Hogeson and Thomas Mainsforth.

William Esshet has not provided a man on account of his husbandmanland to work at the mill as his neighbours have.

John Green has to repair a small building, its walls, timber and roofing, on his tenement formerly held by John Lovell, from whose goods he has had 20s towards it.

John Huetson and John Green are not to argue.

The executors of Robert Colinson's will have to repair a house formerly his.

John Dand had not hobbled his horse at the west end of vill but allowed it to wander.

The jurors have to place a *dolstan* between the free land formerly of Gilbert Elvet and the demesne land now held by John Dand.

In the lord's hand towards *Le Felyyng* are the tenements formerly of Robert Colinson and of John Stevenson.

dorse

The land of the rector of St Nicholas in Old Durham is to be divided from the lord's land next to *Shepcrokhill* held by John Green.

John Green is to answer for not obeying the reeve or his neighbours; he has also voluntarily absented himself from court.

John Green recovered from Thomas Clough the almoner's bailiff 2 oxen distrained of John for the farm of *Shirburnleys*.

John Green spoke maliciously openly against the steward in court.

The tenants have a day for cutting thorns and underwood growing within *Les Denes* for protecting the ox pasture.

John Mainsforth and Robert Hodgson have a day to clean out a certain watercourse called *Le Fullech* towards the mill.

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Loc.IV:135 1 June 1441 - 18 February 1443

Shincliffe Court Roll. 5 courts. Courts held on 1 June and 6 October 1441, 27 April and 28 September 1442, and 18 February 1443. The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall.

Endorsed (contemporary) as John Oll terrar 1441 and 1442 and Thomas Ahr' terrar 1442.

Each court begins with the names of the jurors. Tenants are then variously fined, especially for not repairing their property, including dovecotes, barns and the common forge, and also for various transgressions with their animals. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes -

John Green surrendered the tenement he allegedly held and the lord exonerated him.

John Bates took a messuage with a husbandmanland and 2 acres of land on Newmore last held by William Hogeson for 3 years, being thereby exonerated from a cottage.

John Huetson took a messuage and a husbandmanland last held by John Green for 3 years, with the agreement that he is to have it for life after then and that he will be exonerated from 1 other messuage with a husbandmanland.

dorse

Robert Gibson took a messuage and a husbandmanland formerly of William Bywell last held by Richard Colinson containing 21 acres of land whereof 2 are on Le Newmore for 3 years.

Thomas Mainsforth took a messuage and a husbandmanland at the east end of the vill last held by Richard Colinson containing 19 acres whereof 2 are on Newmore for 3 years.

Richard Colinson only has one holding for life which he and his brother Thomas took as in the halmote of 23 June 1439 and for which the said Thomas is exonerated. Richard son of William Mainsforth was fined for recovering from Robert Hogeson, and for insulting him.

John Lemanton took a cottage and 4½ acres of land whereof 1 acre is on Newmore formerly of John Bates for 3 years.

It is agreed that the tenants have transgressed in the park with their pigs and so they are to make hedges round the park for a day and their transgression will be pardoned.

No tenant should have more sheep than as agreed in the ancient extent, that is for each bovat 15 sheep and that they should be in the common sheep-pen (*hirsello*) and that they should make an adequate sheep-pen.

Thomas Mainsforth surrendered for the use of Robert Hodgson for his life ½ a messuage and 10 acres of land formerly held by William Sharp.

John Dand took a messuage and a husbandmanland containing 16 acres late of William Hogeson now in the lord's hand for 3 years with the profits of *Le Wareland* this year.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:114 15 July 1443 - 17 November 1445

Shincliffe Court Roll. 8 courts. Courts held on 15 July and 8 October 1443, 23 January, 22 May and 21 ?October 1444, 1 February, 12 May and 17 November 1445. The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall. Each court begins with the names of the jurors and some have at the end "extract usque huc lib" in a later hand.

Tenants are variously fined, especially for not repairing their property, including dovecotes, kilns, piggeries, breweries, barns, and trespassing with their animals. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes -

John Mainsforth has a day to enclose his fronts at *Henryacr* and *Buksid*.

Robert Gibson felled 2 ash trees in the park without licence, William Esshet likewise 2 ash trees.

Thomas Mainsforth, John Huetson, William Mainsforth and John Dand have a day to divide the bounds of a certain parcel of land at *Bradelandendz* next to *Whitwelgate* and to place markers (*metas*) there.

John Mainsforth bought a block of wood (*trunco*) from the lord.

John Dand felled an ash tree and greenwood (*virid*) next to *Le Sledyn*.

William Sparrow took a messuage formerly held by the late William Mainsforth and 20 acres of land of which 2 are on Newmore and a messuage formerly held by John Robinson with 18 acres of land whereof 2 are on Newmore for 6 years with the profits of *Le Wareland* for this year.

John Bates took a messuage formerly held by William Hogeson for 3 years.

John Huetson took a messuage formerly of John Dand.

dorse

John Preston tailor sues William Cawe over a debt of 17s 6d.

William Milner is to answer for abusing Joan Hardy and for breaking arrest and taking dung from the mill.

John Esshet took a messuage formerly held by the late William Mainsforth and 20 acres of land of which 2 are on Newmore for 6 years.

Richard son of Thomas Mainsforth took a messuage and a husbandmanland with 21 acres on Newmore formerly held by Robert Gibson for 6 years.

John Esshet broke arrest and carried off dung formerly of William Sparrow, he also carried off a sheaf (*kavill*) formerly of John Robinson and felled an ancient ash tree.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:133 14 February 1463 - 11 January 1464

Shincliffe Court Roll. 3 courts. Courts held on 14 February and 7 November 1463, and 11 January 1464.

Endorsed (?16th century) as being Shincliffe W Cuthbert 1462 1463. The courts are headed as being the halmote of Shincliffe held at Elvethall. Each court begins with the names of the jurors. Tenants are variously fined, especially for not repairing their property, and also for various transgressions with their animals. Besides the appointment of officers, other business includes -

The common furnace was not fired up when Edward IV was in Durham.

Tenants should not have pigs wandering about but they should rather be in the common pound; they should also enclose their frontages, ditch the field, make the common way, and repair the mill roof.

John Hewetson, Thomas Melbeck, John Coke bailiff and John Halywell have been chosen to supervise and arbitrate on next Friday at the second hour after nones over the holding of a certain close within the demesne for the use of all tenants.

Richard Henryson took a messuage and a husbandmanland and 3 acres of land on *Helymere* formerly held by Cecilia Dand for 6 years.

John Mainsforth, William Robinson, William Mainsforth and Robert Robinson have not made a gate called *Le Moreyate*.

John Mawer and William Mainsforth have each hobbled their horse with a tether in the grain field against the ordinance.

Everyone should carry straw for roofing the mill within the next 2 days, should keep their pigs in their own enclosure to prevent them depasturing the grain and digging up the field, and should enclose their frontages.

William Mainsforth took a messuage and a husbandmanland which he formerly held, for 3 years.

John Wilkinson miller cut down and carried off underwood, greenwood and willows formerly growing next to the mill.

John Mawer took a messuage and 2 bovates of land containing 40 acres of land which he formerly held, for 3 years.

John Hewetson, William Sharp, John Mawer and Richard Halywell in the name of all the tenants of the vill took 5 cottages and 32 acres of land for 3 years.

Richard Halywell took one other cottage next to his holding for 3 years.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Shoreswood court

1345 - 1372

2 rolls

Biographical information: The Shorewood or Shoresworth halmote was held at either Shoreswood or Norham by variously the bursar, the steward and/or the proctor.

Loc.IV:117 ?16 July 1345 - 25 February 1372

Shoreswood Court Roll. 15 courts. Courts held on ?, ?16 July 1345, ?, 24 March 1346, ? 1347, 4 April, 11 July and ? 1348, 20 January and 17 June 1349, 26 June 1350, 29 July 1364, 6 August 1370, 9 August 1371, and 25 February 1372. Recording of the courts does not seem to have been consistent as there are various hands and styles in the presentation of the information. The courts are generally headed as being the court of Shoresworth held at Norham, and occasionally as the prior's court held at Shoresworth, with the ? 1348 court being held by his proctor Robert of Kelloe. The business of the courts includes fines for trespasses and depasturings with various animals, non-repairs of tenements, non-attendance at court and the following particular cases.

m.1

?16 July 1345

William son of Custance sues Hugh the servant for unjustly taking a cow and hitting him with a stone.

Agreed between the proctor and the husbandmen that pigs should be kept penned up.

Adam son of Simon, Adam son of Richard and Hugh Stacer dug glebe.

Thomas son of William Schaclok took a husbandland which Costentinus [formerly] held.

Adam son of Walter took a house with its curtilage and 1 acre.

Thomas Fipelle took that a husbandland, that is 2 bovates, formerly of Richard son of Stephen and Robert Bishop, for life.

Agreed in court that anyone holding a husbandland in Shoresworth should build a chief house at the front.

m.3

John son of William Schaclok took a cottage formerly of Salmon Schoten for 6 years.
? 1348

Thomas Fipelle and the goods of Hugh Stater.

William Schaclok provides bail for John son of Costantinus who will be resident on the prior's land.

Richard chaplain of the parish of Norham took that tenement with a curtilage and 2 acres of land formery of William ? for 5 years.

20 January 1349

Agreement by the community of the vill of Shoresworth about ploughing waste land.

Thomas Fipelle (*Fipil*) sr has to build on the lands formerly of Richard son of Stephen and Robert Bishop.

Walter Levay took land formerly of Simon Morand for 6 years.

17 June 1349

Heriot cases concerning Thomas Fipelle (*Fippill*) and the executors of Robert son of Cristiana.

26 June 1350

Mariota who was the wife of Thomas Schaclok took that husbandland formerly of the said Thomas to hold for John son of Thomas Schaclok.

Emma who was the wife of Robert Kitson took the husbandland which her husband formerly held for her life.

Matilda who was the wife of Adam son of Richard took that husbandland formerly of the said Adam for life.

Adam son of Robert Kitson took that husbandland which Nicholas Cissor formerly held for life.

John son of Costantinus took that husbandland formerly held by Thomas Fipelle for life.

Injunction about the duties of 6 holders of cottages at Shoresworth as ordained in the Landbook at Durham, concerning Castlefield, Norham parish, Roxburgh, Ellingham, and Holy Island.

William Custson has not looked after 14 lambs of the proctor.

m.1d

6 August 1370

Hugh Hatheran has claimed falsely against William Smyth.

Injunction that William Smyth is not to transgress nor rape the wives or handmaidens of his neighbours.

William Hirlawe took a *gresland* formerly held by William de Coxnall for 3 years.

William Shaklok took a tenement and 8 acres formerly held by Walter Levay for 7 years.

Robert Bally claims 3s 6d from William Smyth for a bullock.

m2d

25 Feb 1372

Robert Wetherard assaulted William Rassh.

William Colt took a husbandland formerly of Walter Levay for 6 years.

William Herlawe took 1½ acres of land formerly of Walter Levay for 6 years.

John Elder sues Thomas Johnson for detaining a sheep and its lamb which he had agreed to hand over for a debt owed to Agnes sister of John.

It is ordained by the prior that no tenant of the said vill is to implead his neighbour before the sheriff or at Norham except before the prior's steward at Shoresworth.

Parchment roll 3 membranes

Head and right side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:98 28 July 1361 - 6 August 1369

Shoreswood Court Roll. 8 courts. Courts held on 28 July 1361, 12 August 1362, 10 November 1363, 29 January 1364, 12 August 1363, 10 August 1367, 14 August 1368, and 6 August 1369. The courts are generally headed as being the prior's court held at Shoresworth, with the 1369 court being headed as held at Norham. The 1368 court is recorded as being held by John of Berrington, bursar, Gilbert of Elwick, steward, and John Scott, proctor; the 1367 court by just the first 2; and the 1369 court by just Berrington. The court business includes various trespassings and depasturings with animals, breaking of folds, non-appearances, appointments of jurors and the reeve, cases of lairwite and also -

28 July 1361.

Eda who was the wife of Adam Symson took a cottage and 4 acres of adjacent land for life.

John Watson took a husbandland formerly held by Constantinus at Newbiggin for life.

Thomas son of John took a husbandland formerly of William Shakelok for life.

John son of Robert Younger jr took a husbandland formerly of Robert his father for life.

Walter Levay concealed 2s pa from his farm for land taken in 1349 and he has not built a house as he should have, as accounted by the jurors and the court rolls.

John son of Robert reproved the reeve in court saying he had spoken falsely concerning a certain sale.

John Costantiuson recovered from the reeve.

John son of Robert and Thomas his son abused John Costantiuson.

Ordinance about pigs depasturing corn at night and that they should be safely shut up.

12 August 1362.

Dispute about the goods of John Ditchburn, left to his daughter Margery and his servant John Dikyson after whose deaths they were taken for the prior by the proctor, but 35 gimmers and lambs were abducted from Shoresworth by John of Ditchburn living in Bluewyk and William of Ditchburn living in Ditchburn, and Christiana Inglys and Robert Nouthird of Felkington took various household utensils; Robert Wetherhird, John Edler and John Younger, and Christiana Inglys also took sheep and corn of John Dikyson.

William of Ditchburn took a husbandland and a half formerly of John of Ditchburn for 10 years.

William Shakelok took a cottage and 5 acres of land formerly of John Archer for 10 years.

Thomas son of John took a husbandland formerly of John son of Robert for 6 years.

Robert Bally took 1½ husbandlands formerly of Adam Bally his uncle for life.

Robert Bally and John son of Walter took a husbandland formerly of John Constantynson for 6 years.

Hugh Hacherman of Shoresworth took a cottage and 5 acres which Eda former wife of Adam Symson held for 10 years.

m.2

10 November 1363

Cases about digging peat on various moors of the proctor and bishop.

Milling dues from Shoresworth tenants.

Rent for a brewery attached to a cottage and land called *Brueland*.

Stones thrown on to the lord's meadow.

Ditches made through the middle of a meadow.

Margla daughter of Constantinus *nativa* of the lord has been espoused to John de Paris in Grendon.

Elena daughter of John Costyson *nativa* of the lord is in the custody of Walter Skinner of Norham.

Penalty for anyone going from Shoresworth to Duddo not by the road, similarly from Westwell to *Hemmedowe*.

Peter Brook took half a husbandland with a messuage formerly of Robert Kitson for 10 years.

Those who have husbandlands may have 6 cartloads of peat, those who have cottars may have 3 cartloads.

Goods and chattels of John Cotison, *nativus* of the lord, valued at 4½ marks, held by John Younger sr, *nativus* of the lord, as his next of kin. John Cotison's daughter Elena aged 3 is in the custody of Walter Skinner of Norham.

Names of the *nativi*.

29 January 1364

Hugh Hathirman took a cottage formerly of Beatrice Small for life.

Hugh son of Hugh took a husbandland formerly of Thomas son of John for 9 years.

Walter Levay, William of Ditchburn, John Watson, Robert Bally and Thomas son of John took Monkmeadow and Wellmeadow for 10 years.

Goods and chattels of Adam Balli *nativus* of the lord valued at £9.

m.1d

Peter Brook took a cottage and 5 acres of land formerly of Robert Bally for 10 years.

John Levey took a cottage and 5 acres of land formerly of his brother Robert Levey for life.

Mariota who was the wife of John son of Robert took 1 husbandland which John her husband had held for life.

Mariota who was the wife of Thomas Parkin took a cottage and 5 acres formerly of Thomas her husband for life.

Each tenant to purge his land of *Gulde*.

12 August 1363

John Elder detained a saddle of Christiana Braday appraised at 16d.

Tenants should shut up their animals and not let them wander into their neighbours' corn.

Robert Wetherard took a husbandland formerly of William Custon for life.

Walter Bryd took a cottage formerly of John Levay for 5 years.

John son of Hugh took a husbandland formerly of John Costynson for 9 years.

10 Aug 1367

John Thomson and John Litill recovered from Hugh the Pondere.

John Baxter took a cottage and 2 acres of land formerly of John son of Hugh for 8 years.

John son of Hugh should repair his tenement.

Each tenant should impound their pigs.

m.2d

William of Greenlaw took a tenement and 24 acres of land formery of Walter Levay for 3 years.

Tenants should not allow their animals to go out of the vill beyond the pound (*hirsill*).

John son of Walter took a husbandland formerly held by Mariota wife of John for life.

14 August 1368

All should repair their ditches.

Walter Levay should repair William of Greenlaw's tenement with his own timber and wattel and they should both roof it.

Various tenements waste, and a *grisland* deteriorated.

William of Cornhill took a *grisland* which Walter Levay formerly held for 1 year.

John son of Walter sues William Greenlaw for devastating his hen-house.

Adam Kitson sues Walter Levay over the death of a sheep.

All tenants to repair the common fold.

6 August 1369

Walter Levay has not repaired William Greenlaw's tenement.

John Helder abused the son of William Greenlaw.

William of Greenlaw unjustly made a path.

William Herring took a tenement and 24 acres of land formerly of William of Greenlaw for life.

William of ?Greenlaw took a husbandland formerly of John Watson for 5 years.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Some parchment repairs to the edges c.1975

Halmote court

1395 - 1437

3 rolls

Loc.IV:115 9 July 1404

Edmundbyers Halmote Court Roll. A membrane from what was probably originally a longer roll (stitching holes head and foot) of a summer halmote tourn with the end of a court covering Hesleden and Aycliffe and the start of a court for Edmundbyers on 9 July 1404. The business lists jurors, fines for assizes of ale, non-attendance, non-repair of tenements, affray, and leyrwit. Also -

Hesleden

William Raynton took a cottage and 20 acres called *Plugstasland* formerly held by Cecilia Maccher for 3 years.

Aycliffe

Robert Taylor stabbed Thomas Forsterman.

Simon Johnson carried off branches of Richard Forster's.

Simon Jakson, common pig-keeper, lost a pig of John Swayenston.

Edmundbyers

William Marshall cut down *Les Birkes*.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Halmote Court Rolls c.1295-1507:: this roll was probably originally part of this series

Loc.IV:250 [1395]

Halmote Draft Court Roll. Possibly a draft record of business for West Rainton and East Rainton, listing jurors, fines for lairwite and various trespasses with animals, ordinances about controlling animals and repairing the common fold, debt pleas and the appointment of officials. On the dorse are fines for brewing for West Rainton, East Rainton and Pittington, and Nicholas of Barton taking a messuage and 48 acres of land at West Rainton, formerly held by Richard del Stile. Incomplete.

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.IV:150 1437

Prior's Dimidiation Roll. Recording the halves of fines from the halmote court and assize justices due to the prior. Some entries marked ?as paid.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Halmote Court Estreat Rolls

1373 - 1439

53 rolls

Biographical information: Rolls of estreats from the three halmotes held each year. This collecting of halmote fines by the bursar was evidently not working by August 1438, as Prior Wessington then replaced the incompetent bursar Thomas Lawson with a reorganised system of three main financial officers, namely the cellarer, granator and bursar. This was an attempt to reduce the workload, and thereby the unpopularity, of the post of bursar, and to improve the efficiency of the priory's financial administration. Part of the drive to recoup the debts of Lawson's time seems to have been to parcel out the [unpaid] fines from the halmote court between the three officers, drawing up fresh rolls of these fines in three series going back at least 10 years. The cellarer had the northern part of the county, the bursar a few estates in the centre along with estreats from the prior's free court, and the granator had the more southerly estates. This did all thereby increase bureaucracy which became a criticism of this new system so that the bursar regained sole financial supremacy in 1445.

Loc.IV:251 1373 - 1379

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Fragment of a roll of probably unpaid estreats, listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for various tours.

Paper roll, 1f

Repaired with and backed on to paper c.1975

Loc.IV:189 c.1400

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for most of a halmote tourn for c.1400. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head and foot repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:168 1409 - 1410

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns for the year 1409. Some entries are annotated and a few are cancelled.

With a wrapper cut from a folio listing estreats of the late fourteenth century (?from the same document as the wrapper on Loc.IV:182).

Parchment roll 4r of 2 membranes, 1 membrane, 1 membrane and 1 membrane respectively

Ends of the rotuli repaired with parchment c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: For a briefer, ?later listing, see Loc.IV:220.

Loc.IV:173 1409 - 1411

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for most of a halmote tourn c.1410 whose head is missing, with added at the end fines for Edmundbyers from the second tourn of 1409, the first tourn of 1410 and the second tourn of 1411.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:187 1409 - 1411

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns aggregated for the years 1409 and 1410.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:220 1409 - 1410

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns for the year 1409. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Parts of the right side repaired with parchment c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: For an [earlier], fuller version, see Loc.IV:168.

Loc.IV:178 1410 - 1411

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns for the year 1410. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

With a wrapper cut from a near contemporary listing of debts due to the bursar from various estates.

Parchment roll 2 rolls of 2 membranes and 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: A [later], shorter version of Loc.IV:182 with some fines now omitted and others reduced.

Loc.IV:182 1410

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the first and second halmote tours for the year 1410. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

With a wrapper cut from a folio listing estreats of the late fourteenth century (mentions John of Berrington bursar (first bursar in 1367)) with references to folios 22 and 25. Parchment roll 4r of 2 membranes, 1 membrane, 1 membrane and 1 membrane respectively

Wrapper repaired with parchment c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: For a [later], shorter version, see 178 with some fines omitted and others reduced.

Loc.IV:162 1411

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the first halmote tour for the year 1411. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:179 1411

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tour for the year 1411. Some entries are marked ?as paid and a few are cancelled.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Repaired with parchment 1975

Loc.IV:149 1412 - 1413

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second and third halmote tours for the year 1412.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Loc.IV:221 1412

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the third halmote tour for the year 1411. Some entries are marked ?as paid.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Right side repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:225 1419

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tour for the year 1419.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:176 1426 - 1427

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the year 1426.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:174 1427

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the third halmote tour for the year 1426. With some cancellations and insertions.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:215 1427 - 1429

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for all the halmote tourns for the 2 years 1427 and 1428, with similar information for the Hesleden court of 13 April 1428. With some erasures and insertions.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Various small parchment repairs c.1975

Loc.IV:217 1427

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tourn for the year 1427. With some cancellations and insertions.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:185 1428

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the third halmote tourn for the year 1427, with similar information for the Hesleden court of 13 April 1428. With some cancellations and insertions.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:214 1430 - 1431

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for each of the 3 halmote tourns for the year 1430. Shorter than the original lists, perhaps representing those fines still outstanding.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:240 1430

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tourn for the year 1430. Some alterations.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Loc.IV:223 1431

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the third halmote tourn for the year 1430.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:224 1431

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the first halmote tourn for the year 1431.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Loc.IV:211 1431

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tourn for the year 1431.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:180 ?1432

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for probably the third halmote tourn for the year 1431. Noted on the dorse are totals of fines for the halmotes from 1427 to 1436.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Upper part repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:165 1432

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the first halmote tourn for the year 1432, some noted as paid. With a list of those owing so many ?loads (*lade*) on the dorse.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:167 1432

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second halmote tourn for the year 1432, some with indications of payment.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Loc.IV:191 1432 - 1435

Halmote Court Estreat Roll Extracts. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the each of the 3 halmote tourns in the years 1432 to 1434 for places in North-East Durham and beyond the Tyne. Endorsed with the years and *Celerar*. ?Perhaps outstanding fines for each tourn.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:158 1433

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the 3 halmote tourns. For East and West Rainton and Hesleden, see Loc.IV:245. Possibly a draft?

Paper roll, 2f

Head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:166 1433

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the ?first halmote tourn for the year 1433. Some alterations and indications of payment.

Parchment roll 2 membranes

Head and edges of m.1 repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:213 1433 - 1434

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1433 year, with some alterations. The third tourn has only extracts of amercements.

Parchment roll 3 rolls of 2 membranes, 2 membranes and 1 membrane respectively
Repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:216 1434 - 1435

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1434 year, with some alterations and erasures.

Parchment roll 2 rolls each of 2 membranes

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:183 1435 - 1436

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1435 year, with some alterations and erasures.

Parchment roll 2 rolls of 2 membranes and 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:181 1436 - 1437

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1436 year, with some alterations and erasures.

Parchment roll 3 rolls each of 1 membrane

Head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:218 1437 - 1438

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1437 year, with some alterations.

Parchment roll 3 rolls each of 1 membrane

Loc.IV:184 1438

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts, for the first halmote tourn for the year 1438.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:227 1439 - 1440

Halmote Court Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts, for all the 3 halmote tourns for the year 1439; some cancellations and annotations.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:241 [1428] - 1432

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Totals of fines each year [1428]-1432 for the halmote tourns for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with also fines from the prior's free court for each year.

Paper roll, 3f

f.1 repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:242 1431 - 1432

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns of the year 1431 for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court. Endorsed (contemporary) as being "pro burc".

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Related material in other DUL collections: Summarised in DCD Loc.IV:241 above.

Loc.IV:243 1432 - 1433

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns for the year 1432 for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court on the dorse.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "pro burc".

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:244 1433 - 1434

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns of the year for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court on the dorse.

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:245 1434 - 1435

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns of the year for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court on the dorse.

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:246 1435 - 1436

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns of the year for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "pro burs".

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:247 ?[1436 - 1437]

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns of the year for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court.

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:248 1437 - 1438

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Fines for the 3 halmote tourns for the year 1437 for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden, with fines for the prior's free court on the dorse.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "pro burs".

Paper roll, 1f

Damage to the sides repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:249 1438 - 1439

Halmote Court Bursar's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts, for the 3 halmote tourns for the year 1438 for East Rainton, West Rainton and Hesleden.

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.IV:191 1432 - 1435

Halmote Court Cellarer's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for each of the 3 halmote tourns in the years 1432 to 1434 for places in North-East Durham and beyond the Tyne. ?Outstanding fines for each tourn.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the years and "Celerar".

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:186 1435 - 1438

Halmote Court Cellarer's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the years 1435, 1436 and 1437 and the first tourn of 1438 for places in North-East Durham and beyond the Tyne.

Endorsed (contemporary) "Celerar".

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:171 1438 - 1439

Halmote Court Cellarer's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the second and third halmote tourns of the year 1438 for places in North-East Durham and beyond the Tyne.

Endorsed (contemporary) "Celerar".

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Small parchment repair to the head c.1975

Loc.IV:160 1439 - 1440

Halmote Court Cellarer's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts, for the second and third halmote tourns for the year 1439, for places in North-East Durham, possibly for the cellarer.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:172 1439

Halmote Court Cellarer's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts, for the first halmote tourn of the year 1439 for places in North-East Durham, possibly for the cellarer. With a total for the 3 tourns (though it does not add up with Loc.IV:160).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Loc.IV:159 1434 - 1435

Halmote Court Granetor's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns of the 1434 year, with some annotations. Titled as being extracts of amercements.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the year and "pro granario".

Paper roll, 2p

Head repaired with paper c.1975

Loc.IV:222 1431

Halmote Court Granetor's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the first two halmote tourns of the 1431 year, with some annotations. Titled as being extracts of amercements. Possibly for the granator as the places are similar to Loc.IV:159.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Edge of the head repaired with parchment c.1975

Loc.IV:163 1436 - 1437

Halmote Court Granetor's Estreat Roll. Listing the places, those owing fines for what and the individual amounts for the three halmote tourns for the year 1436. (Now in 2 parts a and b).

Paper roll, 2p

Other material

1270 - 1408

9 documents

Biographical information: Records not directly linked to any of the priory's courts but which have been placed in Loc IV by [Swalwell].

Loc.IV:226 1270

Bursar's Rent-Roll. A list of places or names for the Pentecost term, with rents [received] written in later and then anotations later still. Including rents from estates, *rekepen*, *senagium*, *wodeladepen*, tithes, pensions, fisheries on the Wear and Tyne, mills and farms. Titled as being rents of Durham priory. A large marginal cross on m.1.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a bursar's rental.

Parchment roll 4m

Transcribed and discussed in *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Volume I Bursars Rentals*, ed. A.J. Piper and R.A. Lomas, (Surtees Society 198, 1989), p.21-29.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:30, a similar roll for 1273.

Loc.IV:156 1291 - 1309

Language: Latin & French

Parchment roll 3 membranes (writ loose)

Related material in other DUL collections: Copied in: DCD Reg.I, f.ii 89v-90v.

m.1&2 1292 - 1295

Extracts of County Durham pleas recording the progress of a case between Ranulph Neville and Richard de Hoton prior of Durham over the seizure for the prior of Neville's heifer in Raby.

m.2d 1309

Transcript of Robert earl of Leicester's charter of confirmation to the monks of Durham of land in Normanton and Gotham (Nottinghamshire) made by authority of Thomas earl of Lancaster (?1309) and a writ of Thomas earl of Lancaster to Elis de Stapilton, his steward in the honor of Leicester, to restore to the monks the ancient view of frankpledge in Normanton and Gotham.

m.3 [20 July 1291]

Writ of *fieri facimus* from Antony Bek bishop of Durham to John de Lithegreyns associating him with Guychard de Charrons and Peter of Thoresby in the assize between Ranulph de Neville and [Richard de Hoton] prior of Durham.

Dated at Balloch (Dunbartonshire, Scotland) 13 kal. August 8th year of his consecrtrion.

Printed in: C.M. Fraser ed., *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.23-24.

Loc.IV:151 31 August 1346

Bishop of Durham's Assize Roll Extract

John of Hedworth, John de Olendon, Ralph Colman, Roger Scot and Elias son of Gregory disseised John Fossor prior of Durham of a tenement of 2 acres of land and 2 acres of moor and pasture in Hedworth and Southwick.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg.I, f.i 78r-v.

DCD Reg.I, f.ii 88v-89r.

DCD Loc.V:27.

DCD Loc.V:41, f.2r-v (copies of this case).

Loc.IV:141 1349 - 1350

Inquest on Free Tenants Who Died in the Plague

A 1349 inquest detailing the free tenants who died in "prima pestilencia" describing their holdings.

With at the foot in another hand a similar inquisition held at Aycliffe in 1350.

"In prima pestilencia Inquisitiones Anno domini Millesimo CCCmoxlixo", added at head, "Inquisitiones de Liberis Tenentibus Prioris in Prima Pestilencia", added 170mm from the head, both earlier fifteenth century. It is not clear on what basis the headings were added, but it is possible that the nature of the document was a matter of corporate memory. No external evidence now in the monastic archives has been traced to identify the nature of the document, but there is some internal evidence. An unusual entry added near the foot of the face refers to an inquest held "die veneris proxima post festum Sancti Petri Anno etc quinquagesimo"; the script is clearly fourteenth-century. Each of the general run of entries refers to a tenant dying seised of a holding and often mention those claiming to inherit, and also homage and fealty, showing that the property was a freeholding. Comparison with the list of free tenants of the main estate owing suit of court on 2 June 1349 (Loc.IV:228) and the rentals for the 1340s (Bursar's Book A) does not make it immediately obvious that all those named on this document were alive until the latter part of 1349 when the Black Death reached Durham, and on one of the associated documents (Loc.IV:147a) an added note states that one of the tenants had died c.1346, although this appears to be an error. This document is very similar in appearance to three other documents (Loc.IV:146, 147a and b) concerned with unfree holdings, and sample comparisons of these with the bursar's rentals for the 1346/7 and 1347/8 (Bursar's Book A f. 128r-139v and 144r-156v) reveals that those named as dead had been tenants in the late 1340s. On these other documents the run of entries for each township was almost invariably written at a single sitting; if they were compiled from existing records of deaths taking place over a considerable period of time after the late 1340s it is strange that the value of including dates was not appreciated. It is easier to conclude that the deaths recorded took place over a short period, and that the documents were drawn up to deal with the consequent confusion. It is moreover the case that there are no other documents like these in the monastic archives; they are not part of a series and seem to have been occasioned by an exceptional crisis.

Parchment roll, 2m

Related material in other DUL collections: Loc.V:78:: similar document with similar information

Loc.IV:146 1349

Inquest on Tenants Who Died in the Plague

Detailing the tenants who died in "prima pestilencia" who held at the will of the lord and were not free tenants, describing their holdings in the townships of Billingham, Aycliffe, (dorse) Mid and West Merrington, and Newton Ketton.

"De Tenentibus Prioris Mortuis in prima pestilencia qui tenuerunt ad voluntatem et non fuerunt liberi tenentes", added at the head, earlier fifteenth century. Reasons for accepting the description of this document given in the added heading are those set out in Loc.IV:141 above. Unlike that document, the entries on this document and two others to be associated with it (Loc.IV:147a and b) make no mention of heirs or homage and fealty; many concern bond-lands and there is no evidence to suggest that any of the other holdings were freeholdings rather than held at will. The simplest form of entry gives the name of the dead tenant and the holding, sometimes stating the crop sown on it; a small proportion of entries give an inventory of the tenant's utensils, equipment and stock and it seems likely that these concern tenants who were personally unfree.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Analysed: *Victoria County History Durham ii* p.258-259.

Loc.IV:147a 1349

Inquest on Tenants Who Died in the Plague

Detailing the tenants who held at the will of the lord, describing their holdings in Fulwell, Monkwearmouth, East Rainton, Dalton, (dorse) Wolviston and Newton.

"De tenentibus Prioris ad voluntatem", added at the head, earlier fifteenth century, together with a note "In dorso istius rotuli continetur terra W Offyngton de Woluyston qui obiit circa annum dominum MI CCCxlvj". Reasons for accepting the description of this document given in the added heading are those set out in Loc.IV:141. The note referring to the date of William de Offyngton's death is puzzling: in the bursar's rental for 1347/8 he is found with the holding at Wolviston recorded on this document with nothing to suggest that it had been vacated (Bursar's Book A f.151v/6).

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.IV:147b 1349

Inquests following the deaths of tenants at will of the main estate in the Black Death [in autumn 1349].

"Inquisiciones de Tenentibus Prioris ad voluntatem Mortuis in Prima Pestilencia", added at the head, earlier fifteenth century. Reasons for accepting the description of this document given in the added heading are those set out in Loc.IV:141. Marginal headings for the townships of [Willington ?], [Wallsend], Monkton, Westoe, Over Heworth, Nether Heworth, Hedworth, Jarrow, Harton, [South] Shields, (dorse:) Southwick, North Pittington, West Rainton, Moorsley, South Pittington and Hesleden. Parchment roll, 1m, badly faded at the head

Loc.IV:145 1356

Case over Brewing Dues

The prior's bailiff, Adam of Relley, had distrained Thomas Copper of Crossgate (Old Borough) Durham of various goods in a dispute over brewing dues.

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Copied in: DCD Reg.I, f.ii 90v-91r.

Loc.IV:232 1386

Transcripts of 3 notarial instruments re the appropriation of Frampton, Bossall, Ruddington and Fishlake churches to Durham College Oxford.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the incorporation of the churches of Frampton, Bossall, Ruddington and Fishlake for Durham College.

Parchment, 1 membrane

No.1 28 July 1386

Commission of John [Fordham] bishop of Durham's commission to proceed with Pope Urban VI's mandate of 6 November 1385 to appropriate the churches of Frampton, Bossall, Ruddington and Fishlake to Durham College Oxford.

Original in 4.5.Ebor.1.

Further copies in Misc Ch 5825 m.6-7. 2.5.Ebor.3a and 1.6.Ebor.15.

No.2 10 October 1386

Notarial exemplification at the petition of John of Berrington monk of Durham of a 10 November 1385 grant by Richard II to the prior and convent of Durham and Durham College Oxford of 2 bovates of land and the advowson of the church of Ruddington (Notts) and 2 bovates of land and a messuage in Claxton and the advowsons of the churches of Bossall and Fishlake (Yorks).

Further copies in Misc Ch 5825 m.9, 1.6.Ebor.15.

Also 1.6.Ebor.3, 1.6.Ebor.4b, and 4.6.Ebor.7 (just Richard's grant); also 2.5.Reg.7 (1406 exemplification by Henry IV).

No.3

Appropriation of the churches of Ruddington, Bossall and Fishlake to Durham College Oxford.

Original in 4.5.Ebor.4a and 4.5.Ebor.4b (with minor differences).

Further copies in Misc Ch 5825 m.9 and 1.6.Ebor.15.

Loc.IV:233 30 January 1408

Notarial instrument by Thomas Ryhall, being a copy of a declaration of 1 April 1404 by Pope Boniface [IX] in response to a petition by the prior and convent of Durham, that the mandate of Urban VI and subsequent documentation in the matter of the appropriation of the churches of Frampton, Bossall, Ruddington and Fishlake (Yorkshire) to Durham College Oxford, shall have full legal force, certain errors in wording notwithstanding; confirmation of the foundation and appropriations. With a notarial mark of Thomas Ryhall.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Cartulary I, f.29v-30r: abbreviated copy

DCD Loc.V - Lay courts & bursars' indentures

1260 - 1504

Locellus V contains two main series of documents, with in addition a number of varied unrelated items.

Firstly there is a series of indentures of payments to the bursar of Durham cathedral priory by collectors recording rents paid in each township (1-10, 56-63, 66). Each document consists of a piece of parchment, typically c.150x150mm square, indented along the top, and endorsed with the name of a township. The heading begins "Hec indentura testatur de denariis et denaratis liberatis". Then follow the names of the bursar and the local collector, and the terms (Pentecost and Martinmas) covered by the payments. This heading is usually followed by entries recording payments giving the amount and the name of the person paying, with also sometimes the place of payment, and on occasion an indication that the amount represented the value of goods delivered. These entries seem to have been written as and when the payments were made as they vary in style and neatness. The indentures for a particular year were usually fastened together to form geographically arranged files. The bursar drew up with the collector in each township an annual indenture on which payments of rents were then recorded as they were made. The records only survive for the term of office of Thomas Lawson as bursar 1432-1438, so they may either represent a peculiar financial administrative system introduced by him, or they may have been specially retained because of subsequent investigations into his incompetence, whereas ordinarily such records may well have been disposed of. As indentures, there would have been two parts originally, the bursar and collector each having one, though generally only one was used to record payments on, as in Loc.V:6 and 7.

Secondly, there is a group of various legal documents concerning business in lay courts, mostly of the bishop of Durham. In particular, there is a series of extracts from pleas and assizes before his justices in Durham, with one in Sadberge, 1332-1443 (12, 24-27, 37, 41, 43, 64, 67, 74; 2 more are in Loc.IV:151 and 156). There survives also a short run of coroner's rolls of presentments about deaths, and occasionally other matters, before the sheriff in the county court 1320-1333 (33, 75, 76; 2 more rolls for this period are in Misc.Ch. 52 & 7023). A considerable file of documents survives for a case between Isabella Heron and John Manners over the alleged killing of Isabella's husband William by John and debts owed to her (44-50, 52-54). This went to arbitration in 1430.

Apart from a number of inquisitions, mandates and notes about court business, the unrelated material comprises: valuations of Bishop Kirkham's temporalities 1260 (14), a bursar's rental 1273 (30), Bishop Bury's receiver's account 1339-1340 (32), notes about the priory's Durham tenants (55), the resignation of a prebend in Hemingbrough 1504 (69), the appropriation of Frampton church to Durham College (72), litigation over Frampton's tithes 1490 (73) and an inquisition into the priory's Black Death victims (78).

78 items

Locellus V was created in the late Middle Ages as originally documents relating to a particular subject. The present arrangement and numbering is the work of Joseph Stevenson who worked on cataloguing Durham cathedral's muniments from 1841 to 1848.

Other catalogues: Photocopied and bound up manuscript slips by Joseph Stevenson 1841-1848, supplemented by William Greenwell, Chapter Librarian 1862-1907, and Martin Snape, Assistant Keeper 1953-1988

Discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., *Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350*, Archaeologia Aeliana, 47 (1969), p.51-52.

See also *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Volume I Bursars Rentals*, ed. by A.J. Piper and R.A. Lomas, Surtees Society, 198 (1989), p.13 and Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.285-287.

Loc.V:1 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Cowpen, Thomas Shoronton sr collector.
2. East Merrington, William March collector. 1 payment only.
3. Ferryhill, John Taillour and John Thomson collectors.
4. Mid Merrington, John Byng collector. No payments recorded.
5. Newton, Adam ? collector.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:2 1433 - 1434

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. West Merrington, Robert Meryngton collector. No payments recorded.
2. East Merrington. No payments recorded.
3. Ferryhill, [?] Stevenson collector. No payments recorded.
4. Aycliffe. No payments recorded.
5. Newton. Only 2 payments recorded.
6. Wolviston, John Golding collector.
7. [Cowpen].
8. [?] (fragment only).

8 parchment indentures

Loc.V:3 1434 - 1435

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. Southwick, Thomas Atkinson collector.
2. Monkwearmouth, Robert Greencroft collector.
3. Fulwell, Robert Watson collector.
4. Harton, John Taillour collector.
5. Westoe, Thomas Robinson collector.
6. Hedworth, Robert Bell collector.
7. Monkton, John ?Tomson collector.
8. Heworth, John Daniell collector.
9. Wallsend, John Punchon collector.
10. Willington, John Wilkinson collector.

10 parchment indentures

Loc.V:4 1434 - 1435

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. West Merrington, John Robinson collector.
2. Mid Merrington, John Byng collector.
3. East Merrington, John Hykson collector.
4. [Ferryhill].
5. [Aycliffe], William Thomson collector.
6. Newton, John Richardson collector.
7. Wolviston, Thomas Sasson collector.
8. Cowpen, Thomas Shoronton collector.
9. Billingham, John Jokill jr collector.

9 parchment indentures

Loc.V:5 1435 - 1436

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. West Merrington, William Robinson collector.
2. Mid Merrington, John Dukett collector.
3. East Merrington, John ?Ayth collector.
4. Ferryhill, John Huchonson collector.
5. Aycliffe, ? collector.
6. Billingham, W[illiam] Colynson & R[obert] Osborne collectors.
7. Cowpen, Thomas Shephird collector.
8. Newton, William Smith collector.
9. Wolviston, John Hoghird collector.

9 parchment indentures

Loc.V:6 1435 - 1436

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. Monkwearmouth, Richard Jonson collector.
2. Southwick, [blank] collector.
3. Fulwell, Thomas Nicolson collector.
4. Harton, [blank] collector.
5. Westoe, Robert Green collector.
6. Hedworth, William Paxton collector.
7. Monkton, John Durham collector.
8. Heworth, William Pencher collector.
9. Wallsend, Richard Durham collector.
10. Willington, Robert Jonson collector.

10 parchment indentures

Loc.V:7 1435 - 1436

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. Monkwearmouth, [blank] collector. Only 2 payments.
2. Southwick, [blank] collector.
3. Fulwell, [blank] collector. Only 2 payments.
4. Harton, John Newton collector.
5. Wallsend, [blank] collector. No payments recorded.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:8 1436 - 1437

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. West Merrington, Henry Jackson collector.
2. Mid Merrington, John Smith collector.
3. East Merrington, Richard Heighington collector.
4. Ferryhill, John Fleshewer collector.
5. Aycliffe, Richard Robinson collector.
6. Wolviston, William Robinson collector.
7. Newton, John Gibson collector.
8. Cowpen, Thomas Wilkinson collector.
9. Billingham, John Gryce collector.

9 parchment indentures

Loc.V:9 1437 - 1438

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms.

1. Wolviston, Robert Perit collector.
2. Newton, William Jonson collector.
3. Billingham, Robert Goldyng collector.
4. Cowpen, Richard Oleyfland collector.

4 parchment indentures

Loc.V:10 [1432 - 1433]

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for [the Pentecost and Martinmas terms].

1. [Wolviston], fragment only.
2. [Billingham], fragment only.

2 parchment indentures, 3 membranes

Loc.V:11 9 January 1422

Record of the process of a plea before the bishop of Durham's chancellor about the property inherited by Nicholas gent, a minor, son of William arm, son of the late William Blakiston knight, in Blakiston, and about Thomas Langton's claim to a messuage and land there called Chamberland.

The document is incomplete with some blanks, the end is missing, and the last 9 lines have been cancelled.

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Originally numbered 15 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:12 3 January 1364

Plea at Sadberge before John Moubray and his fellow justices about 2 messuages in Hartlepool recovered by [John Fossor] prior of Durham from William of Bruntoft, demised by Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham to Germanus of Norton, paying rent to the almoner of Durham cathedral priory.

Endorsed (15th century) as being a recovery by a writ called *quare cessavit per biennium* and (16th century) as being for the almoner

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 22 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: Other copies in DCD Reg.I, f.i.77v-78r & Reg.I, f.ii.91r-v.

Loc.V:13 14 August 1346

Inquisition before the escheator of Durham to enquire if it would be to the bishop of Durham's loss if Thomas de Tours gave a messuage, 45 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow in Burdon to the prior and convent of Durham.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 30 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Copy: DCD 1.11.Pont.1 no.6.

Loc.V:14 September 1260

Valuations of the temporalities of the late Walter Kirkham bishop of Durham

A copy of a writ of Henry III to the sheriff of Northumberland ordering him to pay the sequestration of churches which the bishop and church of Carlisle had in the bishopric of Durham for their own uses, to the executors of W[alter Kirkham] late bishop of Durham. Given at Clarendon, 5 September 44 Henry III.

List of the debts of the late W[alter Kirkham] when he died in 1260.

Stock on various vaccaries and elsewhere of W[alter Kirkham] former bishop of D[urham] 17 September 1260.

Names of jurors to approve his stock.

Valuation of his animals between the Tyne and Tees and in Weardale.

Valuations of his ploughs beyond the Tyne and Tees and on manors between them.

Endorsed (contemporary) as concerning the will of Walter [Kirkham] former bishop of Durham.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 9 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Printed: *Testamentary Records of the English and Welsh Episcopate 1200-1413*, ed C.M. Woolgar (Canterbury and York Society 102, 2011), p. 130-134.

Loc.V:15 [c.1420]

Case for counsel, outlining the case followed by questions for counsel, over the entitlement to the estate of the late Sir John Darcy in the bishopric of Durham and Lincolnshire. His son Robert died (1416) shortly after him, heirless, and his four sisters and their heirs, that is Lady Elizabeth Percy [of Rydall] sister, John of Hedworth a sister's son, Roland Darcy a sister's son, and Alice of Newton a sister's daughter, are in dispute with Robert Darcy's widow Margaret. Robert Darcy had enfeoffed Sir Robert Umfraville and others with his lands, but Margaret claims that her husband devised them to her on his deathbed. The Darcy coheirs dispute the legality of this and also claim that Margaret feigned pregnancy after her husband's death, borrowed another woman's child and wasted and sold her late husband's estate [the manors of Harraton and Herrington, and burgages in Durham and Sunderland in Co Durham].

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered 37 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:16 22 July 1427

Writ *recordare facias* from the bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Durham to record a *loquela* between John Pollard litster and Richard Couhird of Durham yeoman about animals being unjustly detained, before the bishop's justices at Durham on 19 September next.

Given at Durham *per manus* William Chaunceller, bishop's chancellor.

Endorsed (contemporary) "Richard Coward".

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell)

Another copy: DCD 2.6.Spec.50.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:40, a later, similar writ.

Record of proceedings in the case 1429-1435: DCD Reg.III, f.174v-176r.

Loc.V:17 2 October 1284

Notification that Matilda, called the widow of Shincliffe, has received dower land from Alan of Sherburn in the fields of Shincliffe, being 3 selions by the Durham way, 1 selion in a place called *Horpol*, 1 selion by Hyman's croft, 1 selion in *Walrigeway*, 1 selion in Holden towards the south, 1 selion in *Vydop* on the south side, 1 selion on *Scroggingsyde* on the south, 1 selion in *Blakedenford* on the south, 1 selion in *Hylmersyde* on the south, 1 selion in *Bartunlid* on the south, 1 selion in *Blakelawe* on the south abutting on *Caldewelleche*, 1 selion in *Staynfordlaw* towards the west, 1 selion at Salunth above the park, and 1 selion in *Blakedensyde* on the south, paying 1d per acre each year for life.

Witnesses: John of Malton steward of the prior of Durham, Thomas of Beverley, William son of Thomas, Henry Ben, Thomas Danbury, Thomas de Kylminton cleric and others.

Endorsed (14th century) "Ward".

Parchment, 1 membrane

Loc.V:18 30 June 1347

Writ of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Durham to hear a case in which Robert Ward of Shincliffe claims that John [Fossor] prior of Durham, Nicholas of Skelton, John of Sedgefield, Robert Clerk of Greatham and John of Hett disseised him of his free tenement in Shincliffe.

Endorsed (14th century) "Ward".

Parchment, 1 membrane

Loc.V:19 [?1347]

Description of a bondage land at Shincliffe held by John reeve of Shincliffe *nativus* of the prior of Durham in Shincliffe in the time of Prior Thomas [of Melsonby] (1234-1244), and its descent to his sons Nicholas son of John, Robert son of John and Elias Cappe, Nicholas' wife Juliana, John son of Nicholas, his wife Sibilla and now claimed by Robert Ward.

Endorsed (15th century) as being an inquisition about a bondage [land] in Shincliffe and its services.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 51 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:20 19 July 1346

Inquisition held at Elvethall by Robert of Hexham hostiller and Walter de Ludew his steward into Gilbert Ward's lands held of the prior and hostiller in Shincliffe.

The dorse is a draft of the necessary expenses section of the hostiller's account for 1346-1347.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 51 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.51-52.

Related material in other DUL collections: For the hostiller's account for 1346-1347, see DCD Hos.Acs.

Loc.V:21 1 August 1346

Inquisition at Elvet Hall into Gilbert Ward's lands in Shincliffe held of the prior and hostiller of Durham, detailing the lands, their services, his heir Robert his son, other sons, and lands of his mother Matilda; with a list of [jurors].

Endorsed (16th century) as being an inquisition about a bondage [land] in Shincliffe.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 51 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:21* 1342 - 1347

File of documents about the case over Gilbert and Robert Ward's lands in Shincliffe.

Parchment roll, 8 items each of 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 31 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Discussed in C.M. Fraser and K. Emsley, "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350" (*Archaeologia Aeliana* xlvii 1969), p.51-52.

DCD Loc.V:21*/1

Inquisition into Gilbert Ward's lands held of the prior and hostiller of Durham in Shincliffe, and his heirs.

DCD Loc.V:21*/2

Inquisition held by the hostiller at Elvethall into Robert Ward's lands in Shincliffe, formerly of Gilbert Ward.

DCD Loc.V:21*/3 [1273 x 1285 or 1290 x 1308]

Gift by Richard prior of Durham to Alan of Sherburn of the land which Robert son of John of Shincliffe formerly held in the vill and field of Shincliffe together with a bondage which John reeve, father of the said Robert, formerly held, until the heir of the said Robert is of full age, paying 6s 8d annually to the hostiller.

Endorsed as being a transcript (early 14th century).

DCD Loc.V:21*/4 11 October 1342

Gift by Gilbert Ward of Shincliffe to his son Robert of his free land and meadow in the field of Shincliffe in various parcels (detailed), paying 5 marks annually to Gilbert during his life.

Witnesses Walter of Ludworth, John de Harpun, Adam of Edderacres, John Freman of Cassop, Reginald Forester, Gilbert de Hyrland, Robert of Ellingham, William of Lincoln, Robert Gyk, John of Chilton.

Date: Shincliffe, 11 October 1342.

On the dorse is a note about John reeve, his heirs and the descent of his lands.

DCD Loc.V:21*/5 11 October 1342

Appointment by Gilbert Ward of Shincliffe of William of Egglescliffe as his attorney to deliver seisin of his land to his son Robert.

Date: Shincliffe, 11 October 1342.

DCD Loc.V:21*/6 29 December 1344

Gift by Gilbert Ward of Shincliffe to his son Robert and his wife Marjory of his tenement, (bounds described), in Shincliffe field.

Witnesses Reginald Forester, Robert Gyk, Robert of Ellingham, Robert de Slinglawe, Robert Scipard and Thomas son of Adam.

Date: Shincliffe, 29 December 1344.

DCD Loc.V:21*/7

Memorandum of events around and after the death of Gilbert Ward in Shincliffe 12 April 1346 with the hostiller Robert of Hexham interrogating Robert Ward before the assembled community of Shincliffe about his right to his late father's property; also the case before the Shincliffe court at Elvethall on 28 April 1346 to decide Gilbert Ward's heir and whether his messuage was part of the bondage; the inquisition held on 1 August 1346 at Elvethall detailing Gilbert Ward's holdings and their services in Shincliffe; memorandum that on 11 October 1325 Gilbert Ward of Shincliffe acknowledged in the Elvethall halmote that he held his Shincliffe property in villeinage of the prior of Durham; inquisition at Elvethall on 13 April 1347 to establish if Gilbert Ward's 9 acres were part of the ancient land of Shincliffe or part of the waste.

DCD Loc.V:21*/8

List of names of [jurors] "ad visum".

Loc.V:22 1346

Case for counsel over Robert Ward's lands in Shincliffe outlining the descent from John reeve to Robert Ward of a messuage and a bondage in Shincliffe claimed by Robert Ward of the prior of Durham, with responses to Robert Ward's evidences.

Language: French

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Loc.V:23 1303 - 1305

Amercements for pleas before the [bishop of Durham's] barons of the exchequer for terms in years 3, 4 and 5.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 20 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:24 21 August 1443

Case heard at Durham before William Eure knight, Robert Beaumont clerk, John Portyng..., Christopher Boynton, John Lownde clerk, William Raket and Richard Weltden justices of the bishop, that William Elmeden knight, William Bowes knight, Christopher Conyers, William Hoton of Hardwick, William Hoton of Hunwick, Robert Staynton chaplain and Thomas Peerson of Elmdon had disseised John [Wessington] prior of Durham of his common pasture in Quarrington which pertained to his free tenement in Shincliffe.

Parchment roll, 2 membranes

Ownership history: Originally numbered 44 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Discussed in C.M. Fraser and K. Emsley, "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350" (*Archaeologia Aeliana* xlvii 1969), p.53 n.18.

Loc.V:25 3 August 1332

Extracts from the bishop of Durham's assize roll of cases heard at Durham before Nicholas Gategang, William Denn and Adam of Bowes justices of the bishop.

1. William of Hett, John of Hett and John of Tudhoe disseised William [of Cowton] prior of Durham of his free tenement in Hett of 1 acre of land, 3 acres of pasture and a third part of 100 acres of moor and pasture.

2. William [of Cowton] prior of Durham, John of Hartlepool his fellow monk, Thomas Pratiman and Peter of Shincliffe disseised William of Hett of his free tenement in Hett comprising one place of pasture 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, involving a grant to the prior by Walter of Hett, kinsman of William of Hett.

Also a copy of a grant by William [of Cowton] prior of Durham of a portion of 21 marks and a dwelling in Whittonstall to Gilbert of Healy vicar of Bywell St Peter. At Durham 20 May 1337.

Parchment, 2f

Ownership history: Originally numbered 24 (tres) loc 5 (bis) (Swalwell)

Discussed in C.M. Fraser and K. Emsley, "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350" (*Archaeologia Aeliana* xlvii 1969), p.53.

Loc.V:26 [13 January 1343]

Case [from the assizes at Durham before the bishop's justices] that [John Fossor prior of Durham, Roger Fossor, and John Gray] disseised Reginald [Forster of his tenement] and his appointment as *hostiarius* of the bakery within the priory by [John Fossor]'s predecessor as prior, William [of Cowton], discussing the office's duties and entitlements. Endorsed (16th century) as being an assize about the office of *panetarius* with a cross-reference to Reg. I, f.87-89 etc.

Parchment, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered 28 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Discussed in C.M. Fraser and K. Emsley, "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350" (*Archaeologia Aeliana* xlvii 1969), p.57-58.

Related material in other DUL collections: Other copies in DCD Reg. I, f.ii.87v-88v & Loc.V:41, f.2r-v.

Loc.V:27 31 August 1343

Assize held at Durham before Thomas de Metham and his fellow justices of the bishop that John of Hedworth, John of Cleadon, Ralph Colman, Roger Scot and Elias son of Gregory of Southwick disseised John [Fossor] prior of Durham of his free tenement in Hedworth and Southwick, 2 acres of land and 2 acres of moor and pasture.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being a recovery of a free tenement in Hedworth and 1 acre of land, moor and pasture in Hedworth and Southwick by equal portions and (16th century) as an assize against John of Hedworth about a tenement in Hedworth and Southwick.

Parchment, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered 23 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: Other copies are in DCD Reg.I, f.i.78r-v, Reg.I, f.ii.88v-89r, Loc.IV:151 & Loc.V:41 f.2r-v.

Loc.V:28 1315 - 1334

Extracts of fines levied in the bishop of Durham's court

1. Part of Penshaw manor and land in Offerton 1316 (6 Bishop Richard).
2. Land in East Brandon 1315x1316 (5 Bishop Richard).
3. Land in Consett 1315x1316 (5 Bishop Richard).
4. Part of Consett manor 1315x1316 (5 Bishop Richard).
5. Land in Swainston 1315x1316 (5 Bishop Richard).
6. Part of Medomsley and Hamsterley manor 1316 (6 Bishop Richard).
7. Sheraton manor 1321x1322 (4 Bishop Louis).

(dorse)

8. Stranton manor 1322x1323 (5 Bishop Louis).
9. Land in Blakiston 1321x1322 (4 Bishop Louis).
10. Land in Blakiston 1322x1323 (5 Bishop Louis).
11. West Hirdon manor 1320x1321 (3 Bishop Louis).
12. Final concord of 7 April 1333 between Gilbert Hansard and Lora his wife, and Robert de Themetleye and Thomas de Greingham and, after Gilbert's death, on 22 September 1334, again between the remaining parties about Newton and Embleton manors.

Endorsed (16th century) as being for the bishop of Durham.

Paper, 1f

Loc.V:29 18 April 1379

Writ of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to John de Hyndely, his escheator in Co Durham, to hold an inquisition *ad quod dampnum* to discover if it would be to the bishop's loss to give to John of Bamburgh clerk lands (amounts and former owners detailed) in Wolviston, Great Burdon, Aycliffe, Ferryhill, Monk Hesleden, Edmundbyers, Durham, Hett, Hebburn, Spennymoor, Relley manor, Aldingrange, Elvet in Durham, the Old Borough in Durham, to give to the prior and convent of Durham in satisfaction of lands to the value of £20 given by the former bishop Richard de Bury and in partial satisfaction of lands to the value of £40 given by [Bishop Thomas Hatfield], to discover the values, services and customs of the lands.

Parchment, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered 29 loc 5 (Swalwell), 3.9.Pont (cancelled) (Swalwell) and 1.10.Pont (cancelled) (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD 1.11.Pont.2a (copy of the resultant inquisition) and 1.11.Pont.2b (draft of the resultant inquisition.)

Loc.V:30 1273

Bursar's rent-roll

A list of places or names for probably the Pentecost term (an erasure in the title could have accommodated the relevant words, and the roll is otherwise very similar to Loc.IV:226), with rents [received] written in later and then annotations later still. Including rents from estates, *rekepen*, *senagium*, *wodeladepen*, tithes, pensions, fisheries on the Wear and Tyne, mills and farms. With a total, Islandshire and *munita recepta* on the dorse.

Titled as being rents of Durham priory; endorsed (16th century) as a roll of rents of the monastery.

Parchment roll, 4m

Ownership history: Originally numbered 8 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Discussed in *Durham Cathedral Priory Rentals Volume I Bursars Rentals*, ed by A.J. Piper and R.A. Lomas, (Surtees Society 198, 1989), p.21

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.IV:226, bursar's rent-roll for 1270.

Loc.V:31 1418 - 1422

File of inquisitions, writs and petitions about William Blakiston's lands.

Language: Latin & French

Parchment roll, 5m + 2 membranes attached

Ownership history: Originally numbered 15 loc 5 (Swalwell)

m.1 18 August 1418

Inquisition *post mortem* at Auckland before William Claxton, bishop's escheator in Co Durham, found that the late William Blakiston, knight, held when he died - Coxhoe manor and vill, except for 4 messuages, 10 cottages, 24 bovates, 5½ acres of land, 4½ acres of meadow held by his son William and his wife Katherine; 53 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow in Carlton; Blakiston manor and vill, except for a messuage and certain acres of land called Chamberland. He died on 22 April 1418 and his heir is Nicholas son of William [and Katherine] son of William, aged 20 years and more.

Another copy in DCD Reg.I, f.i.73r-v.

Another version in DCD Reg.I, f.II.96r.

m.1 1 October 1418

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to William Claxton, the bishop's escheator in Co Durham to enquire by what service William Blakiston held his lands.

Another copy in DCD Reg.I, f.i.73r.

m.1 28 November 1418

Inquisition held at Durham before William Claxton, bishop's escheator in Co Durham, found that William Blakiston enfeofed on 28 November 1396 William Gentilman and Richard Redemershill, chaplains, of his lands in Blakiston, Coxhoe, Witton and Washington. They regranted them on 29 November 1396 to William Blakiston for life, with remainder to his son William Blakiston and heirs of him and his wife Katherine. The Coxhoe lands were held of the bishop of Durham by military service, and are valued at £8; the Blakiston lands were held of the prior of Durham for 2 marks rent, valued at 40 marks; Chamberland was held of the prior of Durham, service unknown, valued at 60s; the Witton lands were held of Anne former wife of Thomas Adamson, service unknown, valued at 10s.

Another copy in DCD Reg.I, f.i.73r-v.

m.1 26 September 1418

Letters patent of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham committing William Blakiston's lands, held by the bishop since his death because of the minority of his grandson, to Nicholas Blakiston, his grandson, for 40 marks pa.

m.1

Thomas [Langley bishop of Durham] writ of *scire facias* to Ralph Eure, Richard of Norton and James Strangways to inquire into the claim of Thomas Langton of Winyard, knight, that he was enfeofed of a messuage, 2 cottages and 1 carucate of land in Blakiston called Chamberland by William de Hoton, along with all his lands there, but that the escheator William Claxton in his 18 August 1418 inquisition said that William Blakiston held Chamberland.

m.1 (attached)

Petition of Thomas Langton of Winyard esquire to [Thomas Langley] bishop of Durham that he held Chamberland until the escheator William Claxton said that William Blakiston held it in his inquisition of 18 August 1418.

m.1 20 April 1419

Inquisition held at Durham by Ralph de Eure, Richard of Norton and James Strangways saying that Thomas Langton held Chamberland until 18 August 1418 when the escheator William Claxton said that William Blakiston held it when he died.

m.2 16 December 1419

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Co Durham, at Durham, summoning Nicholas Blakiston to appear in the bishop's chancery on 3 January 1420 to show why he should have Chamberland rather than Thomas Langton.

m.2 6 December 1419

Royal exemption from all actions and protection for all his property for 1 year to Nicholas son of William son of William Blakiston knight, alias Nicholas Blakiston of Co Durham gentleman, alias Nicholas son of William Blakiston armiger, staying in the company of Roger Salvayn captain of the king's castle of Ballingham, issued by John duke of Bedford at Westminster.

m.2 1 March 1422

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Co Durham to summon Nicholas Blakiston to his chancery on 8 April 1422 to show why he should have Chamberland rather than Thomas Langton, as when Blakiston appeared on 3 January 1420 he was exempt from any action by reason of his royal protection of 6 December 1419, given at Durham.

Endorsed with the return of Robert Eure, sheriff of Durham, of the writ, that Nicholas Blakiston had appeared and shown the letters patent of the bishop of Durham giving him the custody of all William Blakiston's lands.

m.3 12 September 1422

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to William Chaunceller, his chancellor of Durham, to investigate the justice of Thomas Langton's claim to Chamberland as when Nicholas Blakiston appeared as ordered on 8 April 1422 to justify his claim to Chamberland he showed the bishop's letters patent committing all William Blakiston's lands to him, given at Stockton.

m.4 26 March 1419

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Co Durham to cause Ralph Eure, Richard of Norton and James Strangways, or two of them, to inquire into Thomas Langton's claim to have been unjustly disseised of Chamberland on 18 August 1418 as a result of William Claxton's inquisition then into the lands of the late William Blakiston, given at Durham.

m.4 1 April 1419

Writ of James Strangways and his fellow justices to the sheriff of Durham to summon 24 men to Durham on 20 April 1419 to enquire into Thomas Langton's claim to Chamberland.

m.5 2 December 1422

Writ of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to William Chaunceller, his Durham chancellor, to decide the case quickly and according to the law and custom of England and Durham, given at London, with an attached statement that Nicholas Blakiston said he had had William Blakiston's lands committed to him by the bishop's letters patent and that Thomas Langton said he had been enfeoffed of [Chamberland] by William de Hoton and he had held it during William Blakiston's life.

Loc.V:32 10 November 1339 - 11 November 1340

Account of Nicholas Gategang receiver to the exchequer of Richard de Bury bishop of Durham

The head of the roll is missing (probably 1 membrane). The roll records [arrears] (missing), receipts for the four greater and five lesser quarters (St Martin, Christmas, Purification, St Cuthbert in March, Easter, Pentecost, St John the Baptist, St Cuthbert in September and St Michael), with 2 attached schedules of receipts, and annual receipts, with the expenses on the dorse.

Parchment roll, 6m + 2 membranes

Ownership history: Originally numbered 28 loc 5 (bis) (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: See SGD 27/1 for a 9-10 Richard II account and CCB B/1 for accounts from 4-5 Henry V onwards.

Related material elsewhere: See TNA SC11/1012 for a 25 Bek account and DUR 20/114/8 for a 7-8 Richard II account.

Loc.V:33 18 April 1328 - 30 April 1330

Coroners' presentments of William of Walworth sheriff of Durham, being 51 cases of deaths, thefts and murders recorded on 29 court-days, with the township(s) or borough(s) concerned recorded in the left margin along with the amercement.

6 June 1328. William of Thorpe of Burdon riding from Newcastle towards Burdon on 1 May was thrown by his horse at *Wrekendyke* and killed.

13 June 1328. Ralph son of John Tailor was dozing in the kitchen of John parson of Whickham on 8 June when straw next to the fire caught light and burnt him to death.

Henry of Widdrington on 23 March collected at Streatlam Thomas Hardymarchaund, indicted before the former sheriff, John of Hamby, of stealing Richard Hunter's horses. He led him towards Sadberge [gaol] through Darlington to the house of William of Durham whence he escaped to Darlington church. So he has to leave the kingdom. William de Parys was staying at William Bette's house in Darlington and stole 4s 10d from Alexander son of William of Barton. He was seized and held in the toll booth in Darlington before being taken to Durham but he escaped to Darlington church and so has to leave the kingdom.

27 June 1328. Adam, servant of Master Luke, parson of Elwick church, on 25 April was taking a horse to water it in the Tyne at *Blythestagh* when he fell off and drowned.

22 August 1328. Robert son of Reginald of Kelloe, a boy aged 4½, was playing on 29 July with other boys in Easington by the house of Robert Tailor when Robert's mare, tied up outside the door, kicked him in the head. He died on 16 August. Unknown men trampled the corn of Thomas Tuffan of Ferryhill on 26 July; he asked for compensation but was beaten up and stabbed and died on 4 August.

5 September 1328. John del Kirk chaplain was looking for William of Walton his master on 4 August when he met Richard son of Alan Goldsmith and William his brother at Alexander of Middleham's shop. Richard struck him in the head with a sword called a falchion. He died on 9 August. John son of John Tailor of Durham was watering his horse in the middle of the Wear by Elvet Bridge on 4 September when he fell off and drowned. Adam Chapman of Cateneys and 2 unknown men were travelling from Newcastle upon Tyne at Lamesley after sunset on 26 July when they were set upon and killed by unknown thieves at *Le Derncroke*.

19 September 1328. Robert Snart and Roger Tinkler came to blows at the hour of vespers on 10 August in Darlington at Prestgate. Robert killed Roger with a blow in the throat with a long knife. Certain unknown men broke into Alan de Mora's house in *Le Wodesyde* in Tribley at midnight on 17 September, breaking the doors and windows with iron hammers and poleaxes. They abducted Alan and goods of his to the value of 5s.

3 October 1328. John of Heslerton was riding between Durham and Kimblesworth carrying 2 bags of flour beneath him and 1 bag of salt in front of him on 21 September when he met and came to blows with John Alcock. They had a running fight with staves to *Wodmansdyke* where John of Heslerton, in self-defence, killed John Alcock.

17 October 1328. Margaret, wife of Stephen de Swynarton, lady of Offerton, on 28 September at midday came with her household over Penshaw (*Peucherdon*) hill with Thomas of Woodburn and Thomas of Seaton from Northumberland in her company. Woodburn sent William of Rowley to Penshaw to ask Thomas de Miridon to come to the hill. When [Rowley] did not return, William Baker was sent with 3 others who met Marmaduke Bassett there. An argument broke out. Bassett raised a handaxe to strike Baker on the head who defended himself with his buckler. Then Thomas de Miridon, of Bassett's company, struck Baker in the back with a *gisarme* (halberd). Wounded, Baker fled to Margaret, along with his associates, in the northern field of Penshaw. Margaret,

with her followers including Thomas of Seaton and Thomas of Woodburn, went into Penshaw to confront Bassett on the edge of town before his mother's gate. He raised his handaxe at her. She cried "peace, peace, peace". He replied that there could be no peace whilst Thomas of Seaton was in her company. He raised his handaxe at Seaton's head who defended himself with his buckler and then struck him on the left arm with his sword so that Bassett dropped his handaxe. Thomas de Miridon now struck Seaton in the back with his *gisarme*. Others pushed Bassett to the ground and would have killed him but Margaret threw herself on him and protected his body with her own. However his shins were still exposed and Baker, Seaton and others struck them with their swords, wounding him in 7 places. John de Burton Annays, Bassett's groom, standing in Bassett's mother's garden, shot Hugh son of William de Uffreton with an arrow in his right breast. He was also struck by Thomas de Miridon with his *gisarme* in the midriff and he died on 29 September. John de Burton Annays also shot Thomas of Seaton with arrows in the windpipe and the left breast, and Thomas de Miridon struck him in the middle of the back in 2 places with his *gisarme* so that he died on 7 October. Agnes, wife of Stephen de Whetley, was coming from her house at Medcroft by Pelton on 22 September. Her son John, aged 3, was chasing animals from the corn, so she left her daughter Isolda aged 6 months sitting by the fire, into which she fell and burnt her foot from which she died on 8 October.

14 November 1328. Robert Shepherd of Winton and William Lecelyn of Billingham were coming from the tavern at the house of William son of John of Billingham at 9 o'clock at night on 30 October when Robert struck William in the stomach with a long knife in Billingham high street. He died on 4 November. Agnes of Lutterington was coming from Alice de Wylnby's house on 1 November, crossing the Wear at Slaty Ford (*Sclatford*) going towards Bradley. She fell off her horse and drowned. William Couper of Prudhoe was coming from the hall of *Ravenshelme* when he slipped on the bridge, fell in the river and drowned.

28 November 1328. Unknown thieves broke into Emma Queneld's house at Brancepeth at midnight on 26 November on the north side. They abused her and stole silver brooches and other goods to the value of 40s. William de Bonynton of Chester, William Haltclerkson of Chester and William le Couper of Woodside by Tribley on 20 November were in a coble crossing the Wear at Lumleyford when it sank. Only Couper escaped drowning.

9 January 1329. John of Ulgham was coming from Kepier fulling mill on 4 January when he entered the house of Richard del Marche in Durham and found there William of Hartlepool fuller with others sitting drinking there together. William asked him for the farm for his house which he owed him and John struck him with a long knife under his left breast and killed him. (dorse) William Scot of Whickham was cutting coal in a mine at Whickham on 31 December when a stone the weight of a plough fell on him and killed him. Roger Kerchand of Haswell (*Hessewelle*) was coming from Ludworth towards Great Haswell at night on 3 January when he was struck down by a storm at a place called *Le Piperdyk*. Isabella, daughter of the widow of Jarrow, with others, was carrying sheaves from the garden of John of Hebburn of Jarrow to John's barn on 31 December. William Chaplain was stacking the sheaves in the barn. Coming down from the stack, Isabella caught him under the arms but his knife fell out of its sheaf and struck her in the throat and killed her.

20 March 1329. 4 men were working in Thrislington (*Thurstanton*) coal mine on 1 March at around vespers. 3 of them left the mine and Gilbert, the coalminer by name, was coming to the surface of the mine, carrying a leather bottle in his hand. In changing it from one hand to the other, the rope slipped out of his hand and he fell back into the pit of the mine. His colleagues fetched him out and took him to Thrislington where he made his will and an oath, dying there on 2 March. Thomas Crowder of Wolsingham and Geoffrey Collier of Wolsingham disputed a land survey in Wolsingham on 3 March. Thomas shot Geoffrey with an arrow in the left breast and he died in the house of John the Medic at Auckland on 7 March.

1 May 1329. William Glover of Scotland came to the Tees, stood on the bank after sunset on 23 April and hailed Eudes of Lincoln in a boat to come ashore and speak with him. When he did, William tried to kill him with a long knife, driving him into the Tees up to his arms. Eudes drew his own knife and struck William in the stomach. He died at daybreak.

29 May 1329. William Herring left his hut on 24 May for the forge at Mourhill by Hamsterley after the ninth hour to work in the forge. He left his son Thomas, a boy aged 3, asleep in his bed in the hut but the fire set light to the straw in the bed, and burnt down the hut with Thomas inside it.

26 June 1329. Roger Cranpolle asked Roger Tabard in jest for 2d for ale at the old bridge in Durham on 12 June. But Tabard did not see the joke and struck Cranpolle on the head with a stave. He died on 15 June.

7 August 1329. Matilda Douf of Hett, coming at night from Tursdale (*Trillesdon*) to Hett on 30 July, fell down an old coal mine in Hett field and broke her neck.

21 August 1329. John son of Hugh de la More, a boy aged 3, fell into a full vat (*patellam*) of English grout (*ciromelli anglica groute*) of his father's in Picktree (*Piktrea*) on 11 August. He was scalded and died on 13 August.

4 September 1329. Simon son of John of Kelloe and John of Wingate (*Wyndgates*) had an argument in the exchequer in Wingate opposite the forge over a small hay-rick on 19 August. Afterwards Simon's son Nicholas stabbed John in the arm with a long knife. He died on 29 August.

18 September 1329. Matilda Corter of Chester, coming to Durham, was travelling towards Beutroue manor on 4 September. Crossing the Wear around vespers at Ryolford, she fell in and (m2) drowned. She was washed up at Trollesden. William Gilet of Whitburn (*Whitberme*) and John Dunyng of Whitburn had an argument in Whitburn opposite the cross at night on 3 September. William struck John in the head with a long knife. He died on 6 September.

2 October 1329. John le Reeve, groom of Master Richard de Netesworth, was standing at night on 16 September by *Le Moothall* in Durham when Jordan de Knotylay of Durham Castle came along. John shot him in the left breast with an arrow. Jordan died in Auckland on 17 September.

27 November 1329. William le Clerk of Hamsterley and Richard de Killum were arguing in the tavern of Henry Carpenter of Hamsterley on 19 November. William struck Richard in the head with a sharp instrument (*pugione*). Richard afterwards stabbed William in the stomach with a long knife. He died on 22 November. John of Whessoe and William Tricurator were arguing on 5 November and drew their knives. John's wife Isolda, hearing the commotion, came in and accidentally ran into her husband's knife. She died on 9 November.

11 December 1329. Richard Ostler of Winstow was riding from Durham towards Winstow when he came to a stream between Boldon and Newton which he fell into and drowned in.

8 January 1330. Stephen, servant of the abbot of Coverham, was coming from Darlington, riding a horse laden with fish and herrings. He came to a stream (*sikettum*) called *Le Louping stanes* below Blackwell where his horse fell in the water. He fell under the horse and was drowned around dawn on 15 December. Thomas son of John of Haswell (*Hessewelle*), riding from Haswell towards Hutton (*Hoton*) on 25 December, came to Shotton. Crossing a stream, he fell in, was drowned and carried down to the sea at Edenmouth. Alice of Kendal, going from Sunderland to Hett on 29 December, came to *Le Law* in Sunderland field and found an unknown man who had been killed there.

22 January 1330. Adam Punder of Horden came to William Sutor's house in Easington around vespers on 11 January. Asking for his wife's shoes, he got into an argument there with Adam de Helbek, groom of John de Gildford, and John Ponn. Helbek then punched Punder. Punder struck back with a blow of a stave to the head. They grappled and fell to the ground. With Punder on top, Helbek stabbed Punder with his knife in the left eye (*humor*). He died during the night. Ida de Northumber, going from the hall of Thomas de Beufowe of Hawthorn on 2 January to fetch water with a pot from a fish-pond in Thomas's garden, slipped and fell into the fish-pond and drowned.

19 February 1330. Isolda, maid of Thomas of Woodfield, was watching over an ewer of malt of Agnes of Ketton in Ferryhill on a fire on 5 February when she fell in and was burnt. Hugh Prestkane of Simonside on 12 February took from his horse a half quarter of wheat and was carrying it into his house in Simonside when he slipped and fell breaking his shin and died.

5 March 1330. Around midnight on 22 February, in the house of John Todhunter in Newland, a fire started in the straw and the house burnt down, burning Juliana the daughter of John Moyses inside. Unknown thieves broke into the house of Matilda daughter of Juliana de Eighton around midnight on 12 February on the west side, tied up Matilda, Agnes the maid of Hugh Bond and Matilda de Skithby, and carried off 30s, 2 robes price 20s, 4 table-clothes price 2s, and linen garments price 40s.

19 March 1330. Thieves broke into the house of William Sutor on 12 March and, tying up 2 men and 2 maids, carried off goods. William Hesser of Blackwell, travelling from Darlington to his house at Blackwell on 12 March, met with William Logg and other thieves unknown [and was killed]. Unknown men on 5 March were riding on the highway by Great Brun with a groom of theirs leading a horse by a halter tied to his belt when the horse kicked him in the head and he died.

16 April 1330. Thieves broke into the chamber of Robert Fullon at Gateshead on the west side around midnight on 20 March and stole silver.

30 April 1330. John son of William son of Lawrence of Ryton, a boy aged 9, on 10 April drowned crossing the Tyne by [Ryton] church at *Le Woleford*.

Endorsed (16th century) as crown pleas for men drowned, killed, hanged, or otherwise found dead on the lands of the bishop or the prior.

Parchment roll, 3 membranes

Ownership history: Originally numbered 16 loc 5 (Swalwell)

17 October 1328 Marmaduke Bassett case discussed in:

Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.62-63;

Northern petitions illustrative of life in Berwick, Cumbria and Durham in the fourteenth century, ed C.M. Fraser, (Surtees Society 194, 1981), p.236;

Emsley, K. and Fraser, C.M., *The courts of the County Palatine of Durham from earliest times to 1971* (Durham, 1984), p.29.

3 October 1328 John de Heslarton case discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.61-62.

13 June 1328 Darlington sanctuary cases discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.66.

Loc.V:34 4 June 1279

Extract of a plea of *quo warranto* into the bishop of Durham's lands at Ellerker, Welton, Howden and Lockington and elsewhere in Yorkshire, with the bishop's description of the history of Durham's connection with Crayke and its liberties from the grant of the manor by King Ecgrith (*Edolf*) to St Cuthbert.

Endorsed (15th century) as being the recovery of liberties in Crayke and Howdenshire before the justices itinerant in the time of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and (16th century) as being about the bishop's ?rights in Crayke and elsewhere.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 27 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:35 September 1346

1. Inquisition at Durham before William de Mordon escheator of Durham that a messuage, 4 tofts, 152 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow in Wolviston which the prior and convent intended to acquire from Cecilia who was the wife of John Schirlok were worth 100s and are held of the prior and convent by service of 9s pa, fortnightly suit in the [prior's] court and milling at Wolviston mill, except for 2 acres held of John of Bruntoft by service of 1d pa and that John of Stanley and his wife Alice hold a toft in Wolviston of Cecilia for 1d pa. 25 September 1346.

2. Writ of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to his escheator in Co Durham to enquire into the value of a messuage, 4 tofts, 152 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow in Wolviston which the prior and convent intend to acquire from Cecilia who was the wife of John Schirlok. Given at Durham by the hand of John Pulhore clerk 18 September 1346.

(Reversed) 3. Licence to Cecilia formerly wife of John de Schirelok of Eden to grant 1 messuage, 4 tofts, 142 acres of land, 7 acres of meadow, and an annual rent of 1d to the prior and convent.

Endorsed (16th century) as an inquisition about lands in the vill of Wolviston now conceded.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 30 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Loc.V:38 & 39 are about the same case, were originally numbered the same and were possibly filed together.

A similar inquisition to 1 is in DCD 1.11.Pont.1 no.7.

Loc.V:36 24 September 1330 - 13 July 1331

Durham gaol delivery roll

24 September 1330. Richard Stainton stole 2 bushels of wheat at Thorpe Thewles from the barn of Richard of Whitwell. John Golding [stole] a mare from William Golding his brother at Willington. Robert Gray of Willington burgled William Goldbarn's house there.

10 December 1330. John of York and Richard of Old Cambus burgled the house of Robert Miller of Woodham. Richard Turnpost stole from Chester mill.

4 February 1331. Robert Pille of Shadforth stole cloth from Robert Hyne at Elwick. William Sawey, Agnes of Billingham and Roger Aktonner are false moneyers and stole cloth.

4 March 1331. Thomas Dobyn stole sheep from Richard son of Gilbert of Durham in Beaumont field.

15 April 1331. Robert de Hingomelles stole John of Richmond's goods from John of Hedworth's house at Southwick. John del Lewe as warden of Gateshead park had abetted rustling by Thomas de Brounswald for which he was hanged at Newcastle.

30 April 1331. Agnes de Harehope stole cloth from John Forman at Ravensworth.

13 July 1331. Gilbert de Oxenham stole oxen at Beamish and cattle at Wolsingham.

Endorsed (16th century) "nil pro priore".

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 13 loc 5 (Swalwell)

February 1331 cases discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.67.

Loc.V:37 4 January 1379

Pleas of assizes held before Thomas de Ingleby and Roger of Fulthorpe justices of the bishop at Durham. Richard Peressan chaplain and John of Wearmouth hosier (*souter*) disseised the prior of Durham of a free tenement in Durham and its 3s rent.

Endorsed (16th century) as the recovery of the rent of a certain tenement in Durham.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 25 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:38 3 October 1346

Writ from the bishop of Durham to William de Mordon, escheator, to hold an inquisition *ad quod dampnum* about the bishop allowing John of Wolviston to grant the reversion of a messuage, 4 tofts, 152 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow and 1d rent in Wolviston, now held by Cecilia who was the wife of John Schirelok, to the prior and convent of Durham in part satisfaction of 20 librates of lands, tenements and annual rents which Richard de Bury formerly bishop of Durham granted to the prior and convent of Durham by his letters patent.

Given at Durham *per manus* John Pulhore clerk.

Endorsed (16th century) as an inquisition about conceding lands in Wolviston.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 30 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Loc.V:35 & 39 are about the same case, were originally numbered the same and were possibly filed together.

Loc.V:39 9 October 1346

Inquisition *ad quod dampnum* at Durham before William de Mordon escheator of Durham saying that it would not be to the bishop [of Durham]'s disadvantage if he allowed John of Wolviston to grant the reversion of a messuage, 4 tofts, 152 acres of land, 7 acres of meadow and 1d rent in Wolviston, held by Cecilia who was the wife of John Schirelok for life, to the prior and convent of Durham, and their value is 100s.

Endorsed (16th century) as an inquisition about lands in the vill of Wolviston

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 30 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell)

Copy in DCD 1.11.Pont.1 no.7.

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Loc.V:35 & 38 are about the same case, were originally numbered the same and were possibly filed together.

Loc.V:40 16 April 1428

Writ *recordare facias* from T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham to the sheriff of Durham to record a *loquela* between John Pollard and Richard Couhird about animals being unjustly detained, before the bishop's justices at Durham on 16 September next.

Given at Durham *per manus* William Chaunceller, bishop's chancellor.

Endorsed (?contemporary) "'D" and "Richard Coward".

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:16 for an earlier, similar writ.

Record of proceedings in the case 1429-1435: DCD Reg.III, f.174v-176r.

Loc.V:41 13 January 1343 - 31 August 1346

Assize held at Durham before Roger of Esh, bishop's justice 13 January 1343: John [Fossor] prior of Durham, Roger Fossor and John Gray disseised Reginald Forster of Durham of his free tenement in Durham and of the office of *hostiar pistrini* of the prior of Durham.

Assize held at Durham before Thomas de Metham, bishop's justice 31 August 1346: John of Hedworth, John of Cleadon, Ralph Colman, Roger Scot and Elias son of Gregory of Southwick disseised John [Fossor] prior of Durham of his free tenement in Hedworth and Southwick, 2 acres of land and 2 acres of moor and pasture.

A copy of a charter (inspeximus) of Edward III to the burgesses of Newcastle-on-Tyne, confirming a charter of Edward II dated 12 November 1318 [*Calendar of Close Rolls vol.III* p.392] confirming with additions a charter dated at Durham 28 January 1216 [*Rot.Chart.* p.219] concerning their rights and liberties. Given at Waltham, 26 January 5 Edward III.

Parchment booklet, 5f

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell)

Forster case discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.57-58. Edward III inspeximus calendared in *Calendar of Charter Rolls vol.IV*, p.214.

Related material in other DUL collections: Other copies of the Forster case: DCD Reg.I, f.ii.87v-88v & Loc.V:26.

Other copies of the Hedworth/Southwick case: DCD Reg.I, f.i.78r-v, Reg.I, f.ii.88v-89r, Loc.IV:151 & Loc.V:27.

Loc.V:42 mid 15th century

Memorandum of commissions issued by the bishop's chancery.

Commission issued 27 August 1344 to John [Fossor] prior of Durham, Ralph de Neville, Alexander of Hylton, Thomas Surtees, Roger of Esh, Roger of Blakiston, Adam of Bowes and John de Menevill to inquire of transgressions against the bishop in the River South Tyne.

Commission issued 18 March 1379 to Thomas Ingelby, Roger of Fulthorpe, John Heron, William de Elmedon and John Hyndeley to inquire of transgressions in the Rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees.

Commission issued 18 March 1430 to William Eure knight, Robert Hylton knight, Thomas Holden, Christopher Boynton, William Chaunceller, Robert Strangways and John Aslakby to inquire of defects in the Rivers Tees, Skerne, Gaunless, Wear, Tyne and Derwent.

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:43 26 July 1344

Plea at Durham before Richard de Aldeburgh, bishop's justice: Thomas Rutour took a ewer (*urceolum*) from John of Barnard Castle's house next to the old bridge of Durham in the Old Borough on 22 March 1344.

Endorsed (16th century) as being about a distraint taken by the prior's bailiff in the Old Borough [Rutour] for unlicensed brewing.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 26 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:44 [c.1430]

Articles of Isabella widow of William Heron in a case for arbitration before John [Wessington] prior of Durham, John prior of Guisborough and Thomas [Barton] prior of Tynemouth against John Maners, claiming that he killed her husband, that she is owed £666 of her husband's, along with the issues from his lands during her son John's minority, and £137 5s 3d legal expenses, and also Thomas Atkinson asks that the death of Robert Atkinson brewer "may be amendit" and his costs repaired. John Maners denies the charges saying that he, his son John and his servant William Andrewson said they were not guilty before the arbitrators William Tempest knight, Robert Euer esquire, William Hoton, John of Middleton knight, William of Strother and William Vincent; they also deny killing Robert Atkinson, William Heron's servant.

Endorsed (16th century) as being articles exhibited before the prior and other arbitrators.

Language: English, with the endorsement in Latin

Paper roll, 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:50 (John Maners's answers).

Loc.V:45 28 September 1430

Award by John [Wessington] prior of Durham and Thomas [Barton] prior of Tynemouth chosen by Robert Umfraville knight, Isabella late wife of William Heron esquire, Thomas Atkinson, and other friends of William Heron on the one part, and John Maners the elder, John Maners the younger, Robert Ogle knight and other friends of John Maners on the other part, that John Maners and John Maners shall submit at Newcastle upon Tyne, organise 500 masses for William Heron's soul, keep the peace towards Isabella Heron, and pay her 250 marks, and she will likewise keep the peace towards Maners. With arrangements for bonds.

At the foot it is stated that copies are to be held by each party and the arbitrators. On the back is a memorandum that the payment of the 250 marks will be made in St Nicholas church, Newcastle upon Tyne, on 24 May 1431.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the process and fine levied between the widow of W[illiam] Heron knight and John Maners over the killing of the said W[illiam] by the said John.

Language: English, endorsement in Latin

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 38 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:45* next below, a draft.

Loc.V:45* 28 September 1430

[Draft] award by John [Wessington] prior of Durham and Thomas [Barton] prior of Tynemouth chosen by Robert Umfraville knight, Isabella late wife of William Heron esquire, Thomas Atkinson, and other friends of William Heron on the one part, and John Maners the elder, John Maners the younger, Robert Ogle knight and other friends of John Maners on the other part, that John Maners and John Maners shall submit at Newcastle upon Tyne, organise 500 masses for William Heron's soul, keep the peace towards Isabella Heron, and pay her 250 marks, and she will likewise keep the peace towards Maners. With arrangements for bonds.

With a note on the back that this was drawn up in the prior's chamber at Tynemouth before John Waltham, Thomas Thornburgh and William Bawetry. Many cancellations and interlineations.

Language: English, endorsement in Latin

Paper, 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:45, final version.

Loc.V:46 [c.1430]

Memorandum, that Isabella the widow of William Heron and John Maners have entered into bonds in £1000 to abide by the judgement of the arbitrators in their dispute.

Language: English

Paper, 1f

Loc.V:47 3 April [1431]

Letter from Robert Umfraville to [John Wessington] prior of Durham concerning his proposed actions in the Heron/Maners arbitration, he will "take of John Maners and his frendship for detts of Sir William Heron and William Heron cccc marcs" and will send to London "that the processe for oure partie shall cesse". Written at Farnacres.

Language: English

Paper, 1f

Loc.V:48 [c.1430]

Objections to the arbitration on the part of John Maners, raising 10 points about the award concerning John Maners' appearance in Newcastle, the bonds and the sums of money to be paid.

Language: English

Paper, 1f

Loc.V:49 6 April [1431]

Letter from John Maners to [John Wessington] prior of Durham asking to be allowed to consult his friends about how to pay the 400 marks to Sir Robert Umfraville; he will come to Durham on 15 April to discuss this. His letter is being delivered by his son Robert Forster. Written at Etal.

Language: English

Paper, 1f

Loc.V:50 [c.1430]

John Maners' answers to Isabella Heron's articles, denying that he had killed William Heron and owed money.

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.V:44 (Isabella Heron's articles).

Loc.V:51 23 April 1427

Sir William Tempest, Sir Thomas Lambert, William of Lumley and Thomas of Lilburn *dayers* (arbitrators) on the part of William Heron ask of Sir John Bertrom, Sir Richard Mosegrafe, Thomas of Ilderton and William of Strother *dayers* on the part of John Maners that John Maners pay William Heron's debts, set up a chantry for his soul, abide south of York and pay a 40s annuity to the dead Robert Atkinson's mother.

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.V:52 27 September 1430

Draft arbitration award of John [Wessington] prior of Durham and Thomas prior of Tynmouth in the Heron/Maners case giving two options of John Maners paying 200 marks to William Heron's party, and arranging 1300 masses for his soul in the next year, or paying 250 marks and arranging 500 masses. Made in St Nicholas Church, Newcastle upon Tyne. Some cancellations and interlineations.

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.V:53 [23 June 1431]

Draft points of agreement between Isabella Heron and John Maners outlining that John Maners, his son J. Maners and their servants met with Isabella Heron and her party in Newcastle before [Henry Percy earl of] Northumberland. They regretted William Heron's death at Etal when he assaulted them with his servants and with arrows and swords. The parties agree to make up. Maners has arranged for 800 masses for Heron's soul in Durham, Guisborough and Tynemouth, and he will pay the sums ordered by the arbitrators and enter into bonds.

Including also a draft quitclaim by Isabella Heron to John Maners of all actions.

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.V:54 [c.1430]

Memorandum that John Maners, his son and all their servants are quit of all indictments brought by [Robert Umfraville] lord of Kyme and Isabella Heron.

Language: English

Paper roll, 1f

Loc.V:55 [1336 - 1402]

File of notes about holdings in Durham Old Borough

1. Descent of Richard Chilton's tenements on the south side [of Crossgate], many falling initially to William Chilton (who appears in the 1340-1341 bursar's rental).
2. Tenements in Allergate (*Allertongate*) held by Thomas Claxton, the [incumbent of the chantry] (*cantor*) of John Belasis [in the North Bailey] and the sacrist. On the dorse are further tenements, some of John Barnard Castle.
- 2A. Extract from the bursar's rental of 1397, holdings of Agnes Gray and John Marshall [in Crossgate].
3. List of [tenement holders in Old Borough] dated 1336.
4. Extracts from the bursar's accounts of 1336, 1337, 1338, 1340, the prior's free court rolls of 1316, 1331, 1332, 1334, 1335, 1337, 1338, the sacrist's rental of 1311 and a 1349 charter re tenements in [Old Borough].
5. Notes of Adam de le Brome and Walter de le Brome appearing in the 1280 Allergate rental and Henry de le Brome in rentals 1319-1327. Notes of Richard Chilton appearing in Allergate rentals 1310-1315, and of being a bailiff of the Old Borough with Robert de Cornsay in 1302. Notes of John of Barnard Castle's holdings in the Old Borough 1334-1338 and being a bailiff there in 1337. Notes of William Chilton being bailiff of the Old Borough in 1316 and of his holdings there in 1318.
6. List of [tenement holders in the Old Borough early 14th century].
7. Notes on tenement holders in the Old Borough, officers (coroners) and the hanging of ? Skoit 1280-1360.
8. Copy of a quitclaim by Bona widow of Elia Salter of Gilesgate to Ralph de Warshope to a quarter part of a burgage in Elvet Borough which came to her from her father William of Whitwell situated between the burgages of John son of Alan Hall and Richard Smith [early 14th century]; copy of a quitclaim by William son of Thomas del Somerhouses to Adam Wither miller and Eda his wife to a burgage in Milburngate situated between the burgages of John de Whelpedall and Peter of Langley, at Durham 8 January 1342; copy gift by William Randolf son of John Randolf of Durham tanner to Thomas Cupper of Durham of a burgage in Crossgate between the tenements of John Chester cleric on the south and William de Harhelme on the north, at Durham 30 September 1402.
9. Lists of [tenement holders in the Old Borough] 1305, 1319 and 1360.
10. List of [tenement holders in the Old Borough], with references to documents 1310-1344 about holdings and/or offices noted for ?den senior, ? Randolf tanner, John Bill burgess of Durham, John Brunnynghill, John de Aldwod, ?, John Welpdal, William son of Adam Scot, Ralph de Warshope and John Scot of Brandon.

Paper and parchment roll, 10f of paper, 1f of parchment

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:56 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar except for No 3 which is to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Dalton, Richard Fermor collector.
2. Dalton. No payments recorded.
3. Fulwell. Left half missing.
4. Fulwell, Thomas Nicolson collector.
5. Fulwell. No payments recorded.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:56* 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indenture with a local collector

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar for Dalton, Richard Fermor collector.

1 parchment indenture

Ownership history: Previously numbered Misc Ch 6314.

Loc.V:57 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar except for No 5 which is to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. East Rainton, Henry Shotton collector.
2. East Rainton, Henry Shotton collector. No payments recorded.
3. West Rainton, Richard Wedouson collector.
4. West Rainton, Richard Wedouson collector. No payments recorded.
5. West Rainton, Richard Wedoweson collector.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:57* 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indenture with a local collector

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar for West Rainton, Richard Wedoweson collector.

1 parchment indenture

Ownership history: Previously numbered Misc Ch 6342 (20th century).

Loc.V:58 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar except for Nos 5, 8 and 9 which are to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Harton, John Robinson collector.
2. Harton, no collector named. No payments recorded.
3. Hedworth, Robert Bell collector.
4. Hedworth, Robert Bell collector. No payments recorded.
5. Hedworth, Robert Bell collector.
6. Nether Heworth, William Wardeley collector.
7. Nether Heworth, William Wardley collector. No payments recorded.
8. Nether Heworth, William Wardeley collector.
9. Hesleden, John Wilkinson collector.
10. Hesleden, John Wilkinson collector.
11. Hesleden, no collector names. No payments recorded.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:58* 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indenture with a local collector

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar for Wallsend, William Baron collector.

1 parchment indenture

Ownership history: Previously numbered Misc Ch 7111e (20th century).

Loc.V:59 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar except for No 3 which is to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Monkton, William Coke collector.
2. Monkton, William Coke collector. No payments recorded.
3. Monkton, William Coke collector.
4. Moorsley, John Kybson collector.
5. Moorsley, no collector named. No payments recorded.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:60 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar except for Nos 2 and 3 which are to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. North Pittington, Robert del Hill collector.
2. North Pittington, Robert del Hill collector.
3. ?, Stephen Chilton collector.

5 parchment indentures

Loc.V:61 1437 - 1438

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Wearmouth, Robert Wak collector.
2. Southwick, Thomas Atkinson collector.
3. Fulwell, John Alanson collector.
4. Harton, Richard Neuton collector.
5. Wistoe, William Hunter collector.
6. Simonside, Robert Walsh collector.
7. Hedworth, Thomas Lambert collector.
8. Monkton, John Durham collector.
9. Heworth, William del Kechyn collector.
10. Wallsend, John del Yate collector.
11. Willington, William Rakett collector.

11 parchment indentures

Loc.V:62 1433 - 1434

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Southwick, no collector named. No payments recorded.
2. Wearmouth, no collector named. No payments recorded.
3. Fulwell, Thomas Nicolson collector. No payments recorded.
4. Harton, no collector named. No payments recorded.
5. Westoe, no collector named. No payments recorded.
6. Hedworth, no collector named. No payments recorded.
7. Monkton, Alan Tomson collector.
8. Heworth, no collector named. No payments recorded.
9. Wallsend, no collector named. No payments recorded.
10. Willington, no collector named. No payments recorded.

Endorsed (16th century) as indentures of moneys received by various bursars.

10 parchment indentures

Ownership history: Originally numbered 2 loc 5 (Swalwell) and 12 loc 4 (cancelled) (Swalwell).

Loc.V:63 1436 - 1437

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to Thomas Lawson as bursar.

1. Southwick, Thomas Atkinson collector.
2. Wearmouth, John Birche collector.
3. Westoe, Robert Jonson collector.
4. Harton, John Betson collector.
5. Fulwell, Thomas Nicolson collector.
6. Hedworth, John Collonwod collector.
7. Monkton, John Durham collector.
8. Heworth, W[illiam] Wardley collector.
9. Wallsend, Hugh Odnell collector.
10. Willington, John Mawdysman collector.

10 parchment indentures

Loc.V:64 December 1440

Pleas before the bishop of Durham's Co Durham jps of two cases of various men from New Elvet and Old Elvet causing £40 worth of damage with their animals to the prior of Durham's crops growing at Elvet, and also damaging his ditches and felling his trees and underwood there.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 42 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Misc Ch 5828/20, other transgressions by the same people.

Loc.V:65 31 January 1330

Inquisition of the sheriff of Durham and the coroner at Chester[-le-Street], noting 12 separate cases of interfering with water-courses and roads, and thefts of animals and goods in Gateshead, Monkton, Wallsend, Hebburn, Shields, Ouston and Birtley. Endorsed (16th century) as being an inquisition against certain tenants diverting a watercourse by Kabencross at Gateshead and for impeding and obstructing roads etc.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 14 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:66 1432 - 1433

Bursar's indentures with local collectors

Payments for the Pentecost and Martinmas terms to John Oll as bursar.

1. Wearmouth, John Hochwnson collector.
2. Wearmouth, John Huchonson collector. No payments recorded.
3. Westoe, no collector named. No payments recorded.
4. Wallsend, William Baron collector.
5. Wallsend, William Baron collector. No payments recorded.
6. Willington, Robert Durham collector.

6 parchment indentures

Loc.V:67 19 April 1346

Plea held at Durham before Thomas de Metham, bishop's justice, that Richard of Shadforth was a free man of the bishop of Durham's liberty as his grandfather Walter Pygot had entered it after the time of King Richard [I], and he is not a *nativus* as Henry de Hecce alleges. Citing the bishop's mandate to his justices of 25 March 1346 to inquire into this.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 18 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Discussed in Fraser, C.M. and Emsley, K., "Law and Society in Northumberland and Durham, 1290 to 1350", (*Archaeologia Aeliana* 47, 1969), p.55.

Loc.V:68 16 October 1431

Inquisition of the prior of Durham at Hemingbrough held by the steward of the court, saying that the prior of Durham was entitled to the goods and chattels, itemised, of John Paget, chapman, of Hemingbrough who had fled after murdering John Codyn, chapman, and his servants John Risseyn and Robert Wryghte on 25 January 1431 at Hemingbrough and had been outlawed.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 45 (bis) loc 5 (Swalwell).

Loc.V:69 23 December 1504

Resignation by William Ratcliffe from the fifth prebendary in the collegiate church of St Mary, Hemingbrough.

Witnesses: William Symson and Roger Bylkyngton, *literati*, of York and Coventry and Lichfield dioceses.

Date: Stonegate, York, 23 December 1504.

Notary: Robert Cheston, clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:70 early 16th century

Label for extracts of amercements of various Tourns and courts

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell) and loc 4 (cancelled) (Swalwell)

Loc.V:71 July - October 1325

Extract from Westminster court of pleas of a plea before W. de Bereford, king's justice, *rotulus* 255, 8 July 1325 about the right to present to Appleby church (Leics) between Edmund of Appleby and the prior of Lytham, including an extract from the roll for Trinity 1323 when the prior of Lytham and William Vernon disputed the presentation.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 47 loc 5 (bis) (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Reg.II, f.92r-93v.

Loc.V:72 11 December 1386

Copy notarial instrument of the confirmation by John [Fordham] bishop of Durham, delegate, of the appropriation by Thomas Schirford archdeacon of Suffolk and Ralph Berners canon of Wells Cathedral, sub-delegates, of Frampton church to Durham College Oxford.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell), loc 4 (cancelled) (Swalwell) and T.1.

Related material in other DUL collections: Another copy is DCD 2.5.Ebor.3b.

Loc.V:73 11 February 1491

Appointment by John [Auckland] prior of Durham of Thomas Castell warden of Durham College, Mr William Lovell LLB and Percival Lambton as proctors in a case between the warden of Durham College Oxford and the warden of Wykes chapel, Lincoln diocese, over tithes from the appropriated church of Frampton.

Seal: G&B No.3427 on parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered loc 5 (Swalwell) and 3.2.

Copy in DCD Reg.V, f.12r-v.

Loc.V:74 9 October 1402 - 22 September 1404

Pleas before Ralph de Eure and his fellow justices of the bishop [of Durham] about the statute of servants and labourers. Cases cited at each of the fortnightly sittings:

1. John prior of Durham against Lawrence Paver.
2. William Jackson of Wolviston against John Tomson.
3. John of Sockburn of Auckland against John de Inglewode.
4. John Brady of Redworth against John son of Thomas Smith of West Thickley.
5. John of Whitworth against William of Stanley of Whitworth.
6. John de Hagthorp cleric against Katherine Forster.
7. John del Ostell against Thomas his servant, Richard Barker and Thomas Lang.
8. Thomas Gibson of Sadberge against Agnes daughter of John del Chaumbre.
9. Geoffrey of Eltham against Robert Raynold.
10. Thomas de Bourn against Robert del Spense.
11. John Burgeys clerk against William Henrison.
12. John prior of Durham and Walter of Teesdale his fellow monk against Matthew Tomson.
13. John Aspore against John son of John Smyth of Merrington.
14. John Hunter of Brancepeth against Robert Cook of Gainford.
15. John Appilton saddler against Agnes his servant.
16. Thomas Shephird of Mainsforth against Thomas formerly his servant.
17. Margery Smyth of Shadforth against Agnes of Netherton.
18. John prior of Durham and Thomas Lythe his fellow monk against William Glasier.
19. John Knayth of Darlington against Adam his servant.
20. John Alrede against John of Seaham.
21. Mr Thomas of Weston against Thomas Robynmilnerman.

Parchment roll, 3 rolls of 1 membrane, 1 membrane and 2 membranes

Loc.V:75 9 November 1332 - 10 May 1333

Coroners' presentments before William of Walworth.

9 November 1332. Richard of Richmond hit Robert of Bishopton in the head in Framwellgate in Durham on 14 October. He died on [28 October] at Sherburn fulling mill. Adam and William sons of Master Adam of Morpeth, Adam Thomas clerk of Billingham, Adam Fourbour and Matilda Tapster attacked Gilbert son of Ralph of Shincliffe with swords and cudgels by the churchyard of Billingham church. Adam son of Master Adam struck him on the head and killed him on 1 November.

23 November 1332. A commotion arose on 7 November in John Underwood's house around bedtime between William of Craven and John. John of Upton and Andrew de Corhob joined in with swords and staffs, and Gilbert of School Aycliffe also became involved. [Gilbert] was eventually shot with an arrow from which he died.

7 December 1332. Richard Belers, staying in John Lardener's *thorallo* in Gateshead, was hit in the head by his own servant, Nicholas, with a cudgel on 17 November and died. William of Stainton and John of Blackworth met in Newton field. William struck John with a cudgel and killed him on 17 November.

21 December 1332. Stephen son of John of Auckland St Helen, aged 11, was [struck down] by a storm in West Thickley field going from Aycliffe to Auckland St Helen.

18 January 1333. Christiana, Robert and Emma, children of Simon Taillour of Wolsingham, were suffocated in the night in their bed by ? falling on them.

1 February 1333. Thomas ? was crushed by the mill wheel at Scaltok mill. He was found by his wife Avota.

15 February 1333. John del Hay, reapee of Old Durham, struck Thomas of Hurworth, ploughman of Old Durham, with a cudgel in Old Durham, killed him and fled to the church of St Oswald on 31 January. John Galway of Hetton coming from Houghton mill towards Hetton at a place called *Le Lovyng* in Hetton field was seized by unknown robbers, taken to a place called *Greslawe*, bound, robbed (items listed) and killed on 4 February. William Elwald, coming into Brancepeth forest at a place called Ruttock, was killed by an unknown person on 30 January.

12 April 1333. Gilbert le Barbour of Finchale (*Fynghaulgh*) struck and killed John Taylor of Rereake in Elvet Borough at midday on 20 March. Juliana de Harden going from Chester towards Edmondsley came to a place called Redpeth and fell into Cong Burn (*Conkburnhough*) and drowned.

10 May 1333. Robert of Offerton struck and killed Juliana Salter at Offerton mill. William de ? stole 2s from the treasury of his master Stephen Hunter of Waltham.

Mandate from Louis [of Beaumont] bishop of Durham to Adam of Bowes, Richard of Esh, William of Walworth and Simon of Esh to hold an inquisition into damage done to William son of Mr William de ?'s ditches and crops. (Foot damaged; date missing).

Parchment roll, 2 rolls each of 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 12 loc 5 (Swalwell)

Loc.V:76 12 May 1320 - 6 July 1321

Coroners' pleas before William of Walworth sheriff of Durham:

Darlington ward

12 May 1320. Cecilia daughter of Richard del Halle of Wolsingham and John her brother drowned crossing the Wear at *Kerwyeforth* on 25 April.

18 August 1320. Stephen of Meaburn came to Wolsingham with a horse to sell, certain neighbours wished to buy the horse and sought a pledge of *haywald* at which Stephen fled to Wolsingham church, being alleged to be a common thief and to have killed a man near Corbridge and that he should leave England. Margaret daughter of Michael the miller of West Auckland was standing in her father's garden on 12 May when a horse carrying 3 bushels of oats knocked a tree which fell on her head from which blow she died on 13 August. Gilbert Baker of Elvet on the evening of 13 August went into Elvet wood and hanged himself.

10 November 1320. Henry Holley servant of Alexander Tailor went on 31 October to gather withies on a crag by Stanhope mill and fell and broke his neck. He died on 1 November.

1 December 1320. Roger ?, Robert Slater and Richard de Castro came to William Russell's house in Elvet on ?20 November. An argument started, they came to blows, went outside and Richard de Castro stabbed William Russell with a knife.

2 March 1321. William Culling crossing the Wear on Robert of Binchester's horse on 13 February, fell in the deep water and drowned.

30 March 1321. Richard Mason of Stanhope was taking old timbers out of the rector of Stanhope's house on 25 March when one fell on him. He died in Roger Colman's house on 28 March.

16 March 1321. John of Blackwell a thief was staying in his wife Alice's house in Bondgate on 20 January, having previously fled from being indicted for theft before the sheriff, when John the reeve with others from Bondgate came to seize him. He attacked them with a *flayle* and fled. Peter Brown of Bristow was drunk on 25 February and drowned crossing the Tees at Barnard Castle fulling mill and was carried by the river to Mordenhaugh by Winston.

(dorse) Stockton ward

18 August 1320. William Miller of Elton, travelling towards Blakiston on 10 August to treat with Agnes daughter of Orfan, was crossing Blakiston field when he had an epileptic fit, fell into a water-filled ditch and drowned. John Tyndhogg of East Morton riding on 29 August, fell from his horse, and was taken to the house of William de Moreton reeve where he died on 9 September (*sic*).

8 December 1320. John of Hetton was transporting victuals for the bishop to [Bishop] Middleham on 29 November when he was killed in a great storm crossing Cornforth field.

19 January 1321. William Sport of Billingham was travelling between Snaudon mill and Wolviston on 22 December when he was killed by a storm flood at *Colmerlandes*.

Darlington ward

30 March 1321. An unknown thief on 11 March broke into the stable of the rector of Wolsingham, stole a black and a *color wayron* mare, each valued at 20s, and tied up William the rector's groom.

4 May 1321. Thomas Pa?man of Elvet coming to feed his mare at a place called *Le Welle Hill* by Durham St Oswald's churchyard on the west side fell on *Le Hough*. Neighbours came and took him to his house in Elvet where he died on 19 May.

25 May 1321. Robert del T? was crossing the Wear on 19 March at Binchester at a place called *Kerwykford* on his bay mare, when he fell and drowned.

6 July 1321. Richard son of Thomas of Sunderland went fishing with others in the Wear on 24 June on the west side of [Sunderland] mill and drowned.

Endorsed (16th century) as being pleas about dead bodies found on the lands of the bishop or the prior of Durham, and as having nothing for the prior or the bishop.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 13 loc 5 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.V:77 1346

Records of a lawsuit between John, son of Hugh of Brakenholme, and the prior of Durham over a bovat of land [in Brackenholme by Hemingbrough] in which several royal documents are quoted:

(1) Writ of Edward I ? (*precepimus*) to the prior of Durham, directing one messuage and one bovat of land to be given up to the rector.

(2) Writ of Edward I ? (*sicut alias*) to the sheriff of Yorkshire, summoning the prior of Durham to appear before the king for not obeying a writ to deliver seisin to John Yol. Given at Westminster, 3 May 1297?.

(3) Writ of Edward I ? (*recordari facias*) to the sheriff of Yorkshire to record the proceedings of the court of the prior of Durham at Hemingbrough. 1297?

(4) Copy of 2.3.Reg.2a and b.

With some 15th century annotations and marginalia.

Parchment roll, 2 membranes, with a leather wrapper

Ownership history: Originally numbered 48 loc 5 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.V:78 [1349 - 1350]

[Inquest on tenants who died in the plague], detailing tenants and their holdings in Wolviston, Billingham, Aycliffe, Merrington, Burdon, Willington and Edmundbyers.

Reversed is an inquisition *diem clausit* on Thomas de ?Fery.

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 6 loc 5 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Loc.IV:141, an inquest on free tenants who died in the plague, 1349-1350, is a similar document with similar information.

DCD Loc.VI - Bishops' elections, early

1153 - 1484

Documents concerning bishops' elections. There are occasional documents about some of the earlier elections of bishops of Durham from the time of Hugh le Puiset (1153) onwards: 1226 (Richard Poore), 1237 (Thomas of Melsonby), 1283 (Anthony Bek). Then there are particular quantities of documentation about the 1311 (Richard de Kellawe) and 1316 (Louis de Beaumont) elections, mostly about the monks' ultimately abortive attempt in the latter to elect one of their own, Henry of Stamford, as bishop, including representations to Rome and a number of drafts/copies/duplicates of documents. Occasional documents are present for the subsequent episcopal elections of 1333 (Richard de Bury), 1381 (John de Fordham), 1406 (Thomas Langley) and 1484 (John Shirwood), with another significant quantity of documents, mainly appointments of proctors for the 1438 election of Robert Neville.

In addition, there are a number of documents more or less related to elections:

The rights of probably Newcastle Westspitell Hospital;

Notification of the election of a prior of Brinkburn 1424;

The removal of the prioress of Newcastle St Bartholomew 1367;

A commission for an exchange of benefices 1438;

Durham cathedral priory's attempt to recover election expenses for Bishop Robert of Holy Island's executors;

Bishop Bek's visitation and deposition of Prior Hoton;

The election of a prioress of Holystone 1422.

Language: Latin, unless otherwise stipulated

The current arrangement is Joseph Stevenson's of the later nineteenth century, with the numbering being his also. This has been retained in this catalogue. There is evidence of an earlier, different, arrangement in the early sixteenth century endorsements by the monk-archivist Thomas Swalwell. The logic of this is not immediately apparent, but he may have been trying to group the same types of document together, and there are a few the same type in this Loc; there are also a number of gaps in his sequence, some of which are now to be found amongst the Miscellaneous Charters sequence.

Catalogued in MODES by Michael Stansfield January to April 2004; uploaded to XML and revised by Michael Stansfield September to October 2007.

Related material - [here](#)

Related material in other DUL collections: Former members of this Loc are now Misc. Ch. 2630-2639 and 2641-2643.

Loc.VI:1 12 April [1251]

Part of a papal constitution about maintaining the rights and liberties of ?[Newcastle Westspitell Hospital].

Date: Lyon, 2 ides April, indiction 8, year of grace 1200 (erasure), then "pontificatus vero domini Innocentii xxiiij anno octavo".

Addressed to "religioso viro domino Stepheno conmoranti in le Wespitell". A 15th century copy.

24 in the date may be an error; Innocent IV was at Lyon in April 1251 (his 8th year), but the indiction should then be 9, Innocent III's 8th year (1205) was the 8th of the indiction, 1360 (Innocent VI) and 1492 (Innocent VIII) are also possible 8th years of a pontificate, but 1251 is most likely.

Size: 130 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Loc.VI:2 [11 April 1406]

Letter from [Thomas Weston] to Thomas Rome and William Barry, monks at Durham, protesting that he was ignorant of his nomination as bishop of Durham before he had seen the letter to the king of Prince John [of Lancaster], son of Henry IV, via his squire William Massy, advocating his candidature. He was unwilling to press for election if Henry IV intended to promote either [Thomas Langley] the chancellor or [Nicholas] Bubwith [the keeper of the privy seal]. If [Langley] continued to seek promotion to the see of York, or both other candidates were to be promoted elsewhere, then he would press his case, even to the exclusion of [Henry Bowet] bishop of Bath [and Wells]. He was reluctant to oppose [Langley] and would send a messenger to London to discover his intentions. (Weston, archdeacon of Durham, received 9 of the 57 votes in chapter on 17 May; Bowet received 1 and Langley 47).

Date: Howden, Easter Day.

Endorsed with the address (contemporary) and [Swalwell's] description (16th century).

Size: 190-255 x 290 mm

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.6:63.

Discussed in R.L. Storey, *Thomas Langley and the Bishopric of Durham 1406-1437* (1961), p.165-166.

Loc.VI:3 16 May 1381

Citation and mandate by Robert prior and the chapter of Durham to Master Uthred, prior of Finchale, summoning him to attend in chapter in Durham 29 May 1381 for the election of a bishop of Durham to replace the late Thomas [Hatfield]; and instructing him to cite his fellow monks to attend therefor.

Date: Durham chapter house, 16 May 1381.

On the dorse is Uthred's reply that he received the mandate on 21 May and had executed it.

Date: Finchale, the morrow of Ascension [24 May], year as above.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 110 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.6:41.

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar citations and mandates for this election, and other election documents, are in DCD Reg.II, f.200r-202v.

Loc.VI:4 [26 October 1316]

Instrument of the prior and convent of Durham announcing arrangements for the election on the Saturday before St Martin [6 November] of a bishop of Durham after the death of Bishop Richard [Kellaw] on 10 October 1316, his burial in the cathedral, and the granting of a licence by King Edward [II] to elect a successor.

Date: Durham chapter house, 8 Kal. November, year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being an instrument fixing a day for electing a bishop.

Size: 90 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:46 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:5 9 November 1424

Notarial instrument from the subprior and convent of Brinkburn asking Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham or his vicar-general to confirm the election of John Crossynsyd as prior following the resignation of Thomas Hertwayton on 7 November. The election was held on 8 November, with Alan Prestwick and William Wodyfeld as the other candidates. Includes details of the process of the election.

Date: chapter house, 9 November, year as above.

Notarial mark and eschatocol of William Doncaster clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

On the dorse is a note that on 16 November 1424 in the collegiate church of St Andrew, Auckland, Alan Prestwick, canon and subprior of Brinkburn, sought confirmation of the election from T[homas] Leys, vicar-general of the bishop of Durham who confirmed it and instituted the prior-elect.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the election of the abbot of Brinkburn.

Size: 360 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Previously numbered: Loc.6:102.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Langley's Register f.290v (transcribed in R.L. Storey ed, *The Register of Thomas Langley vol 5*, (Surtees Society 177, 1962), p.181-182: confirmation by the vicar-general, and his order to the canons to obey their prior, on 16 November 1424.

Loc.VI:6 1367

Copies of 3 mandates of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham about the nunnery of Newcastle St Bartholomew.

Mandate to Hugh of Arncliffe, chaplain, to investigate a dispute between Amice of Belford, who had intruded as prioress of the nunnery of Newcastle St Bartholomew, and Emma del Hill, nun.

Date: Auckland manor, 15 June 1367.

Mandate to Emma del Hill, warden of Newcastle St Bartholomew, and certain nuns there to chose a prioress in place of the intruder Amice of Belford.

Date: Auckland manor, 26 June 1367.

Mandate to Hugh of Arnecliffe, chaplain of the church of Newcastle St Nicholas, to investigate the eviction of the nuns Emma del Hill and Joan of Farnley from Newcastle St Bartholomew by Amice who had intruded as prioress.

Date: Auckland manor, 21 April 1367.

On the dorse is a list of documents about the case.

Endorsed (16th century) as being about the election of a prioress of the nunnery of Newcastle St Bartholomew.

Size: 200-220 x 360 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Hatfield's Register f.47r: 2 further 1367 mandates about the case.

Loc.VI:7 16 December 1438

Commission of Richard Arnall, subdeacon of York Minster and vicar-general of the archbishop of York, to Robert [Nevill] bishop of Durham to hear a case about an exchange of benefices between Robert Grymsar alias Bett rector of York Holy Cross and Peter Fryston vicar of Gainsford.

Date: York, 16 December 1438.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 120 x 380 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3249, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 42 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8a 9 January 1438

Appointment by John Burnby, monk of Durham cathedral, of Stephen Howden, subprior of Durham cathedral, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: the hall of Durham College, [Oxford], 9 January 1437/8.

Witnesses John Goldyng and Thomas Gretham clerks of York diocese.

Sealed with the common seal of Durham College Oxford (no longer present).

Endorsed (16th cent) with a description.

Size: 140 x 350 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8b 19 January 1438

Appointment by John Both, monk of Durham cathedral, of William Dalton, monk of Durham cathedral, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Farne Island, 19 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 340 mm

Seal: John Both, no legend, octagonal, red, 9x12mm, a T surmounted by a crown flanked by palmleaves, complete, fine, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 48. (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8c 20 January 1438

Appointment by Robert Emeldon senior, monk of Durham cathedral, of William Dalton, chancellor of Durham cathedral, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 115 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8d 20 January 1438

Appointment by William Pocklington and John Swineshead, monks of Durham cathedral, of Stephen Howden, subprior of Durham cathedral, as their proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 315 mm

Seal: William Pocklington, no legend, octagonal, red, c9x13mm, W surmounted by a crown, good, right half missing; John Swyneshed, no legend, octagonal, red, 10xc13mm, eagle rising wings displayed and inverted in a border with a cabled surround, good, lower left half missing; on 2 sealing tongues, labelled, with a wrapping tie.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8e 20 January 1438

Appointment by Thomas Cotom, monk of Durham cathedral, of Henry Helay, monk of Durham cathedral and prior of Holy Island, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Holy Island, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Thomas Cotom and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 135 x 320 mm

Seal: Thomas Cotom, no legend, round, 11mm, "ihs" surmounted by a crown with an engrailed edge, fair, lower left corner damaged, on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8f 20 January 1438

Appointment by John Hoton, monk of Durham cathedral, of John Durham senior and Richard Barton monks of Durham cathedral, as his proctors in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Lytham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 115 x 310 mm

Seal: John Hoton, no legend, oval, dark red, 8x13mm, ?head, indistinct, lower left side missing, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8g 20 January 1438

Appointment by Thomas Wheill, monk of Durham cathedral, of George Syther and Thomas Forde, monks of Durham cathedral, as his proctors in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Lytham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 120 x 270 mm

Seal: Thomas Wheill, no legend, octagonal, red, c.9xc12mm, T [surmounted by a crown] flanked by palm leave[s], good, right and upper part missing, on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8h 12 January 1438

Appointment by Thomas Hexham, monk of Stamford St Leonard, of Master William Ebchester, monk of Durham cathedral, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Sealed with the seal of the official of Lincoln (not now present).

Date: in the priory aforesaid [Stamford], 12 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (contemporary) that it came after the election so it is without force and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 285 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8j 20 January 1438

Appointment by William Partrik, monk of Durham cathedral, of Thomas Nesbett, John Oll and William Dalton, monks of Durham cathedral, as his proctors in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Lytham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the proctor of the prior of Lytham for the election of the bishop.

Size: 175 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 48 loc 6 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:8k 20 January 1438

Appointment by John Peucher, monk of Durham cathedral, of William Drax, monk of Durham cathedral and prior of Coldingham, as his proctor in the election of the bishop of Durham on 27 January [1438] in Durham cathedral chapter house.

Date: Coldingham, 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 145 x 325 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:48 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:9a 19 April 1311

Notarial instrument recording the request by Richard de Aslakby subprior of Durham and William of Guisborough proctors before [William Greenfield archbishop of York at Ripon for the confirmation] of the election of their fellow monk Richard Kellaw as bishop of Durham by compromissary by the monks Henry of Teesdale, Nicholas of Rothbury, Thomas of Winstow, Thomas de Aldewod, Geoffrey of Haxby, Geoffrey Burdon prior of Lytham, John of Burdon, Thomas of Haswell terrar, Hugh de Monte Alto almoner, Henry de Castro and Gilbert of Elwick, detailing the process of the election, the documents procured and listing all the monks involved. Incomplete.

2 complete and 1 partial notarial marks of William Tang. The various documents are indicated in the margin.

On the back is an index, titled "testimonial' super forma commissiacione diligencia etc" to probably a formulary which has some references to an old register, a new register and (most) of the form letter (a or b) number (1-173) letter (a-f). The document was folded centrally before the index was compiled and it seems to postdate the detachment of the membranes now in the Cathedral MS.

Endorsed (15th and 16th century) as the election of Richard Kellaw, monk of Durham, as bishop by way of a delegation

Size: 1905 x 530 mm

Parchment roll, 3 membranes

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:1 3 parts (?) (Swalwell).

Related material elsewhere: See also - Durham Cathedral Library MS B.II.1 f.1 and 270: 2 further membranes of the same document.

Loc.VI:9b [31 March 1311]

Commission by the monks of Durham (all named) of 11 of their number (Henry of Teesdale, Nicholas of Rothbury, Thomas of Winstow, Thomas de Aldewod, Geoffrey of Haxby, Geoffrey of Burdon, John of Birden, Thomas of Haswell, Hugh de Monte Alto, Henry de Castro and Gilbert of Elwick) as compromissaries to elect a new bishop of Durham.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, date as above.

Endorsed (15th century) as being the process of the election of Richard de Kellaw as bishop of Durham and (16th century) as a commission of chapter of compromissaries for electing Richard Kellaw as bishop of Durham.

Size: 250 x 220 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:54 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:9d below, another version.

Loc.VI:9c [31 March 1311]

Publication by Henry of Teesdale of the election, by the compromissaries of himself, Nicholas of Rothbury, Thomas of Winstow, Thomas de Aldewod, Geoffrey of Haxby, Geoffrey of Burdon, John of Birden, Thomas of Haswell, Hugh de Monte Alto, Henry de Castro and Gilbert of Elwick, selected by the chapter of Durham cathedral, of Richard Kellaw as bishop of Durham. (No dating clause).

Endorsed (16th century) as the publication of fellow monk Richard de Kellaw as bishop of Durham.

Size: 145 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: [Loc.6:]34 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:9e below, a fuller version.

Loc.VI:9d [31 March] 1311

Commission by the monks of Durham (all named) of 11 of their number (Henry of Teesdale, Nicholas of Rothbury, Thomas of Winstow, Thomas de Aldewod, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Geoffrey of Burdon prior of Lytham, John of Birden, Thomas of Haswell bursar, Hugh de Monte Alto almoner, Henry de Castro and Gilbert of Elwick) as compromissaries to elect a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Wednesday after the Annunciation, 1311.

An expanded version of Loc.VI:9b, with interlineations including the posts held by some of the monks.

Endorsed (16th century) as a commission of chapter to compromissaries to chose a bishop.

Size: 200 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:30 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:9b above, another version.

Loc.VI:9e [31 March] 1311

Publication by Henry of Teesdale of the election, by the compromissaries of himself, Nicholas of Rothbury, Thomas of Winstow, Thomas de Aldewod, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Geoffrey of Burdon prior of Lytham, John of Birden, Thomas of Haswell terrar, Hugh de Monte Alto almoner, Henry de Castro and Gilbert of Elwick, selected by the chapter of Durham cathedral, of Richard Kellaw as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Wednesday after the Annunciation, 1311.

Endorsed (16th century) as the publication of the election of fellow monk Richard de Kellaw.

Size: 155 x 250 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:34 (Swalwell).

Swalwell's endorsement is printed in A.J. Piper, "Dr Thomas Swalwell : monk of Durham, archivist and bibliophile (d.1539)", in *Books and Collectors 1200-1700*, ed. by J.P. Carley and C.G.C. Tite (1997), p.79.

See also - DCD Loc.VI:9c above, another version.

Loc.VI:9f [31 March] 1313

Monition by Henry de Castro monk that all ineligible to elect the new bishop should be absent from chapter.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, Wednesday after the Annunciation, 1311.

Endorsed (16th century) as a monition to be absent from chapter.

Size: 80-100 x 225 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:35 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:9g 1 April 1313

Notification to Edward [II] by the prior and subprior of Durham of their election of their fellow monk Richard de Kellaw as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 1 April 1311.

With a note at the foot that two other documents were sealed with it.

Probably a draft, with some erasures and interlineations.

Endorsed (16th century) as notification of the election of Richard Kellaw as bishop by the prior and subprior.

Size: 90 x 230-240 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered Loc.6:33 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:9h [20 March] 1311

Notification of the day for electing a new bishop of Durham on Wednesday after the Annunciation [31 March 1311] in the chapter house.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 13 Kal. April, 1310.

Endorsed (16th century) as fixing a day for electing the bishop.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered Loc.6:32 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:9j [31 March 1311]

Mandate from the Durham chapter, priors of the cells and monks of Durham to their fellow monk Henry de Castro to exclude all those not entitled to vote in the election of the new bishop of Durham.

Sealed with the common seal of chapter (no longer present)

Date: [Durham] chapter house, Wednesday [after the Annunciation, 1311].

Endorsed (16th century) as the procuration of chapter for a monition for the election.

Size: 110 x 225 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 31 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:9k [15 April] 1311

Mandate from W[illiam of Tanfield] prior of Durham and the chapter to Richard de Aslakby subprior and William of Guisborough, their fellow monks, to seek confirmation of the election of Richard Kellaw as bishop of Durham from W[illiam] Greenfield] archbishop of York.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 17 Kal. May, 1311.

Various cancellations and interlineations.

Endorsed (16th century) as a procuration to seek confirmation of the election from the archbishop.

Size: 90 x 225 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:36 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:10a [20 December 1316]

Petition of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and convent of Durham to Pope John [XXII] for confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford, prior of Finchale, as bishop of Durham on 6 November 1316 by compromissaries (Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Richard de Aslakby subprior, John of Layton almoner, William of Cowton third prior, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton chamberlain, Gilbert of Elwick prior of Oxford, and Alexander of Lamesley terrar), selected by the monks (all named).

With a notarial instrument of the process of the election with the notarial sign of Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of the diocese of York, N.P. by apostolic authority, detailing the burial of Bishop Richard [Kellaw] on 16 October, the calling of the election on 26 October, and the election on 6 November with Henry de Castro's monition, the commission to the compromissaries, the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop, and the election's publication.

The dating clause is omitted, but, up to that point, this document has the same text as Misc Ch 2630 which is dated 20 December 1316.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that it is about the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop which was suppressed in favour of Louis [Beaumont], followed by references for Loc.VI:1, 4-17 (ie the original bundle of documents about the election), and "Rome" .

Size: 720 x 460 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:1, 3 parts (Swalwell).

See also: DCD Misc.Ch. 2630: another copy, with dating clause but not the notarial instrument; DCD Loc.VI:10b another version, without the notarial instrument, and dated 16 December 1316.

Loc.VI:10b [16 December] 1316

Petition of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and convent of Durham to Pope John [XXII] for confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford, prior of Finchale, as bishop of Durham on 6 November 1316 by compromissaries (Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Richard de Aslakby subprior, John of Layton almoner, William of Cowton third prior, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton chamberlain, Gilbert of Elwick prior of Oxford, and Alexander of Lamesley terrar), selected by the monks (all named).

Witnesses: the prior and monks of the convent.

Date: Durham chapter house, 17 Kal. January, 1316.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 515 x 475-490 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:1, 3 parts (Swalwell).

See also: DCD Misc.Ch. 2630: another copy; DCD Loc.VI:10a another version, with a notarial instrument, and dated [20 December 1316].

Loc.VI:10c [6 November] 1316

Monition by Henry de Castro monk that all those ineligible to elect the new bishop should be absent from chapter.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday before St Martin, 1316.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 110 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:14 (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Misc.Ch. 6041.

Related material in other DUL collections: The procuration appointing Henry de Castro is DCD Misc.Ch. 7029.

Loc.VI:10d [6 November 1316]

Commission by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and 58 other named monks of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Richard de Aslakby subprior, John of Layton almoner, William of Cowton third prior, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton chamberlain, Gilbert of Elwick prior of Oxford, and Alexander of Lamesley terrar as compromissaries to elect a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as a commission made to delegates to elect and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:10 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.VI:10h & Loc.VI:10j, other versions.

Loc.VI:10e 9 November 1316

Notification from Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham to Edward [II] that William of Cowton and Henry de Castro will report the election of Henry of Stamford as the new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 9 November, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as letters directed to the king and (16th century) as supplication to the king for licence to elect a bishop of Durham.

Size: 110 x 235 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:17 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:10f 6 November 1316

Instrument of William of Cowton publishing the election, as commissioned by his named fellow compromissaries, of their fellow monk Henry of Stamford as bishop of Durham.

Sealed with both the common seal of Durham and his own seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as the election and publication of the election and also as the form of election of the bishop.

Size: 205 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:11, 4 parts (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10g; Loc.VI:10k; Loc.VI:10m, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10g 6 November 1316

Instrument of William of Cowton publishing the election, as commissioned by his named fellow compromissaries, of their fellow monk Henry of Stamford as bishop of Durham.

Sealed with both the common seal of Durham and his own seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as the election and publication of the same and (16th century) as the election and publication of the same.

Size: 240 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:9, 4 parts (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10f; Loc.VI:10k; Loc.VI:10m, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10h [6 November 1316]

Commission by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and 58 other named monks of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Richard de Aslakby subprior, John of Layton almoner, William of Cowton third prior, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton chamberlain, Gilbert of Elwick prior of Oxford, and Alexander of Lamesley terrar as compromissaries to elect a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 295 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:10 (9 cancelled) (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10d & Loc.VI:10j, other versions.

Loc.VI:10j [6 November 1316]

Commission by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and 58 other named monks of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale, Geoffrey of Haxby DTh, Richard de Aslakby subprior, John of Layton almoner, William of Cowton third prior, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton chamberlain, Gilbert of Elwick prior of Oxford, and Alexander of Lamesley terrar as compromissaries to elect a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary & 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 245 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 10 (12 cancelled) (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10d & Loc.VI:10h, other versions.

Loc.VI:10k 6 November 1316

Instrument of William of Cowton publishing the election, as commissioned by his named fellow compromissaries, of their fellow monk Henry of Stamford as bishop of Durham.

Sealed with both the common seal of Durham and his own seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as the election and publication of the same.

Size: 220 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:9, 4 parts (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10f; Loc.VI:10g; Loc.VI:10m, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10l [16 December 1316]

Notification by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham to Pope John [XXII] of the appointment of Henry de Castro and John of Layton as proctors to seek confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop [of Durham].

Sealed with the common seal of the chapter.

Date: Durham chapter house.

Undated, but is a variation and probable draft of Loc.VI:10q, which names different proctors.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctors of the convent to seek confirmation of the election in the Roman *curia*.

Size: 145 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 8 (15 cancelled) (Swalwell).

See also: DCD Loc.VI:10v and Loc.VI:10z, other drafts; Loc.VI:10q fair copy (dated).

Loc.VI:10m 6 November 1316

Instrument of William of Cowton publishing the election, as commissioned by his named fellow compromissaries, of their fellow monk Henry of Stamford as bishop of Durham.

Sealed with both the common seal of Durham and his own seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as the election and publication of the same

Size: 230 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:9 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10f; Loc.VI:10g; Loc.VI:10k, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10n 26 October 1316

Notification by the prior and convent of Durham to the priors of the cells and their fellow monks of Saturday before St Martin [6 November] 1316 at prime in the chapter house for the election of the new bishop [of Durham].

Date: Durham chapter house, 7 Kal. November, year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as fixing the day of election and a decree of citation.

Size: 110 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:12 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10s, duplicate.

Loc.VI:10o 6 November 1316

Procuration by Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and chapter, the priors of the cells and all the monks of the church of Durham to their fellow monk Henry de Castro to issue a monition that all ineligible to elect the new bishop should be absent from chapter.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration for a monition.

Size: 105 x 285 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:14 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10r and Misc.Ch. 7029, duplicates, with minor variations.

Loc.VI:10p [30 October] 1316

Certification from Stephen of Howden prior of Holy Island to Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the convent of Durham, that he had carried out their recited mandate of 26 October 1316 to summon their fellow monks to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 6 November 1316.

Date: Holy Island, 3 Kal. November, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Holy Island and as the certificate of the summons of the priors and masters of cells.

Size: 140 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:15 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:10q [16 December] 1316

Notification by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham to Pope John [XXII] of the appointment of William of Cowton monk and Master Henry of Lusby clerk as proctors to seek confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop [of Durham]. Sealed with the common seal of the chapter.

Date: Durham chapter house, 17 Kal. January, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration to seek confirmation from the pope.

Size: 95 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:8 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10l, Loc.VI:10v and Loc.VI:10z, probably drafts (undated).

Loc.VI:10r 6 November 1316

Procuration by Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and chapter, the priors of the cells and all the monks of the church of Durham to their fellow monk Henry de Castro to issue a monition that all those ineligible to elect the new bishop should be absent from chapter.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, Saturday [before St Martin, 1316].

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration for a monition.

Size: 85 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10o and Misc.Ch. 7029, duplicates, with minor variations.

Loc.VI:10s [26 October 1316]

Notification by the prior and convent of Durham to the priors of the cells and their fellow monks of Saturday before St Martin [6 November] 1316 at prime in the chapter house for the election of the new bishop [of Durham].

Date: Durham chapter house, 7 Kal. November, year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as fixing the day of election and a decree of citation.

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:12 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10n, duplicate.

Loc.VI:10t 6 November 1316

Consent of Henry of Stamford, priest, monk of Durham, to his election as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 November, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as consent of election.

Size: 70 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: [Loc.6:] 13 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10x and Loc.VI:10y, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10u [6 November 1316]

Commission by the compromissaries Richard de Aslakby, Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford, Geoffrey of Haxby, John of Layton, William of Cowton, William of Greatham, Adam of Pontefract, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton, Gilbert of Elwick and Alexander of Lamesley, to William of Cowton to publish their election of Henry of Stamford, prior of Finchale, listing his qualities, as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 220 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 16 loc 6 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:11c, duplicate.

Loc.VI:10v [16 December 1316]

Notification by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham to Pope John [XXII] of the appointment of William of Cowton and Henry de Castro as proctors to seek confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop [of Durham].

Sealed with the common seal of the chapter.

Date: Durham chapter house.

Undated, but is a variation and probable draft of Loc.VI:10q, which names different proctors

Endorsed (contemp) as proctors of the convent to seek confirmation of the election in the Roman Curia

Size: 140 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:8 (Swalwell).

See also: DCD Loc.VI:10l and Loc.VI:10z, other drafts; Loc.VI:10q fair copy (dated).

Loc.VI:10x 6 November 1316

Consent of Henry of Stamford, priest, monk of Durham, to his election as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 November, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as consent of election.

Size: 70 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: [Loc.6:] 13 (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10t and Loc.VI:10y, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10y 6 November 1316

Consent of Henry of Stamford, priest, monk of Durham, to his election as bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 November, 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as consent of election.

Size: 65 x 675 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6: 13, 3 parts (Swalwell).

See also - DCD Loc.VI:10t and Loc.VI:10x, duplicates.

Loc.VI:10z [16 December 1316]

Notification by Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham to Pope John [XXII] of the appointment of William of Cowton and Master Henry of Lusby clerk as proctors to seek confirmation of the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop [of Durham].

Sealed with the common seal of the chapter.

Date: Durham chapter house.

Undated, but is a variation and probable draft of Loc.VI:10q.

Endorsed (contemp) as proctors of the convent to seek confirmation of the election in the Roman Curia

Size: 140 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:8 (Swalwell).

See also: DCD Loc.VI:10l and Loc.VI:10v, other drafts; Loc.VI:10q fair copy (dated).

Loc.VI:11* [February x May 1227]

Part of articles in the case heard before the archbishop of York between King Henry III against the prior and monks of Durham over the election of William Stichill archdeacon of Worcester as bishop of Durham, being the testimony of W[alter Maucclerc] bishop of Carlisle.

On the dorse are copies made by the monks of letters of the king and the archbishop asking them to delay their election by a further period of two months.

Endorsed (15th century) as attestations of the testimonies produced on the part of King Henry III appellant and Prior Ralph and the monks of Durham appellators over the election of William Stichill ...

Size: 300 x 200 mm

Parchment roll, 2 membranes

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:23 (Swalwell).

Extracted and discussed in F.M. Powicke, *King Henry III and the Lord Edward vol. I*, (Oxford 1947), p.266-270, drawing on Evers' transcriptions.

Transcribed in W.K. Evers, "Disputes about episcopal elections in the reign of Henry III, with special reference to some unpublished Durham documents", (Oxford B.Litt. thesis 1934), p.92-94.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Misc Ch 5522 & Misc Ch 5708, the rest of the roll (all numbered Loc.6:23 by Swalwell) and DCD Misc Ch 5520, another (partial) version of the roll.

Loc.VI:11a 30 September 1333

Mandate from Prior William [of Cowton] and the chapter of Durham to the prior of Finchale to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham in the chapter house on Friday after St Calixtus next [15 October 1333].

Date: Durham, 30 September 1333.

Endorsed (16th century) as being a citation to elect a bishop. This overwrites a draft ?certification by the prior of Finchale, contemporary with the mandate. Also on the dorse is a letter about the excommunication of malefactors if they do not appear within 15 days, also roughly contemporary with the mandate.

Size: 110 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:55 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:11b [16 December 1316]

Letter of Prior Geoffrey [of Burdon] and the chapter of Durham presenting to Pope John [XXII] their proctors John of Layton and Henry de Castro for instruction in making Henry of Stamford bishop of Durham.

Sealed with the common seal, no longer present.

Date: Durham chapter house.

Endorsed (contemporary) as letters for instruction in the business of the election (bis) and (16th century) as a procuration for the liberty to choose the bishop of Durham.

Undated, but is probably coterminous with their appointment as proctors in Loc.VI:10I.

Size: 90 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:60 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:11c 6 November 1316

Commission by the compromissaries Richard de Aslakby, Henry of Teesdale, Thomas of Winstow, Henry of Stamford, Geoffrey of Haxby, John of Layton, William of Cowton, William of Greatham, Adam of Pontefract, Henry de Castro, John of Seaton, Gilbert of Elwick and Alexander of Lamesley, to William of Cowton to publish their election of Henry of Stamford, prior of Finchale, listing his qualities, as bishop of Durham. Includes a testimonial of Stamford.

Date: Durham chapter house, Saturday as above.

Endorsed (16th century) as the testimony of the compromissaries of their election of their brother Henry of Stamford as bishop.

Size: 135 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:29 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.VI:10u, duplicate.

Loc.VI:12a [February 1153]

Notification by the chapter of Durham of the election of Hugh [of Le Puiset] treasurer and archdeacon of York as bishop of Durham, explaining their wrongs generally, the unanimity and complete propriety of the election, and the very worthy character of the bishop-elect [in an attempt to assuage Archbishop Murdac's opposition to the election].

Endorsed (first half 15th century) as the publication of the election of Bishop Hugh.

Undated, but Puiset's election took place on 22 January 1153 and the document is probably the chapter's response to Archbishop Murdac's opposition in February 1153.

Size: 210 x 190-210 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:3 (Swalwell).

Transcribed in Scammell, G.V., *Hugh du Puiset Bishop of Durham* (Cambridge, 1956), p.249-250.

Loc.VI:12b [February 1153]

Notification to Pope Eugenius [III] by the Durham chapter of the election of Hugh [of Le Puiset] archdeacon of York as bishop of Durham.

Some interlineations, cancellations and additions, probably a draft.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a letter and (first half 15th century) as a letter sent to Pope Eugenius about the election of Hugh as bishop.

Undated, but Puiset's election took place on 22 January 1153 and the document is probably the chapter's response to Archbishop Murdac's opposition in February 1153.

Size: 75 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:2 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:13 [9 July 1283]

Commission by the monks of Durham of 8 of their number to elect a new bishop of Durham, Bishop Robert [of Holy Island] having died on 7 Id. June [7 June] and been buried in the church [of Durham], and a licence to elect a new bishop on 7 Id. July [9 July] having been obtained from King Edward [I], and the summoned monks being present in the Durham chapter house, Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and all the monks present (all named) appoint Hugh of Darlington former prior of Durham, Henry of Horncastle prior of Coldingham, Roger of Metheley subprior of Durham, Richard of Barneby prior of Holy Island, Stephen of Howden, Henry of Teesdale and Richard de Hoton as compromissaries for the election of a new bishop.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, [9 July 1283].

Endorsed (contemporary) ?letter (most missing) (16th century) as a commission of chapter for a delegation to elect a bishop.

Size: 170-185 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:39 (Swalwell).

Copy (omitting most of the monks' names) printed in *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, ed F. Barlow (Surtees Society 155, 1945), p.54-55.

Loc.VI:15 8 April 1288 - 26 July 1289

Process of the case of Durham prior and chapter against the executors of Bishop Robert of Holy Island for over £400 election expenses recording the various stages of the case heard before the abbot of Blanchland and his deputies in St Nicholas's church, Durham, from the abbot's appointment by Pope Nicholas [IV] of 8 April 1288 to *acta* of 26 July proroguing the case to St Nicholas's church in Newcastle at Michaelmas. The late bishop's executors were Master Robert Avenell canon of Howden, Thomas of Levisham rector of Stanhope and Henry de Insula (?Holy Island).

Endorsed (15th and 16th centuries) with descriptions.

Size: 1905 x 185-205 mm

Parchment roll, 4m

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:27 (Swalwell).

m.1 [8 April 1288]

Mandate of Pope Nicholas [IV] to the abbot of Blanchland ordering him to hear a case between the prior and convent of Durham and Master Robert Avenel canon of Howden, Thomas of Levisham rector of Stanhope, and Henry de Insula layman and others of York and Durham dioceses, executors of the will of Robert [of Holy Island] late bishop of Durham, concerning sums of money and other things owed by the bishop to the prior and convent.

Date: St. Peters, Rome, 6 Id. April, Pont.1.

Original: DCD 4.1.Pap.29.

m.1 [9 October] 1288

Memorandum that the above papal mandate was exhibited at Blanchland abbey on behalf of the prior and convent of Durham.

Date: Blanchland, 7 Id. October, 1288.

m.1 [9 October] 1288

Memorandum of a citation by the abbot of Blanchland, papal judge delegate, to the dean of Durham to cite Master Robert Avenel canon of Howden, Thomas of Levisham rector of Stanhope, and Henry de Insula layman and others of York and Durham dioceses, executors of the will of Robert [of Holy Island] late bishop of Durham to appear in the church of Durham St Nicholas on the morrow of St Katherine the virgin next [26 November] to answer the prior and convent of Durham.

Date: Blanchland, 7 Id. October 1288.

m.1 [26 November] 1288

Appointment by the prior and convent of Durham of their fellow monks Warner of Giggleswick, Robert of Stamford, Robert of Blakiston and John of Alnwick as their proctors.

Date: Durham, 6 Kal. December 1288.

m.1

Libellus in principali of the prior and convent of Durham before the abbot of Blanchland claiming from the executors of the late bishop of Durham the sums of £326 11s for expenses at his election, £78 loaned to the bishop, £12 10s for 50 quarters of wheat sold to him, and £30 worth of silver plate.

m.1 [26 November] 1288

Acta before the abbot of Blanchland in the case between the prior and convent of Durham, represented by their proctor John of Alnwick, against Robert Avenel canon of Howden, represented by his proctor John of Stamford clerk, Henry de Insula layman, represented by Alan of Coton clerk, and Thomas of Levisham rector of Stanhope, with the *libellus* presented to the proctors of Robert Avenel and Henry de Insula, and the dean of Christianity instructed to summon Thomas of Levisham, who had failed to appear, to the next hearing on the day after the Purification of the BVM.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, morrow of St Katherine the virgin, 1288.

m.1 [27 November] 1288

Copy of the *acta* was made by the abbot of Blanchland for [Robert Avenel etc].

Witnesses: William of Horton his fellow canon; Masters Richard of Coxhoe and John of Barnard Castle; John of Alnwick priest; William of Fenham clerk.

Date: in his house at Durham, Saturday following [the 26 November] 1288.

m.1 [28 January] 1289

Commission *cum excusacionem* by the abbot of Blanchland to his prior and sacrist to take over the case because of his infirmity.

Date: Blanchland, 5 Kal. February, 1288/9.

m.1 [28 January] 1289

Commission *simplex* by the abbot of Blanchland to his prior and sacrist to take over the case.

Date: Blanchland, 5 Kal. February, 1288/9.

m.1

First recusations of Robert Avenel etc objecting to the abbot of Blanchland as a familiar of the prior and convent of Durham and suggesting the appointment of Master John of Pickering as an arbitrator.

m.2 [3 February] 1289

Acta before the prior and sacrist of Blanchland when the recusatory exceptions to the libellus were presented.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, the morrow of the Purification of the BVM, 1288/9.

m.2 [18 April] 1289

Acta before the sacrist of Blanchland, with Thomas of Levisham represented by his *defensor* Lawrence *dictus* de Gardino, when the recusatory exceptions were discussed and the following dilatory exceptions were presented.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, Monday after Quasimodo, 1289.

m.2-3

Dilatory exceptions 1-14 questioning the authority of the abbot of Blanchland and the case of the prior and convent of Durham.

m.3 [26 May] 1289

Acta before the prior and sacrist of Blanchland, with R[obert] of Blakiston acting as proctor for the prior and convent, and Robert Avenel saying that he will ratify the *litis* and submit himself to judgement on pain of 20s, and with disputations over the exceptions.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, Thursday after Ascension, 1289.

m.3 9 June 1289

Appointment by Robert Avenel of John of Stamfordham, William of Fenham, and Eustace de Insula (?Holy Island), clerks, and Lawrence of Esh layman as his proctors, and ratifying the actions carried out by John of Stamfordham on his behalf in the church of Durham St Nicholas in the case against the prior and convent of Durham on [26 May] 1289.

Sealed with his seal and that of the dean of Durham.

Date: Durham, 9 June 1289.

m.3 [27 June] 1289

Acta before the sacrist of Blanchland, with a copy of Robert Avenel's appointment of proctors being presented, and further disputation over the dilatory exceptions.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, Monday after the nativity of St John the Baptist, 1289.

m.3-4 [26 July] 1289

Acta before the sacrist of Blanchland, with further disputation over the dilatory exceptions and an error in the libel, with the case prorogued to Monday after Michaelmas in the church of Newcastle St Nicholas.

Date: the church of Durham St Nicholas, Tuesday the morrow of St James the apostle, 1289.

Loc.VI:16 [later 1304]

Articles of the convent of Durham objecting to letters of the late Pope Benedict XI removing Prior Richard de Hoton and ordering reforms, as they had been obtained surreptitiously, and thereby the bishop [Bek] had falsely depicted the prior as dilapidating the priory, and had removed him from the administration of his monastery, and they objected to Pope Benedict's instruction to the archbishop of Canterbury and the bishops of Lincoln and Worcester to visit and reform the priory, and to the accusations of perjury, simony, homicide and other crimes against Prior Richard [de Hoton] at the instigation of Bishop Antony [Bek].

Endorsed (16th century) with a description, overwriting the original, faded, text.

Undated, but refers to the late Pope Benedict XI (d.7 July 1304).

Size: 495 x 150 mm

Parchment roll, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:27 (Swalwell).

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek Bishop of Durham 1283-1311* (Oxford 1957), p.163-164.

Loc.VI:17 [1316]

Draft letter about confirming the election of Henry of Stamford as bishop of Durham.

Undated.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 180-190 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:61 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:18 30 January 1484

Mandate of Prior Robert [Ebchester] and the monks of Durham that they have decided to use the compromissary method for electing a new bishop, and appointing William Elwick subprior and all the monks present and the proctors of those not present as compromissaries.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 30 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 150 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:49 (Swalwell).

Loc.VI:19 16 April 1432

Notarial instrument of William, abbot of Newminster, and William Berehalgh, sequestrator of the archdeaconry of Northumberland, commissioned by Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham on 2 April 1432, reporting the election on 9 April 1432 of Alice Botecom as prioress of Holystone, on the death of Joan Bagot, late prioress, detailing whom each nun (Alice Botecom, Katherine Moll, Maria Ellom, Margaret Bethom, Marjorie Harbottle, Agnes Otrother, Joan Tailfer) voted for, presented to the bishop at Auckland on 16 April 1432.

Witnesses: Roger Smyth chaplain and Robert Smeton of York diocese.

Date: Holystone, day and year as above.

Notarial sign and eschatocol of John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 450 x 335 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:100 (Swalwell).

Transcription of the bishop's register copy in R.L. Storey ed, *The Register of Thomas Langley vol 4*, (Surtees Society 170, 1955),p.55-59.

Loc.VI:20 [23 October 1237]

Exceptions of King Henry III against the election of Thomas Melsonby, prior of Durham cathedral, as bishop of Durham, accusing him of being:

illegitimate, the son of a former rector of Melsonby;

the son of an *ancilla*;

an enemy of the king and kingdom for having paid homage to the king of the Scots which would compromise his position as bishop as a keeper of the king's peace against the Scots and might lead him to invite in French, Flemish and other enemies of the king; irresponsible in allowing an acrobat (*istrion*) to walk a tightrope between two [of the cathedral's] towers from which he fell and was killed;

disrespectful of the episcopal liberties of the church of Durham in the time of Bishop Richard Marsh, in particular usurping those in Allertonshire in the time of the last Bishop Richard [Poore];

ailing, namely with gallstones (*calculosus*);

a multiple transgressor in eating meat after the new prohibition and in allowing his monks to do likewise;

a simoniac for receiving as monks Richard of Sherburn and a certain William in return for money and land respectively, and for being involved in an agreement over the advowsons of churches in Yorkshire with Bishop Richard [Poore], and for appointing Master Odo of Kilkenny to Brantingham church in return for his support in his election; involved in offering great sums of money to magnates in return for their promoting his election to the king;

instrumental in the beating of Master Lawrence of Tonbridge;

insufficiently literate.

Endorsed (contemporary) "Acta de secunda die" and (?John Fishburn, early 15th century) with a description.

Size: 230 x 205-215 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.6:22 (Swalwell, restored to Loc.6 from uncatalogued miscellaneous rolls 5 February 1975).

Transcribed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Tres Scriptores*, (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.lxxii-lxxiv.

Related material in other DUL collections: Related material cited in F.M. Powicke, *King Henry III and the Lord Edward vol. II*, (Oxford 1947), p.778.

DCD Loc.VII - Bishop Bek litigation

1281 - 1428, mostly 1300 - 1312

Documents concerning litigation between the prior and convent and Bishop Antony Bek over the bishop's visitation rights of the cathedral, which led to the besieging of the cathedral in 1300 and the temporary replacement of Richard de Hoton as prior by Henry of Lusby.

Language: Latin, unless otherwise stipulated

The current arrangement is Joseph Stevenson's of the later nineteenth century, with the numbering being his also. This has been retained in this catalogue. There is evidence of an earlier, different, arrangement in the early sixteenth century endorsements by the monk-archivist Thomas Swalwell. Most of the documents also have what are probably his numbers on them which represent an arguably more logical ordering than those of Stevenson. Some documents also have runs of numbers on their dorse which probably represents the medieval grouping of half a dozen or so documents together, filed perhaps on thongs through the holes more or less carefully inserted at the foot of many of the rolls.

Documents endorsed with former references from this class include the following:

Misc.Ch. 5348 - was [Loc.VII]:20
Misc.Ch. 5347 - was [Loc.VII]:24
Misc.Ch. 5523 - was Loc.VII:49
Misc.Ch. 5524 - was Loc.VII:121
Misc.Ch. 5526 - was [Loc.VII]:34-38
Misc.Ch. 5641 - was Loc.VII:19
Misc.Ch. 6889 - was [Loc.VII]:54
Loc.VII:1 - was no.64
Loc.VII:2 - was no.65
Loc.VII:3** - was no.41
Loc.VII:5 - was no.63
Loc.VII:6 - was no.84
Loc.VII:7 - was no.84
Loc.VII:9 - was no.66
Loc.VII:10 - was no.56
Loc.VII:11 - was no.25
Loc.VII:14 - was no.114
Loc.VII:21 - was no.42
Loc.VII:22 - was no.23
Loc.VII:23 - was no.90
Loc.VII:24 - was no.11
Loc.VII:28 - was no.78
Loc.VII:29 - was no.99
Loc.VII:30 - was no.100
Loc.VII:32 - was no.44
Loc.VII:33 - was no.60
Loc.VII:34 - was no.93
Loc.VII:35 - was no.92
Loc.VII:35* - was no.91
Loc.VII:35** - was no.93
Loc.VII:36 - was no.97
Loc.VII:37 - was no.88
Loc.VII:38 - was no.118
Loc.VII:39 - was no.79, altered to 82

Loc.VII:44 - was no.119
Loc.VII:46 - was no.111
Loc.VII:47 - was no.113
Loc.VII:48 - was no.112
Loc.VII:49 - was no.83
Loc.VII:52 - was no.43
Loc.VII:55 - was no.86 or 82
Loc.VII:60 - was no.61
Loc.VII:61 - was no.45
Loc.VII:63 - was no.95
Loc.VII:65 - was no.81
Loc.VII:67 - was no.62
Loc.VII:68 - was no.85
Loc.VII:68* - was no.87
Loc.VII:70 - was nos.115, 116, 117
Loc.VII:71 - was no.110
Loc.VII:74 - was no.84
Loc.VII:75 - was no.89
Loc.VII:76 - was no.80
Loc.VII:77 - was no.57
Loc.VII:78 - was no.86
Loc.VII:78* - was no.85
Loc.VII:78** - was no.85
Loc.VII:79 - was no.141
Loc.VII:80 - was no.59
Loc.VII:81 - was no.27-32
Loc.VII:82 - was no.39
Loc.VII:84 - was no.21
Loc.VII:85 - was no.26

1-80 were described on slips in Latin by [Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 81-86 in Latin and Martin Snape added 87, in English. All have been catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield October 2007 to February 2008.

The many twists of this disputes are outlined, with many of the following documents cited and summarised, in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957).

Some of these documents, as indicated, are also printed and calendared, along with related material from this archive and eslewhere, in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953).

Related material elsewhere: Some material relating to this dispute, formerly numbered as Loc.VII, is now in the Miscellaneous Charters sequence, especially Misc.Ch. 5523 and 5526.

DCD Loc.VII:1 [26 August] 1302

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by John of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, submitted to Master Richard of Morpeth official of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, against grievances inflicted by Master William of St Botolph, archdeacon of Durham and vicar-general of the bishop of Durham, after the mandate for the restitution of Richard de Hoton to the priory of Durham, through the detention of tithes from the churches of Durham St Oswald, Whitworth, Witton, Jarrow and Heighington.

Witnesses: Richard of Brompton (*Brunton*) and Richard of Aislaby, monks; Adam Let chaplain; John of ?Butterwick (*Buiterwike*) clerk.

Date: church of St Nicholas, Durham, 7 Kal. September 1292.

Notary: Geoffrey Patricius of Malton, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered 64.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.160.

DCD Loc.VII:2 [14 August] 1302

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Geoffrey of Burdon, monk and proctor of the church of Durham, to the apostolic see and the court of York on account of grievances inflicted on the convent's churches by William of Stanhope official of Northumberland, Thomas of Herrington vicar of Hartburn, and other collectors in the archdeaconries of Durham and Northumberland, demanding subsidies from them on pain of interdict and sequestration.

Witnesses: Richard Pichun chaplain; John of Witton and John de Aulakeby clerks.

Date: priory of Durham, 19 Kal. September 1302.

Notary: Geoffrey Patricius of Malton, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 370 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered 65.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.160.

DCD Loc.VII:3 [20 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an exception made by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, before Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, declaring that it is known to all and sundry in Durham dioc. that the religious of the priory of Durham have had the right, from time without mind, to admit the bishops of Durham alone, without other religious or secular clerks and with one or more monks of the chapter taken in place of a notary, when the bishops have hitherto made their visitation; notifying the bishop that he can neither bring others with him on the visitation which he intends now to undertake nor force the religious of the priory of Durham to admit such others for the visitation, particularly since there are no secular clerks in Durham cathedral; and asking for the foregoing to be proved before a competent judge.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Adam of Darlington, Alexander of Ponsonby, and Peter of Kelloe, clerks.

Date: Durham chapter house, Friday 12 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton, clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being an exception with protestation.

Size: 320 x 175 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Further copies, with variations: DCD Loc.VII:3* and 3** below.

Register copy in DCD Reg.III, f.88v.

Related material in other DUL collections: Related agreement: DCD 1.9.Pont.2.

DCD Loc.VII:3* [20 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an exception made by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, before Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, declaring that it is known to all and sundry in Durham dioc. that the religious of the priory of Durham have had the right, from time without mind, to admit the bishops of Durham alone, without other religious or secular clerks and with one or more monks of the chapter taken in place of a notary, when the bishops have hitherto made their visitation; notifying the bishop that he can neither bring others with him on the visitation which he intends now to undertake nor force the religious of the priory of Durham to admit such others for the visitation, particularly since there are no secular clerks in Durham cathedral; and asking for the foregoing to be proved before a competent judge.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Adam of Darlington, Alexander of Ponsonby, and Peter of Kelloe, clerks.

Date: Durham chapter house, Friday 12 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton, clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being an exception with protestation.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Further copies, with variations: DCD Loc.VII:3 and 3**.

Register copy in DCD Reg.III, f.88v.

Related material in other DUL collections: Related agreement: DCD 1.9.Pont.2.

DCD Loc.VII:3** [20 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an exception made by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, before Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, declaring that it is known to all and sundry in Durham dioc. that the religious of the priory of Durham have had the right, from time without mind, to admit the bishops of Durham alone, without other religious or secular clerks and with one or more monks of the chapter taken in place of a notary, when the bishops have hitherto made their visitation; notifying the bishop that he can neither bring others with him on the visitation which he intends now to undertake nor force the religious of the priory of Durham to admit such others for the visitation, particularly since there are no secular clerks in Durham cathedral; and asking for the foregoing to be proved before a competent judge.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Adam of Darlington, Alexander of Ponsonby, and Peter of Kelloe, clerks.

Date: Durham chapter house, Friday 12 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton, clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being an exception made before the bishop and (16th century) with a description..

Size: 290 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 41.

Further copies, with variations: DCD Loc.VII:3 and 3*.

Register copy in DCD Reg.III, f.88v.

Related material in other DUL collections: Related agreement: DCD 1.9.Pont.2.

DCD Loc.VII:4 [?1301]

Articles of complaint exhibited by the prior and convent of Durham to King [Edward I] containing a detailed account of the injuries they had sustained from the bishop [of Durham] and his officers, in consequence of their refusal to admit the bishop's visitation, including: priory manors being in the hands of the bishop's serjeants, their tenants being molested, and food, money and winter stores being diverted from the convent; the imprisoning of the prior and convent's proctor Geoffrey of Burdon; the bishop's appropriation of Hemingbrough revenues; the irregularity of the bishop's visitation; the sequestration of the priory's churches, lands and goods, temporal and spiritual, and the specific case of Rainton manor; Walter of Berrington, the bishop's minister, unjustly attaching the prior for trespasses in the bishop's forest; Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy, Peter Bolton, John Pichard, John Brully, Henry the armourer, Richard Le Harper, John Edmondsley (*Edmunddysley*), William Le Husser, and Hugh of Wales with a force of 140 archers from North Tynedale and 300 foot soldiers on [7 August 1300] besieging the priory, imprisoning the king's messengers, ordering all the lay brothers to leave, despoiling the priory of valuables, forcibly entering the cloister and restricting the liberty of the convent; dragging the prior from his stall and imprisoning him in the *comunhuse*, then the castle, then the priory, and torturing him; and John of Barnard Castle, proctor of the prior and convent, also being imprisoned, despite being gravely ill in the infirmary. Dorse: incomplete (?draft) account of Gilbert of Wingate for Wingate manor. 29 September 1304 - 29 September 1305.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Language: French

Size: 1070 x 205-215 mm

Parchment roll, 2m + 1m attached to the dorse of m.2

Another copy of m.2, with variations: DCD Loc.VII:4* next below.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.143.

DCD Loc.VII:4* [?1301]

Articles of complaint exhibited by the prior and convent of Durham to King [Edward I] containing a detailed account of the injuries they had sustained from the bishop [of Durham] and his officers, in consequence of their refusal to admit the bishop's visitation, including: Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy, Peter Bolton, John Pichard, John Brully, Henry the armourer, Richard Le Harper, John of Edmondsley, William Le Hussere, and Hugh of Wales with a force of 140 archers from North Tynedale and 300 foot soldiers on [7 August 1300] besieging the priory, imprisoning the king's messengers, ordering all the lay brothers to leave, despoiling the priory of valuables, forcibly entering the cloister and restricting the liberty of the convent; dragging the prior from his stall and imprisoning him in the *comunhuse*, then the castle, then the priory, and torturing him; and John of Barnard Castle, proctor of the prior and convent, also being imprisoned, despite being gravely ill in the infirmary.

Dorse: incomplete (?draft) account of Gilbert of Wingate for Wingate manor. 29

September 1303 - 29 September 1304.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the quarrel and ?contumacions against the bishop of Durham.

Language: French

Size: 615 x 205 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Another copy, with variations: DCD Loc.VII:4 m.2 above.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.172, 176.

DCD Loc.VII:5 [27 August] 1302

Notarial instrument in which Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham appoints Master Robert of Cave DCL, and Brothers Geoffrey of Burdon and Richard of Aislaby monks as his proctors.

Witnesses: William of Cowton monk; Adam de Aldewod clerk; Roger of Tocketts *valettus*.

Date: Anagnia, in the house of the bishop of Albano in the prior's chamber, 5 August *exeuntis*, 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, with eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description, though dated as 5 August (*sic*).

Size: 200 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 63.

DCD Loc.VII:6 26 April 1305

Notarial instrument recording the protestation of Richard de Hoton prior of Durham in a case before William de Bereford and Roger de Hegham [the king's] justiciars specially deputed to hear and terminate the prior's complaints against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Peter of Bolton, Roger of Esh, John of Edmondsley and other malefactors over the taking of goods of the priory, explaining that Hoton does not intend to pursue before them business belonging to an ecclesiastical forum, so he was prosecuting only for compensation for damage and not for judgement of blood, and that his action should not prejudice his cause pending at the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: William of Greatham and Richard of Kelloe, priors of the cells of Coldingham and Holy Island; William de Herle and William de Denom.

Date: Durham hall of pleas, 26 April 1305.

Notary: Thomas of Selby clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority and judge ordinary, eschatocol recited.

Size: 275 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 84 and 2a.

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:7 next below.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.164.

DCD Loc.VII:7 26 April 1305

Notarial instrument reciting the protestation of Richard de Hoton prior of Durham in a case before William de Bereford and Roger de Hegham [the king's] justiciars, specially deputed to hear and terminate the prior's complaints against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Peter of Bolton, Roger of Esh, John of Edmondsley and other malefactors over the taking of goods of the priory, explaining that Hoton does not intend to pursue before them business belonging to an ecclesiastical forum, so he was prosecuting only for compensation of damage and not for judgement of blood, and that his action should not prejudice his cause pending at the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: William of Greatham and Richard of Kelloe, priors of the cells of Coldingham and Holy Island; William de Herle and William de Denom.

Date: Durham hall of pleas, 26 April 1305.

Notary: Thomas of Selby clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority and judge ordinary, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description, expanded in the 16th century.

Size: 300 x 190 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 84 and 2a.

Online image available at http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locvii-7_i.htm

discussion of the document's contents and diplomatic available at

http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locvii-7_t.htm#.

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:6 next above.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.164.

DCD Loc.VII:8 27 October 1302

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard [de Hoton], prior of Durham, of Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, as his proctor in the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: William Cowton monk of Durham; John de Crefort *familiaris* of the bishop of Albano; John of Lusignan layman.

Date: Rome at the church of St Stephen at the Coelian (*Celiomoto*) in the house of Leonard [Patrasso] bishop of Albano, 27 October 1302.

Notary: Francis son of Master Oddo de Lande, NP by authority of the prefect of Rome, eschatocol recited.

Size: 240 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:8* next below.

DCD Loc.VII:8* 27 October 1302

Notarial instrument recording the appointment by Richard [de Hoton], prior of Durham, of Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, as his proctor in the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: William Cowton monk of Durham; John de Crefort *familiaris* of the bishop of Albano; John of Lusignan layman.

Date: Rome at the church of St Stephen at the Coelian (*Coliomoto*) in the house of Leonard [Patrasso] bishop of Albano, 27 October 1302.

Notary: Francis son of Master Oddo de Lande, NP by authority of the prefect of Rome, eschatocol recited, with a note of an alteration.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration in the *curia*.

Size: 240 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:8 next above.

DCD Loc.VII:9 29 - 31 October 1302

Notarial instrument recording that on 29 October 1302 in the Galilee chapel of Durham cathedral, in the consistory court of Richard of Morpeth, official of the bishop of Durham, before Masters Robert of Cave professor of canon law, Peter Kelloe, and Henry of Hett clerks, Master Peter of Fishburn clerk, in the presence of Roger of Shincliffe, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, and proctor of the deans of Bamburgh and Alnwick, who were in a case against Richard of Rothbury, letters of Ralph of Stamford, canon of Salisbury, commissary of Nicholas bishop of Teano (*Theanensis*), deputed papal executor for the restitution of Richard de Hoton, was recited the following mandate

Mandate of Ralph of Stamford, commissary of the papal executor, to Richard of Morpeth, official of the bishop of Durham, to excommunicate Richard son of Walter of Rothbury, Robert called coroner, Roger called Wellrester and Robert Schirloke for impeding the restitution of Hoton.

Date: St Radigunds, 6 Non. October [2 October] 1302.

and also that in the presence of Richard of Tynedale and John of Barnard Castle, monks of Durham, Masters Peter of Fishburn and Peter of Kelloe clerks, on 3 Kal. November [30 October] 1302, before the official, Richard of Aislaby, monk of Durham, was appointed as a substitute for Robert of Rothbury as proctor of the prior and convent of Durham to publish the excommunication of Richard of Rothbury, and again on Pridie Kal. November [31 October] 1302 in the house of the official in the city of Durham, Richard [of Aislaby] was appointed in the presence of Master Peter of Fishburn clerk, John of Barnard Castle monk of Durham and Richard Malifet chaplain.

Notary: Geoffrey Patricius of Malton clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited, noting an interlineation.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 520 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 66.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.160.

DCD Loc.VII:10 22 January 1303

Notarial instrument transcribing the following letters of the official of the bishop of Durham. Revocation of a tuitorial appeal in the court of Durham before the official or his commissary Master John de la Dale clerk by Henry of Lusby against Richard de Hoton prior of Durham and Richard of Kelloe subprior.

Witnesses: Master Peter of Fishburn; Henry of Hett; Roger of Butterwick.

Date: Durham, Kal. May [1 May] 1302.

Date: 22 January 1303.

Notary: Thomas of Selby, NP by imperial authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and a note that this [bundle contains] 56-66 [inclusive].

Size: 335 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.7:56.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.160.

DCD Loc.VII:11 30 August 1300

Notarial instrument being a transcription of and ratifying the following certificate.

Certification of Master Robert of Cave, rector of Sigston church, to [Master John de Nassington] the official of the court of York saying that he had received at Sigston on 4 Ides August [10 August] the following mandate, and providing confirmation of the sentences of excommunication imposed by the commissary of the official of York against anyone impeding his jurisdiction in a tuitorial case brought by Richard de Hoton, prior of Durham, and reporting that Henry of Lusby had been inserted as prior of Durham, being confirmed by A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham at [North]allerton, then the priory was broken into, with Richard [de Hoton] and his fellow monks being besieged in their stalls in the choir for three days before being forcibly evicted on [24 August], with the obedience of the monks being exacted, and goods carried off, the principal protagonists being: Master William de St Botulph, Brother Henry of Lusby intruded as prior, Henry of Teesdale, Warner Gilbert of Sherburn, Stephen of Howden senior, Henry of Stamford, Robert of Stanley, Roger of Melsonby monks of Durham; Master Henry of Lusby, Robert of Baldock, Thomas of Levisham junior, Philip Darcy knight, Peter of Bolton, William the Usher, Hugh Wales, David of Wark, John of Edmondsley, Walter of Brafferton, Richard of Hertford of Brompton, Richard his son, William Ironpurse and Simon son of Gamelin. Date: York, 4 Kal September [29 August] 1300.

Mandate of the official of York to Master Robert of Cave rector of Sigston, Peter of Kelloe keeper of the spiritualities of Howden, Elias of Cowton canon of Southwell, Adam of Barnaby rector of Rounton (*Rungeton*), Benedict of Hartlepool rector of Welton, and Andrew of Tang ordering the excommunication of any hindering appeals to the apostolic see or the court of York in a tuitorial case in the court of York between the prior and convent of Durham against John de Lascy canon of Auckland and Robert of Abberwick official of the bishop of Durham about the removal of the prior of Durham and other officers of the priory, the almoner and ferestrar excepted.

Date: York, Non. August [5 August] 1300.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave; John of Bretby his clerk; Walter of Norton and Warin of Pontefract clerks.

Date: York in the house of the official, penultimate day of August 1300.

Notary: Andrew son of William Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 470 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered 25.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.143, 146.

Another copy (mandate): DCD Loc.VII:64.

DCD Loc.VII:12 [27 June] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting a protest by John of Barnard Castle, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to Masters Adam of Driffild and Thomas of Levisham, clerks of the bishop of Durham, that the convent of Durham would renounce no appeals to the court of York or the apostolic see until the sentences against the prior and monks had been revoked in exact accordance with the agreement reached in the royal presence at Evenwood.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave DCL and Richard Gani notary public.

Date: Durham, in the monastery close, 4 June *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 160 x 195 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.140.

DCD Loc.VII:13 29 June 1302

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard [of Kelloe] subprior of Durham, with the consent of the chapter of Durham, of their fellow monks Robert of Rothbury, John of Appleby and William of Cowton, with Master William of Parlington clerk, as proctors in the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: John of Burdon, Robert of Coldingham and Richard of Middleton.

Date: the chapter house in Durham, 29 June 1302.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 240 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

Another version: DCD Loc.VII: 56.

DCD Loc.VII:14 [May 1305]

Old pleas [before the assizes] ("de veteribus querelis").

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Walter of Uffington chaplain, and Master Robert of Baldock, that the bishop, through Philip Darcy, ordered all seculars to withdraw from the priory on pain of losing life and limbs, which they did leaving the prior and convent with no servants but themselves, after which on 20 August 1300 the said Walter of Uffington and Master Robert of Baldock with Philip Darcy and Hugh Darcy, Master Henry of Lusby and Master Thomas of Levisham with men from Tynedale broke down the priory gates and entered the prior buildings, on Sunday the next day they broke open the cloister and refectory doors and chests and carried off goods and treasure to the value of £300, at a cost of £100. The parties were heard with the defendants stating that they were seeking to install Henry of Lusby as prior, that Philip Darcy, constable of Durham castle, ordered the lay servants to evacuate on pain of imprisonment, that Hugh of Wales led the Tynedale men and no goods were carried off. The case was to continue on the quindene of St John the Baptist.

The same prior sued the same bishop, Master Richard of Morpeth, Peter of Bolton, Walter of Uffington and John Shirlock, for, with Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy, Master Thomas of Levisham, William the Usher and Hugh of Wales with men of Tynedale, on 22 August entering the cloister from one side and the cathedral's door towards the castle on the other. There the prior and convent gathered around the body of St [Cuthbert] to save their lives in their stalls and were shut in with none allowed to leave for 3 days, with the 46 monks there having just 6 loaves and 16 herrings to sustain them, at a cost of £10000. The parties were heard and the jurors said that they were attempting to install Henry of Lusby as prior, but that the priory had been entered at a cost of 200 marks. The case was to continue on the quindene of St John the Baptist.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham stating that Peter of Bolton with Philip Darcy, the men of Tynedale, Hugh of Wales, Hugh Darcy and William the Usher on 24 August forcibly removed the prior from his stall and led him out of the church and imprisoned him in the priory, and there was neither services nor ringing of bells for three days, at a cost of £1000. The parties were heard and the jurors awarded damages to the prior of £20. The case was to continue on the quindene of St John the Baptist.

The same prior sued the same bishop stating that Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy and Philip de Nevill took him out of the priory prison on 6 September 1300 and led him through Durham at the ninth hour to the castle where he was imprisoned until 12 September when he was taken back to the priory and imprisoned again, and tortured, having hot wax poured on his neck, so that he was in fear of his life and made his confession, and so he was detained for 16 further weeks, at a cost of £1000. The parties were heard and the jurors [awarded damages to the prior of £400]. The case was to continue on the quindene of St John the Baptist.

(Dorse)

The same prior sued the same bishop, John Shirlock, Robert brother of Thomas of Levisham, for, with Master Thomas of Levisham and Thomas son of William de Nevill of Calthorn, entering his manor of *Bello loco* [?Newton Bewley] on Good Friday 30 [Edward I] [20 April 1302] and removing stock and chattels to the value of 200 marks at a cost of £40. The parties were heard, Shirlock claiming that he was acting under orders as the steward of Prior Henry of Lusby, and Robert brother of Thomas of Levisham was the serjeant of the manor; Richard de Hoton was restored as prior on the following day,

21 April 1302; [he was awarded damages of 100s]. The case was to continue on the quindene of St John the Baptist.

Assize held at Durham before W de Bereford and R de Heyham king's justices on Monday the morrow of *Mens' Pasch'* 33 Edward [I] [17 May 1305]

Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and John Gategang unjustly disseised Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham of a tenement in Heworth comprising 4 acres of moor and pasture. The bishop's bailiff, Richard of Stanley, says that the tenement is in Gateshead and not Heworth and it was demised to John Gategang by the bishop. The jurors say that the tenement is in Heworth, adjacent to a waste place in Gateshead demised by the bishop to John Gategang, and they award 1 mark damages to the prior.

Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, William of St Botulph, Roger of Esh, James called Spicer, Gilbert Goldsmith, Peter of Bolton, William son of Ralph, Richard of Chilton, Walter of Brafferton (*Barafferton*), Thomas formerly serjeant, Emerice of Kelloe, John son of John Bille, Margaret late wife of John of Howden, and ?Imama late wife of Robert of Pockerley unjustly disseised Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham of his tenement in the Old Borough, Durham, comprising 80 acres of moor and pasture. The defendants claim the tenement was in Chester-le-Street, Framwellgate and Durham, and not the Old Borough; John son of John Bille claimed his father died seised of 6 acres of the tenement. The jurors reject these claims, saying the tenement is the prior's and awarding him £4 damages.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham because when Richard de Hoton was formerly subprior of Durham he took a roe-deer (*capriolam*) in a common chase in a wood at Finchale for which the bishop unjustly demanded 1500 marks at Michaelmas 15 [Edward I] [29 September 1287], with the prior citing the statute of Marlborough in support of his case.

Endorsed (contemporary) as pleas between the prior and Bishop A over temporalities and (16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 600 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.143, 145, 158.

Further copy in: DCD Reg.I, f.ii.72v-75r, 77v-78r, 82r-v.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally part of the same roll: DCD Loc.VII: 38, 46, 70.

DCD Loc.VII:15 11 November 1302

Notarial instrument reciting that Richard of Kelloe subprior and formerly third prior, Thomas de Aldwode chamberlain, John of Selby hostiller, Thomas of Haswell bursar, Roger of Stanhope formerly cellarer, John of Barnard Castle, Nicholas of Rothbury, and John of Wolviston, monks of Durham, appointed as their proctors at the Roman *curia* their fellow monks Robert of Rothbury and William of Cowton in their dispute with Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Master Peter of Fishburn clerk; William of the Exchequer (*de Scaccario*) and Richard Wood valets.

Date: the chapter house of Durham, 11 November 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration to seek absolution *ad cantelam*.

Size: 225 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

DCD Loc.VII:16 [18 June] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting a protest by John of Barnard Castle, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, that any agreement reached by the royal mediators Master John de Craucombe archdeacon of the East Riding, John of Caen (*Codomo*) canon of York, Otto de Grandison knight, and brother Walter of Winterburn Dominican in the visitation dispute between A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham against the prior and convent would not prejudice the appeals lodged at the court at York and the apostolic see.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Alexander of Ponsonby, and Peter of Kelloe, clerks.
Date: Durham, in the cathedral vestry (*revestiario*), at the hour of prime 13 June *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 250 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.138.

DCD Loc.VII:17 11 November 1302

Notarial instrument reciting that 54 monks representing the subprior and convent appointed as their proctors at the Roman *curia* their fellow monks Robert of Rothbury and William of Cowton.

Witnesses: Master Peter of Fishburn clerk; William of the Exchequer (*de Scaccario*) and Richard Wood valets.

Date: the chapter house of Durham, 11 November 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration to seek audience with the pope.

Size: 230 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Online image available at http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locvii17_i.htm

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

A longer version, but damaged, is DCD Loc.VII:41.

DCD Loc.VII:18 [29 June] 1310

Certificate from Richard of Foston to the abbot of St Mary's, York, judge or executor deputed by the apostolic see, reciting the following mandate and certifying that he had carried it out, declaiming it in the churches of Durham, [North]allerton and elsewhere.

Mandate of the abbot of St Mary's York to Richard of Foston, reciting the following papal mandate, and summoning the monks who had incurred the sentences of the papal executors, the abbot of Lézat and the archdeacon of Cleveland to appear before him at Durham on 30 June.

Date: Cottingwith, 11 Kal. July [21 June] 1310.

Mandate of Pope Clement V to the abbot of St Mary's York to relax the sentences of excommunication passed on the monks of Durham by reason of the dispute between Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and Prior Richard de Hoton which led to the suspension of Prior Hoton and the bishop taking over the administration of the priory.

Date: Avignon, 12 Kal. December, 5 Pont. [20 November 1309]

Date: Durham, 3 Kal. July 1310.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and ".b.".

Size: 180 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.174.

DCD Loc.VII:19 [1300]

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Brother Geoffrey [of Burdon] to the apostolic see against the injustices - besieging and breaking into the priory - inflicted on the prior and convent of Durham by the bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave rector of Kirby Sigston; Brother Thomas of Haswell monk of Durham; Gilbert de Burghdon and John of the same; William of Cressingham and John of Haltwistle.

Date: Brother Geoffrey's house in York, [?1300 (from the wrapper)].

Notary: Andrew son of William of Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 350 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:20 9 March 1301

Notarial instrument reciting that Master Alexander of Ponsonby, clerk, proctor of Richard [de Hoton] prior and the chapter of Durham, arrived at the castle of John Dalderby, bishop of Lincoln, at Sleaford on the previous day, 8 March, at the hour of vespers, with a papal mandate to summon A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham and Henry of Lusby monk of Durham before the bishop together with the archbishop of Canterbury, but he was told by Hugh of Normanton, canon of Lincoln, steward of the bishop, that the bishop was at compline and could not be seen and that he should return after mass in the morning when he could speak with him; however, on returning the following morning, he found that the bishop had already left Sleaford for the Isle of Kyme, five miles distant, at dawn, whence he might follow at his own peril as [Philip] lord of Kyme was of the household and family of the bishop of Durham and would not take kindly to anyone bringing letters against the bishop; so the proctor instead went but half a mile to the parish church of Old Sleaford and publicly placed a copy of the mandate on the high altar for the bishop of Lincoln's attention.

Witnesses: Adam parish priest of Old Sleaford; Adam called *Stele Valletus*; Thomas called Bond; and William called Lord.

Date: Old Sleaford parish church, 9 March 1301.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 285 x 205 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.154.

DCD Loc.VII:21 [20 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Robert of Rothbury, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the court of York, and failing that to the apostolic see, seeking their protection, declaring that it was known to all and sundry in Durham dioc. that the religious of the priory of Durham had the right, from time without mind, to admit the bishops of Durham alone, without other religious or secular clerks and with one or more monks of the chapter taken in the place of a notary, when the bishops have hitherto made their visitation; notifying the bishop that he can neither bring others with him on the visitation which he intends now to undertake nor force the religious of the priory of Durham to admit such others for the visitation, particularly since there are no secular clerks in Durham cathedral; and asking for the foregoing to be proved before a competent judge.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave DCL, Adam of Darlington canon of Howden, Alexander of Ponsonby and Peter of Kelloe clerks.

Date: Durham chapter house, Friday 12 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Some marginalia.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and "producatus" .

Size: 400 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 42.

DCD Loc.VII:22 1288 - 1294

Copies of obligations and receipts of Antony Bek bishop of Durham (3 on the front) and the prior of Durham (1 on the dorse).

Acknowledgement by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham of a loan of £1000 from Oliver [Sutton] bishop of Lincoln for the use of himself and the church of Durham, with a promise of repayment within two months of the date of demand, and with the bishop obliging himself, his heirs and the moveables and immoveables of his church, and promising to gain the speedy assent of the prior and chapter of Durham.

Date: London, 22 June 1294.

Ratified by the prior and chapter of Durham, undated.

Ratification by Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of the following letters. Letters of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham indemnifying his sureties, Robert [Burnell] bishop of Bath and William [of Louth] bishop of Ely, for a loan of 6000 marks from Edmund, earl of Cornwall, to be repaid 500 marks every 6 months at the New Temple, London.

Date: Devizes (*Deruses*), 13 Kal. October [19 September] 1291.

Date: Durham, 8 Kal. September [25 August] 1292.

Notification by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham that he and Hugh [of Darlington] prior and convent of Durham had received from Restauo Boneaventure, Simon Gerard and Chinc Vesii, citizens and merchants of Florence, for them and also Thomas Spiliati, Lapo Hugonis de Spinis, Nero Cambii, John Bentaviegne, Gerard de Bosculis and their fellow members of the Mozozorum society of Florence, the sum of £4000, with repayments at the New Temple, London, specified in the years 1289 to 1292.

Date: Durham chapter house, 27 March 1288.

Acknowledgement by A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham that he had received all the money and that the prior and convent were quit from any obligation for the money.

Date: Durham, 28 March 1288.

Recognition by [Richard de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of the deposit with them of £300 collected from the tithes of the Scottish churches by John [of Halton] bishop of Carlisle, deputed principal papal executor of tithes and obventions in Scotland for 6 years.

Date: Durham, 15 Kal. September [18 August] 1294.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions of the 3 entries on the front.

Size: 575 x 260-280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 23.

Calendared (acknowledgement 1) in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.45.

Copy in Durham Cathedral Library MS C.IV.24 f.119r-v.

Discussed (ratification) in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.121.

Copy in Durham Cathedral Library MS C.IV.24 f.119v.

Printed (letters) in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.25-26.

Printed (acknowledgement 2) in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.10-14.

DCD Loc.VII:23 1/3 March 1309

Notarial instrument recording that, before Stephen de Mauley, dean of Auckland and vicar-general of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, and Master William of St Botulph, archdeacon of Durham, commissaries, acting on the following commission to them of the bishop of Durham,

Commission of Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, to Stephen de Mauley, dean of Auckland and vicar-general of the bishop of Durham, and Master William of St Botulph, archdeacon of Durham, to act as his commissaries for consideration of articles of delinquency proffered during his recent visitation, associating with themselves in their task the prior, subprior and four or five of the senior monks.

Date: Auckland, 10 February 1308/9.

Roger *dictus* Postel of Greatham, in the presence of them and William of Tanfield prior, Henry of Stamford subprior, Reginald of Barneby third prior, Thomas of Winston sacrist, Osbert of York infirmarian, and Robert of Stanley feretrar, was charged that he with other monks and many others from the prior of Holy Island's household had been involved in a brawl, and that he had been chief amongst those conspiring to ensure that none should be received as a monk at Durham who had been born beyond the Trent or other certain limits; so the commissaries fixed a day for him to purge his innocence in chapter on the Monday following, on which day (3 March) he appeared and purged his innocence, whereby the commissaries restored his good name and pronounced him immune from his alleged crimes.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Baldock and Dom. Roger of Waltham, canons of the church of London.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 1 March 1308/9.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (15th/16th century) with a description.

Size: 360 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 90.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.151-152.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.170-171.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.137.

DCD Loc.VII:24 [c.1300]

Exceptions of [Richard de Hoton] prior of Durham against the proposed visitation of A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham.

Size: 125 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.145.

DCD Loc.VII:25 18 December 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal to the apostolic see by John of Appleby, monk and proctor of Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, against certain grave attacks brought by the official of the court of York in the dispute with Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 210 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Related material elsewhere: See DCD Loc.VII:53 for probably the lower part of the roll.

DCD Loc.VII:26 [?22 January 1302]

Notarial instrument [reciting/ratifying an appeal to the apostolic see] by John of Appleby, proctor of [Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham]. (Only the end of the document survives.)

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave rector of Sigston, Master Elias of Cowton notary public, Brother William of Cowton monk of Durham, John of ?Burdon (*Biydon*) and John of ?Brattleby (*Bractby*) clerks.

Date: Lincoln in the chamber of Prior Richard in the house of Master Thomas de Birland canon of Lincoln, [?22 January 1301/2 as it is dated in the same place as the next].

Notary: Andrew son of William of Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 180 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:27 22 January 1302

Notarial instrument reciting a ratification by Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, now freed from prison, of an appeal, formerly made by his proctors to the apostolic see, against the attacks on the prior and convent of Durham by the official of York in the court of York, at Tocketts on 27 December [1301], then witnessed by Master Robert of Cave rector of Sigston, John of ?Brattleby (*Brecteby*), John of Burdon, Roger of Levington and Patrick of Kelloe.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave; Brothers Robert of Bowes, Robert of Ditchburn, Geoffrey of Burdon, Thomas of Haswell, John of Appleby and William of Cowton monks of Durham; John of Burdon, Roger of Tocketts, Andrew of Hartlepool and Roger of Levington.

Date: Lincoln in the chamber of Prior Richard in the house of Master Thomas de Birland canon of Lincoln, 22 January 1301/2.

Notary: Andrew son of William of Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 320 x 185 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:28 3 October 1304

Notarial instrument reciting the following extracts from the court records of John Spoletto, chamberlain of the pope-elect.

Witnesses: Master Philip [son of] Peter de Esculo and William [son of] Master Hugolin de St Faustino.

Notary: Peter Graticii of Piperno, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and (16th century) with a description a a public instrument about the inspection of the bishop's proctors; also with marginal notes in the same 16th century hand (Swalwell) summarising the documents.

Size: 1060 x 255 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7:78.

Mentioned in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.164 n.6.

m.1 8 June 1304

Citation of [Antony Bek] bishop of Durham at the request of Master Richard de Erynin clerk proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham to appear before Archdeacon John, auditor of the chamberlain.

m.1 [8 June 1304]

On the same day Master Bartholomew of ?Bologna was substituted as proctor for master Richard [de Erynin] proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham.

m.1 4 October 1303

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of John of Appleby fellow monk and Master Richard de Erynin clerk as proctors of the prior and convent in the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: John de Wirsop, Hugh of Haswell, and William de Sabrey clerks.

Date: Durham priory, 4 October 1303.

Notary: Thomas of Selby clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority.

m.1 8 June 1304

Notarial instrument substituting Master Bartholomew de Boicis of Bologna for Master Richard de Erynin as proctor of the prior and convent of Durham at the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: Master William rector of ?Abbalton, Richard of Caistor in Lincoln diocese, and Adam William of Bolton in Carlisle diocese.

Date: Perugia, 8 June 1304.

Notary: James Massarelli, NP by imperial authority.

m.1 9 June 1304

Master Bartholomew of Bologna substitute proctor of the prior and convent of Durham presented himself before the auditor sitting in tribunal in the case against the bishop of Durham.

m.1 10 June 1304

Master Henry of Lusby clerk and proctor of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham appeared.

Witnesses: Hugolin de Foucan, Frederick de St Sever and John de Martenay. .

Date: Perugia in the chamberlain's hall, 10 June 1304

m.1 24 July 1302

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham of Master Henry of Lusby clerk and his *familiaris* as his proctor.

Witnesses: Perrina and James de Casulus advocates in the Roman *curia*; Adam de ?Diffrendo clerk and *familiaris* of the bishop.

Date: the church of St Francis near Anagni, 24 July 1302.

Notary: Peter Capulupus de Poncecurno, NP by imperial authority.

m.1-2 [10 June 1304]

Master Bartholomew of Bologna on the one part and Count de Certaldo on the other, proctors, in court before the auditor were assigned eight days for the receipt of mandates.

m.2 17 June 1304

Objections made by Master Bartholomew of Bologna, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, and the Count de Certaldo, proctor of the bishop of Durham, against each other and their schedules.

m.2

The Count de Certaldo made his objections against this schedule.

DCD Loc.VII:29 [14 February] 1312

Acquittance of Guido de Baysio, archdeacon of Bologna, papal chaplain, and auditor "litterarum contradictarum", for the salary of Master John de Ancona, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham at the *curia* at Rome, paid by Master Boniface de Vercellis.

Date: Avignon, 16 Kal. March 1311/2.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 160 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 99.

DCD Loc.VII:30 29 May 1311

Acquittance of Bertrand, cardinal priest of SS John and Paul, papal chamberlain, to William [Tanfield] prior of Durham for 1500 gold florins paid *per manus* Joti Butiatu, merchant of the Perugia society of Florence, for Bartholomew Huguiciotus of the same society, with 282 gold florins 4s 8d still to be paid.

Date: Avignon, 29 May 1311.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 180 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 100.

DCD Loc.VII:31 [June 1303]

Notarial instrument reciting a petition of Master Bartholomew of Bologna proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham before Peter Yspano bishop of Sabino, the pope's *referendario*, against the attempt by Master Bartholomew de Ferentino to levy from the prior, subprior, sacrist and other obedientaries of Durham, £2000 10s 10¼d as arrears of a crusading tenth falsely acceded to by Henry of Lusby when he had been intruded as prior of Durham.

Witnesses: Nerio de Podio Bovici and Matthew son of Master Guy de Ripafracta.

Date: on the steps of the papal palace at Anagni before the door of the *referendario*, ?June [?1303].

Notary: Peter son of Master Hugolin de St Faustino, NP by imperial authority.

Size: 295 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162-163.

DCD Loc.VII:32 [22 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal, made in the prior's chamber in Durham, witnesses John and Adam Bertrand, Hugh of Grindon and Richard Wood (*de Bosco*) clerks, by Robert of Rothbury, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the apostolic see against the sentences of Master Robert of Abberwick, dean of Auckland, and Master John de Lascy, professor of civil law, commissaries of A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham on [21 May] in the cathedral, removing the prior from office, suspending the sub-prior, third prior, sacrist, precentor, chamberlain, hostiller, cellarer, granetar, bursar, keeper of the seal, and the infirmarian from their offices, excommunicating brothers John of Wolviston junior, John of Appleby, John of Castle Barnard, Richard of Brompton and other monks, and sequestrating the fruits of the monastery.

Witnesses: Master Peter of Kelloe clerk; Thomas of Egglescliffe *scutifer*.

Date: Durham in the cathedral, 10 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 270 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 44.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.135.

DCD Loc.VII:33 [5 July] 1302

Notarial instrument reciting that in the consistory court in the Galilee chapel of Durham cathedral, before Richard of Morpeth official of the bishop of Durham, and before John of Selby and Richard of Tynedale monks of Durham, Masters Robert of Cave and Peter of Kelloe, and John of Butterwick clerk, John of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham, was substituted as proctor in the business of the restitution of Richard de Hoton as prior of Durham by Robert of Rothbury, and that the following letters of Ralph of Stamford, canon of Salisbury and commissary of the papal executor Nicholas bishop of Teano (*Theanensis*), were recited and copied.

Declaration by Ralph of Stamford, commissary of the papal executor, that he had put Richard de Hoton, back into possession of the priory of Durham on the vigil of Easter [21 April] in the person of his proctor Robert of Rothbury to whom he had also restored the priory's possessions, including those of Holy Island priory.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal May [25 April] 1302.

Mandate by Ralph of Stamford, commissary of the papal executor, for the excommunication of Richard son of Walter of Rothbury, Robert of Helmsley, Robert *dictus* Coroner, Roger *dictus* Welbester and Robert Shirlock for denying Robert of Rothbury, proctor of Richard de Hoton the restored prior of Durham, access to Fenham manor and the priory of Holy Island.

Date: Durham, 4 Non May [4 May] 1302.

Petition of the proctor of Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham to Master Richard of Morpeth official of the bishop of Durham to inquire into the restoration of the following detentions of priory goods: Walter of Essington, chaplain, has plate to the value of £100 and has intruded on the vicarage of Billingham; Walter of Rothbury has horses and other goods to the value of £40; Richard son of Walter of Rothbury has horses and 100s which he had from Gilbert of Stamford monk of Durham and other goods to the value of £40; John Shirlock has horses, plate and other goods to the value of 100 marks; Master Thomas of Levisham, with Geoffrey and Robert his brothers, have horses, plate, corn and other goods taken from the manors of Bewley, Ketton, Pittington and Wardley to the value of £100; Master Robert of Baldock has two horses, one bay and one white, and other goods to the value of £20; John of Horncliffe has oxen and cattle to the value of 100 marks; Philip of Swafeld (*Suafeld*) chaplain, former proctor of the church of Holy Island, holds, on behalf of Walter of Rothbury, Richard his son, and John of Horncliffe, goods at Norham to the value of 100 marks; William de la Hay holds corn to the value of £10; Robert of Newbiggin holds a horse, piebald (*varium*), to the value of £10; John of Denton, chaplain, vicar of Newcastle, holds the greater tithes of Heighington parish church to the value of £120 and to the detriment of the parishioners; also the official had rebuked the deans of Alnwick and Bamburgh for notifying Richard Rothbury of his sentence of excommunication. [ca. 1302]

Witnesses: Richard of Tynedale and John of Jarrow monks of Durham; Robert of [?Guisborough] and Francis of Jarrow clerks.

Date: Durham cathedral Galilee chapel, 27 July *exeuntis* 1302.

Notary: Geoffrey Patricius of Malton, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 590 x 325 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 60.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.160.

DCD Loc.VII:34 28 September 1310

Notarial instrument of absolution of the monks of Durham from their sentence of excommunication by Antony Bek bishop of Durham, reciting the following mandate, Mandate of Berengar bishop of Tusculum, papal penitentiary, to [Antony Bek] bishop of Durham, agreeing to the monks' petition for absolution from their sentences of excommunication, and instructing Bek to carry this out and impose suitable penances for Thomas de Castro subprior, Richard of Kelloe third prior, Walter of Eggescliffe precentor, Roger of Stanhope cellarer, Thomas of Haswell terrar, Thomas de Aldwode chamberlain, John of Barnard Castle and Geoffrey of Burdon monks and all the other monks of the monastery.

Date: Malaucerne, Vaucluse diocese (France), 5 Id. August, 5 Pont. Clement V. [9 August 1310]

and having heard the personal petition before him of William of Tanfield prior, Henry of Stamford subprior, Thomas de Castro, Walter of Eggescliffe, Nicholas of Rothbury, Roger of School Aycliffe (*Scolacley*), William of Guisborough, Geoffrey of Burdon, Thomas of Allerton, Robert of Durham, John of Barnard Castle, Henry de Castro, Gilbert of Elwick, William of Durham, Alan of Marton, John of Seaton, Roger of Stanhope, Michael of Chilton, Thomas of Rillington, William of Eggescliffe, Thomas de Aldwode, Thomas of Haswell, John of Allerton, Richard of Aislaby, John of Haxby, Peter of Hilton, John of Howden, John of Darlington, John Luttrell, William of Killingworth, William of York and John of Whitby, monks of Durham, for absolution from sentences of excommunication imposed by the bishop or any papal legates or delegates, at which he duly pronounced their absolution.

Witnesses: Thomas [of Kirkcudbright] bishop of Whithorn; Stephen de Maulay archdeacon of Cleveland; Master Richard of Morpeth official of Durham; John of Holy Island rector of Boldon; Roger of Waltham canon of London; John of Denton prebend of Chester.

Date: in the bishop's chamber in Durham castle, 28 September 1310.

Notary: Robert Adam of Darlington, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description.

Size: 555 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 92 and "R prima octave".

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.169-172.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.175.

Duplicates, with some variations: DCD Loc.VII: 35, 35* and 35** below.

DCD Loc.VII:35 28 September 1310

Notarial instrument of absolution of the monks of Durham from their sentence of excommunication by Antony Bek bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 530 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 92.

Duplicate of DCD Loc.VII: 34 above, except that it omits the actual act of absolution.

DCD Loc.VII:35* 28 September 1310

Notarial instrument of absolution of the monks of Durham from their sentence of excommunication by Antony Bek bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 495-560 (tapered head) x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 91.

Duplicate of DCD Loc.VII:3 4 above, except that the papal penitentiary's mandate is quoted at the end.

DCD Loc.VII:35** 28 September 1310

Notarial instrument of absolution of the monks of Durham from their sentence of excommunication by Antony Bek bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a brief description.

Size: 320 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7 (8 cancelled): 93 and "L prima octave" .

Duplicate of DCD Loc.VII:34 above, omitting the papal penitentiary's mandate.

DCD Loc.VII:36 18 August [1310]

Commission of Raymond de Monteboerii, canon of Xanton, auditor-general of Bertrand bishop of Albi, papal chamberlain, to the abbot of St Mary's, York, to absolve the priory of Durham from its sentence of excommunication on the repayment by William of Cawton and John of Layton, proctors of the monks and chapter of Durham, to Stephen de Reate in the Roman *curia* of 345 gold florins borrowed by the late Richard de Hoton prior of Durham.

Date: Avignon, 18 August, 5 Pont. Clement V.

"Petrus" at the foot.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 255 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 97.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.174.

DCD Loc.VII:37 [9 July] 1282

Mandate of John Clarel papal chaplain and John de Luco (Giovanni da Lucca) canon of St Paul's London, judges subdelegate of the dean and chancellor of Lincoln, with the abbot of Waltham, in an appeal between the bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham against William [Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the archdeacon of Durham, revoking the authority of the abbot of Waltham, and the sentences of the abbot with Ralph de Merlawe and Henry la Feyte falsely claiming to be commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln, and confirming the archbishop's denouncement of the bishop, prior and convent as excommunicate, the church interdicted and the fruits of the bishop and monastery sequestrated, with fines of £500 from the bishop and £500 from the prior, for the unpaid expenses of the archbishop of York on his visitation.

Date: London, 7 Id. July 1282.

Size: 245 x 250-270 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 88.

Discussed in: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)*, (Berkeley & Los Angeles 1959), p.129.

DCD Loc.VII:38 [1305]

Inquisition into whether or not the prior held [land] by barony

Reciting: a writ of Edward I to William de Bereford and Roger de Hegham, justices, to hear and determine certain quarrels in the bishoprick of Durham as a result of a petition from the prior of Durham, date: Westminster, 1 April 33 Edward I [1305]; a petition (in French) of the prior of Durham about his lands being held in barony; endorsed by the council that it should be sent to W de Bereford and Roger de Hegham by writ of chancery and that they should hear if the prior held his lands by barony; which an inquisition carried out by Robert of Hilton, Luke Tailboys, Walter de Wessington, John de la Ley, Thomas of Whitworth, John of Byker, Wiliam of Southwick, John of Usworth, William of Redheugh, Walter of Lutterington, Emeric of Kelloe and Adam of Hollingside decided was not the case.

Old quarrels.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham against Philip and Hugh Darcy, Roger Pichard, John Broylly, John the Armourer, Richard the Harper, William Le Husser, and Hugh of Wales in a plea that Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham through them, with Peter of Bolton and John of Edmondsley, together with 90 men from North Tynedale, enemies of the king, and 300 men from the bishoprick, besieged the priory for 9 weeks; they were attached for 116s worth of growing corn, to be handed over to Richard de Boteland, Richard his son, John Miller, and Ralph of Leyburn for the king's use.

The same prior also sued Philip and the others for breaking the priory's water conduit in many places.

The same prior sued Thomas son of William de Nevill of Charlton for, on behalf of the bishop, and with Master Thomas of Levisham and others unknown, breaking into the prior's manor at Newton Bewley (*Bello Loco*) and taking away 200 marks worth of goods. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Hugh of Weardale, Robert the Taylor, William de Lubham, Ralph le Venir and Philip Darcy over the blocking of the priory's passage through Durham's north gate which passage the priory had had since the foundation of the church, on behalf of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, aided also by John de Crepping, John Shirlock and William of Brafferton, and the sheriff of Durham had demanded an attachment from Hugh of Weardale etc of a *patellam* and an *ollam ercam*, price 22d, which were to be kept by William of Newton by way of an attachment.

The same prior and Thomas of Bamburgh sued Philip of Swafeld and Reginald master of the scholars of Norham about when Thomas of Bamburgh came with royal letters for the restitution of the prior in order to read them out in the church of Holy Island on [22 April 1302], he was assaulted by Philip and Reginald, the seal of his letters was removed and he was dragged out of the church and imprisoned in the priory there [Lindisfarne] for 7 days.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham that the former prior Hugh [of Darlington] on [5 July 1285] at Durham [had loaned 200 marks] to the bishop whose repayment the present prior had frequently requested, at a cost of £40. (Dorse)

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham for when Adam of Boisville, monk of Durham, was sent from his house in Durham by the prior and convent with 700 marks to pay Bartholomew de Ferentino, collector of the tenth granted to the king by the pope, the bishop, against the will of the prior and convent, on [19 March 1301], at Darlington took 200 marks which the prior and convent are still owed. The bishop through his attorney said that the 200 marks had been taken from Boisville when he overnighed at Darlington on his way to London with the agreement of the then

prior Henry of Lusby and was sent to the Roman *curia* for the use of the bishop's and prior's proctors there.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Master William of St Botulph, Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton, ministers of the bishop, for, when the prior was in peaceful seisin of 20 marks worth of land in the villis of Ferryhill and Cowpen (*Cupun*) after the death of John of Ferryhill, the prior's tenant, William, Roger and Peter on [5 November 1292] forcibly ejected the prior at a cost to the prior of £200. An inquisition reported that the prior had not been ejected, but that Ralph of Warcop (*Warshop*) then sheriff of Durham, and escheator, William of Middleham and William of Edmondsley [as coroners] had paid certain moneys to Master William of St Botulph [as steward of the bishop] at the Durham exchequer from the land, but that Ralph, William and William are now all dead.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Peter of Bolton, Walter of Brafferton and Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham because the same prior and convent sent their messengers Robert the Messenger and William of Carlisle to the king to seek remedies concerning the imprisonment and siege, but that the messengers with their royal letters, returning to Durham, were seized by Peter, Walter, Philip Darcy and others on [28 March 1300] and imprisoned in Durham castle and their letters were seized which was in contempt of the royal protection at a cost of £1000. The jurors say that there was no such messenger as William of Carlisle, but Robert the Messenger was apprehended overnighting in Durham by Peter and Walter, taken to Durham castle and imprisoned there. On the third day after this, Robert's wife came to the bishop and pleaded for her husband's release, but the bishop affirmed that the messenger had been carrying letters in breach of the bishop's rights and would be imprisoned for a month.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and Roger of Esh his minister for invading his manor of Pitlington on [6 August 1300] and carrying off 16 sacks of wool worth 200 marks. The same prior sued the same bishop and Peter of Bolton his minister for breaking into his Ketton manor on the same day and carrying off 4 sacks of wool worth 40 marks. The jurors say that they did not take them.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop [of Durham] stating that on [16 November 1292] the prior loaned to the bishop two pairs of decrees, a pair of decretals, a book called *Tripartita Historia*, a ?bible, a book called *Historia Anglorum*, a missal and a book called *Liber Sancti Cuthberti* in which are written the suits of the house, price £200, to be returned to him or his successors, but they had not yet been returned, despite frequent requests. The bishop said that he had returned the *Historia Anglorum* and a book of the miracles of St Cuthbert; he intended to return the rest but they were in London.

Endorsed (contemporary) as pleas between the prior and Bishop Antony about temporalities and (16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 640 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Further copy in DCD Reg.I, f.ii.76r-v, 77r-v, 78r, 80r, 81r.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally part of the same roll: DCD Loc.VII: 14, 48, 70.

DCD Loc.VII:39 13 April 1306

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard de Hoton prior of Durham, before the NP, John Layton monk of Durham and John Deison, of Robert of Wolviston as proctor, his taking the prior's protest and appeal, beginning and end quoted (as in Loc.VII: 76), to R[alph Baldock] bishop of London at his manor at Fulham, who refused to give him a copy of the papal mandate or to hear in person the protest and appeal.

Witnesses: John Engleis; John Deison; William of Sutton.

Date: Hoggeston, 13 April 1306.

Notary: John of Spaldwick, clerk of Lincoln diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 270 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered [Loc.VII:] 82.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.167.

DCD Loc.VII:40 1309 - 1313

Contemporary copies of three notarial instruments concerning Geoffrey of Burdon.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 1170 x 170 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

m.1-2 & 1d 15 February 1309 - 27 May 1310

Proceedings of the bishop of Durham's commissaries against Brother Geoffrey of Burdon as a result of the visitation of the convent by the bishop.

15 February 1309 Stephen de Mauley, dean of Auckland and vicar-general of the bishop of Durham, and Master William of St Botolph, archdeacon of Durham, commissaries of the bishop, in the chapter house of Durham before the notary and Dom. Roger of Waltham and Master Robert of Baldock, canons of the cathedral church of London, and together with Brothers William of Tanfield prior of Durham, Henry of Stamford subprior, Osbert of York third prior, Robert of Stanley feretrar and Thomas of Winston, monks of Durham, as commissioned by the bishop of Durham (10 February 1309, as in Loc.VII:23), they investigated complaints proffered at the recent visitation.

7 March 1309 Geoffrey of Burdon was charged with holding divine office despite having been excommunicated for resisting the bishop's first visitation, and of having been the principal instigator of the convent's rebellion, of encouraging Prior Richard de Hoton, of promoting appeals against the bishop of Durham's authority, of continuing to promote Prior Richard de Hoton's cause for a year and a half after his removal from the priory, of instigating a conspiracy that the liberty of Durham had been taken into the king's (Edward I) hand, of impleading the bishop and archdeacon in lay courts, of holding inquisitions against the bishop on the death of William Pollard, of refusing to swear fealty to the bishop as prior of Finchale for its temporalities, of denying that he was bound by no oath of obedience to the bishop, of continuing to exercise the office of proctor despite it having been revoked by the chapter of Durham, of dilapidating the priory of Finchale and not communicating with his fellow monks, of despoiling Finchale priory after Prior Richard de Hoton's death of many goods though he claimed that he had sold them to Adam de Elwold, of burdening Finchale with an annuity to Adam de Elwold and his wife, of not accounting for his administration of Finchale, of being a man of property holding valuables without his prior's knowledge which Geoffrey de Burdon said was actually bonds with Bernard of Thrislington, John of Haswell and William of Haswell for timber not delivered to Finchale, of despoiling his fellow monks of their goods, of being notorious for adultery and incontinence, holding the wife of Elias de Hautvile at Oxford in the dormitory there for eight days, of being renowned for adultery with Joan wife of Henry of Lumley and for maintaining a certain woman in York.

11 March 1309 Geoffrey of Burdon denied the various charges.

Subsequently, the bishop of Durham commissioned the prior of Tynemouth and Master Thomas of Clifford dean of Auckland, with Dom. Roger [of Waltham] and Master Robert of Baldock, canons of London, to continue the visitation which they did on 10 May 1310, the prior of Tynemouth being absent, in the chapter house of Durham, in association with the same monks as above.

10 May 1310 Geoffrey of Burdon requested a prorogation to 18 May which was granted.

18 May 1310 Geoffrey of Burdon asked to be absolved from the sentence of excommunication which was granted.

27 May 1310 Geoffrey of Burdon was sentenced for his crimes, being deprived of all office, denied the fellowship of the other monks and a voice in chapter for ten years, demoted to the last place on the south side of the choir, forbidden communication with the outside world, set to say psalms for the soul of Antony Bek, bishop of Durham, and given a meagre diet.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.137-149.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.170-174.

m.1d-2d 12 January 1311

Notarial instrument reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham to the prior, subprior and third prior of the monastery of Durham, in furtherance of the correction of offences identified at his visitation, ordering the monk Geoffrey of Burdon to be sent to the cell of Coldingham within eight days.

Date: London, feast of St Lucy the Virgin [13 December] 1310.

Witnesses: Dom. Roger of Waltham canon of London; Dom. Richard of Morton chaplain; John of Waltham.

Date: the prior's chapel in Durham priory, 12 January 1311/2.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.174-178.

m.2d 2 July 1313

Notarial instrument reciting, on the resignation of William of Tanfield as prior of Durham, the announcement of the 2 July as the date of the election, by Geoffrey of Burdon subprior, with the convent then proceeding from the church to the chapter house, the doors being then closed, and after a long delay Brothers William of Tanfield and Geoffrey of Haxby appeared, whence they proceeded to the church, a *Te Deum* was sung and Geoffrey of Burdon was presented at the high altar as prior, this being solemnly published to the assembled people and clergy *in lingua gallica*.

Witnesses: Masters Andrew de Tang, Robert of Darlington and Nicholas of Staindrop, NPs.

Date: Durham.

Also in DCD Reg.II, f.18r.

DCD Loc.VII:41 11 November [1302]

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment, in the presence of 54 monks, of their fellow monks Robert of Rothbury and William of Cowton as proctors in the Roman *curia* in their dispute against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham..

Witnesses: Master Peter of Fishburn clerk; William of the Exchequer (*de Scaccario*) and Richard Wood (*de Bosco*) *valetti*.

Date: chapter house at Durham, 11 November.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 310 x 220-230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

Shorter version in Loc.VII:17.

DCD Loc.VII:42 [19 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting a declaration by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the religious of the monastery of Durham, to Antony, bishop of Durham, that he hereby appeals to the court of York, failing which to the apostolic see, in the name of the said religious, subjecting the said religious, their associates, rights and properties (&c) to the protection of the abovenoted sees, lest the bishop of Durham attempt anything prejudicial to the liberty and immunity of the said religious, or attempt to impose penalties on them; because they have the right to be visited by the bishop alone, and are accustomed to supply one or more of their number to assist the bishop, should he need clerks to carry out his visitation; and in view of what is implied in the letters directed to the said religious by the bishop concerning his visitation, and because of the manifest and unamended hurt done to the religious by the bishop in the recent past, with the appeal being drawn up as if it had been read in the bishop's presence, though it was not recited in the presence of the bishop until the next day, the Friday.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Adam of Darlington, Peter of Kelloe clerks.

Date: Durham, 13 *exeuntis* May 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and a note that [this bundle] contains [Loc.VII:]40-45.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7:40.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.132.

Another version: DCD Misc.Ch. 5523(a).

Appeal copied in DCD Reg.III, f.87v-88r.

DCD Loc.VII:43 [26 March] 1301

Notarial instrument reciting that Geoffrey of Burdon, monk of Durham and proctor of Richard [de Hoton] prior and chapter of Durham met [Robert Winchelsey] archbishop of Canterbury travelling from Bredon manor in Worcester diocese and queried why he had delayed for three weeks in responding to the papal mandate to summon A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham and Henry of Lusby monk of Durham; the archbishop responded that he objected to sending clerks at his own costs, with the proctor replying that Prior Richard [de Hoton] could not pay until the mandate had been executed and he had been restored to the administration of the convent of Durham.

Witnesses: Masters Ralph of Malling, Thomas of Upton and Richard of ?Worcester (*Morcester*), the archbishop's clerks.

Date: on the road between Bredon manor and Tewkesbury abbey, 6 March *exeuntis* 1301.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 190 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.154.

DCD Loc.VII:44 [?1305]

Statements of the jurors about the siege of the priory of Durham by the men of Weardale and Tynedale taken at Durham before the justices.

The jurors said that certain senior monks had conspired against the prior, and the bishop had sought to carry out his visitation, but the prior had been disobedient, so the senior monks numbering 8 or 9 had met with the bishop at Northallerton, agreeing to have Henry of Lusby as a new prior. On their return to the priory, the prior had barred their entrance to the inner cloister. They, remaining in the outer court of the priory, had requested assistance from the bishop to install Henry of Lusby and remove Richard [de Hoton]. The foresters of Weardale and Hugh of Wales with men of Tynedale were sent and besieged the priory for 9 weeks, allowing no monks out nor victuals in. This was all at the will of the bishop. Damages 300 marks.

The jurors say that Peter of Bolton and John of Edmondsley seized Nicholas Applegarth from his bed where he was staying in Durham and imprisoned him in Durham castle for 40 days. Adam of Twizell, William of Hurworth and Robert of Killington, monks of Prior Richard, went to the bishop at Beaurepair manor to ask for the messenger's release which was denied, and he was detained for a further 8 days before being allowed to go. (dorse)

As to Robert the Messenger, the jurors say that Robert the Messenger and William of Carlisle, messengers of the prior, were seized by Peter of Bolton and Walter of Brafferton, with Robert the Messenger being taken in his bed overnighting in Durham, taking messages to the royal court about the priory's business, and being then imprisoned in Durham castle. On the third day after, Robert's wife came to the bishop to ask for his release, but the bishop affirmed that the messenger had been carrying letters in breach of the bishop's rights and would be imprisoned for a month.

The prior recovered damages for: all the intrusions of the bishop £2000; the moors of Heworth, Monkton, Jarrow and Hedworth dissesied by the bishop 100s; the blocking of Durham's gate £20; for 200 marks taken from ?Richard Adam at Darlington £10; for a loan of 200 marks by Prior Hugh of Darlington £10; ... Thomas of Levisham; from Roger of ?Hett £30.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description as disputes before the king's justices and that the prior recovered £2045 and 200 marks.

Size: 295-230 x 200 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 119.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.143, 145.

DCD Loc.VII:45 [1305]

Articles of complaint, numbered 20 to [41], exhibited to [Edward I] by [Richard de Hoton] prior of Durham, against the aggressions of Antony Bek bishop of Durham.

Some interlineations and alterations, especially of the damages amounts.

20. The former prior, Hugh of Darlington, loaned 200 marks to Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham on Michaelmas 15 [Edward I] [29 September 1285], which has not been repaid. Damages £40.

21. When Richard de Hoton was formerly subprior of Durham he took a roe-deer (*cheveroyl*) in a common chase in a wood at Finchale for which the bishop unjustly demanded 700 marks at Michaelmas 15 [Edward I] [29 September 1287]. Damages £100.

22. Adam of Boisville was sent by the prior and convent of Durham with 700 marks to pay to Bartholomew de Ferentino [for the crusading tenth] but he was intercepted at Darlington and 200 marks was taken off him for the bishop on the morrow before the Annunciation 19 [Edward I] [24 March 1291]. Damages £40.

23. Prior Hugh of Darlington loaned the bishop itemised plate on St Martin 17 [Edward I] [11 November 1289] which had not been returned. Damages £100.

24. The prior's bond villeins and farmers of Ferryhill, Mid Merrington, Kirk Merrington and West Merrington had been denied their custom collecting of fallen wood in the bishop's woods at Auckland. Damages £40.

25. Philip Darcy, bishop's minister, took a ?horse (*runcyn*) price £10 at Shincliffe on Wednesday before St Barnabas 29 [Edward I] [7 June 1301]. Damages £20. Cancelled.

26. Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton, ministers of the bishop, took beasts from the prior's manors between the Tyne and the Tees on Wednesday before St John 25 [Edward I] [19 June 1297]. Damages £40

27. Richard of Kelloe subprior had appeared in the bishop's court of pleas in Durham on the vigil of St Cuthbert in March 29 [Edward I] [19 March 1301] before Sir Ralph FitzWilliam, Sir William of Brompton, Sir John of Crepping, bishop's justices, in the hall of pleas in Durham castle, asking for the observance of the royal protection, but the bishop's justices refused to admit the validity within the franchise of any writ or protection save that of the bishop. Damages £200. Cancelled.

28. On Sunday before St Martin 20 [Edward I] [9 November 1292] Prior Richard loaned books to the bishop, two pairs of decrees, a pair of decretals, a book called *Tripartita Historia, une Riche Bible*, a book called *Historia Anglorum*, a missal, a book called *the book of Saint Cuthbert* which had not been returned. Damages £20.

29. John of Horncliffe, the bishop's servant, on St George's Day 30 [Edward I] [23 April 1302] took various sheep at Fenham, price £27. Damages £9.

30. Thomas of Bamburgh, with the royal protection and bearing letters for the restitution of the prior, entered the church on Holy Island at Easter 30 [Edward I] [22 April 1302] whence he was dragged out by John of Horncliffe, Richard of Rothbury, Reynold master of the scholars of Norham and Roger the Webster, also the seal of his letters was broken and he was imprisoned in [Lindisfarne] priory for 7 days. Damages £200.

31. The bishop or Henry of Lusby sent under the guard of Walter of Rothbury and John of Horncliffe, the bishop's ministers, to Norham chapel a container (*huyche*) full of books, that is bibles, missales, decrees, decretals and others, value 200 marks, and sent with Richard of Tynedale another container of vestments and books to the value of £100, and two sacks of *dratz* price £10 and two candelabra price £10 on Wednesday before the Annunciation 21 [Edward I] [18 March 1293]. Damages £300. Cancelled.

32. Richard Rothbury and Robert the Coroner, bishop's ministers, assembled with Robert Shirlock, Robert of Newbiggin and Roger the Webster on Friday after St Mark 30 [Edward I] [27 April 1302], took animals and goods from Fenham manor and Holy Island priory to the value of £100 and held them for 15 days. Damages [£]300.

33. Roger of Esh, the bishop's minister, forcibly entered Pitlington manor on Saturday after *Gules Aust* 28 [Edward I] [6 August 1300] and took 16 sacks of wool to the value of 200 marks. Damages £340.

34. Peter of Bolton, the bishop's minister, forcibly entered Ketton manor on Saturday after *Gules Aust* 28 [Edward I] [6 August 1300] and took 4 sacks of wool to the value of 40 marks. Damages £60.

35. The bishop had detained for three years for his own use £800 due for the Holy Land and so the priory's churches had been sequestered by Master Bartholomew de Ferentino. Damages £1000.

36. A cargo of 22 sacks of wool was due to sail from Hartlepool to Boston, but William of St Botulph and Richard the Mason, ministers of the bishop, on Wednesday before St Margaret 27 [Edward I] [15 July 1299] held it up for 6 weeks so that the sale was lost and the value of each sack dropped from 10 marks to 4 marks. Damages £200.

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37. Master William of St Botulph, Walter de Bermeton, Roger of Esh, John Brand, John Gilmin, and William Leante had disseised the prior of 200 acres of moor and pasture at Heworth, Hebburn, Monkton and Hedworth since the first passage of King Henry III to Gascony.

[38]. Master William of St Botulph, Walter de Bermeton, and John Gategang had disseised the prior of 4 acres of moor at Heworth since the first passage of King Henry III to Gascony.

[39]. Master William of St Botulph, Roger of Esh, Gilbert Goldsmith, Peter of Bolton, James called Spicer, Walter de Bermeton, William son of Ralph, Richard of Chilton, Thomas formerly serjeant, Emerice of Kelloe, John son of John Bille, Ymani late the wife of Robert of Pockerley, Margaret late wife of John of Howden, Walter of Brafferton, and Robert of Cornsay disseised the prior of 100 acres of moor and pasture in the Old Borough of Durham since the first passage of King Henry III to Gascony.

[40]. The prior's tenants had been free of *townentz* and stallages by royal charter, but the bishop's bailiffs John of Grendon and Robert of Paxton had imposed dues on goods in the Old Borough and Elvet. Damages £100.

[41]. Walter of Rothbury, the bishop's minister, had taken away animals and goods to the value of £24 from Haggerston and Lowlynn on Monday after Michaelmas 24 [Edward I] [1 October 1296]. Damages £40.

Endorsed (14th century) as quarrels of Prior Richard for King Edward I against Bishop Antony in French.

Language: French

Size: 945 x 220 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7: ?113.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.155.

DCD Loc.VII:46 8 December [1305]

Pleas between the bishop and prior of Durham, concerning the siege of the priory and the injustices inflicted by the men of Weardale and Tynedale, specifically:

- On the quindene of Michaelmas the prior came, but the bishop did not; Peter of Bolton, John of Edmondsley, Walter of Uffington and Thomas of Levisham came; it was verified that Walter of Brafferton had died; Richard of Stanley, attorney of the bishop, claimed an essoin; the prior said that the bishop had other general attornies admitted in the king's chancery as could be verified from the chancery rolls whose scrutiny revealed that the bishop had appointed two general attornies in the king's chancery before his journey abroad, and judgement was made that the bishop had taken £40 from the prior against the ordinance made before the king at Evenwood.

- Other claims by the prior against the bishop resulting from the siege of the priory were that the water conduit had been broken, the mill damaged, its timber taken away, doors and chests were broken, goods carried off, the prior and monks were confined to their stalls in the church, and the prior was forcibly removed from his stall and imprisoned in Durham castle and then the priory for 16 weeks, with the bishop sending foresters from Weardale and unknown men from Tynedale, with Peter of Bolton, John of Edmondsley, and Walter of Uffington chaplain, to carry this out, damages detailed; the three latter were committed to the marshal; but the principal and captain of all these transgressions was the bishop, who had not come, so he incurred damages of £840; also Robert brother of Thomas of Levisham who was serjeant of ?Newton Bewley (*Bello Loco*) took the prior's goods from there, so he was committed to the marshal and damages of £18 6s 8d were awarded to the prior.

- Furthermore, the bishop and Peter of Bolton imprisoned Robert the Messenger, the prior's messenger, carrying the king's letters about remedying the siege; damages of 20 marks were awarded.

- Furthermore, concerning the prior's quarrel, and also that of Geoffrey of Hartlepool, in that two messengers of the prior, Nicholas of Applegarth and Robert the Messenger, carrying missives to the bishop on separate occasions were imprisoned in Durham castle, the former for 8 days, which was an abuse of his regalian authority.

- Furthermore, the bishop took 500 marks from the prior's house.

With a writ from the king to the sheriff of Northumberland to take the regalian liberties of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham between the Tees and the Tyne into the king's hand.

Witness: R le Brabazon.

Date: Westminster, 8 December 34 Edward I.

Endorsed (contemporary) as pleas between the prior and bishop of Durham concerning temporalities, as judgement rendered for us in the king's court against the bishop, and as quarrels between the bishop and prior before William de Bereford and his fellows at Durham, and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 500 x 260 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 111.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.164, 198.

Further copies: DCD Loc.VII: 47 and 48 next below.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally part of the same roll: DCD Loc.VII: 14, 38, 70.

DCD Loc.VII:47 8 December [1305]

Pleas between the prior and bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) as quarrels of the prior against Antony duplicate and (16th century) as the taking of the regalian liberty of Bishop Antony into the hands of King Edward on account of the attacks against the prior and against the agreement and ordinance of the king ...

Size: 590 x 235 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 113.

Copy of DCD Loc.VII: 46 next above.

Another copy in DCD Loc.VII: 48 next below.

DCD Loc.VII:48 8 December [1305]

Pleas between the prior and bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) as the taking of the regalian liberty of A bishop of Durham into the king's hands ... and "3a" .

Size: 610 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 112.

Copy of DCD Loc.VII:46 above.

Another copy in DCD Loc.VII:47 next above.

DCD Loc.VII:49 [5 June] 1282

Mandate of [Reginald Maidenhead] abbot of Waltham principal papal judge delegate, together with Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry le Feyte official of Rochester, subdelegates of [Simon Bamburgh] the chancellor of Lincoln, and [Nicholas Heigham] the dean of Lincoln as the third delegate, to the dean of Stamford to denounce the sentence of excommunication pronounced by [William Wickwane] archbishop of York against R[obert of Holy Island] bishop of Durham, R[ichard of Claxton] prior of Durham and the chapter of the church of Durham.

Date: Stamford, Non. June 1282.

Size: 210 x 200 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 83.

DCD Loc.VII:50 [30 March 1306]

Memorandum of appeals of the monks of Durham against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham to the apostolic see.

Appeal by Henry of Hett, proctor of Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, against Stephen de Mauley archdeacon of Cleveland and Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln acting as executors or judges delegate as they are notoriously household clerks of [Antony Bek] bishop of Durham.

Appeal by Henry of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham commissioning Henry of Lusby, monk of Durham, to administer the convent of Durham, committed to [Bek] by Pope Clement V, as Lusby was a notorious fugitive and unsuitable for the role, having previously been intruded as prior when he despoiled the priory of its goods.

Appeal by Henry of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, against the commissioning of [Stephen de Mauley] archdeacon of Cleveland as his executor by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, along with the bishop of London and the abbot of Lézat, to administer the convent of Durham by papal authority.

The following were made in the chapter house at Durham on 30 March [13]36 (*sic*) before Masters Roger de Haslarton, Peter of Fishburn and Richard de Heron clerks: Appointment of Brother Henry of Lusby as proctor by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, commissioning him to administer the convent of Durham.

Date: Massay (*Masticon*), [dept. Cher, France], 10 March 1306.

Appeal by Henry of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, against officials, abbots, priors, rectors of churches, chaplains of parishes and other prelates of the diocese of Durham doing anything prejudicial to the interests of the prior and convent.

With another version.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 650 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.166-167.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.119-121.

DCD Loc.VII:51 [19 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of Robert of Rothbury, fellow monk, as proctor.

Date: in a full chapter at Durham, 13 *exeuntis* May 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being a proctor *ad causas* and *vacat*.

Size: 220 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.132.

Copied in DCD Reg.III f.87r-v.

DCD Loc.VII:52 20 May 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent thereof, to the court of York, failing which, to the apostolic see, rehearsing and bringing up to date the narrative of events contained in earlier appeals, stating that, notwithstanding earlier appeals, the bishop had, against the form of law, fulminated excommunication upon the prior of Durham, and the subprior, third prior, sacrist, chamberlain, infirmarer, cellarer, hostiller, bursar, granator, and *incanar* [?] and other obedientiaries thereof, the almoner and feretrar alone excepted, and Geoffrey of Burdon, John of Barnard Castle, and John of Appleby, monks of Durham, and cited them to appear before him or his commissaries in Durham cathedral, outside the chapter house, to receive punishment; and, knowing the prior and convent, himself and the monastery of Durham to be unduly burdened because of this, appealing in their name to the said court and see, placing the prior and convent and their goods (&c) in the protection of the said court and see, lest the bishop should attempt punishment, or anything prejudicial against them.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave, Alexander of Ponsonby, and Peter of Kelloe; Henry de Menyle and Thomas of Egglescliffe clerks.

Date: Durham, 20 May 1300.

Notary: Andrew [son of] the late William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and as an appeal not admitted "excepcio proscipcionis".

Size: 445 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 43.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.133-134.

Copied in DCD Reg.III, f.89v-90r.

DCD Loc.VII:53 [18 December 1300]

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal to the apostolic see by John of Appleby, monk and proctor of Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, against certain grave attacks brought by the official of the court of York in the dispute with Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Master Philip of Nassington; Brother Geoffrey of Burdon; John of Paxton canon of the chapel of St Mary and the Holy Angels [college of St Sepulchre] of York; Warin of Pontefract; John of Osmotherley.

Date: York minster.

Notary: Andrew [son of] the late William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 345 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material elsewhere: See DCD Loc.VII:25 for probably the upper part of the roll.

DCD Loc.VII:54 22 October 1331

Notarial instrument reciting, in the presence also of Master Peter de Cainus, papal scriptor, the complaint of John de Crepping, monk of Durham, against Prior [William of Cowton]'s spoliation of the church's goods and his subjection to the protection of the apostolic see to which the prior had sent him.

Witnesses: Master Bernard de Gatrico; John Anglius; Nicholas of Parma; Michael de St Vicon; Matthew of Viterbo; ?Peter [de St] Vicon.

Date: Avignon, 22 October 1331.

Notary: John Nicolai of Aquamandula, clerk of *Gaietarum* diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 355 x 270 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:55 [11 June] 1282

Transcript of attestations on the part of the prior and convent of Durham in the case of the appeal against the archbishop of York produced on the Thursday after the octave of Trinity 1282 before [Reginald Maidenhead] abbot of Waltham principal papal judge delegate, and Masters R[alph] of Marlow and Henry la Feyte official of Rochester, commissaries of [Simon Bamburgh] the chancellor of Lincoln.

Master Robert Avenel, examined on the first article, said that it was true as he had seen the mandate of the archbishop to the prior and convent about the visitation which was to be on the morrow of St John the Baptist 1281. He said the second article was true, and the exception had been proposed by Roger of Methley (*Medeleye*) sacrist and proctor of the prior and convent, on the morrow of St John the Baptist, around the first hour, with Master Nicholas of Appleby and many others present, outside the north gate of Durham. The third article was true as he had not admitted the said exception. The fourth article was true as he had been present when the proctor of the prior and convent had appealed the mandate on the said morrow of St John. The fifth article was true except for the word *adherentes*. The sixth article, he was aware of £200 but not of a greater sum. The seventh article was true except for as in the fifth and, as in the sixth, he was not aware of a sum of £20000; it had been published in Durham and neighbouring parts.

Master Nicholas of Appleby, the second witness, had nothing to add to what Master Robert had said, except that, on the fifth article, the archbishop had excommunicated the adherents of the prior and convent, and, on the sixth and seventh, he did not believe the sum was so large.

Brother Stephen of Howden, the third witness, had nothing further to add to what Master Robert had said, his testimony ending part way through the fourth article.

At the foot is "Venerabili patri domino".

Endorsed (16th century) with a description (faded).

Size: 370 x 190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Printed: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)*, (Berkeley & Los Angeles 1959), App.XI, p.236-238.

DCD Loc.VII:56 29 June [1302]

Notarial instrument reciting the inspeximus by the professed monks (names surviving: Adam of Twizell, Robert de Kil?, Richard of Brompton, Roger of Stanhope, Peter of Sedgfield, Thomas of Howden, ? of Barnaby, Robert of Langton, William of Egglescliffe, John ?, Walter of Egglescliffe, Thomas de Aldewode, Roger ?, Robert of Rothbury, Richard de Erington, Richard of Aislaby, Thomas of Allerton, Thomas of Rillington, Roger of Tynemouth, Geoffrey of ?Lincoln, William of ?, Roger of Greatham, John of Barnard Castle, Robert of Birtley, William of York, John of Durham, ? of Carlisle, William of Ripon and Peter of Helton) of the chapter of Durham of the appointment by Richard [of Kelloe] subprior of Durham of their fellow monks Robert of Rothbury, John of Appleby and William of Cowton with master William of Parlington clerk as proctors in the Roman *curia*. Witnesses: John of Burdon, Robert of Coldingham and Richard of Middleton.

Date: the chapter house in Durham, 29 June.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 270-360 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

Another version: DCD Loc.VII: 13.

DCD Loc.VII:57 10 January 1303

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Geoffrey of Burdon terrar and Thomas of Haswell bursar of their fellow brothers Robert of Rothbury and William of Cowton as proctors, in the absence of the subprior and Prior Richard [de Hoton] in the Roman *curia* before Pope Boniface VIII.

Witnesses: Henry de Menyle, Roger of Levington and John of Burdon clerks.

Date: Durham priory in the bursar's exchequer, 10 January 1303.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 270 x 160 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162.

DCD Loc.VII:58 [?June 1300]

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by John of Barnard Castle, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the apostolic see against the non-observance by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham of the agreement made before the king [Edward I] at Evenwood, by still intruding his ministers into the monastery at Durham and its manors, and also to York for protection.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave DCL; Dom. Henry de Menyl; Walter of Aycliffe and Hugh of Grindon clerks.

Date: Durham, in a small chamber next to the prior's chamber.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: c.400 x 205 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.140.

DCD Loc.VII:59 10 May 1302

Notarial instrument reciting a protestation by Richard of Kelloe subprior of Durham and vicar-general in the prior's absence, in the name of the convent of Durham, against certain acts of the bishop of Durham carried out in the time of Henry of Lusby namely levying tithes from the priory, exacting arrears of 700 marks for the papal crusading tenth during Lent 1302, and granting pensions and acknowledging debts against the consent of chapter but under the chapter seal, and making presentations and collations to their benefices.

Witnesses: Masters William of Parlington rector of Kirkham, Whithorn diocese, and Geoffrey of Malton, NP by imperial authority; Richard of Middleton and William called the Spicer laymen *literati*.

Date: chapter house of Durham cathedral, 10 May 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 290 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.156, 160.

Another copy in DCD Loc.VII: 59* next below.

DCD Loc.VII:59* 10 May 1302

Notarial instrument reciting a protestation by Richard of Kelloe subprior of Durham and vicar-general in the prior's absence, in the name of the convent of Durham, against certain acts of the bishop of Durham carried out in the time of Henry of Lusby namely levying tithes from the priory, exacting arrears of 700 marks for the papal crusading tenth during Lent 1302, and granting pensions and acknowledging debts against the consent of chapter but under the chapter seal, and making presentations and collations to their benefices.

Witnesses: Masters William of Parlington rector of Kirkham, Whithorn diocese, and Geoffrey of Malton, NP by imperial authority; Richard of Middleton and William called the Spicer laymen *literati*.

Date: chapter house of Durham cathedral, 10 May 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 310 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.156, 160.

Another copy in DCD Loc.VII: 59 next above.

DCD Loc.VII:60 24 February 1302

Notarial instrument reciting a notarial instrument of John son of James de Bonoma, notary public by apostolic and imperial authority, reciting the appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of Brothers Robert of Rothbury, Richard of Brompton and Geoffrey of Burdon, fellow monks of Durham, as proctors, especially at the apostolic see for his restitution to the priory of Durham.

Witnesses: Masters Baldred Biset auditor of [Leonard Patrasso] bishop of Albano, William of Parlington rector of Kirkham in Whithorn diocese, Thomas of Selby clerk of York diocese and Adam de Aldewod clerk of Durham diocese.

Date: Rome, 24 February 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description.

Size: 290 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered 61 and 62.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.157.

DCD Loc.VII:61 3 June 1300

Notarial instrument reciting a protest by John of Barnard Castle proctor of the prior and convent of Durham that the incarceration of the prior and convent and their proctors in the priory by the bishop's officers was frustrating their rightful attempts to make appeals to the court of York and the apostolic see.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave DCL, John Bertram and Hugh of Grindon clerks.

Date: Durham, in the inner chamber of the prior, 3 June 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 250 x 195 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 45.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.136.

DCD Loc.VII:62 29 June 1302

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard of Kelloe subprior of Durham, Roger of Stanhope cellarer, Thomas de Aldewode chamberlain, Thomas of Haswell bursar, John of Selby hostiller, Nicholas of Rothbury, Nicholas of Carlisle *incanarius*, John of Wolviston, John of Appleby, and John of Barnard Castle monks of Durham. of their professed fellow monks Robert of Rothbury and William of Cowton as proctors before Pope Boniface VIII in the dispute with A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham over his visitation.

Witnesses: John of Burdon, Robert of Coldingham and Richard of Middleton.

Date: the chapter house in Durham, 29 June.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as procuration to seek absolution "ad cantelam".

Size: 250 x 160 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:63 [10 June] 1310

Mandate of the official of the court of York to the prior of Tynemouth saying that he had received the following mandate and that the excommunication of Prior William [of Tanfield] and Henry of Stamford subprior was to be relaxed.

Mandate of the prior of Tynemouth to the abbot of St Salvator near Florence judge and executor together with Alan of Perugia prior of the secular church of St Angelo of Prefolio, Spoleto diocese, and the archdeacon Alnixiens, in association with the archdeacons of Durham and Cleveland, commissaries of the archbishop of York, to relax the sentence of excommunication imposed on Prior William [of Tanfield], Henry of Stamford, and the rest of the chapter of Durham as 700 marks loaned to the late Richard [de Hoton, prior of Durham] in Rome by merchants of the Avogadi society of Florence had been repaid, to be published in the cathedral at York and other churches throughout the diocese of York.

Date: Tynemouth, 2 Non. June [4 June] 1310.

Date: York, 4 Id. June 1310.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description and the date (incorrect).

Size: 190-205 x 345 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 95.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.174.

DCD Loc.VII:64 14 July 1303

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Cave exhibited and published the following recited mandate.

Mandate of the official of York to Master Robert of Cave rector of Sigston, Peter of Kelloe keeper of the spiritualities of Howden, Elias of Cowton canon of Southwell, Adam of Barnaby rector of Rounton (*Rungeton*), Benedict of Hartlepool rector of Welton, and Andrew of Tang ordering the excommunication of any hindering appeals to the apostolic see or the court of York in a tuitorial case in the court of York between the prior and convent of Durham against John de Lascy canon of Auckland and Robert of Abberwick official of the bishop of Durham about the removal of the prior of Durham and other officers of the priory, the almoner and feretrar excepted.

Date: York, Non. August [5 August] 1300.

Witnesses: Master Peter of Fishburn; Hugh of Sadberge and Henry of Hett clerks.

Date: Durham cathedral, 14 July 1303.

Notary: Thomas of Selby, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) descriptions

Size: 400 x 160-180 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy of mandate in DCD Loc.VII:11.

DCD Loc.VII:65 11 August 1306

Notarial instrument recording the intention of Richard de Hoton prior of Durham to journey to the Roman *curia* to pursue to an end the various appeals and protestations against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, and invoking the protection of the Roman *curia* for the church of Durham and all its rights and possessions.

Witnesses: John of Haxby and John of Layton monks of Durham; Master Peter of Fishburn clerk; Roger of Alverton.

Date: Durham priory, 11 August 1306.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 245 x 205 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 78 and 81.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.167.

DCD Loc.VII:66 31 July 1303

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by William of Cowton, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the apostolic see against Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham's intention of visiting the priory and to York for protection.

Witnesses: Alan of Teesdale, John son of John of Durham, Dom. Henry of Cockfield chaplain, Adam de Aldewode, and Master Thomas of Selby NP by imperial authority, clerks.

Date: in the chapel of the prior's manor at [Newton] Bewley in the bishoprick of Durham, 31 July 1303.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 530 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.163.

DCD Loc.VII:67 14 April 1302

Notarial instrument reciting the protestation of Richard of Kelloe, subprior of the church of Durham and vicar-general of Prior Richard de Hoton, that he had received a mandate of the apostolic see from Nicholas bishop of Teano authorising the restoration of Prior Richard [de Hoton], but he was not going to carry out the office of executor of that restitution but would rather read out the restitution to the assembled clergy and people.

Witnesses: Robert of Lumley knight; Gilbert of Durham; John of Gilesgate chaplain in the cathedral; Nicholas of Offerton clerk.

Date: Durham cathedral, 14 April 1302.

Notary: Geoffrey Patricius of Malton, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description.

Size: 190 x 195 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered 62.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.158.

DCD Loc.VII:68 [12 August & 10 September] 1282

Transcription of:

Mandate of [Reginald Maidenhead] abbot of Waltham principal papal judge delegate and Masters H[enry] le Affeyte official of Rochester and R[alph] of Marlow papal chaplain, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln papal judge delegate, with the dean of Lincoln as the third papal judge delegate, to [Henry] bishop of Whithorn, in an appeal between Robert bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, revoking the judgments against the bishop, prior and chapter of Durham of Masters John Clarel rector of Hemmingford, William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon and John de Luco canon of St Pauls London, falsely pretending to have apostolic authority in this case, made in the church of St Pauls London and elsewhere, which are to be denounced.

Date: London, 2 Id. August 1282.

Mandate of [John of Northwold] abbot of Bury St Edmunds and [Thomas Inglethorpe] dean of St Pauls London, papal judges delegate, with [Hugh le Brun] abbot of Furness though he is now excused as he is overseas, to [Henry] bishop of Whithorn not to publish a judgement of the abbot of Waltham, with Masters William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon, John Clarel or John de Luco canon of St Paul's, calling themselves commissaries of the dean and chancellor of Lincoln, principal papal judges delegate with the abbot

Date: dean [of St Paul's] at the Newington prebend near London 4 Non. September 1282; abbot of Bury St Edmunds at Melford, 4 Id. September 1282.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 425 x 220-230 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 85.

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:68* next below.

DCD Loc.VII:68* [12 August -10 September] 1282

Transcription of:

Mandate of [Reginald Maidenhead] abbot of Waltham principal papal judge delegate and Masters H[enry] le Affeyte official of Rochester and R[alph] of Marlow papal chaplain, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln papal judge delegate, with the dean of Lincoln as the third papal judge delegate, to [Henry] bishop of Whithorn, in an appeal between Robert bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, revoking the judgments against the bishop, prior and chapter of Durham of Masters John Clarel rector of Hemmingford, William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon and John de Luco canon of St Pauls London, falsely pretending to have apostolic authority in this case, made in the church of St Pauls London and elsewhere, which are to be denounced.

Date: London, 2 Id. August 1282.

Mandate of [John of Northwold] abbot of Bury St Edmunds and [Thomas Inglethorpe] dean of St Pauls London, papal judges delegate, with [Hugh le Brun] abbot of Furness though he is now excused as he is overseas, to [Henry] bishop of Whithorn not to publish a judgement of the abbot of Waltham, with Masters William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon, John Clarel or John de Luco canon of St Paul's, calling themselves commissaries of the dean and chancellor of Lincoln, principal papal judges delegate with the abbot

Date: dean [of St Paul's] at the ?Newington prebend near London 4 Non. September 1282; abbot of Bury St Edmunds at Melford, 4 Id. September 1282.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 580 x 220 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 87.

Another copy: DCD Loc.VII:68 next above.

DCD Loc.VII:69 [29 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by [Robert of Rothbury] proctor of the prior and convent of Durham to the apostolic see and the court of York against the sequestration by A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham of the revenues of the church of Durham and its estates, his removal of its officials from its estates and his intrusion of his own, his blockading of the priory, denying access to the mill for corn, not allowing the watering of horses or the delivery of supplies, and other injustices inflicted on the priory and its members on the authority of Master Robert of Abberwick official of the bishop and Master William of St Botolph archdeacon of Durham and steward of the bishop.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave DCL, Peter of Kelloe and Hugh of Grindon clerks.

Date: Durham cathedral, 3 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 340 x 205-215 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.135.

DCD Loc.VII:70 [26 April 1305]

Size: 340 x 205-215 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.131, 140, 143, 145, 159.

Related material elsewhere: Probably originally part of the same roll: DCD Loc.VII: 14, 38, 46.

(face)

Pleas at Durham before W[illiam] of Bereford and R[alph] de Hegham, king's justices, concerning old quarrels and assizes of the men of the bishoprick of Durham, Monday the morrow of the close of Easter 33 Edward I.

Reciting the following letters patent.

Letters patent of Edward I to William de Bereford and Roger de Hegham being a commission of *oyer* and *terminer* and of assize concerning causes arraigned in the liberty of the bishoprick of Durham at the time when that liberty was in the king's hands, as it has been found before the king and his council that since the restitution of the said liberty to Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, when the latter was commanded to do justice to Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham, and the rest of the men of the liberty, in old pleas commenced before it came into the king's hands, or while it was in the king's hands, and the king's justices were there, he has failed to do so. They are to be at Durham by the morrow of the close of Easter, and to save to the king the amercements and other things belonging to him, and the sheriff of Northumberland will be attentive to them.

Date: Westminster, 26 March 33 [Edward I]. [1305]

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham because when the king had ordained a peace between them at Evenwood on [20 June 1300], in contempt of this the bishop, who had seized the priory's manors, namely Bewley, Ketton, Wardley, Pitlington, Belasis, Dalton, Muggleswick, and Beaurepair, which he ought by the ordinance to have returned, reseized them, put his own bailiffs in place of the priory's and took goods from them through Thomas of Richmond and other malefactors to the value of £1000. The bishop responded through his attorney Richard of Stanley on the grounds of the prior's disobedience and his removal from office, and the disregard shown by the prior in reference to a mediation proposed by the king. Rejoinder made by the prior to the bishop's defence. Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 455 x 230-240 mm

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 115.

Another copy: DCD Reg.I, f.ii.69r-70v.

(face/dorse)

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton ministers of the said bishop who, despite the prior holding his estates freely without owing any service to them, on [19 June 1297], seized carts, ploughs, oxen and horses from the prior's estates between the Tyne and the Tees, namely the manors of Beaurepaire, Middle and West Merrington, Kirk Merrington and Ferryhill, Aycliffe and Ketton, East Rainton, West Rainton, Moreslaw, Hesilden and Wardley, to the value of £20. Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton responded that they had been taken for the king's war in Scotland. Rejoinder made by the prior.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Peter of Bolton and John of Edmondsley over their siege of the priory, along with Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy, Roger Pichard, John Broilli, Henry the Armourer, Richard the Harper, William the Usher and Hugh of Wales together with 280 men of North Tynedale and 300 foot soldiers from the bishoprick, from [7 August 1300] for 9 weeks, allowing in no victuals nor any remedy from the royal court as Nicholas Applegarth who brought royal letters was imprisoned for 40 days. The defendants responded that they had been carrying out their offices of coroners of the bishop, keeping the king's peace, for which they bore a virge as a sign of their office. The jurors said that certain senior monks had conspired against the prior, and the bishop had sought to carry out his visitation, but the prior and been disobedient, so the senior monks numbering 8 or 9 had met with the bishop at Northallerton, agreeing to have Henry of Lusby as a new prior. On their return to the priory, the prior had barred their entrance to the inner cloister. They, remaining in the outer court of the priory, had requested assistance from the bishop to install Henry of Lusby and remove Richard [de Hoton]. The foresters of Weardale and Hugh of Wales with men of Tynedale were sent and besieged the priory for 9 weeks, allowing no monks out nor victuals in. The bishop denied imprisoning Nicholas Applegarth. The jurors say that Peter of Bolton and John of Edmondsley seized Nicholas Applegarth from his bed where he was staying in in Durham and imprisoned him in Durham castle for 40 days. Adam of Twizell, William of Hurworth and Robert of Killington, monks of Prior Richard, went to the bishop at Beaurepair manor to ask for the messenger's release which was denied, and he was detained for a further 8 days before being allowed to go.

(dorse) Durham. The prior sued the bishop and John of Edmondsley for, on [11 August 1300], together with Philip Darcy, Hugh Darcy, John Broille, Richard the Harper, William the Usher, Hugh the Armourer, and Hugh of Wales with other malefactors, breaking the priory's water supply aqueduct, carrying off all the equipment from the mill and breaking the mill-wheels so that the priory was without water or the ability to mill corn for 9 weeks. This was denied but the jurors affirmed it, as carried out by John of Edmondsley, Hugh of Wales and the men of Tynedale. Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Roger of Esh minister of the bishop stating that, when the prior had constructed a windmill at Jarrow to the annual value of 10 marks, Roger of Esh, together with Robert of Hawkhurst, another minister of the bishop, removed the equipment and ironwork from the mill on [25 June 1291] so that the prior has lost any profit from the mill for the 10 years since, nor have they permitted the prior's men who owed suit there to repair it. Roger of Esh denied the charge, but the jurors affirmed it, saying that the prior had been denied any income from the mill for 6 years to the extent of £20.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, John of Crepping, John Shirlock and Walter of Brafferton for, together with Philip Darcy, Hugh of Weardale, Robert the Tailor, William de Lubham and Ralph le Venur, from [23 May 1300] until after [2 February] following, denying the prior and convent their customary way through the North Gate of Durham, enjoyed since the foundation of the priory. The defendants denied the charge. The jurors said that John Shirlock was not involved, but the others did close the gate, denying the priory access from [23 May 1300] until 24 August following when Henry of Lusby was installed as prior, and denying the priors and monks of the cells of the *amicitia* of Richard de Hoton, access from [23 May 1300] until [2 February] following when the king being in those parts ordered the gate to be opened.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham stating that Prior Hugh [of Darlington], his predecessor, had loaned the bishop 200 marks on 5 July [1285] at Durham, to be repaid at the following Michaelmas, but, despite frequent requests, the loan was still outstanding. The bishop said the money had been given rather than loaned. The jurors affirmed the charge, with the money to be repaid with £10 damages.

Durham. An assize that Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Roger of Esh, John Brand, William Leante and John Gilmyn had disseised Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham of his free tenement with 200 acres of moor and pasture in Heworth, Hebburn, Monkton, and Hedworth. The jurors refuted the claim that the tenement was rather in East Boldon, West Boldon, Whitburn, Cleadon and Gateshead, but there was a dispute over the tenement in the time of Bishop Robert of Holy Island and Prior Hugh [of Darlington] with the men of those places seeking to deny the prior's men from clearing the heath, cutting turves and pasturing their animals through the bishop's bailiff, the late John Bille.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 540 x 250 mm

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 117

Another copy: DCD Reg.I, f.ii.70v-72v, 75r-v, 76r, 81v-82r.

(dorse)

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued John of Horncliffe minister of the bishop for, with others unknown on [23 April 1302], forcibly seizing 300 sheep, 300 ewes and 80 lambs of the prior at Fenham value £27. He denies the theft.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and Walter of Rothbury for taking corn, horses, oxen and cows at a value of £80 at Haggerston and Lowlynn on [1 October 1296]. The defendants deny the theft.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham and Brother Thomas of Bamburgh sued John of Horncliffe minister of the bishop stating that when Thomas of Bamburgh came with a royal protection and letters for the restitution of the prior on [22 April 1302] to Holy Island parish church, to read them there, John together with Philip of Swafeld, Reginald master of the scholars of Norham, and others, assaulted him, removed the seal from his letters, dragged him out of the church, and imprisoned him. The defendant denied the transgression.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, Master Hugh de Sandon, Walter of Rothbury and Walter the Serjeant for, on [1 October 1296] and for 8 days following, taking the prior's corn to the value of £107 6s 8d at Ancroft, Horncliffe, Cornhill, Tweedmouth, Morton and Kyloe, also 240 lambs of the prior value £16 at Norham at the same time, and also corn at Norham, Upsettlington, Horncliffe and Berrington to the value of £50 11s 4d taken by the same on [1 October 1291]. The defendants denied the theft with some having been sold.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Walter of Rothbury minister of the bishop, for, when the prior had had timber felled and prepared for building a mill near Holy Island, with Peter of Embleton preventing the construction of the mill and taking away the timber worth 10 marks on [12 January 1291]. The defendant denied any transgression because the prior was building the mill on the bishop's land.

Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham sued Thomas of Richmond for, when the king ordained a peace between the prior and the bishop at Evenwood, Thomas, the bishop's bailiff, removed goods from the priory to the value of £1000. The sheriff ordered his apprehension.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Robert son of Robert of Auckland of Newbiggin and Robert the Coroner, ministers of the bishop, for, together with Richard of Rothbury, Robert Shirlock, Roger the Webster, on [14 November 1302] entering Holy Island priory and the manor of Fenham and removing corn, horses, oxen, cattle and other goods to the value of £100 and preventing the prior and his ministers from entering his own for 15 days. The defendants denied the charge.

Durham. Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sued Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, William of St Botolph and Richard le Mateon for, when the prior sent 22 sacks of wool to be shipped from Hartlepool to Boston, on [1 July 1299] the defendants held up the wool for 6 weeks whereby the prior lost his sale for a year and the value per sack reduced from 10 marks to 4 marks. The defendants denied the charge, saying rather that one Ralph of Warcop then sheriff of Durham and William Serneth had ordered the detention of the wool.

Durham. The same prior sued the same bishop stating that Hugh [of Darlington], former prior of Durham, loaned the bishop within the priory on [11 November 1289] itemised plate which had not been returned to a value of £100. The bishop responded that Prior Hugh had given him these items at his consecration, with which the jurors concurred.

Endorsed (contemporary) as pleas between the prior and Bishop A *de temporalibus* and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 540 x 235 mm

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 116.

Another copy: DCD Reg.I, f.ii.78r-v, 80r-v, 81r-v, 83r.

DCD Loc.VII:71 [?1302]

Roll of pleas of the prior of Durham:

Plea between Richard de Hoton prior of Durham against [Hugh of Weardale, Robert] the Taylor, William de Lubham, Ralph le Venir and Philip Darcy over the blocking of the priory's passage through Durham's north gate which passage the priory had had since the foundation of the church, on behalf of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, aided also by John of Crepping, John Shirlock and William of Brafferton; the sheriff of Durham had demanded an attachment from Hugh of Weardale etc of a *patellam* and an *ollam ercam*, price 22d, which were to be kept by William of Newton by way of an attachment.

The same prior and Thomas of Bamburgh against Philip of Swafeld and Reginald master of the scholars of Norham over Bamburgh coming with royal letters for the restitution of the prior to read them out in the church of Holy Island on [22 April 1302], where he was assaulted by Philip and Reginald, the seal of his letters was removed and he was dragged out of the church and imprisoned in the priory for 7 days.

The sheriff of Durham is ordered to distraint 66s 8d from the lands and goods of John of Edmondsley in his bailiwick to render to William Ykemund as part of 6½ marks awarded to him in the royal court of William of Ormesby and his fellow justices at Durham on [9 September 1302] for his damages for being imprisoned; and a further 100s from the same John's lands etc to render to Thomas of Haswell for £10 awarded in the same court for damages against John and Hugh the porter of the Northgate for being imprisoned.

Richard de Hoton prior of Durham sues Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton, ministers of the bishop of Durham, for, [on 19 June 1297], taking ploughs and oxen, carts and horses from his lands between the Tyne and the Tees, namely the manors of Beaurepaire, Mid Merrington, West Merrington, Kirk Merrington, Ferryhill, Aycliffe, Ketton, East Rainton, West Rainton, Moorsley (*Mereslawe*), Hesilden, and Wardley; Roger and Peter claimed that they had been ordered to requisition the items for the king's Scottish war and that they so acted as coroners of the bishop in the wards of Easington and Darlington respectively, and with the will of the local men.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that this bundle contains 110-119.

Size: 450 x 185 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 110.

DCD Loc.VII:72 24 February 1307

Notarial instrument in which John of Stanhope, executor of the will of John of Barnard Castle, appoints Henry of Hett, Roger of Shincliffe, John de Tresk clerks, Geoffrey Lewin, Henry of Cleatlam and William of Carlisle laymen, as his proctors.

Witnesses: Theobald son of Nigel of Fishburn, Robert son of Adam of Fishburn, and Bartholomew of Fishburn, laymen.

Date: chapel of St Julian, Fishburn, 24 February 1306/7.

Notary: John of Butterwick, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 300 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:73 [20 May] 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Robert of Rothbury, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the court of York, and, failing that, to the apostolic see, seeking their protection, against a citation of Master Richard of Morpeth, official of the archdeacon of Durham, made to the prior, the obedientaries and named monks at vespers within the cloister to appear on the next day, the Saturday, before the bishop of Durham or his commissary to receive their sentences.

Witnesses: Masters Robert of Cave DCL, Alexander of Ponsonby, Hugh of Whitby and Walter of Norway clerks.

Date: in the chamber of the prior of Durham, in the evening, 12 May *exeuntis* 1300.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 225 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.134.

DCD Loc.VII:74 [15 & 17 August] 1282

Copy of a notarial instrument transcribing the following certifications.

Certificate of the dean of St Mary the Arches London, that he had received on the vigil of the Assumption of the BVM a recited mandate (as in Loc.VII:75 below) of the official of Canterbury dated London Id. August 1282.

Date: London, Assumption of the BVM [15 August 1282]

Certification of the official of the archdeacon of London to the dean of St Mary the Arches London, that he had carried out a recited mandate from the dean, dated London the vigil of the Assumption of the BVM 1282, instructing him, on authority of the official of Canterbury, to publish the official of Canterbury's sentence of excommunication against the bishop, prior and convent of Durham throughout the archdeaconry of London.

Date: London, 16 Kal. September [17 August] 1282.

Notary: Hildebrand (*Ildebrandinus*) Bonadoce of Sens, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 300 x 230 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 84.

Printed: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate* (1279-1296), (Berkeley & Los Angeles 1959), App.III, p.192-194.

DCD Loc.VII:74* 1281

Process between [William Wickwane] archbishop of York against [Robert of Holy Island] bishop of Durham and [Richard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham about the archbishop's visitation.

Missing c.1970, still missing 30 October 2007.

Parchment roll

Related material in other DUL collections: For more on the 1281 visitation dispute, see W. Brown ed, *The Register of William Wickwane, Lord Archbishop of York 1279-1285*, (Surtees Society 114, 1907), p.153-178.

DCD Loc.VII:75 [14 September] 1282

Mandate of the dean of St Mary the Arches London, commissary of the official of the court of Canterbury, to [the archdeacon] of Northampton or his official, reciting the following mandate

Mandate of the official of Canterbury, detailing that, in a case between William archbishop of York against the bishop, prior and chapter of Durham, he had mandated to be pronounced the excommunications of the abbot of Waltham, Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Master Henry *dictus* Lafeyte, along with the bishop of Durham, the prior of Durham and the obedientiaries of the church of Durham; these the abbot, Ralph and Henry inhibited, and the official of Canterbury, with Master Adam of Hales rector of Banham, Norwich diocese, and dean of Canterbury, was mandated by the abbot and Master R[alph] of Marlow to pronounce the excommunications of the archbishop of York, and Masters John Clarel, William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon and John de Luco canon of St Paul's London, at which the parties were summoned to the church of St Mary the Arches, London, on the morrow of the octave of St Michael.

Date: London, Id. August [13 August] 1282.

and instructing him to publish the official of Canterbury's excommunication of the bishop, prior and convent of Durham with the abbot of Waltham, Masters Ralph of Marlow, H[enry] Lafeyte official of Rochester and their adherents, as demanded by John Clarel and John de Luco.

Date: Instow (*Ywyngestona*) in Devon, Exaltation of the Holy Cross 1282.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the address and a description, naming "G de Sancto Leofardo" as the official of Canterbury, and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 120 x 280 mm

Seal: Seal described in Brentano no longer present (30 October 2007)

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 89.

Printed: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)*, (Berkeley & Los Angeles 1959), App.III, p.190-192.

DCD Loc.VII:76 [9 April] 1306

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal and protestations by Richard de Hoton prior of Durham against a certain papal rescript giving custody of the priory to [the bishop of Durham] or a deputy, with the bishop of London, Master Stephen de Mauley archdeacon of Cleveland and the abbot of Lézat as executors, and suspending Richard de Hoton as prior, with the abbot having then appointed Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln as his subdelegate and having issued a mandate for the papal rescript to be implemented. Witnesses: John of Layton monk of Durham; Robert of Wolviston rector of Hunstanworth and Adam de Aluod, clerks.

Date: Hoggston, London diocese, 5 Id. April 1306.

Notary: John of Spaldwick, clerk of Lincon diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that the roll contains [Loc.VII:]77-84.

Size: 520 x 395 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7: 80.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.166, 167.

DCD Loc.VII:77 12 February 1302

Notarial instrument of Ralph of Stamford, canon of Salisbury, commissary of Nicholas bishop of Teano, executor deputed by the apostolic see to restore Richard [de Hoton] as prior of Durham, to the bishop and chapter of Durham, reciting letters from Nicholas bishop of Teano to the bishop and chapter of Durham authorising the archdeacon of Canterbury, the chancellor of York, Master Bartholomew de Ferentino canon of London and Ralph of Stamford canon of Salisbury to carry out the following mandate to restore Richard [de Hoton] or his proctor to possession of the priorship of Durham.

Bull of Pope Boniface VIII to Richard [de Hoton] mandating his restoration as prior of Durham, rehearsing the dispute with Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham over his visitation of Durham cathedral priory, Hoton's removal as prior through the offices of Robert dean of Auckland church and Master John de Lascy clerk, his replacement by Henry of Lusby *pseudomonachus* of Durham, and the assault on the priory; and that Boniface had summoned to Rome Bek and Lusby who were rather represented by their proctors Master Adam of Driffeld and Henry of Lusby respectively; they had been questioned on the justification for Bek's appointment of Lusby as prior which Driffeld contended had been because the appointment of a prior had devolved on Bek through lapse of time, as in the Lateran statute, but this appointment had been within six months of Hoton's deprivation, thereby against the Lateran statute, and so Lusby's nomination was to be revoked.

Date: Lateran, 4 Kal. December, Pont.7. [28 November 1301]

Witnesses: Master Baldred Biset auditor of Leonard [Patrasso] bishop of Albano; Elias of Cowton canon of Southwell in York diocese; Paul de Tocco canon of Teano; Ralph of Rouen diocese *domicellus* of the bishop of Teano.

Date: the Lateran papal palace, 12 February 1302.

Notary: James Nicholai Vallilarge de Wartino, NP by papal and imperial authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 450 x 430 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 57.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.157, 158, 159.

Another copy of the text is in DCD Loc.VII:80.

DCD Loc.VII:78 7 February 1308

Notarial instrument transcribing Loc.VII:78* next below.

Witnesses: Henry of Newcastle, John of Haxby and John Luterel, monks of Durham.

Date: Durham priory, 7 February 1307/8.

Notary: John of Butterwick, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions (dated 29 December 1308) and "K K prima octave".

Size: 450 x 395 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 86.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.168-169.

DCD Loc.VII:78* 30 December 1307

Notarial instrument of Master Hugh Gerald precentor of Périgueux, executor deputed by the pope with the archbishop of York and the archdeacon of Nottingham in the church of York, to A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham, the bishop of London, the abbot of Lézat, the archdeacon of Cleveland, Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln and chaplain of the church of Durham, reciting, as verified by Brother Robert of Guisborough monk of Durham and proctor of Richard de Hoton prior of Durham, the following papal mandates of Pope Clement V,

Mandate of Pope Clement V to Richard de Hoton prior of Durham reversing his earlier suspension from the priory and the commissioning of its administration to the bishop of Durham.

Date: Pessatum near Bordeaux, 8 Kal. November 1 Pont. [25 October 1306]

Mandate of Pope Clement V to the archbishop of York, the archdeacon of Nottingham and Master Hugh Gerald precentor of Périgueux to restore Richard de Hoton as prior to the administration of Durham priory in place of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham.

Date: Poitiers, Kal. October 3 Pont. (*sic*; see 78 above for a more viable dating of Kal. December 3 Pont.). [1 October 1308]

notifying the bishop of Durham, the bishop of London, the abbot of Lézat, the archdeacon of Cleveland, and Thomas of Goldsborough of the restoration and instructing them to restore Richard de Hoton fully to the administration of the convent and to protect his officers, under pain of excommunication and other dire sentences, and commissioning the abbots of Jedburgh and Whitby, the priors of Newburgh and Bolton, the archdeacon of Cleveland and Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln to effect this.

Witnesses: Master Peter de Gardo canon of St Severinus of Bordeaux; Lawrence James canon of St Salvator of Metz; Adam of Kirkby rector of Culford, Norwich diocese; Peter Landerot notary public of Lemovicen diocese.

Date: Poitiers (*Pictavis*), 30 December 1308 (*sic*, the pontifical year and Hoton's own death early in 1308 must make it 1307), 3 Pont.

Notary: James Nicolai Vaillarge de Guartino, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary & 16th century) with descriptions (dating it as 1308), and "L L primus octave", and that this file contains 85-93.

Size: 620 x 495 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.VII:85.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.168-169.

Duplicate in Loc.VII:78** next below.

DCD Loc.VII:78** 30 December 1307

Duplicate of Loc.VII:78* next above.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 625 x 490 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.VII:85 2a.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.168-169.

DCD Loc.VII:79 [23 December 1302]

Letter of Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham to the subprior and chapter of Durham, decrying the non-payment of 2253 florins for two years' expenses and the salaries of their advocates and proctors at the *curia*, H[enry] of Teesdale and R[obert] of Killingworth, together with Robert of Rothbury, for a year before the prior's own arrival at the *curia*, with the bishop of Durham denouncing the misconduct of the monks, to the extent that the pope was considering dissolving the monastery and changing it into a college of "honest" secular canons.

Date: Rome, 10 Kal. January.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 225 x 130 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.VII: ?141.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.162, 170.

DCD Loc.VII:80 [21 April 1302]

Notarial instrument reciting the following mandate and bull, and recording the execution of that mandate by the restitution of corporal possession of the priory of Durham to Richard [de Hoton] in the person of his proctor Robert of Rothbury.

Mandate for the restitution of Richard [de Hoton] as prior of Durham, reciting a bull of Pope Boniface VIII (here dated as 3 Kal. December Pont.7 [29 November 1301]), as in Loc.VII:77 above.

Date: Lateran, 12 February 1302.

Bull of Pope Boniface VIII (as in Loc.VII:77 above)) now addressed to the archbishop of York and the bishops of Teano and Carlisle.

Date: 3 Kal. December Pont.7. [29 November 1301]

Witnesses: Geoffrey of Malton, notary public by imperial authority; Alan of Teesdale; William de Scakar; Hugh of Grendon; Robert of Cotum; William of Brackenbury.

Date: in the body of the church of Durham, 10 April *exeuntis*.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 430 x 425 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 59.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.157, 158, 159.

DCD Loc.VII:81 8 July 1300

Notarial instrument recording the process of the tutorial appeal in the court of York before the official, between the proctors of the prior and convent of Durham and the proctors of the bishop of Durham and his commissaries.

Presentation of the following initial three appointments of proctors.

The following certification and inhibition against the commissaries.

The proctors of the bishop and his commissaries were repeatedly summoned but persistently defaulted. The official of the court of York adjourned the convent's suit successively out of reverence for the bishop of Durham or because the archbishop of York might wish to preside over his court in person. The commissaries, through their proctors, denied any responsibility in the matter of the sentences of excommunication and deprivation of the prior and his obedientiaries, asserting that they were only the bishop's agents.

The following appointments of proctors by the monks opposed to Prior Hoton; on the basis of which Henry of Lusby then petitioned the court of York to be admitted as proctor for these Durham monks, who accepted the validity of Bek's sentences, and which was conceded by the official.

A further appointment of a proctor by one of the commissaries.

Exceptions of the proctor of John de Lascy canon of Auckland and Robert of Abberwick official of the bishop of Durham, commissaries, against the citation and certification brought by Geoffrey of Burdon proctor of Richard [de Hoton] sometime prior of Durham, and other documents in the case, denouncing the appeals as made without the consent of the whole chapter, disputing the proctor's authority, and arguing that the Durham monks ought not now to be claiming the protection of the court of York when for many years previously they had denied the metropolitan jurisdiction of the archbishop.

Substitute proctors appointed by the Durham monks opposed to Prior Hoton and one of the commissaries.

Exceptions of the above proctor, John de Stok, against Geoffrey of Burdon, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham.

Libellus of the proctor of the prior and convent of Durham before the official of the court of York about the intrusion and visitation of the chapter of Durham by the bishop of Durham

Witnesses: Masters Elias of Cowton NP by public authority, Adam of Louth NP by public and imperial authority, Edward of York and Richard of Clifton NP by apostolic authority, Richard de Ganyo, William de Syreston and John son of Robert of Bamburgh NPs by imperial authority

Date: York minster, in the consistory court, 8 July 1300.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

With 16th century marginalia summarising the process, also recorded on the dorse and numbered in five sections. Also endorsed that this file has chapters (items) 27-39.

Size: 2690 x 390 mm

Parchment, 5m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.VII: 27-32.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.136, 141, 142, 144, 147.

Related material elsewhere: Continued by DCD Misc Ch 5526 (formerly Loc.VII: 33-37).

m.1 [9 July] 1300

Appointment by John de Lascy, chancellor of Chichester, judge delegate, commissary, of John de Boys, clerk, as his proctor.

Date: York, 7 Id. July 1300.

m.1 [5 July] 1300

Appointment by Robert of Abberwick dean of Auckland, judge delegate, commissary, of John de Boys, clerk, as his proctor.

Date: Auckland, the morrow of the translation of St Martin 1300.

m.1 23 May 1300

Appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior and convent of Durham of Brothers Geoffrey of Burdon and in his absence Richard of Kelloe, Richard of Tynedale, John of Barnard Castle, John of Appleby and William of Cowton, fellow monks, as proctors.

Witnesses: Master Elias of Cowton NP by apostolic authority; Master Alexander of Ponsonby; William of Burntoft; William of Newsham; Richard of Middleton; Robert of Coldingham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 23 May 1300.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

m.1 [10 June] 1300

Certification by Elias of Cowton canon of Southwell to the official of the court of York that, on the Wednesday after the receipt of the following mandate,

Mandate of the official of the court of York to Elias of Cowton canon of Southwell prohibiting the commissaries of the bishop of Durham from taking any action against the monks of Durham pending their appeals, and instructing him to cite these commissaries to appear before the official at York on Friday after the octave of SS Peter and Paul [8 July] 1300.

Date: York, 4 Non. June [2 June] 1300.

it was published before the said commissaries Robert of Abberwick and John de Lascy in Durham cathedral, as in the following inhibition.

(m.1-2) Inhibition published by Brother Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, from the pulpit in Durham cathedral to the bishop's commissaries as a result of the prior and convent's petition against the bishop's visitation, his intrusion into the priory with many seculars and the excommunication of the prior, subprior, third prior, sacrist, chamberlain, infirmarian, cellarer and Brothers John of Castle Barnard, John of Appleby, Richard of Brompton and John of Wolviston junior, summoning them to appear before the official in York on Friday after the octave of SS Peter and Paul [8 July] 1300, as in the above mandate; this was also confirmed by John of Barnard Castle, fellow proctor, to Robert of Abberwick on the Wednesday following, all verified by Elias of Cowton.

Date: Durham, 4 Id. June 1300.

m.2 14 June 1300

Appointment by Henry of Teesdale prior of Finchale, Adam of Corbridge subprior [of Finchale], Richard of Haughton sacrist [of Finchale], Adam of Boisville cellarer [of Finchale], Thomas de Deveneys, Nicholas of Yarm, Thomas of Burton, Nicholas of York, Roger of Melsonby, Thomas of Wolviston, Walter of Frampton, Nicholas of Durham, [monks of Finchale], and also Henry of Lusby prior of Holy Island, Geoffrey of Boston (*St Botulph*) prior of Stamford, Warin of Craven prior of Lytham, Gilbert of Sherburn warden of St Cuthbert's shrine in Durham, Henry of Stamford almoner of Durham, Stephen of Howden senior, Reginald of Barnby and Gilbert of Stamford monks of the chapter of Durham, of Masters Thomas of Levisham and Henry of Lusby clerks as proctors against the appeals of Richard de Hoton former prior of Durham to the apostolic see and the court of York.

Witnesses: Dom. Thomas of Levisham canon of Chester, Hugh of Lockington, and Thomas of Durham clerks; Richard of Danby squire of the said Thomas [of Levisham].

Date: Finchale priory chapter house, 14 June 1300.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Gano, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by imperial authority.

m.2-3 16 June 1300

Appointment by Thomas of Durham and Adam of Pontefract, monks of Durham, of Masters Thomas of Levisham and Henry of Lusby clerks as their proctors.

Witnesses: Henry of Lusby prior of Holy Island, Geoffrey of Boston prior of Stamford, Warin of Craven prior of Lytham, Stephen of Howden, Reginald of Barnby and Gilbert of Stamford, monks of the chapter of Durham; Hugh of Lockington and Thomas of Durham clerks.

Date: Finchale priory chapter house, 16 June 1300.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Gano, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by imperial authority.

m.3 15 June 1300

Appointment by Ralph of Middleham master of Jarrow, Robert of Stanley and Walter of Swinburn, monks of the chapter of Durham, of Masters Thomas of Levisham and Henry of Lusby, clerks, as their proctors.

Witnesses: Henry of Lusby prior of Holy Island and Stephen of Howden senior, monks of the chapter of Durham; John of Middleham and Hugh the steward (*Dispensator*) clerks.

Date: Jarrow in the master's chamber, 15 June 1300.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by imperial authority.

m.3 [22 July] 1300

Appointment by Master John de Lascy, chancellor of Chichester, of Hugh of Coldingham, clerk, as his proctor instead of John de Boys.

Witnesses: Masters William of Boston archdeacon of Durham, Reginald of Brandon canon of St Pauls London, Philip Martel and William of Fotheringham, advocates.

Date: York, in the house of the treasurer of the minster, 11 Kal. August 1300.

Notary: Adam son of Adam Swayny of Butterwick, *dictus* of Lindsey, Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

m.4 23 July 1300

Substitution of John de Stok clerk for Henry of Lusby as proctor of Henry of Teesdale prior of Finchale and other monks as above.

Witnesses: Master William of Fotheringham, Dom. Richard de Landbeeche his chaplain, and John de Boys clerks.

Date: Carmelite friars outside York, 23 July 1300.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by imperial authority.

m.4 23 July 1300

Substitution of John de Stok clerk for John de Boys as proctor of Master Robert of Abberwick dean of Auckland.

Witnesses: Master William of Fotheringham, Dom. Richard de Landbeeche his chaplain, and Master Henry of Lusby clerks.

Date: Carmelite friars outside York, 23 July 1300.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by imperial authority.

DCD Loc.VII:82 18 December 1300

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal of John of Appleby, proctor of Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, to the apostolic see against the official of the court of York in the dispute with Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham over his visitation of Durham cathedral priory and reciting an inhibition of the bishop by the court of York of 2 June 1300.

Witnesses: Master Philip of Nassington; Brother Geoffrey of Burdon monk of Durham; John of Paxton canon of the chapel of St Mary and Holy Angels, York; Warin of Pontefract; John of Osmotherley.

Date: York minster, 18 December 1300.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority. Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 1335 x 380 mm

Parchment, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 39.

DCD Loc.VII:83 [6 December ?1302]

Notarial instrument reciting that Master William of Maldon NP pronounced that when, with Adam of Skeffington, clerk, proctor of William of Burdon chaplain, he went to Eltham to deliver an inhibition of the court of York to A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham, they came up with a certain valet at Greenwich, three leagues from Eltham, who refused to let them see the bishop and, with three or four others, seized their horses' bridles, attacked them with staves and plundered their clothes, as reported by the notary in the house of Master Bartholomew de Ferentino in London before John of Stapleton and Bartholomew of Fishburn.

Witnesses: Masters William of Rothwell, Thomas of Longstock, and Peter Hardel.

Date: St Paul's cathedral, London, Thursday 8 Id. December.

Notary: Robert son of Gilbert of Wisbech, clerk of Ely diocese, NP by imperial and the prefectory of Rome authority.

Size: 1335 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VII:84 [21 April] 1302

Notarial instrument recording that Ralph of Stamford, canon of Salisbury, commissary of Nicholas bishop of Teano (*Theanensis*), deputed papal executor with the archbishop of York and the bishop of Carlisle for the restitution of Richard de Hoton, formally restored Richard de Hoton through his proctor Robert of Rothbury, reading the papal letters in the church and leaving copies of them on the bishop's seat in the cathedral, the bishop or his representative being absent, with the executor issuing a decree of excommunication in many copies against those opposing the restitution, witnessed by Master Geoffrey of Malton NP by imperial authority, Alan of Teesdale, William de Scaccario, Hugh of Grindon, Robert of Cotum, William of Brackenbury and many other clerks and laymen; on the morrow the proctor Robert of Rothbury went to Sherburn hospital to notify the bishop's official, Master Richard of Morpeth, of proceedings with which he said he would concur, witnessed by Nicholas de Hesington, John of Weardale, William of Haswell, and Hugh of Grindon; on [29 April] the same proctor set out for Holy Island to claim possession of Fenham manor where Robert Shirlock responded that its custody had been entrusted to Robert the Coroner by the bishop's ministers Walter of Rothbury and John of Horncliffe and it could only be yielded up under a special mandate from the bishop, the papal letters notwithstanding; the proctor then went to Holy Island, meeting Robert the Coroner who was leaving there and who reiterated the position about Fenham; the proctor came to the priory of Holy Island where his entry was resisted by Richard of Rothbury, Robert of Helmsley, Roger *dictus* Welbester and others, with Rothbury rejecting his claim for the restitution of the priory to Hoton, saying he would not do so, even to his own father, without the express mandate of the bishop, and forbidding any in the area from giving hospitality to the proctor on pain of imprisonment; whereat the proctor withdrew from the bishop's lands by night, not without great danger.

Witnesses to this and the many copies: Gilbert of Rothbury and John of Compton, clerks; John of Burdon, Hugh of Grindon and Andrew Postel *valetti*.

Date: 10 April *exeuntis* 1302.

Notary: Elias of Cowton clerk, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions (twice).

Size: 375 x 320 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 21.

Another copy (with the notarial sign but no eschatocol): DCD Misc.Ch. 5523(m).

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.159.

DCD Loc.VII:85 [3 December 1300]

Notarial instrument transcribing a rescript of Pope Boniface VIII to [Robert Winchelsey] archbishop of Canterbury and [John Dalderby] bishop of Lincoln to secure the release of Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham, rumoured to be held imprisoned by Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham, so that he might plead his suit personally at Rome, and to summon the bishop of Durham and Henry of Lusby, so-called prior of Durham, to appear before the pope within three months.

Date: [Lateran, 3 Non.] December, 8 Pont.

Notary: Andrew son of William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 505 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 26.

Another copy of the papal rescript: DCD Misc.Ch. 5523(h).

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.151, 153.

DCD Loc.VII:86 9 October 1428

Copy of a notarial instrument for Thomas Ryhall, chaplain, proctor to Dom. Richard Haswell, monk of Durham cathedral and prior of Lytham, starting on a journey to the Roman *curia*, bearing a staff and documents to pursue an appeal against the injuries and injustices of Thomas abbot of Chester.

Witnesses: Master William Berall LLB, William Thornbrough and William Dilston of Durham diocese.

Date: Shincliffe Bridge, 9 October 1428.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 140-155 x 325 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX:40.

DCD Loc.VII:87 [March 1306]

Copy executory letters of the papal judges-delegate for enforcing Pope Clement V's appointment of Antony Bek bishop of Durham as administrator of Durham priory on the suspension of Prior Richard de Hoton.

Mandate of the abbot of Lézat, executor [for the administration of Durham priory], to the chapter and convent of Durham, reciting the following papal mandates,

Mandate of Pope Clement V to Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham to take over the administration of the priory of Durham from Richard de Hoton prior because of his maladministration of it.

Date: St Cyriacus near Lyons, 3 Non. March, 1 Pont. [5 March 1306]

Mandate of Pope Clement V to the bishop of London, the abbot of Lézat and the archdeacon of Cleveland to assist the bishop of Durham in investigating the extent of Prior Hoton's dilapidation of the convent's revenue.

Date: St Cyriacus near Lyons, 2 Non. March, 1 Pont. [6 March 1306]

and instructing them to accept the bishop of Durham's authority and administration thereby, which can be explained further if necessary by the dean of Auckland, the treasurer of Lincoln or Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln.

Witnesses: William de Monte Laudimo monk of the abbot's chapel; Roger of Waltham canon of London; Robert of Baldock canon of the same; Peter of Navarre; Gerald de Spars *domicellus* of the abbot.

Date: Massay (dept. Cher, France), 9 March 1306.

Mandate of Thomas of Goldsborough canon of Lincoln, subdelegate of the above abbot, to the chapter and convent of Durham to follow the instructions of Henry of Lusby, deputy of the bishop [of Durham].

Monition of Stephen de Mauley archdeacon of Cleveland, executor of the administration of Durham priory with the bishop of London and the abbot of Lézat, to the chapter and convent of Durham to carry out the abbot's mandate.

(dorse) Appeal of Henry of Barnard castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent of Durham against the suspension of Richard de Hoton as prior and their appointment of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham to administer the priory with the bishop of London, the abbot of Lézat and the archdeacon of Cleveland as executors, protesting the virtues of Prior Hoton, his augmentation of the convent's annual revenues, his building and repair works at the priory and on its estates, his recovery of the priory's liberties unlawfully acquired by strangers under his predecessors, and his universal fame, condemning the actions of the bishop of Durham, and the intrusion of Henry of Lusby as prior, and the consequent despoilation of the priory and its estates, exacerbated by the effects of the Scottish wars.

Endorsed (16th & 19th centuries) with descriptions.

Size: 540 x 260 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.VII: 141.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.128.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.166.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.118-119.

Calendared in *Reg. Clement V*, I, no.394, p.77.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.127-128.

DCD Loc.VIII - Allertonshire wills and jurisdiction

1309 - 1531

Allertonshire wills and inventories; and documents concerning Durham priory's spiritual jurisdiction there; with a couple of documents from the Bek dispute

Language: Latin, unless otherwise stipulated

1-37 were described on slips in Latin by [Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 38-40 in Latin and Martin Snape added 41-42, in English. All have been catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield March 2008.

The wills and inventories are discussed in A.J. Pollard, *North-Eastern England During the Wars of the Roses*, (Oxford 1990), p.70.

DCD Loc.VIII:1 4 November 1497

Will of William Caype, mentions his son, appoints his wife Agnes as his executrix and his brother John Caype, John Hert and Lawrence Hunter as his supervisors, with debts itemised to Thomas Thornton, Henry Hert of Danby, Robert Conizers, John Caipe, Henry Nichell, Thomas Glover and Thomas Batt. Made 4 November 1497.

Endorsed (contemporary) as approved by Thomas Swalwell official.

Inventory of the goods of William Capes of Northallerton, made 4 November 1497 by Robert Chaloner, Robert Greathead, Henry Marshall and Thomas Arkengarthdale, itemising and valuing goods in the various rooms of the house, and his creditors.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and T Swalwell official.

Language: The inventory list is in English, the rest is in Latin

Size: 215 x 295 mm + 710 x 100 mm

Paper, 1f + paper roll of 3p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: Allerton 22, also 49 cancelled and 23.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.65, 111.

DCD Loc.VIII:2 20 November 1446

Inventory of Thomas Birdale, rector of Kirby Sigston, itemising and valuing his animals, goods and creditors, including some held by his servant John Walker, approved 20 November 1446.

Size: 290 x 215 mm

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 22 and 17.

DCD Loc.VIII:3 10 April 1497

Will of Thomas Smith of West Rounton, to be buried in the churchyard at West Rounton, bequests to the church, appoints as his executors Thomas Wright, Richard Johnson, John Smith, and John Smith's daughters Isabel and Elizabeth.

Witnesses: Dom. Roland Burton clerk, John Mason, John Smith, James Hackforth.

Date: West Rounton, 10 April 1497.

Endorsed as proved before T Swalwell official of the prior and Allertonshire.

Inventory of the goods of Thomas Smith approved by John Mason, Thomas Ward, John Smith and George Mason, itemising and valuing his animals, goods and creditors.

Endorsed as proved in 1499.

Size: 100 x 290 mm

Paper, 1f + 1f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 48.

DCD Loc.VIII:4 20 October 1472

Will of John Scroby of Sigston, to be buried at Sigston, bequests to the church and the lights of St Mary, appoints as his executrix his wife Isabella.

Witnesses: Thomas Laton, John ?Cheke.

Date: 20 ?October 1472.

Also an inventory of his animals and goods, an account of his funeral expenses, and his debts, and a record of probate in the church of All Saints, [North]allerton on 14 November 1472, with administration of his goods being granted to his widow Isabella Scrowbe.

Endorsed (contemporary) various descriptions, also "The good wyeffe .v. Sonnyys .ij. Doughttters".

Language: Inventory in English, rest in Latin

Size: 300 x 210 mm

Paper, 2f

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.111.

DCD Loc.VIII:5 [later 15th century]

Inventory (part only, will now missing) of Joanna Yotson (?Watson) [of Allertonshire], listing debts and creditors, mentions also Janet Yotson

Language: English with Latin headings

Size: 420 x 150 mm

Paper roll, 1p + a fragment

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.66.

DCD Loc.VIII:6 15 December 1486

Will of William Eryam of Northallerton, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the church fabric, the Trinity and St Mary guilds, his sons William and Richard, appoints his son William and wife Joan as his executors.

Witnesses: Thomas Shortred chaplain; William Cape; Lawrence Hunter.

Date: 15 December 1486.

Inventory of William Eryam, husbandman, approved by Simon Bercar, John Yafforth, Thomas Arkengarthdale and William Cape, listing his crops, animals, goods and debts.

Language: Inventory list in English, the rest in Latin

Size: 150 x 145 & 105 x 145 mm

Paper, 2 items, each 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 17.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.4-5.

DCD Loc.VIII:7 6 April 1499

Will of Joan Smith, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the church, her daughter Elizabeth Scrube, Robert Scrube, *Maison Dieu*, Ellys Wyff, Garton Kyrk, Robert Heed, Edward Badyson, with Robert Clay vicar to be supervisor.

Witnesses: John Bell, Katherine Turner, Elizabeth Marchand.

Date: 6 April 1499.

Endorsed with probate by T Swalwell prior's official, 1499.

Size: 210 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23.

Fair copy of Loc.VII: 7* next below.

Printed: C.J.D. Ingledew, *The History and Antiquities of North Allerton*, (1858), p.327.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.64, 145.

DCD Loc.VIII:7* 6 April 1499

Will of Joan Smith, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the church, her daughter Elizabeth Scrube, Robert Scroby, *Maison Dieu*, Elles Wyffe, Garton Kyrk, Robert Heed, Edward Badyson, with Robert Clay vicar to be supervisor.

Witnesses: John Bell, Katherine Turner, Elizabeth Marchand.

Date: 6 April 1499.

Some cancellations and interlineations.

Inventory of Joan Smith's goods and debts approved by John Fuller, Makyn Pardefax, Simon Clarkson and William Styll.

Endorsed with probate by Thomas Swalwell prior's official, 1499.

Size: 210 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23.

Will is a ?draft of Loc.VII: 7 next above.

DCD Loc.VIII:8 1498

Will of William Remmon/Ryman, to be buried in Brompton St Mary churchyard.

With an inventory of his debts, land, farm and household goods, approved by four neighbours: Thomas Milner, Thomas Dale, William Artes and John Dale.

Endorsed as the will and inventory of John Remmon of Brompton parish of Northallerton proved by T Swalwell, prior's official, 1498.

Size: 210 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 50.

DCD Loc.VIII:9 9/14 July & 3 October 1498

Will of John Stevenson [smith, of Northallerton], to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, his wife to be his executor.

Witnesses: Robert Clay vicar; William Leyk; Thomas Batys/Battes; William Hunton; Richard Spicer.

Date: 9/14 July 1498 (two versions).

With an inventory of his goods in house, shop and field, and his funeral expenses and debts, approved by William Leek, Thomas Battes, Robert Greathead and William Wadelove, 3 October 1498.

All endorsed with probate by T. Swalwell, prior's official, 1498.

Size: 220 x 290, 120 x 215, 420 x 145 mm

Paper, 3 items each of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 51.

Online image of the inventory available at

http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locviii9_i.htm

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.5, 106.

DCD Loc.VIII:10 1486 x 1488

Inventory of the goods and debts of John Artayse.

Endorsed as various wills and old inventories of various testors of 1486 and 1488.

Size: 295 x 105 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23, 14, 17, 46, 86.

DCD Loc.VIII:11 3 February 1494

Will of Robert Simpson of [North]allerton, butcher, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the Holy Trinity and St Mary guilds, appoints Christopher Simpson chaplain, John Simpson junior and his wife Alice as his executors.

Witness: John Farlooker (*Pharlookir*) parish priest of [North]allerton.

Date: 3 February 1493/4.

Endorsed with probate by T. Swalwell, prior's official, 1493/4 and (16th century) names and sums.

Size: 120 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 52.

DCD Loc.VIII:12 24 April 1444

Will of John Danby, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints church, bequests to the church, the guilds of Holy Trinity and St Mary, the new bell-tower, the fabric of Deighton, Sigston, York and East Harlsey churches, Warlaby and Yafforth bridges, his kinsman William Danby and his wife, his brother Thomas [Danby], John Forcett, his daughter Alice, William Ampleforth, John Ampleforth, Stephen Lame, the wife of Thomas Dese, the wife of John Kirkby and John Lange, the lord of Mount Grace [priory]; appoints William Danby and John Forcett as his executors and William Ampleforth and Stephen Lame as his supervisors.

Witnesses: John Lessham parish chaplain; John Ruddo clerk; Robert Godson.

Date: 24 April 1444.

Endorsed as proved 1444 with the accounts of the will's executors.

With an account of William Danby and John Forcett executors of John Danby's will (including 4s 10d for a gravestone) and an inventory of John Danby's goods and debts approved by William Barker, William Pegytt, Richard Pickering and John Maltby.

Size: 160 x 290, 290 x 135, 295 x 150 mm

Paper, 3 items, 2 of 1p each, and one of 2f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 42.

Printed: C.J.D. Ingledeu, *The History and Antiquities of North Allerton*, (1858), p.324-325.

DCD Loc.VIII:13 17 September 1486

Will of William Fox of Brompton, husbandman, to be buried in Brompton St Mary church, bequests to the chaplain there Thomas Schortred, the poor, and Agnes, Joan and Elizabeth his daughters; appoints William Pearson and Fox's wife Margaret as his executors.

Witnesses: Thomas Schortred chaplain; John Brown.

Date: 17 September 1486.

With an inventory of his goods and debts approved by William Laton and William Pearson.

Size: 155 x 210, 120 x 215 mm

Paper, 2 items each of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 17.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.65.

DCD Loc.VIII:14 12 April [?1497]

Will of Richard Barber, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequest to William Hert, appoints his wife Elizabeth as his executrix and Richard Kirkby and Robert Head as his supervisors.

Witnesses: John Farlton; Richard Kirkby; Robert Head; William Hort.

Date: 12 April 1497?

Inventory of his debts and goods in itemised rooms approved by John Wall, Thomas Glover, Richard Kirkby and Thomas Harrison.

Endorsed with probate in [North]allerton before T. Swalwell, prior's official, 18 April 1497?

Size: 290 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 38.

DCD Loc.VIII:15 10 October 1472

Inventory of the goods, corn and livestock of Dom. John Pickering chaplain approved by Richard Patarson, Henry Lound, John Turner, John Wilkinson.

Endorsed with a description.

Size: 205 x 135 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23.

DCD Loc.VIII:16 10 October 1503

Will of Edward Badeson [?or Sadeson] of Northallerton, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to his wife Alice whom he appoints as his executrix.

Date: 10 October 1503.

Size: 130 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

Printed: C.J.D. Ingledew, *The History and Antiquities of North Allerton*, (1858), p.327.

DCD Loc.VIII:17 2 May 1499

Will of Thomas Arkendale, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the church and the two guilds, and to his daughter Agnes; appoints his wife Elizabeth as his executrix.

Witnesses: Robert Clay vicar of [North]allerton; William Arkendale.

Date: 2 May 1499.

Inventories of his debts, goods and livestock.

Endorsed with probate by T. Swalwell, prior's official, 1499.

Size: 160 x 310 & 310 x 145 mm

Paper, 2 items each of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23.

Printed: C.J.D. Ingledew, *The History and Antiquities of North Allerton*, (1858), p.327.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.64-65, 111-112.

DCD Loc.VIII:18 7 July 1486

Will of Emmota Beveringham, widow, of Brompton, to be buried in Brompton St Mary churchyard, bequests for lights and masses in the church, Thomas Schortred chaplain and Richard Beveringham her sons, whom she also appoints as her executors.

Witnesses: Thomas Schortred chaplain, John Torcren, Lawrence Gray.

Date: 7 July 1486.

With an inventory of her goods and debts.

Size: 155 x 210 & 100 x 165 mm

Paper, 2 items each of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 17.

DCD Loc.VIII:19 27 October 1486

Will of James Lune of Northallerton, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints churchyard, bequests to the church and the two guilds, his wife Alice and his children; appoints his wife Alice and his son Richard Lune as his executors.

Witnesses: William Halyman vicar of [North]allerton; Robert Fowler.

Date: 27 October 1486.

With an inventory of his goods and livestock approved by Richard Clarkson, Robert Fowler, John Blithe, Henry Syghwyke, and Richard Vecars.

Size: 145 x 215 & 420 x 135 mm

Paper, 2 items each of 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 17.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.65.

DCD Loc.VIII:20 [c.1490]

Inventory of the goods and debts of John Robinson of Brompton, [approved by ?], William Rymour, ? ?osce, and Thomas Smith.

Size: 285 x 215 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23 and 17.

DCD Loc.VIII:21 [c.1440s]

Evidences for the pensions to be paid to the prior of Durham from his churches in the diocese of York and his jurisdiction in them, under seven heads:

First quoting from two charters by William of St Calais bishop of Durham (1.1.Pont.2, SS 179 p.15-20; and 1.1.Pont.3, SS 179 p.26-29), and charters by Thomas I, Thurstan and Roger of Pont L'Evêque, archbishops of York (1.1.Archiep.1, SS 58 p.lxxvi-ix; 1.1.Archiep.7, EYC II, 274-75; 1.1.Archiep.4, Scammell p.265-266), and by referring to confirmations by Popes Lucius III and, with a quotation, Honorius III (were 1.1.Pap.29, PU no. 223, and 2.1.Pap.11, see Cart.Vet. f.12v-13r and 37r).

Second quoting again from a charter by Thomas I archbishop of York (1.1.Archiep.1, SS 58 p.lxxvi-ix).

Third by quoting grants of the churches of Holtby, Brantingham with the chapel of Blacktoft, and Skipwith (as Reg.I.i. f.119r, 120r-v and 120r).

Fourth by quoting from a charter by Walter Gray archbishop of York (2.1.Archiep.1, SS 56 p.153-154).

Fifth by quoting receipts by archdeacons of the East Riding for payments by the prior and chapter of Durham of an annual pension of 4 marks for their jurisdiction in Howden and Howdenshire in 1279, 1357, 1372 and 1434.

Sixth by mentioning charters by Thurstan, Roger of Pont L'Evêque and Geoffrey Plantagenet, archbishops of York, by quoting from a charter by Walter Giffard archbishop of York (2.1.Archiep.2) and from an agreement between William Melton archbishop of York and the prior and chapter of Durham (4.1.Archiep.2), and by mentioning the sentence by Mr Richard Pittes (3.2.Archiep.1) confirmed by Pope John XXIII (was 2.2.Pap.8, see Cart.I f.22r-27r).

Seventh by argument referring to *Extravagantes*, *Henricus Hostiensis* on *Extravagantes*, the Archdeacon Guido de Baysio on *Liber Sextus*, *Summa* of *Henricus Hostiensis*, etc. (dorse)

Evidences for the right of the prior and convent of Durham to receive an annual pension of 10 marks from the church of Brantingham; referring to the payment of 4 marks a year by the prior and chapter to the archdeacon of the East Riding to indemnify him for their jurisdiction in the churches of Hemingbrough, Howden, Brantingham, Welton, Walkington and Skipwith; and to the holding of chapters and the probate of wills by the officials of the prior and chapter of Durham in the churches of Howden and Howdenshire, with the perquisites shown in the accounts of the bursar of Durham.

Front and the dorse in different hands, with some later amendments.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with [descriptions].

Size: 1660 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 5p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 27 and 6.

Copy in DCD Cart.III, f.i.11r-15r.

DCD Loc.VIII:22 7 February 1490

Will of William Ampleforth of Northallerton, made before William Halyman vicar [of Northallerton], William Stephenson vicar of North Otterington, Thomas Hobson chaplain of Northallerton, and Thomas Robinson steward of the hospital of St James by Northallerton, to be buried in Northallerton All Saints church nave, bequests to clergy at the church, his wife Elizabeth (lands in the city of York and Northallerton), his lands in Northallerton to be sold, at a value to be agreed by the above named four with his wife, to Henry Causon, or if Henry Causon is unwilling to buy at that price then the vicar is to sell them for the benefit of the church at the best price available, and the above named four, if they love him, are to give what they think fit to his kinsman Thomas Ampleforth, the residue of his goods to go to his wife Elizabeth, who is appointed his executrix.

Witnesses: Dom Thomas Pleyslay; Dom Richard Smith; Thomas Ampleforth.

Date: 7 February 1489/90.

Endorsed with probate by the prior's official, 1489/90.

Size: 195 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 23.

Printed in C.J.D. Ingledew, *The History and Antiquities of North Allerton*, (1858), p.326.

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.65-66.

DCD Loc.VIII:22* 15 ? [1438 x 1452]

Letter from Cardinal J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, to the prior of Durham, exhorting him not to allow the archidiaconal jurisdiction in Howdenshire granted to priors of Durham by the archbishops of York to be exercised by any other person; as the archbishop is informed that "divers other curates within the said shire" have been improperly exercising it..

Date: London, 15 ?.

Endorsed with the address.

Language: English

Size: 190 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.VIII:23 9 August 1443

Notarial instrument reciting a petition of Robert Westmorland, proctor of the convent of Durham, about the execution of spiritual jurisdiction in Lazenby in Allertonshire by John Thornton, vicar of Northallerton, concerning the cases of Peter, butler of Nicholas Hulme, master of Lazenby, and his crime of fornication with Joan ?, being condemned to three whippings at Northallerton church by Thornton, and also cases before Thornton's successor, John Levisham, of Nicholas Hulme's servant John Rokley, also condemned to three whippings at Northallerton for fornication with ? Singleton of Nicholas Hulme's household, and Robert of Quarrington priest, whose executor or administrator Thomas Woodcock paid moneys to Levisham.

Witnesses: Thomas Coken; John Horslee; ?.

Date: Durham, 9 August 1443.

Notary: ?, NP by imperial authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with descriptions and [that this roll contains] Loc.8:16-20.

Size: 260 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.VIII:24 7/8 June 1485

Notarial instrument reciting that Thomas Pickering, official of the prior of Durham, before the altar of the Holy Trinity in the church of All Saints, Northallerton, received the oath purging William Norham of the hospital next to Northallerton from the defamation of being *progenitus* of the Scottish nation; and that subsequently on the same day in a high chamber in the house of William Raybok of Northallerton, William Roy chaplain was appointed executor of John Barker of Lazenby late chaplain whose will was approved on payment of 2s 8d; and that on the next day in the choir or chancel of the church of [North] allerton, John Artays of Lazenby chaplain swore obedience to the prior of Durham. Witnesses: Master William Clayton rector of Sigston; Dom William Halyman vicar of [North]allerton.

Date: [North]allerton, 7/8 June 1485.

Notary: John Batmanson, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by papal and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 295 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 21.

DCD Loc.VIII:25 [28 February 1329]

Transcript of a bull of Pope John XXII to the abbot of Holme Cultram, the archdeacon of Carlisle and the prior of the predicate friars [of Carlisle] to inquire into the right of the archbishop of York to hold visitations within the jurisdiction of the bishop of Durham in Allertonshire, namely the nuns of St Stephen [Foukeholme], and the churches of Birkby, Osmotherley, Leake, Cowesby, Thornton-le-Street, and North Otterington with their dependant chapels, and the hospitals of [North]allerton and Lazenby, which ancient rights of the bishop of Durham, the archbishop of York had commissioned the chancellor of Lincoln, Gilbert Lovell canon of Salisbury staying in the diocese of Lincoln and the prior of the predicate friars of Lincoln to investigate, with John of Harrington canon of Lincoln subsequently replacing Gilbert Lovell.

Early 16th century copy.

Endorsed (same hand (?Thomas Swalwell)) with a description.

Size: 310 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 17.

Another (complete) copy in Loc.VIII: 27 below, with a dating clause.

DCD Loc.VIII:26 [c.1430]

Transcripts of the following documents concerning the bishop of Durham's visitation rights in Allertonshire.

Transcript of a mandate of Pope John XXII to the abbot of Holme Cultram, the archdeacon of Carlisle and the prior of the predicate friars [of Carlisle] to inquire into the rights of the bishop of Durham to hold visitations within the churches of the prior and chapter of Durham in Howden, Howdenshire, [North]allerton, Sigston and Rounton, and a composition between the prior and chapter and the archbishop of York about visitation rights.

Date: Avignon, 4 Non. July, Pont. 13. [4 July 1329]

Transcript of a notarial instrument reciting the process of the visitation of [North]allerton hospital, namely the following certifications, the production of the inventory before the bishop by Robert of Deighton, his responses to the dilapidations detected by the visitation, with sentence to be given on Saturday after the Ascension [28 May] as per the following commission, which was carried out along with the correction of the fornication of Thomas of Ellerbeck and Matilda Kirkby, servants at the hospital, in the presence of Master William of Farnham official of the prior and chapter of Durham in their spiritualities in Allerton[shire] and Howdenshire.

Certification to Thomas Hatfield bishop of Durham by Robert of Deighton, warden of the hospital of Northallerton, reciting the following mandate, that all had been summoned to appear before the bishop or his commissaries, and reciting that the bishop's official in Allertonshire had also instructed that the foundation deed of the hospital and an inventory of its goods should be then exhibited, but no foundation document had been found in the archives though an inventory would be compiled.

Mandate of Thomas Hatfield, bishop of Durham, to Robert of Deighton, warden of the hospital of Northallerton, and the brothers and sisters there, summoning them to the bishop's visitation in the chapel of the hospital on the next Monday [16 May].

Date: the bishop's manor at Middleham, 9 May 1351.

Date: the hospital of Northallerton, 9 May 1351.

Certification by the bishop's warden of the spirituality of Allertonshire to Thomas Hatfield bishop of Durham that he had carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the official of his spirituality of Allertonshire to summon Robert of Deighton warden or master of the hospital of Northallerton, the brothers and sisters there, and the corrodians and pensioners to be in the hospital chapel on Thursday after St Mark [28 April 1351] and to exhibit the foundation deed of the hospital, an inventory of its goods and its other oaths and charters.

Date: the bishop's manor at Middleham, 3 April 1351.

Date: Seaton, 10 Kal. May, year above. [22 April 1351]

Mandate of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to Master William Legat his spiritual chancellor and Adam of Tanfield his treasurer, on account of the dilapidations detected in the administration of the hospital of Northallerton by his visitation, confessed to by the warden Robert of Deighton, to remove him from its administration and to correct and reform the hospital on the following Saturday [28 May].

Date: the bishop's manor of Middleham, 27 May 1351.

Witnesses: (16 May) John of Whiterichurch canon of Salisbury, William Legat rector of Brancepeth, Walter Colby rector of Ryton; (28 May) Masters William of Langton and John Herico, advocates in the court of York; Adam of Pickering rector of Long Newton.

Notary: John Thomas of Hackthorpe, clerk of Carlisle diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

With some marginalia.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 870 x 310 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 18.

Possibly originally sewn to the head of Loc.VII: 27 (stitching holes largely match).

Another copy (notarial instrument): DCD Register of Thomas Hatfield, f.4v-5v.

DCD Loc.VIII:27 [c.1430]

Transcripts of three documents concerning the bishop of Durham's visitation rights in Allertonshire.

Certification by the warden of the spiritualities of Allertonshire to Louis [de Beaumont] bishop of Durham or his commissaries of having carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of Louis [de Beaumont] bishop of Durham to the warden of his spiritualities of Allertonshire to summon his clergy to attend his visitation, the parishes of North Otterington, Thornton-le-Street and Leake on Monday before St Margaret [16 July], the parishes of Osmotherley and Birkby on the Tuesday [17 July] and the hospitals of Lazenby and Northallerton on the Wednesday [18 July], with documents of title, ordination or foundation to be produced as appropriate.

Date: Elwick, the octave of SS Peter and Paul, [6 July] 1324.

Date: Northallerton hospital, Id. July [15 July] 1324.

(recto) Names of those cited to attend the visitation of Louis [de Beaumont] bishop of Durham [July 1324]:

At North Otterington on [16 July]:

Master and brothers of the hospital of St James, Northallerton; rector of Northallerton; Dom Robert of Brompton perpetual vicar of Northallerton; Dom John of Selby parish chaplain of Northallerton; Adam clerk of Northallerton; Alan Penne of Otterington layman; from Thornton-le-Moor: Dom Thomas celebrating in the chapel there; Robert Hogman and William son of Matthew laymen;

from Thornton-le-Beans (*in Vivar*): Ralph Garrett from the church of Thornton-le-Street master and brother of the said hospital, rector of the same church; Dom John Lardan perpetual vicar of the same; John Fairandgood and Roger atte Beck laymen; John son of Bartholomew and William Ottwy laymen of Kilmington;

from Leake church: Dom William of Cliffe rector; Dom Ralph Cowesby parish chaplain; Cowesby: Dom John of Graythwaite rector of Cowesby, John of Sutton parish chaplain, William son of Agnes, William Gadald and Robert the mason, laymen;

Knayton: Dom Alan chaplain of Knayton chapel, Nicholas Chapman, Peter son of Alan, Peter Dance and Robert de Glouwer;

Borrowby: John the Pinder, William Foster and William Cogtor;

Landmoth: William Barrat, Brawith and Walter miller;

Silton: Adam Tiller chaplain and Robert Stuerd layman.

At Osmotherley on [17 July]:

Master William of Hassington, Master Richard of ?Swinesale (*Swaneshull*) and Dom Richard of Melton prebendaries of Osmotherley; Dom Henry Sikal vicar of Osmotherley; Dom Elias parish chaplain of Osmotherley; Thomas son of William and Robert Redhouse laymen;

from the vill of Ellerbeck: Simon son of Thomas, John Pickton and William son of Adam;

from the vill of ?Harlsey (*Heresay*): Robert son of the smith;

from the vill of ?Thimbleby (*Thymewy*): Robert de Raper and Adam of Sale;

prioress of Foukeholme;

at Birkby on the same day: Master Robert de Wycomby rector of Birkby; Dom William parish chaplain of Birkby; Henry clerk of Birkby; William reeve, Adam son of Ralph and John son of Gerte laymen;

Hutton: Dom Thomas Shepton chaplain of Hutton chapel; Robert son of Thomas and Thomas son of Sibyl laymen.

At Lazenby on [18 July]:

Dom John Sleght master of the hospital and Dom Richard canon celebrating in the chapel there; in the hospital of Northallerton Dom Robert of Brompton master of the house, Brother Robert of the same house and chaplain there; Dom John Brawith chaplain celebrating in the chapel there.

(verso) Transcript of a bull of Pope John XXII to the abbot of Holme Cultram, the archdeacon of Carlisle and the prior of the predicate friars [of Carlisle] to inquire into the right of the archbishop of York to hold visitations within the jurisdiction of the bishop of Durham in Allertonshire, namely the nuns of St Stephen [Foukeholme], and the churches of Birkby, Osmotherley, Leake, Cowesby, Thornton-le-Street, and North Otterington with their dependent chapels, and the hospitals of [North]allerton and Lazenby, which ancient rights of the bishop of Durham, the archbishop of York had commissioned the chancellor of Lincoln, Gilbert Lovell canon of Salisbury staying in the diocese of Lincoln and the prior of the predicate friars of Lincoln to investigate, with John of Harrington canon of Lincoln subsequently replacing Gilbert Lovell.

Date: Avignon, 2 Kal. March, Pont. 13. [28 February 1329]

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 440 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Possibly originally sewn to the foot of Loc.VIII: 26 next above (stitching holes largely match).

Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 20.

Another copy (of bull, without the dating clause): DCD Loc.VIII: 25 above.

DCD Loc.VIII:28 6 April 1402

Notarial instrument recounting the process against William Levan in Northallerton church begun on 16 February 1402, for fornication, reciting the following commissions

Commission of John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and ordinary of the spiritual liberty of St Cuthbert in the parish churches of [North]allerton, [Kirkby] Sigston and [West] Rounton to Masters Roger Morton and John Hagthorp and Dom John Crayke chaplain to implement the correction of William Levan chaplain as revealed in the visitation.

Date: Durham, 12 February 1401/2.

Commission of John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and ordinary of the spiritual liberty of St Cuthbert in the parish churches of [North]allerton, [Kirkby] Sigston and [West] Rounton to Dom John York, parish chaplain of [North]allerton, and John Masham, apparitor of the said spiritualities, reciting the scandal of William Levan chaplain and Alice Peacock, to which crime Alice confessed before the prior's commissaries Dom Thomas Rome and Master William Bristol in Northallerton church, to apprehend Levan and produce him before the prior's commissaries in Northallerton church on [16 February 1402].

Date: Durham, 3 February 1401/2.

with the examination of Levan's proctor John Barber's credentials, and culminating in Levan's suspension by Roger Morton, commissary of John [Hemingbrough] prior.

Witnesses: (16 February) Robert Pocklington chaplain and John Bolom layman; (7 March) Robert Pocklington chaplain and John Yvelyth of York and Durham dioceses; (6 April) Dom William Middleton and John York chaplain, of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: [North]allerton church, 6 April 1402.

Notary: Thomas de Ryhale, clerk of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 340 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 8.

DCD Loc.VIII:29 [1401]

List of ten injustices committed by Thomas Rome, monk of Durham, and William Bristol, clerk, commissaries of the prior and convent of Durham deputed to visit [North]allerton and other churches in Allertonshire, against William Levan, priest of York diocese, including suspending him from entering church on 25 October 1401, acting against him despite his not having been in the prior and convent's jurisdiction for 10 years, giving him no copies of the documentation against him, obstructing his appeal to the court of York, citing him for his account of the will of John of Gilling, former vicar of Northallerton, for goods allegedly not given to the church of Northallerton which is patently untrue in his account rendered on 10 August [13]94, sequestrating the fruits of his leasing of Northallerton glebe from William Camell then vicar with Thomas Edmondson, and acting against civil and canon law and the rights and customs of the kingdom of England. Endorsed (contemporary) as articles of a certain person made against visitation in Allertonshire.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Paper, 2f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 9 and 41.

DCD Loc.VIII:30 12-14 November 1398

Notarial instrument reciting the process of a visitation held in:

Northallerton church on 12 November by Walter Teesdale and Thomas Rome monks of Durham with Master Roger Morton clerk commissaries of the prior of Durham under the terms of the following commission,

Commission of John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and ordinary of the spiritual liberty of St Cuthbert in the parish churches of [North]allerton, [Kirkby] Sigston and [West] Rounton to Walter Teesdale and Thomas Rome monks of Durham and Master Roger Morton clerk to carry out a visitation of the prior's churches and clergy in Allertonshire.

Date: Durham, 8 November 1398.

before whom came William Bristol warden of the spiritualities, and produced the following certification that the appropriate persons had been summoned

Certification by the official or warden of the spiritualities to John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and ordinary of the spiritualities of Allertonshire that he had carried out the following mandate

Mandate of John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham ordinary of the spiritualities of Allertonshire to his official to cite the clergy and laymen to attend his visitation in Northallerton church on 12 November, in Rounton on 13 November or in Sigston on 14 November.

Date: Durham, 8 October 1398.

and accordingly summoned the clergy and laymen whose names were appended on a schedule, namely:

Dom Robert Redmarshall vicar of [North]allerton; Dom Thomas Todd chaplain of [North]allerton; Dom Robert Pocklington, Dom William Romanby chaplains of St Mary's chantry in [North]allerton; Dom Robert Porter, Dom John Otterington, Dom John Gournays chaplain; John Masham parish clerk of [North]allerton; Dom William Thornton chaplain of Deighton; Dom Ralph Seamer; Richard Todd parish clerk of Brompton; Thomas Bower, Thomas Sadler, John Cook, John Greathead, John Redham, Thomas Bedlington, John Bainton, laymen of [North]allerton; Thomas Edmondson, John Strensall, laymen of Lazenby; John Balayne, John Carter, William Marshall, laymen of Romanby; Peter Wright, Thomas Dodyng, John de Griffe, John Irby, laymen of Brompton; John Hobson, Thomas Brown, John Jackson, John of Rounton, laymen of Deighton; Dom Thomas del Bowes rector of Rounton; Dom John Barker parish chaplain of Rounton; John Tomson, William Gell, John Ermyn, Robert Foxton, laymen of Rounton; Dom William Grandison rector of Sigston; Dom John Cowesby parish chaplain of Sigston; John clerk there; John Themelsby, John son of Geoffrey, John Geldard, laymen of Sigston; Nicholas Winton layman of Winton; John Redham, William Evenwood, laymen of Sowerby; Richard Darcy, John Modersaule, laymen of Kirkby; Robert Smart layman of Foxton.

then the Northallerton clergy made due obeisance to the prior of Durham, then the laymen of Northallerton presented: on the ornamentation of the chancel stalls; that Dom John Gilling former vicar of [North]allerton left in his will the residue of his goods to support a chaplain in the said church, which itemised goods and moneys are still held by his executors William Levan and John Broughton chaplains; that Katherine former wife of John Houghton left goods to support a chaplain in the said church for 2 years, which goods John Houghton still holds; that Katherine formerly the wife of Thomas Cook left goods to support a chaplain in the said church, which goods Thomas Cook still holds; that the vicar of Northallerton ought to provide a chaplain for Deighton which has not happened for half a year; that the following committed fornication: John Danby with Beatrice of John Simpson's household, John son of Robert Appleton with Cecilia Budd,

and John son of John Hobson with Alice of his own household, and that John Jekill committed adultery with Cecilia Louth; (m.2) that Nicholas of Deighton ought to repair certain parcels of Brompton churchyard which parcels are insufficiently enclosed; and the clergy and people of the hospitals of St Lawrence in [North]allerton and Lazenby, and the chapels in the bishop's manor at [North]allerton and at Worsall were to be summoned for the next 3 March; witnesses John Killerby jr and Thomas Hoton clerks of Durham and Carlisle dioceses;

Rounton church on 13 November by the said Walter, Thomas and Roger commissaries, before the high altar, where John Barker parish chaplain made due obeisance, and the laymen presented: that the rectory is ruinous; that the churchyard is insufficiently enclosed; to which the commissaries stipulated repairs with financial penalties if they were not done, including appointing a holy water clerk (*aquebaiulus*) within 15 days; witnesses John Killerby jr and Thomas Hoton clerks of Durham and Carlisle dioceses; Sigston church on 14 November by the said Walter, Thomas and Roger commissaries, before the high altar, where Dom William Grandison rector, John Cowesby chaplain and John holy water clerk made due obeisance, and the laymen presented: that Nicholas son of Nicholas of Sheffield committed fornication with Joan Dovedaughter of Sigston; that the Sigston churchyard stile which the rector ought to repair is broken so that the rector pastures his horses there; that the holy water clerk only attends church on feast days; that William del Bank, Thomas of Settrington and Robert Dawson carried coal in their waggons on Sundays; that there is not an honest and competent holy water clerk, and that Robert Ingelond and Agnes Bullock committed adultery; with due remedies and penalties stipulated by the commissaries; witnesses John Killerby jr and Thomas Hoton clerks of Durham and Carlisle dioceses;

then in a chamber of the house of Thomas Bower of [North]allerton, John son of John Hobson was cited for fornication with Alice of his household, for which the commissaries imposed penances on three feast-days at Deighton chapel and on all the feast days at Northallerton church;

and John son of Robert Appleton, cited for fornication, was to receive 6 whippings. Witnesses: William Thornton chaplain and Thomas Hoton clerk of York and Carlisle dioceses.

Notary: Thomas Ryhale, clerk of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions as the Allertonshire visitation.

Size: 900 x 265 mm

Parchment, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 8.

DCD Loc.VIII:31 [later 15th century]

Memorandum about the foundation of a chantry with six chaplains by John de Lythgraynes and his wife Alice at his manor of Lazenby for the souls of themselves, Edward I and his heirs and Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and his successors, and that Walter of Preston was the first warden, on whose death, and with the founders dead, Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham appointed, in accordance with the foundation charter, Roger of Bassingham, vicar of Newcastle, as the second warden thereof.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Lazenby.

Size: 135 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Related material in other DUL collections: Original 1290 foundation charter confirmed in 1292 in *Calendar of Charter Rolls II*, p.413-414; 1343 public instrument of inspection copied in DCD Reg.II, f.322r-v.

DCD Loc.VIII:32 10 November 1401

Notarial instrument reciting the process by Thomas Rome monk of Durham and Master William Bristol clerk, commissaries of John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham, as in the following commission

Commission by John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham cathedral and ordinary of the liberty of St Cuthbert in Allerton and Allertonshire to Thomas Rome BTh and fellow monk with Master William Bristol proctor of the court of York to visit the churches and clergy of [Kirby] Sigston, [West] Rounton and [North]allerton.

Date: Durham, 6 October 1401.

against Dom William Levan, chaplain of Northallerton hospital, cited by John Masham, clerk of Northallerton and apparitor, for fornication with Alice Peacock, summoned to appear at Northallerton church on 25 October, witnesses William Bishopton and Stephen of Guisborough of York and Durham dioceses, and again at West Rounton church on 26 October, and of his suspension by edict of the commissaries for contumacy being pinned up on the south door of Northallerton church, to appear before them in West Rounton church on 1 December.

Date: [North]allerton church, 10 November 1401.

Witnesses: John Kilpyn and John Kirkby chaplains; William Bishopton and John Bland laymen of York and Durham dioceses.

Notary: Thomas Ryhale, clerk of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 340 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 8.

DCD Loc.VIII:33 [c.1500]

Will of ? [Halyman], including bequests of land, money and personal effects to Edmund [Skarlett] and his wife, the prior and convent of Mount Grace priory, [North]allerton parish church, the testator's brother Richard Halyman, the wife of William Stapilton, the wife of Edward Cotysworth, William Thorpe and his two daughters, Richard Halyman senior, John Halyman his son, Richard Halyman junior, Richard Halyman's daughters [Eliza]beth and Agnes, John Halyman son of Nicholas Halyman, John Phalton, Simon Fowler chaplain, John ?, John Hoperton, Henry Clarkson and his wife, Elizabeth Marley, Margaret Weggan, Sibyl Fox, ? Freer, Agnes Ward, ? wife of Thomas Arkendale, Janet Strangways, Elizabeth Halyman, wife of John Robinson, Nicholas Sawyer chaplain, Katherine Laker, wife of Robert Fownd, John Hosburne, Thomas Halyman and Janet Wright his daughter, Thomas Wright, Thomas Fowler's wife, each of William Thorpe's sons-in-law, Alice Hoton, Janet Head, Richard Kendall, John Mitchell, Margaret Gibson, Janet Batyson, John Greathead, Emmot Wright, Janet Weggan, and Janet Jackson; appointing Edmund Skarlett and Thomas Halyman as his executors and Thomas Strangways as his supervisor.

Witnesses: Robert Clay vicar of Northallerton, Edward Cotesforth, William Stapilton, and John Hede.

Size: 650 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 2p

DCD Loc.VIII:34 [later 15th century]

Evidences of the prior and convent of Durham's jurisdiction in Lazenby chapel, discussing and reciting the spurious charter of William [of St Calais] bishop of Durham granting to the prior and monks of Durham the churches of [North]allerton, Sigston and Brompton in Allertonshire (original in 4.1.Archiep.1), the subsequent history of this jurisdiction after the death of Archbishop Thomas [of Bayeux] until the foundation of the chantry at Lazenby by John Litelgraynes in 1291 and Lazenby's relationship to Northallerton church, also reciting the Lazenby instances in visitations held at [North]allerton:

1427 chapter, penances imposed on Roger Carter of Lazenby;

1333 visitation, William of Wath chaplain of Lazenby made obeisance;

1[3]72 chapter, will of William Wright of Lazenby was proved;

1387 visitation at Northallerton by Robert Blacklawe and Roger Manysforth monks of Durham commissaries of the prior, Thomas de Harnirton was absolved from suspension;

1392 visitation at Northallerton by Robert Ripon and Thomas Loth monks of Durham commissaries of the prior, Thomas Lazenby made obeisance;

1401 visitation by Thomas [Rome] and [William] Bristol commissaries of the prior of Durham, John Kilpin chaplain made obeisance;

1417 visitation by Thomas Rome and John Fishburn commissaries of John Wessington prior of Durham, John Kilpin of the chantry in the bishop's manor of [North]allerton and William Middleton warden of the chantry of St Mary in [North]allerton church and the chaplain of Lazenby chapel made obeisance;

John Rinkhorn chaplain and notary testified that he had for several years been in the service of Peter Redley vicar of Northallerton but he had not celebrated as chaplain at Lazenby, but that Thomas Emmotson had been there;

and reciting:

the 20 July 1387 confirmation by Alexander [Nevill], archbishop of York, to the prior and convent of Durham of their liberties in the churches of Howden, Eastrington, Brantingham, Hemingbrough, Skipwith, Welton, Walkington, Holtby, Northallerton, [Kirby] Sigston, and Rounton, by virtue of writings of archbishops Walter [Giffard], William [Melton], and others (original in DCD 3.2.Archiep.6a and 6b);

the grant by Ralph prior and the convent of Durham with the consent of Robert, vicar of [North]allerton, to Ralph Faderles of a chantry in his chapel of Lazenby, with the chaplain found by Ralph to have an oxgang of land in Lazenby pertaining to the church of [North]allerton (original in DCD 2.1.Ebor.1);

(m2d)

Prior Ralph's dates, and that John Litlegraynes inherited from Ralph Faderles and amplified the chantry and chaplain,

and that at the [13]41 chapter at [North]allerton, John Roklay of Lazenby, cited for fornication with Christiana Singleton of the same, had to walk round Northallerton church in his underwear with a candle and wax; in [13]42 20d was received [for the probate] of the will of Robert Overington; and Peter ? at Lazenby paid ? to the warden of the prior's jurisdiction;

and reciting the confirmation by John prior and chapter of Durham of the grant by Robert bishop of Durham and Nicholas Hulme to the abbot of Jervaulx of the manor [of Lazenby], notwithstanding the rights due to his church of [North]allerton and his jurisdiction at Lazenby;

1486 chapter at Northallerton before monk Thomas Castell official, John Taylor one of the chaplains of Lazenby chapel made obeisance to the prior of Durham;

1489 chapter at Northallerton before monk William Cawthorn official, John Taylor and Thomas Langrig made obeisance to the prior of Durham, and on the morrow the will of John Norham of the hospital of St James by Northallerton [was proved].

(Marginal summaries and the last two entries in different hands from the rest of the text.)

Size: 1000 x 330 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

DCD Loc.VIII:35 [c.1330]

Articles (83 in total, first 12 damaged) about the jurisdiction of the bishop and prior and chapter of Durham in the churches of Northallerton and Allertonshire, and the rights of the archbishops of York, featuring:

29. The appointment of masters and wardens of the hospitals of Northallerton and Lazenby by the bishop of Durham.

31. The bishop of Durham's role in the election of the prioresses of Foukeholm.

46. A composition without the bishop of Durham's consent between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York over visitation rights in the churches of [North]allerton, Sigston, Rounton, Howden and Howdenshire.

49. The bishop of Durham's rights of visitation in Foukeholm priory, and the churches of Osmotherley, Leake, Cowesby, North Otterington, Thornton-le-Street and Birkby and the hospitals of [North]allerton and Lazenby.

50-54. Dionysius chancellor of Lincoln, Gilbert Lovell canon of Salisbury and the prior of the predicate friars of Lincoln investigating the bishop of Durham's rights in Allertonshire.

57-68. The abbot of Holme Cultram, the archdeacon of Carlisle and the prior of the predicate friars of Carlisle enquiring into the right of the archbishop of York to hold visitations within the jurisdiction of the bishop of Durham in Allertonshire against Master Dionysius Avenell and Master William of Staines acting for the archbishop.

74-76. Masters John of Woodhouse commissary-general of the official of the court of York, John of Shotteswell prior of the Augustinian friars of York and Adam of Corbridge, acting as commissaries of the archbishop.

81. Appeal of the bishop of Durham to Master Philip Turvill, and Doms William of Leicester and Nicholas Taynturell canons of Lichfield (81)

82. Impeding of the bishop of Durham's subjects in Hexham and Hexhamshire by the archbishop of York.

Size: 1830 x 265-310 mm

Parchment roll, 4m

DCD Loc.VIII:36 [c.1401]

Memorandum of *comperta* and *detecta* in the prior's visitation:

John Gilling former vicar of Northallerton took plate from the high altar which then William Levan and Robert Broughton [his] executors are to pay the church for.

The same William was cited before the commissaries at the visitation for adultery with Alice the wife of William Peacock (*Pakok*).

The same Alice underwent penance.

William Camell the last vicar [of Northallerton] was indebted to the prior and convent of Durham for an annual pension of £20, for which the vicar's goods to the value of £40 within the jurisdiction of Allerton were sequestrated, whose custody was given to William Levan who removed them from the jurisdiction.

Endorsed (16th century) as being *detecta* against W Levan.

Size: 100 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9: 26, also 20 and 19 cancelled.

DCD Loc.VIII:37 18 November 1458

Letters of William Seton, subprior of Durham and commissary of John [Burnaby] prior of Durham and ordinary of the spiritualities of the liberty of Allerton, at the instance of John Clifton chaplain of Lazenby and Thomas Lovell of Lazenby layman, concerning a cause in the court of audience of William [Booth] archbishop of York over the rights of the same prior in the chapel at Lazenby.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 170 x 360 mm

Seal: G&B No.3449, part only, on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: 22.

DCD Loc.VIII:38 20 October [1432]

Appointment by Katherine widow and executrix of Richard Forman, late citizen of York, of Master Thomas Appleby as her attorney.

Date: 20 October 11 Henry VI.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 110 x 255 mm

Seal: Seal of Katherine Forman, capital "S" with a central line, pentagonal, c15mm, complete, fair, detached from a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.8: ?29.

DCD Loc.VIII:39 27 February 1309

Notarial instrument reciting that before Stephen de Mauley dean of the prebendal church of Auckland and vicar-general of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and master William of St Botulph archdeacon of Durham, commissaries as a result of the following commission Commission of Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham to Stephen de Mauley dean of the prebendal church of Auckland and his vicar-general with master William of St Botulph archdeacon of Durham to hear the articles of the bishop's visitation in the chapter house of Durham cathedral with the prior, subprior and four or five of the more senior and wise monks of the chapter.

Date: Auckland, 10 February 1308/9.

Brother Henry of Stamford was accused before William of Tanfield prior, and Brothers Reginald of Barneby third prior, Thomas of Winstow sacrist, Osbert of York infirmarian and Robert of Stanley feretrar, of disobedience since the first visitation by staying outside the priory and refusing to return when summoned and of squandering a great sum of the priory's money, to which Henry responded that he had fled to the bishop in fear of his life and had expended the money staying in the bishop's household with his permission, which he proved through documents and responsible witnesses, so he was pronounced innocent of the charge and restored to good fame.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Baldock and Dom Roger of Waltham canons of the church of London.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 27 February 1308/9.

Notary: Richard son of Henry de Ganyo, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (14th and 16th centuries) with descriptions as the *impetitia* of Henry Stamford.

Size: 410 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 87, 89 and Misc.Ch. 7176.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.149-151.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.171-172.

Printed (commission) in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.137.

Discussed in C.M. Fraser, *A History of Antony Bek*, (Oxford 1957), p.170-171.

DCD Loc.VIII:40 16 January 1309

Notarial instrument reciting the appeal of John of Haxby monk of Durham against his exile to Finchale as an adherent of Prior Richard de Hoton by Stephen de Mauley archdeacon of Cleveland.

Witnesses: John of Galilee and John of Redesdale clerks.

Date: the claustral cell of Finchale, 16 January 1308/9.

Notary: Roger of [North]allerton, clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 200 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 89.

DCD Loc.VIII:41 [1531]

Legacies from the will of John Sayer (*Sair*) of Worsall esq to: Francis Sayer, "little" John Sayer, William "son and heir", Jean Westrop, Sir William Benson, the churches of Stokesley, Eggescliffe, and [North]allerton, Richard Eschdell, John Milborne, Richard Henryson, Sir William Busby, the friars of Yarm, [North]allerton, Newcastle and Hartlepool, Leonard Sayer and his servant Alison, also his debts, funeral and other expenses.

With some later notes of sums.

Size: 1200 x 210 mm

Paper roll, 3p

Ownership history: Formerly "Misc. Roll 14", transferred into this series 27 May 1964 (MGS).

DCD Loc.VIII:42 12 January 1531

Inventory of the goods of John Sayer of Worsall esq both within and without his house, listing and valuing the items in each room, along with his animals and corn, appraised by Edward Oglethorpe, John Hall, Thomas Makarigh, and Thomas Wraa.

With some later notes of sums.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 880 x 180 mm

Paper roll, 3p

Ownership history: Formerly "Misc. Roll 15", transferred into this series 27 May 1964 (MGS).

Discussed in C.M. Newman, *Late Medieval Northallerton*, (Stamford 1999), p.66.

DCD Loc. IX - Lytham priory

[1083 - 1532]

Records relating to the priory of Lytham in the later middle ages, and especially the dispute between Durham and William Partrike in the 1440s over his attempt to be prior of Lytham for life.

Language: Latin, unless otherwise stipulated

1-67 were described on slips in Latin by [Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 68-73 in Latin. All have been catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield May 2008.

The Partrike dispute is discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.327-341.

Related material in other DUL collections: Further material about the Partrike dispute, referenced by Dobson as Lytham Miscellanea, is now in DCD Misc.Ch. 7308/1-17.

DCD Loc.IX:1 11 November 1428

Notarial instrument reciting the *provocacio* by Richard Haswell monk and warden of Lytham priory to the court of York of his position as prior and of the rights and privileges of Lytham priory.

Witnesses: Dom Lawrence ? chaplain, Robert Singleton and Stephen Spynay *literati* and John Wedoson, of Lichfield, York, Winchester and Durham dioceses.

Date: Lytham priory, 11 November 1428.

Notary: William of Kirby, clerk of Carlisle diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 350 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.IX:2 [6 January 1083]

[14th century] copy of a [spurious] bull of Pope Gregory [VII] to William [of St Calais] bishop of Durham and his successors, ordering that no one is to interfere with the rights (some of which are specified) or possessions of the monks of Durham.

Date: Benevento, *per manus* John Cartern papal notary and chancellor, 8 Id. January 1084 (*sic*) Pont.10.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 260 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Further copies: DCD 3.13.Pont.6 (printed in W. Holtzmann, *Papsturkunden in England*, vol.II, (Berlin 1935), p.132-136); Cart.I, f.1r-v (printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.vii-x; Cart.Vet., f.11r; Misc.Ch. 1442; and also Durham Cathedral Library MS A.II.16, f.101v.

Bishop Richard Kellaw inspeximus in DCD Loc.III:28.

DCD Loc.IX:3 [early 15th century]

Roll containing:

(a) Copy of a charter of Richard II inspecting and confirming a charter of Richard, son of Roger, granting the town and church of Lytham to the prior and convent of Durham. Witnesses: S[imon Sudbury] archbishop of Canterbury; W[illiam Courtenay] bishop of London; W[illiam of Wykeham] bishop of Winchester; T[homas Brantingham] bishop of Exeter; J[ohn of Gaunt] king of Castile and Leon, duke of Lancaster; Edmund [of Langley] earl of Cambridge; Thomas earl Warenne; William of Ufford, earl of Suffolk; Robert prior of the hospital of St John of Jerusalem in England; Aubrey de Vere chamberlain; Hugh of Segrave, steward of the royal household; John of Fordham, keeper of the privy seal. Date: Westminster, 22 March 4 Richard II [1381].

(b) Two extracted clauses from a charter of William I concerning the rights and liberties of the prior and convent of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 530 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9:10.

Original of Richard son of Roger's charter: DCD 2.4.Ebor.2a.

DCD Loc.IX:4 [14 February 1445]

Writ of *praemunire facias* of Henry VI to the sheriff of Middlesex to attach William Partrike and Thomas Harper, so-called prior and monk of Lytham, and to cause them to appear at Westminster to answer charges of obtaining papal provision to Lytham contrary to the Statute of Provisors and to the prejudice of Prior John [Wessington].

(Undated: date from Loc.IX: 45.)

Size: 430 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.334.

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar document: DCD Loc.IX:45.

DCD Loc.IX:5 24 February [1446]

Arbitration award of Sir Thomas Stanley, controller of the royal household, and Master Richard Andrew, king's secretary, in the dispute between John Wessington prior of Durham and William Partrike prior of Lytham, with John Portington justice of the Common Pleas and John Lematon of London gent being bound to Stanley with William Booth clerk and Thomas Bryan in £200 for Wessington's abiding by the award: Partrike was to surrender his 7 March 1443 bull of perpetuity to John Gateshead, monk and proctor of the prior of Durham, and was to resign the priory of Lytham before a notary in St Paul's cathedral; he was then to clear his debts from his goods at Lytham and return to Durham and be admitted "in gentill and easy wyse", to be excused for life "of rysing at matyns and all other manor of observaunces at any tym to be doon in the Queer, intablyng, keypyng of the Fratour and comyng to the Chapitour and all other observaunces of religion both as any Doctor of Divinite doth, or at any time doon on the monasterie aforesaid", to be given an annual pension of £2 until he might have a benefice, his own chamber in the infirmary, a servant and a place at the prior's table, and to be allowed to retain the papal bull permitting him to hold an ecclesiastical benefice.

Date: 24 February 24 Henry VI.

Endorsed (16th century) as "W Partrik" .

Language: English

Size: 480 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.337.

DCD Loc.IX:6 [28 December ?1445]

Copy letter from Thomas Urswick to Henry Helay accusing William Partrike, prior of Lytham, of "fowle untristy governance" and excusing himself from the imputation of having associated himself with the said prior.

Date: Childermass day.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Language: English

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336.

DCD Loc.IX:7 31 August and 5 October [1444]

Copies of two letters:

1. Sir Thomas Stanley to the prior of Durham asking that William Partrike, prior of Lytham, may be permitted to remain undisturbed in the enjoyment of his priory, as he was "a gude preste and haseben of my dole and felawship" and had "shewed me kyndnesse sith tyme he com to lethom" ; with a PS hoping that [Wessington] would continue to be a "gud lord & fadre" to Partrike whom he had appointed to Lytham.

Date: Lytham, 31 August.

2. Prior of Durham to Sir Thomas Stanley in reply, stating that he cannot comply with Stanley's request, as Partrike's "dede may torne in evill exsampell and preiudiciell to all patronez of benefice sprituell and temporell" and that Wessington was being blamed by many of his brethren for being too slow in pursuing Partrike, and that John Portington had arranged with Cardinal [John Kempe, archbishop of] York an agreement at York on 3 August between the parties, and that Partrike was not being "charged ovir power" by Wessington, and that Partrike had attended chapter inconsistently, and then at times of his own choosing.

Date: Durham, 5 October.

Language: English

Size: 285 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333, 335, 336, 337, 340.

Copy: DCD Loc.IX: 7 below.

Draft of 2: DCD Loc.IX: 7*a next below.

Incomplete copy of 2: DCD Loc.IX: 7*b below.

DCD Loc.IX:7*a [5 October 1444]

Draft letter of the prior of Durham to Sir Thomas Stanley, as in the next above.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Language: English

Size: 340 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Fair copy: DCD Loc.IX:7 next above.

DCD Loc.IX:7*b [5 October 1444]

Copy letter from the prior of Durham to Thomas Stanley, as in the next but one above. Incomplete.

Language: English

Size: 105 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX:7.

DCD Loc.IX:7** 31 August and 5 October [1444]

Copies of letters from Sir Thomas Stanley to the prior of Durham, and the prior's reply.

Language: English

Size: 435 x c.290 mm

Paper, 1p

Copy of DCD Loc.IX: 7 above.

DCD Loc.IX:8 16 February [1444]

Draft letter from Robert Westmorland to William Partrike, prior of Lytham, informing him that the prior and monks of Durham are indignant at the attempt made by him to exempt himself from their jurisdiction ("sen the first fundation of the kirke of Durham was ther neuer sich a thing so preiudiciall attempt agayns the priuileges and the libertes therof"), saying that only John Crepping, Hugh Sherburn amd John Ripon had ever had such exemption, and that the prior and monks were resolved to resist it to the uttermost, appealing to his loyalty, also offering threats of being "full hevy" towards him and suggesting a personal meeting at Barnard Castle or [North]allerton, and concluding that if he remains a monk of Durham he will be his for ever, but if he sticks to his purpose then it is farewell for ever.

Date: Durham, 16 February.

Some interlineations.

Language: English

Size: 290 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.327, 331, 332.

Another version of DCD Loc.IX: 33 below.

Related material in other DUL collections: Partrike's reply is: DCD Loc.IX: 52.

DCD Loc.IX:9 [c.1445]

Copies of:

(1) Writ of [Henry VI] to William Partrike, prior of Lytham, saying that the general pardon recently granted [Loc.IX:17] had been obtained without a full statement having been made by William, forbidding him to avail himself of it, and summoning him to Westminster, date blank. Undated.

(2) Writ of [Henry VI] ordering an unspecified officer to favour the prior and convent of Durham in the procuration of their rights, infringed by William Partrike through his attempt to be exempt from their jurisdiction as prior of Lytham by his papal bull in perpetuity. Undated.

Language: English

Size: 440 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:10 [mid 15th century]

[Copy] letter [from the prior of Durham to ?Sir Thomas Stanley], thanking him for his letter and his support for Lytham during the vacancy after the death of the late prior, informing him of the new appointment as prior there, and reporting that the addressee cannot hold his office for life as the king has forbidden it, verbally and in writing, and also apologising that he cannot give the prebend to his son as it was promised to a "wirshipfull clerke and doctor" many years since.

Date: Durham, 20 August.

(Dorse)

Two draft letters (or two versions of one) requesting information on the writer's title in certain fisheries in the rivers Ouse and Derwent, upon which application had been made to Sir James Pickering, which will be supported by documents to be produced by the chamberlain and by extracts from the court rolls held by the receiver William Goldsborough.

Date: Durham, 3 September.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:11 2 June [1446 x 1449]

Letter from William Partrike to Thomas Harper of Corkham seeking his advice, lamenting that Prior [Ebchester] never loved him, and Robert Westmorland, John Gateshead, and Richard Bell "ar cheff wit hym, & none of them luffis me", and asking him to speak privily with Master Thomas Harrington to seek his help. Signed.

Date: Lytham, 2 June.

Language: English

Size: 170 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336, 339.

DCD Loc.IX:12 17 August [1444]

Letter from T[homas] Harrington and W[illiam] Partrike, prior of Lytham, requesting an interview between their counsel and the counsel of the prior of Durham in London concerning some points in the dispute between the parties over the prior of Lytham being prior for life.

Date: Lytham, 17 August.

Language: English

Size: 160 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333, 336.

DCD Loc.IX:13 [?1444]

Draft letter from a monk resident at Durham to a monk resident at Lytham, replying to a previous letter, saying that he is glad to hear that he is not party to the prior of Lytham's plans and he is grateful for his advice that the gentleman of Lancashire purpose certain matters against the house of Durham, and stating that he and the other monks at Durham are resolved to resist the plans of the prior of Lytham, but he will otherwise help him as much as he can, as is his nature.

Language: English

Size: 120 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.335.

DCD Loc.IX:14 [23 February] 1443

Copy bull of Pope Eugenius [IV] to William Partrike, prior of Lytham, allowing him to be prior for life because of Lytham's great distance from Durham (80 miles) and the susceptibility of the priors of Durham to remove them from office to the cost of the spiritualites and temporalities of Lytham.

Date: Florence, 7 Kal. March 1442/3.

Dorse

Responses to the reasons for Lytham's suggested need for a prior for life:

Lytham's distance as a cell from Durham was not exceptional by comparison with Coldingham, Stamford and the college in Oxford, or even such as Tynemouth's distance from St Albans.

Several recent priors of Lytham had needed to be removed: Richard of Birtley and William Aslakby had asked to be returned to Durham because Lytham was uncongenial; Thomas of Corbridge and Robert Masham had had to be purged of incontinence with local women; and Masham and Richard Haswell had been involved for many years in serious litigation because of the malice of their neighbours.

Size: 430 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328, 330.

DCD Loc.IX:15 10 November 1425

Mandate of the dean of Amounderness to the clergy in his deanery to pronounce excommunication against those destroying the property, refusing to pay the tithes and mortuaries, and generally infringing the rights of Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham.

Date: the church of St Michael, 10 November 1425.

Size: 180 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:16 27 February [?1462]

Draft letter from the prior of Durham to Thomas Osborne (*Usburne*), of the hospital of St Leonard in York, informing him of his intention to grant to the Lord Chancellor the disposal of the first prebend which may become vacant in the collegiate church of Howden, notwithstanding that the bishop of Durham wants John Marshall's prebend for John Gisburne, and the archbishop [of York] also so desires it.

Date: Durham, 27 February.

Endorsed with an address to the prior of Durham.

Language: English

Size: 95 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Copy letter in: DCD Reg. Parv. III, f.110v-111r.

DCD Loc.IX:17 [3 December 1443]

Copy letters patent of Henry VI pardoning William Partrike, so-called prior of the cell of Lytham, all transgressions etc, done by seeking a bull of Eugenius IV, the Statute of Provisors notwithstanding.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a royal pardon.

Size: 190 x c.270 mm

Paper, 1p

Original copy: *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.237.

Further copies: DCD Loc.IX: 17* (with an additional clause) and 17** below.

DCD Loc.IX:17* [3 December 1443]

Copy letters patent of Henry VI pardoning William Partrike, so-called prior of the cell of Lytham, all transgressions etc, done by seeking a bull of Eugenius IV, the Statute of Provisors notwithstanding, and permission to enjoy the privileges recited in the bull.

Size: 230 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Original copy: *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.237.

Further copies (without the final clause): DCD Loc.IX: 17 and 17**.

DCD Loc.IX:17** [3 December 1443]

Copy letters patent of Henry VI pardoning William Partrike, so-called prior of the cell of Lytham, all transgressions etc, done by seeking a bull of Eugenius IV, the Statute of Provisors notwithstanding.

Size: 190 x c.230 mm

Paper, 1p

Original copy: *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.237.

Further copies: DCD Loc.IX: 17 and 17* (with an additional clause) above.

DCD Loc.IX:18 4 October [1442]

Copy letter from [William Partirke] prior of Lytham to John Wessington prior of Durham, after the bishop's visitation, exonerating himself from the charge of having money and goods as his private property - he had never had so little money since he was in his sixth year as a monk [1420] as he had had "mony grett causez" over the last 4 or 5 years, and many cattle were dying locally - and that he had incurred debt for the priory of Lytham - he only had a debt of 12s 1d on his last account - and that he intended to be a monk all his life.

Date: Lytham, 4 October.

Language: English

Size: 270 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.330.

DCD Loc.IX:19 2 December 1445

Memorandum that John [Wessington] prior of Durham, Master John Mody subprior, Master William Ebchester sacrist and Prof of Theology, Henry Helay, Thomas Nesbitt infirmarian, John Gateshead terrar, Thomas Ward hostillar, William Dalton third prior, William Eden bursar, Robert Westmorland almoner, Robert Embleton BTh and *decanus ordinis*, John Warner precentor, Thomas Lewin, and William Seton chancellor had decided that, through the mediation of Master John Marshall, if William Partrike, supposed prior of Lytham, would come to York on the Conception of the BVM [8 December], and renounce his papal bull of perpetuity as prior of Lytham, he would be received back as a monk at Durham as a wayward child rather than as an obdurate sinner, with the mastership of the cell of Wearmouth being offered as possible compensation.

Size: 140 x 200 mm

Paper, 1p

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX: 19* next below.

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336, 337.

DCD Loc.IX:19* 2 December 1445

Memorandum that John [Wessington] prior of Durham, Master John Mody subprior, Master William Ebchester sacrist and Prof of Theology, Henry Helay, Thomas Nesbitt infirmarian, John Gateshead terrar, Thomas Ward hostillar, William Dalton third prior, William Eden bursar, Robert Westmorland almoner, Robert Embleton BTh and *decanus ordinis*, John Warner precentor, Thomas Lewin, and William Seton chancellor had decided that, through the mediation of Master John Marshall, if William Partrike, supposed prior of Lytham, would come to York on the Conception of the BVM [8 December], and renounce his papal bull of perpetuity as prior of Lytham, he would be received back as a monk at Durham as a wayward child rather than as an obdurate sinner, with the mastership of the cell of Wearmouth being offered as possible compensation

Size: 150 x 215 mm

Paper, 1p

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX: 19 next above.

DCD Loc.IX:20 [5 March 1444]

Draft citation of [John Wessington] prior of Durham to William Partrike prior of Lytham summoning him to Durham to discuss certain matters.

Date: Durham, [date from register copy].

With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.332, 335.

Copy: DCD Reg.III, f.301r.

DCD Loc.IX:20* [5 & 15 March 1444]

Memorandum that on 5 March 1444 in the registry of the prior and chapter of Durham, Robert Westmorland, in the presence of John Berehalgh NP, John Dale *domicellus* of the prior, Thomas Coken and William Underwood, handed over to Thomas Clough the following mandate

Mandate of John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to William Partrike prior of Lytham summoning him to Durham on Friday 3 April to discuss certain matters.

Under the other part of the common seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, 5 March 1443/4.

with the certification by Thomas Cleugh of 15 March 1444 in the same registry that he, with John Berehalgh, had arrived at Lytham on 10 March 1444 to deliver the said mandate to William Partrike who angrily refused to accept it and, returning the next day, three armed men - Oliver Butler, Roger Tinkler and one other - insulted Cleugh within the precinct of Lytham and made him eat his letters and their box, threatening him by brandishing their swords, at the instigation of Partrike, but Cleugh got the notary to recite the letters to Partrike, and also the priest Thomas Harper, and others of his council, and John Ryall (*Rihall*) and Thomas Wheill (*Qwele*), fellow monks of Partrike staying at Lytham, who claimed they had not received them as they had not heard them.

Witnesses: John Berehalgh notary public; John Dale *domicellus* of the prior of Durham.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 290 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9:3.

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336.

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX: 71.

Copy (mandate): DCD Reg.III, f.301r.

DCD Loc.IX:21 [?1440s]

Legalistic suggestions against the authenticity of William Partrike's bull appointing him prior of Lytham for life.

Size: 115 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:22 27 January - 6 April [1446]

Copies of:

Bond of [?John Port]ington justice of the King's Bench and John Lamaton of Lond gent to Sir Thomas Stanley controller of the king's household, William Roth clerk and Thomas Bryan in £200, 27 January 24 Henry VI, with the condition that the prior and convent of Durham would grant on 6 April, as in the following letters patent, and would also then enter into a bond with the same Thomas Stanley, William Booth and Thomas Bryan in £100 to abide by the arbitration of Thomas Stanley and Master Richard Andrews, king's secretary, made between John Wessington prior and convent of Durham and William Partrike formerly prior of Lytham at London on 24 February 24 Henry VI.

Bond of John Wessington prior and convent of Durham to Sir Thomas Stanley controller of the royal household, William Booth clerk and Thomas Bryan in £100. Date 6 April 24 Henry VI.

Letters patent of John Wessington prior and convent of Durham giving to Sir Thomas Stanley controller of the royal household, William Booth clerk and Thomas Bryan an annuity of 40s during the life of William Partrike until he should be provided to a benefice or another priory or cell. Date: 6 April 24 Henry VI.

Size: 430 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336, 337.

DCD Loc.IX:23 [c.1445]

Charges against William Partrike prior of Lytham whereby he should be removed from office:

1. Against the constitutions of Pope Benedict XII ca.3, he did not hold annual chapters.
2. Similarly, he had not paid any contribution towards their expenses.
3. In pretending he had apostolic authority for holding the priorate of Lytham for life, he was subverting the authority of the prior and chapter of Durham.

(dorse)

Monks in future obtaining positions are to be obedient to their religious superiors.

Size: 110 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:24 [4 December] 1443

Copy bull of Pope Eugenius [IV] to William Partrike prior of Lytham allowing him to hold an ecclesiastical benefice in addition to his priorate, notwithstanding the constitutions of Otto and Ottobonus, formerly papal legates in England.

Date: Rome at St Peter's, Pridie Non. December, 1443.

Size: 185 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.331.

DCD Loc.IX:25 [c.1445]

Draft letter [from John Wessington prior of Durham to counsel] mentioning Coldingham priory and seeking advice about the defence of the church of Durham's rights in Lytham, against William Partrike prior of Lytham, reciting the foundation of the priory by Richard son of Roger knight, confirmed by kings John, Edward III and Richard I (*sic*) and the popes Innocent III and Martin IV, then appropriated to Durham by Morgan archdeacon of Richmond, and its governance under the constitutions of Pope Benedict XII.

Many interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:26 28 October 1445

Draft notarial instrument of John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Alexander Hume, David Hume, John Logane and William Creniston, knights; John Oll', prior of Coldingham, and John Pencher, monks of Durham, Master Alexander of Castlecary and Gilbert de Parke, canons of Glasgow, Archibald Laurison M.A., Master Robert ?Lowther (*Lawedyre*), James Parklee and Alan Clerk (*clericus*) as their proctors, for the utility of their church and their priory of Coldingham, giving them full, free and lawful power, and special mandate to appear on their behalf and that of their prior of Coldingham before the abbots of Kelso, Holyrood, and Newbattle, judges delegated by Eugenius IV, pope, as contained in the commission directed to them, or before any of them, jointly or severally; and to present to them, or to whomsoever of them, the said commission and another letter of the same pope, namely a writ for the protection of the said priory of Coldingham, granted for the reformation thereof over the right of patronage of certain benefices pertaining to the prior and chapter of Durham and the priory of Coldingham, and, by reason thereof, against James, bishop of St Andrews; and to act for them in that cause; responsibilities enumerated.

Subscribed by the notary and under the chapter seal.

Witnesses: Edmund Tillett, William Bolton and John Hexham.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 28 October 1445.

[Notary]: John Berehalgh.

(dorse)

Draft memorandum of the debts of William Partrike prior of Lytham listing sums owed to individuals with an inventory of animals.

Some interlineations and cancellations in both.

Size: 340 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

Debts discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.338.

Fair copy of the notarised proxy (with some variations): DCD Reg.IV, f.25r-v.

DCD Loc.IX:27 [?1428]

Exceptions of Master John Coton, vicar of Kirkham in Amounderness, exhibited against the libel of Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham, in the court of York, that Coton had unjustly published Haswell's excommunication, as imposed by Thomas abbot of St Werburgh's, Chester, in a tuitorial appeal between Haswell and the abbot and convent of Vale Royal.

Size: 250 x 285-305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Possibly part of the same case as DCD

2.2.4.Ebor.69.

Documents in the tuitorial appeal over Kirkham church are also in the cause papers of the court of York at the Borthwick Institute, F.167, as listed in D.M. Smith, *The Court of York, 1400-1499 a handlist of the cause papers* (Borthwick Texts and Calendars 29, 2003), p.26.

DCD Loc.IX:28 [?1428]

Draft libel of Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham, against Dom John Coton vicar of Kirkham in Amounderness, in the court of York for publishing, during mass in his church of Kirkham, Haswell's excommunication, as unjustly imposed by Thomas abbot of St Werburgh's, Chester, in a tuitorial appeal between Haswell and the abbot and convent of Vale Royal.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 305 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Related material in other DUL collections: Possibly part of the same case as DCD

2.2.4.Ebor.69.

DCD Loc.IX:29 [24 February 1446]

Decrees and ordinances of Sir Thomas Stanley and Master Richard Andrew in favour of William Partrike, prior of Lytham, with the prior of Durham's comments on them (?in his own hand), some with *proprietas* in the margin.

1. Partrike's debts to be discharged from goods at Lytham.
2. Partrike to be treated kindly.
3. Partrike to be spared attendance at matins or chapter as if he was a doctor of Divinity.
4. Partrike and a servant to have meat and drink for life.
5. Partrike to eat at the prior's table.
6. An annual rent of 40s to be given to Stanley until Partrike be given a benefice or another cell.
7. A bond of £100 to be made for the keeping of the terms of this award.
8. Partrike to be allowed his own goods and money to spend.
9. Partrike to have a chamber in the infirmary for life.
10. Partrike's supporters not to be sued.
11. Partrike not to be sued for past actions.

(dorse)

Memorandum that Thomas Stanley, controller of the royal household, and Master Richard Andrew, king's secretary, have made their award between John Wessington prior and convent of Durham and William Partrike prior of Lytham, whereby John Portington, justice of the Common Bench, and John Lematon of London gent have made a bond in £200 for the prior of Durham to carry it out.

Language: Decrees in English, responses in Latin

Size: 200 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.337-338.

Copy of the award in DCD Loc.IX: 29* next below.

DCD Loc.IX:29* [24 February 1446]

Decrees and ordinances of Sir Thomas Stanley and Master Richard Andrew in favour of William Partrike, prior of Lytham, with the prior of Durham's comments on them (here all in the same hand), as in Loc.IX: 29 next above.

(dorse)

Memorandum that the prior and convent of Durham had agreed to the award of Thomas Stanley, controller of the royal household, and Master Richard Andrew, king's secretary, to allow Partrike to enjoy the privileges of a DTh at Durham, to retain his papal bull allowing him to hold an ecclesiastical benefice, to have an annuity of 40s until he has a benefice or another cell, and to have goods from Lytham to the value of £78.

Language: Decrees in English, responses in Latin

Size: 435 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

Original of the award in DCD Loc.IX: 29 above.

DCD Loc.IX:30 15 July [1448 x 1449]

Letter from W[illiam] Par[trike] (autograph) to Thomas Harper complaining of his harsh treatment by [John Wessington] prior of Durham despite his good behaviour, that the prior alone does not love him, and others think he would be better off back at Lytham; the subprior and Thomas Ayre the hostiller suggested that he handed over all his documents against Durham but could offer no other reason for the prior's ill-will towards him; Partrike suggests that something may be done in the furtherance of his cause at Rome, the convent having no resident proctor there for the past three years, their proctor Master William Freston being based rather at the Arches in London and so his procuracy was revoked at Whitsun, the prior trusting rather in Master William Gray and Master John Lay; Partrike asks Harper to thank Christopher Boyne for two sheaves of arrows with peacock and peahen feathers, also to thank W[illiam] Nyensar and John Hewitson for debts, and Adam of the Holm; and he asked to be commended to James and Angus Fox.

Date: Durham, "in gret" (tears), St Swithun's Day.

Endorsed with the address (to Harper) and (contemporary) "non malicia contumacia" .

Language: English

Size: 230 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336, 339.

DCD Loc.IX:31 [1416 x 1446]

Copy pleas in Kent between Katherine who was the wife of John son of William Latimer against Henry duke of Lancaster over the custody of William Latimer, son of John, and also against Richard [FitzAlan] earl of Arundel over the same custody, Lancaster claiming that William Latimer held 40 messuages of him and Arundel claiming that William Latimer held 100 acres of him.

(dorse)

The prior's attorney claimed that the box had been handed over to John Hemingbrough, the present prior's predecessor, at Durham for safe keeping by Ralph [Neville] earl of Westmorland.

Size: 230 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:32 5 March [1444]

Draft letter from a monk of Durham (?Robert Westmorland) to William Partrike, prior of Lytham, remonstrating with him over his conduct and malice against the prior and convent of Durham, warning him that [the bishop of Durham] will seek to remedy matters detected in his visitation, and hoping that he was not becoming too emboldened by the support of his neighbours and friends.

Date: Durham, 5 March.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Language: English

Size: 240 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.331, 332, 334.

DCD Loc.IX:33 16 February [1444]

Draft letter from Robert Westmorland to William Partrike, prior of Lytham, advising him to desist from his efforts to gain exemption from the jurisdiction of the prior and monks.

Date: Durham, 16 February.

Language: English

Size: 420 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.332.

Another version of DCD Loc.IX: 8 above.

Related material in other DUL collections: Partrike's reply is: DCD Loc.IX: 52.

DCD Loc.IX:34 [later 1444]

Draft letter from Robert Westmorland to William Partrike, reporting that he had received the letters of Partrike and Thomas Harrington, and rehearsing the treaty at York by John Portington before himself and the bursar, with Partrike's bull to be taken from Lytham to Durham, with Partrike to remain prior at Lytham until Whitsun and then to return "home" to Durham, and that this was reported to the prior at Durham by Portington, and the prior reported it to chapter, but Partrike's subsequent bad faith meant that Westmorland was not hopeful of the next proposed treaty at London.

Many cancellations and interlineations.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being about Partrike's variance from the agreement made at York.

Language: English

Size: 210 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333, 336, 339.

DCD Loc.IX:35 [1428 x 1429]

Complaints of the prior of Lytham against Sir John Butler, his tenants and servants, for injuries committed by them against the prior and his convent, servants and tenants.

- Butler threatened to dowse the prior in the sea, so the prior went away from Lytham, cost £10;

- Gerrard Thomas mercer and other tenants of Butler cast their fishing lines in the sea before the prior's servants;

- the cattle of Butler and his tenants destroyed a 30 acre field of oats of the prior, cost ?£20;

- similarly the cattle have destroyed wheat, barley and other corn in Crockyns Barnfield North Field and in the prior's meadows so that his hoped-for 24 ?sothers of hay is reduced to 3, cost £20;

- similarly the cattle have destroyed pasture from the cross in Hawes to Lytham town ;

- also Butler sent 16 honest men to take away grass that grew on St Cuthbert's ground as mentioned in the charter of Richard son of Roger, founder of Lytham;

- also Butler, with his servants James of Coton and Richard of Ireland, beat and wounded old Richard of Plumpton, the prior's servant, shot him with an arrow, took away his staff called a *padell*, and also beat and wounded his daughter Isabel, so that the prior lost his servant's services for a long time, cost £20;

- Butler's servant William of Hold, miller, assaulted the prior at Lytham mill with a great club and threatened him with great words before he rode away;

- Butler's tenants and servants Thomas Mercer of Lytham, John Mercer of Lytham, Richard Mercer of Lytham, and Thomas of Hold of Lytham took away the prior's grass and timber in a cart;

(dorse)

- Butler's tenants and servants Thomas Mercer of Lytham, John Mercer of Lytham, Richard Mercer of Lytham, and Thomas of Hold of Lytham broke open a ?gate so that 6 horses and mares lay in the prior's corn for a day and a night;

- Butler had been fishing with a net and given no profit to the prior, despite the indenture sealed between Butler and the house of Durham;

- Butler withholds a couple of swans from the prior which Thomas Urswick gave him, along with a swan taken by the prior's tenants on the sea;

- John Meylis, John Sadler, and Wilkin the mydeler broke into the prior's fields and loaded his wood on to a cart on the Decollation of St John the Baptist after the surety made at Lancaster;

- Butler would not abide by an arbitration made and sealed by 12 men and the sheriff of Lancashire;

- Butler sent two men, John Sadler his own servant and Roger Pansun, the servant of Wilkin of Hole, in war harness on Holy Rood day with palleys and clubs to menace the prior in his own place;

- Butler has punished the prior's tenants' cattle and taxed them against the law of the land;

- Butler had evicted the prior's tenants from St Cuthbert's *landemere* against the ordinance, surety and bond between them whereby they agreed to refer all claims to the judgement of Sir John Stanley and Sir William Harington;

- John Casse, Butler's tenant, withholds £8 from the prior which the prior has dared not sue for these last 3 years.

Language: English

Size: 430 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX:36 next below.

DCD Loc.IX:36 [1428 x 1429]

Complaints of the prior of Lytham against Sir John Butler, his tenants and servants, for injuries committed by them against the prior and his convent, servants and tenants, as in the next above.

Language: English

Size: 425 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

Another copy: DCD Loc.IX:35 next above.

DCD Loc.IX:37 7/18 November 1450

Copy notarial instrument reciting the process and *loquela* of William [Ebchester], prior of Durham, and certain fellow monks of the superior stalls in the monastery of Durham against William Partrike, prior of Lytham, about renouncing the process begun in the Roman curia and the expulsion of Partrike from the monastery,

reciting the following two letters as evidence of Partrike's intrigues

Letter, in English, from "WP" [William Partrike] to Thomas Harper, thanking him for his recent letter sent with Richard Benson, and asking him to continue his efforts to get him back to Lytham, offering him a pension from there and whatever fee he might ask for, but he cannot get him 10 marks from Durham as he would be under suspicion and the prior would be told, but Harper is to tell him when the bull arrives so that he can sell his bedding and pay all those who have laboured for his cause. [late 1440s]

Letter from Master John Lax at the Roman *curia* reporting that Master Thomas Harper, travelling to Rome to pursue the cause of William P[artrike] as prior of Lytham, had died nearby, leaving Master John Gray, a Scotsman, advocate of [the court of] Arches of London, as his executor, who then handed over the business to a certain Franciscan friar of Bristol who took up residence for a month outside the papal court. [late 1440s] with Prior Ebchester appealing to him to renounce using his bull of capacity to hold an ecclesiastical benefice and to live in accord with his fellow monks and the rule of St Benedict, which Partrike refused to do, displaying, to the consternation of the monks, the following institution.

Institution by Walter [Lyhart] bishop of Norwich of William Partrike to the parish church of Euston St Mary on the death of John Brown, last rector, patrons the prior and convent of St Andrew Ferriby, Canterbury diocese (*sic*), to be instituted by Master Robert Aylmer, NP and proctor.

Date: the bishop's manor of Thorpe next Norwich, 22 August 1450.

The prior and convent wished to prevent Partrike's departure because of the scandal to their church and religion, and they threatened him with excommunication if he had alienated any of the monastery's possessions, but when they went to inspect his private chamber on 18 November they discovered a straw-covered bed in an otherwise empty room, with Partrike having removed the rest of the goods.

Witnesses: Master William Newton NP and LLB; John Haggerston chaplain and John Hexham *literatus* of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: the chapel of St Nicholas in the monastery of Durham, 7 November 1450.

Language: Latin; English

Size: 435 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336, 339, 340.

Draft in DCD Loc.IX:39 next below.

DCD Loc.IX:38 7 November 1450

Draft of the next above, with the sections in different order and in various hands, with interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 345 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.340.

Fair copy in DCD Loc.IX:37.

DCD Loc.IX:39 [?1428 x 1429]

Charges brought by [Richard Haswell] prior of Lytham against [John Coton] vicar of Kirkham

- the vicar drove his cart through the priory's ground where no way was and loaded it with hay from land which had been given by the founder, Richard son of Roger, by his charter to the priory and to the church of Durham, at a cost of £1000;
- the vicar wrongfully had him summoned before the keeper of the peace at Chester, at a cost of £20;
- after the appeal to the court of Rome, the vicar denounced the prior as cursed without any commission from the court of York, at a cost of £100, and he warned his parishioners not to eat or drink with the prior or greet him in the street;
- in defiance of the inhibition of the court of York, the vicar had stood up in his pulpit and denounced the prior, and pointed to a boy and declared that he had as much power to sing a mass as the prior, thereby blackening his name throughout England at a cost of £1000;
- the vicar made Sir John Butler send two men, including the vicar's brother, to beat up and rob the prior's servant on the highway, at a cost of £500;
- the vicar sent Sir John Butler to take hay from where he had never had any before, offending 16 men, the prior and the rights of St Cuthbert, at a cost of £1000;
- the vicar went from lord to lord and from gentleman to gentleman, and to other commoners and gave them *gystys* to come to Kirkham and there to despoil the church of Durham without any spiritual or temporal validity, and took there hay from land which the charter of Richard son of Roger had given to the priory of Lytham claiming it to be part of the lordship of Westby though this is not claimed by Henry Clifton, (dorse) at a cost of £2000;
- the vicar encouraged Sir John Butler, Nicholas Butler, William of Westby and Henry of Fleetwood to be enemies of the priory so that they intruded on the priory's land, cut his grass for hay, and broke the franchises of the house of Durham, at a cost of £1000;
- the vicar sued out a writ at York against the prior, at a cost of £100.
- the vicar took fish within the bounds of Lytham, at a cost of 100s.

Language: English

Size: 385 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:40 9 October 1428

Copy of a notarial instrument for Thomas Ryhall, chaplain, proctor to Dom. Richard Haswell, monk of Durham cathedral and prior of Lytham, starting on a journey to the Roman *curia*, bearing a staff and documents to pursue an appeal against the injuries and injustices of Thomas abbot of Chester.

Witnesses: Master William Berall LLB, William Thornbrough and William Dilston of Durham diocese.

Date: Shincliffe Bridge, on a highway called *Elvetpath* by Durham, 9 October 1428.

Notary: John Berehalgh.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 215 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Another copy: Loc.VII: 86.

DCD Loc.IX:41 29 September 1428

Copy notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham, of John Fishburn, his fellow monk of Durham, and Thomas Ryall (*Ryhall*) [the younger] as his proctors in the Roman *curia* in a case before Thomas abbot of St Werburgh, Chester, between Haswell and the abbot of Vale Royal.

Witnesses: Stephen Spinay of Winchester diocese, *litteratus*, and Richard Plumpton of York diocese *litteratus*.

Date: Lytham, parish church of St Cuthbert, 29 September 1428.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 430 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:42 24 September 1428

Copy notarial instrument reciting the certification of an appeal of Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham, to the apostolic see against the injustice imposed by Thomas abbot of St Werburgh, Chester, conservator and judge, sitting in tribunal, in a case between Haswell and Master Richard Prestbury, proctor and syndic of the abbot and convent of Vale Royal.

Witnesses: Stephen Spinay of Winchester diocese, *litteratus*, and Richard Plumpton of York diocese *litteratus*.

Date: chapter house of the conventual church of St Werburgh, Chester, 24 September 1428.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 215 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:43 5 July [1532]

Memorandum that John Bamburgh of Layton husbandman, Henry Warbrek of Layton labourer and Lawrence Baily of Layton labourer came before Antony FitzHerbert kt, royal goal delivery justice for Lancaster Castle, and William FitzWilliam kt, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster and jp for Middlesex, on 5 July 24 Henry VIII and acknowledged that they each owed the king £20 to be paid at the next feast of St Margaret, on condition, as examined by John Warbrek, Thomas Davy, John Lytham, Roger Sydgrevs, Thomas Bamburgh, Richard Bamburgh, John Russowe, William Crokey, Thomas Bamburgh of Marton, John Herman of Marton, Richard Hull, James Sanderson, John Hill, William Whinwray of Bispham, John Dagger of Bispham, John Lyghwarke, William Dary, John Anyan, Robert Wade, John Bispham and Henry Lytham, that they keep the peace for pulling down ditches at Hawes in Lytham.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Language: Latin and (condition) English

Size: 430 x 315 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:44 Trinity term [1532]

Decree in the case [before the chancellor and council of the duchy of Lancaster] between the prior of Lytham against Lady Margaret Butler widow and Thomas Butler esq her son, with John Bamburgh and others of their tenants over the use and title of a common waste in Hawes and Kylgremoss, that the defendants are only to use Kylgremoss common, to restore the prior's cattle on Hawes and to allow him to put back a cross there.

Signed: ? J W Heydon.

Date: Trinity term 24 Henry VIII.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description (in Latin) and as the Lytham decree.

Language: English

Size: 290 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:45 14 February [1445]

Writ of *praemunire facias* of Henry VI to the sheriff of Yorkshire to attach William Partrike and Thomas Harper, so-called prior and monk of Lytham, and to cause them to appear at Westminster to answer charges of obtaining papal provision to Lytham contrary to the Statute of Provisors and to the prejudice of Prior John [Wessington].

Date: Westminster, 14 February 23 Henry VI.

Size: 250 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Similar writ: DCD Loc.IX:4.

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.334.

DCD Loc.IX:45* 14 February [1445]

Copy writ of Henry VI to the sheriff of Middlesex to attach William Partrike, so-called prior and monk of Lytham, and Thomas Harper, formerly of Lytham, chaplain and abettor of William, and to cause them to appear at Westminster on the octave of Trinity to answer charges of obtaining papal provision to Lytham contrary to the Statute of Provisors and to the prejudice of John [Wessington] the prior.

Date: 14 February 23 Henry VI.

Endorsed with a copy return of Stephen Forster and Hugh Wythe that they were not be found in their bailiwick, and (contemporary) with a description.

With some cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 440 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Original: DCD Loc.IX: 45** next below.

DCD Loc.IX:45** 14 February [1445]

Copy writ of Henry VI to the sheriff of Middlesex to attach William Partrike, so-called prior and monk of Lytham, and Thomas Harper, formerly of Lytham, chaplain and abettor of William, and to cause them to appear at Westminster on the octave of Trinity to answer charges of obtaining papal provision to Lytham contrary to the Statute of Provisors and to the prejudice of John [Wessington] the prior.

Date: Westminster, 14 February 23 Henry VI.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and "versus Pertryke" .

Size: 150 x 360 mm

Parchment

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9: 2.

Copy (with a copy return): DCD Loc.IX: 45* next above.

DCD Loc.IX:46 [c.1428]

Articles exhibited in the court of York by Richard Haswell, prior of Lytham, against Dom. John Coton, vicar of Kirkham in Amounderness, seeking his punishment for publishing Haswell's excommunication:

- 1-2. The authority and liberties of the diocese of York had been damaged;
3. Haswell is a venerable and religious man of good fame throughout the dioceses of York and Durham;
4. Haswell was excommunicated in a tuitorial appeal against the abbot and convent of Vale Royal before Thomas abbot of St Werburgh, Chester;
5. At Haswell's instance, the official of the court of York through Robert Singleton inhibited the abbots of St Werburgh and Vale Royal along with John Coton;
6. Singleton's inhibition was certificated in the court of York;
7. In spite of the inhibition, Coton published Haswell's excommunication in his Kirkham church during mass.
8. Coton asserted to the public during mass that Haswell was excommunicated but was still celebrating mass.
9. The publication of Haswell's excommunication was in contempt of the jurisdiction of the court of York and to the prejudice of Haswell's good name.
- 10-15. Haswell's reputation had been impugned throughout the deanery of Amounderness and the dioceses of York and Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 445 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:47 [c.1445]

Draft responses of the prior and convent of Durham to the arguments alleged by William Partrike, prior of Lytham, in defence of his bull of perpetuity.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 290 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Fair copy: DCD Loc.IX: 47* next below.

DCD Loc.IX:47* [c.1445]

Responses of the prior and convent of Durham to the arguments alleged by William Partrike, prior of Lytham, in defence of his bull of perpetuity.

1. To his frequent requests to be spared the monastic regimen and to be provided for in the infirmary on account of his great infirmity, they responded that he would be treated like anyone else.

2. To Lytham's distance of 80 miles from Durham and his desire to be spared annual chapters at Durham, they responded that annual chapters are prescribed by the rule and he can send a proctor, as he has done, and other cells are further away such as the college in Oxford, and Stamford priory.

3. To the imposition of contributions by Durham on Lytham against the will of the founder Richard son of Roger, they responded that they are doing nothing against the founder's will nor against the rule, and other cells make contributions, and that in his 12½ years as prior, Partrike has paid £36 6s 8d.

Endorsed (contemporary) with "vide infra".

Size: 275 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9: 7.

Draft: DCD Loc.IX: 47 next above.

DCD Loc.IX:48 22 September 1444

Letter of William [Heyworth] bishop of Coventry and Lichfield to William Partrike, Benedictine monk and priest, admitting him to the church of St Olave, Chester, vacant on the resignation of the last rector Thomas Cliff, on the presentation of the abbot of St Werburgh, Chester, through his proctor Master William Asser NP.

Date: Maxstoke priory, 22 September 1444.

Size: 105 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333.

DCD Loc.IX:49 24 September 1444

Induction by the official of the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield of William Partrike prior of Lytham to the parish church of St Olave, Chester, on the resignation of Thomas Cliff the last rector, presented by the abbot and convent of St Werburgh of Chester, and admitted by William [Heyworth] bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

Date: Chester, 24 September 1444.

Size: 110 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333.

DCD Loc.IX:50 [c.1445]

Legal opinion on the validity of William Partrike's papal bull to be prior of Lytham in perpetuity, in three sections, with references to canon law.

Size: 215 x 295 mm

Paper, 2f

DCD Loc.IX:51 [?1447]

Letter from [William Partrike] to Thomas Harper exhorting him to fidelity, discussing buying wood and coal for fires against the winter, being asked for money by John Walsh of Little Layton in a letter through Nicholas John barleyman, with Thomas Harington also involved, and complaining that the prior of Durham only loves John Oll, false [John] Gateshead, Robert Westmorland, John Penshaw the chamberlain, William Dalton, W[illiam] Hesleden the cellarer, Thomas Ford refectorer, W[illiam] Cuthbert [senior] the master of the Galilee, W[illiam] Easby the under sacrist and John Middleham the bursar, that they have all the rule and governance of the abbey and neither he nor Henry Helay are ever called to councils, and none dare speak to him.

Date: Durham.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:52 4 March [1444]

Copy letter from William Partrike prior of Lytham to Robert Westmorland, responding to his letter, refuting his suggestions, boldly and at length asserting his independence of the prior and convent of Durham who should not "attempt to be above the lawe nowr spirituall nor temporell", and suggesting meeting at Bolton in Craven, as more convenient for both of them, rather than Barnard Castle once the weather was rather more clement and once he had recovered from being "rygth seke & lyke to dye" .

Date: Lytham, 4 March.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description as a copy

Language: English with some Latin

Size: 430 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.332.

Related material in other DUL collections: Reply to Westmorland's letter in DCD Loc.IX 8 and 33.

DCD Loc.IX:53 [3 May 1444]

Grant by William Partrike prior of Lytham to William Ashton kt, Thomas Harington esq and Thomas Harper chaplain of all his goods and chattels in Lancashire and elsewhere in pereptuity.

Date: Invention of the Holy Cross, 22 Henry VI.

Size: 75-85 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.IX:54 [1445]

Draft petition of the prior and convent of Durham to King [Henry VI of England] asking him to revoke in the present parliament the letters of pardon [of December 1443] which he had granted to William Partrike for having violated the Statute of Provisors, and that Partrike return to abide as a monk at Durham, and no longer enjoy the issues of Lytham, and not leave the country for Rome or elsewhere, on pain of £100, half going to the king and half to the prior.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Language: English

Size: 430 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.334.

DCD Loc.IX:55 7 February [1531]

Copy bond of Hugh [Whitehead] prior and convent of Durham, Richard Ashton of Middleton, Lancashire, esq, and Thomas Holt of ?Gristlehurst, Lancashire, esq, to Thomas Butler of Bewsey, Lancashire, esq, and Lady Margaret Butler, widow of the late Sir Thomas Butler, in £200, to abide by the arbitration of Sir Antony FitzHerbert kt and Sir John Port kt, the king's assize justices at Lancaster, and Sir Alexander Osbaldeston kt, Henry Farington esq, Ranulph Pole clerk and William Westbe esq over a pasture called Hawes in Amounderness, with Prior [Whitehead] or Ralph [Blakeston] prior of Lytham to appear in the duchery chamber at Westminster before the chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster within a month of Easter if no award is made.

Date: 7 February 22 Henry VIII.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Language: English and Latin

Size: 295 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:55* 7 February [1531]

Copy bond of Thomas Butler of Bewsey, Lancashire, esq, Lady Margaret Butler, widow of the late Sir Thomas Butler, Henry Delves of Doddington, Cheshire, esq, and John Urmeston of Westley, Lancashire, esq, to the prior and convent of Durham, in £200, to abide by the arbitration of Sir Antony FitzHerbert kt and Sir John Port kt, the king's assize justices at Lancaster, and Sir Alexander Osbaldeston kt, Henry Farington esq, Ranulph Pole clerk and William Westbe esq over a pasture called Hawes in Amounderness, with Thomas Butler to appear in the duchery chamber at Westminster before the chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster within a month of Easter if no award is made.

Date: 7 February 22 Henry VIII.

Endorsed (contemporary) with several descriptions.

Language: English and Latin

Size: 410 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:56 [1532]

The jurors present that William Whynwrap formerly of Bispham, husbandman, Thomas Hapey, formerly of Layton, husbandman, Thomas Bamburgh, John Herdman, Richard Hole, Robert Bamburgh, Richard More, Henry Norres, Peter Pearson, Robert Hodgson, William Norres, Rochard Warbreck, James Pearson, Robert Hornby, Matthew Lytham, John Lytham, John Hebson, William Bamburgh, all formerly of Great Marton, husbandmen, and Nicholas Sandson, Robert Jackson, Thomas Hodgson, all formerly of Great Marton, labourers, John Hole, Edward Jameson, William Dobysse, John Bother, all formerly of Great Marton, husbandmen, William Bamburgh, Henry Warbreck, John Hodgson, all formerly of Great Marton, labourers, Thomas Hebson and Robert Harrison, both formerly of Great Marton, husbandmen, Robert Croka, James Simpson and Henry Harrison, all formerly of Warbreck, husbandmen, and others riotously assembled with various weapons (detailed) at Lytham, claiming rights to a pasture at Hawes and knocking down a cross there.

(Dorse)

In the indictment there were 66 names cited by the jurors, and the intention had been to murder or at least wound Ralph [Blakeston], prior of Lytham, and his servants, and despoil Lytham, so the prior sent Thomas Eden his fellow monk and George Lorimare, parish priest of Lytham, carrying the cross from the high altar, towards the mob to pacify them, which the mob did respect, but later made a proclamation declaring their adherence to their cause with God, and then they wrecked a building which the prior had constructed and threw down a boundary stone between Lytham and Layton, smashing the image of St Cuthbert that it contained.

Dated as 24 Henry VIII.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a bill of indictment found at Preston and that "It shuld have bene fonde as is specified on ye bakke hereof"

Language: Latin with some English

Size: 380 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:57 [1532]

Draft complaint of Ralph [Blakeston] prior of Lytham to Sir William FitzWilliam, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, against Lady Margaret Butler widow and Thomas Butler her son, for entering and pulling down priory property and cutting down rushes, reciting proceedings to date, the prior's title to the property, the decree of the court, the "secrete & craftye handlyng" of Lady Margaret and her son, and most particularly their organising of a gathering of 200 of the tenants at around midnight on 4 May last armed with weapons as if "they had entendyd an insurrecion", the names of the leaders being in an annexed schedule (no longer present), which riotors then wrecked 400 rods of ditching on the prior's land, and returned on 7 May to take away 154 of the prior's cattle, a number of which died in the process, after which the prior sent a servant who attempted to reason with them, with one of the prior's tenants attempting likewise and being threatened with being put in the stocks, and now none of the prior's servants dare go there; then on 11 May 300 of the riotors returned and destroyed a cross with St Cuthbert's image which had been acting as a boundary mark between the land of the prior and Lady Margaret from time immemorial, and they also broke more ditches, destroyed a building and threatened the monastery itself, so much so that the prior got one of his brethren and the parish priest to take the sacrament and crucifix from the high altar and confront them to stop breaking God's and the king's peace, which caused them to depart; the prior also left the area, in fear of his life, and then justices of the peace issued a warrant against 16 of the ring-leaders, which the sheriff's officers, somewhat fearfully, confronted the riotors with, at which they dispersed; so the prior supplicates for the riotors to be summoned to the court, along with the instigators Lady Margaret and her son.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary, English and Latin) with descriptions and as being 24 [Henry VII].

Language: English

Size: 1660 x 305 mm

Paper roll, 4p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:58 [1532]

The answer of Thomas Butler esq to the bill of complaint of Ralph [Blakeston] prior of Lytham, denouncing it as "uncerteyn and insufficyent in the lawe", and also slanderously untrue, denying any riotous assembly or any knowledge of the misdemeanours described in the bill.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description (Latin).

Language: English

Size: 390 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:59 [1532]

Draft replication of Ralph [Blakiston] prior of Lytham to Thomas Butler's answer, asserting that his bill [of complaint] is "certeyn & suffycye to in the lawe" and is true as regards the actions of Thomas Butler and the other riotors named in the annexed schedule concerning the prior's waste ground.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description (Latin).

Language: English

Size: 385 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:60 [1532]

Draft interrogatories for examining Thomas Butler esq in the case against the prior of Lytham in the duchy [of Lancaster] chamber [court]:

1. Was he aware of tenants from the lands of himself and his mother Lady Margaret Butler in Great Marton and Layton riotously assembling on the prior of Lytham's land at Hawes, as specified in the decree, on 4 May and destroying 400 rods of ditching?
2. Was he aware of a great number of his tenants removing a great number of the prior's cattle from the Hawes on 7 May?
3. Was he aware of a great number of his tenants from Marton and Layton on 9 May destroying an old boundary cross at the Hawes, and also destroying a great number of rails and ditches there?
4. Was he aware of the riotors plans beforehand?
5. Were any of his household servants involved?
6. Did the rioters use Butler horses?
7. Did he say that he would maintain and justify the tenants after the riots?
8. If he knew of the rioters' intentions, did he do anything to stop them?

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description (Latin).

Language: English

Size: 385 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:61 21 - 22 June [1532]

Answers to the prior of Lytham's interrogatories:

Thomas Butler, sworn and examined 22 June [1532], says to the first that he heard that tenants had cast down a new ditch and rails on the Hawes which had been newly made since the decree, to the second that cattle had been taken and put in the king's fold, and that a cross to "one wheler" and not a boundary stone had been pulled down, along with rails and a ditch but no building, the rest he knows no more than the common report or denies;

John Bamburgh, sworn and examined 21 June [1532] at Westminster, denies the first, confesses the second, for the third there were 200 persons variously attired with weapons, the fourth he confesses driving 1000 cattle, with 21 of the prior's put in the king's fold, the fifth he denies, the sixth he says he was almost put in stocks, the seventh he confesses, the eighth he denies, the ninth he says they obeyed the sheriff's warrant; Henry Warbreck, sworn and examined [21 June 1532], the third there were 200 variously armed persons, and the eighth they were going to the prior about an anchor that was wreck;

Lawrence Bailey, sworn and examined [21 June 1532], says that there were 300 persons variously armed;

John Warbreck says that there were over 100 persons;

Thomas Davy says that Henry Warbreck (*Walbrake*) encouraged him to go to the common, and that there were not 100 [persons];

John Lytham says that Henry Warbreck encouraged him to go to the common, there were 200 of them, and they would have gone to the gates if the sacrament had not met them;

Roger Silgrave says that they were all agreed and Henry Warbreck spoke to him;

Thomas Bamburgh says that Henry Warbreck told him what to do, they were all agreed it was "ther dede", there were 300 persons, with 2 appointed in each township to give warning, those in Layton being Henry Warbreck and Roger Seggrales;

Richard Bamburgh says they were all agreed to say it was their "dede", there were 300 and some had spades, Roger Seggrave warned him, with two of every town to give warning;

Thomas Bamburgh of Marton, tenant to Lady [Butler], says that Richard Hull is grave there, and Benson of Layton tenant to Lady Butler gave him the first warning, and there were 200;

Richard Hull says he is grave of Marton and that all the graves agreed to warn each other when to go and all were agreed to say it was their "dede" whatever was asked of them;

William Whynwra says that John Lyghtwarke is grave of [blank] and was at each pulling down of the ditches, and that Lyghtwarke gave him the warning the second time and that they were all agreed it was their "dede" ;

John Russewe aged 18 says that he twice pulled down ditches;

John Herdman says that John Howe of Marton encouraged him to come and pull down the prior's ditches, so he did;

James Sanderson says that Richard Hull of Marton said that their neighbours were keen to pull down the prior's hedges, so he went along;

John Hull of Marton says he was at the pulling down by common assent;

John Dagger says he was at the pulling down by common assent, as were 100;

John Lyghtwarke says he was at the pulling down by common assent, warned by none, as were 100;

William Davy says that John Bispham, grave of Bispham, warned him to be at the ditch pulling down, so he was;

John Anyan says he was there, none warned him, as were 100;

Robert Wade says he was there, with 100;

John Bispham says he was there, he warned no one and no one warned him, and 100 and his wife were there;

Henry Lytham of Bispham says he was there, no one warned him;

William Croker says the same.

Endorsed (contemporary) as responses of the Butler tenants (in Latin).

Language: English

Size: 1420 x 280-315 mm

Paper roll, 4p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.328.

DCD Loc.IX:62 4 February [1445]

Letter from [Henry Percy] earl of Northumberland to John of Broughton and others urging them to assist the prior of Durham through his writ of *praemunire facias* and in resisting the claims to independence advanced by William Partrike, prior of Lytham, through his papal bulls and privileges.

Date: London, 6 February.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Language: English

Size: 110 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.336.

DCD Loc.IX:63 11 January 1445

Letters of discharge by John prior and the chapter of Durham, having the priory of Lytham to their own use, to William Partrike, monk of Durham, occupying the office of prior of Lytham, stating that he has presided there as prior of Lytham for no little time, and referring to his obligations as prior: to attend the annual general chapter and to render his account of the administration and condition of his priory, whether in person or, if legitimately prevented, by a proxy; and to submit to any annals set by the president and definitors of the chapter; notwithstanding which he has neglected, led by what counsel they know not, to come to the chapter in the required form in one year and to pay the contribution set by the prior and chapter during the last two years;

wherefor, surprised at his refusal, they directed letters of monition and citation to him, to be presented in the priory of Lytham by their sworn nuncio Thomas Clough, that he should appear before the prior and chapter on 3 April last upon pressing business concerning the monastery of Durham; they delivered a true copy of the letters to Thomas for publication at a suitable time and place to him and others as he should see fit, and associated John Berhalgh, N.P., with the nuncio to assist in the execution of the letters; and from the certification of the two mandataries they accept:

that on 10 March last, in the garden there, Clough himself, being illiterate, set out the reason for his arrival through the aforesaid John Berhalgh, having the said letters in his hand, and gave notice of the date and place at which William should appear; that William, not accepting these things, immediately uttered a certain threat concerning the rising (*insurrectionem*) of a secular force against their mandate, to inflict beatings (*verbera*) and torture in the event that Thomas should present him with prejudicial or displeasing things; and that on the morrow, Thursday 11 March, a company of three armed men, in warlike array with swords drawn, apparently in accordance with William's threat, came to the mandatary at the priory, inflamed into threatening him, so that he would eat the documents he had brought with him, on the pretext of carrying them out, along with the box, if their indignation had not first been softened through placatory conversation or discussion; and that thereafter, once they had been read out and published by John Berhalgh in the presence of William, his fellow monks and others, William did not care to receive the letters, but, not content with things thus far, heaped evil upon evil and committed other enormities; stating: that at the instance of William and his friends the prior and chapter sent certain monks of Durham to York in the present year for discussions, and William entered into certain agreements to reform himself, under a time limit now past without bearing fruit; that William, not making good his deeds, has deluded the prior and chapter; and discharging him from the cure and rule of the priory of Lytham by common consent, since his faults demand it, lest audacity in perpetrating similar things be served up (*ministretur*) to others if, with eyes closing (*conniuentibus*), this kind of crime (*facinus*) remain uncorrected; and ordering and urging him to acknowledge the yoke of his regular observance.

Date: Durham chapter house, 11 January 1444/5.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 230 x 420 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3427, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9: 6.

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.15v-16r.

DCD Loc.IX:64 2 January 1445

Notarial instrument reciting that at a chapter meeting of Prior John Wessington with Master John Moodey subprior, Master William Ebchester sacrist, Doms Roger Lanchester, Henry Helay, John Gunnerton, Thomas Nesbitt, John Moreby, Richard Kelloe, John Gateshead, Thomas Ward, Thomas Ford, William Dalton, William Eden, John Warner, Thomas Hexham, Richard Blackburn, Richard Bell, William Seton, John Middleham, John Ripon, William Kelloe, Henry Raket, John Bradbury, William Fyge, William Hesleden, William Rodburn, William Burdon, John Eden, John Kirk, William Jervaulx (*Gervace*), John Bedford, William Easby, Richard Billingham and Thomas Holme, the prior reported that on last Christmas Eve a certain matter concerning Lytham priory and especially the status of its prior William Partrike had led to the drawing up of a protestation, and thence Robert Westmorland, their fellow monk, was unanimously appointed as proctor, who proceeded to publish the recited protestation against Partrike's acquisition and use of his papal and royal privileges.

Witnesses: Master John Norton, Doctor decretorum, of Lincoln diocese; Master John Lethum, LLB, of York diocese; Dom Richard Prentys, priest, NP by both apostolic and imperial authority, of York diocese; Dom John Binchester, priest, of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 2 January 1444/5.

Notary: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that it is a duplicate.

Size: 320 x 430 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333.

Duplicate: DCD Misc.Ch. 5638d.

DCD Loc.IX:65 [15th century]

Translation of a petition from the chaplains and prior of Lytham to the earl of Lancaster against the trespasses by Sir William Clifton on the bounds of the priory.

Endorsed with a description (Latin).

Language: English

Size: 120 x 330-350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9: 1.

Original: DCD 2.4.Ebor.46.

Copies of both the original and this English translation: DCD Cart.III, f.143r-144r.

DCD Loc.IX:66 18 May 1444

Draft notarial instrument comprising enrolments of instruments concerning the rights of Durham priory in its cell of Lytham, made by authority of the archdeacon of Durham at the request of Robert Westmorland, proctor of Durham priory, listing the documents and describing their seals, then reciting the documents.

Also the start of a similar instrument concerning documents about the prior and chapter of Durham's rights in Coldingham priory, listing four documents and describing their seals.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and as being against William Partrike.

Language: Latin

Size: 1665 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 4p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.333.

Fair copies: DCD Loc.III:11 and Misc.Ch. 5639.

DCD Loc.IX:67 [1446 x 1449]

Letter from [William Partrike] to Thomas Harper asking that all measures may be adopted for his restoration as prior of Lytham, including at Rome, and detailing the grievances which he suffered at Durham - the only servant he has is a child who eats in the almonry and he is more "stric' bon" than any wife is to her husband - discussing the indenture made at London by Stanley and the king's secretary, and asking Harper to cultivate the support of [Thomas] Stanley by offering to make him steward of Lytham for life, as he should be ill-disposed towards Durham having been deprived of the stewardship, and including an inventory of his animals.

Endorsed with the address, a description and "W Partrik".

Language: English

Size: 380 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.335, 336, 339.

DCD Loc.IX:68 21 July 1446

Notarial instrument of the dean of christianity of Durham and the official of the prior of Durham's archdeaconry jurisdiction, enrolling articles that John Oll, prior of Coldingham, was, along with his parents, free-born, and that they were freeholders within the barony of Brancepeth, and enrolling depositions testifying to this from:

William Blithman, priest, aged 48, who knew Robert Oll, John Oll's grandfather, who lived in Boggle Hole in the western part in the west park of Brancepeth where now Robert Lethom lives, and where William Oll, Robert Oll's father, was born, and that Robert was born there also, before his father took him with his mother Lucy to Durham;

Peter Bireley aged 77, who remembered John Oll playing football at Helmington Row, a game for the better valets of the barony and free men;

Robert of York aged 74 agreed with the previous Peter;

John Letham aged 58, born in the same place as as John Oll's father, agreed with the first deposition;

Richard Maynherde aged 58 knew William Oll of Stanley, brother of Robert Oll, John Oll's grandfather, as of the better valets of the barony;

Thomas Wren aged 60 agreed with the first deposition;

Hugh Watson aged 56 agreed with the first deposition;

Thomas Hamsterley aged 56 agreed with the first deposition;

William Hoton of Elvet aged 60 agreed with the previous depositions;

Robert Lethom aged 40 says that John Oll's father William gave him an ornate silver knife and that he had been born in the same place as William Oll by the west park of Brancepeth;

Thomas Wilkinson of Brancepeth aged 60 was formerly William Oll's servant and agrees with Richard Maynherde;

Richard Hamsterley aged 33 agrees with his deposition;

John Mainsforth of Durham aged 71 says his wife was of William Oll's household

Witnesses: William Hoton, bishop of Durham's jp and prior of Durham's steward; Dom Thomas Todd and Dom William Barkdale priests of Durham diocese.

Date: the church of Durham St Oswald, 21 July 1446.

Notarial eschatols recited of: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority; Richard Prentys, priest of York diocese, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority; John Runkhorn, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, N.P. by apostolic authority.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 530 x 430 mm

Seal: G&B Nos.3317 & 3455, on parchment tags through slits in the turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.IX:69 26 May 1397

Notarial instrument being a precautionary appeal by Robert Picton, prior of Stamford, asserting his good name and against infringements of his position.

Witnesses: Robert Aldeston and John our father, *literati* of Durham and York dioceses.

Date: in the choir of St Leonard's, Stamford, 26 May 1397.

Size: 285 x 340 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.IX:70 [c.1444]

Memorandum about: letters against [William Partrike] being falsely attributed to the priory's chancery, nor do any such emanate from the papal chancery; a monk taking up a secular benefice being absolved from the jurisdiction of his abbot or superior; Pope Benedict XII's constitutions re monks taking up benefices; remote monks rendering accounts at chapter; and when Pope Eugenius IV's bull of exemption [for Partrike] first came to the knowledge of the [Durham] chapter.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 425 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.4: 9.

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.331.

DCD Loc.IX:71 5/15 March 1444

Draft memorandum that on 15 March 1444 Thomas Clough made certification of having delivered a mandate to William Partrike.

Note that William Partrike with his accomplices had dissipated the goods of the prior of Lytham and had disposed of lands pertaining to the church of Lytham against the constitutions of Pope Benedict XII.

Note that Thomas Wheill and John Ryall, Durham monks at Lytham, had been directed to assist Clough and Berehalgh and had reported to the prior.

(Attached)

Draft of the attempted execution of the mandate by Clough and Berehalgh at Lytham.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that it was a second copy.

Size: 345 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p + 1p attached

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.9:3.

Fair copy of the certification: DCD Loc.IX: 20*.

DCD Loc.IX:72 [?1444]

Memorandum of points for the prior of Durham's case:

To inform John Portington how William Partrike reneged on the agreement at York, showing letters of the prior of Lytham and Robert Westmorland.

To show [the archbishop of] York a copy of the bull with the refutation of the prior of Durham, with copies of the letters of the prior of Lytham and Robert Westmorland.

To inform the said [archbishop] how the prior of Durham proposed to send a fellow monk to the Roman *curia* on certain business concerning Coldingham priory.

It would seem that the revocation of the bull might be an opportunity for the annulling of the prior of Lytham's title by a royal writ.

Discussion of secular jurisdiction and claiming immunity in church.

Endorsed (16th century) as being against W[illiam] Partrike.

Size: 215 x 130 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.IX:73 5 October 1338

Memorandum that Robert of Stamford, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, in London before William de Testa, exhibited his accounts as collector of clerical tenths, including notes of payments made by Master John of Snainton.

Size: 180 x 120-70 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Previously numbered: Loc.19: 4.

DCD Loc.X - Chantries, vicarages, pensions

[1212] - 1525

Documents concerning chantries, vicarages and churches, chiefly belonging to the prior and convent of Durham, and their acquisition or creation, and disputes over them.

Language: Latin unless otherwise specified

1-49 were described on slips in Latin by [Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 50-52 in Latin. All have been catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield July 2008.

DCD Loc.X:1 12 December 1420

Examination of depositions concerning the patronage of the chantry of BVM of Cliffe in the parish church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of John Ellerton, pertaining for this turn to the prior and convent of Durham, heard before Master John Woodham archdeacon of the East Riding sitting in the choir of Hemingbrough church, reciting the following commission

Commission from Henry [Bowet] archbishop of York and papal legate to Master John Woodham archdeacon of the East Riding and John Selowe, licensed in decretals, canons of [York minster], to enquire into the vacancy in the Cliffe chantry of the altar of the BVM in Hemingbrough church, to which the prior and chapter of Durham have presented Thomas Nicholl, priest, calling especially Thomas of Hagthorpe senior *domicellus*, William Selby chaplain and others, to find out about the vacancy and who should present, and certifying the findings to the archbishop by letters close under any authentic seal.

Admission and institution by John Newton, LLD and treasurer of York Minster, and vicar-general of Thomas [Arundel] archbishop of York, of John Ellerton priest to the perpetual chantry of Cliffe in the parish church of Hemingbrough at the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham.

Date: York, 26 July 1394.

Date: Cawood, 18 November 1420.

after which citations were issued to the parties and named witnesses, and memoranda were recited of the following institutions and collations.

Admission and institution by William Cawood, LLL, vicar-general of Thomas [Arundel] archbishop of York, of William Blake priest to the perpetual chantry of Cliffe to the BVM in the parish church of Hemingbrough at the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham, on the resignation of Robert Hawksworth last chaplain, on his presentation to the perpetual vicarage of Saltmarshe in Howden church, through his proctor Thomas Greenwood clerk.

Date: Ripon, 17 September 1393.

Admission and institution by Thomas Walworth, canon of York minster, vicar-general of Thomas [Arundel] archbishop of York, of Robert son of Richard of Hemingbrough, chaplain, to the perpetual chantry of Cliffe to the BVM in the parish church of Hemingbrough at the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham, on the death of William of Hayton.

Date: York, 15 December 1389.

Collation by Alexander [Nevill], archbishop of York and papal legate, pertaining to him as it had been vacant for a long time, of Peter Sherman priest to the chantry of the BVM in Hemingbrough church, founded for the soul of Henry of Cliffe.

Date: Cawood, 16 December 1388.

Mandate by Alexander [Nevill], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the keeper of the spirituality of Howden and Howdenshire, to induct William of Wawton, former vicar of Farnham, to the perpetual chantry of Cliffe in Hemingbrough church, by exchange with Peter Sherman of Driffeld.

Date: Cawood, [blank] September 1384.

1. John Bolton, rector of Walkington, York diocese, aged 53, said that John Ellerton, last chantry priest, died on Saturday before St Martin in Winter [9 November] 1420, that the prior and convent of Durham are patrons, and have presented Thomas Nicholl, aged 40, and that Thomas Hagthorpe of Hagthorpe has not presented and is not the patron.

2. Thomas Hayton, rector of Holme-on-Spalding-Moor of York diocese, aged 36, states similarly, except that Nicholl is 41.

3. Walter Cowpeland, vicar of Stillingfleet, York diocese, aged 50, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
4. William Pace, vicar of Riccall, York diocese, aged 48, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 42.
5. Robert Curtas, vicar of Thornton, York diocese, aged 46, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
6. Robert Dyghton, vicar of Bubwith, aged 28, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
7. William Brygham, vicar of Skipwith, aged 51, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 42.
8. William Barker, vicar of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, York diocese, aged 30, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
9. Robert Dalby, vicar of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, York diocese, aged 48, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 43.
10. Thomas Westhorpe, vicar of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, York diocese, aged 36, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 41.
11. John Clayton, chaplain of the perpetual chantry of St Cuthbert in the collegiate church of Howden, aged 43, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
12. Richard Algar, chaplain of the perpetual chantry of St Katherine in the collegiate church of Howden, aged 32, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
13. John Yokefleet, vicar of Aughton, York diocese, aged 40, states similarly, and that Nicholl is aged 40.
14. John Stevenson, chaplain of the chantry of St Nicholas in the church of Holme[-on-Spalding-Moor], aged 30, states similarly.
15. John Polan, chaplain of the chantry of St Katherine in the parish church of Hemingbrough, aged 40, states similarly.

With such testimonies heard, the commissary pronounced in the choir that they would reassemble on 19 December at Cawood before John Selowe, witnesses John Carlton rector of Escrick and receiver of the archbishop of York and Richard Staunton rector of St Michael Ousebridge in York.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the examination of witnesses about the patronage of Cliffe chantry and a memorandum that John Baker, parish clerk of Warkworth, had the ordinance of the said chantry under the founder's seal, 1423, witness T Ryhall senior.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Paper booklet, 10f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:24.

DCD Loc.X:2 [c.1250 x 1273]

Copies of charters concerning the foundation of the St John the Baptist chantry in the church of Bywell St Peter.

Grant by Guy de Areyns to William of Bywell deacon of 6 marks of silver, 5 marks 10s 8d to be received from his farm of Esthydewyn and Hunthank and 2s 8d from the farm of Walter le Verer of Newland, in equal portions at the feast of St Cuthbert, for a sum of money which William paid to Guy in his need, to hold to him or any to whom he may assign on his deathbed or in good health, rendering yearly 1 pound of cumin or 1d of silver at the feast of St Cuthbert in September, with power to distrain within the barony of Bolbeck.

Sealed [before 1268]

Witnesses: Dom Hugh de Bolbeck; Dom Henry de la Val; Dom Robert de Cahorn; Dom Robert of Holy Island; William de Slaneley; Robert de Westhydewyn; John de Kaldostryp; Alan Tysun.

Grant by Robert de Esthydewyn to William of Bywell deacon, or any to whom he may assign it on his deathbed or in good health, of a perpetual annuity of 5 marks of silver, 10s and 8d, to be taken from the farm of his lord Guy de Arenys from Esthydewyne and Unthank, to be paid in equal portions at the two feasts of St Cuthbert.

Sealed.

Witnesses: Dom Henry de Valle; Dom Robert de Camhow; William de Wytinton; William de Slaneley; Robert de Westhydewyn; Alan Tysun.

Grant by Walter le Verer of Newland (*de nova terra*) to William of Bywell deacon, or any to whom he may assign it on his deathbed or in good health, of a perpetual annuity of 32d of silver from a farm of his lord Guy de Arneys in Newland, in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin in Winter.

Sealed.

Witnesses: Robert de Moyneule; John de Stokes; Walter of Bromley; Helias de Fayril; Helias of Teesdale.

Inspeximus by Hugh son of Dom Hugh of Bolbeck, at the request of Guy de Arneys, of a grant by Guy de Arenys to William of Bywell deacon, of 5 marks of silver, 10s and 8d from his farm of Esthydewyn and Hunthank, in equal portions at the two feasts of St Cuthbert, to hold to him or any to whom he may assign it on his deathbed or in good health, rendering yearly 1 pound of cumin or 1d of silver at the feast of St Cuthbert in September.

Witnesses: Dom Henry de Vale; Dom Robert de Camhow; William de Wittinton; William de Slaneley; John de Caldistroyp; Robert de Westhydewyn; Alan Tysun.

Grant by William of Bywell deacon to God, St Mary, all the saints, and Richard of Bromley, chaplain, his nephew, for perpetually celebrating in a simple chapel in the church of Bywell St Peter at the altar of St John the Baptist, of 6 marks from his rent of Esthydewyn and Hunthank and from Walter Vitrario of Newland in equal portions at the feast of St Cuthbert, as is more fully contained in the charter of Guy de Arenys, rendering annually to Guy de Arrenys 1 pound of cumin or 1d of silver at the feast of St Cuthbert in September, saying daily the service of the dead called "placebo & dirige & commendacio" as if a body were present; and to maintain this he gives a chalice price 24s, 2 pairs of good vestments, 4 blessed towels, a breviary (*portehors*); the chaplain for the time being not to take the ornaments to his own use or to alienate them, and if they decay he is to restore them from his own goods.

Sealed.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Hartburn archdeacon; Master Hugh parson of Ovingham; Dom Hugh vicar of St Peter Bywell; Dom John vicar of St Andrew Bywell; Dom Robert of Holy Island; Dom Guy de Normevil; Roger de Arneys; Robert de Maynevil.

Grant by William of Bywell deacon, for the love of his parents, to God, St Mary, and all the saints, for perpetually celebrating in a simple chapel in the church of Bywell St Peter at the altar of St John the Baptist, of 6 marks from his rent of Esthydewyn and Hunthank and from Walter Vitrario of Newland in equal portions at the feast of St Cuthbert, as is more fully contained in the charter of Guy de Arenys, rendering annually to Guy de Arrenys 1 pound of cumin or 1d of silver at the feast of St Cuthbert in September, saying daily the service of the dead called "placebo & dirige & commendacio" as if a body were present; and to maintain this he gives a silver chalice price 24s, 2 pairs of good vestments, 4 blessed towels, a breviary (*portehors*), and 60 sheep or 60s to sustain the lights of the altar; the chaplain for the time being not to take the ornaments and sheep to his own use or to alienate them; and if they decay he is to restore them from his own goods; the subprior of Durham is to have the appointment after his death.

Sealed [1258 x 1273]

Witnesses: Hugh of Darlington then prior of Durham; Master Robert of Hartburn archdeacon of Northumberland; Master Hugh parson of Ovingham; Master Lambert vicar of Bedlington; Hugh vicar of St Peter Bywell; Dom Robert of Holy Island; Dom Guy de Normanwyll; Roger de Haraynis; Robert de Menewill.

Endorsed (16th century) that the cell pertains to the subprior.

Size: 580 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:20.

Extracted and discussed in J.C. Hodgson, *A History of Northumberland*, Vol. VI (Newcastle 1902), p.109-110.

Original (grant 1): DCD 2.2.Spec.10 and Misc.Ch. 2099.

DCD Loc.X:3 [c.1443]

List of presentations to Durham cathedral priory's 7 churches in Northumberland - Bedlington, Branxton, Ellingham, Norham, Meldon, Bywell St Peter and Edlingham - from 1315 to 1443:

Bedlington - Master Gilbert de Burdon, [19 June] 1315.

Branxton - William de Wellitden, 13 November 1344,

Bedlington - Antony Fosser, 10 December 1344.

Branxton - John Spicer, 4 May 1351.

Ellingham - Adam Toghale, 7 July 1358.

Norham - Robert Hunter, 25 May 1361.

Norham - exchange between Richard Talbot perpetual vicar of Norham and Thomas Roland rector of ?, 15 November 1362.

Meldon - William Pulhore, 26 June 1364.

Edlingham - Richard of Hemingbrough, 11 January 1367.

Branxton - John of Carlton, 11 June 1367.

Bywell St Peter - John of Ingleby, 17 April 1368.

Branxton - William of Kirby, [6 April] 1369.

Meldon - Nicholas of Ingleby, 18 February 1370.

Meldon - John of Ingleby, 24 June 1369.

Bywell St Peter - Nicholas of Ingleby, 24 June 1369.

Meldon - John Galway, 24 May 1370.

Norham - Hugh of Chilton, 30 May 1373.

Bedlington - John Pays, 18 June 1379.

Branxton - William Miton, 29 October 1379.

Ellingham - Roger del Booth, 1 November 1379.

Meldon - Reginald Porter, 29 June 1378.

Branxton - Thomas of Kelloe, 8 October 1380.

Ellingham - William of Billingham, 8 July 1381.

Edlingham - William of Billingham formerly vicar of Ellingham, 27 June 1383.

Ellingham - Thomas Ireland formerly vicar of Edlingham, 28 June 1383.

Branxton - William of Bywell, 11 December 1382.

Ellingham - William Wardall, 29 June 1389.

Ellingham - Henry Leyger, 11 October 1389.

Norham - John Catterick, 14 June 1398.

Norham - John Turner, 4 November 1400.

Bywell St Peter - Walter of Sherburn, 16 February 1413, on the resignation of Walter of Jarrow, 16 December 1412.

Branxton - William Espley, [1 July] 1414.

Dates and names of presentations [above] contained in the red register.

Dates and names of presentations [below] contained in the third register.

Meldon - Master W[illiam] of Doncaster, 22 April 1437.

Branxton - Thomas Radcliffe, 11 July 1438.

Ellingham - John Furness, 13 April 1439.

Meldon - Alexander Surtees, 25 July 1439.

Norham - John Mainsforth, 12 November 1440.

Meldon - William Easby (*Essby*) 12 March 1441.

Branxton - William Hunter, 1443.

Bedlington - John Stillington, on the resignation of Master W[illiam] of Doncaster, 10 December 1419.

Branxton - John Durham, 27 May 1408.

Size: 305 x 220 mm

Paper, 2f

DCD Loc.X:4 24 April 1359

Ordinance by Thomas [of Hatfield], bishop of Durham, with the consent of the prior and convent of Durham, appropriators of St Oswald's church in Durham, and of Nicholas of Bishopton, perpetual vicar thereof, of a vicarage portion in that church; of the house next to the churchyard, as occupied by the said Nicholas and his predecessors; 16 marks from the prior and convent, to be received in four equal instalments at All Saints, the Purification, the Ascension and St Peter Ad Vincula at the hands of the hostiller; other specified rights, and the *seclemes* [?] called *nightwakes*, except from the villis of Croxdale, Sunderland [Bridge], and Butterby, since the prior and convent provide chaplains for the chapels of St Margaret and Croxdale, dependent upon the same church.

Sealed.

Date: Stockon manor, 24 April 1359.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and (15th century) that it has been abrogated by a second.

Size: 200 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:51 and 3.16.Spec, formerly 4.16.Spec, and also 1.8.E Elvet.

Copy in: DCD Reg.II, f.170r.

DCD Loc.X:5 9 - 10 April 1321

Depositions of 6 witnesses concerning the payment of an annual pension of 5 marks to the vicars of [Bishop] Middleham (including William de Meners and Nicholas of Bishopton) from the master and brothers of Sherburn Hospital, being a portion from the tithes of sheaves of Garmondsway pertaining to the brothers from of old, received from the prior and monks of Finchale since the appropriation of [Bishop] Middleham rectory to the priory, examined in the church of Middleham on Thursday and Friday after St Ambrose 1321.

1. William Bullock chaplain, 50 years old.
2. John son of Peter of Barton, layman, 40 years old.
3. Ralph of Middleham, chaplain, 60 years old.
4. Thomas son of Richard of Mainsforth, clerk, 30 years old and more.
5. Walter called Peresman of Mainsforth, layman, 60 years old and more.
6. Thomas of Mainsforth, layman, 30 years old and more.

On the dorse, and attached as a schedule, are the exceptions of [Roger of Shincliffe], proctor of the prior and monks of Finchale, against Henry of Lutterington vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, accused of fornication with Alice of Norton, and against the 6 depositions.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and that it was for the sacrist about the Middleham pension.

Size: 2240 x 195-205 mm

Parchment roll, 4m + 1m attached to m.1

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:39.

DCD Loc.X:6 1486 - 1487

Wolviston St Mary Magdalene chapel guild lists of members, living and dead, brothers and sisters, for 1486 and 1487, also an inventory of the guild's goods [1486], and memoranda of payments 1498.

Language: Lists in English

Size: 300 x 110 mm

Paper booklet, 4f

Related material elsewhere: The rest of the book [1482 - ?1523] is DCD Misc.Ch. 7233.

DCD Loc.X:7 [15th century]

Copies of leases and grants, in various hands and with interlineations and cancellations. Demise by the prior and convent of Durham to John Hexham, chaplain, of the parish chapel of Witton by Bearpark, with the priest's house and the greater and lesser tithes, from the Invention next for 3 years, celebrating services there and also a mass in the chapel at Bearpark, rendering 6s 8d and a wagon-load of hay annually at St Peter Ad Vincula.

Grant by Richard of Barnard Castle, William Orchard clerk, William Hett lord of Hett, Thomas of Hett his brother, John Wycliffe, Robert Wycliffe his brother, John Sadberge clerk, John Headlam, Rowland Kendal chaplain, and Adam Tabelaer chaplain, to William Hedley goldsmith of a burgage in Claypath, Durham, between the burgages of Alan of Billingham on the west and Alice Boyees on the east, in perpetuity, rendering annually 2s, as in a charter for the Holy Trinity chantry in the church of Durham St Nicholas, founded by Thomas Coxside, 1373.

Demise by the prior and convent of Durham to Robert Watson of Burntoft, Thomas Watson of Hardwick and William Winlaton rector of the parish church of Elwick, of a messuage, a grange newly built, two waste tofts, 160 acres of arable and 21 acres of meadow in the vill of Burntoft, with pasture for 16 oxen within the Burntoft demesne, from next St Martin in Winter for 9 years, rendering annually 113s 4d in two terms.

Clause about leasing two mills and their pond, and providing for their fittings.

Endorsed (16th century) as a lease of Witton chapel.

Size: 220 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:65.

DCD Loc.X:8 [18 June & 18 July] 1375

Copy confirmation by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham and [Robert of Walworth] prior of Durham of a composition between the prior and convent of Tynemouth and Dom John of Pickworth, rector of Ovingham, about certain portions of tithes in the fields of Wylam (*Whilome*) and Ovington, reciting the process of appeals to the Roman curia, the arbitration of Henry Lord Percy that the rector would pay the prior and convent 40s compensation and permit them to enjoy their portion as they had from time immemorial in return for the dropping of all suits at the Roman *curia* by the prior and convent, which composition was made in Warkworth castle in the greater chamber there on 5 March 1375.

Sealed by the bishop of Durham.

Date: London, 14 Kal. July 1375.

Sealed by the prior and chapter of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 15 Kal. August 1375.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 440 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:26 and Loc.16.

DCD Loc.X:9 [c.1319]

Depositions concerning an annual pension of 40s payable by the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham to the sacrist, citing payments by Robert parish chaplain of [Bishop] Middleham and an acquittance of [22 October] 1319:

Dom John Layton, monk of Durham; Walter vicar of Billingham; Master Hugh of Corbridge; Adam of Appleby clerk.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "sacrist" .

Size: 400 x 165-175 mm

Parchment, 1m +1m attached

DCD Loc.X:10 [1319]

Depositions concerning an annual pension of 40s payable by the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham to the sacrist, and 5 marks from the tithes of Garmondsway, citing payments by Robert parish chaplain of [Bishop] Middleham and an acquittance of [22 October] 1319:

John Gray vicar of Kelloe; ?; Walter of Mainsforth; Robert of Durham chaplain; Master Thomas Ho vicar of Bishopton.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 515 x 185 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.10:39.

DCD Loc.X:11 [c.1319]

Exceptions of the proctor of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, against the prior and convent of Durham in a plea about a 40s pension and its non-payment for the last year.

Size: 130 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:11* [1319]

Exceptions of the proctor of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, against the prior and convent of Durham in a plea about a 40s pension and its non-payment for the last year.

On the dorse is a memorandum about the process of the case with various summonses during 1319.

Size: 80 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:12 [5 October 1278]

Copy grant by Robert [of Holy Island] bishop of Durham to the prior and monks of Finchale of the church of St Michael of [Bishop] Middleham, vacant by the resignation of Peter de Montecute, along with the rectory, allowing 5 marks to the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham from the tithes of Garmondsway which the rector had previously had.

Size: 190 x 180 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy of the original: DCD Reg.I, f.28v-29r.

DCD Loc.X:12* [5 October] 1278

Grant by Robert [of Holy Island] bishop of Durham to the prior and monks of Finchale of the church of St Michael of [Bishop] Middleham, vacant by the resignation of Peter de Montecute, along with the rectory, allowing 5 marks to the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham from the tithes of Garmondsway which the rector had previously had.

Date: Darlington, 3 Non. October 1278.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the appropriation of Middleham church to the house of Finchale and an ordinance for the vicarage there.

Size: 135 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:50.

Copy of the original: DCD Reg.I, f.28v-29r.

DCD Loc.X:13 [1319]

Draft positions of the proctor of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, against the prior and convent of Durham in the dispute over the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham's 40s pension, including annual valuations of the church, its tithes, the vicarage, and its taxation, and the amount needed to support the vicar.

Size: 155 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:14 [1319]

Positions of the proctor of the prior and convent of Durham against Henry [of Lutterington] vicar of [Bishop] Middleham in the dispute over the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham's 40s pension, citing payment made, with some notes of responses.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the prior against the vicar of Middleham.

Size: 140 x 160 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:15 early 14th century

Part of an archdeacon's formulary.

Endorsed (14th century) as the process of the appropriation and union of Easington church to the archdeacon of Durham by bishops Nicholas and Walter.

Size: 475 x 195 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.16:54.

1. [23 September 1257]

Grant by Walter [Kirkham] bishop of Durham of the vacant church of Easington and its collation, in the bishop's patronage, to Master Robert of St Agatha, archdeacon of Durham. Nicholas Farnham, previously bishop of Durham, had earlier claimed that the church was in his patronage by virtue of the papal grant made to him (of episcopal lands after his resignation) but Nicholas is now dead and the patronage has reverted to the bishop.

Date: Stockton, Sunday after St Matthew, Pont.8.

Printed: (incorrectly dated) *English Episcopal Acta 29: Durham 1241-1283*, ed P.M. Hoskin (Oxford 2005), p.96.

2. [1249 x 1260]

Excerpt from the constitutions of [Bishop Walter Kirkham], mandating clerical residence.

3. [2 June 1237]

Letters of R[obert Grosseteste] bishop of Lincoln to the archdeacons in Lincoln diocese and their officials, about distributing a third of the fruits of churches with non-resident rectors to the parochial poor.

Date: Marlow, 4 Non. June, Pont.2.

4. [12 October] 1260

Bond of R[obert] of St Agatha, archdeacon of Durham, to the abbot and convent of St Agatha [Easby] in 52½ marks for carrying out business at the Roman *curia*, supported by Master G of St Agatha, rector of ?Hutton (*Houthton*).

Date: Newton Arch', Tuesday after St Dionysus 1260.

5. [13 March 1260]

Bull of Pope Alexander [IV] to the archdeacon of Durham that he should ensure the payment of the customary tithes of Master B rector of Hornsea (*Hornese*; the marginal title has it as a bull for Master B *de Hinton*).

Date: Anagni, 3 Ides March, Pont.6.

6. [?3rd quarter 13th century]

(Dorse) Part (the end) of an astronomy text on calculating leap years, headed "ultimus".

Related material elsewhere: More of the text is on the dorse of DCD Loc.XIV:8b.

DCD Loc.X:16 [c.1432]

Petition to John [Wessington] prior of Durham by the proctor of the inhabitants of Brandon and Branton in Durham diocese against the appeal of Dom Robert Bamburgh, vicar of Eglington, to the pope after the official had sequestered fruits and revenues from Brandon chapel which the vicar had provided a priest for at his own expense.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:13.

Related material in other DUL collections: 1432 mandate of Pope Eugenius IV: DCD Cart.III, f.II.196v.

DCD Loc.X:17 [3 January] 1322

Depositions of witnesses on eight articles about an annual pension of five marks due to the rectors of [Bishop] Middleham from the master and brothers of Sherburn hospital for tithes of sheaves (greater tithes) at Garmondsway and the appropriation of the vicarage of [Bishop] Middleham to the prior and monks of Finchale and on Sunday before Epiphany 1321/2:

Dom William of London, rector of half of the church of Middleton St George, aged 50 and more;

Hugh of Grindon, clerk, aged 60 and more;

John of Heworth, aged 40 and more;

Walter of Garmondsway aged 80;

Henry of Stainton, aged 60 and more;

Walter of Cocken, aged 90;

John of Warden, aged 80;

Adam Newman, aged 40;

Uthred (*Hucchredus*) son of William of Garmondsway, aged 50 and more;

John of Stainton, aged 40;

John son of William of Garmondsway, aged 50;

John son of Cecilia, aged 40;

Richard of Walworth, aged 40;

John of Thrislington, clerk, aged 50 and more;

William King, aged 60;

William Newbond, aged 80.

With much interlineation and cancellation.

(Attached)

Nine articles of the proctor of the master, brothers and sisters of Sherburn hospital against the three exceptions of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and as 'the Sherburn copy, and (16th century) as the third part.

Size: 2220 x 155-165 mm

Parchment roll, 5m + 1m attached to m.1

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:39.

DCD Loc.X:18 6 March 1431

Notarial instrument reciting articles against John Vescy (Vessey), chaplain of Gateshead, brought by his parishioners, namely Thomas Headlam, William Headlam, Dom John Beltoft, Dom David Lowey, Dom John Cokden chaplain, Alice Short, John Randalf and Alice Allgode, that John Bolton chaplain formerly parish chaplain of Gateshead church was incontinent with Cristiana Akle alias Liztharness, a Scotswoman, that Vescy went drinking at night in the taverns with laymen which he had to sleep off next day, thereby neglecting his canonical duties, that he told Alice Allgode at her confession that she should pay him 28d of which she paid 8d, that he induced Alice Short at her confession to hand over money, and that he had also abused the confession of Helen Lockwood of Gateshead; together with depositions of the witnesses proving the same articles. Witnesses: William Dalton, Edward Green and John Brodesall of Lincoln and Durham dioceses.

Date: Gateshead church, 6 March 1430/1.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as an instrument and act and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 230 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:6.

DCD Loc.X:19 [?3rd quarter 13th century]

Copies of two episcopal charters.

Grant by Walter [Kirkham] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham of the church of Heighington in perpetuity, whose advowson already belongs to them, for the hospital and refectory of the poor, save for the vicarage taxed at 30 marks, to support Master William of Kilkenny rector of Heighington on whose resignation or death the monks may take possession [before 28 June 1253]

Witnesses: Masters Richard of Kirkham, Robert of Hinckley, Robert of Driffeld; Doms William of Middleton his steward, Marmaduke son of Geoffrey, William Basset, Guy of Pinkerton (*Punchardon*), William of Whitby chaplain, Richard of Busseh', Ralph Bruton, Roger of Waltham, Hugh of Ecclesall, and William of Huddleston, clerks.

Grant by Richard [Marsh] bishop of Durham, king's chancellor, to the prior and monks of Durham of the churches of Aycliffe and Pitlington in perpetuity to support their house, and the feeding and hospitality of travellers, with the prior and convent to present a vicar to each church, and each vicar to have the entire altarage from his church, except for the tithes of wool and lambs from the monks' demesne, but if the altarage from Aycliffe does not reach 12 marks or that from Pitlington does not reach 10 marks, then the monks are to supplement it; confirmed by Walter [Gray] archbishop of York [?before 22

September 1218]

Witnesses: E [?Aimeric] archdeacon of Durham; Master Alan de Ley official of Durham; Master Simon of Farlington; Master William of Stichil; Master Arnold of Auckland; Robert clerk of Allerton; Master Nicholas Lac of Heddon.

Endorsed (14th century) with descriptions.

Size: 220 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:23.

Originals (grant by Kirkham): DCD 3.2.Pont.6a & 6b.

Other copies: DCD 2.8.Pont.11 and Sacr.rntls.f.96v.

Originals (grant by Marsh): DCD 2.2.Pont.2a & 2b.

Other copy: DCD 2.8.Pont.11.

DCD Loc.X:20 30 August 1461

Appointment by John [Burnaby], prior and chapter of Durham, of Master William Seton, Sac Pag Prof and subprior, and Master William Leyburn, LLB, as proctors before Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham in a case against Dom Robert Stainton chaplain of Hylton who had affixed a paper schedule in English on the door of Durham cathedral, along with other documents submitted, concerning their title to Monkwearmouth church, and also in an appeal in the same case brought by the same Robert in the Roman *curia*.

Date: Durham chapter house, 30 August 1461.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 180 x 345 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.21:55.

Related material in other DUL collections: Consistory court monition in the case: DCD Cart.IV, f.296r-v.

DCD Loc.X:21 [15 December] 1287

Notarial instrument of the official of the court of Paris inspecting the following procuration. Appointment by Master Peter de Montecute, formerly rector of [Bishop] Middleham, of his kinsman Obertinius de Montecute as his proctor in matters concerning the prior and convent of Durham and especially to receive 170 marks from them for his pension and thereby to resign his pension.

Witnesses: Dom Otto archdeacon of Turin; Dom Amadeus archpriest of Turin; Dom Guigo de Chasta prior of Rivello.

Sealed with the seals of Geoffrey bishop of Turin and Peter de Montecute.

Date: the episcopal palace in Turin, 28 November 1287.

Date: Paris, Monday before St Thomas the apostle 1287.

Notary: Pertuetus Baronis, NP by imperial authority, with the seals verified by John Caponis and Robinus nuncio of the prior of Durham, laymen.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description.

Size: 295 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:60 and Loc.10:61.

DCD Loc.X:22 [1212 x 1230]

Copy of a grant by William son of Absolon of Coldingham, for the souls of himself, Ernald (*Arnald*) former prior of Coldingham, the prior and convent of Durham, his father and mother, and all the benefactors of the chapel he had erected in honour of St Andrew on the new bridge towards Elvethalgh, of his land which he gave to fee farm in Elvethalgh, with the land which he bought from Matthew the clerk in Clayport, to sustain a chaplain celebrating masses in the said chapel, the lands being: the land built on next to the land of Richard the servant towards the bridge which Nicholas the *tinctor* holds paying annually 10s; the land built on which he bought from Roger of London his brother near the bridge on the south side lying between the land of Luke of Chester and the land formerly of Absolon father of William of Coldingham which Gilbert of Reading holds paying annually 13s 4d; the land built on next to the oven formerly of Hugh the Cook to the west which William Tiler holds paying annually 10s 8d, and also to Walter Albus at St Cuthbert a pound of pepper; and an oven which he bought from William Hogg towards the east for which Henry Baker pays annually 12s; land built on next to the house of Isabella daughter of Robert of Lincoln towards the south for which Philip Goldsmith pays annually half a mark and Thomas the clerk 40d; and the land in Clayport which Richard Cellarer holds paying annually 5s; and all the rents of the houses which he had built on both sides of the bridge near the River Wear which Richard prior and convent of Durham had conferred as a subsidy on the said chapel.

Sealed.

Witnesses: Nicholas vicar of Elvet; Walter chaplain; William Herb'; William of Ripon; William Knoyt *meynerio*; Walter Blunden.

Total rent 61s besides the bridge rent. [Early 15th century copy by] J. Fishburn.

Memorandum that Richard Claxton was prior for 13 years and ceased to be prior in 1285 and thus this chantry was founded around 1277.

Size: 210 x 320 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

This and other documents concerning the setting up of the chantry are discussed in M. Harvey, *Lay Religious Life in Late Medieval Durham*, (Woodbridge 2006), p.135-137.

Original: DCD Misc.Ch. 2307.

See also: DCD 2.11.Spec.28 and a copy in DCD Cart.Vet., f.88v-89r.

DCD Loc.X:23 20 September 1482

Indenture between Dom Robert Sedgefield chaplain of St Mary's chantry in Durham St Oswald church and Thomas Haughton hostiller of Durham demising, with the consent of the chantry's patron, to the hostiller various parcels of land, namely 4 acres at Hewenpeth, 2 acres at Le Horsclose, 1½ acres in the north of Elvethalbarncroft called Potterfield and 1½ acres in the south part of Elvethalbarncroft, from next St Martin in Winter for 81 years, paying annually 24s.

Sealed alternately.

Date: Durham, 20 September 1482.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 120 x 220 mm

Seal: Part of a seal of the letter ?H, red wax, round, c.20mm, on a double parchment tag reused from another document, through a double slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:24 20 November 1485

Collation of the chantry at the altar to St Mary's in the church of Durham St Nicholas, vacant on the death of the last chaplain Thomas Goswick, by Thomas Pickering, almoner of Durham cathedral, with the consent of the rector of the church together with the counsel and permission of four faithful worthy men of the parish, to Dom John Brown chaplain, to pray for the souls of Reginald Mercator, late burgess of Durham, and his late wife Billa.

Sealed with the seal of the official of the archdeacon of Durham, with the almoner's signet impressed on the dorse.

Date: Durham, 20 November 1485.

Names and phrases copied on the turnup with some pen trials.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:10.

DCD Loc.X:25 13 January 1362

Notarial instrument of Guillermo de Gunello LLD, canon of Narbonne, papal chaplain and auditor, notifying John Fossour prior of Durham of a petition of Dom Thomas of Morpeth vicar of Merrington concerning the tithes of his vicarage, to be heard in the Roman *curia* of Pope Innocent VI by him, between the vicar and Master Robert of Coventry, the prior's proctor.

Witnesses: Masters Peter de Bolonesio, Henry Spiker and Gerard Gerard de Tullo, clerks.

Date: in his house at Avignon, 13 January 1361/2.

Notary: John Manisse of Ravanilla of Rheims diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description.

Size: 290 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.10:21.

DCD Loc.X:26 [4 February] 1291

Letters patent of Richard de Hoton prior and convent of Durham, in gratitude for the gift by Thomas Herrington (*Haryngton*) knight, for the souls of his father Robert and his mother Matilda, and Amicia and ?Hannah (*Osanna*) his wives, of his manor of Houghall, establishing after his death two chaplains, one in Herrington chapel and the other in Harraton chapel, and two monks in the church of Durham, one at the altar of St John the Evangelist under the great cross, and the other at the altar of St Cuthbert in the front of the church, to celebrate masses for his soul and the souls of his ancestors, with strictures to ensure their continuance and sustenance.

Sealed with the seal of the chapter.

Date: Durham, pridie Non February 1290/1.

Endorsed (16th century) as an ordinance for the chantries of Thomas Herrington.

Size: 120-130 x 390-410 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:71.

DCD Loc.X:27 1 September 1404

Ordinance and foundation of the chantry of a chaplain at the altar of St Cuthbert in the collegiate church of Howden by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, reciting the following royal licence

Licence from Richard II to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to found a chantry for the souls of himself, his parents and benefactors, with a chaplain at the altar of St Cuthbert in the collegiate church of Howden, establishing it with a messuage, 8 cottages and 40s rent.

Date: Westminster, 10 February 18 Richard II [1395]

and appointing Nicholas Kayser as the chaplain for life, and giving 8 cottages in Howden between the gate of the bishop's manor on the west and Stephen Cecill's rent on the east, and the bishop's manor on the south and Howden market on the north, rendering 8d annually.

Witnesses: Alexander de Metham, Gerard Salvayn and Thomas [Bosevill knights; John de Ask, Peter del Hay, William] Roscelyn, Stephen Cecill.

Date: Howden, 1 September 1404.

Confirmed by the prior and chapter of Durham in their chapter house at Durham, 30 January 1404/5.

With a later introductory note at the beginning.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description.

Size: 235 x 360 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:41 and "2a secundo longe ciste" .

Earlier version of 23 May 1404: DCD 3.1.Archiep.2a and 2b.

Inspeximus of 12 September 1404 by the prior and chapter of Durham: DCD Reg.III, f.lr-v.

Calendared (licence): *CPR. 1391-1396* p.539.

DCD Loc.X:28 24 February 1363

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by John Fossor prior of Durham cathedral, Richard of Bickerton subprior, John Tickhill sacrist, John of Cornwall feretrar, Robert of Brackenbury infirmarer, John of Hemingbrough almoner, William of Norton precentor, Richard of Birtley terrar, Thomas of Hardwick hostiller, John of Bolton communar, John of Herrington cellarer, John Abel granator, and the rest of the monks, of Master John of Appleby LLD and Richard of Beckingham monk of Durham cathedral as proctors at the Roman *curia* in a case over tithes between the prior, monks and chapter of Durham and Thomas Morpeth vicar of Merrington.

Witnesses: Master John of Hackthorpe NP by apostolic authority; William de Swetop and John of Billingham, clerks of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 February 1362/3.

Notary: John of Nesbitt, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 405 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:47.

DCD Loc.X:29 13 November 1357

Notarial instrument of Guido bishop of Massa Marittima (*Massanus*), reciting the following mandate

Mandate of Nicholas cardinal of St Vitalis and papal nuncio for John of Barnard Castle, as chaplain of the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret in the Old Borough of Durham, to be put in possession of the tithes of Lanchester and Chester, the claims of ?Whickham parish church (*Qwytefeld*) notwithstanding.

Date: London, 8 Id. November [6 November] 1357.

and instructing the prior and convent of Durham to implement it.

Witnesses: Dom Bertold vicar of the church of St Columba de Ciaranezodo Agusten diocese (?Caesarea); William of Grandborough of Lichfield diocese; Walter Jalrys priest of Durham diocese.

Date: London in the house of the bishop of Chichester, 13 November 1357.

Notary: William son of George Droy of Valpergia of Turin diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description as the execution of providing the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret for J[ohn] of Barnard Castle.

Size: 520 x 515 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:52.

DCD Loc.X:30 13 December 1438

Copy notarial instrument reciting the exchange of benefices of Dom Peter Fryston vicar of the parish church of Gainford with the church of Holy Cross in the city of York which Dom Robert Grysmer had obtained, for which Dom Robert Saxton, Thomas Wilton and Thomas Swanland vicars choral of York Minster, Dom Robert Smith and Thomas Folyfayt chaplains and John Green of Durham diocese had been appointed proctors.

Witnesses: Alexander Gogarth, John Bispham clerks and others of Carlisle and York dioceses.

Date: Ogleforth in York, 13 December 1438.

Notary: William Bispham, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

With a confirmation.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 310 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:66.

DCD Loc.X:31 3 June & 28 July 1322

Copy instruments about the Bishop Middleham vicarage pension.

Notarial instrument before Master Richard de Meburn, official and commissary-general of the bishop of Durham, sitting in tribunal in the Galilee chapel in Durham cathedral, in a case about an annual pension of 40s between the prior and convent of Durham represented by their proctor John of Barnard Castle clerk, and Henry de Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, represented by his proctor Thomas of Elvet clerk, 3 June 1322

Witnesses: Master Thomas Yne; William of Walton; Roger of Shincliffe.

Notarial instrument reciting the libel and articles presented before Master William of Whickham, official of the bishop of Durham, in tribunal in the Galilee chapel in Durham cathedral by Thomas of Elvet clerk and proctor of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, 28 July 1322

Witnesses: Masters John of Hare Law (*Hyrlawe*), Robert of Darlington, William of Whorlton (*Qwalton*)

Endorsed (15th century) as replications and exceptions of the vicar of Middleham against the sentence of the commissary of Durham in the case over the 40s sentence owed to the sacrist of Durham.

Size: 325 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:40 and "2a 2e longe cista" .

DCD Loc.X:32 [?1334 x 1342]

Two copy letters from the prior and convent of Durham to Pope Benedict [?XII] asking that, because of the impoverishment and suffering they have endured from the Scots through the long wars between the king of England and the people of Scotland, especially in their cells of Coldingham and Holy Island, and also from the various disturbances and instability in the kingdom of England, they might appropriate the churches of Hemingbrough, taxed at £106 13s 4d, and Brantingham, taxed at £66 13s 4d.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description.

Size: 230 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10: 16 & 42 and "2a 2e longe cista" .

DCD Loc.X:33 [15th century]

Copies of documents about Hemingbrough.

(f.1r-2v) Inspeximus by Walter [Giffard] archbishop of York and William dean and chapter of York confirming the following grants.

Grant by Hugh [of Darlington] prior and convent of Durham to William of Hemingbrough, canon of Lincoln, of a toft in Hemingbrough next to the church, which Gregory Marshall formerly held, and 13 acres of land in Hemingbrough field, which Gregory also held, and 40 acres of waste lying between the road from Drax to the south and the assart of the rector of Hemingbrough church to the north, for life and after his death or resignation to the priest in Hemingbrough church to celebrate in memory of Master Robert de Marisco former rector of Hemingbrough and dean of Lincoln, with conditions detailed.

Sealed interchangeably with the seals of William and the common seal of chapter.

Date: Durham, 10 Kal. June [23 May] 1266.

Deed of endowment of the Wasse chantry whereby William of Hemingbrough canon of Lincoln, with the assent of Robert of St Agatha and the other executors of the will of Robert de Marisco, formerly dean of Lincoln, grants to the church of Hemingbrough and the priest there celebrating for the soul of Robert de Marisco all the land which the prior and convent of Durham had given him in the vill and territory of Hemingbrough, that is, a toft, 13 acres of land and 40 acres of waste, also 13 acres and a rod of land bought from Robert son of John in Newhay and a meadow called Morkelcroft bought from Ralph of Babthorpe, rendering 32s 7½d to the prior and convent, 1d to Robert of Newhay and 1d to Ralph of Babthorpe, with himself to present for his life, then the rector of Hemingbrough, and then, failing him, the prior and convent of Durham, then the archbishop or chapter of York [ca. 1260s]

Sealed with the seals of himself and Robert of St Agatha archdeacon of Durham; also confirmed and sealed by the prior and convent of Durham.

(f.2v-3r) Grant, in French, by Thomas Wake, lord of Liddel and Cottingham, to the prior and convent of Durham of all the lands in the vill of Hunsley and Drewton.

Sealed interchangeably.

Witnesses: John of Heslerton, Gilbert Peche, John of Barton of Fryton, Roger of Grimston, Peter de Eynill and John of Hothum knights; William de Denum, Adam de Bouys, William de Lunde, Roger of Esh, John Thoche, William son of Peter.

Date: York during the parliament there, 1318.

(f.3r-4r) Six general statements of confirmation, headed as being notes for the corroboration of the liberties of Hemingbrough.

(f.4v) Pleas before the king 24 Edward [I], r.3. (Easter 1296)

Richard prior of Durham was attached to answer John Yole of Brackenholme that the prior had not obeyed a royal writ to restore to him, according to the custom of Hemingbrough manor, a messuage and a bovaté of land in Hemingbrough which the same prior and John son of Walter son of Ely and John son of Richard Fraunceys had taken away from him, with Yole being awarded damages of 40s.

Witnesses: Master William chancellor of York; Ruffino archdeacon of Cleveland; Stephen of Sutton, John Crasso and Thomas of Luddenham, canons of York; Gilbert of St Leofard and Robert of Fangfoss, canons of Beverley.

Date: York, 1274.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the ordinance of the Wasse chantry with (16th century) other documents about Hemingbrough's liberties.

Language: Latin; French

Size: 250 x 160 mm

Parchment booklet, 4f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.10:14.

Original (inspeximus): DCD 2.2.Ebor.18.

Another copy: DCD Cart.III, f.ii.71r-72v.

Discussed in: T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.88-89.

Originals (grant): DCD 1.3.Ebor.3a and b.

Further copies: DCD 1.3.Ebor.9 and Cart.III, f.48v-49r.

DCD Loc.X:34 26 November 1462

Copy/draft letter from John Lounde and Thomas Ascheley clerks and William Rakett gent, feoffors of the late William Lord Hylton to John [Burnaby] prior and chapter of Durham presenting, by right of a certain feoffment, Richard Creswell priest to the chapel of Hylton in place of the late Dom Robert Stainton.

Sealed.

Date: 26 November 1462.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 95 x 285 mm

Parchment, 1m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 5.

Original: DCD 4.3.Spec.26.

Copies: DCD Reg.IV, f.148r-v; Cart. IV, f.70v; in 3.4.Spec.23.

DCD Loc.X:35 30 September 1443

Lease by indenture by John [Wessington], prior of Durham, to John Furness, vicar of the church of Ellingham and William Bentlay of Durham, of the prior's lands in the vill and territory of Ellingham by virtue of being rector of the church thereof, to be held for fifteen years from Martinmas next to the same feast, rendering yearly at the sacristy at Durham 36s 8d at Whitsun and Martinmas in equal portions, with the first payment beginning at Whitsun next. If the rent should be in arrears, in part or in whole, for three months after any term the prior and his successors may distrain upon the said lands and tenements, and remove and retain the goods distrained, until satisfied of the rent and arrears; if it should be in arrears for an entire year, or if the lessees cut down the wood or underwood growing in the lands and tenements, except by assignment of the prior or his deputy, or if they cause any damage in the buildings, woods or gardens there, unless they are repaired within forty days, the prior and his successors may re-enter the lands and tenements and possess them as before, notwithstanding the present indentures. The said lessees grant that they will maintain and repair all houses, buildings, hedges, woods and enclosures and leave them well repaired at the end of the term, unless they are lain waste or destroyed by the Scots in time of war; they bind themselves, their heirs and executors to fulfil the above conditions and to pay 100s to the prior and his successors or their certain attorney, if they should default in any of them.

Sealed interchangeably.

Date: 30 September 1443.

Endorsed (contemporary) "vacat" and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 185 x 310 mm

Seal: Fragment of a seal, on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:59.

Copy: DCD Reg.Parv.II, f.175r-v.

DCD Loc.X:36 22 September 1397

Draft inspeximus by John prior and convent of Durham confirming the following licences saving the rents, liberties, privileges and rights whatsoever in Hartlepool of the prior and convent and their monastery of Durham.

Licence by Walter [Skirlaw], bishop of Durham, to the mayor and community of the town of Hartlepool to found anew the chantry of two chaplains celebrating masses at St Mary's altar in St Hild's chapel, Hartlepool, for the health, while they live, of the bishop, Matilda, widow of Roger de Clifford', lord of Westmorland and of Hart and Hartness, their heirs, and the mayor and community and their successors, and for the souls of the said Roger and all the aforementioned after their deaths; granting detailed messuages.

Date: Durham, 3 April, Pont.8. [1396]

Licence by Walter, bishop of Durham, to the mayor and community of the town of Hartlepool to found anew the chantry of one chaplain celebrating masses at St Helen's altar in St Helen's chapel, Hartlepool, for the health of Matilda [&c], as in the first licence, and for the souls of Roger [&c], as in the first licence; granting detailed messuages.

Date: Durham, 3 April, Pont.8. [1396]

Licence by Walter, bishop of Durham, to the mayor and community of the town of Hartlepool to found anew the chantry of one chaplain celebrating masses at St Nicholas' altar in St Hild's chapel, Hartlepool, [&c], as in the first licence; and to grant eight messuages in Hartlepool, held of Matilda, widow [&c], as in the first licence, to John Abell', chaplain and keeper of the said chantry.

Date: Durham, 3 April, Pont.8. [1396]

Licence by Walter, bishop of Durham to John Whitrut, mayor of the town of Hartlepool, and the community thereof, to grant to Walter Baxter and William Hwe, keepers of the fabric of St Hild's church, Hartlepool, seven messuages in Hartlepool held of Matilda, widow [&c], as in the first licence; to be held by them and their successors, for the maintenance of the church choir and for obtaining a light for St Mary's altar in the church.

Date: Durham, 3 April, Pont.8. [1396]

Date: Durham chapter house, 22 September 1397.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description.

Size: 535 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:45 and "2a 2e longe ciste" .

Fair copy: DCD Reg.II, f.328v-329r.

DCD Loc.X:37 [?1430s]

Copy notarial instrument of John Lohier LLD, papal chaplain and auditor, reciting his commission from Pope Eugenius IV to hear the supplication of William [Doncaster], official of Durham, in a case between Robert Bamburgh, vicar of Eglington, against Thomas Alder, John Richester and Thomas del Hope, his parishioners from the villis of Brandon, Bewick and Lilburne in the parish of Eglington, over their refusal to pay their due tithes, and recording the subsequent process.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 360 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:13.

Related material in other DUL collections: Possibly related to the papal mandate of 14 July 1432 in DCD Cart.III, f.ii.196v.

DCD Loc.X:38 1 August 1512

Notarial instrument reciting the resignation of John Withers MA as canon and prebendary of Saltmarshe prebend in Howden collegiate church into the hands of Cardinal Christopher [Bainbridge], archbishop of York.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Swalwell STP; John Rakett arm of Durham diocese.

Date: chapel built in honour of St Edmund in the manor of Bearpark (*Beaurpair*), Durham diocese, 1 August 1512.

Notary: John Clerk, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description (*Wethers*).

Size: 245 x 295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:39 31 August 1420

Obligation by John [Wessington] prior and convent of Durham, in gratitude for the gift towards the costs of constructing the new dormitory and cloister by Walter Skirlaw bishop of Durham, of lands worth 4 marks in the vill of Wolviston and Monkton and the city of Durham, to establish a priest from the monastery at their expense at his altar to say a daily mass including the collect "Deus qui inter apostolicos etc", and to hold a solemn mass on his anniversary when they will pay 13 English groats to 13 paupers.

Date: Durham in the chapter house, 31 August 1420.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the ordinance for the Bishop Skirlaw chantry in Durham cathedral.

Size: 210 x 295 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, on a double parchment tag through a slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:28.

DCD Loc.X:40 20 January 1364

Notarial instrument being an agreement between Dom Thomas of Appleby, vicar of the parish church of Norham, and the prior and chapter of Durham, assigning to the former specified tithes, including those from the vill of Norham, Horncliffe, Thornton, Shoreswood, Felkington, Duddo, Grindon, Newbiggin, Twizell, Upsettlington, *Batehous*, and also from the fishery of *Pedeweale*, and assigning further specified tithes including those from Cornhill chapel and the vill of Cornhill, Tilmouth and Heaton.

Sealed with the seal of the office of the vicar-general.

Witnesses: William of Sweethope junior and William of Hadham, clerks of Durham diocese.

Date: before William of Farnham, rector of Walkington, York diocese, and vicar general of the [bishop of Durham], in the chapter house in Durham, 20 January 1363/4.

Notary: John of Hackthorpe, clerk of Carlisle diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (15th century) as the ordinance for the vicar of Norham and as annulled by a later ordinance [Loc.X:40* next below].

Size: 265 x 420 mm

Seal: Fragment of a seal, on a double parchment tag through a slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:31; 2.2.long chest; and others.

DCD Loc.X:40* 16 October 1364

Agreement between Dom Thomas of Appleby, vicar of the parish church of Norham, and the prior and chapter of Durham, assigning to the former specified tithes, including those from the vill of Norham, Hornccliffe, Thornton, Shoreswood, Felkington, Duddo, Grindon, Newbiggin, Twizell, Upsettlington, *Batehous*, and also from the fishery of *Pedeweale*, and assigning further specified tithes including those from Cornhill chapel and the vill of Cornhill, Tilmouth and Heaton.

Sealed interchangeably.

Date: Durham, 16 October 1364.

Endorsed (contemporary and 15th century) as the ordinance for the vicar of Norham and vacant.

Size: 210 x 380 mm

Seal: Double parchment sealing tag through a slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:31; 2.2.long chest; and others.

Related material in other DUL collections: Largely repeats DCD Loc.X:40 next above.

DCD Loc.X:41 [1381 x 1388]

Inspeximus by John [Fordham] bishop of Durham of the following grant of his predecessor.

Grant by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham, to sustain his chantry at his altar in Durham cathedral, of pensions of 40s from the church of Simonburn, 20s from the church of Benton and 20s from the church of Ovingham, for 80 years, 2 September 1378

Endorsed (15th and 16th centuries) as £4 for the Hatfield chantry.

Size: 115 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:34 and 2nd.

Originals: DCD 2.3.Pont.15 (where it is dated 7 September) and Loc.X:45 .

DCD Loc.X:42 30 November 1394

Grant by indenture by the prior and convent of Durham to Master Thomas of Walkington, DCL, of an annual pension, for the term of his life, until promoted by the prior and convent to an acceptable benefice: of 15 marks when at the Roman *curia* ; 10 marks when in his church of Houghton [le Spring], or with the *familia* of the earl of Northumberland within Durham dioc., or in York, Beverley, Ripon or Howden collegiate churches, or with the *familia* of the earl of Northumberland outside Durham diocese; 5 marks when staying in the monastery of Durham; these sums to be taken *pro rata*, depending on the time spent in residence in each case; with a clerk's robe at Christmas, a cloth allowance, specified, for his squire and his clerk when the general livery is made, a weekly allowance, specified, of food and drink for himself and his servants, a full allowance of fodder for one horse and a half allowance for two horses, a stable and chamber which Master William of Farnham occupied, and allowances of coal, wood and candles; the foregoing, excepting the robe and pensions, to be withdrawn during Thomas's absences; Thomas swearing to bind himself to the priory, its cells and its college in Oxford in their causes and business, saving his fealty to the king of England and the abbot of Whitby; to give his aid and counsel as often as required and labour on the priory's behalf in its business, wherever begun, with the prior and convent covering expenses.

Sealed interchangeably.

Date: Durham chapter house, 30 November 1394.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description and (contemporary) as ceased.

Size: 215 x 365 mm

Seal: G&B No. 2556, on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:48.

Copy: DCD Reg.II, f.315r.

DCD Loc.X:43 September 1275

Ordinance of Roger de Seyton canon of York, appointed by Robert [of Holy Island] bishop of Durham, to ascertain the rights of the abbot and convent of St Albans as patron of the church of Coniscliffe, as granted by Pope Alexander IV, as the abbot and convent had sought to assert those rights as the church was vacant by the resignation of Reyner the last rector, but the bishop had denied them, and Roger had inspected the letters of Pope Alexander IV and ordained that the abbot and convent were entitled to the church of Coniscliffe, its buildings and tithes of sheaves and hay, except for the tithes of sheaves and hay of Thornton which were due to the vicar.

Sealed interchangeably.

Date: Durham, September 1275.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 135 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:57.

DCD Loc.X:44 [?1407]

Induction by the official of the archdeaconry of the prior of Durham of John Appleby chaplain as vicar of Pitlington on the death of Reginald Porter last vicar, instituted by Thomas bishop of Durham, on the presentation of the prior and chapter of Durham. Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 90 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.10:72.

Related material in other DUL collections: The presentation (dated 8 September 1407) is: DCD Reg.III, f.25v.

DCD Loc.X:45 2 September 1378

Grant by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham, for a period of 80 years, of the annual pensions due to him from the churches of Simonburn (40s), Benton (20s) and Ovingham (20s). The pensions are to be used for the improvement and maintenance of the bishop's chantry in Durham cathedral, and if any of them are not paid the P. & C. may sequester the fruits of the church or churches concerned.

Date: Auckland manor, 2 September 1378.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description and as duplicated.

Size: 160 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3137, on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:34.

Duplicate: DCD 2.3.Pont.15 (where it is dated 7 September).

Inspeximus by Bishop John [Fordham]: DCD Loc.X:41.

DCD Loc.X:46 16 October 1525

Demise by John Robinson, chaplain of the chantry of St Mary in the church of St Oswald by Durham, with the consent of the patron, to Peter Lee STD, hostillar, of 4 acres of land next to Hewenpeth, 2 acres next to the Horseclose, 1½ acres of land on the north side of Elvet Hall Barn Croft called Potter Field and 1½ acres of land on the south side of Elvet Hall Barn Croft from the next St Martin in Winter for 81 years paying 24s annually. Sealed interchangeably.

Date: Durham, 6 October 1525.

Size: 195 x 230 mm

Seal: Seal, quatrefoil, hexagonal, 102mm, red, right side damaged, good, on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.X:47 23 May 1381

Mandate of Cosimatus Gentilis of Solmona, collector of the apostolic see in England, to the prior and chapter of Durham and Master John Maundour executor of the will of Thomas [Hatfield] former bishop of Durham, sequestrating £200 of the effects of the late bishop to satisfy a debt to the late James Cardinal of Ursino of that sum from the archdeaconry of Durham in 1379, which debt now pertains to the papal chamber.

Date: London, 23 May 1381.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 170 x 295 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3705, on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:32.

DCD Loc.X:48 [6 November] 1357

Provision by Nicholas Cardinal of St Vitalis, apostolic nuncio, of John of Barnard Castle, priest of Durham diocese, chaplain of the chapel of St Margaret in the Old Borough of Durham, reciting the following papal authorisation, to the chantry of St Mary established in St Margaret's chapel, value not exceeding 7 marks, on its resignation by William of Greystones (*Grestens*) into the hands of the subprior of Durham cathedral.

Authorisation of Pope Innocent [VI] to [Hélie de] Talleyrand bishop of Albano and Cardinal Nicholas to appoint to benefices in England.

Date: Villanova in Avignon diocese, 6 Id. April Pont. 4. [8 April 1356]

Sealed.

Date: London, 8 Id. November 1357.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description.

Size: 350 x 455 mm

Seal: Turnup with 2 central stabbed holes [?for seal cords]

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:17.

DCD Loc.X:49 [early 15th century]

Copy ordinances for chantries in Hemingbrough church.

Ordinance of William of Hemingbrough, canon of Lincoln, founding a chantry in Hemingbrough church for the soul of Robert Marsh (*de Marisco*), former dean of Lincoln, with land given him in Hemingbrough by the prior and convent of Durham, sealed by the seals of himself and Robert of St Agatha, archdeacon of Durham [and co-executor]; confirmed by the archbishop, and the dean and chapter of York. [c.1263]

Ordinance by William [Zouche] archbishop of York, at the request of the founders, John of St Paul and John of Tideswell, clerks, executors of the late Master Henry Cliffe canon of York, of two chantries at the altar of St Mary in the northern part of the church of Hemingbrough lately built at the order of Adam of Osgodby, clerk, with John of Ingleby and Richard of Cliffe as the first chaplains.

Date: Burton near Beverley [Bishop Burton], 10 August 1345.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) as extracts of ordinances for the Cliffe and Wasse chantries in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough.

Size: 880 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered Loc.10:14.

Original (ordinance 2): DCD 1.2.Archiep.1.

DCD Loc.X:50 [4 June] 1322

Mandate from the official of the commissary of the bishop of Durham to the dean of Durham for the payment by Dom Henry of Lutterington vicar of [Bishop] Middleham to the prior and convent of Durham and the sacrist there of £7 for an annual pension of 40s with also 39s 11¼d expenses.

Date: Durham, 2 Non. June 1322.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description as an execution.

Size: 35 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:69.

DCD Loc.X:51 [c.1322]

Positions of the proctor of Henry of Lutterington, vicar of [Bishop Middleham], against [the prior] of Finchale over an annual pension.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 280 x 220 & 155 x 130 mm

Parchment, 2f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.10:38.

DCD Loc.X:52 26 January 1429

Inhibition of Hartungus de Cappel DD, papal chaplain and auditor, to the clergy of the city and diocese of Lichfield concerning the appeal of Richard Haswell, monk of Durham and prior of Lytham, against the citation of Thomas abbot of St Werburgh in a case with the abbot and convent of Vale Royal over tithes from the parish church of Kirkham, reciting his commission from Pope Martin V.

Date: Rome, church of St Maria Rotonda (Pantheon), 26 January 1429.

Notary: John Burchard of Robelinchusen, clerk of Cologne diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Haswell and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 440 x 325 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3696, on silk cords laced through two holes in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XI - Empty

Contains no material now. In the 17th century, this loc contained evidences and extracts concerning “structura claustrī” and lands in Newcastle; Joseph Stevenson redistributed this material during his cataloguing work in 1841-1848.

DCD Loc.XII - Empty

Contains no material now. In the 17th century, this loc contained many evidences “nunc antique”; Joseph Stevenson redistributed this material during his cataloguing work in 1841-1848.

DCD Loc.XIII - Priors' elections

[1233] - 1519

Citations, certificates, letters of proxy, etc. of elections of priors of Durham, with a roll of bonds and presentations by Prior William Tanfield and an inventory of the priory's effects on William Ebchester's accession to the priorate in 1446.

Language: Latin unless otherwise specified

1-20 were described on slips in Latin by [Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 21-22 in Latin. 1-13 were catalogued in MODES by Michael Stansfield in June 2003; these descriptions were converted to XML and 14-22 were catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield in July-August 2008.

Loc.XIII:1 10 December 1316

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Robert of Newsham, priest of Durham diocese, made before Adam of Morpeth, official of the archdeacon of Durham, against the election of Henry of Stamford, prior of Finchale, as bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Masters Adam of Darlington and Thomas Yve advocates of the Durham chapter and Robert of Darlington, notary public.

Date: church of St Nicholas, Durham, 10 December 1316.

Notaries: Nicholas of Staindrop, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited; Robert Adam of Darlington, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 410 x 220 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:27 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XIII:2 4 March [1233]

Licence from R[ichard Poore] bishop of Durham to the convent of Durham to elect a new prior of Durham, at the petition of subprior A and 3 other monks.

Date: [Bishop Auckland] *Acient'*, 4 Non. March Pont.6 (from the hand and seal, probably Richard Poore).

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 60 x 160 mm

Seal: G&B No.3120, central part only, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:15 (Swalwell).

Printed: *English Episcopal Acta 25: Durham 1196-1237*, ed M.G. Snape (Oxford 2002), p.287.

Loc.XIII:3a 24 January 1321

Notarial instrument setting the day for the election of a successor to Prior Geoffrey of Burdon as 6 February 1321, and instructing the subprior to cite the masters and monks of the cells to attend the election.

Witnesses: Masters John of Beckingham and John of St Quintin, clerks.

Notary: Robert Richard of Grimy, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Some cancellations and interlineations, including a cancelled election date of 2 March.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being fixing the term for the election of W de Gyseburn and second octave and (16th century) with a description

Size: 260 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 20 (Swalwell)

Loc.XIII:3b [6 February 1321]

Appointment as compromissaries to choose a new prior of Durham to succeed Geoffrey of Burdon who had resigned on 22 January 1321, of W[illiam] of Cowton subprior, Geoffrey of Haxby STD, W[illiam] of Guisborough feretrar, Henry of Teesdale, Hugh Mohaut (*Monte Alto*), R[oger] of Tynemouth prior of Lytham, J[ohn] of Layton prior of Holy Island, W[illiam] of Durham almoner, J[ohn] of Butterwick chancellor, a licence having been obtained from Bishop Louis [de Beaumont] and the date for an election having been fixed for Friday after the Purification [6 February].

Sealed with the common chapter seal.

Date: Durham chapter house, Friday after the Purification, year as above.

Probably a draft as there are interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary *bis* and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 155 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:24 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:3c 2 March 1321

Publication by John of Layton of the election of William of Cowton as the new prior of Durham. Geoffrey of Burdon had resigned as prior on 22 January 1321, William of Guisborough, feretrar, was elected to replace him but renounced his election, so a licence to choose a new prior was gained from Louis [de Beaumont] bishop of Durham and 14 monks, namely William of Cowton subprior, Geoffrey of Haxby STD, Henry of Teesdale, William of Guisborough feretrar, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Roger of Tynemouth prior of Lytham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, John of Wolviston refectorer, John of Layton prior of Holy Island, Henry of Newcastle prior of Finchale, Gilbert of Elwick STD, William of Durham almoner, Alexander of Lamesley terrar, Emery of Lumley hostiller, and John of Darlington were commissioned to choose a new prior. Sealed with the common chapter seal.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 2 March year above.

Probably a draft, with interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary *bis*) with descriptions.

Size: 195 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:29 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:3d 2 March 1321

Commission of William of Cowton subprior, Geoffrey of Haxby STD, Henry of Teesdale, William of Guisborough feretrar, William of Greatham prior of Coldingham, Roger of Tynemouth prior of Lytham, Adam of Pontefract prior of Stamford, John of Wolviston refectorer, John of Layton prior of Holy Island, Henry of Newcastle prior of Finchale, Gilbert of Elwick STD, William of Durham almoner, Alexander of Lamesley terrar, Emery of Lumley hostiller, and John of Darlington by all the monks (named) as compromissaries to choose a new prior.

Probably a draft as there are some interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (contemporary *bis*) with descriptions.

Size: 220 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:30 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:4a 23 March 1341

Commission from Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to Master Edmund Haward archdeacon of Northumberland to examine and confirm the election of John Fossor as prior of Durham as he was engaged on urgent business in distant parts.

Date: Poplar near London, 23 March 1340/1.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 165 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:4b 23 March 1341

Letter from Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to Thomas [Lund] subprior and the chapter of Durham about the election of John Fossour as the new prior of Durham, his taking up his new role and the involvement of Master Edmund Haward archdeacon of Northumberland.

Date: Poplar near London, 23 March 1340/1.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the address and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 160 x 265 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal (?G&B No.3132 or 3133) on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:4c 31 March 1341

Examination and confirmation by Edmund Haward archdeacon of Northumberland of the election of John Fossour as prior of Durham, through John of Beverley STD proctor of the chapter of Durham, reciting his commission from Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham of 23 March 1341.

Sealed.

Date: Durham, 31 March 1341.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 190 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:5 1275 x 1325

Letter (writer and recipient unidentified) about the process of an election, outlining the various stages.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description as being about a prior's election.

Size: 80 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 31 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:6 [1374]

Confirmation by Alan of Shitlington, vicar general of Thomas Hatfield bishop of Durham, and William of Farnham, official of the bishop of Durham, at the request of John of Barnard Castle, subprior, and the chapter of Durham, of the election of Robert of Walworth as prior of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) as confirmation of the election and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 105 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:7 4 May 1399

Citation by Walter [of Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to cite to appear at in the greater chapel of his manor of Auckland on next Wednesday the vigil of Ascension for its confirmation or infirmation all those wishing to contradict the election, for which he had given licence, of William Burnham, Augustinian canon of St Oswald [Nostell], as prior of the Westspittel hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, vacant by the resignation of Robert Leaconfield, as he had been informed by the hospital's proctors William Carlisle and Stephen Walsokne.

Date: at his said manor [Auckland], 4 May 1399.

With a draft of a certification from Prior John [of Hemingbrough] saying that he had received the above on 5 May and had accordingly cited all involved in the election.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 155 x 350 mm

Seal: residue of a seal on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Loc.XIII:8a1 12 December 1374

Notarial instrument being a supplication to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to confirm the election of Robert of Walworth as prior of Durham on 11 December 1374, after the death of John Fossor on 11 November, by the compromissaries, the monks Roger of Allerton subprior, Uhtred of Bolton, Robert of Walworth prior of Coldingham, William of Goldsborough, Hugh of Fallodon, Thomas of Hardwick prior of Holy Island, William Vavasour master of Jarrow, John of Shaftoe, John of Normanby prior of Finchale, John of Bishopton master of Wearmouth, John of Barnard Castle librarian, Simon of Leaventhorpe sacrist of Coldingham, William of Norton hostiller, John of Hemingbrough sacrist, Richard of Birtley prior of Lytham, Richard of Sedgebrook master of the Farne Islands, John of Bolton, Robert of Claxton feretrar, John of Allerton, Hugh Hawick bursar, William of Aislaby almoner, John of Aycliffe master of Durham College Oxford, and John of Berrington terrar, detailing the process.

Sealed with the common seal of the monastery.

Notary: Roger of Catterick, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Some marginalia.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description as the decree of the election and (contemporary) as duplicated.

Size: 520 x 560 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:3 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:8a2 12 December 1374

Duplicate of 8a1.

Size: 635 x 475 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:3 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:8b 11 December 1374

Notarial instrument with Roger of Allerton, subprior, on behalf of named monks, recalling Robert of Walworth, prior of Coldingham, to the cloister in Durham because of the election of a new prior of Durham.

Witnesses: Masters William of Farnham rector of Walkyngton, York diocese, John of Norton and Hugh of Farnham advocates of the court of York.

Notary: Roger of Catterick, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 270 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.18 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:8c [17 December 1374]

Certificate of the dean of christianity in Durham to Alan of Shitlington, vicar-general of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, and William of Farnham, official of the bishop of Durham, that he has carried out their recited mandate of 13 December 1374, to cite any who oppose the election of the new prior of Durham to appear on 20 December 1374 in Durham cathedral.

Date: Durham, 16 Kal. January year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 170 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:26 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:9 31 July 1391

Grant by John of Aycliffe subprior of Durham and the convent providing for the retirement needs of Robert of Walworth former prior of Durham with: chambers and a chapel newly built at Finchale; a household of a monk chaplain, a squire, a clerk, a valet and a groom; tithes from Shadforth, North Sherburn, Sherburn, *Balyon*, South Pitlington and Ludworth, with the farms from the vill of South Pitlington; and that he may have the Coldingham chamber at Durham during time of war or hostile incursions.

Date: Durham chapter house, 31 July 1391.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 155 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:14 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.313r.

?Draft: DCD Loc.XIII:9* next below.

Loc.XIII:9* [31 July 1391]

Grant by John of Aycliffe subprior of Durham and the convent providing for the retirement needs of Robert of Walworth former prior of Durham with: chambers and a chapel newly built at Finchale; a household of a monk chaplain, a squire, a clerk, a valet and a groom; tithes from Shadforth, North Sherburn, Sherburn, *Balyon*, South Pitlington and Ludworth, with the farms from the vill of South Pitlington; and that he may have the Coldingham chamber at Durham during time of war or hostile incursions.

Probably a draft.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description

Size: 95 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:35 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.313r.

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XIII:9 next above.

DCD Loc.XIII:9** 6 June 1394

Commutation by John of [Hemingbrough] prior and convent of Durham of the grant made by John Aycliffe subprior and the convent of Durham to Robert of Walworth, sometime prior of Durham, cancelling his chamber and maintenance [&c] at Finchale, and giving him the cell of Jarrow instead, with the profits [&c] as received by John of Lumley and Thomas Launcells, sometime masters of Jarrow; along with the tithes of Shadforth, North Sherburn, Sherburn *Balyon* [? otherwise South Sherburn] and Ludworth; and two marks from the tenements of the vill of Jarrow, which William Dryclough, Robert Mody and Thomas Symson hold, reserving the rest of the farm to the exchequer of Durham, for the maintenance of himself and two monks to be chosen by the prior and convent with Robert's consent, one saying masses, and the other having the keeping of the cell, just as the master there was accustomed to have, rendering account of the cell yearly and carrying out all other duties due pertaining to the cell, but admitting no *monachi lusores* except with Robert's assent; the prior and convent being able to remove either or both of the monks as they please; Robert to have the Coldingham chamber within their monastery, and maintenance for himself and his servants, if unable, because of war, to reside at Jarrow.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 6 June 1394.

Some interlineation and erasure. Pen trials reversed at the foot, including *Crayk*.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the second provision of Robert Walworth prior of Durham translated from Finchale to Jarrow.

Size: 120 x 270 mm

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:14.

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.313v.

Loc.XIII:10a 13/14 September 1391

Notarial instrument from the chapter of Durham to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham being a decretum seeking his confirmation of the election of John of Hemingbrough as prior of Durham and asking for Hemingbrough to be given the cure and rule of the priory, reciting that Robert of Walworth resigned on 14 August 1391, a licence was secured from the bishop to elect a successor, on 24 August the election date of 13 September was fixed, the monks were summoned to attend in the chapter house then for the election, the subprior and the other monks duly assembled, the Holy Spirit mass was celebrated, the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung as was customary, and a monition was issued by Robert of Lanchester chancellor of the cathedral that all not entitled to vote in the election should leave.

Then the monks (named) appointed Master Uthred of Bolton prior of Finchale SPP, John of Bishopton BTh, Richard Sedgebrook, John of Bolton, Robert of Lanchester chancellor, John of Hawthorn, Richard of Birtley, Robert of Picton communar, William of Kelloe, Richard of Stockton chamberlain, William of Killerby, Thomas Audrey sacrist, Thomas of Lythe feretrar, Robert of Crayke cellarer, Robert of Ripon almoner BTh, John of Newburn bursar, William of Appleby, Thomas of Holy Island, William of Aislaby prior of Holy Island, John of Bywell master of Farne, Thomas Legat master of Jarrow, Thomas Launcells master of Wearmouth, Thomas Corbridge prior of Lytham, Robert of Blacklaw prior of the college of Oxford BTh, and John of Hemingbrough compromissaries or delegates to elect a prior from among themselves or the whole community, as is detailed in letters.

They withdrew, duly deliberated, and unanimously decided on John of Hemingbrough, being discrete, well-born, learned, circumspect, commendable, and with other virtues. Master Uthred of Bolton was chosen to publish the election, and so he publicly and openly chose John of Hemingbrough prior in the cathedral of Durham before the chapter, as recited in his letters issued to that effect.

All the chapter, except John of Hemingbrough, accepted and approved the election, and then processed out of the chapter house to the high altar singing the "Te Deum". Master Uthred of Bolton then publicly proclaimed the election from before the high altar in the choir to the congregated public in the common tongue.

Subsequently, on the same day after an interval, the chapter's proctor Robert of Lanchester, in a great ground-floor chamber within the priory precinct, asked John of Hemingbrough for his assent to his election. He replied that he wished to deliberate on it, and gave his assent in the same room on the next day for the honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Cuthbert and all the saints.

Witnesses: Master John of Southwell and Robert Ashbourne, clerks, and William of Barton clerk of Durham diocese, notary public.

Date: Durham chapter house, 13/14 September 1391.

Notary: John of Stanton, clerk of York, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (15th century, ?John Fishburn) as a decretum of the election of John of Hemingbrough former prior by compromissaries and also as not duplicated.

Size: 520 x 560 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 fragments on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turn-up
Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:4 (Swalwell).

Register copies of 5 of the documents mentioned: DCD Reg.II, f.304-305v.

Loc.XIII:10bi 26/27 September 1391

Notarial instrument reporting to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham that on 26 September 1391, Thomas of Greatham, official of Durham and rector of Ryton, Thomas of Weston, master of Greatham hospital, canon of Darlington and bishop's chancellor, Alan of Newark BCL advocate of the court of York, John de Cokyn BCL, vicar of Billingham and bishop's commissary, and John Hilliard, master of [North]allerton hospital, sat as a tribunal in Durham cathedral, having been appointed commissaries by the bishop of Durham at his manor in London on 1 September 1391. The bishop, having absolved Robert of Walworth from being prior of Durham on his resignation, and having given the subprior and convent licence to elect a new prior, had appointed them to examine and confirm, or invalidate, the election of John of Hemingbrough as prior of Durham, as the serious nature of the king's and the kingdom's business was detaining the bishop in London.

The subprior, convent and chapter of Durham on 13 September 1391 had appointed Robert of Lanchester, Robert of Ripon and William of Appleby, monks, and Master Robert of Ashbourne as proctors to seek John of Hemingbrough's assent to his election as prior and the confirmation of his election by the bishop or his commissary.

Lumley had cited anyone who wished to object to Hemingbrough's election to appear before the commissaries on 25 September 1391. Robert of Lanchester sent a petition to the commissaries reciting that after Walworth's resignation as prior, 25 (named) monks of the community were appointed commissaries to elect a new prior and, after due deliberation, with one voice they chose John of Hemingbrough, a discrete and honest man. Uthred of Bolton was selected to chose him openly before the chapter, and their proctor [Robert of Lanchester] sought and, after due deliberation, gained Hemingbrough's assent to his election. Lanchester now sought the commissaries' confirmation of the election to silence for ever any adversaries.

After examining authentic instruments of Walworth's resignation and the process of Hemingbrough's election, and having heard several witnesses of the process, the commissaries pronounced that, having examined the process of Hemingbrough's election and his own suitability as prior, they confirmed his election and admitted him to the cure, rule and administration of the spiritualities and temporalities of the monastery of Durham. On 27 September 1391, Hugh Herle, archdeacon of Durham, led the elected and confirmed John of Hemingbrough to the stall in the choir and place in chapter of the status and grade of prior and put him into corporal possession of them by making him sit in them.

Witnesses: Hugh Herle archdeacon of Durham, Master John of Southwell of York diocese and Master Robert of Ashbourne of Lichfield diocese.

Date: Durham cathedral, 26/27 September 1391.

Notary: William of Lumley, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (15th century, ?John Fishburn) as the examination and confirmation of Hemingbrough's election and his installation on 26 September by the archdeacon, and as duplicated.

Size: 500 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:9 and 16 (Loc.12 overwritten) (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.300r-301r.

Probable draft: DCD Loc.XIII:10bii next below.

Register copy of the recited 1 September 1391 commission: DCD Reg.II, f.305v-306r.

Loc.XIII:10bii 27 September 1391

Notarial instrument from the bishop's commissaries reporting to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham the examination and confirmation on 26 September 1391 of the election of John of Hemingbrough as prior of Durham and of his installation in the choir of Durham cathedral on 27 September 1391 by Hugh Herle archdeacon of Durham.

An unexecuted instrument, being probably a draft for Loc.XIII:10bi, with the commissaries' confirmation of the election inserted in a different hand. The notarial subscription is also in a different hand and has interlineations and cancellations, and the main text has some overwritten erasures. No notarial sign.

Endorsed (15th century, ?John Fishburn) as the confirmation of Hemingbrough's election on 26 September and his installation on the following day by the archdeacon, and as duplicated.

Size: 455 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:9 and 16 (Loc.12 overwritten) (Swalwell).

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XIII:10bi next above.

Register copy of the recited 1 September 1391 commission: DCD Reg.II, f.305v-306r.

Loc.XIII:10c 29 September 1391

Mandate by Thomas of Greatham, official, Thomas of Weston, bishop of Durham's chancellor, Alan of Newark, advocate of the court of York, John Hilliard, master of [North]allerton hospital, York diocese, and John Cokyn, vicar of Billingham, commissaries of the bishop of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham that they have examined and been satisfied with both the process of the election and the person of John of Hemingbrough as prior of Durham, and that they have confirmed his election, admitted him to the cure and administration of Durham priory, its spiritualities and temporalities, and that [the subprior and chapter] are to show him due obedience.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 150 x 345 mm

Seal: G&B No.3173 on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.306v.

Loc.XIII:10d 24 August 1391

Mandate by John [of Aycliffe] subprior and the chapter of Durham to John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Stamford, notifying him that 13 September has been appointed for the election of their future prior; citing him to attend in the chapter house of Durham on that date; instructing him to cite the monks dwelling with him who ought to attend to be present on that date; advising him that the chapter will proceed with the election even if he or his fellow monks are not present; and requiring certification as to whom he shall have cited, and as to what he and his fellow monks shall have determined to do in respect of the foregoing.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 August 1391.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 135 x 325 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 fragment on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:19 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: Register copy of a similar citation to the prior of Lytham: DCD Reg.II f.303r.

Similar mandates to the prior of Coldingham and master of Jarrow: DCD Loc.XVI:2a and c.

Loc.XIII:10e [1 September] 1391

Commission by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to Thomas of Greatham, bishop's official, Thomas of Weston, bishop's chancellor, Alan of Newark BCL and John of Hilliard clerk, to examine, and confirm or invalidate the election of a new prior of Durham by the subprior and chapter of Durham as the bishop is detained, away from his church, on various and serious business of the king and kingdom.

Date: our manor at London, 1391.

Possibly a draft.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:14 (Swalwell).

Register copy, with some small additions, and the names abbreviated: DCD Reg.II, f.305v-306r.

Recited in: DCD Loc.XIII:10bi & bii.

Loc.XIII:10f 24 August 1391

Instrument of the subprior and convent of Durham appointing 13 September 1391, with following days if necessary, for the election of a new prior of Durham in the chapter house, and decreeing their absent brothers and monks to be present.

Written with the sign and subscription (not present) of Master William of Barton, notary public.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 24 August [1391].

Endorsed (16th century) as fixing the day for the prior's election.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13: 37 (*bis*) (Swalwell).

Register copies, the latter with some variations: DCD Reg.II, f.303r & v.

Loc.XIII:11a 5/6 November 1416

Notarized supplication by the subprior, convent and chapter of Durham notifying Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, of their election of a new prior, including some details of the process and informing him that, following the death of John of Hemingbrough, prior of Durham, on 15 September 1416 and his burial on 17 September, and having obtained from the bishop a licence for an election (1.6.Pont.10), and having, on 18 October, appointed 5 November as the date for the election, Robert Ripon STP subprior, John of Aycliffe STP prior of Coldingham, Richard Eden, Thomas de Insula (*Ile*), Robert Crayke third prior and feretrar, John Newburn prior of Holy Island, Thomas Stapeley, also proctor of Thomas Newthorpe, William Pocklington BTh prior of Finchale, William Graystones communar, Thomas Rome STP prior of Durham College Oxford, John Durham the elder *decanus ordinis*, Thomas of Esh master of Farne, William Drax bursar and proctor of John Hutton, John Auckland, Robert Masham subprior of Finchale, Robert Embleton, Robert Easby master of the infirmary, Stephen Howden chamberlain, John Lytham cellarer, William Barry terrar and hostiller, Richard Haswell prior of Lytham, John Wessington chancellor and sacrist, John Gisburn almoner, John Fishburn official, John Morris master of Jarrow, Hugh Warkworth precentor, John Tynemouth, William Durham, Roger Lanchester refectorer, John Swineshead, Thomas Moorby *decanus ordinis*, Thomas Witton master of [Monk]wearmouth, Thomas Hatfield, Henry Ferriby master of the Galilee, Henry Helay, Robert Hornby, Thomas Sparrow, John Gunnerton also proctor of William Blakeston, John Castell, John Durham the younger subsacrist, William Ebchester also proctor of Robert Picton prior of St Leonard's Stamford and William Lazenby, Robert Clifford, Robert Moorby, William Warner, John Wycliffe, Richard Barton, Thomas Nesbitt, Richard Fowne, Thomas Heselrigg, John Marley, John Dorward, George Syther, John Barlay, John Wymond, Thomas Cotom, William Lyham, William Crayke, John Mody, John Lumley, Thomas Ayre, John Oll, Thomas Hepple, John Moorby, and William Partrike, monks of Durham, assembled in chapter on the said date, those monks absent and having no voice in the election being John Bonner, who had been imprisoned, and Adam Durham and John Fishwick, who had left the priory without good cause, and Thomas Rome having been deputed to warn all those who ought not to be present to leave the chapter house, the chapter unanimously elected John Wessington as their prior, with Thomas Rome deputed as their proctor to publish the result of the election and to seek John Wessington's consent to his election, which John Wessington gave to Thomas Rome on 6 November in the infirmary chapel, and thereby they ask for the bishop's confirmation of the election.

Witnesses: Masters Thomas Greenwood, canon of York, John Selawe, inceptor of decrees, William Doncaster LLB, Thomas of Ryhall and Richard Stanton, clerks, NPs of York and Lincoln dioceses.

Date: Durham, 5/6 November 1416.

Notary: John of Stanton, clerk of York, NP by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

The prior's name "Dominus John Wessington" is written in a bookhand whenever it appears in the document.

Endorsed (16th century) as the decretum of the election of John Wessington with a supplication for the prior's election's confirmation.

Size: 585 x 570 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 on a double parchment tag through a single slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:5 (Swalwell).

Register copy with some variations in spellings of names: DCD Reg.III, f.46r-48r.

?Draft: DCD Loc.XIII:11d.

Printed, from another copy, in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol. II*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 166, 1957), p.116-123.

Loc.XIII:11b 22 December 1416

Confirmation by Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, to John Wessington, of his election as prior of Durham incorporating, at the instance of William Barry, the prior-elect's proctor, his instrument made sitting in judgment in the chapel of his manor of Howden, with the assent of his jurists sitting in council, by licence of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York, to John Wessington pronouncing him prior-elect, committing to him the cure and administration of the priory of Durham, and decreeing that he be inducted into corporal possession of the priorate.

Date: Howden manor, 22 December 1416.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 195 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (*bis*) (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.III, f.48r-v.

Printed, from another copy, in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol. II*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 166, 1957), p.128-130 (nos.437 & 439).

Loc.XIII:11c 2 January 1417

Certification by Thomas Lyes, dean of Auckland, of the following mandate, stating that he carried out the mandate on 24 December in all particulars.

Mandate to induct by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Thomas Lyes, dean of Auckland, B.Dec., informing him that he has confirmed the election of John Wessington as prior of Durham; instructing him, since the archdeacon of Durham is absent, to induct the said John into corporal possession of the priory, assigning him his stall in the choir and his place in the chapter house, and to commit the cure of the priory to him, causing the monks to do due obedience to him; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Date: manor of Howden, 22 December 1416.

Under the seal of the bishop's vicariate-general, in Thomas's possession for the time being.

Date (of the affixing of the said seal) 2 January 1416/17.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the certification of Wessington's installation as prior.

Size: 210 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:36 (*bis*) (Swalwell).

Printed, from another copy, in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol. II*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 166, 1957), p.130-132 (nos.440 & 441).

Register copy: DCD Reg.III, f.48v-49r.

Loc.XIII:11d 5/6 November 1416

Draft notarial instrument of the process of the election of John Wessington as prior of Durham reciting that following the death of John Hemingbrough, prior of Durham, on 15 September 1416 and his burial on 17 September, and having obtained from the bishop a licence for an election (1.6.Pont.10), and having, on 18 October, appointed 5 November as the date for the election, on 5 November, after a mass of the Holy Spirit led by John Durham, the chapter bell was then rung and the monks processed to the chapter-house where the subprior Robert Ripon preached on "vas electionis est iste" to the assembled multitude. The hymn "veni creator" was sung, Ripon read a collect and then all seculars were expelled from the chapter house except for the lawyers and witnesses Master Thomas Greenwood canon of York, John Selow advocate of the court of York, William Doncaster lawyer, Robert Berall, William Bristol, Thomas Ryhall, and Richard Stanton, clerks and notaries public, along with John of Stanton, clerk and notary public.

With the cloister gates locked, Ripon formally called over the names of the 65 monks present, examined the validity of the 5 letters of proxy and pronounced contumacious all professed monks of Durham who were absent without cause. Thomas Rome was then appointed the spokesman and proctor for the conduct of the election and issued a monition that the votes of all canonically disqualified monks would be discounted. [The Fourth Lateran Council's decree] "Quia propter" was read out [identifying the alternatives for capitular elections as being by way of the Holy Spirit, by scrutiny or by compromissary] and the monks and proctors rose up and chanted together the name of John Wessington, the only one left seated, as their choice as prior [by way of the Holy Spirit].

Suffering from no canonical disability as to character, age or legitimacy of birth, he was led by the monks from the chapter house to the high altar, accompanied by the singing of a "Te Deum". Here Thomas Rome announced the election to the large congregation and Wessington was then led to the infirmary chapel with the prayers of Robert Ripon subprior, John Aycliffe, William Barry, Thomas Rome and others. Thomas Rome and the notaries brought the written process of the election to the chapel "post horam nonam". Wessington deliberated overnight, and assented the following day to Thomas Rome, for the honour of the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, St. Cuthbert and all the saints.

Drawn up by John of Stanton, clerk, notary public, of York diocese. With some underlining and marginalia in a 16th century hand (?Swalwell).

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 825 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Originally numbered 5 loc 13 (Swalwell)

Described and discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge 1973), p.86-88.

Condensed, formal version: DCD Reg.III, f.46r-48r & DCD Loc.XIII:11a.

Loc.XIII:12a 9 June 1446

Notarial instrument of John [Mody] subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing 30 June 1446, with following days as necessary, for the election of a new prior on the resignation of John Wessington. All absent monks of the community are to attend the election in the chapter house, but the election will proceed even if any are not present. Witnesses: Dom John Binchester chaplain and John Hexham clerk, of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 9 June 1446.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) as an instrument for fixing the day for an election.

Size: 155 x 345 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:24 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:12b 16 June 1446

Appointment by John Wessington of John Gateshead and Robert Westmorland, his fellow monks, as his proctors for the election of a prior after his own resignation as Wessington is too infirm to attend the election on 30 June in the chapter house.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 315 mm

Seal: seal fragment on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:22 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:12c 11 July 1446

Mandate of John Norton DD, commissary of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham cathedral that, having examined the whole process of the election of Master William Ebchestr SPP as prior of Durham and having found it to have been conducted canonically, he admits, ratifies and confirms it, and mandates the community to obey the new prior.

Endorsed (16th century) as the ratification and admission of Ebchester's election as prior by the vicar-general.

Size: 110 x 330 mm

Seal: Parts of G&B No.3186B on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc 13:16 (bis) (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:12d [1 July 1446]

Consent of William Ebchester that, having been elected prior, on the resignation of the last prior John Wessington, by the subprior and chapter of Durham, and having been so informed by their proctor Robert Westmorland, for the honour of the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, St Cuthbert and all the saints, he consents.

Draft, with interlineations.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Undated, but his election occurred on 30 June 1446 and he would probably have given his consent the following day.

Size: 65 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Loc.XIII:13.1 7 June 1456

Commission by Robert, bishop of Durham, to Master John Norton DD, his vicar-general in spiritualities, and Master John Lounde, master of Kepier hospital, informing them that a petition by William Ebchester, prior of Durham, has been delivered to him, which expresses the prior's wish to resign the priorate, having been a monk of Durham for fifty years and more and prior for ten years, and being now exhausted by the burden of governing the monastery, by old age and by serious and incurable infirmities; giving them licence and special authority in his name to receive and accept William's resignation, should he wish to carry it out; and, when the office of prior should become vacant by the death or resignation of William Ebchester and the bishop should be two days' journey away from his diocese, deputing them as his vicars to grant licence to the subprior and chapter to elect a prior, in the form anciently used; not wishing by this grant to engender prejudice to himself or his successors in their liberty or right in other vacancies of this kind.

Date: manor of Stockton, 7 June 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as being a commission of the bishop of Durham to admit the resignation of Prior William Ebchester.

Size: 175 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.3152, damaged, with part of the centre missing, on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 14 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg IV, f.110r.

Loc.XIII:13.2 7 June 1456

Commission of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to Master John Norton DD vicar-general appointing him to the keeping of Durham priory whenever it should be vacant by the resignation, cession, renunciation or death of William [Ebchester], now prior, to carry out in the bishop's name whatever has anciently been accustomed to be done by keepers deputed by the bishop's predecessors in such vacancies, as is more fully contained in letters of his predecessor Richard to the prior and chapter of Durham; providing that he exceed not the form contained in the said letters concerning such custody.

Date: manor of Stockton, 7 June 1456.

Signature of the bishop at the foot "Robertus episcopus Dunelmensis".

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 80 x 285 mm

Seal: G&B No.3152 on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Register copy: DCD Reg IV, f.110v.

Loc.XIII:13.3 [7 June] 1456

Commission of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to Master John Norton DD vicar-general, the resignation of William Ebchester as prior of Durham having been admitted by the bishop's commissaries and, with Ebchester absolved from the rule and administration of Durham priory, licence to choose another prior having been given to the subprior and chapter; which election the bishop has the right to confirm or invalidate, but being far from church and kept away from it by various and serious matters, and trusting in his discretion and knowledge, Norton is delegated to receive the presentation of the elect and the decretum of the election, and to examine and inquire into the process of the election and to confirm or invalidate the election, to seek and receive the canonical obedience of the elect, and to insist on the elect being put into corporal possession of the priory, inducted and installed, and obeyed by his fellow monks, and to make writings as required by right or custom, for which he is given due canonical power, saving the bishop's rights.

Date: 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as the resignation of Master William Ebchester

The day and month are blank but this commission may well have been issued on the same day as the other two (13.1 and 2) to Norton re the prior's election.

Size: 185 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:34 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:13.4 6 October 1456

Admission by Master John Norton DD, vicar-general and commissary of the bishop of Durham, with Master John Lound LLB, to the subprior and chapter of Durham Cathedral that when seated in a tribunal in the chapel of St Nicholas near the chamber of the prior of Durham on 5 October 1456, Master William Ebchester STP, lately prior of Durham, in the presence of Robert Bartram and John Hexham, NPs by apostolic authority, and other trustworthy men, read, made and interposed a certain resignation of the priorate, reduced into a paper schedule, pleading that he should see fit to accept the resignation; which, after deliberation, and finding the reasons alleged in the resignation to be true, with the consent and will of his colleague, he did; and admitting and accepting the resignation in all things by the tenor of the presents.

Date: Durham, 6 October 1456.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the admission of the resignation and (16th century) as the admission of Ebchester's resignation by the bishop's commissaries with a special constitution made.

Size: 115 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b, damaged at the foot, on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:14 (Swalwell) and 3 (on the front).

Register copy: DCD Reg IV, f.110v.

Loc.XIII:13.5 6 October 1456

Licence by John Norton DD vicar-general of the bishop of Durham and Master John Lound LLB warden of Kepier hospital, commissioners for the underwritten and other matters, to the subprior and chapter of Durham Cathedral that, following the resignation of Master William Ebchester STP made into their hands and accepted by them, and in order to avoid the perils of a lengthy vacancy, and having been asked on their behalf by their proctor, William Seton STB, for licence to elect another prior of their house, lately vacant; wishing to look to the advantage of their house, they are favourably inclined to their wishes in this regard and, by authority of the bishop's commission, grant them licence to elect another prior, saving the rights, liberties, privileges and dignity of the bishop or his successors, and exhorting them to elect a man of good qualities.

Seal of the vicariate.

Date: Durham, 6 October 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as the licence and authority of the bishop to elect a prior.

Size: 115 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered 15 (Swalwell) and 4 (on the front).

Register copy: DCD Reg IV, f.111r.

Loc.XIII:13.6 6 October 1456

Petition from Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham cathedral to Robert bishop of Durham reciting that Master William Ebchester, the last prior of Durham, having resigned, being destitute of a pastor, and so that the priory may not be incommoded for too long a time, they have sent William Seton STB, monk of Durham, to beg for a licence to elect a suitable person as prior from the bishop with the presents, and requesting a licence to be granted.

Date: Durham, 6 October 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and (in another hand) that it was conceded as requested, and witnessed by John Hagerston and Thomas Taylor.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 17 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.111r.

Loc.XIII:13.7 6 October 1456

Notarial instrument reciting that, in the chapter house of Durham cathedral, with the priorate of Durham vacant by the lawfully-made and accepted resignation of Master William Ebchester, lately prior, Richard [Bell] subprior and the chapter of Durham, assembled and forming a chapter, appointed 25 October next, with continuation and prorogation of the days following if need be, for holding the election of their future prior in the chapter house of Durham; decreeing that all their absent fellow monks who ought, wanted and were able to attend the election at the said date and place, be summoned to proceed with them in the business of the election as were by right to be done; and those absent, if they cared not to come at the said date and place, were advised that the election would proceed notwithstanding.

Witnesses: John Haggerston, chaplain, and Thomas Taylor, subdeacon, of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 6 October 1456.

Notary: John Hexham, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) as an instrument fixing a day to choose a prior.

Size: 215 x 340 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:24 (*bis*) (Swalwell) and 5 (on the front).

Register copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.111r-v.

Loc.XIII:13.8 [5 October 1456]

Notarial instrument reciting that William Ebchester, prior of Durham, as he claimed, held in his hands, made, read and interposed [his resignation on a paper schedule] that he, [William Ebchester,] prior of Durham, considering his bodily frailty, broken by daily infirmity and old age, by which he acknowledges himself manifoldly exhausted, and lest he be unable effectively to maintain as he ought his calling and the cure committed to him, yields up the cure, rule and burden of his priorate and the dignity thereof into the hands of Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham, or of another having power therefor.

Witnesses: Richard Bell, subprior of Durham, William Seton, priory chancellor, John Haggerston, priest, and Master John Hexham, NP, of York and Durham diocese.

Notaries: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, and John Hexham, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocols recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the resignation of Prior William and (16th century) as an instrument of the resignation of Master William Ebchester made 1456.

Size: 225 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:20 (Swalwell) and 2 (on the front)

Register copy: DCD Reg IV, f.110r-v.

Loc.XIII:13.9 14 October 1456

Certification of William Elwick, senior brother and monk of [Durham] college in Oxford, to Richard subprior and the chapter of Durham that he has received the citation from the subprior and chapter of Durham of 6 October 1456, (as recited), to attend the election of a new prior to replace the lately resigned Prior William [Ebchester] on 25 October next in the chapter house in Durham as canonically ordained and to cite his fellow monks in the college with the consent of the warden John Burnby to attend, and that if they cannot or will not attend, the election will proceed notwithstanding, and he has duly cited Richard Billingham, Richard Brooke, Thomas Halver, John Auckland, Robert Ebchester and Robert Weardale (*Wardalle*) to attend the election.

Date: Oxford, 14 October 1456.

The names of Robert Ebchester, William Yowdale, Thomas Pickering and William Law are recorded above and below the text in a different hand, and, in a different hand again, (?his signature), at the foot, "your humble orator William Elwyk".

Endorsed (contemporary) with an address, to the lord subprior of the cathedral church of Durham and the chapter of the same place, and "mutatis certificatorium consile mutatis mutandis".

Size: 115 x 295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Loc.XIII:13.10 19 October 145[6]

Appointment by William Rodburn, monk of the cell of Coldingham, occupied by various legitimate impediments at Coldingham, of his fellow monk of Durham, William Seton, as his proctor in the election of a new prior of Durham in the chapter house at Durham on 25 October.

Date: Coldingham, 19 October 145?.

Size: 155 x 280 mm

Paper, 1f

Loc.XIII:13.11a 25 October 1456

Notarial instrument reciting that in the chapter house of Durham cathedral, the subprior and chapter congregated as a chapter at the hour of chapter to elect their future prior. Richard Sherburn, their fellow monk, preached, the hymn "veni creator spiritus" was sung and Richard Bell, subprior, read out a paper schedule held in his hands stating that, the priory of Durham being vacant, Monday 25 October, with subsequent days as necessary, had been assigned to elect a new prior in the chapter. All who by right or custom ought, wished or could attend the election were to be present. The subprior and chapter and all their fellow monks conceded full power to their fellow monk William Seton to remove from the chapter house all those not entitled to vote. William Seton then went to the chapter house doors and into the cloister and read out a schedule to the assembled public that all not entitled to vote in the election, being suspended, excommunicate, under interdict, not subject to rule or otherwise having no right in the election, should leave the chapter house.

Witnesses: John Lounde LLB, Thomas Blakelawe LLB and John Haggerston chaplain, of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 25 October 1456.

Notary: John Hexham, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

"25 Oct" twice in the upper left margin.

Endorsed (16th century) as an instrument of the chapter's proctor to remove those having no right to take part in the election and as the first instrument.

Size: 335 x 345 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:21 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:13.11b 29 October 1456

Commission by Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to John Norton DD, his vicar-general in spiritualities, the resignation of William Ebchester as prior of Durham having been admitted by the commissaries, and licence having been given to the subprior and chapter to elect a new prior, and the bishop having the right to confirm or deny the election, however considering the pestilence raging in Durham and various other important matters keeping the bishop away from the cathedral, and Norton's own qualities, he is commissioned to receive and admit the presentation of the elect [prior] and the decretum of his election, to inquire into and examine the process of the election, to confirm or deny the election, to receive the canonical obedience of the elect, to induct and install him into corporal possession of the priory, to insist on the due obedience of the monks, and to make the necessary writings, saving always the rights of the bishop and the dignity of Durham cathedral.

Seal *ad causas*.

Date: 29 October 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as the bishop of Durham's commission to his vicar-general to examine and confirm the election of the prior of Durham 1456 and as a commission to confirm.

Size: 215 x 325 mm

Seal: G&B No.3152 on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell) and 2 (on the front).

Loc.XIII:13.12 16 October 1456

Appointment by Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham, with the consent of their proctor Thomas Person, of Person as their proctor to cite the monks of Lytham to attend in the chapter house at Durham at the capitular hour on 25 October, with following days as necessary, for the election of the future prior of Durham, giving him special and general power to notify the said monks that the election will take place whether or not they are present, and ordering him to certify them at the said date and place as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Date: Durham chapter house, 16 October 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as a proxy to cite for the prior's election.

Size: 95 x 300 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, damaged, on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie
Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:21 (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:13.13 3 November 1456

Citation and monition of John Norton DD, vicar-general in spiritualities of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, and his commissary, to confirm or deny the election of Master John Burnaby SPP as prior of Durham, citing any who wish to object to the election, its form or the person of the elected to be present on 9 November next at around the 8th hour in the nave of Durham cathedral when he will examine, and confirm or deny the election, warning them that he will preclude them in perpetuity from making any objection to the elect or the election if they do not appear, and that he will proceed to the examination of the election notwithstanding their contumacy. The citation has been peremptorily assigned because of the perils afflicting vacant churches.

Seal of the vicariate.

Date: 3 November 1456.

Size: 185 x 300 mm

Seal: now detached rush ring for a seal with a wax fragment

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered. Loc.13:38 (16 cancelled) (Swalwell).

Loc.XIII:13.14 3 & 8 November 1456

Citation and monition by John Norton DDec, vicar-general in spiritualities of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, and his commissary to confirm or deny the election of Master John Burnaby SPP as prior of Durham, to Richard Man chaplain in Durham St Nicholas who is mandated to cite in the church of St Nicholas and the other churches of the city of Durham, such citation being peremptorily assigned because of the perils afflicting vacant churches, any who wish to object to the election, its form or the person of the elected to be present on 9 November next at around the 8th hour in the nave of Durham cathedral when Norton will examine, and confirm or deny, the election, warning them that he will preclude them in perpetuity from making any objection to the elect or the election if they do not appear, and that he will proceed to the examination of the election notwithstanding their contumacy.

Seal of the vicariate.

Date: 3 November 1456.

(on the dorse)

Certification of Richard Man chaplain at Durham St Nicholas to John Norton DD, vicar-general in spiritualities of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, and his commissary to confirm or deny the election of Master John Burnaby SPP as prior of Durham, that he received Norton's mandate on 4 November as written overleaf and he peremptorily warned and cited in the parish churches of St Nicholas, St Oswald, St Giles, St Mary the Virgin in the Bailey north and south, and the chapel of St Margaret, all who wished to object to the election, the form or the person of Master John Burnaby, the elect [prior] of the monastery of Durham, to be present as written overleaf, warning them that Norton will preclude them in perpetuity from making any objection to the elect or the election if they do not appear, and that he will proceed to the examination of the election notwithstanding their contumacy. 8 November 1456.

Seal of the official at the special request of Richard.

Date: 8 November 1456.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the assignment of a term for examining the election of the prior of Durham with a citation for those wishing to oppose the election and *burnby*.

Size: 210 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b, upper part, damaged, applied, centrally

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:38 (Swalwell) and 6 (on the front).

Loc.XIII:13a [November 1456]

John Norton DD, commissary and judge for Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to confirm or deny the election of Master John Burnaby SPP as prior of Durham, seated tribunally in the present place, having issued a monition and citation to any objectors to the prior's election, proceeded to issue the following canonical confirmation of the election:

As commissary and judge, having examined all the election process of your brother John Burnaby SPP, and having called forward any who might object, by the resignation of William Ebchester former prior, he finds that Burnaby is a worthy man, virtues recited, to be prior and, at the petition of William Seton the proctor of the subprior and chapter, he ratifies, approves and confirms the election, entitling Burnaby to the corporal possession of the rule and cure of the priory's spiritualities and temporalities, and to be placed in the customary stall in the choir and the seat in the chapter. Incomplete.

Endorsed (16th century) as the confirmation of Burnaby's election.

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:38 (16 cancelled) (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XIII:13b 9 November 1456

John Norton DD commissary and judge of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the subprior and chapter of Durham ratifying, approving and confirming the election of John Burnaby SPP as prior of Durham.

Seal of the vicariate.

Date: 9 November 1456.

On the dorse is a list of 42 monks, beginning with Richard Bell subprior and ending with W[illiam] Coveringham.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 115 x 385 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XIII:13c [November 1456]

Declaration by John Burnaby prior of Durham that he will maintain, defend and protect the possessions, rights, privileges, liberties, customs and statutes of the cathedral church of Durham.

Size: 65 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:11 (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Loc.XIII:13d next below.

DCD Loc.XIII:13d [November 1456]

Declaration by John Burnaby prior of Durham that he will maintain, defend and protect the possessions, rights, privileges, liberties, customs and statutes of the cathedral church of Durham.

Endorsed (16th century) as the prior's oath after his election.

Size: 70 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:11 (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Loc.XIII:13c next above.

DCD Loc.XIII:13e [November 1456]

Declaration by John Burnaby prior of Durham that he will be faithful and obedient to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham and his successors, and his laws and canons.

Size: 50 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:12 (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Loc.XIII:13f next below.

DCD Loc.XIII:13f [November 1456]

Declaration by John Burnaby prior of Durham that he will be faithful and obedient to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham and his successors, and his laws and canons.

Endorsed (16th century) as the prior's oath to the bishop.

Size: 50 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:12 (Swalwell).

Another copy: DCD Loc.XIII:13e next above.

DCD Loc.XIII:13g [November 1456]

Citation for anyone wishing to object against the election of Master John Burnaby, the elect of the monastery of Durham, that they will be heard "as law wyll" .

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Language: English

Size: 40 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:10 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XIII:13h [November 1456]

[?Draft] decretum of the election of Master John Burnaby, after the resignation of Master William Ebchester on 25 October, as prior of Durham by way of scrutiny, with his instrument of consent to the election and a supplication to the bishop of Durham for confirmation of the election, with the names of monks voting added as interlineations, with some other marginalia.

Notary: Master John Hexham, clerk, NP by apostolic authority.

With a note of expenses of the prior of Holy Island at the foot of the dorse.

Endorsed (16th century) (head and foot) with descriptions; also "2a" (?that it is a duplicate) and "1a" 1.6.Pont (there is a confirmation by the bishop at 1.6.Pont.13).

Size: 2510 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 6p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:6.

Another [fair] copy, but missing the last 5 lines: DCD Reg.IV, f.111v-115v.

DCD Loc.XIII:14 10 September 1457

Certification by John Penshaw (*Pencher*), prior of Coldingham, to John [Burnaby], prior of Durham, that he had received the following citation and appointing Dom William Rodburn as his proctor.

Citation of John [Burnaby] prior and chapter of Durham to John Penshaw prior of Coldingham summoning him to attend on 26 September in the chapter house at Durham to elect a bishop to succeed Robert Neville who had died on 9 July.

Date: Durham chapter house, 26 August 1457.

Date: Coldingham, 10 September 1457.

Size: 150 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B 3657 fragment, parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIII:15 7 November [1464]

Licence by letters patent of Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham to Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham to choose a new prior after the death of John Burnaby, last prior, after their supplication to him by their letters patent.

Date: Durham, *per manus* John Lound clerk chancellor, 7 September Pont.8.

By writ of privy seal.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 145 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B 3158, parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.157r.

DCD Loc.XIII:15a 7 November 1464

Appointment by Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham of [Thomas Wall] as their proctor to cite their fellow monks at Finchale priory to be present in the chapter house with them on 26 November to elect a new prior.

Date: Durham chapter house, 7 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Finchale Thomas Wall and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 100 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:21.

DCD Loc.XIII:16 1 May 1478

Notarial instrument reciting the appeal by Dom Thomas Halver monk, proctor of the subprior and chapter of Durham, to the pope for the safeguarding of the rights and privileges of Durham cathedral priory.

Witnesses: John Sayer arm, Nicholas Tirwhit, and Nicholas Dixon of Durham and John Bell mason of York diocese *literatus*.

Date: nave of Durham cathedral, 1 May 1478.

Notary: Edmund Bell, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description in the time of the vacancy after the death of the prior 1478.

Size: 280 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: Loc.13:28.

Related material in other DUL collections: Memorandum of this: DCD Reg.IV, f.183r.

DCD Loc.XIII:16a 4 May 1478

Licence by letters patent by William [Dudley], bishop of Durham, to the subprior and convent of Durham, since the monastery of Durham is bereaved of its pastor by the consecration of Richard Bell, last prior thereof, [as bishop of Carlisle] and, by their most recently presented letters, he has been begged for licence for the election of a new prior, not wishing the priory to incur any loss as a result of a long vacancy, granting them his licence by reason of his regalian prerogative and urging them to elect a prior with the necessary qualities.

Date: London, 4 May 18 Edward IV.

Signed: J. Assheby.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 165 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B No.3161, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:15.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.183r.

DCD Loc.XIII:16b 4 May 1478

Appointment by the subprior and chapter of Durham of their fellow monk Thomas Halver as proctor to cite all monks to attend in the chapter house on 22 May to elect a new prior.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 4 May 1478.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 110 x 350 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, fragment, on a double parchment tag through a slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:21.

DCD Loc.XIII:16c 4 May 1478

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Caly, subprior of Durham, appeared in person before his fellow monks, assembled in chapter at the capitular hour, and read a schedule appointing 22 May, with continuation of days if need be, for the election of their future prior, to be held in their chapter-house; decreeing that all their fellow monks now absent who ought, wish or can conveniently be present at the said date and place, be forewarned and cited to proceed to the business of the election; and intimating to those absent that if they should care not to come they intend nevertheless to proceed with the election.

Witnesses: John Hagreston priest and John Claxton arm, *literati* of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham cathedral chapter house, 4 May 1478.

Notary: Edmund Bell, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 195 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:24.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.183r-v.

DCD Loc.XIII:16d 31 May 1478

Hugh Snell DD, commissary and judge of the bishop of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham cathedral ratifying the election of Master Robert Ebchester STP as prior of Durham having diligently examined and discussed the whole business and process.

Sealed with the seal of vicariate of Durham.

Date: last day of May 1478.

Endorsed with a description.

Size: 100 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b, on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:16.

DCD Loc.XIII:17

Ownership history: Now Loc.XVI:15.

DCD Loc.XIII:18

Ownership history: Now Loc.XVI:14r.

DCD Loc.XIII:19a 10 May 1494

Notarized notification and supplication by William [Brown] subprior and the chapter of Durham to Richard [Fox], bishop of Bath & Wells, keeper of spiritualities in the diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, for his confirmation of their election of Master Thomas Castell as prior of Durham, detailing the process of choosing 6 May for the day of the election on 22 April, and the election itself, choosing Castell by way of inspiration from the Holy Spirit, the election's publication by their proctor Thomas Yowdale, and Castell's consent to his election.

Witnesses: Master Robert Kent STP, Master William Coke DB, Master John Walker LLB, Alexander Bell NP by public authority, Thomas Salter rector of St Mary in South Bailey [Durham], John Clerke of the abbey of Durham grammar school, of Coventry and Lichfield and Durham dioceses.

Date: (sealing) 10 May 1494.

Notaries: Richard Emyrson, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, and John Whitehead, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocols recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 550 x 500 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:2.

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.24r-25v.

DCD Loc.XIII:19b 22 April 1494

Notarial instrument recording that William Brown, subprior of Durham, appeared in person before his fellow monks, gathered in chapter at the capitular hour, and read a schedule stating that they have unanimously appointed 6 May, with continuation of days if need be, for the election of their future prior, decreeing that all their fellow monks now absent who ought, wish or can conveniently be present at the said date and place, be forewarned and cited to proceed to the business of the election, and intimating to those absent that if they should care not to come they intend nevertheless to proceed with the election.

Witnesses: Master William Dosse and Master Alexander Bell, NPs by apostolic authority, Thomas Salter, rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, William Hilton, Nicholas Blaxton, gentleman, of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham chapter house, 22 April 1494.

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 215 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:24.

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.22v-23r.

DCD Loc.XIII:19c 26 April 1494

Appointment by Richard Riddell, monk of Holy Island, of his fellow monk Geoffrey Forrest, prior of Hoy Island, as his proctor in the business of the election of the prior of Durham on 6 May and as long as it might take thereafter.

Sealed with the seal of the priory of Holy Island as his seal is unknown and he does not have it to hand.

Date: Holy Island, 26 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 160 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.16:1.

DCD Loc.XIII:19d 5 May 1494

Letters of William [Brown] subprior and chapter of Durham appointing their fellow monk William Yowdale SPB, and master of the Farne Islands, as their proctor to warn and exclude from the chapter house all those not entitled to vote in the election of the new prior, and that the votes of any not entitled to vote will not be counted in the election.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 5 May 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 80 x 315 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:21.

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.24r.

DCD Loc.XIII:19e 22 April 1494

Citation and mandate by William [Brown] subprior and the chapter of Durham to Dom William Cuthbert, master or warden of Monkwearmouth, informing him that, because of the vacancy of their monastery by the death of Master John Auckland, last prior thereof, they have appointed 6 May for the election of their future prior; summoning him and ordering him to cite his fellow monks dwelling with him to be present in person in the chapter-house of Durham, at the customary capitular hour on the said date, with continuation of days if need be, to deal with the foregoing matter and to do what the business of election demands; intimating that they intend to proceed with the election notwithstanding the absence of the master and monks of Monkwearmouth; and requiring to be certified at the said date, place and hour, by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, as to what he shall have seen fit to do in the foregoing.

Date: Durham chapter house, 22 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 70 x 410 mm

Seal: seal residue on a double parchment tag formed from the head of a similar document, with William and Thomas written near the foot, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIII:19f 22 April 1494

Citation and mandate by William [Brown] subprior and the chapter of Durham to Dom Robert Billingham, master of Jarrow, informing him that, because of the vacancy of their monastery by the death of Master John Auckland, last prior thereof, they have appointed 6 May for the election of their future prior; summoning him and ordering him to cite his fellow monks dwelling with him to be present in person in the chapter-house of Durham, at the customary capitular hour on the said date, with continuation of days if need be, to deal with the foregoing matter and to do what the business of election demands; intimating that they intend to proceed with the election notwithstanding the absence of the master and monks of Jarrow; and requiring to be certified at the said date, place and hour, by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, as to what he shall have seen fit to do in the foregoing.

Date: Durham chapter house, 22 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 70 x 410 mm

Seal: seal residue on a double parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:19.

DCD Loc.XIII:19g 27 April 1494

Certification by William Cuthbert, master or warden of Monkwearmouth, to William [Brown] subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received their citation and mandate to attend the election on 6 May, by which authority he has cited Dom Thomas Lawton, his fellow monk, to be present with the subprior and chapter at the said date, place and hour, to proceed with the business of election, notifying him that the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the election whether he attends or not.

Date: [Monk]wearmouth, 27 April 1494.

Size: 70 x 320 mm

Seal: seal residue on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIII:20 18 December 1519

Citation by Robert [Weardale jr] subprior and chapter of Durham of Master William Cawthorne STP, prior of Finchale, to the election of a new prior on 3 January 1520 in the chapter house after the death of Master Thomas Castell, last prior, and he is to cite his fellow monks to attend, and to certify that he has done this by his letters patent.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 18 December 1519.

Endorsed as certified.

Size: 160 x 285 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 on a parchment tongue, with a stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.183r.

DCD Loc.XIII:21 July 1308 - 18 February 1309

Roll of bonds, presentations, pensions and a lease issued by Prior William [of Tanfield], titled as loans and others and also headed as [presentations] issued by the hand of John of Whitby.

Endorsed (contemporary) as obligations of W. Tanfield and (16th century) presentations

Size: 970 x 230 mm

Parchment roll, 2m, separated

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:32.

m.1 July [1308]

[Memorandum] of a bond in 100 marks to Dom John of Markingfield and another to Dom Thomas of Levisham senior rector of Stanhope in £100.

m.1 [August 1308]

Bond by William of Tanfield prior of Durham to Marjory de Wygohton in 100 marks to be repaid at York at Christmas in the same year of 1308.

Date: Durham chapter house, [blank] Kal. September year as above.

m.1 11 September [1308]

Bond by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom John of Markingfield in 200 marks to be repaid at York on the feast of the Purification 1308.

Date: Durham, 11 September.

m.1 11 September [1308]

Bond by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom Adam of Middleton in 100 marks to be repaid at Durham on the feast of St Martin in winter 1308.

Date: Durham, 11 September.

m.1 [25 September] 1308

Bond by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom John of Dalton chaplain in 100 marks to be repaid, half at St Martin in winter 1308 and half at Christmas following.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal. October 1308.

m.1 [26 September] 1308

Bond of William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Andrew Mynetar in 100 marks to be repaid at St Martin in winter 1308.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 Kal. October 1308.

m.1 26 September 1308

Receipt by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom Thomas of Levisham senior master of the hospital of [North]allerton for £240, in return for which he has been assigned all their tithes of sheaves from the parish church of Northallerton for 3 years, that is 1309, 1310 and 1311.

Date: Durham, 26 September 1308.

m.1 9 November 1308

Grant by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Master Henry Lusby for services rendered of a pension of 100s from their chamber in Durham in two equal annual portions at St Martin in winter and Pentecost with a robe of the suit of their clerks and sustenance for two horses.

Date: Durham chapter house, 9 November 1308.

m.1 9 November 1308

Grant by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Master Adam of Louth for services rendered of an annual pension of 40s (cancelled) in two equal annual portions at St Martin in winter and Pentecost with a robe of the suit of their clerks.

Date: Durham, 9 November (cancelled, January interlined) 1308.

m.1 [12 November] 1308

Presentation to A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham of Dom John of Dalton chaplain to the vicarage of St Lawrence Pitlington, vacant by the resignation of Dom John of Billingham.

Date: Durham, morrow of St Martin 1308.

Original: DCD Misc.Ch. 6329.

Another copy: DCD Reg.I, f.i.113v.

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.133-134.

m.1 [20 September] 1308

Presentation to J[ohn Dalderby] bishop of Lincoln by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham of their fellow monk Dom Roger of Tynemouth to the cure and custody of their cell of St Leonard outside Stamford.

Date: Durham, 12 Kal. October 1308.

Memorandum that the same Roger was presented to the cell of Lytham in 1320.

m.2 31 December 1308

Grant by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Peter of Collingbourne clerk for his help and counsel of a pension of 5 marks from their chamber in Durham to be taken at Pentecost.

Date: Durham chapter house, 31 December 1308.

m.2 16 January 1309

Presentation to A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham of Walter of Guisborough chaplain to the vicarage of St Peter Bywell, vacant by the death of Dom Hugh de Dittensal.

Date: Durham chapter house, 16 January 1308/9.

Calendared in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.134-135.

m.2 17 January 1309

Grant by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Nicholas of Masham and his wife Margery for each day of their lives of four monastic loaves (*panes monachales*) and two gallons of better beer (*melior cervis*) from the cellarer, or the refectory in his absence, with free entry and exit to receive these, and also granting them two gallons of the better beer on Sundays, and permitting them to take the whole week's allowance on one day if they wish.

Date: Durham chapter house, 17 January 1308/9.

m.2 1 February 1309

Bond by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Richard of Acton burgess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in £100, to be repaid on the first Sunday in Lent next, allowing him to distrain the priory's goods to the value of 300 marks if they default.

Date: Durham chapter house, 1 February 1308/9.

m.2 28 January 1309

Bond by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom John of Markingfield in £100 to be repaid at York at Michaelmas 1309.

Date: Durham chapter house 28 January 1308/9.

m.2 18 February 1309

Lease by William [of Tanfield] prior and convent of Durham to Dom Adam of Middleton clerk of the manor of Newland and the church of East Rainton from the Purification 1308/9 for 6 years, paying 100 marks each year at York.

Date: Durham chapter house 18 February 1308/9.

DCD Loc.XIII:22 July - August 1446

Inventory of the goods moveable and immoveable of the priory of Durham at the start of the time of Prior William Ebchester made by notary, recording:

Statement of number of monks.

Inventory of furnishings and valuables in the prior's lodging and the refectory, of grain and supplies, of horses and harness.

Total sum of arrears at the close of the accounts of the three officers [of the main estate] at Martinmas last; this reflects the temporary division of the main estate between the bursar, the cellarer and the granator.

Properties [of the main estate], township by township, most with single sums for rents, waste, decay, and repair assessment, and including inventories of stock, equipment and sown acres at manors leased or in hand.

Pensions from churches.

Perquisites of courts, temporal and spiritual.

Sales of wool, and of tallow, lard and hides.

Stock at Muggleswick and the Holme.

Tithes, with figures for sales as in the preceding year.

Assessments of repairs required to the monastery.

Total receipts.

Outgoings, giving a single figure for each section of a regular bursar's account.

Details of creditors.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, explaining that the inventory was carried out by means of inspection, written indentures, corroborated evidences and financial records.

Witnesses: Thomas Nesbitt infirmarer, John Oll prior of Coldingham, John Gateshead terrar, William Dalton third prior, William Eden bursar, Robert Westmorland chancellor, Thomas Thornburgh, Richard More carpenter, David Wright carpenter, John Knoute, Thomas Jackson, John Reynoldson, John Davison carpenter, William Wood carpenter, John Jekyll, Henry Rydell.

Endorsed (16th and 17th centuries) with descriptions.

Size: 5260 x 310 mm

Parchment roll, 7m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.13:12.

Printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.cclxxxv-cccvi.

DCD Loc.XIV - Archbishop Wickwane visitation dispute

1248 - 1487, mostly 1281 - 1285

Documents concerning the dispute of the prior and convent of Durham with William Wickwane, archbishop of York, over his attempt to visit the church of Durham, including a quantity of notarial instruments, especially of Edmund of Canterbury, and court processes and acta, certifications, and letters. It also includes a roll of letters of Robert of St Agatha, archdeacon of Durham, and part of a copy formulary for the bishop of Lincoln, with Durham additions.

Language: Latin unless otherwise specified

Stevenson seems to have passed over this particular Loc., and William Greenwell made only very summary and not very helpful catalogue slips for it. Michael Stansfield catalogued the whole in September to November 2008.

The dispute has been described and discussed, and various of the documents printed and further discussed, in: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)*, (Berkeley and Los Angeles 1959), p.109-164 and 181-255.

Related material in other DUL collections: Further documents of the dispute are in DCD Misc.Ch. 5647A and 5820, and also British Library MS Julius D.IV f.125r-184r.

DCD Loc.XIV:1a 9 December 1283

Notarial instrument reciting the exceptions of Henry of Tinwell clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, before the subprior of Lenton, York diocese, and Master Henry of Nottingham, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram of the Cistercian order and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino, canon of the church of St Pancras of Ferentino, judges principal, along with the prior of Coventry, delegated by the apostolic see, in a case between William [Wickwane] archbishop of York against Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and Richard of Barnby formerly subprior maintaining their appeal and claiming that the court's procedure was exceptionable (and describing Nottingham as a clerk of the convent of Pontefract).

Witnesses: masters Roger *dictus* Le Comite, John of Hemingford, Hugh *dictus* Tankard, and John Blundel; brothers William of Middleton and William of Masham monks of Durham; Dom Robert of Pleshey dean of the prebendal church of St Mary of Warwick chaplain; John son of Bertram clerk; William of Alford and William of Bradley laymen *literati*; Richard of Middleton, Robert of Mendlesham and Reginald son of Richard of Kendal.

Date: church of St Mary Warwick, 9 December 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and (contemporary) as the second session at Warwick.

Size: 600 x 245 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: G and 30.

Discussed in: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction and Papal Judges Delegate (1279-1296)* (Berkeley and Los Angeles 1959), p.132, 136, 162.

DCD Loc.XIV:1b [28 February] 1284

Notarial instrument being an appeal by Henry of Tinwell, clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, reciting his following appointment

Appointment by the prior and chapter of Durham of Henry of Tinwell and John son of Bertram, clerks, as their proctors.

Date: Durham, Kal. December [1 December] 1283.

before the subprior of Lenton, York diocese, and Master Henry of Nottingham, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram of the Cistercian order and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino, canon of the church of St Pancras of Ferentino, judges principal, along with the prior of Coventry, delegated by the apostolic see, in a case between William [Wickwane] archbishop of York against Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and Richard of Barnby formerly subprior, Geoffrey of Newcastle formerly precentor, Roger of Methley formerly sacrist, Walter of Norton formerly chamberlain and Reginald of Barnby formerly cantor of the church, now removed from their offices and any benefices they may have had [by the archbishop], with this appeal cited as being on behalf of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham, Richard of Barnby prior of Holy Island, Walter of Norton prior of Lytham, Roger of Methley subprior, Geoffrey of Newcastle and Reginald of Barnby, claiming that the archbishop's excommunication was illegal, the abbot of Waltham principal papal judge delegate and Masters Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry La Feyte then official of Rochester, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln, colleague of the said abbot, with the dean of Lincoln their third colleague being prevented from acting.

Witnesses: Masters John of Hemingford and Robert of Leicester clerks; Dom Richard rector of the church of St Peter Warwick and Robert Porcenar rector of the church of ?Wroxeter (*Werkcestre*) chaplains; John of Durham, Godfrey of Warboys and Thomas of Kirkby clerks; John of Durham and Philip de Bosco Arso laymen.

Date: the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick, 3 Kal. March 1283/4.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the third session at Warwick.

Size: 660 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.122, 132, 138, 162.

DCD Loc.XIV:1c 7 November 1283

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal of Master Thomas of Normanton clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, to William [Wickwane] archbishop of York against the proceedings at Warwick before Masters Robert of Pickering, Robert of Sleaford and Ralph of Buckingham, archbishop's clerks.

Witnesses: John of Durham and Thomas de Heghlyn.

Date: archbishop's manor at Cawood, 7 November 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 405 x 215 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.136.

DCD Loc.XIV:1d 6 - 8 December 1283

Process of the court at Warwick, with the papal judges delegate confirming the sentences against the cited prior, subprior and other specified persons of Durham, with Henry of Tinwell, the prior and convent's proctor, presenting recited exceptions and appeals to Canterbury and Rome.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 660 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.129, 136 (*bis*).

DCD Loc.XIV:1e 7 December 1283

Notarial instrument before the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham canon of Caithness, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate together with the prior of Coventry, reciting an appeal, read out by Master John of Hemingford clerk, of Henry of Tinwell clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, to the Roman *curia* and the court of Canterbury.

Witnesses: masters Roger *dictus* le Comite, John of Hemingford, Richard of Morpeth, Hugh *dictus* Tankard, John Blundel; brothers William of Middleton and William of Masham, monks of Durham; Doms Robert of Pleshey dean of the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick and Gilbert of Casterton master of the hospital of St John Warwick; Elya *dictus* la Luminur; John son of Bertram the clerk; William of Bradley and William of Alford laymen *literati*; Richard of Middleton, Robert of Mendlesham and Reginald son of Richard of Kendal laymen *illiterati*.

Date: the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick, 7 December 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions, the date and as the second session at Warwick.

Size: 395 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: E and 26.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.136.

DCD Loc.XIV:1f 9 December 1283

Notarial instrument before the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham canon of Caithness, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino, canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate together with the prior of Coventry, reciting an appeal, read out by Master John of Hemingford clerk, of Henry of Tinwell clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, to the Roman *curia* and the court of Canterbury.

Witnesses: masters Roger *dictus* le Comite, John of Hemingford, Hugh *dictus* Tankard, John Blundel clerks; brothers William of Middleton and William of Masham, monks of Durham; Dom Robert of Pleshey dean of the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick chaplain; John son of Bertram the clerk; William of Alford and William of Bradley laymen *literati*; Richard of Middleton, Robert of Mendlesham and Reginald son of Richard of Kendal.

Date: the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick, 9 December 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and as the second session at Warwick and (16th century) with a description and the date.

Size: 500 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: H, W, 27.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.136.

DCD Loc.XIV:1g [9 December] 1283

Certification by the dean of the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick and the master of the hospital of St John [Warwick] of the following mandate

Mandate of J[ohn Pecham], archbishop of Canterbury, to the official of Worcester, the dean of the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick and the master of the hospital of St John [Warwick], rehearsing the progress of the case between the archbishop of York and the prior and convent of Durham, concerning a proposed visitation of the church of Durham by the archbishop, during which case the prior and convent's proctor has appealed for tuition to the see of Canterbury; and mandating them to inhibit the prior of Coventry and Master Bartholomew de Ferentino, principal judges [delegate], the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham, commissaries, against committing acts prejudicial to the appeal, and to cite the archbishop of York to appear before the archbishop or his commissary or commissaries in the church of St Mary-le-Bow London on the third law day after Hilary next [17 January]. If access cannot be had to the archbishop of York, the inhibition and citation are to be published in the cathedral at York or elsewhere as seems expedient. What is done and the date of this mandate's reception are to be certified to the archbishop or his commissary or commissaries at the said day and place by letters patent reciting this mandate.

Date: Mortlake, Kal. December [1 December] 1283.

received on the morrow of St Nicholas [7 December], reporting that they know of messengers acting as apparitors for Canterbury at York who were beaten, as if to death, and that they themselves have been threatened by the archbishop of York's clerks, and because of this they have cited the archbishop [of York] through his proctor, Robert of Lanum, in the presence of a number of his familiars - masters Thomas of Abberbury, Robert of Pickering, Ralph of ?Hanslope (*Hamslappe*), James of Langtoft and William of Somerby - in the church of St Mary Warwick in the presence of the subdelegates the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham.

Date: Warwick, 5 Id. December 1283.

Contemporary transcript with the doodle "H prior H prior Dunel" at the foot.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and the date.

Size: 150 x 410 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 28.

Discussed and printed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.184-188.

DCD Loc.XIV:1h 7 December 1283

Notarial instrument before the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham canon of Caithness, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino, canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate together with the prior of Coventry, in a case of William [Wickwane] archbishop of York against Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham, Richard of Barnby formerly subprior, Geoffrey of Newcastle formerly precentor, Roger of Methley formerly sacrist, Walter of Norton formerly chamberlain and Reginald of Barnby formerly succentor of the church of Durham, reciting the following procuration, and proving the seal used on it involving the prior of Coventry. Appointment by Richard [of Claxton] prior and chapter of Durham of Henry of Tinwell and John son of Bertram clerks as their proctors.

Date: Durham, 4 Kal. December [28 November] 1283.

Witnesses: masters Roger *dictus* le Comite, John of Hemingford, Hugh *dictus* Tankard, John Blundel clerks; brothers William of Middleton and William of Masham, monks of Durham; John son of Bertram the clerk; William of Bradley and William of Alford; Richard of Middleton, Robert of Mendlesham and Reginald son of Richard of Kendal.

Date: the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick, 7 December 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions, the date and as the second session at Warwick.

Size: 395 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 29.

DCD Loc.XIV:1j [9 December] 1282

Acta before the dean of St Paul's London as principal judge delegate, also the prior of Barnwell, archdeacon of Norwich and the chamberlain of Bury St Edmunds, commissaries of the abbot of Bury St Edmunds, in a case between the prior and convent of Durham, through their proctor the monk Henry of Teesdale, against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York; the archbishop not being present, a clerk Benet of Southwell appeared for him by the mandates of the archdeacons of Richmond, Northampton and Huntingdon, wishing to defend the archbishop's case, but Teesdale said that Southwell's mandate as proctor was insufficient for the defence of a case, and the judges agreed that the archbishop should be represented by a proper proctor, since he had been properly summoned, as in the certificated citations of Hugh rector of St Martin's at Stamford and Gilbert of Tournai (*de Torneye*), canon of Northampton [All Saints], so the court was adjourned to Thursday and then Friday to await the appearance of the archbishop or a proper proctor, with Teesdale urging that the archbishop be denounced as contumacious and that the case be proceeded with, reciting the suspension by the judges of the sentences of Masters John Clarel, John de Lucca and W[illiam] of Newark, and adjourning the court to Thursday 14 January [1283].

Witnesses: Master John de Lacy; Master Reginald of Brandon; Master Bartholomew of Lardar; Master Warin de Bosco; Master Alan of Crepping; Master Robert Avenel.

Date: All Saints church Northampton, Wednesday after St Nicholas 1282.

Endorsed (contemporary) as acta of the second day at Northampton, duplicated at the sign [E], and exhibited at Northampton on 19 Kal. February [14 January 1283] and (16th century) as a citation of the archbishop and with the date.

Size: 280 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: E and 52.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.129-130.

DCD Loc.XIV:1k [7 November] 1283

Appeal of Henry of Holy Island, brother and executor of the will of the late Robert of Holy Island, bishop of Durham, to the Roman *curia* against the pronouncement of the papal judge subdelegates, the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham, canon of Caithness church, that Bishop Robert was excommunicate at the time of his death because of his contumacy, which was neither true nor possible as, at the time of their illegal summons, Bishop Robert had gone to a greater tribunal than any Henry or the subprior might hold; only recently had Henry heard of Bishop Robert's supposed excommunication and he made this appeal within ten days of his having notice of the affair.

Witnesses: Dom Geoffrey de Elm rector of Durham St Nicholas; Master William of Pickering rector of the scholars (*scolarum*) of Durham; John of Pickering; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of ?Ellingham (*Elintham*); Gilbert of Tournai (*de Torneye*); Stephen de Mussen; Thomas de Undel; Nicholas of Easington clerk; Thomas the porter; Alan of Elvethall; William of Wetlaw; Adam goldsmith; Adam Brunning; Roger Som', Thomas goldsmith; William le Limbrencere; Master Richard carpenter; Astin servant of the said conventual church; John the tinker; and John Marshall of Durham.

Date: the conventual church of Durham, Sunday after All Saints 1283.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 295 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 24.

Printed and discussed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.136, 196-198.

DCD Loc.XIV:1I 8 October 1283

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal and claim by Henry of Teesdale, fellow monk and proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, to the apostolic see and to Canterbury before the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham, canon of Caithness, commissaries of the abbot of Holm Cultram and Master Bartholomew, canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate, claiming that the process was partially based on the archbishop of York's allegation that the prior and convent of Durham had used false allegations against him, and appealing against the illegal proceedings of the court in not citing the prior and convent of Durham, not admitting the prior of Coventry as a judge, and not giving copies of the libel to the prior and convent of Durham, seeking *apostoli* and proposing to meet the archbishop of York's party in the Roman *curia* on the day after the Purification next [3 February 1284].

Witnesses: Dom Robert of Pleshey dean of the church of St Mary Warwick; Gilbert of Casterton master of the hospital of St John [of Warwick]; Thomas of Kirkby rector of Stockton; Richard of Preston canon of the church [of St Mary] Warwick; Robert of Warwick and Robert of Kinton chaplains; John *de Oscherch*; Nicholas clerk of the hospital [of St John of Warwick]; William of Chilton and Ralph *de Raukle* laymen *literati*.

Date: the choir of the church of St Mary Warwick, 8 October 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 375 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: C and 18.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.135-136.

Photographed: (foot, and notarial sign) Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, Plate 3.

DCD Loc.XIV:1m 23 June 1283

Notarial instrument reciting the appeal of Richard prior of the conventual church of Durham in the Galilee [chapel] at the hour of prime, through the mouth of Master Nicholas of Appleby clerk, against Master Robert of Pickering, summoned but not appearing, appointed official by the archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant on the death of Bishop Robert [of Holy Island], at the open north door of the Galilee, against Pickering's jurisdiction, as the administration of the see of Durham during a vacancy fell to the prior and convent according to the common law of the church and as the archbishop was an excommunicate suspended from his jurisdiction by the papal judges delegate. Witnesses: John Marmaduke and Richard de Hysland knights; Dom Nicholas dean of Christianity of Durham; Master Peter de Cyrescy clerk; Brothers William of Middleton, Stephen of Howden and Robert of Langley monks of Durham; Dom John of Norham rector of the church of Meldon and Ralph of Normanville chaplains; Alexander of Bedford and Henry of Tinwell clerks; Robert de Hoton layman *litteratus*; Andrew of Hartlepool layman *illiteratus*.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 340 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 16.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.133.

DCD Loc.XIV:1n 12 October 1283

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal of Alexander of Bedford (*Betheford*) clerk, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, made before the subprior [of Lenton] and Master Bartholomew of Ferentino, canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, commissaries with the abbot of Holm Cultram and prior of Coventry, papal judges delegate absent, and before Master Robert of Retford, clerk of the priory of Lenton, claiming and appealing as Henry of Teesdale had done at Warwick to the apostolic see and to Rome, seeking *apostoli* and proposing to meet the archbishop of York's party in the Roman *curia* on the day after the Purification next [3 February 1284], through the mouth of Master Nicholas of Appleby clerk to Nicholas of Derby monk of Lenton.

Witnesses: James of Kenardington and Peter of Appleby.

Date: the conventual church of Lenton, 12 October 1283.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 340 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: D and 19.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.135-136.

DCD Loc.XIV:2a(i) [6 April 1283]

Agreement between William [Wickwane] archbishop of York and the prior and convent of Durham that the archbishop of York would have the rights in the vacant see of Durham that his predecessors had had and that, at the insistence of King Edward [I], the archbishop would not pursue any claims for injustices against the monks. ?Draft. Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date of 8 Id. April 1283.

Size: 95-105 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 13.

DCD Loc.XIV:2a(ii) [25 - 28 February 1284]

Copies of appeals in the case between William Wickwane archbishop of York and Richard of Claxton prior of Durham heard at Warwick before the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham, papal judges subdelegate, on the day after St Matthias and on the three following days.

Appeal by the proctor of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and his [named] senior monks to the apostolic see and the court of Canterbury against their excommunication

Appeal by the proctor of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and his [named] senior monks to the apostolic see and the court of Canterbury against their excommunication.

Appeal of the proctor of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham against the prorogation of the court in the prebendal church of St Mary Warwick of the subdelegates the subprior of Lenton and Master Henry of Nottingham to the Tuesday after St Matthias [29 February] as that was the feast of St Oswald, celebrated in the diocese of Worcester and the town of Warwick, and courts should not be held on that day.

Appeal of Henry of Tinwell, proctor of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham and his [named] senior monks to the apostolic see and the court of Canterbury.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 725 x 250-260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 10.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.138.

DCD Loc.XIV:2b(i) [23 May 1284]

Transcript of a bull of Pope Martin IV to the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of St Agatha's and Alnwick about the excommunication of the bishop and chapter of Durham for resisting the attempted visitation of the archbishop of York.

Date: Orvieto, 10 Kal. June, Pont.4.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 160-170 x 280-295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 16.

DCD Loc.XIV:2b(ii) [June 1284]

Rescripts of bulls of Pope Martin IV to the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, reciting Durham's grievances.

The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, 10 Kal. June Pont.4. [23 May 1284]

The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, Non. June Pont.4. [5 June 1284]

On the dorse is a discourse on court procedures and a verse on bringing confusion on your enemies.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 480 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 10.

Another copy (1) in: DCD Loc.XIV:3d.

Other copies (2) in: DCD Loc.XIV:2b(iii) and 3d.

DCD Loc.XIV:2b(iii) [June 1284]

Rescripts of bulls of Pope Martin IV to the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, reciting Durham's grievances, with errors noted after each rescript.

The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, Non. June Pont.4. [5 June 1284]

Mandate to hear the petition of Thomas of Herington, a knight of Durham diocese, that he was unjustly excommunicated by the archbishop of York as a metropolitan had no right over a subject of his suffragan.

Date: Orvieto, Id. May 1284. [15 May 1284]

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 290 x 260-275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 13.

Other copies (1) in: DCD Loc.XIV:2b(ii) and 3d.

Discussed (2): Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.10.

Printed (2): Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.181.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(i) [1/5 July] 1284

Mandate from [William] bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick [Thomas Kirkby] and St Agatha's [Easby] [John of Newcastle], papal judges delegate, to the dean of Durham, the vicar of Ellingham, the rector of St Mary in the South Bailey Durham, and Master T[homas] of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before them in Carlisle cathedral on Monday before St Peter *ad vincula* [31 July], and delivering to him a copy of the libel of the prior and chapter of Durham against his visitation of their church with the see vacant.

Date: by the bishop of Dunkeld at Strathmiglo, Kal. July 1284; by the abbot of Alnwick at Shilbottle (*Schypeligbotel*), [?3] Non. July.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description as a citation with libel.

Size: 105 x 285 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(ii) [1/5 July] 1284

Mandate from the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby], papal judges delegate, to the dean of Durham, the vicar of Ellingham, Dom R[ichard] rector of St Mary in the South Bailey Durham, and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before them in Carlisle cathedral on Monday before St Peter *ad vincula* [31 July] in the case between the archbishop and the prior and convent of Durham, citing the archbishop in his cathedral or palace, or affixing it to the door, or publishing it in any place in the city of York.

Date: by the bishop of Dunkeld at Strathmiglo, Kal. July 1284; by the abbot of Alnwick at Shilbottle, 3 Non. July.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and the date (3 Non. July 1284).

Size: 90 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 2.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(iii) [?8 July] 1284

Commission from the abbot of Alnwick, papal judge delegate, to the abbot and prior of Blancheland, the sacrist of Alnwick, the treasurer of Dunkeld and Master Robert de Merley, canon of Dunblane, as subdelegates to hear an appeal of the prior and convent of Durham against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: Alnwick, the morrow of the translation of St Thomas [?the martyr] 1284.

Endorsed by R de Merley that he accepted the commission on 4 Kal. August [29 July], and (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and a date of (*sic*) 2 August 1284.

Size: 65 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 18 and 22.

Printed and discussed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, App.X, p.233-234 (there described as 2.c.22).

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(iv) [4/12/20 July] 1284

Mandate of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby], papal judges delegate, to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, and Robert de Blakeston to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: by the bishop of Dunkeld at Dunkeld, 4 Non. July 1284; by the abbot [of Alnwick] at Alnwick, 4 Id. July 1284; by the abbot of St Agatha's at Newsham, 13 Kal. August year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as done on St Mary Magdalene [22 July], to be certificated except for the libel and B citation, and (16th century) with a description and the date ((sic) month of August 1284).

Size: 105 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 17 and 22.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(v) [18 July] 1284

Mandate of [William] bishop of Dunkeld, papal judge delegate, to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington (*Pedington*) and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: Scone, Tuesday before St Margaret the virgin 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and the date.

Size: 80 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: ?19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(vi) [18 July] 1284

Memorandum of a mandate of [William] bishop of Dunkeld, papal judge delegate, to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington (*Pedington*) and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: [Scone, Tuesday] before St Margaret the virgin 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 90 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: ?14.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(vii) [18 July] 1284

Mandate of [William] bishop of Dunkeld, papal judge delegate, to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington (*Pedington*) and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, and to deliver to him a copy of the recited libel of the prior and chapter of Durham against his visitation of their church, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: Scone, Tuesday before St Margaret the virgin 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date (?month of July 1284).

Size: 90 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 15.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(viii) [21 July] 1284

Commission of the bishop of Dunkeld, the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby], papal judges delegate, to the treasurer of Dunkeld church, Masters Baldred Bisseth and Robert de Merley canons of Caithness and Dunblane, and the sacrist of the monastery of St Mary's Kelso as subdelegates in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham against William [Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: *Huthertul*, 12 Kal. August 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description, the date and as duplicated.

Size: 65 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 22.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(ix) [29 July] 1284

Memorandum of a mandate from the abbot of Alnwick to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, and to deliver to him a copy of the recited libel of the prior and chapter of Durham against his visitation of their church, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: Alnwick, Thursday after St James the apostle 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and the date.

Size: 155 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 12.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(x) [29 July 1284]

[Draft] mandate from the abbot of Alnwick to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, and to deliver to him a copy of the recited libel of the prior and chapter of Durham against his visitation of their church, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: (blank).

With interlineations in the text and two phrases at the foot with marked insertion points.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and a date of October.

Size: 180 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 23.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xi) [29 July] 1284

Memorandum of a mandate from the abbot of Alnwick to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: Alnwick, Thursday after St James the apostle 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and an approximate date.

Size: 100 x 230-255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xii) [29 July 1284]

Mandate from the abbot of Alnwick to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Richard rector of St Mary in the Bailey Durham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain and Master Thomas of Normanton to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], citing him in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: (blank).

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and a date of October 1284.

Size: 70 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xiii) [?July 1284]

[Draft] mandate from the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby] to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Robert de Blakeston chaplain, Master Thomas of Normanton, William of Darlington and John Bertram clerks to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], reciting notices of bulls of Pope Martin [IV] of 10 Kal. February Pont.3 [23 January 1284] (mentioning the dean of London, prior of Barnwell, archdeacon of Norwich and chamberlain of Bury St Edmunds), 10 Kal. November Pont.3 [23 October 1283] and Id. May Pont.4 [15 May 1284], citing the archbishop in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York or in his manor, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: by the bishop of Dunkeld (blank).

With text at the foot to be inserted replacing the addressees with the treasurer of Dunkeld, Masters Baldred Bisset and Robert de Merley canons of Caithness and Dunblane, and the sacrist of the monastery of St Mary Kelso.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and a date of October.

Size: 120 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 24.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xiv) [?July 1284]

[Draft] mandate from the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby] to Master Thomas dean of christianity of Durham, Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Pitlington and Ellingham, Robert de Blakeston priest, Master Thomas of Normanton, William of Darlington and John Bertram clerks to cite W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to appear before him in Carlisle cathedral on Monday after St Michael next [2 October], reciting notices of 6 bulls of Pope Martin [IV] of 10 Kal. June Pont.4 [23 May 1284] (mentioning the dean of London, the prior of Barnwell, the archdeacon of Norwich and the chamberlain of Bury St Edmunds), 16 Kal. July Pont.4 [16 June 1284], Id. June Pont.4 [13 June 1284], Id. June Pont.4 [13 June 1284] (again), 4 Non. June Pont.4 [2 June 1284], and Id. May Pont.4 [15 May 1284], citing the archbishop in his cathedral or any other public place in the city of York or in his manor, certifying that this has been done by their letters patent.

Date: (blank).

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and a date of October 1284.

Size: 150 x 230-250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xv) [2-4 October] 1284

Acta before the abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judge delegate, and Master Baldred Bisset official of St Andrews, canon of Caithness and subdelegate of the bishop of Dunkeld, and the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby], in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham, appellants, through their proctor William of Trimdon clerk, against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York through his proctor Thomas of Husthwaite clerk, reciting proceedings, the submission of the archbishop's proctor's libel, the protestation of the prior and chapter's proctor, and that on the Thursday the sacrist of St John Pontefract, commissary of the abbot of St Agatha's, had appeared and attempted to act, but he was refused admission, whereafter the initial public instruments of the case were read and notarized, including the citation of the archbishop by certification of Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Ellingham, and the court was adjourned to the day after St Nicholas [7 December].

Date: Carlisle cathedral, Wednesday after St Michael, with the Tuesday and Monday preceding, 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "secunda acta minora" and (16th century) with a description and a date of October 1284.

Size: 135 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 26.

Related material in other DUL collections: For "acta maiora", see DCD Loc.XIV:2j.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xvi) [28 October/6 November] 1284

Mandate of the abbot of Alnwick principal papal judge delegate and Master Baldred (also called Bartred) Bisset canon of Caithness and official of the bishop of St Andrews and commissary of the bishop of Dunkeld principal papal judge delegate, with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby], third principal papal judge delegate, to the dean of christianity of Durham and Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham, to cite William [Wickwane] archbishop of York in his cathedral or other public place in the city of York, to come before the abbot of Alnwick and the bishop of Dunkeld or their commissaries in Carlisle cathedral on the day after St Nicholas next [7 December]

Date: by Master Baldred at Coldingham (text lost; from dorse: SS Simon and Jude); [by the abbot of Alnwick] at Alnwick 8 Id November 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the date and a description and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 85 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xvii) [31 October/6 November] 1284

Mandate of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judges delegate, with the third judge the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby], in the case of an appeal by the prior and chapter of Durham against William [Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the dean of christianity of Durham and Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham to cite William [Wickwane] archbishop of York in his cathedral church in York or any other public place in York to appear on the day after St Nicholas next [7 December] in Carlisle cathedral before the abbot of Alnwick and Baldred Bisset.

Date: by the bishop of Dunkeld at *Le Starr* on the vigil of All Saints; by the abbot of Alnwick at Alnwick 8 Id. November 1284.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 115 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 19.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xviii) [?December] 1284

Appeal by John son of Bertram proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham against William of Gosforth clerk acting as commissary of the bishop of Dunkeld with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] principal papal judge delegate in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 100 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 20.

DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xix) [?December] 1284

Mandate of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judges delegate in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and William [Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the official of the bishop of Ely to publish the excommunication and inhibition of Master William of Gosforth in Ely cathedral and other churches in the city and diocese of Ely.

Date: (blank).

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 90 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 21.

DCD Loc.XIV:2d 20 January - 28 February 1284

Copies of citations for the prior and convent of Durham to appear in Warwick before the papal judges delegate.

Citation by G[ervase] abbot of Holm Cultram, the prior of Coventry and [Master Bartholomew canon] of St Pancras of Ferentino to the official of Durham, the officials of the archdeacons of Richmond and Cleveland, and the dean of Christianity of Durham to cite Prior Richard [of Claxton], Geoffrey of Newcastle formerly precentor, Roger of Methley formerly sacrist, and Reginald of Barnby formerly succentor of Durham to be in the church of St Mary in Warwick on the day after *misericordia domini* next [24 April 1284] before them and to give them a copy of the libel or articles against them of the archbishop of York's proctor William of Somerset clerk.

Date: by the abbot of Holm Cultram at *Flemigby*, 2 Id. February 1283/4; by the prior of Coventry at Coventry 6 Kal. March year above; by Bartholomew of Ferentino at London, 3 Kal. March year as above.

Citation by G[ervase] abbot of Holm Cultram, the prior of Coventry and Master Bartholomew canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the official of Durham, the officials of the archdeacons of Richmond and Cleveland and the dean of Christianity of Durham, reciting two papal commissions of Martin IV to them to hear the case, of 9 October Pont.3 [1283] at Orvieto, to cite the prior and chapter to be in the church of St Mary in Warwick on the day after *misericordia domini* next [24 April].

Date: by Bartholomew at York 13 Kal. February 1283/4; the abbot of Holm Cultram at *Flemigby* 3 Id. February [20 January & 11 February] year above.

Citation by G[ervase] abbot of Holm Cultram, the prior of Coventry and Master Bartholomew canon of St Pancras of Ferentino, papal judges delegate, to the official of Durham, the officials of the archdeacons of Richmond and Cleveland and the dean of Christianity of Durham to cite Richard [of Claxton] now prior, Richard of Barnby formerly subprior, Geoffrey of Newcastle formerly precentor, Roger of Methley formerly sacrist, Walter of Norton formerly chamberlain and Reginald of Barnby formerly succentor of the church of Durham, to appear in the church of St Mary in Warwick on the day after *misericordia domini* [24 April] next before them and to give them a copy of the libel or articles against them of William of Somerset clerk, proctor of W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: by the abbot of Holm Cultram at *Flemigby*, 2 Id. February 1283/4; by the prior of Coventry at Coventry 6 Kal. March year above; by Bartholomew of Ferentino, 3 Kal. March [12 - 28 February] year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 740 x 200 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.136.

DCD Loc.XIV:2e 1284

Copies of documents in the case between Archbishop Wickwane and the prior of Durham, with headings indicating that they were made on behalf of Durham.

Appeal by the proctor [of the archbishop of York] in the court before the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham subdelegates against Richard [Claxton] prior of Durham, Richard of Barnby prior of Holy Island, Walter of Norton prior of Lytham, Roger of Methley subprior, Geoffrey of Newcastle, and Reginald of Barnby.

Mandate of William [Wickwane] archbishop of York to A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham to publish in his city and diocese the excommunication by the archbishop of Richard [of Claxton] prior of Durham, Roger of Methley subprior, John of Horsley [?Haswell] sacrist, William of Middleton bursar, William of Masham hostiller, and Reginald of Barnby and Henry of Teesdale monks, great rebels through their offences and contumacies, and to enforce the archbishop's interdict of the cathedral church of Durham.

Date: [Bishop] Wilton, 12 Kal. March [18 February] 1283/4.

Memorandum of a petition made against the executors of the late bishop over the expenses at his election and consecration namely £326 11s, [the executors] being Dom William of Brunton, Dom Guichard de Charon, Master R[obert] Avenel, Dom Thomas of Levisham, Master ? ?rington vicar of Auckland, Dom William of Holy Island, Henry of Holy Island.

Endorsed (16th century) with descriptions, dates and "2a" .

Size: 290 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:2f [10 January] 1285

Commission of the bishop of Dunkeld, papal judge delegate with the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's [Easby], to Master William of Cresswell archdeacon of Brechin, the prior of Dryburgh, Master Baldred Bissett canon of Caithness and official of the bishop of St Andrews, the sacrists of the monasteries of St Mary Kelso and Alnwick, and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane, [as subdelegates] in a case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: Tynninghame, 4 Id. January 1284/5.

Endorsed (contemporary/16th century) with a description and date (day of St Matthias (*sic*) contemporary).

Size: 90 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 8.

Printed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.232-3.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.159.

DCD Loc.XIV:2g [16 December] 1284

Notarial instrument reciting the inspeximus of the seal of the prior of Dryburgh, commissary of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judges delegate with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] in a case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, as used in sealing several times in his presence, describing the image on the seal.

Witnesses: Masters Roger le Comite, Gilbert de Shuthayk, Philip of [North]allerton; Brothers William of Middleton and Richard de Hoton monks.

Date: Carlisle, 17 Kal. January 1284.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 210 x 145 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: H and 7.

DCD Loc.XIV:2h [26 February] 1282

Interlocutory sentence of R. abbot of Waltham, papal judge delegate, with Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry la Feyte official of Rochester, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln fellow papal judge delegate, in a case between the bishop of Durham and the prior and convent of Durham against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York; Wickwane having been summoned before them in the church of St Mary Stamford on the day after St Matthias the apostle 1281/2, for his contumacy in not appearing, he is suspended from the performance of his sacred offices and is to pay £500 to the bishop of Durham and £300 to the prior and convent of Durham, and for manifestly impeding and disturbing their jurisdiction, Masters John Clarle, rector of Hemmingford, John de Lucca, canon of St Paul's London, and William of Newark, archdeacon of Huntingdon, are excommunicated.

Date: Stamford, Thursday after St Matthias 1281/2.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 105 x 210 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 4.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.128.

DCD Loc.XIV:2j [2-5 October] 1284

Acta before the abbot of Alnwick, judge principal delegate, Masters Baldred Bisset and Robert de Merley, canons of Caithness and Dunblane and subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld, and the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby], judge principal delegate, in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham, appellants, through their proctor William of Trimdon clerk, against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, through his proctor Thomas of Husthwaite clerk, reciting proceedings over three days, and the adjournment of the case to the next day after St Nicholas [7 December].

Date: Carlisle cathedral, Monday after St Michael 1284, and the following Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "prima acta maiora", B and Durham, and (16th century) with a description as "Sentencia revocatoria gravaminum ..." and with a date of 1 October 1284.

Size: 295 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 25.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.139, 239.

Related material in other DUL collections: For "acta minora", see DCD Loc.XIV:2c(xv).

DCD Loc.XIV:2k 20 October 1284

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal of John son of Bertram, clerk, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, with the prior present, about William of Gosforth falsely asserting that he was a subdelegate of the bishop of Dunkeld through a certain commission.

Witnesses: Masters Adam perpetual vicar of Auckland, Roger *dictus* le Comite, John of [North]allerton, Peter of Alnwick, Henry of Tinwell, clerks; Dom John of Alnwick, Gervase of Hexham, William of Ripon, chaplains; Roger of ?Hessay (*Hese*) and Richard of Barnby.

Date: [Durham priory], prior's chamber, 20 October 1284.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the second appeal about Gosforth and (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 295 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 30.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.162.

DCD Loc.XIV:2l 24 October 1284

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Masters Roger *dictus* le Comite rector of St Mary's Long Newton and Philip of [North]allerton clerks of Brother Henry of Teesdale (*Thaysdale*) monk of Durham and Master Thomas of Normanton clerk as their proctors at the Roman *curia*.

Witnesses: Henry of Tinwell clerk; William Homas; Nicholas *dictus* Peht.

Date: Durham priory, 24 October 1284.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and the date.

Size: 230 x 170 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 34.

DCD Loc.XIV:2m [16 December] 1284

Notarial instrument reciting the inspeximus of the seal of the sacrist of Kelso, commissary of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judges delegate with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] in a case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, as used in sealing several times in his presence, describing the image on the seal.

Witnesses: Masters Roger le Comite, Gilbert de Shuthayk, Philip of [North]allerton, clerks; Brothers William of Middleton and Richard de Hoton monks.

Date: Carlisle, 17 Kal. January 1284.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 200 x 175 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 6.

Printed and discussed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.254-255.

DCD Loc.XIV:3a [14 December] 1284

Acta of the prior of Dryburgh, the sacrist of Kelso, Master Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane, subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, in Carlisle cathedral on Saturday after St Nicholas [9 December] in the case of an appeal by the prior and chapter of Durham through their proctor William of Trimdon against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit the church of Durham, reciting the process of the case on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and a sentence cancelling the fine in the name of expenses imposed on the prior and chapter by the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham, and fining the archbishop £20 less 1d to be paid to the prior and chapter within 4 months.

Witnesses: Masters Walerand of Chatton, Thomas dean of Christianity of Durham, Robert de *Kedlaue*, Robert de *Garwaud* and Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun notaries public by apostolic and imperial authority, Walter de Barneby, William of Fife, Philip of [North]allerton, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Suthayk*), Roger le Comite, Nicholas of Appleby, Henry of Tinwell; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham; Brothers Gilbert of Sherburn, William of Middleton, and Richard de Hoton, monks; William of Chilton, William of Bradley, William and Walter of Weardale, James of Kenardington.

Date: Carlisle, Thursday as above 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the fourth sentence and condemnation in £20 and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 350 x 415 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 39.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140, 141.

DCD Loc.XIV:3b(i) [9-12 December] 1284

Transcript of acta of the prior of Dryburgh, the sacrist of Kelso, Master Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane, subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, in Carlisle cathedral on Saturday after St Nicholas [9 December] in the case of an appeal by the prior and chapter of Durham through their proctor William of Trimdon against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit the church of Durham, reciting the process of the case on the Monday and Tuesday, the certification of Dom Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Ellingham of the archbishop's citing, the inspection of documents by Masters Robert de *Garwand* and Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, notaries public, and reciting the following sentence and commissions.

Sentence annulling all sentences of the archbishop against the prior and chapter and especially against Master Philip of [North]allerton, their proctor, and fining the archbishop £300 less 1d to be paid to the prior and chapter within four months.

Witnesses: Masters William of Cresswell archdeacon of Brechin, Waldred of Chatton (*Chaiton*), Thomas dean of Christianity of Durham, Robert de *Kedelane*, Robert de *Garvand* and Edmund of Canterbury notaries public by apostolic and imperial authority, Walter de Barneby, William of Fife, Philip of [North]allerton, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Sutheck*), Roger le Comite, Nicholas of Appleby, John de *Berenys*, Andrew of Reading, Henry of Tinwell, Alexander of Bedford, John son of Bertram, Robert *dictus* of Kirkoswald, clerks; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham; Brothers Gilbert of Sherburn, William of Middleton, and Richard de Hoton, monks; William of Chilton, William of Bradley, William and Walter of Weardale, James of Kenardington, Philip of ?Boscar (*Boscoarso*).
Date: Carlisle, Tuesday above, [12 December] 1284.

Commission of the bishop of Dunkeld, with the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's papal judges delegate, to Master William of Cresswell archdeacon of Brechin, the prior of Dryburgh, Master Baldred Bissett canon of Caithness and official of the bishop of St Andrews, the sacrists of St Mary Kelso and Alnwick, and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane as commissaries in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: ?Star (*Le Starr*), St Clement the martyr [23 November] 1284.

Commission of the abbot of Alnwick, with the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of St Agatha's papal judges delegate, to the prior, subprior and sacrist of Dryburgh, Blancheland and Alnwick [respectively], and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane as commissaries in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: Alnwick, 17 Kal. December [15 November] 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the second sentence and condemnation for £300 and (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 285 x 525 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 44.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140 (*bis*).

DCD Loc.XIV:3b(ii) [14 December] 1284

Transcript of acta of the prior of Dryburgh, the sacrist of Kelso, Master Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane, subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, in Carlisle cathedral on Saturday after St Nicholas [9 December] in the case of an appeal by the prior and chapter of Durham through their proctor William of Trimdon against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit the church of Durham, reciting the process of the case on the Monday to the Thursday, the certification of Dom Gervase of Hexham perpetual vicar of Ellingham of the archbishop's citing, the inspection of documents by Masters Robert de *Galvald* and Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, notaries public, and reciting the following sentence and commissions.

Sentence calling the archbishop contumacious, refuting the sentences of the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham called canon of Caithness, and fining the archbishop 10 marks less 1d to be paid to the prior and chapter within four months.

Witnesses: Masters Walerand of Chatton, Thomas dean of Christianity of Durham, Robert de *Kycelave*, Robert de *Galuardia* notary public by apostolic authority, Walter de Barneby, William of Fife, Philip of [North]allerton, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Suthayk*), Roger le Comite, Nicholas of Appleby, Henry of Tinwell; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham; Brothers Gilbert of Sherburn, William of Middleton, and Richard de Hoton, monks; William of Chilton, William of Bradley, William and Walter of Weardale, James of Kenardington.

Date: Carlisle, Thursday above, [14 December] 1284.

Commission of the bishop of Dunkeld, with the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's papal judges delegate, to Master William of Cresswell archdeacon of Brechin, the prior of Dryburgh, Master Baldred Bissett canon of Caithness and official of the bishop of St Andrews, the sacrists of St Mary Kelso and Alnwick, and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane as commissaries in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: ?Star, (*Le Starr*), St Clement the martyr [23 November] 1284.

Commission of the abbot of Alnwick, with the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of St Agatha's papal judges delegate, to the prior, subprior and sacrist of Dryburgh, Blancheland and Alnwick [respectively], and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane as commissaries in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: Alnwick, 17 Kal. December [15 November] 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the fourth sentence and condemnation for 10 marks, the revocation of the sentences of the subprior of Lenton and Henry, and acta at Carlisle, and (16th and 17th centuries) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 275 x 510 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 44.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140, 141.

DCD Loc.XIV:3c [13 December] 1284

Acta of the prior of Dryburgh, the sacrist of Kelso, Master Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness and Master Robert de Merley canon of Dunblane, subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, in Carlisle cathedral on Saturday after St Nicholas [9 December] in the case of an appeal by the prior and chapter of Durham through their proctor William of Trimdon against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit the church of Durham, reciting the process of the case on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and a sentence, relaxing all sentences of excommunication against the prior and chapter, Richard [of Claxton] subprior, Geoffrey [of Newcastle] precentor, Roger of Methley sacrist, Walter chamberlain and Reginald succentor, and Robert [of Holy Island] late bishop of Durham by the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham, and [William of Newark] archdeacon of Huntingdon, John Clarel canon of Southwell and John de Lucca canon of London, confirming the sentences against the archbishop by the abbot of Waltham, Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry Lafeyte official of Rochester, and fining the archbishop £200 less 1d, to be paid as expenses to the prior and chapter within 4 months.

Witnesses: Masters Walerand of Chatton, Thomas dean of Christianity of Durham, Robert de *Kydelawe*, Alexander de *Debeham*, Robert de *Garualdia* notary public by apostolic authority, Walter de Barneby, Robert of Fife, Philip of [North]allerton, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Suthayk*), Roger le Comite, Nicholas of Appleby, clerks; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham; Brothers Gilbert of Sherburn, William of Middleton, and Richard de Hoton, monks; William of Chilton, William of Bradley, William and Walter of Weardale, James of Kenardington.

Date: Carlisle cathedral, Wednesday as above 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the third sentence and condemnation in £200 and with a description and (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 400-435 x 380 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 40.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140 (bis), 239.

DCD Loc.XIV:3d [11 August 1284]

Rescripts by Gervase of Hexham vicar of Ellingham of bulls of Pope Martin IV to the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, reciting Durham's grievances. The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, 10 Kal. June Pont.4. [23 May 1284]

The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, Non. June, Pont.4. [5 June 1284]

The archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, Id. June, Pont. 4. [13 June 1284]

The monks William of Masham and Stephen of Howden were captured and the letters and rescripts they were carrying for the prior and chapter [of Durham] were taken.

Date: Orvieto, Id. May Pont. 4. [15 May 1284]

The prior of Durham and other individuals of the chapter of Durham were excommunicated by the archbishop of York about which they have appealed to the apostolic see.

Date: Orvieto, Id. May Pont.4 [15 May 1284]

Note at the foot that these bulls were compared with the originals by Brothers Thomas of Newcastle (*de Castro*) and ?Robert of Mitford (?*Illus de Methford*) on Friday the morrow of St Laurence.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 630 x 390 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 37.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.123, 139, 152.

Another copy (1) in: DCD Loc.XIV:2b(ii).

Other copies (2) in: DCD Loc.XIV:2b(ii) and 2b(iii).

Another copy (3): DCD Loc.XIV:11.

DCD Loc.XIV:3e [9 December] 1284

Acta before the prior of Dryburn and Master Baldred Bissett, official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness, subdelegates of the bishop of Dunkeld and abbot of Alnwick, papal judges delegate with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] who had been excused, in a case between the prior and chapter of Durham represented by their proctor William of Trimdon clerk and William [Wickwane] archbishop of York reciting the process of the case, a sentence calling the archbishop contumacious and the processes of the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham *dictus* canon of Caithness badly carried out, confirming the sentences of the dean of London, the prior of Barnwell, the archdeacon of Norwich and the chamberlain of Bury St Edmunds, and of the abbot of Waltham, quashing the sentences of [William of Newark] archdeacon of Huntingdon and [John de Lucca and John Clarel] canons of London and Southwell, and fining the archbishop £500 less 1d to be paid as expenses to the prior and chapter within 4 months.

Witnesses: Masters William of Cresswell archdeacon of Brechin, Waldred of Chatton (*Chaiton*), John of Barnard Castle, Thomas dean of Christianity of Durham, Robert de *Kydelaw*, Peter of Alnwick, Robert de *Garwand* notary public by apostolic authority, Walter de Barneby, Robert of Fife, Philip of [North]allerton, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Suthayk*), Roger le Comite, Nicholas of Appleby, John de *Berewys*, Andrew of Reading, Henry of Tinwell, Alexander of Bedford, John son of Bertram, Robert of Kirkoswald, clerks; Dom Gervase perpetual vicar of Ellingham; Brothers Gilbert of Sherburn, William of Middleton, and Richard de Hoton, monks; William of Chilton, William of Bradley, William and Walter of Weardale, James of Kenardington, Philip of ?Boscar (*Boscoarso*).

Date: Carlisle cathedral, the Saturday above, 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the first sentence and condemnation for £500 and (16th century) with the description and date.

Size: 275 x 510 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 41.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140 (tres).

DCD Loc.XIV:3f [9 December] 1284

Mandate of the prior of Dryburgh and Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness, commissaries of the bishop of Dunkeld and abbot of Alnwick, principal papal judges delegate with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby], in the case of an appeal between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the official of the bishop of Norwich to publish in the churches of the city and diocese of Norwich in French and English the sentence calling the archbishop contumacious, the processes of the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham badly carried out, quashing the sentences of the archdeacon of Huntingdon, John Clarel and John de Lucca, confirming the sentences of the dean of London and his commissaries and colleagues, and the abbot of Waltham and his colleagues, and fining the archbishop £500 less 1d to be paid for expenses to the prior and chapter within 4 months, with its execution to be certified by his letters patent.

Date: Carlisle, 5 Id. December 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary) as to the official of Norwich on the first sentence and (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 195 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 42.

DCD Loc.XIV:3g [13 December] 1284

Mandate of Baldred Bisset, official of the bishop of St Andrews, canon of Caithness, and commissary of the bishop of Dunkeld, principal papal judge delegate with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] in a case between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the archdeacon of Northumberland to publish the excommunication in the churches in his archdeaconry of Adam, perpetual vicar of Crosby and dean of Christianity of Carlisle, Thomas de Capella, perpetual vicar of Kirkby Stephen, and Thomas, vicar of Penrith, for attempting to impede the authority of himself and the prior of Dryburgh in Carlisle cathedral.

Date: Carlisle, St Lucy the virgin 1284.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 135 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.140, 141.

DCD Loc.XIV:4a [June 1282]

Petitions of the proctors of the prior and convent of Durham before the papal judge delegates in the case with the archbishop of York against his proposed visitation of the church of Durham without having first visited his church of York, his excommunication of the prior and the senior monks and his placing of an interdict on the church, at a cost to the prior and convent of £10,000.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 185 x 220-230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.14:106.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.128.

DCD Loc.XIV:4b 3 - 5 June 1282

Acta in the church of St Mary within the walls at Stamford on Wednesday after the octave of Holy Trinity [3 June] 1282 before R[eginald Maidenhead] abbot of Waltham, principal judge delegate, along with Master R[alph] of Marlow papal chaplain and H[enry] Lafayte official of Rochester, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln colleague of the abbot, with the dean of Lincoln dismissed, in a case of an appeal against an excommunication and interdict of the prior and convent of Durham, through their fellow monk and proctor Henry of Teesdale, against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, reciting that the parties having been cited to appear, with the archbishop absent, the prior's proctor asked that the archbishop be pronounced contumacious and punished immediately and that the court should proceed immediately to the examination of witnesses and instruments, but the judges adjourned to the following day [4 June] when, with the archbishop again absent, the hearing proceeded with the prior and convent presenting four witnesses and certain instruments notarised by Edmund of Verdun for proving their case; with the archbishop still absent on the following day [June 5], the following sentence, bull, commission, procuration, and libel were recited

Sentence that the proctor of the prior and convent of Durham presented the following bull, commission, procuration and libel.

Bull of Pope Martin [IV] to the abbot of Waltham and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln appointing them to hear the petition of the prior and chapter of Durham against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit their church, before he had visited his own church of York, and his subsequent excommunication of them.

Date: [Orvieto], 2 Kal. September, Pont.1. [31 August 1281]

Commission of the chancellor of Lincoln papal delegate to the canons and precentors of Newnham and Huntingdon, Master Henry Lafayte official of Rochester and Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain as subdelegates.

Date: Oxford, 15 Kal. January [18 December] 1281.

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale and Robert of Wackerfield as their proctors in their appeal against the archbishop of York before the abbot of Waltham and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln and in the Roman *curia*.

Date: Durham, 14 Kal. March [16 February] 1281/2.

Libel of the prior and convent of Durham that the archbishop of York should have visited his own church and city and diocese of York before visiting Durham, thereby going against canon law, as they have appealed to the apostolic see, but in spite of this the archbishop excommunicated the prior and the senior monks and imposed an interdict, at a cost to them of £1000.

and the sentence was proceeded to, annulling all sentences pronounced by the archbishop against the prior and convent, and Roger de Medeley, William of Masham, Stephen of Howden, Henry of Teesdale, Master Adam of Darlington, Richard of Claxton vicar of [North]allerton, Alan vicar of East Rainton, and Master Philip [of Northallerton], fining the archbishop £200 less 1d, for expenses, quashing all the acts of Masters William of Newark, John Clarel and John de Lucca, and reserving the right of interpreting the sentence.

Witnesses: Masters Robert Avenel, Reginald of Brandon, Bartholomew de Larder, Warin de Bosco, Nicholas of Appleby, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*Sutheik*), Adam of Darlington, John of Hemingford, and Peter Poleyn clerics, and Brothers William of Waltham, Henry of Temple, canons of Waltham, Walter of Norton, Robert of Taplow, Hugh of Stamford, and Robert de Carpemule.

Sealed by the abbot, Ralph, and Henry Lafayte with the seal of his officiality of Rochester. Contemporary copy.

Endorsed (contemporary) as addressed to Master Adam of Filby from his brother "R de eadem" and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 595 x 395 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.14:70.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.128-129.

Printed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.239-248.

Further copies in: DCD Misc.Ch. 5820E and BL Cotton MS Julius D.IV f.153v-155v, 139r, 143r-v.

Another copy (bull) in: DCD Loc.XIV:4j.

Discussed (coomission): Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.160-161.

Another copy (appointment): DCD Loc.XIV:10, f.2v-3r.

DCD Loc.XIV:4c 10 October 1281

Copies of court of Canterbury documents in the case between William Wickwane, archbishop of Canterbury, and the prior and convent of Durham.

Appeal of the prior and chapter of Durham to the pope seeking justice for their excommunication by the archbishop of York and reciting the appointments of delegates (the abbot of Waltham, and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln) and subdelegates, (Ralph Marlow, Henry Lafayte official of Rochester, and the precentors of Huntingdon and Newnham for the chancellor of Lincoln, and William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon, J[ohn] Clarel and J[ohn] de Lucca canon of London for the dean of Lincoln).

Inhibition from the official of the court of Canterbury to the dean of Lincoln after the appeal of the prior and convent of Durham.

Inhibition from the official of the court of Canterbury to Masters John Clarel rector of Hemmingford, William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon and [John] de Lucca canon of St Pauls London, in the matter of the appeal of the prior and convent of Durham to the apostolic see against the excommunication by W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to be heard before the abbot of Waltham, the dean of Lincoln and Masters Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry la Fayte official of Rochester, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln.

Date: [?Hayley] (*Heyleie*), Monday after Letare Jerusalem 1281/2 [9 March 1282]

Positions and articles of the proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham against Masters John Clarel rector of Hemmingford, William of Newark archdeacon of Huntingdon in Lincoln church and [John] de Lucca canon of St Pauls London, (ten detailed).

Proctors of the prior and convent in the court of Canterbury before the abbot of Waltham, Master Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain and Henry Lafeyte official of Rochester are Master R[eginald] of Brandon, Bartholomew de Larder, R[oger] le Comite, W[arin] de Bosco, and Edmund of Verdun.

Endorsed (16th century) with descriptions for each document.

Size: 900 x 180 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 11 and 12.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.162, ?129.

DCD Loc.XIV:4d 10 October 1281

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal to the apostolic see by Master Thomas of Normanton, clerk, proctor of Reginald of Barnby, monk and succentor of Durham, made before Dom Henry archdeacon of Nottingham, commissary of W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, against being punished by him on the morrow of St Dionysius [10 October] as contumacious which he is not.

Witnesses: Thomas de Budone and Richard de Chidesey clerks; John de Herneby layman.

Date: the prebendal church of Southwell, 10 October 1281.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 230 x 285 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Printed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.203-204.

Discussed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.91.

DCD Loc.XIV:4e 10 October 1281

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal to the apostolic see by Master Thomas of Normanton, clerk, proctor of Reginald of Barnby, monk and succentor of Durham, made before W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, reciting an appeal by Barnby against being cited for disobedience as he could not leave the cathedral priory without the permission of the prior of Durham and that the archbishop had no jurisdiction over him.

Witnesses: specially called and asked: Master William of St Quentin, Thomas de Budon and Richard de Chidesey clerks; John de Herneby layman; others asked: Masters Benedict of Southwell, Thomas of Cotgrave and Giles called Angevin (*Aungevyn*) clerks.

Date: the archdeacon's house at Southwell, 10 October 1281.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 365 x 325 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Printed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.204-206.

Discussed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.91.

DCD Loc.XIV:4f 17 September 1281

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Ambrose of Bamburgh, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent, through the mouth of Thomas of Normanton clerk, before Dom G[ilbert of Salisbury] subdean of York and Master R[obert] of Pickering, commissaries of W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the pope, against the archbishop's excommunication of the prior, subprior, precentor, sacrist, and chamberlain, after his frustrated visitation of 25 June, citing their exceptions, including the statute of Pope Gregory X at the last council of Lyons and the case of the privileges of the monks of Pontefract.

Witnesses: Masters Robert Avenel, Roger Rothwell (*de Rowell*) dean of Arches in London, Roger le Comite, Gilbert of ?Southwick (*de Suthayk*), and John of Pickering clerks.

Date: parish church of St Nicholas, Durham, 17 September 1281.

Notary: Edmund of Canterbury *dictus* of Verdun, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited, with a note of the document's registration in chapter 186 of Pope N[icholas] III's register.

Endorsed (contemporary) as claims and appeals submitted on the morrow of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [15 September] by the chapter of Durham's proctor and (16th century) with a description and that the [roll] contains [nos.] 36-42 and (17th century) as 8 public instruments.

Size: 490 x 440 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:4g [1281]

Exception of Nicholas of Appleby, priest of Carlisle diocese, that the archbishop of York, before he visited the city and church of Durham and threatened excommunication and the removal of Appleby from the bishop of Durham's service, ought to visit his own city and church of York.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and as 1281.

Size: 280 x 110 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 114.

DCD Loc.XIV:4h [7 March 1282]

Certification of the official of the court of York of having received and carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of William [of Newark] archdeacon of Huntingdon, John Clarel papal chaplain and John de Lucca canon of St Pauls London, subdelegates of the dean of Lincoln principal papal judge delegate, in an appeal of the bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, along with the chancellor of Lincoln and the abbot of Waltham fellow judges delegate with the dean, to the official of the court of York, revoking the authority of the abbot of Waltham, along with Masters Ralph of Marlow and Henry Lafeyte, commissaries of the chancellor of Lincoln, excommunicating them, quashing their sentences, confirming the archbishop's sentence against Durham and fining the bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham £500 each for the archbishop's expenses and damages, to be paid by the feast of St John the Baptist next [24 June].

Date: Stamford, 4 Kal. March [26 February] 1281/2.

Date: York, Non. March, year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being also directed to the bishop of Whithorn by the false commissaries.

Size: 190 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:4j 27 August - 12 December 1281

Copies of documents in the dispute between the prior and convent of Durham and William Wickwane archbishop of York.

Letters of accreditation of the notary Raynerii for Roger of Methley and Stephen of Howden monks and proctors of the prior and convent of Durham to secure a loan of £100 for the prior and convent of Durham in the court of Rome, in 3 instalments of £40, £40 and £20, from James Hugh and John Bociis, Florentine merchants, and others (named), to be repaid at the next feast of the Purification, supported also by Adam of Filby (*de Fileby*) archdeacon of Shrewsbury.

Sealed by the proctors and the archdeacon, 27 August 1281

Mandate of Pope Martin [IV] to the abbot of Waltham and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln to investigate the petition of the archbishop of York that the bishop of Durham is denying him his visitation rights.

Date: Orvieto (*urbem veterem*), 7 Id. September, Pont.1. [7 September 1281]

Letter of W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York to [Pope Martin IV] about the frustration of his attempt to visit the bishop, clergy and prior and convent of Durham and the appeal to the apostolic see in Rome, which matter ought to be settled in six months.

Littera conveniencie of Giffridus de Agnania, papal chaplain, detailing that Master Peter, canon of Assisi and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham in the Roman *curia*, and Reynold of St Albans, clerk and proctor of [William Wickwane] archbishop of York, appeared before him to choose as judges the abbot of Waltham and the chancellor of Lincoln respectively, with himself as auditor choosing as the common judge the dean of Lincoln, and to agree upon Stamford as the place for negotiations, reciting the following papal mandate.

Mandate of Pope Martin [IV] appointing the abbot of Waltham, and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln to hear the petition of the prior and chapter of Durham against the archbishop of York's attempt to visit their church and his subsequent excommunication of them.

Date: Orvieto, 2 Kal. September, Pont.1. [31 August 1281]

Date: Orvieto, 6 Kal. October, Pont.1. [26 September 1281]

Certification by the abbot of Waltham, also the dean and chancellor of Lincoln, papal judges delegate in the case of W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, that they had received the recited papal mandate to summon the prior and convent of Durham or their proctors to appear in the church of St Mary by the bridge within the walls of Stamford on the next lawful day after St Matthias the apostle.

Date: by the abbot of Waltham at Woodford, St Andrew the apostle 1281; by the dean of the church of Lincoln at Littlechester 6 Id. December year as above; by the chancellor of the said church at Oxford, Prid. Id. December year as above. [30 November - 12 December] 1281

Endorsed (16th century) with descriptions.

Size: 495 x 215 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 35.

Discussed in: R. Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.156-157; printed and discussed in *ibid.*, p.218-219.

Another copy in BL Cotton MS Julius D.IV, f.139r-v.

Another copy (mandate 2) in: DCD Loc.XIV:4b.

DCD Loc.XIV:4k [15 October] 1281 - [16 February] 1282

Copies of documents in the dispute between the prior and convent of Durham and William Wickwane archbishop of York.

Mandate of Pope Martin [IV] to the abbot of Waltham and the chancellor of Lincoln to hear the appeal of the prior and chapter of Durham that they had refused the archbishop's intention to visit the church and city of Durham until he had visited his own church and city of York, and that the prior and senior members of the community had been excommunicated and had an interdict placed on the church as a result.

Date: Orvieto, Id. October, Pont.1. [15 October 1281]

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale and Robert of Wackerfield as proctors in their appeal to the apostolic see in their case against William [Wickwane] archbishop of York before the abbot of Waltham and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln.

Date: Durham, Id. February [13 February] 1281/2.

Notification by R[ichard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham to the abbot of Waltham and the dean and chancellor of Lincoln, papal judges delegate, of their appointment of their fellow monks Henry of Teesdale and Robert of Wackerfield as their proctors in the appeal against W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York.

Date: Durham, 14 Kal. March [16 February] 1281.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and that the roll contained 32-35.

Size: 385 x 215 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.14:32.

DCD Loc.XIV:4I [14 March] 1282

Notarial instrument being an exemplum of the certification by the official of the court of Canterbury, to the abbot of Waltham papal judge delegate, Masters Henry la Fayte official of Rochester and Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain, and the chancellor of Lincoln colleague of the abbot, of the receipt of the following mandate on Thursday before *letare* Jerusalem [5 March] 1281/2.

Mandate from the abbot of Waltham papal judge delegate, Masters Henry la Fayte official of Rochester and Ralph of Marlow papal chaplain, subdelegates of the chancellor of Lincoln, fellow commissary of the abbot, in a case between R[obert of Holy Island] bishop of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, the third principal judge, the dean of Lincoln, having been dismissed, to the official of the court of Canterbury, the dean of Arches in London, the official of London and the official of the archdeacon of London, and also Master William de Haleberg commissary of the dean of Arches in his absence, to publish the sentences of excommunication against John Clarel, rector of Hemmingford, William of Newark, archdeacon of Huntingdon, and John de Lucca canon of St Pauls London, and the suspension of the archbishop of York from his divine and spiritual administration, in the consistory of St Mary Arches in London, and in all the churches in the city and diocese of London and throughout the province of Canterbury.

Date: Stamford, Thursday after St Matthias the apostle [26 February] 1281/2.

Notary: Hildebrand Bonadoce de Senis, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Date: London, Saturday after St Gregory the Pope, 1281/2.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions and the date.

Size: 195 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 33.

Discussed in: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.129.

Printed: Brentano, *York Metropolitan Jurisdiction*, p.189-190.

DCD Loc.XIV:5 16 June 1303

Notarial instrument recording that William de Hawley, substitute for John of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of Prior Richard [de Hoton], repeated certain appeals made to Rome (only one recited, with supporting procurations)

Notarial instrument reciting an appeal by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham and proctor of Prior Richard [de Hoton], against Bishop [Antony] Bek's refusal to institute William Burdon, chaplain, as vicar of Heighington on the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham.

Witnesses: Master Bartholomew Frederico of Bologna proctor in the Roman curia and Simone de Gilibertus of Werco clerk of Rheims diocese.

Date: Rome, 29 January 1303.

Notary: Aldellus Riconeri de St Gimignano of Volterra diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Notarial instrument recording the appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham of Geoffrey of Burdon, Richard of Aislaby and John of Barnard Castle, monks of Durham, as proctors.

Witnesses: Masters Bartholomew de Bovonia proctor, William *dictus* Gorofaro de Pergamo notary of the Roman court and Roger de Tocotes of Ely diocese

Date: Lateran, 27 March 1303.

Notary: Alexander Mercury of Alatro, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Appointment by John of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior of Durham, of William of Hawley as his substitute as proctor.

Witnesses: Master Richard de Eryholme clerk and Henry of the infirmary.

Date: Durham priory, 8 June 1303.

and offered copies of the appeals to Antony [Bek] Bishop of Durham, who refused to accept them. The appeals are said to be recited, but in fact they seem to be singular in number.

Date: Boldon church, 16 June 1303.

Notary: Thomas of Selby clerk of York diocese, NP by imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description, date and that [the roll] contains 71-75, and (17th century) that the archbishop has not confirmed this in another.

Size: 550 x 360 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7 (cancelled) 14:71.

Another version (without the recited procurations): DCD 2.8.Pont.1(c).

DCD Loc.XIV:6 29 January 1303

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham, having presented William of Burdon, chaplain, a literate man, of good conversation and born of a legitimate marriage, as vicar of Heighington church, whose presentation had belonged to the prior and chapter of Durham from time immemorial, but whom A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham had refused to institute, of Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, as their proctor to present an appeal to the apostolic see against the bishop.

Witnesses: Dom Symone de Morvilla treasurer *Meten* and Dom Beltramo de (*sic*) Memediolano archpriest and papal auditor.

Date: the papal palace in the Lateran, 29 January 1303.

Notary: Aldellus Riconeri de St Gimignano of Volterra diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description and date.

Size: 350 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 73.

DCD Loc.XIV:7 [22 November] 1282

Certification by the dean of Durham to the prior of Jarrow, commissary of the papal judge, of having carried out the following mandate

Mandate from the prior of Jarrow, subdelegate of the prior of Marton third papal judge delegate (address repeated) to the dean of Durham in an appeal between Master Nicholas of Appleby, priest, rector of Kirkland against Ralph [Ireton] bishop of Carlisle over an attack on his church of Kirkland by Alan de Frisington the bishop's canon, John de Stoup his chaplain, John de Capella his steward, Alexander de Capella, John Tylicle, Bertram de Joveby, and John de Hesterhelm with around 50 others, breaking doors and windows and assaulting Master John de Perwys, the rector's clerk, putting Dom Robert de Scharburg in possession of the church and seizing goods, mandating him to cite them to appear in the Galilee [chapel] at Durham [cathedral] on the morrow of St Katherine the virgin next [26 November].

Date: Durham, 4 Id. November [10 November] 1282.

and having cited the bishop of Carlisle at Linstock with those others named together with Thomas le Rous one of their accomplices.

Date: Durham, 10 Kal. 1282.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a certification.

Size: 175-185 x 275-300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:8a 1259 - 1263

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and (17th century) as not concerning the archbishop or prior and chapter of Durham.

Size: 830 x 195 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Roll of copy letters of and concerning R[obert of St Agatha], archdeacon of Durham.

(m.1) Memorandum of a letter from R[obert of St Agatha] archdeacon of Durham to W[alter Kirkham] bishop of Durham about the ordination of John of Trimdon.

Date: Easington, Thursday after St Nicholas [11 December] 1259.

Memorandum re a sum of 10s received from an executor.

Memorandum re the institution of John of Barton to a chantry at Stranton.

Date: 12 Kal. March Pont.9. [18 February 1258]

Letter from R[obert of St Agatha] archdeacon of Durham to W[alter Kirkham] bishop of Durham about the suspension of Alexander priest of ?Werenive (?Wearmouth).

Letter from R[obert of] S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] to a chaplain of the parish of Chester[-le-Street] about a dispute.

Mandate about the suspension of P of Bolam parish priest of Elton.

Letter from R[obert] of S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] to the dean of Durham about the payment of proctors and a hearing at St Mary's Gateshead. Note that similar letters were sent to the vicars of Billingham, Greatham and Stranton.

Date: Newton, vigil of Palm [Sunday] [27 March] 1260.

Mandate from R[obert of St Agatha] archdeacon of Durham to the clergy of his archdeaconry about visitation costs.

Mandate of R[obert] of S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] summoning his clergy to Durham at the bishop's mandate.

Letter from R[obert] of St A[gatha] archdeacon of Durham to J de Lewys chaplain, parish priest of Greatham, staying at Hartlepool, about contributions from the goods of the church at Hartlepool.

Date: Monday after St Gregory the pope [15 March] 1259/60.

Letter from R[obert] of St A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] Durham to the parish chaplain of St Nicholas [of Durham] about William of Hilton formerly rector of Kimblesworth transporting goods from there to St Nicholas to the detriment of Kimblesworth.

Date: D[urham], day and year as above. [15 March 1260]

Letter from R[obert] of St A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] Durham to P vicar of St Oswald about 40s owed to him by M of St Cross formerly master of Sherburn hospital for 2 years' proceeds from Grindon church through his executor R de Seyton the present master.

Date: D[urham], day and year as above. [15 March 1260]

Letter from R[obert] of S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] to the parish priests of Wolsingham and Stanhope about the chantry in Frosterley chapel established by ?the master of Kepier John de Bradley.

Date: D[urham], Tuesday after Quadragesima, year as above. [23 February 1260]

Memorandum of a letter from R[obert] of S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] to S about relaxing the suspension of William de Brandonberg priest and allowing him to hear theology and celebrate divine service at Newcastle.

Date: ?Hutton, 16 Kal. April year as above. [17 March 1260]

Letter from R[obert] of S[t] A[gatha] a[rchdeacon of] D[urham] to the abbot and convent of St A[gatha] (Easby) about the appointment of N and W clerks and A de C [as proctors] to receive sums at the Roman *curia* up to 20s.

Memorandum of the receipt from the archdeacons of Richmond and Cleveland of the excommunications of Master J of Manfield, David de Hurthen, William and Walter A N.
Date: Monday after Epiphany [12]60/1. [10 January 1261]

Memorandum of a letter from R[obert of St Agatha archdeacon of Durham] to the parish chaplains of Hartlepool, Greatham, Stranton and Elwick about the debts of N[icholas] son of Lambert of Hartlepool as recited by the executors of his will.

Date: Monday after St Hilary [12]60/1. [17 January 1261]

Memorandum of a letter to the chaplains of Long Newton and Elton as contained in the new roll.

Date: St Vincent [12]60/1. [22 January 1261]

[Memorandum] of a letter about the monition and excommunication of the vicar of Darlington.

Date: same day [as above]. [22 January 1261]

Memorandum of the citation of the vicars of Hesleden and Stranton about the suspension of the vicar of Hart.

Date: Newton, Monday before the Purification [12]60/1. [31 January 1261]

(m.2) Letter of R[obert of St Agatha archdeacon of Durham] to the vicar of Aycliffe about defects in the nave of the church identified at visitations.

Date: N[ewton] Aycliffe, Sunday next [text lost].

Appointment by Ottobuono [Fieschi], cardinal deacon of St Adrian, of Percival [de Lavagna] his brother, canon of York and papal chaplain, as nuncio to Master Bohemund de Vitia throughout the kingdom of England.

Date: Rieti (Reat'), 5 Kal. October [1261]. [27 September 1261]

In a case before R[obert] of St Agatha archdeacon of Durham between Master P of Hartlepool and his coexecutors of the will of Nicholas son of Lambert [of Hartlepool] against Peter son of the same N[icholas], incomplete.

Date: church of St Mary Easington, Wednesday after the Assumption [17 August] 1261.

Acta before Master R[obert] of St Agatha archdeacon of Durham with James vicar of Darlington, Henry de Herl, William of Conniscliffe chaplains, Adam Cissore and ? present, concerning Master Junoc papal writer and proctor of the church of Haughton.

Date: Darlington church, morrow of St James the apostle [26 July] 1261.

Mandate from R[obert Stichill] bishop of Durham to the clergy of the archdeaconry of Durham to support the visitation.

Date: Auckland, 11 Kal. March, Pont.2. [19 February 1262]

Mandate from [Robert Stichill bishop of Durham] to R[obert] of S[t Agatha archdeacon of Durham] or his official to implement the corrections of the visitation.

Date: A[uckland], 11 Kal. March, Pont.2. [19 February 1262]

Letter about the despoliation of the church of ?Cyveld through the constant escape of sheep and other animals from the pasture.

Letter to a friend about J becoming a Cistercian monk at Woburn abbey as he is now a youth of 18.

Letter to the [abbot] of Woburn about [J] becoming a monk there as he is now 18.

Letter to his reverend lord N from his clerk J seeking his mercy.

(m.1d) Royal letters patent giving power to R[ichard Gravesend bishop of] Lincoln, H[enry of Sandwich bishop of] London, R[oger Longespee bishop of] Coventry and Lichfield, Walter [Bronscombe bishop of] Exeter, brother J[ohn] of [?Darlington] and W[illiam] of Wilton to treat with the barons concerning the questions and disputes between the king and them about the constitutions and statutes made at Oxford.

Date: ?Tower of London, ?Wednesday ?before St Margaret 47 Henry son of John. [4 July 1263]

(m.1d) Letter of Percival of Lavagna papal subdelegate and canon of York concerning moneys collected in England held by Florentine merchants.

Date: Friday before the Purification [26 January] 1263.

Another copy (royal letters patent): *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1258-1264*, p.268.

DCD Loc.XIV:8b [1258 x 1272]

Copy of part of a formulary of the bishop of Lincoln (?Richard of Gravesend, bishop 1258-1279), with two Durham entries (10 and 11) added (?in slightly different ink but the same hand).

1. Letter of R[ichard of Gravesend] bishop of L[incoln] to his archdeacons, deans and vicars that excommunication corrects itself after 40 days.
 2. Letter from R minister of the church of L[incoln] to H[enry III] king of England about a clerk's excommunication being reversed after 40 days.
 3. Letter to J canon of St N about an excommunication for cutting off someone's left hand expiring after 40 days.
 4. Mandate of Bishop R about satisfying an excommunication.
 5. Mandate from [Bishop] R to a sheriff to free Lucy de H, a wife, excommunicated, from prison.
 6. Mandate [from Bishop R] to a sheriff similarly to free the layman G son of T, excommunicated.
 7. Supplication from [Bishop] R to a sheriff to execute a royal mandate to seize Matilda, a concubine, excommunicated for multiple contumacy.
 8. Mandate [from Bishop R] to the archdeacon of Oxford about excommunication, the council at Oxford, the Church's liberties, and the great charter (*magna carta*).
 9. Citation [from Bishop R] to the archdeacon of Oxford for Geoffrey, excommunicated for many and great debts and imprisoned by mandate of the king, to appear before him within 15 days.
 10. Letter from R[obert] of S[t] A[agatha archdeacon of Durham] to a vicar about excommunication and Darlington church.
 11. Letter from the archdeacon [of Durham] to the bishop of Durham about N's excommunication for manifest and multiple contumacy and 40 days.
 12. Appointment of Masters W and W as proctors to summon clerks before the royal justices in Oxford.
 13. Mandate of Bishop R summoning clerks before the royal justices.
 14. Inhibition of Bishop R to a dean about summoning a chaplain to court for stealing a horse at the Temple in London.
 15. Mandate of Bishop R [to a dean] to publish the excommunication of the imprisoned clerk J son of A.
 16. Mandate of Bishop R [to an archdeacon] to denounce the clerks H and W for crimes heard at Lincoln.
 17. Mandate of Bishop R about the public disciplining of a clerk before the door of the greater church of Lincoln.
- dorse. Part (headed "tertius") of an astronomy text on calculating leap years (later 13th century). More of the text is on the dorse of DCD Loc.X:15.

Size: 480 x 195 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:9 [24 March 1285]

Certification by the dean of christianity of Canterbury to the prior of Dryburgh and Master Baldred Bisset of having carried out the following mandate.

Mandate from the prior of Dryburgh and Master Baldred Bisset official of the bishop of St Andrews and canon of Caithness, commissaries of the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbot of Alnwick, with the abbot of St Agatha's [Easby] excused, principal papal judges delegate in an appeal between the prior and chapter of Durham and W[illiam Wickwane] archbishop of York, to the dean of christianity of Canterbury to publish in the churches of Canterbury their first sentence against the archbishop of York, calling him contumacious and the processes of the subprior of Lenton and Henry of Nottingham *dictus* canon of Caithness badly carried out, confirming the sentences of the dean of London, the prior of Barnwell, the archdeacon of Norwich and the chamberlain of Bury St Edmunds, and of the abbot of Waltham, quashing the sentences of [William of Newark] archdeacon of Huntingdon and [John de Lucca and John Clarel] canons of London and Southwell, and fining the archbishop £500 less 1d to be paid as expenses to the prior and chapter within 4 months.

Date: Carlisle, 5 Id. December [9 December] 1284.

Date: Canterbury, vigil of Easter, year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with descriptions, and that [this bundle] contains [Nos.] 36-45.

Size: 200 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:10 1281 - 1282

Copies of documents in the case between Archbishop William Wickwane and the prior and convent of Durham over the archbishop of York's rights to visit the church of Durham.

Size: 220 x 180 mm

Parchment booklet, 6f

The folios may not now be in their original or correct order, and others may now be lost, eg between f.3 and f.4.

f.1r

?Letter

f.1r-2r [?September] 1281

Notarial instrument [reciting ?sentence of the archbishop of York] ... Eudo and Ralph visiting the cathedral of Durham on behalf of the archbishop of York ... morrow of the nativity of St John the Baptist ... Wednesday after the Exaltation ... G subdean of York and Robert of Pickering ...

[Witnesses:] ... Dom Richard of London ... Kellaw, John de Cot ... de Samerdbay clerk ...

[Date:] Durham church of St Nicholas ...

f.2r [?1281]

Letter to the abbot of W[altham] ... proctor ... appeal to the apostolic see ... £1000

...

f.2r-v [15 December 1281]

Letter of Pope Martin [IV] to the abbot of Waltham, [and the dean and chancellor of] Lincoln ... archbishop of York attempted to visit the prior and chapter of Durham ... (reciting a document) dated at Orvieto 2 Kal. ?October [30 September].

Date: 18 Kal. January Pont.8 (of Robert of Holy Island).

f.2v [c.13 January] 1282

Letter of the prior and convent of Durham to the bishop of Durham responding to his letter ... treating for peace ... London ... before Christmas the papal judge ... to procrastinate.

Date: Durham ?Id. ?January 1281/2.

f.2v-3r [13 February 1282]

Appointment by R[ichard of Claxton] prior and convent of Durham of Henry of Teesdale and R[obert] of Wackerfield as proctors.

Another copy: DCD Loc.XIV:4b.

f.3r [16 February] 1282

Letter of R[ichard of Claxton] prior of Durham to W[illiam] of Ma[sham] and Stephen of Howden ... suspension of excommunication ...

Date: Durham, 14 Kal. March 1281/2.

f.3v-4v [?June] 1282

Acta in the church at Stamford.

f.5r 1281

?Mandate

Date: Stamford, Thursday after ?, 1281.

f.5r

Prior and convent of [Durham] to the pope ... excommuniacion ... archbishop William Wickwane attempting to visit the church ...

f.5v [18 March]

Mandate ... William of Masham monk of Durham ... excommunication ...

Date: Wilton, 15 Kal. April ?pont. 3.

f.6r-v

... J W J ... £300 ... W archdeacon ... abbot of Waltham ...

DCD Loc.XIV:11 [13 June 1284]

Rescript of a bull of Pope Martin IV to the bishop of Dunkeld and the abbots of Alnwick and St Agatha's in the case between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archbishop of York, reciting Durham's grievance that the archbishop of York had sought to visit the prior and chapter of Durham before he had visited his own city and diocese of York.

Date: Orvieto, Id. June, Pont.4.

With an error noted.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and date.

Size: 170 x 410 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy in: DCD Loc.XIV:3d.

DCD Loc.XIV:12 [21 - 24 August 1248]

Copies of three papal bulls re the dispute between the archbishop of York and the bishop of Durham about visitation in the bishop's churches in the diocese of York.

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV] to the dean and chancellor of Lincoln and the archdeacon of Stowe about the bishop of Durham's right of visitation in churches in Allertonshire of which he is the patron.

Date: Lyons, 11 Kal. September, Pont.6. [22 August 1248]

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV] to the dean and chancellor of Lincoln and the archdeacon of Stowe that the archbishop of York has demonstrated his right of visitation of the master and brothers of the hospital of [North]allerton and other churches in Allertonshire.

Date: 12 Kal. September, Pont.6. [21 August 1248]

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV] to the dean and chancellor of Lincoln and the archdeacon of Stowe about the bishop of Durham's rights over the master and brothers of the hospital of [North]allerton, and other churches, tithes, possessions and other things in Allertonshire.

Date: Lyons, 9 Kal. September, Pont.6. [24 August 1248]

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 200 x 150-160 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIV:13 8 December [1305]

Copy of a writ of Edward I to the sheriff of Northumberland, ordering him to take into his hands the liberty of Durham from Anthony Bek, and he is to answer for them and the revenues to the king.

Before the writ is a memorandum of the reason why the bishopric is seized into the king's hands, ie the wrongdoings of Bishop Bek, including imprisoning the messengers Robert the Messenger and Nicholas of Applegarth.

Witness: R le Brabazon.

Date: Westminster, 8 December 34 [Edward I].

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 195 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.7 (cancelled) 14:122.

Copies: DCD Loc.VII: 46, 47 and 48, and Reg.I, f.ii.87r.

DCD Loc.XIV:14 5 January 1487

Collation by John [Auckland] prior and chapter of Durham of Master John Walker LLB to the chantries of St James at the end of and St Andrew on the new bridge [Elvet] in Durham on the removal of John Brown for transgressions against the ordinances.

Date: Durham chapter house, 5 January 1486/7.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 135 x 465 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 on a double parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.15.

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.2r.

DCD Loc.XIV:15 22 October 1471

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Cresswell, chaplain of the chapel of Hylton, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read and interposed the following written resignation whereby he, Richard Cresswell, chaplain of the chapel of Hylton, for certain legitimate reasons, resigns his chapel into the hands of Richard [Bell], prior of Durham, or of another having power to accept his present resignation, and asked the notary to draw up notarial instruments for him upon the foregoing, one or more as necessary, for a suitable fee.

Witnesses: Robert Sotheron, John Fournez, and John Haggerston, of Durham diocese.

Date: the church of St Mary in the North Bailey Durham, 22 October 1471.

Notary: John Bartram, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, (eschatocol recited).

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.15.

Copy: DCD Reg.IV, f.205r-v.

DCD Loc.XV - Empty

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XVI - Bishops' & priors' elections

1316 - 1494

Citations, certificates, letters of proxy, etc. of elections of priors and bishops of Durham.

Language: Latin unless otherwise specified

1-16 were described on slips in Latin by [Joseph Stevenson]. William Greenwell added descriptions for 17-19 in Latin. All have been catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield in December 2008.

DCD Loc.XVI:1 [1 November] 1316

Certification of Roger prior of Lytham that he has cited his fellow monks to attend the election of the new bishop of Durham, thereby carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and chapter of Durham to Roger prior of Lytham to cite his fellow monks to attend the election of the new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal. November [26 October] 1316.

Date: Lytham, Kal. November 1316.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a certificate from Lytham and (16th century) as a certificate of a citation for electing a bishop.

Size: 105 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:2a 24 August 1391

Mandate by John subprior and the chapter of Durham to Robert of Claxton prior of Coldingham, notifying him that 13 September has been appointed for the election of their future prior; citing him to attend then in the chapter house of Durham; instructing him to cite the monks dwelling with him who ought to attend to be present then; advising him that the chapter will proceed with the election even if he or his fellow monks are not present; requiring certification as to whom he shall have cited, and as to what he and his fellow monks shall have determined to do in respect of the foregoing.

Date: Durham in the chapter house, 24 August 1391.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the prior of Coldingham.

Size: 145 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, one third lost, on a parchment tongue, with a partial offset

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 3 (5 cancelled) loc 16 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: For a register copy of a similar mandate to the prior of Lytham, see: DCD Reg.II, f.303r-v.

DCD Loc.XVI:2b 13 September 1391

Commission by the subprior, chapter and convent of Durham, convening on the day appointed for the election of their future prior, authorising Robert Lanchester, monk of Durham, to cause those who are disqualified from attending the election, or who are not by right or custom entitled to be present, to withdraw from the chapter; etc.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 13 September 1391.

With later interlineations and cancellations, ?indicating its use as a model for a later similar document.

Endorsed with various pen trials, especially of "Walterus" and a notarial sign, and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 105 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 9 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

Register copy: DCD Reg.II, f.304r.

DCD Loc.XVI:2c 24 August 1391

Mandate by John subprior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas master of Jarrow notifying him that 13 September has been appointed for the election of their future prior; citing him to attend then in the chapter house of Durham; instructing him to cite the monks dwelling with him who ought to attend to be present then; advising him that the chapter will proceed with the election even if he or his fellow monks are not present; requiring certification as to whom he shall have cited, and as to what he and his fellow monks shall have determined to do in respect of the foregoing.

Endorsed with a form of an abacus for counting money with pence, shillings and various multiples of pounds within a ruled frame.

Endorsed also as for the master of Jarrow (contemporary) and with a description (16th century).

Size: 145 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVI:3a 19 January [1438]

Certification of William Lyham master of Wearmouth that he has cited his fellow monk Robert Erghowe to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to William Lyham master of the cell of Wearmouth to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 December 1437.

Date: said cell [of Wearmouth], 19 January year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Wearmouth.

Size: 140 x 365 mm

Seal: G&B No.3557 on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:3b 24 December 1437

Citation of John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to John Durham junior master of Jarrow to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 December 1437.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Jarrow and (16th century) as a citation.

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 5 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:3c 8 January 1438

Certification of William Partrike prior of Lytham that he has cited his fellow monks Thomas Wheill and John Hoton to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to William Partrike prior of Lytham to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 December 1437.

Date: Lytham, 8 January year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Lytham.

Size: 110 x 320 mm

Seal: seal of a bird walking L to R, oval, red, 11mm x 9mm, complete, poor, on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:3d 15 December 1437

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to William Drax, prior of Coldingham, informing him that they have appointed 27 January as the date for the election of the next bishop of Durham, following the death of Thomas Langley; citing him to attend, and ordering him to give notice to the monks of Durham dwelling with him to attend for the election; giving warning that they will proceed with the election whether or not he or the monks with him wish to attend, notwithstanding his or their absence; and requiring certification on the said date, by letters patent incorporating the text of the presents, as to what he shall have determined to do in the foregoing.

Date: Durham chapter house, 15 December 1437.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Coldingham.

Size: 100 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 5 loc 16 (Swalwell).

Recited in Drax's certification in: DCD Loc.XVI:3f.

DCD Loc.XVI:3e 20 January 1438

Certification of Richard Kelloe master of the Farne Islands that he has cited his fellow monk John Both to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to Richard Kelloe master of the Farne Islands to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 15 December 1437.

Date: said cell [of Farne Island], 20 January 1437/8.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Farne Islands.

Size: 145 x 310 mm

Seal: seal of a rabbit standing, round, 12mm, red, crack across the upper part, fair, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:3f 20 January [1438]

Certification by William Drax to John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham of having received the following mandate to attend at the election of a new bishop of Durham, stating that he gave notice, in terms as described, to John Pencher, his fellow monk dwelling with him in the said cell, and thus he has executed the mandate.

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to William Drax prior of Coldingham to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438.

Date: Durham chapter house, 15 December 1437.

Date: said cell [of Coldingham], 20 January year as above.

Size: 130 x 340 mm

Seal: Seal of a W surmounted by a crown flanked by palm leaves, oval, 13mm x 9mm, complete, good, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

Recited in: DCD Reg.III, f.217r-v.

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XVI:3d.

DCD Loc.XVI:3g [January] 1438

Certification by Thomas Ayre prior of Stamford to John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk Thomas Hexham to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Ayre prior of Stamford to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 December 1437.

Date: Stamford, year as above (no day or month date cited, but must be contemporary with the other certificates for this election).

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of St Leonard's.

Size: 165 x 330 mm

Seal: Seal of "I" surmounted by a crown, flanked by palm leaves, octagonal, 8mm x 13mm, red, complete, fine, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:3h 20 January [1438]

Certification of John Durham warden of Jarrow that he has cited his fellow monk Thomas Bradbury to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Ayre prior of Stamford to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 December 1437.

Date: Jarrow, 20 January year as above.

With interlineations.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Jarrow and as citations of priors and wardens of cells to attend the elections of priors with their certificates (?applying to a bundle of such election documents)

Size: 170 x 305 mm

Seal: Seal of "I" surmounted by a crown, flanked by palm leaves, octagonal, 8mm x 13mm, red, broken down the centre and the top edge missing, good, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:4a 3 May 1406

Mandate from John [of Hemingbrough] prior and chapter of Durham to John [of Newburn] prior of Holy Island to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 17 May 1406.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 3 May 1406.

Endorsed (contemporary) to the prior of Holy Island and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 95 x 295 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, parts, on a parchment tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 5 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:4b 16 May 1406

Appointment by John of Newburn prior of Holy Island of Thomas Lyth monk of Durham as his proctor to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham as he is detained at Monkwearmouth by illness.

Date: Monkwearmouth, 16 May 1406.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 100 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:4c 3 May 1406

Certification by Robert of Pickton prior of Stamford to John [of Hemingbrough] prior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk John Fishburn junior to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 17 May 1406, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and chapter of Durham to Robert [of Picton] prior of Stamford to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 17 May 1406.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 3 April 1406.

Date: said priory [of Stamford], 3 May 1406.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the prior of Stamford.

Size: 155 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc (2 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:4d 16 May [1406]

Certification by Richard of Eden master of the Farne Islands to John [of Hemingbrough] prior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk John of Bolton to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 17 May 1406, reciting the following mandate. Mandate by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and chapter of Durham to Richard of Eden master of the Farne Islands to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 17 May 1406.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 3 May 1406.

Date: 16 May year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the master of the Farne Islands.

Size: 80 x 360 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3470, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:5a 18 October 1416

Mandate by Robert [Ripon] subprior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Rome warden of [Durham] College Oxford to attend the election of a new prior on 5 November 1416.

Date: Durham chapter house, 18 October 1416.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a citation to the warden of the college in Oxford.

Size: 125 x 280 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 fragments on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 3 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:5b 22 October [1416]

Certification of Richard Haswell prior of Lytham to Robert [Ripon] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk Thomas Sparrow to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 5 November 1416, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by Robert [Ripon] subprior and chapter of Durham to Richard Haswell prior of Lytham to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 18 October 1416.

Date: Lytham, 22 October year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Lytham and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 150 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:6a 16 June 1446

Certification by Thomas Bradbury master of Wearmouth to John subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk Richard Blackburn to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 30 June 1446, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John subprior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Bradbury master of Wearmouth to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 June 1446.

Date: Wearmouth, 16 June 1446.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the master of Wearmouth.

Size: 165 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B No.826 on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:6b 16 June 1446

Appointment by John Guisborough (*Gisseburn*) of Robert Westmorland as his proctor, because of his infirmity, for the election of a new prior of Durham on 30 June 1446.

Date: Durham, 16 June 1446.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Gissburn and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 245 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.3455 on a parchment tongue, stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:6c 15 April 1446

Mandate by John [Wessington] prior of Durham to Henry Helay prior of Lytham and his fellow monks to attend the bishop of Durham's visitation at Durham on 16 May 1446.

Date: Durham, 15 April 1446.

On the back is Helay's certification that he received the citation on 21 April and that he will attend. There are also contemporary descriptions of documents from 3.15.Spec (22-26) -

- Thomas Dowdale's letters of attorney to Hugh Boner to deliver seisin of a burgage in Clayporth to Thomas Bradbury mercer
- Thomas Jackson's letters of attorney to deliver seisin of a burgage in Clayporth to Thomas Bradbury of Durham
- Gilbert of Elvet's letters of attorney to Robert of Belasis (*Belacys*) to deliver seisin of tenements in Clayporth to Thomas Jackson
- Thomas Dowdale's charter to Thomas of Bradbury of a burgage in Clayporth
- Thomas Jackson's charter to Thomas of Bradbury mercer of Durham of a tenement in Clayporth

Endorsed (contemporary) as being for the cell of Lytham and (16th century) as a citation for the bishop's election (*sic*).

Size: 85 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 5 loc 16 (Swalwell).

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar mandates: DCD Loc.XXVII:18a-c.

DCD Loc.XVI:6d 16 June [1446]

Certification of Henry Ferriby prior of Finchale that he has cited his fellow monks as appended (not now present) to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 30 June 1446, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by [John subprior and chapter of Durham] to Henry Ferriby prior [of Finchale] to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 June 1446.

Date: Finchale, 16 June year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the prior of Finchale and (16th century) with a description

Size: 210 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:6e 16 June 1446

Certification of John Harom master of the Farne Islands that he has cited his fellow monk John Dorward to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 30 June 1446, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John subprior and chapter of Durham to John Harom master of the Farne Islands to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 June 1446.

Date: Farne Islands, 16 June 1446.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the master of Farne.

Size: 185 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:6f [c.16 June 1446]

Certification by John Oll prior of Coldingham to John subprior of Durham that he has cited his fellow monks John Peucher, Robert Scremerston and Richard Wrayk to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 30 June 1446, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by John subprior and chapter of Durham to John Oll prior of Coldingham to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 June 1446.

Date: Coldingham, ? year as above (the dating clause is damaged, but the date must be after 10 June and before 30 June and is probably around 16 June, the date of similar certifications.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the prior of Coldingham.

Size: 180 x 385 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVI:7 12 May 1444

Appointment by Richard Barton prior of Stamford of Robert Westmorland as his proctor for the annual chapter at Durham on 25 May 1444 as he is involved in a serious business with [Ralph] Lord Cromwell over the church of Kirkby-on-Bain and land in Normanton (Lincs), which Thomas Hexham can explain more about.

Date: 12 May 1444.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the proctor of the prior of St Leonard.

Size: 170 x 265 mm

Seal: G&B No.3546 on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:8 26 April 1453

Appointment by John Barlay prior of Lytham of Thomas Hexham as his proctor for the annual chapter at Durham on 14 May 1453 as he is involved in a dispute with Sir John Butler and Richard Clifton esq.

Date: Lytham, 26 April 1446.

Endorsed (16th century) as being a proctor for the prior's election (*sic*).

Size: 115 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9a 15 October 1456

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Thomas Halver, monk of Durham, of his fellow monk Richard Kelloe as his proctor in the election of a new prior of Durham on 25 October 1456.

Witnesses: Master John Ashby MA and William Walsh BA of Lincoln diocese.

Date: the chamber of Master John Ashby MA in All Souls College, Oxford, 15 October 1456.

Notary: John Jevan clerk of St Davids diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Halver and (16th century) as being a proctor for the election of a prior.

Size: 150 x 390 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9b 23 October 1456

Appointment by William Ebchester, as he is otherwise detained on that day, of William Seton as his proctor for the election of a new prior of Durham to succeed himself, on 25 October 1456.

Date: Durham, 23 October 1456.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being a proctor of master William Ebchester and (16th century) for the election of a prior in 1456.

Size: 140 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9c 15 October 1456

Certification of Thomas Ward prior of Holy Island to Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk John Kirk to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 25 October 1456, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Ward prior of Holy Island to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 October 1456.

Date: 15 October 1456.

Size: 145 x 310 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9d 20 October 1456

Certification of William Dalton prior of Lytham to Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monks John Booth (*Bothe*) and John Ryhall to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 25 October 1456, reciting the following mandate. Mandate by Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham to William Dalton prior of Lytham to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 October 1456.

Date: Lytham, 20 October 1456.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a certificate with proctors for the cell of Lytham.

Size: 195 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.765, parts of the edge missing, on a parchment sealing tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9e 22 October 1456

Certification of Richard Blackburn master of Wearmouth to Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk Thomas Hexham to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 25 October 1456, reciting the following mandate. Mandate by Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham to Richard Blackburn master of Wearmouth to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 October 1456.

Date: Wearmouth, 22 October 1456.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a certificate for the cell of Wearmouth and (16th century) as for the election of the prior and certificate (separate) and proctor (cancelled).

Size: 145 x 315 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVI:9f 12 October [1456]

Certification of William Eden master of the Farne Islands to Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monk John Hoton to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 25 October 1456, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by Richard [Bell] subprior and chapter of Durham to William Eden master of the Farne Islands to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 7 October 1456.

Date: Farne Islands, 12 October year as above.

Endorsed (16th century) as a proctor for the election of the prior 1456.

Size: 210 x 295 mm

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:9g 20 September 1457

Appointment by William [Eden] master of the Farne Islands of his fellow monk John Eden as his proctor for the election of a new [bishop of Durham] on 26 September 1457. Date: Farne Islands, 20 September 1457.

Endorsed (16th century) as a proctor for the election of the prior (*sic*).

Size: 140 x 295 mm

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:10a 3 September 1457

Appointment by Richard ?Brook (*Brwk*) monk of Durham of his fellow monk Thomas Ford as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 26 September 1457.

Date: the hall of Durham College, [Oxford], 3 September 1457.

Witnesses: William Benson MA and William Corte BA of York diocese.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Richard Brwk.

Size: 200 x 375 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:10b 12 August 1457

Mandate from John [Burnaby] prior and chapter of Durham to Thomas Person to cite William Dalton prior of Lytham and his fellow monks to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 26 September 1457.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 12 August 1457.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 80 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 6 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:10c 10 September 1457

Certification of William Dalton prior of Lytham to John [Burnaby] prior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monks John Booth (*Bothe*) and John Ryhall to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 26 September 1457, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate from John [Burnaby] prior and chapter of Durham to William Dalton prior of Lytham and his fellow monks to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 12 August 1457.

Date: 10 September 1457.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of William Dalton and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 135 x 340 mm

Seal: G&B No.765 on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:10d 12 September 1457

Appointment by Thomas Collum of his fellow monk the subprior William Chamber BTh as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 26 September 1457.

Date: Coldingham, 12 September 1457.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Thomas Collum and (16th century) with a description

Size: 165 x 315 mm

Seal: G&B No.3656 fragment (seal of the prior of Coldingham as his own is unknown) on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc (2 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:11 16 April 1459

Appointment by Master Richard Barton prior of Stamford, on account of old age and infirmities, of his fellow monk William Bryden as his proctor for the annual chapter to be held in Durham on 7 May 1459.

Date: the house of St Leonard [Stamford], 16 April 1459.

Pen trials on the dorse "deo meo".

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Richard Barton.

Size: 100 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12a 15 November 1464

Appointment by William Law monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk William Cuthbert senior as his proctor for the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: Oxford, 15 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) as proctor of William Law.

Size: 170 x 430 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12b 15 November 1464

Appointment by William Yowdale (*Youddall*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk John Eden as his proctor for the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: Oxford, 15 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of William Yowdale and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 185 x 410 mm

Seal: residue of G&B No.3269 on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12c 16 November [1464]

Certification of Robert Ebchester senior monk of Durham College Oxford to Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham that he has cited his fellow monks William Yowdale, Thomas Pickering and William Law to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham to Robert Ebchester of [Durham] College Oxford to cite, with the agreement of the warden William Seton, his fellow monks to attend the election of a new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 8 November 1464.

Date: Oxford, 16 November.

Signed.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the address and (16th century) as the certificate of Robert Ebchester.

Size: 120 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: B (contemporary) and 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

Copy in: DCD Reg.IV, f.158r.

DCD Loc.XVI:12d 21 November 1464

Appointment by Robert Wardall monk of Durham cathedral, on account of his infirmities, of his fellow monk Thomas Wren as his proctor for the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: Holy Island, 21 November 1464.

Endorsed (16th century) as the proctor of Robert Wardall.

Size: 140 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12e 20 November 1464

Certification of Richard Bell prior of Finchale to Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham that he had cited his fellow monks John Booth, William Kelloe (*Kellaw*), John Hoton, Richard Sherburn, John Bedford, William Pelton, and Richard Blackwell to attend the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate by Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham to Richard Bell prior of Finchale to cite his fellow monks to attend with him at the election of a new prior.

Date: Durham chapter house, 14 November 1464.

Date: 20 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the prior of Finchale and (16th century) as certificate.

Size: 180 x 255 mm

Seal: G&B No.3476 on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: A (contemporary) and 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

Copy in: DCD Reg.IV, f.158r

DCD Loc.XVI:12f 24 November 1464

Appointment by Thomas Lewin monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Ayer as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: 24 November 1464.

Endorsed (16th century) as proctor of Thomas Lewyn.

Size: 150 x 295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12g 7 [November] 1464

Appointment by Thomas [Caly] subprior and the chapter of Durham of Thomas Wall as their proctor to warn and cite all and sundry monks of Durham dwelling and staying for the time at the cells of Jarrow and Wearmouth, to appear with the subprior and chapter in the chapter-house of Durham on 26 November, the date appointed for the election of their future prior, to carry out this election; giving him special and general power to notify all the said monks that the election will take place whether or not they are present; and ordering him to certify them at the said date and place as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 7 month as above 1464.

On the back is the certification of John Bradbury master of Wearmouth that, in response to Thomas Wall's mandate, with his fellow monk Thomas Lewin, he will attend the election of the new prior.

Endorsed (contemporary) as certification of the master of Wearmouth with mandate and (16th century) as certification.

Size: 120 x 280 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3427, part only, on a parchment tag through double slits and a turn-up
Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: D (contemporary) and 2 loc.16 (Swalwell).

Copy (of the mandate and certification) in DCD Reg.IV, f.158v.

DCD Loc.XVI:12h 16 November 1464

Appointment by John Ryall (*Riall*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk William Cuthbert as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: Lytham, 16 November 1464.

Endorsed (16th century) as proctor of John Ryhall.

Size: 160 x 250 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:12j 15 November 1464

Appointment by Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham of Richard Billingham, monk of Durham, as their proctor to warn and cite all and sundry monks of Durham dwelling within the monastery of Durham, or staying there for the time being, to appear with the subprior and chapter in the chapter-house of Durham on 26 November, the date appointed for the election of their future prior, to carry out this election; giving him special and general power to notify all fellow-monks that the election will take place whether or not they are present; and ordering him to certify them at the said date and place as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 15 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a commission to cite the monks of the monastery of Durham and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 125 x 255 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3427 on a parchment tongue, wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: C (contemporary) and 4 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

Copy in: DCD Reg.IV, f.158r-v.

DCD Loc.XVI:12k 14 November 1464

Mandate of Thomas [Caly] subprior and chapter of Durham to Richard Bell prior of Finchale to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new prior of Durham on 26 November 1464.

Date: Durham chapter house, 14 November 1464.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of the prior of Finchale and (16th century) as certificate.

Size: 130 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3427 on a parchment tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 3 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:13a 11 May 1478

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by John Carlisle (*Karrell*), monk of Durham cathedral, of his fellow monk Thomas Haughton as his proctor for the election of a new prior of Durham on 22 May 1478.

Witnesses: Richard Caldbeck BA and Samson Aleyn, clerks of York and Coventry and Lichfield dioceses.

Date: cemetery of St Giles church, Oxford, 11 May 1478.

Notary: Richard Newport, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the proctor of J Carlell after the promotion of Prior Richard Bell to be bishop of Carlisle for the next election to choose another prior A D 1478 with Robert Ebchester [prior chosen] added, with also various pentrials of "1478" and other numbers.

Size: 280 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 41 loc (21 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:13b 11 May 1478

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by William Burton, monk of Durham cathedral, of his fellow monk Thomas Haughton as his proctor in the election of a new prior of Durham on 22 May 1478.

Witnesses: Richard Caldbeck BA and Samson Aleyn, clerks of York and Coventry and Lichfield dioceses.

Date: cemetery of St Giles church, Oxford, 11 May 1478.

Notary: Richard Newport, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the proctor of W Burton made in Oxford for the election of a prior.

Size: 250 x 375 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14a 15 January 1484

Certification to the prior and chapter of Durham by John Auckland warden of [Durham] College Oxford that he has cited his fellow monks Thomas Rowland, Thomas Castell, William Cawthorn and Robert Bailey (*Balza*) to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of Robert [Ebchester] prior and chapter of Durham to Master John of Auckland Prof Sac Pag, fellow monk and warden of Durham College Oxford, to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Oxford, 15 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certificate of Master John Aukland.

Size: 180 x 300 mm

Seal: residue of a seal on a parchment sealing tag through a double slit in a turn-up

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14b January 1484

Certification to the prior and chapter of Durham by John Manby master of the cell of Farne Island that he has cited his fellow monk Richard Steel (*Stelle*) to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of Robert [Ebchester] prior and chapter of Durham to John Manby, fellow monk and master of Farne Island, to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham chapter house, 18 January 1483/4.

Date: [no day] January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certification of the Master of Farne.

Size: 170 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3456 (half only), on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14c 15 January 1484

Appointment by Thomas Rowland monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Oxford, 15 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the proctor of Thomas Rowland

Size: 90 x 325 mm

Seal: residue of a seal on a parchment sealing tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14d 18 January 1484

Certification to Robert [Ebchester] prior and chapter of Durham by William Burdon (*Birden*) prior of Lytham that he has cited his fellow monks John Ryall (*Rihall*) and Thomas Staindrop to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of Robert [Ebchester] prior and chapter of Durham to John Manby, fellow monk and master of Farne Island, to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: 18 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the certification of the prior of Lytham.

Size: 110 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3512 on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14e 28 January 1484

Appointment by Robert Billingham master of the cell of Jarrow and monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 28 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the proctor of Robert Billingham.

Size: 130 x 310 mm

Seal: residue of a seal (the officiality of the prior of Durham) on a parchment sealing tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14f 18 January 1484

Appointment by Robert [Ebchester] prior and chapter of Durham of Robert Naylor to cite the monks of Jarrow and Wearmouth to attend the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 18 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (16th century) as a proctor to cite monks to attend the election of a bishop 1483.

Size: 110 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14g 20 January 1484

Appointment by William Burdon prior of Lytham of his fellow monk William Chamer as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1483/4.

Size: 115 x 30 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3454 or 3455 (top part only), on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14h 28 January 1484

Appointment by Thomas Brown monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 28 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Thomas Brwne.

Size: 120 x 320 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14j 20 January 1484

Appointment by Thomas Staindrop monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Thomas Standrope.

Size: 150 x 280 mm

Seal: residue of a seal (officiality of the prior of Durham) on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14k 15 January 1484

Appointment by Thomas Castell monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Oxford, 15 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Thomas Castell.

Size: 100 x 260 mm

Seal: residue of a seal (Durham College Oxford) on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14l 7 January 1484

Appointment by Thomas Hawthorn (*Hawgthon*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering BTh as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: 7 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Thomas Hawghon.

Size: 120 x 275 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14m 28 January 1484

Appointment by Richard Steel (*Steyll*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Farne Island, 28 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Richard Steyll.

Size: 180 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc (16 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14n 20 January 1484

Appointment by John Ryall monk of Lytham, because of his infirmity, of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of John Ryall.

Size: 135 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14o 28 January 1484

Appointment by Richard Blackwell monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Holy Island, 28 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Richard Blakwell.

Size: 160 x 300 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3456 on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14p 20 January 1484

Appointment by William Cuthbert master of Wearmouth of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Durham, 20 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of William Cuthbert.

Size: 140 x 330 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14q 15 January 1484

Appointment by John Auckland monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk William Elwick subprior of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Oxford, 15 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (16th century) as proctor for the election of a bishop.

Size: 145 x 320 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 (*bis*) (8 cancelled) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:14r 28 January 1484

Appointment by John Manby master of the cell of the Farne Islands of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering chancellor of Durham as his proctor for the election of a new bishop of Durham on 30 January 1484.

Date: Farne Island, 28 January 1483/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of John Maule.

Size: 175 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3456 on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc (2 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell) and loc.13.n.18 (19th century).

DCD Loc.XVI:15a(1) 25 June 1484

Commission by letters patent by John [Shirwood], bishop-elect of Durham, to Master Hugh Snell, D.Dec., appointing him keeper of the priory of Durham, vacant by the death of Master Robert Ebchester, S.T.D., lately prior thereof, giving him full power in his name to do the sundry things known by right or custom to pertain to the bishop concerning custody of the priory during a vacancy in the priorate; willing that he should occupy himself diligently in the business of this custody, lest anything be usurped or procured by outsiders which might tend to the prejudice or loss of the priory, and that the monastery of Durham be not burdened by him or his [servants] with heavy and unpaid expenses during the vacancy.

Since the bishop's own great seal has yet to be made, sealed with Edward IV's seal left in the chancery of the palatinate of Durham *ex antiquo*.

Date: Durham, *per manus* John Kelyng clerk of the bishop's chancery, 25 June 1484.

Signed J Raket. Enrolled.

Size: 200 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3048A, on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

Copy in DCD Reg.IV, f.235r.

DCD Loc.XVI:15a(2) 25 June 1484

Mandate by letters patent of John [Shirwood], bishop-elect of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham, since the priorate is now vacant by the death of Master Robert Ebchester, S.T.D., last prior, and he has appointed Master Hugh Snell, D.Dec., rector of Haughton[-le-Skerne], in his place and name as keeper of the priory, to do what has been accustomed to be done in such vacancies, as is more fully contained in letters by William, his predecessor, to the chapter; ordering them to admit Master Hugh to the priory, in his name in form aforesaid, on condition that he should not exceed the terms of the said letters in any respect.

Since the bishop's own great seal has yet to be made, sealed with Edward IV's seal left in the chancery of the palatinate of Durham *ex antiquo*.

Date: Durham, *per manus* John Kelyng clerk of the bishop's chancery, 25 June 1484.

Signed J Raket. Enrolled.

Size: 190 x 370 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Copy in DCD Reg.IV f.235r.

DCD Loc.XVI:15b 26 June 1484

Licence by letters patent of John [Shirwood], bishop-elect of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham as they have recently intimated to him by their letters patent that the priorate of Durham is vacant by the death of Master Robert Ebchester, S.T.D., last prior thereof, and by the same letters they have begged him to grant them a licence to elect another suitable man as prior, granting them special licence to elect a suitable prior, who should be acceptable to God, pleasing to the bishop, and profitable for the bishop's church, just as God should inspire them.

Since the bishop's own great seal has yet to be made, sealed with Edward IV's seal left in the chancery of the palatinate of Durham *ex antiquo*.

Date: Durham *per manus* John Kelyng clerk of the bishop's chancery, 26 June 1484.

Signed J Raket. Enrolled.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 175 x 365 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 15 loc.13.

Copy in DCD Reg.IV, f.235r-v.

DCD Loc.XVI:15c 14 July 1484

Appointment by Thomas Colvin (*Collum*) monk of Stamford of his fellow monk William Yowdale prior of Stamford as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484.

Date: Durham, 14 July 1484.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 170 x 300 mm

Seal: seal (officiality of the prior of Durham) offset on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:15d 10 July 1484

Appointment by Thomas Brown monk of Jarrow of his fellow monk Robert Billingham as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484.

Date: Durham, 10 July 1484.

Size: 135 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3455, part of the top missing, on a parchment tongue, with a stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:15e 12 July 1484

Appointment by Thomas Wren monk of Durham of his fellow monk William Elwick as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484.

Date: Durham, 12 July 1484.

Various erasures.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 135 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No. 3455 on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:15f 20 July 1484

Certification to William [Elwick] subprior and chapter of Durham by William Yowdale prior of Stamford that he has cited his fellow monk Thomas Colvin (*Collum*) to attend the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484, reciting the following mandate. Mandate of William [Elwick] subprior and chapter of Durham to their fellow monk William Yowdale prior of Stamford to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new prior on 16 July 1484.

Date: Durham chapter house, 27 June 1484.

Date: 20 July 1484.

With some erasures and interlineations.

Endorsed (contemporary and 16th century) with a description and 1484.

Size: 130 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:15g 14 July 1484

Appointment by Hugh Lytham (*Lethom*) monk of Holy Island of his fellow monk John Steel as his proctor for the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484.

Date: Durham, 14 July 1484.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 80 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:15h 13 July 1484

Certification to the subprior and chapter of Durham of John Auckland prior of Holy Island and John Manby master of Farne Island that they have cited their fellow monks William Roy, Hugh Lytham, and Richard Blackwell to attend the election of the new prior of Durham.

Date: Durham, 13 July 1484.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 100 x 320 mm

Seal: seal (officiality of the prior of Durham) fragment on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 2 loc (13 cancelled) 16 (Swalwell).

Loc.XVI/15j 14 July 1484

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Robert Batys monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Robert Wardell senior prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 16 July 1484.

Witnesses: Dom Robert Claxton BA and Thomas Margrave BA of Durham and York dioceses.

Date: parlour or lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College, Oxford, 14 July 1484.

Notary: Nicholas Mayew LLB clerk of Salisbury diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description

Size: 330 x 430 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16a 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard Caly monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Henry of Dalton as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Marshall chaplain of Durham diocese and Dom Nicholas Harding BA.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Veysy licentiate in the laws, of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 270 x 350 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16b 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by William Cawthorn (*Cathorne*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk John Hamsterley as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: John Harbottle of Durham diocese and Robert Horsley of Worcester diocese.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Veysy licentiate in laws, of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 235 x 395 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16c 28 April 1494

Appointment by William Godson monk of Finchale of his fellow monk John Swan prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Date: 28 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) as proctor and Godson.

Size: 170 x 300 mm

Seal: seal (officiality of the prior of Durham) residue on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16d 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard Herrington (*Heyryngton*) monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk John Swan prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Marshall chaplain of Durham diocese and Dom William Greveson BA of Durham diocese.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Wardroper Bachelor of Law of Worcester diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 260 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16e 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by William Darlington (*Dernton*) of his fellow monk John Swan prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Marshall chaplain of Durham diocese and Dom William Greveson BA of Durham diocese.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Wardroper Bachelor of Law of Worcester diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 330 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16f 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Thomas Swalwell monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk John Swan prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Marshall chaplain of Durham diocese and Robert Horsley of Worcester diocese.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Wardroper Bachelor of Law of Worcester diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 270 x 320 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16g 27 April 1494

Certification to William [Brown] subprior and chapter of Durham by John Manby prior of Stamford that he has cited his fellow monk William Ogle to attend the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Date: Stamford, 27 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) as being the proctor of St Leonard by Stamford.

Size: 110 x 330 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (bis) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16h 27 April 1494

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Richard Denand monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk John Danby as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Marshall clerk and ?William Stampe both of Durham diocese.

Date: lower (*bassa*) hall in Durham College in the university of Oxford, 27 April 1494.

Notary: John Wardroper Bachelor of Law of Worcester diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 345 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 (*bis*) loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16j 26 April 1494

Appointment by Richard Lowson monk of Farne Island of his fellow monk Geoffrey Forest prior of Holy Island as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Date: 26 April 1494.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 335 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (13 cancelled) (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:16k 28 April 1494

Appointment by Thomas Ducket monk of Finchale of his fellow monk John Swan prior of Finchale as his proctor in the election of the new prior of Durham on 6 May 1494.

Date: 28 April 1494.

Endorsed (contemporary) with *Duket* and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 125 x 350 mm

Seal: seal (officiality of the prior of Durham) residue in a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 1 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:17 18 January 1438

Certification to John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham by Henry Helay prior of Holy Island that he has cited his fellow monks Thomas Cotom and John Moorby to attend the election of the new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438, reciting the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Wessington] prior and chapter of Durham to Henry Helay prior of the cell of Holy Island to attend with his fellow monks the election of a new bishop of Durham on 27 January 1438.

Date: Durham chapter house, 15 December 1437.

Date: said cell [of Holy Island], 18 January year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the certification of Holy Island.

Size: 135 x 360 mm

Seal: seal, crown above "ihs", round, red, 11mm, complete, fine, on a parchment sealing tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 8 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:18 [16 March] 1321

Agreement between Master Thomas of Southwark (*Suthwerk*) clerk and the prior and convent of Durham for paying the £100 arrears of a £20 pension granted to Southwark and reducing it to £10 as the priory's income from its estates had been so reduced by the actions of enemies; Southwark had already promised £30 to Bertrand de Mora *domicellus* of Dom Gaucelin, cardinal, which the prior and convent would pay, and of the remaining he agreed to remit £10 for the love of St Cuthbert, £10 for the love of the convent, £10 for the love of William of Cowton now elected prior, and £10 for the relief of the house, and as he had now been received into the fraternity of the chapter he remitted another £10, leaving £20 of which the convent would pay 10 marks at the next feast of St Cuthbert and the remaining 20 marks over the next two years in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin in Winter. Drawn up during the vacancy before William of Cowton was appointed prior of Durham..

Date: Monday 17 Kal. April 1320/1.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 210 x 220 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 10 loc 16 (13 cancelled) (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVI:19 15 January 1494

Appointment by Robert Bailey monk of Durham cathedral of his fellow monk Thomas Pickering as his proctor in Durham cathedral business.

Date: Oxford, 15 January 1493/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) as proctor of Robert Baly.

Size: 135 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.3395 on a doubled parchment tag through 3 slits in a turn-up

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Originally numbered: 7 loc 16 (Swalwell).

DCD Loc.XVII - Bishops' mandates

1311 - 1492

Mandates, monitions, commissions etc of bishops and others, and documents relating to their execution.

Language: Latin unless otherwise specified

Described on slips in Latin by [Joseph Stevenson]. Catalogued in XML by Michael Stansfield in January 2009.

DCD Loc.XVII:1 [23 February] 1311

Letters of absolution from the official of A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham and their officers from any sentences of suspension or excommunication.

Date: Keping by Durham, 7 Kal. March 1310/1.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the relaxation of sentences and (16th century) as the relaxation of excommunications.

Size: 70 x 230 mm

Seal: G&B No.3173, fragments, on a parchment tongue with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Printed in C.M. Fraser ed, *Records of Antony Bek*, (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.178-179.

DCD Loc.XVII:2 10 June [1334 x 1344]

Letter of Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham asking the prior to attend on him later in June concerning a dispute between the prior and the archdeacon of Durham.

Date: Newcastle upon Tyne, 10 June.

Endorsed (contemporary) with addresses and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 105-115 x 250 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:3 [20 November 1396]

Mandate of Cardinal Francis of St Sasanna to the prior of Durham absolving Richard of Eden, monk of Durham, excommunicated for absconding with the convent's money and other sacred goods of the church, and for wandering in the world, and restoring him to all the dignities that he formerly held including his voice in chapter and his stall in the choir as he had now returned to the church.

Date: St Peter's Rome, 12 Kal. December Pont.8 Boniface IX.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "P Nicolai" and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 180 x 305 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:4 [1333 x 1345]

Letter of C. of Rillington to R[ichard of Bury] bishop of Durham recommending a friend of the writer as a candidate for admission to the monastery of Durham at the next tonsuring (*rasura*), and also thanking him for securing the relaxation of sentences of excommunication imposed by the bishop of St Andrews.

Size: 85 x 220 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:5 24 October 1394

Mandate from Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to make processions in the church of Durham for the safe return of King [Richard II] and his army from foreign parts, on Sundays and the fourth and sixth days of the week until his return, to offer prayers so that he might prevail over his enemies, and to publish his 40 day indulgences from penances for his parishioners offering prayers for the safe passage and progress of the king and his army.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 24 October 1394.

Endorsed (contemporary) with an address and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 130 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145, fragments, on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:6 27 June 1394

Mandate from Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham to hold exequies for the death of the late Queen [Anne] in Durham cathedral, and that his 40 day indulgences from penances will be available for those parishioners and subjects participating in such exequies, masses and prayers for the queen.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 27 June 1394.

Endorsed (contemporary) as an exhortation to pray for the queen's soul.

Size: 85 x 315 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145, fragments, on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:7 8 October 1376

Commission by Robert [of Walworth] prior of Durham, archdeacon of churches and chapels in the county of Northumberland appropriated to the prior and chapter of Durham, to Roger of ?Booth (*Buth*) chaplain to exercise their jurisdiction in their churches and chapels in Northumberland, making corrections and reforming defects as appropriate.

Date: Durham, 8 October 1376.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 90 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:8 [23 June] 1368

Certification by John of Berrington, monk of Durham, to the abbot of Newminster, deputed by the apostolic see, of having received his mandate, subscribed by Master Roger of Catterick notary public, to publish the excommunication of those illicitly detaining tithes pertaining to the church of Norham due to the prior and convent of Durham, as he had discovered by inquisition that Thomas Gray knight had taken the tithes of wool and lambs for Norham church in 1366 and so he had published his excommunication before him in Norham castle and had cited him to appear before the abbot at Newminster on Tuesday after the nativity of St John the Baptist [27 June].

Date: Durham, Friday in the vigil of the nativity of St John [the Baptist] 1368.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 120 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:9 27 April 1368

Mandate of the official of the court of York to the prior of Holy Island, the official of the archdeacon of Northumberland, brothers Richard of Birtley (*Brytly*) and John of Berrington monks of Durham, the master of Bamburgh, the rector of Ford church, the rector of Kimblesworth church, the perpetual vicar of Embleton church, the vicar of Edlingham church and all the parochial chaplains of the archdeaconry of Northumberland, in a tuitorial appeal between the prior and chapter of Durham with the men of the parishes of Norham and Holy Island against Dom John of Lowick calling himself vicar of Norham over tithes of wool and lambs, fish and fishing, to excommunicate Thomas Douff, Thomas Hewyson, John Fughler, William Hewyson of Upsettlington, Nicholas de Beulay, John son of Thomas of Duddo (*Dudhow*), Lawrence ?Floors (?*Flaws*), John Mannes of Grindon, Adam Trowty, Robert of Aydon and William Cusyne of Newbiggin, parishioners of Norham, for refusing to pay their tithes, and to cite them to appear in court in York minster on Friday after Holy Trinity next [9 June].

Date: York, 27 April 1368.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 210 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.17:3.

DCD Loc.XVII:10 2 December 1320

Citation by Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham to [Thomas de Goldesburgh] archdeacon of Durham, concerning a plea between the archdeacon and the prior of Durham over visitation rights in the churches held by the convent to its own use in the archdeaconry of Durham, especially the churches of Heighington and Aycliffe, with the chapels appended, to appear before him or his commissary in the Galilee [chapel] of Durham [cathedral] on Tuesday next after St Thomas the apostle [23 December].

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 2 December 1320.

Size: 135 x 165 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:11 11 August 1318

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and convent of Durham, deputy of Louis [of Beaumont] bishop of Durham, Peter, priest and vice-chancellor of the Roman church, and Cardinal Luke of St Maria in Via Lata, papal collectors in the diocese of Durham, to the official of the archdeacon [?of Northumberland] to raise 4d by way of taxation from all clergy in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Date: 11 August 1318.

With interlineations and cancellations, ?a draft.

Size: 45-100 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:12 16 April 1432

Certification by William Doncaster to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham of having received the following mandate

Mandate from Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to Master William Doncaster, his sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Durham, to carry out an inquisition to verify the petition of Master Thomas Hebden (*Hebbeden*) dean of the collegiate church of Auckland that during the time of his predecessor Master Thomas Lyes various buildings, walls, closes, the mill and tenements of the deanery had become ruinous.

Date: manor of Auckland, 17 March 1431/2.

and having held an inquisition into the defects at Auckland on 15 April with listed and costed repairs identified: chamber at the church entrance 2s; mill 6s 8d; stone steps by the [church] entrance 2s; chamber called *le Garner* 13s 4d; chamber over the outer gate 18d; gate to the fields 7s 4d; the other gate 30s; the principal chamber on the north of the hall 3s 4d; chamber over the inner gate 3s 4d; brewhouse and aqueduct 2s; stone walling in the south corner towards the road 12d; the tenants' houses are sufficiently repaired, likewise the *mansa* of the chapel of Auckland St Helen, newly built to the value of £6; Thomas Hebden at his arrival had the glebe fields newly enclosed at his own expense; Thomas Lyes for his repairs to the deanery received from Dom John Burges £120 and also 50 marks; and he spent on repairs £229 5s 2d in addition to food and labouring estimated at £100, leaving *implementa* to his successor valued at 50 marks; Thomas Lyes held the premises for 16 years and handed on the 50 marks to Thomas Hebden with 34 acres sown with wheat, along with the entitlement to milk tithes at Michaelmas.

Sealed with the seal of the officiality of Durham.

Members of the inquisition: Master George Radcliff rector of Sedgefield; Master Richard Penymaister rector of Haughton [le Skerne]; Dom Nicholas Hulme master of Greatham hospital; Master Rowland dean of the collegiate church of Chester[-le-Street]; Master William Tart rector of Whickham; Dom Stephen Antsell dean of the collegiate church of Lanchester; Master John Faytt vicar of Aycliffe; Dom Thomas Roos vicar of Merrington; Dom John Hacford chaplain; Peter Headlam of Auckland parish; Henry Ravensworth of Gateshead; Richard Cressingham mason.

Date: Auckland, 16 April 1432.

Size: 220 x 350 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:13 [22 April 1326 x 1335]

Letter from William [Ayermin] bishop of Norwich to W[illiam of Cowton] prior of Durham asking for Dom Thomas de Newehagh rector of Welton in his jurisdiction, and occupied on certain business at the royal court, to be excused from the prior's visitation.

Date: London, 10 Kal. May.

Endorsed (contemporary) with addresses and (16th century) with a description and as York.

Size: 90 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:14 [c.1420]

Petition to the prior of Durham from the brothers and sisters of the infirmary of Durham reciting that, hitherto up to the end of the time when John Lytham was feretrar, they had been permitted to have beer to drink, and that they had complained ineffectually to [?William] Pocklington and [?Walter] Teesdale, and their master ?Forest, requesting that the like beer privilege might be restored as a work of charity.

Language: French

Size: 65 x 320 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:15 ? March 1434

Monition against certain parishioners of Heighington, Coniscliffe and Gainsforth against alienating any goods or property of the churches on pain of excommunicaton.

Date: ?March 1433/4.

Endorsed with John Bedell, Thomas Burdon, Thomas Pegge (contemporary) and a description (16th century).

Size: 195x 290 mm

Seal: residue of a seal applied to the dorse

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:16 29 April [14]16

Mandate from the warden of the spiritualities of Brantingham to the chaplain of Ellerker to cite John Thornton of Ellerker and Helen servant of John Capron of the same as suspended for contumacy in his chapel and due to appear before him in Brantingham on 20 May next.

Date: Ellerker, 29 April [14]16.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 90 x 300 mm

Seal: fragment of a seal applied to the dorse

Paper, 1f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: 1.3.Ebor.

DCD Loc.XVII:17 [15th century]

Mandate of the sequestrators and commissary-general of the bishop of Durham to the rectors of the parish churches of St Mary in the North and South Bailey in Durham to publish a monition against detaining the goods of the late Richard Haysande of Durham as expressed in his will, with anyone so detaining such goods and not restoring them within eight days to be excommunicated.

Date: [blank].

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Paper, 1f

DCD Loc.XVII:18 18 February 1425

Articles of Master William Glyme vicar of St Nicholas, Newcastle, against William Boston prior of the Carmelite friars there, about people not needing to make offerings of candles in their parish churches at Purification. Parts of five articles, each with "negat" in the margin.

Mentioned in the register [of Bishop Thomas Langley] 18 February 1424/5.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 170 x 200 mm

Paper, 1f

Related material in other DUL collections: Further documents about the case from Bishop Langley's register are printed in: *Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings*, ed J. Raine, (Surtees Society 21, 1845), p.21-23 and *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.26-28.

DCD Loc.XVII:19 14 April 1438

Letter from Robert [Nevill] bishop of Durham to [John Wessington] prior of [Durham] appointing him as his vicar-general with power to reform and make corrections of his subjects in his city and diocese and to proceed against any heretics, as he has to be away in remote parts.

Date: 14 April 1438.

Size: 120 x 340 mm

Seal: ?G&B No.3152 fragment on a doubled parchment tag through three slits in a turnup
Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:20 16 August 1437

Certification from John Lytham, sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Durham, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham of having received the following mandate on 5 August 1437
Mandate from Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to Masters William Doncaster his official and John Lytham his sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Durham that they should carry out the petition of William Clerk of Fishburn clerk to receive his purgation for, as parish clerk, at Fishburn having stolen five silver spoons (*cotliar*) price 10s from the goods of Margaret of Claxton formerly the wife of William of Claxton knight for which he was convicted before the justices of the county palatine on 21 July Pont.24 [1430].

Date: manor of Auckland, 1 August 1437.

and of having proclaimed William Clerk's purgation in the churches of the diocese before the clergy and people, as conscribed by 16 priests and clergy as on an attached schedule (Dom John Seamer, William Bardale, John Tremdon, Thomas Ryall, Henry Neelston, John Corbridge and William Blytheman priests; William Todd, John Raper, John Topcliffe, Thomas Sharpe, Robert Ragg, William Dumley, Thomas Milne, John Artase and John Perelesse clerics.)

Date: Durham, 16 August year as above.

Size: 190 x 290 mm + 125 x 80 mm

Seal: ?G&B No. 3183 parts on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]
Parchment, 1 membrane + 1 membrane attached through the sealing tongue

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.v*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 177, 1962), p.39-40 (mandate) & p.45-46 (certificate).

DCD Loc.XVII:21 [1425 x 1437]

Copy mandate from John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the official of the court of York (interlineated over Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham his suffragan cancelled), mindful of the incursions of enemies, plague, the contrarinesses of man and the inundations of waters, to cause processions to be held with seven penitentiary psalms, a litany and prayers on the fourth and sixth days of the week, for the peace and safety of the king, his armies, lands and peoples, and for clement weather in his dominions, and to publish his 40 day indulgences from penances for his parishioners offering prayers and taking part in the processions for the safe passage and progress of the king and his army, or fasting for a day, or reciting a third of the psalter of the Virgin, or giving alms.

Date: [blank].

Endorsed [16th century] with a description.

Size: 215 x 295 mm

Paper, 1f

DCD Loc.XVII:22 31 March 1424

Mandate from Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham [to all the curates of Northumberland], having received the following papal letters

Letters of Pope Martin [V] to the bishop of Durham to investigate the petition of Elizabeth Eure, wife, of Durham diocese, that she had married William Claxton knight, and it had been consummated and a child had been born, but that he had then left her for Christine Scot in adultery.

Date: Rome St Mary the Great, [14 Kal. December Pont.6] [18 November 1423]

to cite William Claxton knight to appear before the bishop [in Auckland manor] on 5 April next to answer the charge of adultery with Christine Scot.

Date: Auckland, 31 March 1424.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 145 x 305 mm

Seal: ?G&B No.3148 fragments on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1 membrane

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.24.

DCD Loc.XVII:22* 31 March 1424

Mandate from Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham [to the chaplain of Easington, Thomas Layland and Matthew Hornby bishop's apparitors], having received the following papal letters

Letters of Pope Martin [V] to the bishop of Durham to investigate the petition of Elizabeth Eure, wife, of Durham diocese, that she had married William Claxton knight, and it had been consummated and a child had been born, but that he had then left her for Christine Scot in adultery.

Date: Rome [St Mary the Great, 14 Kal. December Pont.] 6 [18 November 1423]
to cite William Claxton knight to appear before the bishop [in Auckland manor] on 5 April next to answer the charge of adultery with Christine Scot.

Date: Auckland, 31 March 1424.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 125 x 275 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.23-24.

DCD Loc.XVII:23 4 September 1421

Grant from Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to all the clergy of his city and diocese of a forty day indulgence from penances and confessions to all those who contribute to the repair of the fabric of Carlisle cathedral, with moneys to be given to the proctors Robert of Penrith and Lawrence of Penrith, with this to last for a year.

Date: manor of Auckland, 4 September 1421.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 130 x 285 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.8-9.

DCD Loc.XVII:24 7 August 1422

Mandate of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, his suffragan and vicar-general, ordering the bishop to appear, and to cite the prior and chapter of Durham and all the rest of the clergy of his diocese to meet with the archbishop in convocation in his cathedral at York on 23 September to discuss necessary reforms and other measures in preparation for the general council with the pope Martin [V] to be held at Pavia.

Date: [Bishop]thorpe by York, 7 August 1422.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 180 x 335 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.11-12.

DCD Loc.XVII:25 14 March 1433

Mandate from the official of the court of York to all the clergy in the city of York, on behalf of Thomas Dautre clerk executor of the will of the late Robert Hovingham and also administrator of the goods of William Strensall who died intestate, to excommunicate anyone who still detains charters and other evidences concerning the said inheritances after twelve days from this monition.

Date: York, 14 March 1432/3.

Endorsed (contemporary) as excepted from this excommunication, Master Thomas Clevelan, John Rokeby, Thomas Catterick and Robert Holtby as sufficiently known and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 390 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:26 19 February [1403]

Mandate from John [of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham and archdeacon of its appropriated churches and monasteries, to the vicars of St Oswald in Durham, Merrington, Aycliffe, Heighington, [Bishop] Middleham, Billingham, Hesleden, Dalton-le-vale and Pitlington, and the parochial chaplains of Jarrow and Monkwearmouth, reciting the following mandate

Mandate from Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to denounce publicly and to publish in the cathedral and his other churches the excommunication of John Whitby priest for the heresy of teaching within his diocese erroneous doctrine contrary to the catholic faith, and for contumacy in failing to appear before him, and also to cite Whitby to appear before the bishop or his commissaries in the greater chapel within his manor of Auckland on Wednesday 8 March next.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 17 February 1402/3.

to denounce, publish the excommunication of and cite John Whitby accordingly.

Date: Durham, 19 February year as above.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 190 x 360 mm

Seal: residue of a seal on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:27 23 February 1403

Mandate by Walter [Skirlaw], bishop of Durham, to the prior and chapter of Durham instructing them to have his excommunication of the alleged heretic James Nottingham, priest, who has failed to attend before the bishop as cited, announced during masses in Durham cathedral and in every parish church in their jurisdiction, on Sundays and feast days, when the greatest number of people will be present, until otherwise instructed; to inhibit the bishop's subjects from assisting the said James in his errors, with the threat of excommunication of transgressors by the bishop; to cause the said James to be cited, in every church in which he has been denounced, to appear before the bishop or his commissaries in the great chapel in the manor of Auckland on Wednesday 14 March next to say why he ought not to be pronounced a heretic; announcing to the said James that the bishop will proceed to sentence him, his absence notwithstanding, should he fail to appear at the said date; and to give certification by the said Wednesday as to how they shall have executed this mandate.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 23 February 1402/3.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 155 x 340 mm

Seal: [?G&B No.3145] fragments on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

Recited in: DCD Reg.III, f.6r-v.

DCD Loc.XVII:28 21 February 1404

Mandate by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to publish the excommunications of Robert Corbridge priest, William Tanfield and Richard Porter in [Durham cathedral] until the octave of Easter next.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 22 February 1403/4.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 95 x 340 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on the dorse

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:29 14 October 1398

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to publish in [Durham cathedral] the excommunication for various contumacies of William Carlisle (*Carlell*), canon of the hospital of West Spital of the Augustinian order in Newcastle[-upon-Tyne].

Date: his manor of Auckland, 14 October 1398.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a note of an extract [from] Lawrence about the introduction of monks to Durham in 1083 under Prior Aldwin and his succession by Turgot in 1087 and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 100 x 310 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on the dorse

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:30 13 March 1404

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to warn Robert Bornynghill, Stephen of Elmdon, John Blande, William Corbridge, John Clerc, John Hughenson, John Boteler, John Sedgefield, Adam Holm and John Pereson on Sunday in Durham cathedral for violently obstructing the bishop's sequestrators of Sherburn hospital and that they are to withdraw from the hospital within two days and appear before the bishop on the Wednesday next in his manor of Auckland to answer for their intrusion and obstruction.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 13 March 1403/4.

With the [draft] text of the prior's reply written above and below, certifying that the mandate had been carried out.

Date: Durham, 17 March year as above.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 115 x 345 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on the dorse

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:30* 19 March 1404

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to publish in Durham cathedral on Thursday the feast of St Cuthbert the excommunication for various contumacies of Robert Bornynghill, Stephen of Elmdon, John Blande, John Clerc, John Boteler, John Sedgefield, and Adam Holm.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 19 March 1403/4.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 105 x 315 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on the dorse

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:31 4 January 1404

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to warn in Durham cathedral John Burgeys, dean of Auckland church, absent for several years, to be resident there within a month and to take up all the duties of his incumbency else he will be perjurious and the bishop or his commissaries will proceed against him, with the prior to certify what he has done by his letters patent within fifteen days.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 4 January 1403/4.

Endorsed (contemporary) with the start of a draft certification by the prior saying that he received the mandate on 5 January and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 125 x 365 mm

Seal: residue of an applied seal on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:32 [mid 15th century]

Denunciation of excommunication against those unknown on Monday last infringing the liberty of the cemetery of Durham [cathedral] by extracting those fleeing there to the church, and thereby infringing the constitutions of Otto and Ottobuono [papal] legates in England, and citing John Coke to appear before the vicar-general or his commissary in the Galilee [chapel] at Durham [cathedral] on Tuesday next to answer for the same.

No date.

?Draft.

Size: 115 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:33 19 May 1403

Mandate by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to cite Robert York, master of the hospital of Wall Knoll in Newcastle[-upon-Tyne], who had denied the accusation of having without authority absolved the bishop's subjects and of having received money from penitents and the confessed, and had refused to purge himself by 28 March now passed, and who had ignored a previous citation to appear before the bishop on 14 May, in the cathedral and by affixing the citation to the church's walls, to appear before the bishop or his commissary in his manor of Auckland on 12 June next, and to be pronounced contumacious if he does not appear.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 19 May 1403.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 365 mm

Seal: [?G&B No.3145] fragments on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:34 25 February 1402

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to denounce as excommunicate until Easter those unknown who had broken into and chased, killed and taken animals in his park at Auckland, and those who know them are warned to tell the bishop within ten days or face excommunication.

Date: his manor of Wheel Hall, York diocese, 25 February 1401/2.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 125 x 295 mm

Seal: [?G&B No.3145], papered, on a parchment tongue

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:35 25 May 1403

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, reciting that William abbot of Blancheland had been cited to appear before the bishop on 7 May to show how the church of Bywell and the chapel of Shotley had been appropriated to his monastery and on what authority the ecclesiastical sacraments were administered there, but he had not appeared and so had been pronounced contumacious and the fruits of the church and chapel had been sequestrated, which had been resisted, and when he did appear before the bishop on this day, 25 May, he could not show due cause why the church and chapel were appropuated and so he was excommunicated for his contumacy, which the prior was to denounce.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 25 May 1403.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 140 x 365 mm

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:36 [9] September 1422

Fragment of a draft probate of the will of Sir Ralph Eure, and grant of administration to Sir William Eure and Robert Eure esq his sons and executors; the bishop reserving power to commit similar administration to William Paxton, priest, who was also appointed an executor, if he wishes to undertake it.

Date: [Stockton, 9] September 1422.

Note at the head as registered.

Paper, 1f

Printed (from the register copy) in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.13.

DCD Loc.XVII:37

Ownership history: Now Misc.Ch.6887.

DCD Loc.XVII:38 5 February 1465

Mandate of Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to carry out the following apostolic mandate

Mandate from Richard [Andrew] dean and chapter of York to Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham to carry out the following mandate.

Date: in his chancery at York, 5 January 1464/5.

Mandate of Pope Paul [II] to the archbishop of York, reciting that his predecessor Pope Pius II had died on 18 Kal. September [15 August] at Ancona setting off on crusade against the Turks, and that the cardinals at St Peter's had then elected himself, the cardinal priest of St Mark, to succeed him as pope, and he wanted to continue the repulse of the Turks for which he needed the support of the archbishop and his suffragans through holding processions and offering prayers.

Date: Rome St Peter's, 3 Id. September [11 September] 1464.

as exhorted by the dean and chapter of York, by holding masses and processions and offering prayers on Sundays and the fourth and sixth days of the week for the success of Christians in the war against the Turks, with 40 day indulgences from penances for those contributing.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 5 February year as above.

Size: 205 x 380 mm

Seal: residue of a seal on a parchment tongue, with the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVII:39 August 1492

Two copy/draft mandates of the official of the court of York.

(front) Mandate from the official of the court of York to the clergy of the province of York, at the petition of the prior and convent of Durham, to warn those who had broken into and violated their close with *Les Payle* enclosed with hedges at a place called Healeyfield near Muggleswick park in Durham diocese that if they did not own up and make due recompense within fifteen days they would be excommunicated, and furthermore both inhibiting Master Ralph Booth vicar-general of the bishop of Durham from acting to the prejudice of the prior and chapter and citing him to appear before [the official] or his commissary in the metropolitan church of York on Thursday next after Michaelmas.

Date: York, 13 August 1492.

(dorse) Mandate from the official of the court of York to the clergy of the diocese and province of York, inhibiting Master Ralph Booth vicar-general of the bishop of Durham from acting to the prejudice of the prior and chapter in the case of those who had broken into and violated their close with *Les Payle* enclosed with hedges at a place called Healeyfield near Muggleswick park in Durham and citing him to appear before [the official] or his commissary in the metropolitan church of York on Saturday next after St Matthew.

Date: York, 22 August 1492.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 420 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.16 and 17.2.

Original (mandate 2): DCD 1.6.Spec.6.

DCD Loc.XVIII - Taxation royal & papal

1291 - 1513

Records of the payment and collection of royal and papal taxation.

DCD Loc.XVIII:1 1308

Account of William Tanfield prior of Durham for receipts of arrears for the fourth year of the six year tithe imposed by Pope Nicholas IV as a subsidy for the Holy Land, detailing amounts from individual clergy in sections, section totals blank and no final totals.

Size: 570 x 190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:2 [20 December] 1291

Account of the *taxatio* of the city and diocese of Durham for three twelves (*duodenas*) paid to the vicars of Hartburn and Aycliffe at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 13 Kal. January 1291, detailing valuation and then the tenth for *Antiqua Taxa* (churches), then the portions (individuals) for the churches of Auckland, Lanchester and Chester, then for churches in the deanery of Darlington, with portions (individuals) for [the churches] of Norton and (m.2) Darlington, then, within the archdeaconry of Northumberland, for churches in the deanery of Newcastle, then (dorse) *taxatio* of the bishoprick of Durham and (in a different hand) *taxatio nova*.

Endorsed (contemporary) as for the royal tenth and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 1115 x 230 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

DCD Loc.XVIII:3 [1386 x 1387]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector of the one and a half tenths for the king conceded by the clergy of the province of York in 8 Richard II, in the diocese of Durham by his attorney John Beckwith. A note at the head states it is in the roll of tenth accounts for 10 Richard II. Summary totals only.

Size: 150 x 300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

Copy in: DCD Reg. II, f.248r.

DCD Loc.XVIII:4 [mid 15th century]

Account of the *taxa* of the priory of St Leonard's Stamford with the deaneries in the bishoprick of Lincoln according to the register in the exchequer at Westminster. In sections with amounts from each deanery and church pension, with also a *nova taxa* section.

Endorsed (17th century) with a description.

Size: 295 x 160 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:5 Hilary [1299]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of the half of their goods and benefices conceded by the clergy of the diocese of Durham to the king as subsidy to recover Gascony occupied by the king of France, accounted in Hilary term 27 E[dward I] by John de Bonn clerk and their attorney.

Endorsed (contemporary) as an account of tenths from the diocese of Durham.

Size: 290 x 250-270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:6 [24 June 13]44

Account of the prior of Durham collector of the first quarter of the second half of a whole tenth to be accounted at the king's exchequer at the Nativity of St John the Baptist AD etc 44, listing benefices between the Tyne and Tees and allowances sought. With some annotations and abaci.

Size: 395 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:7 6 August 1372

Letters patent of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham testifying to having received the two following acquittances from John [Fossor] prior of Durham by the hand of Dom Roger of Allerton monk.

Receipt of the abbot of St Mary's York, by the authority of John archbishop of York, for 750 marks from Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham by the hand of Dom Roger of Allerton monk of Durham in part payment of the subsidy conceded to the king last July by the clergy of the province of York at York.

Date: York, 10 December 1371.

Receipt of Henry of Barton, canon of St Peter's York [Minster] for £623 13s 4d for the diocese of Durham received from Dom Roger of Allerton collector of the subsidy conceded to the king by all the clergy of England.

Date: London, 21 April 1372.

Date: Kepier Hospital, 6 August 1372.

Note at the bottom that the witnesses are: Master Robert of ?Wigglesworth (*Wygforth*); Dom John Mowbray, Dom Thomas of Ingleby and Dom John Heron knights; Dom Alan de Scutlyngton lord of Henley; Dom Richard of Barnard Castle, Dom Hugh of Westwick and William del Orchard.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 190-205 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:8 9 September [1504]

Copy of letters of Henry VII to the collectors of the subsidy granted by the convocation of the province of York, appointing Master Thomas Dalby, provost of Beverley, and Master Martin Colyns, treasurer of the cathedral church of York, as receivers of the said subsidy.

Given under the signet at Porchester Castle, 9 September 20 Henry VII.

Endorsed with (contemporary) a note (in Latin) of allowances sought, "ye copy of the plakard for doram", an amount of money and (in Latin) a description.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:9 22 June 1513

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of the second whole tenth of two tenths conceded to the king by the penultimate convocation held at York on 26 April 1512 made for the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magumus archdeacon of the East Riding by Dom Thomas Swalwell fellow monk on 22 June 1513, detailing amounts from churches, totals with deductions, with amendments.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 335 x 260 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:10 26 February 1506

Account of Thomas Castell prior of Durham collector in the bishoprick of Durham of a tenth for the king conceded by the clergy of the province of York on 5 August 1504 paid by Thomas Swalwell monk and attorney for the prior on 26 February 1505/6, detailing amounts from churches, totals with deductions, with amendments.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 440 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:11 Hilary [1403] - Hilary [1408]

Accounts of the prior of Durham cathedral, deputed by the bishop [of Durham] as collector in the diocese of Durham of tenths conceded to the king by the clergy of the province of York in York as detailed and paid in by his attornies and recorded in the [exchequer] memoranda as detailed:

- Conceded 12 May 22 [Richard II], paid by John Kelk jr, (1st half) Trinity 4 Henry IV and (2nd half) Michaelmas 4 Henry IV.
- Conceded 26 July 2 Henry IV, paid by Brother Walter Teesdale fellow monk (1st half) Michaelmas 4 Henry IV and William Bewcastle (2nd half) Hilary 4 Henry IV.
- Conceded 2 June 5 Henry IV, paid by John Strecche and Richard Ulverston (1st and 2nd halves) in Hilary 6 Henry IV.
- Conceded 11 December 6 Henry IV, paid by Robert Tanfield (1st half) Hilary 7 Henry IV and by Richard Ulverston (2nd half) Easter 8 Henry IV.
- Conceded 12 July 7 Henry IV, paid by Richard Ulverston in memoranda of Hilary 9 Henry IV.

Endorsed (contemporary) as accounts of tenths and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 1120 x 270 mm

Parchment roll, 3m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:4.

Another copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:16.

DCD Loc.XVIII:12 Hilary [1408]

Account of the prior of Durham cathedral, deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham as collector in the diocese of Durham of the tenth conceded to the king by the clergy of the province of York in York [Minster] to be paid at the Purification 9 [Henry IV] by the prior's attorney Thomas Blyth in the [exchequer] memoranda for Hilary 9 [Henry IV].

Endorsed (contemporary) as a tenth account.

Size: 180 x 295 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:13 [1335 - 1337]

Both noted as being residue of York.

(m.1) Account of the prior and convent of Durham of victuals sold to the king at Newcastle 4 [Edward III] and subsequent payments, extracted from the [exchequer] pipe roll of 9 Edward III [1335 x 1336]

(m.2) Writ from the king to the sheriff of York telling him not to distrain goods of the prior and convent of Durham since they are quit at the exchequer.

Date: York, 6 May 11 [Edward III] [1337]

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and (16th century) as the account and acquittance for the payment of a tenth (*sic*).

Size: 170 x 270 mm

Parchment, 2m

DCD Loc.XVIII:14 1422

Account of John Fishburn of £66 13s 4d received from the king for the aforesaid cause in 1422, listing payments to various members of the community, including Fishburn, for various activities, in two sections with a final note of the amount remaining on 26 September.

On the dorse is part of a [c.1350] cellarer's account listing food items bought.

Size: 335 x 165 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:15 1 June [1513]

Copy of a letter of Henry [VIII] to the archbishop of York requesting that John Boerius, son of John Baptist, physician to Henry VII and Henry VIII, may be exempt from the payment of any subsidies due.

Given at Greenwich, 1 June 5 Henry VIII.

Endorsed (contemporary) (in Latin) with a description.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:16 Hilary [1403] - Michaelmas [1411]

Accounts of the prior of Durham cathedral, deputed by the bishop [of Durham] as collector in the diocese of Durham of tenths conceded to the king by the clergy of the province of York in York as detailed and paid in by his attornies and recorded in the [exchequer] memoranda as detailed (each account numbered 1-10):

1,2. Conceded 12 May 22 [Richard II], paid by John Kelk jr, (1st half) Trinity 4 Henry IV and (2nd half) Michaelmas 4 Henry IV.

3,4. Conceded 26 July 2 Henry IV, paid by Brother Walter Teesdale fellow monk (1st half) Michaelmas 4 Henry IV and William Bewcastle (2nd half) Hilary 4 Henry IV.

5,6. Conceded 2 June 5 Henry IV, paid by John Strecche and Richard Ulverston (1st and 2nd halves) in Hilary 6 Henry IV.

7,8. Conceded 11 December 6 Henry IV, paid by Robert Tanfield (1st half) Hilary 7 Henry IV and by Richard Ulverston (2nd half) Easter 8 Henry IV.

9. Conceded 12 July 7 Henry IV, paid by Richard Ulverston in Hilary 9 Henry IV.

10. Conceded 10 December 10 Henry IV, paid by William Vincent in Michaelmas 13 Henry IV.

11. Conceded 24 May 11 Henry IV (at Clementhorpe), paid by John Normanton in Michaelmas 13 Henry IV.

Endorsed (contemporary) as accounts of tenths of 22 Richard II and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 1550 x 280 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

Another copy of 1-9: DCD Loc.XVIII:11.

DCD Loc.XVIII:17 Hilary [1403]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham cathedral, deputed by W[alter Skirlaw] bishop [of Durham] collector in the diocese of York of the second half of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church [of York] on Monday the morrow of St James 2 Henry IV by their attorney William Bewcastle as in the memoranda of the exchequer of Hilary 4 Henry IV.

With cancellations and interlineations, ?a draft.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and a note about tenants' grievances.

Size: 120 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Fair copies in: DCD Loc.XVIII:11 and 16.

DCD Loc.XVIII:18 30 May 1311

Acquittance by Stephen cardinal priest of St Cyriac *in Termis*, chamberlain of the college of cardinals, to William [of Tanfield] prior of Durham for the payment of 1500 florins by the hand of Bartholomew Ugincionis of the society of the Perucii of Florence, with prorogation of the payment of the remainder up to the feast of the Assumption.

Date: Avignon, 30 May 1311.

Endorsed (15th century) with a description (in Italian) and (16th century) with a description.

Language: Endorsement in Italian

Size: 150 x 200 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:19 Trinity [1395]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham, collectors deputed by W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of the half of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of St Peter in York on 3 December 18 Richard II [1394] by their attorney John Killinghall as amongst the memoranda of Trinity 18 Richard II.

Size: 185 x 245 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:20 18 June 1505

Account of the prior of Durham collector of a half of the first whole tenth conceded to the king at the last convocation in York on 5 August 1504, paid by their fellow monk Thomas Swalwell to Master MARTIN Colyns treasurer of the metropolitan church of St Peter York on 18 June 1505. Draft, with notes of payments, a draft acquittance to Thomas Swalwell of 1506 from Martin Colyns and Thomas Dalby, and notes of moneys received from various churches.

Size: 210 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:21 Michaelmas [1403]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of the second half of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church in York on 12 May 22 Richard II [1399] by their attorney John Kelke jr as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas 4 Henry IV.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 160 x 295 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:22 11 February [?1506]

Account of Thomas prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the prelates and clergy of the province of York in the chapter house of the metropolitan church of York on 5 August 1504, to be paid by Thomas Swalwell to Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York and Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley, with notes of payments 18 June 1505 and 11 February 15[?06].

Size: 255 x 275 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:23 [December 1408]

Accounts of the prior of Durham collector in the diocese of Durham of tenths conceded to the king by the clergy on 2 June 5 Henry IV, 11 December 6 Henry IV and 11 July 7 Henry IV, with payments noted up to 4 December 10 [Henry IV].

Endorsed (16th century) as accounts and acquittances for tenths.

Size: 210 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:24 [June 1444]

Petitions for allowances of the prior of Durham, collector of the first quarter of the second half of a tenth accounted at the king's exchequer at the Nativity of St John the Baptist year etc 44, listing portions and churches in [Co Durham], and Northumberland, and allowances from the temporalities of the bishop of Durham.

Size: 395 x 220 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Another copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:24* next below.

DCD Loc.XVIII:24* [June 1444]

Petitions for allowances of the prior of Durham, collector of the first quarter of the second half of a tenth accounted at the king's exchequer at the Nativity of St John the Baptist year etc 44, listing portions and churches in [Co Durham], and Northumberland, and allowances from the temporalities of the bishop of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the account of Durham monastery.

Size: 290 x 210 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

Another copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:24 next above.

DCD Loc.XVIII:25 Trinity [1445]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by R[obert Nevill] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York to King Henry VI by their attorney Thomas Blyth as amongst the memoranda of Trinity 23 [Henry VI].

Endorsed (contemporary) with amounts and (1th century) with a description.

Size: 200 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:26 Michaelmas [1388]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by J[ohn Fordham] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of the half of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of York on 20 April 11 Richard II [1388] by their attorney John de Belwych as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas 12 Richard II.

Endorsed (contemporary) as tenths accounts.

Size: 215 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:27 Hilary [1408]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the church of St Peter in York on 12 July 7 Henry IV [1406] by their attorney Richard Wolviston as amongst the memoranda of Hilary 9 Henry IV.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 265 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:28 Easter [1414]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham, in the diocese of Durham, of the first and second halves of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the church of St Peter in York on 27 July 1 Henry V [1413] by their attorney Richard Leeds (*Ledes*) as amongst the memoranda of Easter [2] Henry V.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 180 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

Related material in other DUL collections: The royal writ for the collection of this tenth is in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.ii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 166, 1951), p.41-42, which is calendared in *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1413-1422*, p.51-52.

DCD Loc.XVIII:29 Michaelmas [1415]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by J[ohn Wessington] prior of Durham and warden of the spiritualities of the bishop of Durham who is on distant business, in the diocese of Durham, of the first of two tenths conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of St Peter in York on 9 January 2 Henry V [1415] by their attorney Roger Grome as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas 3 Henry V.

Endorsed (contemporary) "a Thomas Holleden armigero" .

Size: 165 x 295 mm

Seal: offset of a seal on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:30 Easter [1422]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham in the diocese of Durham, of the first half of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the last convocation in the church of St Peter in York to be paid at the Purification 9 [?Henry V] by their attorney Thomas Blyth as amongst the memoranda of Easter 9 [?Henry V].

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 250 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:31 Easter [1417]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham in the diocese of Durham, of the first half of the second tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of St Peter in York on 9 January 2 Henry V [1415] by their attorney Thomas Levisham as amongst the memoranda of Easter 4 [Henry V].

Size: 150 x 270 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:32 Easter [1419]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham in the diocese of Durham, of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York in 3 Henry V, by their attorney Thomas Holden as amongst the memoranda of Easter 6 [Henry V].

Size: 175 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:33 Michaelmas [1417]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham in the diocese of Durham, of the second half of [the first of] two tenths conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of St Peter in York on 9 January 2 Henry V [1415] by their attorney John Cerff as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas 4 [Henry V].

Size: 140 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:34 Hilary [1415]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector deputed by J[ohn Wessington] prior of Durham and warden of the spiritualities of the bishop of Durham who is on distant business, in the diocese of Durham, of the first of two tenths conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church of St Peter in York on 9 January 2 Henry V [1415] by their attorney Roger Crome as amongst the memoranda of Hilary 2 Henry V.

Endorsed (contemporary) "a Thomas Holleden armigero" .

Size: 200 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:35 [?1441]

Memorandum of payments [by] the prior of Durham 19 [Henry VI], involving also the sheriff of Yorkshire, and Robert Beaumont and William Chancellor, commissioners, and payments made by Thomas Blyth into the king's exchequer for two accounts of the prior of Durham as collector of a tenth conceded to the king by the clergy of the province of York 14 Henry VI.

Endorsed (16th century) as accounts of the tenth collector and acquittances.

Size: 300 x 220 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:36 1406

List of benefices etc whose incumbents should attend a synod in Durham cathedral on Monday after the octave of Easter, 1406, listing benefices [between the Tyne and Tees], and in the deaneries of Newcastle, Corbridge, Alnwick and Bamburgh, with some notes of other categories.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Durham synod and (16th century) with a description.

Size: 730 x 220 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:9.

DCD Loc.XVIII:37 [mid 14th century]

Taxation of churches, listing "antiqua taxa" detailing the value, the church, and the tax of 4d in the mark and ¼d for each mark, with totals for the temporalities for the prior of Durham, then for temporalities and the obedientiaries, and then listing taxation due from priory spiritualities in the deaneries of Bamburgh, Newcastle and Alnwick, and in Yorkshire. On the dorse is a list of benefices and their "taxatio nova".

Size: 515 x 230 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:38 [1377]

Documents concerning alien priories.

Petition, in French, of the House of Commons to Richard II against alien priories and the sums of money thereby going out of the country during war to the king's enemies, with the king's answer that he believes such priors to be loyal subjects and that they should not be in communication with the king's enemies during time of war; noted as being in the roll of parliament held at Westminster on the quindene of Michaelmas 1 Richard II. [October 1377]

List of rents, arranged under counties, which are payable to aliens.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Language: Latin; French

Size: 380 x 320 & 520 x 315 mm

Parchment roll, 2 rolls each of 1m, attached by a parchment tie

Printed (petition): *Rotuli Parliamentorum vol.iii*, (1832), p.22-23.

DCD Loc.XVIII:39 22 July 1513

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector within the archdeaconry of Durham of the second of two tenths conceded to the king in the penultimate convocation held in the cathedral church of York on 26 April 1512 made by Dom Thomas Swalwell, his fellow monk, to the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magnus archdeacon of the East Riding deputies or commissaries of King Henry VIII on 22 July 1513, listing amounts received from each benefice and portion. With a memorandum at the foot of a further payment and on the dorse of payments from all the collectors.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the second tenth.

Size: 435 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:40 25 November 1512

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector within the archdeaconry of Durham of the first of two tenths conceded to the king in the last convocation held in the cathedral church of York on 26 April 1512 made by Dom Thomas Swalwell, his fellow monk, to the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magnus archdeacon of the East Riding deputies or commissaries of King Henry VIII on 25 November 1512, listing amounts received from each benefice and portion.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 395 x 245 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Draft: DCD Loc.XVIII:43 below.

DCD Loc.XVIII:41 10 February 1506

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector within the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded to the king by the prelates and clergy of York province on 5 August 1504 made by Thomas Swalwell, his fellow monk, on 10 February 1505/6, in sections for benefices, pensions and portions, temporalities, benefices, pensions and portions, and then totals. Draft.

On the dorse is a letter (in English) about financial matters, annual lists of dead stock 1488-1497 and a table of [animals] on manors.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Language: Latin; English

Size: 425 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:42 [?mid 15th century]

Taxation of the prior of Stamford along with the deaneries of the bishoprick of Lincoln, "antiqua taxa" according to the register of the Westminster exchequer and "nova taxa" according to the register of the bishop of Lincoln.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 275 x 150 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:5.

DCD Loc.XVIII:43 25 November 1512

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector within the archdeaconry of Durham of the first of two tenths conceded to the king in the last convocation held in the cathedral church of York on 26 April 1512 made for the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magnus archdeacon of the East Riding deputies or commissaries of King Henry VIII on 25 November 1512, listing amounts received from each benefice and portion. Draft, with interlineations and cancellations. With other notes of payments.

Size: 310 x 215 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:40 above.

DCD Loc.XVIII:44 [early 16th century]

Petition of Richard Bell, clerk, to King Henry [VIII], requesting that letters under the privy seal may be addressed to Edward Cunningham (*Connyngham*) of North Shields, indebted to him for £11 (£5 for rent of a tenement in North Shields and £6 for corn and money lent to him), and Rowland Lawson, of the same, who had carried off his squared timber to the value of 46s 8d, requiring them to appear before the council to answer for the same.

Endorsed (in Latin), referring the above complaints to the prior of Durham and concerning some mortuaries.

Language: English

Size: 195 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:45 [24 June 1445]

Onus account of the prior of Durham collector of a tenth in the diocese of Durham conceded by the clergy of the rovince of York in 21 Henry VI, detailing payments made in the king's exchequer on the Nativity of St John the Baptist 23 [Henry VI].

Endorsed (contemporary) J Gateshead.

Size: 235 x 220 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:46 [mid 14th century]

Taxation roll with total valuations for the temporalities of the bishop of aurham, the prior of Durham and the clergy of the diocese, in the deaneries of Durham, Darlington, Newcastle, Corbridge, Bamburgh, and Alnwick for "antiqua taxatio".

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 420 x 125 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:47 Michaelmas [1418]

Accounts of the prior of Durham collector of the tenth in the diocese of Durham, as deputed by T[homas Langley] bishop of Durham, by his attorney William Vincent as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas Pont.13, and by John Normanton as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas Pont.13.

Size: 175-205 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:48 15 & 26 October 1496

Memoranda and notes of payments for a tenth, and also drafts of a citation from Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham to Thomas [Castell prior of Durham] as collector of a half of a tenth in the diocese of Durham (15 October 1496) and a mandate from Richard Nyk LLD official of the consistory court of Durham to all the clergy of the diocese of Durham to declare the suspension of those on an appended sechdule for not paying the half of a tenth (26 October 1496).

Size: 230 x 200 mm

Paper, 1p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:49 [?1506]

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the prelates and clergy of the province of York on 5 August 1504, to be paid by Thomas Swalwell to Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York and Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley, with lists of benefices and portions and amounts; incomplete, with no totals or dates.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the second half.

Size: 505 x 310 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:50 18 June 1505 - 11 [February] 1506

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector of a tenth conceded to King Henry VII by the clergy of the province of York in 1504, with payment deputed to his fellow monk Thomas Swalwell made 11 [?February] 1505/6, with lists of benefices, portions and amounts.

(Dorse)

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the prelates and clergy of the province of York in the chapter house of the metropolitical church of York on 5 August 1504, to be paid by Thomas Swalwell to Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York and Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley; incomplete, with some dates blank, but one payment dated as 18 June 1505.

Size: 510 x 355 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:51 22 July [1512]

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham in the archdeaconry of Durham of the second of two tenths conceded to the king at the penultimate convocation held in the cathedral church of York on 26 April 1512 made to the abbot of St Mary's monastery, York, and Master Thomas Magnus archdeacon of the East Riding, the king's deputies or commissaries, on 22 July by Dom Thomas Swalwell fellow monk, with lists of benefices and totals for portions and temporalities.

Size: 280 x 205-235 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:52 18 April 1504

Account of the prior and convent of Durham collector, deputed by William [Sever] bishop of Durham, of a tenth or subsidy for the defence of the christian religion against the Turks [conceded] by the clergy of the province of York in 18 Henry VII paid for the diocese of Durham, the first half at the feast of St John the Baptist and the other at Easter following, with the second half paid by their attorney monk Robert Strother, detailing exonerations and payment to Master William Rokeby LLD by Strother in the chapter house at York on 18 April 1504, with annotations of payments and amounts.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 210 x 220 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:53 18 June 1505

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of the first half of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the clergy of the province of York on 5 August 1504 in convocation, to be paid at the feast of St John the Baptist next to Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley and Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York, by Dom Thomas Swalwell their fellow monk and attorney; detailing benefices, portions, temporalities and exonerations; incomplete, with some dates blank, but two payments dated as 18 June 1505.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the first half of the taxation account.

Size: 450 x 325 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:54 11 February [?1506]

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the clergy of the province of York on 5 August 1504 in convocation, to be paid at the feast of St John the Baptist and Easter next according to a commission, by Dom Thomas Swalwell their fellow monk and attorney; detailing total paid and allowances sought; incomplete, with some dates blank, and interlineations, but two payments dated as 18 June 1505 and 11 February 15[?06]. Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and references to the tenth account "on the following roll" .

Size: 255 x 305 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:55 [?1505]

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of the first half of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the prelates and clergy of the province of York in convocation in the chapter house of the metroplotal church of York on 5 August 1504, to be paid at the feast of St John the Baptist next to Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York and Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley, by Dom Thomas Swalwell their fellow monk and attorney; detailing total paid and allowances sought, but with amounts and dates blank.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 200 x 260 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:56 [?1506]

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York, the see of Durham being vacant, of the first half of a tenth within the diocese of Durham conceded to King Henry VII by the clergy of the province of York on 5 August 1504 in convocation, to be paid at the feast of Easter next to Master Martin Colyns treasurer of the cathedral church of York and Master Thomas Dalby provost of the collegiate church of St John at Beverley, by Dom Thomas Swalwell their fellow monk and attorney; detailing total paid and allowances sought, but with most amounts and dates blank.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the second half of the tenth.

Size: 190 x 320 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:57 7 August 1497

Mandate of Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham cathedral, reciting the following letters close received at Berwick on 4 August, and deputing him to be his collector in the diocese of Durham.

Letters close of Henry [VII] to Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham, ordering collection of two tenths granted at the provincial council in the chapter house in the church at York on 26 April 1497 by Thomas [Rotherham] archbishop of York to repel the hostile invasion and the malice of the Scots.

At Westminster, 1 June 12 Henry VII. [1497]

Date: Berwick, 7 August 1497.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions.

Size: 590 x 315 mm

Seal: residue of an applied elliptical seal on the upper left corner

Paper roll, 2p

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:1 (4 cancelled).

Another copy: DCD Reg.V, f.39v-40r.

DCD Loc.XVIII:58 [1512]

Exceptions from contributing towards the second half of a tenth granted to the king by the [York] provincial clergy in Durham archdeaconry include portions in the collegiate churches of Lanchester and Chester-le-Street, possessions of the notoriously poor house of nuns at Neasham, and also portions in the collegiate church of Auckland.

Size: 295 x 215 mm

Paper, 1p

Copy/draft of the latter part of: DCD Reg.V, f.149r-150r.

DCD Loc.XVIII:59 [20 November 1500]

Letters patent of Richard [Fox] Bishop of Durham confirming licences to acquire lands in Cleatlam, Little Haswell, Wolviston, Ferry, Billingham, Aycliffe, Murton, Tynemouth and elsewhere within the bishopric of Durham, and incomes in mortmain granted by William [Dudley] bishop of Durham 10 October 1483 (see 1.10.Pont.7 and 8) to Robert [Ebchester], prior, and the convent of Durham, and by John [Shirwood] bishop of Durham 20 March 1490 (see 1.10.Pont.9) to John [Auckland] prior, and the convent of Durham, and granting the P&C further licence to acquire in mortmain lands and incomes to the annual value of twenty pounds.

Draft, incomplete, with cancellations and interlineations.

Endorsed (contemporary, in English) that the prior wanted this confirmation.

Size: 800 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 2p

Original: DCD 2.10.Pont.1a&b.

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.60r-61r.

DCD Loc.XVIII:60a [mid 14th century]

Arrears of benefices in the deaneries of Durham, Newcastle, Alnwick, Bamburgh and Corbridge; temporalities in the archdeaconry of Northumberland; arrears of hospitals and chantry chaplains in the deanery of Newcastle; arrears of chantry chaplains and stipendiaries in the deaneries of Darlington, Durham, (dorse) Newcastle, Alnwick, Bamburgh and Corbridge.

Size: 420 x 165 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:60b [mid 14th century]

Names of benefices not paying in the deanery of Durham; names of hospitals and chantry chaplains not paying in the deaneries of Newcastle, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle and Alnwick.

(Dorse) Total of the three indentures.

Size: 390 x 160 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:60c [mid 14th century]

Abrogations and allowances of benefices in the deaneries of Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Bamburgh and Corbridge; abrogations of hospitals and chantry chaplains in the deanery of Newcastle; abrogations of stipendiaries in the deaneries of Darlington, Durham, (dorse) Newcastle, Bamburgh, and Corbridge.

Size: 390 x 165 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:61 Michaelmas [1403]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham, deputed collectors in the diocese of Durham by R[ichard le Scrope], archbishop of York, of the first half of a tenth for the king conceded by the clergy of the province of York in the cathedral church at York on 26 July 2 Henry IV by their attorney their fellow monk Walter Teesdale as amongst the memoranda of Michaelmas 4 Henry IV, detailing the amount collected and allowances sought.

Endorsed (contemporary) with descriptions and that the abbot and convent of Meaux were collectors of the second half of the tenth.

Size: 110 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:62 11 May [1429]

m.1 Account of the prior of Durham collector in the diocese of Durham of half of a tenth conceded to the king by the clergy of the province of York in the chapter house of the cathedral church of York on 7 August 7 (*sic*, ?*recte* 6) Henry VI, detailing amount collected and payments made 11 May 7 [Henry VI].

m.2 List of payments made by Thomas Holden for the prior of Durham to various officials in the royal exchequer 7 Henry VI.

m.3 Total of the half of a tenth in the diocese of Durham according to the new assessment, with exceptions detailed.

Size: 110 x 245 mm

Parchment, 3m, sewn together at the side

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:8.

DCD Loc.XVIII:63 1497

Memorandum of the purchase of listed building materials and work, cloth etc, made on behalf of "my [?Thomas Swalwell's] two sisters" .

Size: 290 x 75-95 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:64 10 November 1512

Mandate of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham and collector deputed by Thomas bishop of Durham of a tenth for the king within the archdeaconry of Durham to be paid at the feast of St Peter ad vincula to the rector or curate of the parish church of Winston to pay within eight days or have divine service suspended.

Date: Durham, 10 November 1512.

Draft, with interlineations, notes of amounts and places, and (on the dorse) notes of similar mandates to the dean and prebendaries of the collegiate church of Auckland and the curate of the church or chapel of Middleton St George.

Size: 105 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:65 21 January [1405]

Receipt from T de Weston to John of Barton monk of Durham for 20s 9d for half of a tenth for Hilary year 6 [?Henry IV] from the rector of Egglescliffe as in an indenture between them, and also allowed on the account with P del Hay.

Date: Howden, 21 January.

Size: 90 x 300 mm

Seal: Residue of an applied seal on the dorse, with horizontal slits [for a wrapping tie]

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:66 3 June 1505

Mandate of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham and warden of the spiritualities of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, and deputed collector within the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded to the king in the last convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to the clergy of the diocese of Durham, inhibiting divine service in Easington church on account of non-payment towards the tenth.

Date: 3 June 1505.

Draft, with cancellations, interlineations and insertions in blanks; also (and on the dorse) notes of amounts from various benefices.

Size: 85 x 275 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:67 28 April 1501

Oath of Guy Fairfax, warden of the bishop's manor of Wheel Hall, that he would be benevolent and faithful to prior and chapter and all the monks of Durham.

At Durham, 28 April 1501.

Size: 85 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.945, on a parchment tongue with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

Duplicate: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(8).

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.63v-64r.

DCD Loc.XVIII:68 12 February [1428]

Writ (*sicut pluries*) of Henry VI to the sheriff of York for the collection of three tenths granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York, and to cause the prior of Durham, collector in the diocese of Durham, to appear before the barons of the exchequer in the quindene of Easter.

Witness: W Hody.

Given at Westminster, 12 February 6 Henry VI.

Size: 65 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:69 [later 14th century]

List of debts owed to the subsidy, the archbishop of York *sede vacante*, from various benefices in the diocese of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) as contribution of the archbishop *sede vacante*.

Size: 215 x 90 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:70 1292

Taxation roll of the temporal goods of the archbishop of York and all the religious and the hospitals within the archdeaconries of York, Cleveland and the East Riding in 1292 by Master Peter de Insula archdeacon of Exeter and Adam of Aston rector of Beckingham, operating in the dioceses of York, Durham and Carlisle for Bishops John [of Pontoise] of Winchester and Oliver [Sutton] of Lincoln, deputed executors of the business of the Holy Land by the apostolic see, for the tenth granted to Edward, king of England, and also in the archdeaconries of Nottingham and Richmond, and including the spiritualities in Allertonshire of the bishop and prior of Durham, and in Howden, detailing on occasion old and new valuations (*taxacio*).

Endorsed (16th century) as the taxation of the whole of England, archbishopric of York.

Size: c.800 x 220 mm

Parchment roll, 8r, 6r of 1m each and 2r of 2m each, 1 being a tapered cover with a parchment wrapping thong/string attached

DCD Loc.XVIII:71 [?1446 x 1456]

Petition (in English) of the prior and convent of Durham to the king [Henry VI] to grant letters patent (in Latin) giving William [?Ebchester] prior and convent exemption from all tenths or parts of tenths, granted, or to be granted to the king by the clergy of York or Canterbury provinces.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Language: English; Latin

Size: 135 x 670 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:28.

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar petitions: DCD Loc.XIX:1, Loc.XIX:132, Loc.XXI:30, Misc.Ch.5388.

DCD Loc.XVIII:72 [31 August] 1408

Indenture testifying that on the feast of St Aidan 1408 in the revestry of Durham Dom John Barton delivered to John Wessington five schedules of the accounts of the tenths conceded to the king for 21, 11 and 22 Richard II and 2 Henry IV (*bis*).

Size: 155 x 125 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:73 [?October 1442]

Account of the prior of Durham collector in the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded to King Henry VI by the clergy of the province of York in [October] 21 Henry VI, detailing totals.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 105 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:74 4 May 1513

Mandate of Thomas Key LLB vicar-general of Thomas [Rusthall] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham, as the clergy of the province of York congregated in the chapter house of the metropolitan church of York from 26 April 1512 to 18 January following conceded two tenths to the king for the defence of the church and kingdom, to raise the second tenth from the archdeaconry of Durham to be paid into the royal exchequer at the feast of St Peter *advincula*. Sealed with the bishop's seal.

Date: Durham, 4 May 1513.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 185 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.3168, edges lost, centre repaired, on a parchment tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:75 2 August 1513

Mandate of Hugh Ashton Dec. Bac. vicar-general of Thomas [Rusthall] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham, as the clergy of the province of York congregated in the chapter house of the metropolitan church of York from 26 April 1512 to 4 February following conceded a subsidy to the king, to raise half of a tenth for the subsidy from the archdeaconry of Durham. Sealed with the seal of his office.

Date: Northallerton, 2 August 1513.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 370 x 570 mm

Seal: G&B No.3174, on a parchment tongue, with a stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:76 16 May 1505

Mandate of John Carver Doc.Dec. archdeacon of York and warden of the spiritualities of the diocese of Durham *sede vacante* by the authority of the archbishop of York, to the prior and chapter of Durham, as the clergy of the province of York congregated in the chapter house of the metropolitan church of York from 5 to 14 August 1504 conceded a tenth to the king for the defence of the church and kingdom, to raise the second half of the tenth from the archdeaconry of Durham to be paid into the royal exchequer. Sealed with the seal of his office.

Date: 16 May 1505.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 395 x 590 mm

Seal: G&B No.3174, on a parchment tongue, with a stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:77 [1291]

Ancient and new taxations

f.1r. Second new taxation. Tenth of the spiritual and temporal goods of the prior and convent of the church of Durham for their cells.

f.2r. Ancient taxation (*taxacio*) of the city and diocese of Durham made by three juries under their seals at Newcastle 13 Kal. January [20 December] 1291, in table form listing the taxation, payment at 4d in the mark, and payment of a sixteenth. [Churches] in the deanery of Durham.

f.2v. Portions of the church of Auckland; portions of Lanchester.

f.3r. Portions of the church of Chester; [churches in the] deanery of Darlington.

f.3v. Portions of the church of Norton; portions of Darlington; [churches in the] deanery of Newcastle.

f.4r. Deanery of Corbridge.

f.4v. Deanery of Bamburgh.

f.5r. Deanery of Alnwick.

f.5v. Taxation of the temporal goods of the bishop of Durham and all religious in the diocese of Durham.

f.6r. Churches of the prior and convent of Durham in York diocese.

f.6v. Taxation of pensions of churches in the diocese of York paid to the prior of Durham and his officials and the prior of Finchale.

f.6v. Mandate of the prior and chapter of Durham collector of the first year of the biennial tenth conceded to the king of England to the dean of Darlington for it to be paid at Durham at the feast of St Andrew next or within eight days thereof on pain of excommunication.

f.7r. New taxation. Payment of the first year of the biennial tenth. In table form, listing the new taxation, a tenth and the first term (half). Churches in the deanery of Durham.

f.7v. Portions of the church of Auckland; portions of the church of Chester; portions of the church of Lanchester.

f.8r. Churches in the deanery of Darlington; portions in the church of Darlington.

f.8v. Portions in the church of Norton; temporalities of the bishop [of Durham]; archdeaconry of Northumberland.

f.9r. New taxation. Triennial tenth. First term of the first year. [Churches in the deanery of Durham.]

f.9v. Portions in the church of Auckland; portions in the church of Chester; portions in the church of Lanchester.

f.10r. [Churches] in the deanery of Darlington; portions in the church of Darlington.

f.10v. Portions in the church of Norton; temporalities of the bishop of Durham; archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Size: 330 x 220 mm

Parchment booklet, 10f

Another version of part of this: DCD Reg.V, f.266r-267v.

DCD Loc.XVIII:78 26 December 1468

Commission by Lawrence [Booth], bishop of Durham, to the prior and convent of Durham having received the following writ

Letters close of Edward [IV] to Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham, ordering the collection of a tenth granted at a provincial council at York on 14 June 1468.

Writ by Edward [IV], king of England, to Lawrence [Booth], bishop of Durham, since George [Nevill], archbishop of York, in his provincial council at York Minster on 14 June last past, with the other prelates and clergy granted the king a tenth, for the successful defence, protection and keeping of the English church, kingdom and people, and particularly for the defence of the marches of England towards Scotland and for other charges to be borne by them, of a tenth from whatsoever their goods and benefices, spiritual and temporal, accustomed to pay the tenth, according to the new assessment, excepting: the priories of Drax, Mattersey, [North] Ferriby, Felley, Rufford, Watton, Ellerton, Shelford, Blyth, St Michael in Kingston upon Hull (Carthusian order), Holy Trinity York, Dacre in the archdeaconry of Richmond, and, because of their well-known poverty, the priories and monasteries of nuns holding goods and benefices within the province of York; and whatsoever the lands, possessions and benefices of all the monasteries aforesaid; the community of the chapel of St Mary and the Holy Angels [al. St Sepulchre York], the community of the said cathedral church, along with the parish church of Sturton [le Steeple] in the archdeaconry of Nottingham, newly-appropriated thereto, and the community of the collegiate church of St John Beverley; the churches of Misterton, Topcliffe, Brodsworth, appropriated to the said church of York, because of the rapid construction and destruction thereof; the churches of Huntington, Fryston on Ayre with the portion therein, and Barnburgh in the archdeaconry of York; half of the parish church of Treswell, on the south side of it, and the churches of Barnby, Screveton alias Kirkton by Screveton and Ratcliffe-upon-Soar, in the archdeaconry of Nottingham; the prebend of North Leverton in the collegiate church of Southwell; the church of Washington in the archdeaconry of Durham, because of over-assessment thereof; and the lands, tenements and possessions of the abbot and convent of Meaux destroyed by the waters of the sea and rivers; and all and sundry the priories, monasteries and benefices of Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland and Copeland and their attached temporalities and spiritualities; and all and sundry church properties temporal and spiritual assessed at ten marks or under according to the new or old extent, except for the priory of St Andrew York because of its notorious poverty, and if there be doubt concerning the assessment, the collectors deputed are not to be charged with these benefices unless it be found by inquisition of the ordinaries that they are assessed at a greater sum, such that neither the ordinaries and collectors nor those holding the benefices will be troubled or harmed by "our" officers; the lands, tenements, possessions and benefices of the monasteries and priories of Marton, Lenton, Thurgarton, Newstead, Monk Bretton, Welbeck, Roche (*Rupo*), Pontefract, Kirkstall, Selby, Bolton in Craven, Haltemprice, Egglestone, Cockersand, Coverham, St Robert of Knaresborough, Warter and Kirkam, and the churches of Kilvington in the archdeaconry of Nottingham; Kirkham in the archdeaconry of Richmond, Hinderwell in Cleveland, Foxholes and Huggate in the archdeaconry of the East Riding on account of their excessive taxation and poverty, Leake in the archdeaconry of Nottingham, Easington in the archdeaconry of Cleveland, South Dalton and Leven in the provostry of the collegiate church of Beverley; Langtoft in the cathedral church of York; [East] Stoke by Newark [and] Edingley in the collegiate church of Southwell; Escomb in the collegiate church of Auckland and Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden; and the provostry of the collegaite church of St Mary Hemingbrough;

and also the temporalities of the provostry of Beverley and the parish [church] of Welwick appropriated thereto; because of fearful and unusual storms on the sea and the Humber. They granted that the tenth, with the said exceptions, was to be raised and paid half at the feast of Holy Cross 1469 and half at the feast of the Holy Cross 1470; with the proviso that no clergy or their farmers be bound to pay the fifteenth along with secular persons for any property or revenues on which the tenth or part thereof ought to be paid, even though the property or revenues be in the hands of farmers; and that, if it be attempted otherwise, such clergy be discharged from payment of the tenth; ordering the bishop to have trustworthy clergymen of the diocese, for whom he would answer to the king, deputed to raise and collect the tenth; so that the tenth be answered for (*respondeatur*) to the king at the said feasts; with the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer to be certified at the latest by the quindene of Easter next to come of the names of those deputed for this purpose.

At Westminster, 27 October 8 Edward IV. [1468]

appointing them as his collectors of the whole tenth in his city and diocese, with exemptions as in the above writ, entrusting to them in his place the canonical compulsion of payment by ecclesiastical censure of those refusing to pay, and all and sundry things needed to carry out the foregoing; instructing them to answer to the king for the tenth as in the foregoing. Sealed.

Date: Auckland Castle, 26 December 1468.

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 320 x 430 mm

Seal: G&B No.3157, parts, on a parchment tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:79 [early 16th century]

Copy of the 1291 new taxation, with figures for the old taxation and half a tenth added (in Arabic and Roman numerals), and other amendments.

f.1r. New taxation [churches in the] deanery of Durham.

f.1v. [Churches in the] deanery of Darlington.

f.2r. Portions of the church of Darlington; [portions] of Auckland; [portions] of Chester le Street; [portions] of Lanchester.

f.2v. Temporalities.

Size: 320 x 225 mm

Parchment, 2f

DCD Loc.XVIII:80 [September 1512]

Receipt, a mandate of 7 September 1512 having been received from Thomas Key on 8 September, for payments from the prebendaries of Witton, Woodfield and ?Byers Green (*Biro*) towards a tenth for the king.

Draft, with many interlineations and cancellations, and the start of another version on the dorse.

Size: 310 x 215 mm

Paper, 2f

DCD Loc.XVIII:81 26 June 1513

Mandate of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, deputed by Thomas bishop of Durham collector of a tenth for the king in the archdeaconry of Durham, to the vicar of Staindrop to cite the holders of the portions in his church to pay their contributions for the tenth in Durham on pain of suspension from divine service. Sealed with the seal of the official of the archdeaconry.

Date: Durham monastery, 26 June 1513.

Size: 150 x 315 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XVIII:82 [23 October] 1348

Letters from the parochial chaplain of the church of St Nicholas in Newcastle upon Tyne to John [Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed collector in the city and diocese of Durham of the biennial tenth conceded to the king for the subsidy and defence of the kingdom by the clergy, that he had carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed collector in the city and diocese of Durham of the biennial tenth conceded to the king for the subsidy and defence of the kingdom by the clergy to the parochial chaplain of the church of St Nicholas in Newcastle upon Tyne to cite Stephen vicar of the church of St Nicholas, to appear at Durham cathedral on Monday next to answer concerning his violation of the sequestered fruits of the portion which John [Kirkby] bishop of Carlisle had in that church.

Date: Durham, 23 October 1348.

Date: Newcastle upon Tyne, 10 Kal. November 1348.

Size: 200 x 280 mm

Seal: Seal fragment on a parchment tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:83 [c.1300]

Part of a [new] taxation: [portions of Auckland church]; portions of Darlington church; portions of Norton church; temporalities of the bishop of Durham; (dorse) archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Size: 280 x 210 mm

Parchment, 2f

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.18:1.

DCD Loc.XVIII:84 [14th century]

Taxation assessment of priests, in table form, by deanery, then church (for Durham deanery), listing name, valuation and a tenth of that, with amendments:

f.1r. ...; stipends of priests in the deanery of Durham.

f.3v. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Newcastle.

f.4r. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Alnwick.

f.4v. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Bamburgh; stipends of priests in the deanery of Corbridge.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a tenth of priests.

Size: 300 x 225 mm

Paper booklet, 5f

DCD Loc.XVIII:85 [14th century]

Taxation assessment of priests, in table form, by deanery, listing name, valuation and a tenth of that:

- f.1r Stipends of priests in the deanery of Newcastle.
- f.1v. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Alnwick.
- f.2r. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Bamburgh.
- f.2v. Stipends of priests in the deanery of Corbridge.
- f.3r. Chantries in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.
- f.3v. Hospitals and chapels in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Size: 300 x 225 mm

Paper booklet, 3f

DCD Loc.XVIII:86 [14th century]

Taxation assessment for a tenth for the king:

- f.1r. [Durham deanery churches].
- f.1v. Auckland portions; Chester portions.
- f.2r. Lanchester portions; Darlington deanery churches.
- f.2v. Darlington portions; Norton portions; temporalities.
- f.3r. Benefices not taxed.
- f.4r. [Stipends of priests in Durham deanery].
- f.7r. [Stipend of priests] in Darlington deanery.
- f.9. Blank.
- f.10v. Table of tenths of various numbers 1-1000.

Size: 220 x 150 mm

Parchment booklet, 9f + 1f attached by thread

DCD Loc.XVIII:87 [1445]

View of the account of the prior of Durham collector in the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded to King Henry VI by the clergy of the province of York in the chapter house of the cathedral church of York on 4 October 21 Henry VI, with the first half to be paid on the feast of the nativity of St John the Baptist 21 Henry VI, the next quarter at the feast of St John the Baptist 1444 and the last quarter at the feast of St John the Baptist 1445.

Size: 125 x 305 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:88 18 July [1442]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector in the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York to King Henry VI according to the new taxation.

Payments include 18 July 20 [Henry VI].

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 175 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.19:4.

DCD Loc.XVIII:88* 18 July [1442]

Account of the prior of Durham, collector in the diocese of Durham of a tenth conceded by the clergy of the province of York to King Henry VI in 18 Henry VI. Payments include 18 July 20 [Henry VI].

Endorsed (16th century) with a description.

Size: 180 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:89 12 October 1513

Commission of Thomas [Ruthall] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, having received on 10 October at Auckland the following writ

Writ by Henry [VIII], king of England, to the keeper of the spirituality of the bishopric of Durham, since, in a convocation or provincial council held in the chapter house of York minster, 26 April 1512 to 4 February [1513], John Withers, M.A., canon of York minster, vicar-general in spiritualities to Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, and keeper of the spirituality of the archbishopric of York, lately took care to exhort, warn and induce the prelates and clergy of the city and province of York, subject to the said archbishop, to effect the grant of a subsidy to the king; and at length, after varied discussions upon this matter, the prelates and clergy granted three whole tenths to the king, to be implemented at his pleasure, under some small exceptions and certain conditions; which grant, put in writing, has reached the king and is as follows:

Award by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, in a convocation held in the chapter house of York minster, begun on Monday, 26 April 1512, and continued until 4 February next following, to Henry [VIII], king of England, for the safety and defence of the English Church and of this glorious kingdom of England and to quell and uproot heresies and schisms in the Universal Church, which are springing up more than usually these days, of three whole tenths from whatsoever benefices and possessions, spiritual and temporal, and from temporalities annexed to spiritualities, pensions and portions, within the city, diocese and province of York, according to the new extent, or the old extent where the new has not been assessed, accustomed to pay at the rate of the royal tenth, to be raised, collected and paid as follows, with the undernoted exceptions: one tenth due at Lady Day [25 March] 1514 and to be paid to the king by Lammas next thereafter [1 August 1514]; a second tenth due at the Invention of the Holy Rood [3 May] 1515 and to be paid to the king by Michaelmas next thereafter [29 September 1515]; a third tenth due at the Invention of the Cross [3 May] 1516 and to be paid to the king by Michaelmas next thereafter [29 September 1516]; saving and excepting from the grant, raising and payment of the said three tenths and of any part thereof: benefices and ecclesiastical possessions, spiritual and temporal, of houses, priories and monasteries of nuns within the province, because of their well-known poverty; benefices appropriated to colleges, halls, houses or to monasteries of religious, by whatsoever names they be designated, for the use of scholars of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, also pensions and portions assigned to the use of such scholars; whatsoever benefices and curacies in Carlisle dioc., assessed at eight marks or under by the new extent, or the old extent where the new has not been assessed, and accustomed to pay at the rate of a tenth; portions in the collegiate churches of Chester le Street and Lanchester, due to poverty and diminution of revenues; benefices and ecclesiastical possessions of men of the Carthusian order within the province of York; benefices and ecclesiastical possessions, spiritual and temporal, pensions and portions within the archdeaconry of Northumberland, and not newly assessed; spiritualities and temporalities of the monastery of Meaux, ruined by fearful storms and flooding from the sea and the Humber, providing that for each of the three tenths the abbot of Meaux pay £8 4s 9½d as he has been accustomed to pay in payment of a whole tenth for lands and possessions not devastated, as more fully appears by various inquisitions taken by royal mandate concerning the devastated lands and possessions aforesaid, drawn up and exemplified by letters patent under the king's seal of his exchequer; the common property of Beverley minster, excepted of old, once ?mensal [in victualibus], but of what it now consists being thoroughly obscure; the portions of the goldsmith and Robert de

Cruce, once in the said church of Beverley, and these days thoroughly devastated and unknown; the church of Barmby, appropriated to the use of the choristers of Southwell collegiate church; the church or hospital of St Nicholas, a royal foundation in the suburbs of York, because of its well-known poverty; exempted from payment of half of the three tenths are: the benefices and ecclesiastical possessions, spiritual and temporal, of the monasteries and priories of Rufford, Blyth, St Andrew's York, Holy Trinity York, Healaugh Park, Drax, Eggleston, Watton, Ellerton, because of their well-known poverty; the churches of Kneesall, appropriated to the vicars-choral of Southwell collegiate church, Patrington, Bainton, Brompton (Cleveland archdeaconry), Middleton on the Wolds, the vicarage of Darrington, the prebends of Langtoft (York minster) and Saltmarshe (Howden collegiate church), the churches of Hemingbrough and Sigglesworth, because of over-assessment thereof; exempted from payment of the third of the three tenths are: the temporalities of the priory of Malton, the subdeaconry of York minster, the churches of Danby Wiske, Rowley, and Staunton' (Nottingham archdeaconry) [? Staunton in the Vale, ? Stanton on the Wolds]; and the prebend of Dunham in the collegiate church of Southwell is exempted from payment of a third part of the three tenths due to over-assessment and diminution of the revenues thereof; ordering him to have trustworthy clergymen of his diocese, for whom he would answer, deputed to raise and collect the three tenths according to the form of the foregoing, with the provision that he certify the king and the treasurer and barons of his exchequer, by the morrow of All Souls next to come [3 November 1513] at the latest, of the names of those so deputed.

Witness: Catherine, queen and regent-general of England.

Date: Westminster, 11 July 5 Henry VIII. [1513]

by authority of which writ appointing him as collector of the tenths in the bishopric of Durham and committing the collection to him in his stead with power of whatsoever canonical coercion. Sealed.

Date: Auckland manor, 12 October 1513.

With marginalia.

Note on the turnup of it being received on 19 November 1513.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 710 x 540 mm

Seal: G&B No.3168, fragments, repaired with wax c.1970, on a parchment double tag through three slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.150r-151v.

DCD Loc.XVIII:90 7 September 1512

Commission by Thomas Key, LLB, vicar-general of Thomas, bishop of Durham, in spiritualities outside his city and diocese, to the prior and convent of Durham, since lately, at the request of Henry [VII], king of England, the prelates and clergy of the province of York, subject to Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, gathered in a convocation held in the chapter-house of York minster between 26 April 1512 and the following 27 January [an error for 17 January] with unanimous assent granted two whole tenths, with the undernoted exceptions, to the same prince, as follows: award by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, gathered in York minster in a convocation opened on Monday, 26 April 1512 and continued until 17 January [1513], in the chapter house of York minster, with unanimous assent, to Henry [VIII], for the safety and defence of the English Church and the happy condition, governance, peace and utility of the state and the defence of this glorious realm of England, of two tenths from whatsoever ecclesiastical benefices and possessions, spiritual and temporal, and temporalities attached to spiritualities, within the province of York, accustomed to pay at the rate of the royal tenth, according to the new extent, or to the old extent where the new has not been assessed, with the undernoted exceptions; of which two tenths one is due at Lammas [1 August] next to come and ought to be collected, raised and paid to the king by the Conception of St Mary [8 December] next thereafter, and the second is due at the Invention of the Cross [3 May] 1513 and ought to be collected, raised and paid to the king by Lammas next thereafter; exempting from payment of either tenth or any part thereof: all benefices with cure of souls assessed at eight marks or under; and benefices and possessions of priories and monasteries of whatsoever nuns, and of the priory of Blythe, because of their notorious poverty; likewise of Carthusians within the province; also benefices appropriated to halls, colleges, houses or to monasteries of whatsoever religious men, to the use of scholars of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford; the churches of Huntington and Fryston on Aire, with the portion therein, appropriated to the vicars-choral of York minster, Misterton, and Topcliffe, appropriated to the fabric of York minster, Kneesall, appropriated to the choristers of Southwell collegiate church, of Barmby, appropriated to the vicars of Southwell collegiate church, Harewood, appropriated to the priory of Bolton, because of the diminution of the revenues and over-assessment thereof; the portions in the collegiate churches of Chester le Street and Lanchester due to poverty and diminution of revenues thereof; the temporalities of the monastery of Meaux, devastated by flooding and storms from the sea and the Humber, providing that the abbot of Meaux be bound to pay in toll £8 4s 9½d for each one of the tenths, for assessed lands and possessions not devastated, as he has been accustomed to pay toll in payment of any whole tenth, as more fully appears by various inquisitions taken by royal mandate concerning the devastated lands and possessions aforesaid, drawn up and exemplified by letters patent under the king's seal of his exchequer and shown in this convocation; all benefices, church properties, pensions and portions not newly assessed in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, saving £10 each for the first and second tenths to be paid from temporalities within the said archdeaconry remaining under the old extent, to be paid and collected in the manner aforesaid from persons and places to be chosen, as should seem fit, as the said temporalities at the discretion of Thomas, bishop of Durham; the church of Tankersley, in York archdeaconry, on account of the diminution of its revenues due to the reduction of lands from arable to grazing and enclosure into parkland, is exempted from payment of the first tenth; the benefices and spiritual and temporal possessions of the priories and monasteries of Drax, Ellerton and Healaugh Park, because of their well-known

poverty and the serious loss and difficulties which they suffer in their lands, possessions and buildings through sudden flooding and the burning of their houses and buildings, also the churches of Danby Wiske (Richmond archdeaconry), Bainton, Huggate, Haughton [le Skerne] (Durham archdeaconry), Stannington (Northumberland archdeaconry), the vicarage of Darlington' [? Darrington] (York archdeaconry), and the York minster prebend of Langtoft, on account of the great diminution of the revenues and the over-assessment thereof, are exempted from payment of half of each of the two tenths; likewise the deanery of York minster is excepted from the payment of half of the first of the two tenths, the benefices and spiritual and temporal possessions of the monasteries and priories of Walton' [? Malton], Rufford, [North] Ferriby, and Mattersey, the churches of Brompton (Cleveland archdeaconry) and Patrington are exempted from payment of a third of the first tenth and a half of the second tenth because of the diminution in the revenues thereof; the benefices and spiritual and temporal possessions of the monasteries and priories of Eggleston, Holy Trinity York, and Felley, the temporalities of the priory of St Andrew's York, and the churches of Kirby Wiske and Rowley, and the vicarage of Withernsea, are similarly exempted from payment of half of the second tenth; the church of Middleton on the Wolds (East Riding archdeaconry) and the vicarage of Skipwith are exempted from payment of a third of each tenth due to diminution of the revenues and the over-assessment thereof; the possessions, spiritual and temporal, of the priory of Shelford and Northallerton hospital (St James), with the church of Thornton le Street appropriated to the said hospital, and the prebends of Skelton and Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, are exempted from payment of a third of the second tenth, due to over-assessment thereof; ordaining that every collector deputed by whatsoever ordinary to collect the two tenths or a part share thereof, should have power to compel by ecclesiastical censure (&c) all bound to pay the tenths or part thereof and not paying, or refusing to pay, or delaying beyond the date of payment, with fourteen days' warning given to them or put in writing in church doors or at their houses, summarily to make full satisfaction of the tenth, and they should have power to absolve the same from any sentences imposed on them once they have made payment and when the expenses incurred by the collector because of the delay have been paid; with the provision that if a collector, upon the rendering of his account, certify the king, treasurer and barons of the exchequer, or any assigned thereto, on oath, in person or through his attorney, that neither in person nor through his ministers had he been able to collect the tenths or part thereof within his area of collection, the convocation grants that the collector or his attorney be taken at his word and, in rendering any account of his to the exchequer or elsewhere, be entirely discharged, by the king's assign deputed thereto, from collection, raising and payment of the tenths or a part thereof without enquiry or further delay; ordaining that any collector assigned to collect the tenths or part thereof, when rendering any account of his thereon, for his or his servants' or deputies' labours and expenses in collecting the tenths, should have 8d and no more from every 20s raised by him; granting the tenths to the king as above and not otherwise, such that all collectors be admitted to render their accounts without delay and that no collector be vexed or burdened, while rendering his account at the exchequer or elsewhere, by reason of any suit or legal action, fee or reward, by clerks or ministers of the exchequer or by any other person there, but that they be at once freely dismissed, discharged and altogether quit, without demand, promise or payment of any money; but the grant of the said tenth or part thereof is to be held at nought and not due and not to be paid by any collector vexed or burdened for any reason in the exchequer contrary to the foregoing; providing that if the said prelates and clergy having benefices and

ecclesiastical property within the province of York be charged by the king or by Christopher, archbishop of York, or by whatsoever other with any authority or mandate of either, with resisting the Scots or other enemies of the kingdom of England or with repelling their invasion in person, or with supplying armed men at their own expense, then the abovementioned grant is to be taken as not made and as null and void; ordaining: that all persons due to pay the tenths or any part thereof and not paying or refusing to pay, in the event that they had not paid or refused to pay within thirty days' space from the time of warning given to them or any of them by whatsoever collector of the two tenths or any part thereof in the doors of the churches or houses for which they are bound to pay these tenths or part thereof, they are to be summoned by the ordinary in the doors of [their] churches, and if they further refuse to pay they are to be deprived by sentences of the ordinaries; also that churches appropriated to any houses, exempt or non-exempt, in the event that the proprietors thereof, having been warned as aforesaid in the doors of the churches for which they are bound to pay the tenths or part thereof, had not paid or refused to pay within thirty days' space from the time of warning, be separated from such houses and restored to the state in which they were before the appropriation; also that if it be certified to the ordinary by any collector of the tenths against anyone or warned as aforesaid, who has not paid the tenths or part thereof within the term of thirty days, the certification will be observed entirely once the oath of the collector or his proctor or attorney has been given, [and] then the ordinary of the place is to have full power to deprive non-payers and to end appropriations; ordering them on pain of canonical distraint to collect the first tenth in the archdeaconry of Durham and the cathedral church of Durham, according to the new extent, or to the old extent where the new has not been assessed, in accordance with the foregoing award, and to keep the tenth at their own risk; with the provision that they pay the whole of the first tenth by the Immaculate Conception next after the date of the presents [8 December 1512], in the king's exchequer, or elsewhere as appointed by the king; committing to them in his stead all things [required] for carrying out the foregoing, with power of whatsoever canonical coercion, and appointing them as collectors of the first tenth in the said archdeaconry and cathedral church.

Sealed with the bishop's seal.

Date: 7 September 1512.

Some marginalia.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 590 x 530 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg.V, f.147r-148v.

DCD Loc.XVIII:91 [27 June] 1343

(r.1) Certification by the abbot of Alnwick to the bishop of Durham of having carried out the following mandate

Mandate of Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to the abbot of Alnwick to collect procurations within the archdeaconry of Northumberland and pay them to his exchequer at Durham.

Date: Howden manor, 13 June 1343.

detailing the taxation amounts due from:

Deanery of Newcastle: portion of the prior of Carlisle in Newcastle St Nicholas; rector of Horsley; portion of the vicar of Horsley.

Deanery of Corbridge: rector of Corbridge; portion of the vicar of Bywell St Peter; rector of Qwtyefelde; rector of Denton in Gilsland; portion of Lanercost [priory] in the same; rector of Knaresdale; portion of Richard Normand in Ellesdon church; portion of the master of Illeshawe in the same; rector of Crossansete; rector of Haltwhistle; rector of Thockerington; rector of Simonburn.

Deanery of Alnwick: rector of Angreham; portion of the nuns of Holystone in Alwenton church; rector of Qwtyngnam; portion of the prior of Carlisle in the same; rector of Holystone in Harbottle chapel.

Deanery of Bamburgh: portion of the vicar of Newton in Glendale; portion of the vicar of Branxton; portion of Stephen Sixtus in Bamburgh church

Date: Alnwick, 5 Kal. July 1343.

(r.2) Schedule detailing the attempts to extract all these payments, with a total of 48s ½d collected.

Size: 480 x 355 mm

Parchment roll, 2r each of 1m, attached at the foot by a parchment tie

DCD Loc.XVIII:92 11 December [1402]

Account of the prior of Durham collector of the first half of a tenth for the king from the clergy of York province in the cathedral church of York, 11 December 6 Henry IV.

Size: 120 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1m, 3 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XVIII:93 [1381]

Copy documents concerning the sequestration of Durham benefices for the papal chamber.

Mandate of Cosmatus Gentilis of Solmona, nuncio of the papal chamber and collector in England, to the prior and chapter of Durham, the see of Durham being vacant, having previously mandated the late Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to cite the below-named to appear before him on a day now past, they are now to be denounced in the church of Durham and elsewhere as excommunicate, their revenues are to be sequestered for the pope and they are to be cited to appear before him in his London house on 20 October next.

Date: London, 8 August 1381.

Names of those to be denounced and their benefices sequestered:

Possessor of the prebend of St Andrew in the collegiate church of Auckland provided to Thomas Bernalby

Possessor of the dean of Lanchester provided to John of Hesse

Possessor of the prebend of St Cuthbert of Darlington provided to Richard Driffild

Possessor of the prebend of Lamsley provided to Lawrence Gra

Possessor of the prebend of Shildon provided to Thomas Salkeld

Possessor of the Bires prebend in the collegiate church of Auckland provided to Thomas Rolyn

Possessor of the church of Wearmouth expressed to the registrar's office

Possessor of the church of Sedgfield proved to Peter Stapilton

Possessor of the West Auckland prebend in the collegiate church of Auckland provided to Cardinal Pictaven

The prebend in the collegiate church of Auckland confirmed to William Bryan

Possessor the dean of the collegiate church of Auckland provided to William of Denby

Possessor of the church of Kilkil provided to Matthew Maidonnagan

Possessor of the prebend in Norton church provided to Adam Leeke

Possessor of the prebend in the collegiate church of Chester le Street provided to Richard Bell of Beverley

Possessor of the prebend in the collegiate church of Auckland formerly David of Wooler's provided to John Lumbard

Possessor of the hospital of St Bartholomew of Tweedmouth provided to Richard de Bergh

Possessor of Stanhope church provided to Henry de Stapilton

Possessor of the vicarage of the parhial church of St Nicholas in the vill of Newcastle upon Tyne provided to Walter of Wells

Possessor of the prebend in the collegiate church of Morton provided to William of Rampton by Cardinal Ravenna

They are to enquire of the names of the possessors of the prebend of Lumley provided to William of Loughborough, the church of Stanhope provided to William of Norwich, the chapel of Jesmouth provided to Thomas of Penrith, and the poor hospital of St Giles provided to John Aspull, and certify the distraint of those possessing the above benefices. (dorse) Certification to Cosmatus Gentilis of Solmona, nuncio of the papal chamber and collector in England, from the prior and chapter of Durham, that, having received his mandate: the possessors of the prebend of St Andrew in Auckland collegiate church, the dean of Lanchester, the prebend of Lamsley and the prebend of Shildon have been excommunicated in the church of Durham and elsewhere; the prebends of Bires in the collegeiate church of Auckland and of West Auckland, the hospital of St Bartholomew

in Tweedmouth, the churches of Wearmouth and Sedgefield, and the deanery of Auckland collegiate church, the church of Stanhope, and the vicarage of Newcastle St Nicholas have been sequestrated for the benefit of the pope; Dom Roger of Sedgefield proctor of of Dom Thomas de Barnelby absent possessor of the prebend of St Andrew in Auckland church, Master Peter Galon possessor of the deanery of Lanchester, Dom Robert of Merrington proctor of Master Lawrence Gray occupier of the prebend of Lamsley absent, Master Peter Galon occupier of the church of Wearmouth, Dom John de Henle occupier of the church of Sedgefield, John de Westnyk occupier of the prebend of West Auckland, Master William of Walroth occupier of the deanery of Auckland collegiate church, Dom John de Bathir occupier of the hospital of St Bartholomew Tweedmouth, John Belron proctor of Dom John de Blaby absent occupier of the church of Stanhope, and Dom Matthew of Bolton occupier of the vicarage of Newcastle St Nicholas have been cited to appear before him in London on 20 October; they have been unable to ascertain the possessor of the prebend of St Cuthbert in Darlington, nor the possessor of the Shildon prebend, nor their proctor, nor the possessor of Biris, nor that William Brian ever held a prebend in Auckland collegiate church, nor Adam Leeke in Norton church, nor Richard Bell in Chester collegiate church, nor John Lumbard in Auckland collegiate church, nor William Rampton in Morton church; and Peter of Stapilton never had possession of Sedgefield church, nor Cardinal Piktavin the prebend of West Auckland, nor William Denby the deanery of Auckland, nor Richard Bell any prebend in Chester church, nor Henry Stapilton Stanhope church, nor Walter Wells the vicarage of Newcastle St Nicholas; and Robert Bland is the possessor of Lumley prebend, John de Blaby is the possessor of Stanhope church whose possession William of Norwich never held, and Richard of Clifford occupies the chapel of Jesemouth.

Date: Durham, 2 October year as above [1381]

Size: 400 x 380 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:94 22 August 1379

m.1 Mandate of the official of the bishop of Durham to the bishop's sequestrator in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, that, since the prelates and clergy of the province of York granted a subsidy to the king according to the value of their benefices at St Peter ad vincula last, he is to levy it according to the attached list, except for the abbot of Alnwick, by the nativity of the BVM and to certify him of this by St Cuthbert.

Date: Durham, 22 August 1379.

Attached:

m.2 List of clergy and amounts for the deaneries of Corbridge and Bamburgh.

m.2d [Earlier] list of benefices and their clergy in the deanery of Bamburgh (left edge truncated).

m.3 List of clergy and amounts for the deaneries of Newcastle and Alnwick.

m.3d [Earlier] list of benefices and their clergy in the deaneries of Newcastle and ALnwick

Size: (m1) 150 x 350 mm, (m2-3) 730 x 215 mm

Seal: Unidentified, papered, on a tongue through m2-3, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XVIII:95 [later 13th century]

Taxation roll for Durham diocese churches for a tenth, listing churches, valuation and a tenth of that, and exempt portions for the deaneries of: Darlington, Durham (including a valuation of the goods of Durham priory), beyond the Cocket, Newcastle, and Corbridge.

Size: 1490 x 210 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:96 13 June 1409

Account of the prior of Durham collector of half of a tenth from churches in the diocese of Durham (totals only). Headed: "Custodiatur".

Size: 475 x 325 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:97 [later 13th century]

Account of the arrears of goods of temporals and spirituals in Northumberland listing monastic houses, churches etc and amounts.

Size: 415 x 175 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:98 [?1295 - 1296]

Account of payments of procurations to the two cardinal nuncios [?Berard bishop of Albano and Simon bishop of Palestrina] for their first year Northumberland listing those who paid in the four deaneries of Newcastle, Corbridge, Alnwick and Bamburgh according to the true value of their churches, portions and benefices, those who paid according to the old taxation and those who did not pay, detailing the valuation and amount paid.

Size: 510 x 360 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:99 [later 13th century]

[Taxation] account roll recording churches, portions and benefices in Co Durham and Northumberland, and amounts [paid].

Size: 100-110 x 660 mm and 80 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:100 [later 13th century]

Taxation roll for the archdeaconry of Lothian [St Andrews diocese], detailing (m.1) churches, values and tithes or tenths for the deaneries of Linlithgow, Haddington and ?Merse and (m.2) religious houses detailing the values of the individual churches, the total for each house and a tenth of that for: Cambuskenneth, Dunfermline, Manuel, Holyrood, Newbattle, Haddington nunnery, North Berwick nunnery, St Andrews priory, Coldingham, St Bathans nunnery, Durham churches, Trefontaynes, South Berwick nunnery, Coldstream, Melrose, Eccles, Dryburgh, Kelso, Soutra, Houston, Dunbar, Segden, Berwick Holy Trinity, Culross.

Size: (m1) 690 x 210 mm; (m2) 670 x 210 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:101 [later 13th century]

Account roll of receipts for the papal tenth by R. de Wob for the quarter and arrears, detailing Co Durham benefices and amounts.

Size: 290 x 115 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:102 [?1333 x 1334]

Account of Dom Robert of Durham monk and William of Kelloe clerk collectors of a tenth granted to Richard [?of Bury] bishop of Durham in the first year of his consecration, detailing moneys collected from each deanery in the diocese, payments made, remissions and expenses

Size: 750 x 245 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:103 [early 14th century]

Arrears of the half granted to the king by the clergy, detailing portions of the collegiate churches of Auckland, Lanchester, Chester, Norton and Darlington, and amounts from benefices in the deaneries of [Durham], Darlington, Newcastle, Corbridge, Bambrugh, and Alnwick, and of temporal goods of religious houses.

On the dorse is an index of Northumberland Co Durham places in charters

Size: 650 x 215 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:104 [early 14th century]

Taxation of churches in the diocese of Durham, detailing churches, [values] and amounts for churches in [Durham deanery], portions in the collegiate churches of Auckland, Lanchester, and Chester, hospitals, churches in the deanery of Darlington, then [another list] detailing just amounts for [portions in Chester church], churches in Darlington deanery, portions in the collegiate churches of Norton and Darlington, and hospitals.

Size: 265 x 215 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:105 1291 - 1294

Arrears of the first, second and third years of a sexennial tenth imposed by Pope Nicholas IV in 1291 detailing amounts for churches in the deanery of Durham, portions in the churches of Auckland, Lanchester, Chester, Norton and Darlington, churches in the deaneries of Darlington, Corbridge, Bamburgh, Alnwick and Newcastle, and portions for the church of Norton.

On the dorse are the arrears for the fourth year, detailing amounts for churches in the deanery of Newcastle, temporalities of religious houses in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, churches in the deaneries of Corbridge, Bamburgh, Alnwick and Durham, portions of Auckland, Lanchester and Chester.

Size: 550 x 190 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XVIII:106 [mid 14th century]

Taxation of the diocese of Durham detailing churches, their [values] and a tenth of that, twice, with amounts in the margin (?paid) for: churches in the deanery of Darlington, portions in the churches of Darlington and Norton, churches in the deanery of Durham, portions in the churches of Auckland, Lanchester, and Chester, hospitals, churches in the deaneries of Newcastle, Alnwick, Bamburgh, and Corbridge, temporalities of religious houses in Durham diocese.

Size: 375 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:107 [?1294]

[Arrears] for the fourth year of the [taxation of Pope Nicholas IV] for churches in Northumberland archdeaconry.

Size: 185 x 120 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:108 4 January 1409

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham cathedral, to enable ambassadors to be sent to the general council at Pisa to discuss the great schism at the Annunciation of the BVM next, a subsidy of a half of a tenth is to be raised from the clergy of the province of York, and the prior is to collect this from the clergy of the diocese of Durham and pay it to Masters John Southwell rector of St Dennis York and John Gelby rector of Knesall, John Monkgate parson in the church of York, and John Stanton notary public, receivers of the said subsidy, as deputed by Alan Newark LLB the bishop's deputy and Brian Fairfax LLD deputed by the lesser prelates and clergy. Date: his manor of Wheel Hall, 4 January 1408/9 Pont.3.

Size: 140 x 425 mm

Draft: DCD Loc.XIX:127.

DCD Loc.XVIII:109 [1296]

Documents of the appeal of Manuel priory against the papal subsidy.

Appointment by the prioress and convent of Manuel, of Alexander *dictus* Ben[edict] as their proctor to levy an appeal against J[ohn of Halton] bishop of Carlisle and the prior of Coldingham principal collectors of the tithe in Scotland in the archdeaconry of Lothian. Date: Manuel, Tuesday after Epiphany [10 January] 1295/6.

Appeal of the prioress and nuns of Manuel against the prior of Coldingham collector of the papal tithe for the Holy Land in the archdeaconry of Lothian as substitute for J[ohn of Halton] bishop of Carlisle principal executor of Holy Land business in the kingdom of Scotland, and as imposed by papal bull, and its penalties of excommunication, suspension, sequestration and interdict.

Witnesses: the nuns [of Manuel], Robert vicar of Linlithgow and dean of Christianity of the same place, Dom Slmon vicar of Haddington, Dom John de Cornal vicar of Duddingston, Dom William vicar of Kinneil, Dom Patrick rector of Slymavan, Dom Adam Strinelgu vicar of Kilmarnock, Dom David chaplain, Dom Gilbert chaplain of the pairhs of Linlithgow.

Date: in the full chapter of the monastery of St Mary of Manuel, Wednesday after Epiphany [11 January] 1295/6.

This appeal of the prioress and nuns of Manuel against the bishop of Carlisle has been read in the general chapter held at Linlithgow by the official of the archdeacon of Lothian.

Date: Monday after Hilary year as above [16 January 1296]

Size: 120 x 300 mm

DCD Loc.XVIII:110 1464 - 1465

Inventory of the moveable and immoveable goods of the monastery of Durham.

The heading is missing; the year 1464 is given in the notarial subscription, with the further details "Mensium vero de[cembris] Ianuarii et Februarii diebus interpolatis et vicibus diuersis Incipiendo nono die dicti Mensis Decembris". The opening sections, down to the end of the granary, are missing. The remainder comprises the same sections as Loc.XIII:22, detailing the kitchen, bursary, prior's stable, bursar's stable and arrears before proceeding round the estates, except that there is an inventory of furnishings at the manor of Bearpark, and details of creditors are not given.

Scrutineered by: Thomas Caly subprior, Thomas Ayer, Master William Serton sacrist, Richard Blackburn third prior, William Cuthbert terrar, William Birden almoner, John Eden prior of Stamford, Richard Billingham chancellor, Thomas Hawghton bursar, monks of Durham cathedral.

Witnesses: Richard Rakett, Thomas Eland, T[homas] Wright, Thomas Ryhope carpenter, John Tomson latanio, William Warcop, William Androwson, Robert W?, John Tayllor, John Newton, Alexander Robinson, John Robinson, William Brompton, Thomas Lawe, William Wo?, Richard Forman, William Meryman, John Lawson, John White, William Milner, Richard Belacyse, Rob[ert] Raynton, Thomas Hurworth, William Wodyfeld, John White, Henry Peirson, William Robinson, Lawrence ?, John Turnor, John Pavy, Robert Redeheved, Matthew Tunsall.

Date: 9 December to January and February 1464/5.

Notary: Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

Size: 3495 x 330 mm

Ownership history: Previously unnumbered; numbered by M.G. Snape 18 February 1959.

Printed: *Feodarium prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell (Surtees Society 58, 1872) p.98-211, without the first five surviving sections, i.e. starting with properties of the main estate, and also omitting the notarial statement at the end.

The Bearpark inventory is also printed in *Account Rolls of Durham iii*, ed J.T. Fowler (Surtees Society 103, 1900) p.639-640.

DCD Loc.XVIII:111 11 February 1506

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector, of one whole tenth granted to King Henry VII on 5 August 1504, made by his deputy Thomas Swalwell.

Size: 205 x 300 mm

Ownership history: Previously unnumbered; numbered by M.G. Snape 20 January 1966.

DCD Loc.XVIII:112 6 November 1512

Commission of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham as collector of a royal tenth by authority of Thomas [Ruthall] bishop of Durham to the dean [of the collegiate church of Auckland] to cite prebendaries of Auckland to pay the tenth within eight days.

Date: 6 November 1512.

Size: 225 x 330 mm

Ownership history: Previously unnumbered; numbered by M.G. Snape 24 July 1973.

DCD Loc.XVIII:113 [17 November] 1311 - 18 April 1312

Collector's account roll for a clerical subsidy, diocese of Durham, detailing churches and amounts, some with dots [indicating payment] for: churches in Durham deanery, portions in the churches of Lanchester, Chester, churches in the deanery of Darlington, portions in the churches of Norton and Darlington, churches in the deaneries of Newcastle, Bamburgh, Alnwick and Corbridge, payments made morrow of St Edmund the archbishop 1311 to 18 April following.

On the dorse of m2 is a taxation of the temporal goods of the diocese of Durham, for the archdeacons of Durham and then Northumberland, and then the obedientaries of Durham, Finchale, the sacrist, hospitaller and chamberlain.

Size: 1250 x 235 mm

Ownership history: Formerly "Misc. Roll 30", transferred into this series 5 February 1975 (MGS).

DCD Loc.XVIII:114 15th century

Collector's account roll for a half tenth, archdeaconry of Durham, Dom. William Burdon subcollector, detailing churches, portions, cells and obedientaries, and amounts.

Size: 630 x 110 mm

Ownership history: Formerly "Misc. Roll 12", transferred into this series 5 February 1975 (MGS).

DCD Loc.XVIII:115 1505

Collector's account roll for a half tenth, archdeaconry of Durham, Master Thomas Swalwell subcollector, detailing churches, portions, cells and obedientaries, and amounts.

Size: 335 x 90 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Ownership history: Formerly "Misc. Roll 13", transferred into this series 5 February 1975 (MGS).

DCD Loc.XIX - Taxation royal & papal

Records of the payment and collection of royal and papal taxation.

DCD Loc.XIX:1 [1448]

Petition of William [Ebchester] prior and the convent of Durham to [Henry VI] in the form of [draft] letters patent asking for exemption from tenths, parts of tenths, subsidies, aids, quotes and other contributions for ever. With interlineations and cancellations.

Language: English (preamble) and Latin (letters patent)

Size: 450 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p, head repaired with paper c1970

Another copy: DCD Loc.III:37.

Petition granted: DCD 3.5.Reg.3 and Loc.III:23 (both Henry VI).

DCD Loc.XIX:2 1 November 1513

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of half of a tenth subsidy from the archdeaconry of Durham, conceded to King Henry VIII at the York convocation, rendered to Master Hugh Assheton chancellor of the bishop of Durham by Thomas Swalwell fellow monk of Durham, detailing portions from the collegiate churches of Chester, Lanchester and Auckland, and temporalities of the prioress of Neasham.

Size: 510 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:3 [c.1515]

Copies of acquittances from Edmund [Thornton] abbot of [St Mary's] York and Thomas Magnus archdeacon of the East Riding for moneys received from Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of subsidies granted to the king by the York convocation.

Receipt, in English, for £189 2s 2d from the archdeaconry of Durham, by the hands of Thomas Swalwell DD.

Date: 24 November 4 Henry VIII. [1512]

Receipt, in English, for £8 2s 6d from the archdeaconry of Durham, by the hands of Master John Underwood.

Date: 12 December 4 Henry VIII. [1512]

Receipt, in English, for £196 15s 3d from the archdeaconry of Durham, by the hands of Thomas Swalwell DD.

Date: 22 July 5 Henry VIII. [1513]

Receipt for £97 16s ½d from the archdeaconry of Durham, by the hands of Master Hugh Asheton.

Date: 8 December 1513.

Receipt for £210 6s 3d from the archdeaconries of Durham and Northumberland, by the hands of Thomas Swalwell DD.

Date: 16 August 7 Henry VIII (15 July 5 Henry VIII cancelled).

Duplicate (fair copy) of the last.

Language: English; Latin

Size: 555 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Original (receipt Hugh Asheton): DCD Loc.XIX:4.

Related material in other DUL collections: Account (16 August): DCD Loc.XIX:26.

DCD Loc.XIX:4 8 December 1513

Receipt from Edmund [Thornton] abbot of St Mary's York to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of the half tenth subsidy in the archdeaconry of Durham granted by the York convocation to King [Henry VIII], for £97 16s ½d by the hands of Master Hugh Assheton.

Signed by [Thornton].

Date: 8 December 1513, 5 Henry VIII.

Size: 160 x 260 mm

Seal: G&B No.3568(i), applied, on the right bottom corner

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

Copy in: DCD Loc.XIX:3.

DCD Loc.XIX:5 3 March [?1513]

Letter from Hugh Assheton priest to Dr [Thomas] Swalwell terrar of Durham priory saying he will send him an acquittance from the abbot of St Mary's [York] for the money collected towards a royal half tenth [subsidy] from Kepier hospital and the archdeaconry of Durham.

Date: London, 3 March.

Language: English

Size: 255 x 220 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Paper, 1p, slits down each edge

DCD Loc.XIX:6 2 August [?1513]

Letter [from Hugh Ashton to Thomas Castell prior of Durham] explaining that he cannot charge the archdeacon [of the East Riding] with collecting the half tenth [subsidy], but he will receive it from [the prior].

Date: York, 2 August.

Language: English

Size: 110 x 215 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:7 [?1519]

Acquittance from the royal treasury to the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of the first of two tenths granted to King Henry VIII by the York convocation held 9-14 April 1516, the first half to be paid at the Invention of the Holy Cross 10 Henry VIII, and the second half at the Invention of the Holy Cross 11 Henry VIII, as deputed for the diocese of Durham by Thomas [Ruthall] bishop of Durham, for their account of £200 14s 4½¼d.

Size: 290 x 320

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:8 [?1521]

Acquittance from the royal treasury to the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of the second of two tenths granted to King Henry VIII by the York convocation held 9-14 April 1516, the first half to be paid at the Invention of the Holy Cross 12 Henry VIII, and the second half at the Invention of the Holy Cross 13 Henry VIII, as deputed for the diocese of Durham by Thomas [Ruthall] bishop of Durham, for their account of £206 2s 6½¼d.

Size: 290 x 335 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:9a [?1516]

Acquittance from the royal treasury to the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of three tenths granted to King Henry VIII by the York convocation held from 26 April 1512 to 4 February following, the first to be paid before St Peter *ad vincula* 1514, the second at Michaelmas 1515 and the third at Michaelmas 1516, as deputed by letters patent of Brian Higden vicar general of Christopher [Bainbridge] formerly archbishop of York, for their account of £640 12s ½d for the three tenths by their attorney George Blakston.

Size: 295 x 350 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:9b [?1513]

Acquittance from the royal treasury to the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of two tenths granted to King Henry VIII by the York convocation held from 26 April 1512 to 4 February following from the archdeaconry of Durham, the first to be paid before St Peter *ad vincula* year as above, the second before the Conception of the BVM 1513, as deputed by letters patent of T[homas Ruthall] bishop of Durham, for their account of £406 9s 9d for the two tenths.

Size: 260 x 355 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:10 6 May [1514]

Letter from John Withers to Dr Swalwell terrar of Durham asking him "to sursesse for a seson as tochyng qartam partem of Johannes Baptiste is spirituall patromony" (the liability of John Baptiste to the additional subsidy of a fourth) within the diocese of Durham as it has been specially requested, the king will not "lesse his rygth", Master Wycliffe (*Wyckelyff*) has been involved in this, and he asks to be recommended to Mr ?Bovener knight, John Rakett, Doctor [Hugh] Whitehead, and Mr Bowse.

Date: London, 6 May.

Language: English

Size: 295 x 210 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:11 1 June [1513]

Copy letter of Henry [VIII] to Cardinal [Christopher Bainbridge] archbishop of York ordering that Master John Boerius, son of Master John Baptiste, physician to Henry VII, be exempt from the additional subsidy of a ¼ to which his benefice was liable, as he was an alien.

Date: Greenwich, 1 June 5 [Henry VIII].

Note that the original remains in the custody of Master John Withers.

Language: English

Size: 420 x 310 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:12 [14 July] 1320

Commission by Stephen [of Gravesend], bishop of London, deputed collector for one year from 15 Kal. January last [18 December 1319] of the tenth granted to the king of England by Pope John XXII to the prior and convent of Durham, reciting the following 2 bulls

Bull by Pope John [XXII] to the archbishops of Canterbury and Dublin, and the bishop of London deputing them, or one or two of them, as collectors of the tenth imposed on the clergy of England, Ireland and Wales, excepting the Hospitallers, for the year beginning with the date of the presents, which he has granted to Edward [II], king of England, for the defence of his realm; instructing them to demand and receive the tenth, which is to be paid at the customary terms of the year, and thereafter to assign it to the king; authorising them to appoint subcollectors and to punish non-payment by means of excommunication, suspension and interdict.

Date: Avignon, 15 Kal. January, Pont. 4. [18 December 1319]

Bull by Pope John [XXII] to the clergy of England, Ireland and Wales, excepting the Hospitallers, instructing them to pay the tenth, as described above, to the collectors or their deputies, as described above.

Date: Avignon, 15 Kal. January, Pont. 4. [18 December 1319]

deputing them as subcollectors of the tenth in the city and diocese of Durham and instructing them to bring about payment of the two halves thereof by the customary terms, namely the quindene of Michaelmas [13 October 1320] and the quindene of Candlemas [16 February 1321]; authorising them to impose sentence of excommunication, suspension or interdict on defaulters and to cite them to attend before the bishop or his commissaries in St Paul's, London; instructing them to bring the money collected to the exchequer within fifteen days of the term days and there to render account; and requiring certification to the bishop or his commissaries, by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, the date of receipt of the presents, what they shall have done in respect of the foregoing, and the names of those cited and the day assigned to them for the first and second term.

Date: Haringay, 2 Id. July 1320.

Size: 370 x 360 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot, two cuts in the left corner, part of the head gnawed away with some text lost

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.70r-71r.

DCD Loc.XIX:13 [27 December] 1332

Copy certificate of the prior of Durham to Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham, of having received the following episcopal mandate and of intending to act upon it.

Mandate of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, reciting the following mandate

Mandate of William [Melton] archbishop of York to Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham, reciting the following mandate

Mandate of Icherius de Concoreto, canon of Salisbury, papal nuncio in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and general collector of a quadriennial tenth in England, Wales, and Ireland, to the archbishop of York and his suffragans as special collectors of the tenth, requiring the archbishop by St Hilary and the bishops of Durham and Carlisle within a week of St Hilary to cite and compel their subcollectors to appear before the nuncio in his lodging in London to account for their acts and receipts for the third year of the tenth, by which dates the nuncio is to be certified what is done. The archbishop is to make known these letters to his suffragans as soon as possible. Under the seal of his office.

Date: London, 13 November 1332.

received on 5 Id. December [9 December], to be acted upon by the bishop.

Date: [Bishop]thorpe by York, 4 Id. December [10 December] 1332.

appointing him subcollector and he is to render his account of his acts and receipts before Dom Icherius in his house in London within the octave of St Hilary, for which he is to answer to the bishop before Holy Innocents.

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 16 December 1332.

Date: Durham, 6 Kal. January 1332.

Size: 170 x 290 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, left bottom corner gnawed away with some text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:14 [later 13th century]

Account of N. de Berwys for the diocese of Carlisle of the tenth of the queen for the first year, for the priory of Carlisle etc, Cumberland, Allerdale, Westmorland, with notes of moneys and receipts, including £28 in a bag in a chest in the dormitory of St Mary's priory Carlisle.

Size: 180 x 175 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:15 [16 July] 1241

Receipt of J[ohn of Overton] prior of Guisborough to the prior and convent of Durham, by the hand of Dom B subprior, for 1000 marks for the papal subsidy collected in Scotland at the rate of 13s 4d to the mark.

Witnesses: Master W of Kilkenny, Dom W of Selby, W of Sadberge, W Carlisle, Reginald de Pontecurvo, Nicholas nuncio of Master Peter Rubei.

Date: morrow of the translation of St Swithun 1241.

Size: 85 x 150 mm

Seal: G&B No.3482, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.lxxv-lxxvi; *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyesburne II*, ed W. Brown (Surtees Society 89, 1891), p.xxxvii n.

DCD Loc.XIX:16 29 January [1436]

Copy writ of Henry [VI] addressed to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham asking for a list of possessions and temporalities to be made on which a subsidy voted to the king may be levied.

Date: Westminster, 29 January 14 Henry VI.

Size: 305 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Another copy: DCD Reg. III, f.200v-201v.

Calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1430-1437*, p.258.

DCD Loc.XIX:17 11 July [1345]

Writ of Edward III to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop-elect of Durham, saying that the collectors of the triennial tenth appointed by Richard de Bury, are to collect the same and deliver it to the royal exchequer.

Date: Southwick (*Suthewyk*) , 11 July 19 Edward III.

Size: 70 x 275 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged on the bottom left corner, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:18 13 October [1339]

Writ (*sicut alias*) of Edward III to the sheriff of Northumberland to distrain the prior of Durham to collect the triennial tenth voted to the king, and to cause the prior to appear before the barons of the exchequer at Westminster at Martinmas with his accounts.

Witness: R de Sadyngton.

Date: Westminster, 13 October 13 Edward III.

Size: 75 x 265

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:19 [1293]

Letters of the dean of Linlithgow to the prior of Coldingham, acknowledging receipt of the following mandate which he has executed.

Mandate of the prior of Coldingham, commissary of J[ohn of Halton], bishop of Carlisle, collector of tenths and obventions for the king in Scotland, having received the following commission, to the dean of Linlithgow, to collect half of the tenth in his deanery and pay it on the Wednesday after the octave of Easter next at the house of the brothers of the Holy Trinity and of captives of South Berwick.

Commission of John [of Halton] bishop of Carlisle, collector of tenths and obventions for the king in Scotland, as deputed by the pope, to the prior and convent of Coldingham to act as collector of a tenth in the archdeaconsry of Lothian, excepting the Templars and Hospitallers, to be paid at the Purification of the BVM and Trinity in equal parts.

Date: Berwick[-upon-Tweed], 5 Kal February [28 January] 1292/3.

Date: Coldingham, St Peter *in cathedra* [22 February] 1292/3.

Size: 135 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged head and left edge with some text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:20 27 January 1324

Certification by the dean of Darlington to William [of Cowton] prior and the convent of Durham, subcollector of the biennial tenth in the diocese of Durham, of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of William prior and the convent of Durham, subcollector of a biennial tenth in the diocese of Durham, to the dean of Darlington to collect the tenth in his deanery, the Hospitallers exempted, the first half by the Purification of the BVM and the second half by Ascension next, according to the new taxation, to be paid at Durham cathedral, by authority of the principal collector, the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

Date: Durham, 4 Non. January 1323/4.

Date: Newsham on Tees (*Neusome*), 6 Kal. February year as above [2 January] 1324

Size: 120 x 225 mm

Parchment, 1m, slight damage to the foot and right edge, lozenge-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:21 [24 September] 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester collector of the annual tenth granted by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the diocese of Durham, to pay off, with the money raised by the tenth, a debt owed by the king to Vitalus de Cassallo and Bernard de la Toure and their fellow vintners of Gascony.

Date: Betchworth (*Bethesworth*), 8 Kal. October 1318.

Size: 100 x 275 mm

Seal: [episcopal], residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:22 [19 September 1320]

Mandate of the dean of Durham to the clergy of his deanery, having received the following mandate, to carry it out.

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, appointed subcollectors in the diocese of Durham by Stephen [Gravesend] bishop of London principal collector of a tenth granted by Pope John XXII from the clergy of England and Wales to the king for the defence of his kingdom, to the dean of Christianity of Durham to collect the first half of the tenth from his clergy and present it in Durham cathedral at the quindene of St Michael next.

Date: Durham, Prid. Id. September [12 September] 1320.

Date: Durham, 13 Kal. October year as above.

Endorsed (contemporary) that this mandate was sent from church to church, that is Kelloe, [Bishop] Middleham, Sedgfield, Billingham, Greatham, Stainton, Elwick, Hart, Hartlepool, Hesledon, Easington, Dalton, Seaham, Bishopwearmouth, Monkwearmouth, Whitburn, Jarrow, Gateshead, Whickham, Lamesley, Washington and Chester[-le-Street].

Size: 100 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1m, irregular shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, tongue cut

DCD Loc.XIX:23 [7 November] 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester collector of the annual tenth granted by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused W[alter Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the diocese of Durham, that Master Oliver Dencourt's excommunication is renounced so that moneys can be collected from him.

Date: Huntington by York, 7 Id. November 1318.

Size: 55 x 275 mm

Seal: [episcopal], residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, horizontal slits [for a tie]

DCD Loc.XIX:24 [early 15th century]

Names of the chaplains of Northumberland not paying *nobilia*: William de Hautwesyll, Richard de Neuburgh, Robert de Byrtby, Thomas Bellingham, Ralph chaplain of Prudhoe, John Chaundeler, William de Catewyk, John Slegh, Ralph de Scotyr, William chaplain of Belsowe, Thomas of Norham, John de Godyboure, John Lange, William Bednell, Thomas Edgar, William de Fyse, Henry Rothum, Brother Thomas Sostlowe, John chaplain of Smeldon, Alan of Prestwick of Allirbourn, Richard chaplain of Brandon, John of Heworth, John chaplain of Bedwyk, John chaplain of Ford, Robert chaplain of the same, Robert Goll chaplain of Lowick, William chaplain of Kylay, William Derlyng of Dotyngton, John Dotyngton chaplain of Wetewode, Walter Holcotus of Charleton, William Colston of Alnmouth, Thomas of Bolton chaplain of Bolton; deanery of Durham: Dom Ralph parochial chaplain of Washington, Dom John Skypse, Dom Robert Frere, Dom William chaplain of lord Hylton, Dom John Teesdale chaplain of Stanhope, Dom William Emery, Dom Thomas chaplain of Stanhope forest, Dom Richard Greatham chaplain of St Edmund, Dom Thomas Morton chaplain of Auckland St Helen, Dom E chaplain of Dom William Fulthorp; deanery of Darlington: Dom parochial chaplain of the parish of Middleton in Teesdale, Dom Hugh Mustard.

Size: 105 x 310 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, kite-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, tongue cut off and missing

DCD Loc.XIX:25 [September 1513]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of three tenths granted to King Henry VIII by the York convocation held from 26 April 1512 to 4 February following, the first to be paid before St Peter *ad vincula* 1514, the second at Michaelmas 1515 and the third at Michaelmas 1516, as deputed by letters patent of Brian Higden vicar general of Christopher [Bainbridge] formerly archbishop of York, for receipts of £640 12s ½d for the three tenths by their attorney George Blakston, as enrolled in the [exchequer] memoranda of Michaelmas 5 [Henry VIII].

Size: 410 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:26 16 August 1512

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham collector of the tenth from the archdeaonries of Durham and Northumberland, granted to the king by the convocation of York 26 April 1512, made to Edmund [Thornton] abbot of York St Mary and Master Thomas Magnus deputy or commissary for the king, made 16 August 1512 by Thomas Swalwell fellow monk of Durham cathedral and Sac. Th. Prof., with some amendments and the names of portion holders added in a different ink.

Size: 435 x 255 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:26* 16 August 1512

Duplicate of Loc.XIX:26, but without the amendments and additions.

Size: 380 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:27 [June 1520]

Account for £217 2s 10¼d for the clergy tenth in [Durham] diocese granted in the province of York, enrolled in the [Exchequer] memoranda of Trinity 12 [Henry VIII].

Size: 210 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:28 19 July 1514

Account of Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of the tenth from the archdeaonries of Durham and Northumberland granted to the king by the convocation of York 26 April 1512, made to Edmund [Thornton] abbot of York St Mary and Master Thomas Magnus deputy or commissary for the king, made 19 July 1514 by Thomas Swalwell fellow monk of Durham cathedral, with some erasures and amendments in a different ink.

Size: 380 x 225 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:29 19 July 1514

Duplicate [fair copy] of Loc.XIX:28.

Size: 470 x 215 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:30.1 16 March 1506

Receipt of Martin Colyns treasurer of York minster to the prior of Durham, collector of the royal tenth in the archdeaonry of Durham, for the second half by the hand of Master Robert Cheston notary public for £4 13s 2d. Signed.

Size: 105 x 200 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:30.2 18 June 1505

Receipt of Martin Colyns treasurer of York minster, appointed by Henry VII as receiver of a royal tenth in the province of York, for the first payment of £60 15s 6d by the hand of Master Thomas Swalwell Sac. Th. Prof. fellow monk of Durham priory, collector within the archdeaonry of Durham. Signed.

Size: 115 x 205 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:30.3 10 July 1506

Receipt of Thomas Water in the name of Master Martin [Colyns], receiver for Henry VII, of a tenth granted from the province of York, to the prior of Durham collector of the tenth in the archdeaconry of Durham, for 4½d by the hand of Master [Robert] Cheston NP.

Signed.

Size: 75 x 200 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:30.4 [?1506]

Receipt of Martin Colyns treasurer of York minster to the prior of Durham by the hand of Master Dr [Thomas] Swalwell official of the monastery, for the second half of the subsidy granted to the king for £48 20d. Signed.

Size: 80 x 200 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:31a 19 November [1512]

Receipt of Master Hugh Assheton clerk receiver general of the exchequer of Durham, that he delivered to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, to the hand of Thomas Swalwell terrar of Durham, collector of the royal tenth, by the hand of Christopher Brown £40 and Robert Harvy £26 13s 4d by J. Rakett. Signed by Rakett.

Date: Durham, 19 November Pont. Thomas [Ruthall] 4.

Size: 160 x 220 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:31b 13 July [1513]

Receipt of Master Hugh Assheton clerk receiver general of the exchequer of Durham that he delivered to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham to the hand of Dr Thomas Swalwell terrar of Durham, collector of the royal tenth, by the hand of Robert Harvy £66 13s 4d.

Date: Durham, 13 July Pont. Thomas [Ruthall] 5.

Size: 135 x 155 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:31c 10 July [1514]

Receipt of Master Hugh Assheton clerk receiver general of the exchequer of Durham, that he delivered to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, collector of the royal tenth in the bishoprick of Durham, to the hand of Thomas Swalwell terrar of Durham, by the hand of Robert Harvy £27 11s 4d and by John Swynno £39 2s. Signed by Assheton.

Date: Durham, 10 July Pont. Thomas [Ruthall] 6.

Size: 165 x 215 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

Paper, 1p, indented head zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:31d 30 June [1515]

Receipt of Master William Frankeleyn clerk, receiver general of the exchequer of Durham, that he delivered to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, to the hand of Dr Thomas Swalwell, collector of the royal tenth, by the hand of Robert Harvy £66 13s 4d. Signed by Harvy.

Date: Durham, 30 June Pont. Thomas [Ruthall] 7.

Size: 150 x 195 mm

Seal: unidentified, papered on a tongue

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:31e 13 February [1517]

Receipt of George Blaxton, attorney for the prior of Durham collector of two of the first tenths and also collector of the three last tenths granted to the king, having delivered to the royal receipt at Westminster to the hand of Robert Watno various sums by various indentures (detailed). Signed by Watno.

Date: 13 February 8 Henry VIII.

Language: English

Size: 170 x 210 mm

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:32a [22 June] 1335

Receipt of the prior and convent of Durham, appointed by Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham as subcollector in the archdeaconry of Durham of the tenth granted by the clergy of the province of York to the king for the defence of the realm, to the rector of Easington for 53s for the church of Easington and 11s 8d for his portion in the church of Chester[-le-Street].

Date: Durham, 10 Kal. July 1335.

Size: 55 x 240 mm

Seal: blank sealing tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:32b 24 June [1352]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to Master John ?Fery for 8s for his portion in the church of Norton for the terms of St Andrew 1351 and the Nativity of St John the Baptist 1352.

Date: Durham, 24 June year as above.

Size: 40 x 255 mm

Seal: stubs for a sealing tongue, and wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:32c 24 June [1352]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to the rector of Coniscliffe for 21s 3d for the term of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 1352.

Date: Durham, 24 June year as above.

Size: 40 x 255 mm

Seal: blank sealing tongue, with a wrapping tie stub below

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the right edge

DCD Loc.XIX:32d [24 June] 1352

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to his hostiller of Durham for 32s 10d for the terms of St Andrew 1351 and the Nativity of St John the Baptist 1352, for the first year of the payment of the tenth.

Date: Durham, St John the Baptist 1352.

Size: 50 x 210 mm

Seal: sealing tongue stub, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the right edge

DCD Loc.XIX:32*a [?February 1353]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to the master of Jarrow for 14s 10d for the term of the Purification of the BVM 1352/3, the first term of the second year of payment.

Date: Durham.

Size: 35 x 270 mm

Seal: part of a sealing tongue, with a wrapping tie stub below

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:32*b 2 February [1357]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to Dom Walter de Harpham for 12s for his portion in the church of Auckland, for the term of the Purification of the BVM 1356/7, the first term of payment.

Date: Durham, 2 February year as above.

Size: 30 x 255 mm

Seal: part of a sealing tongue

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:32*c 2 February [1357]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to the rector of Gateshead for 6s 8d for the term of the Purification of the BVM 1356/7, the first term of payment.

Date: Durham, 2 February year as above.

Size: 30 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, some gnawing of the bottom left and top right corners with some text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:32*d 2 February [1357]

Receipt of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham, collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the defence of the kingdom and the church in England by the clergy in the city and diocese of Durham, to Robert de Buston for 11s 8d for his portion in the church of Auckland for the term of the Purification of the BVM 1356/7, the first term of payment.

Date: Durham, 2 February year as above.

Size: 40 x 240 mm

Seal: parts of a sealing tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:33 [14 July] 1295

Mandate of John [of Halton], bishop of Carlisle, collector of tenths for the Holy Land in Scotland, to the prior of Coldingham, collector in the archdeaconry of Lothian, to relax, at the instance of Dom Richard Fraser *miles*, the interdicts on Master Michael, rector of Paulsworth (*Pouliswrd*) and farmer of Langeton.

Date: Jedburgh, 2 Id. July 1295.

Size: 50 x 190 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:34 [29 September] 1238

Receipt by Bosculus Albertini citizen and merchant of Lens, colleague of Lambertini Guidi and William Benaki, also citizens and merchants of Lens, on behalf of all of them, to the prior and convent of Durham, in the name of the said church, and John monk and Master William de Haya their proctors, by the hands of Walter of Richmond clerk and William de Estaumpest their nuncios, on St Michael 1238 for 35 marks at the rate of [13]s 4d to the mark at the New Temple London which the proctors had received from them as a loan in the Roman *curia* as detailed in an instrument, with all such instruments now returned, and they will not contravene any of this on pain of 40 marks under the jurisdiction of the bishop of London.

Sealed with his seal and those of certain citizens of London.

Witnesses: Brother Hugh of Stockton treasurer of the New Temple London, Master Odo of Kirkham, Dom Roger chaplain of the New Temple, Brother ?Maurice chaplain of the New Temple, Robert Pentecust goldsmith, Jodan of St Brigid, Richard Derkyn, John clerk of Master Odo of Kirkham, John clerk of Heighington.

Size: 175 x 175 mm

Seal: G&B No.38 (3 seals), each on a parchment tag through a slit in a turnup, with a further 6 tags with seals no longer surviving, each tag identified

Parchment, 1m, some damage to the middle and right edge with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:35 [c.1230]

Letters of Giles papal subdeacon and chaplain, archdeacon of Ely, to the prior and convent of Durham asking that a certain sum of money from a twentieth of Scotland deposited with them in the name of the pope be handed over to the bishop of Norwich to his proctor Landon clerk at the Temple or Hospital in London.

Size: 120 x 155 mm

Seal: G&B No.3266, disintegrating, on a parchment tag through a slit in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:36 [18 July] 1310

Letters of William de Testa archdeacon of Aran in the church of Comminges, papal chaplain, nuncio in England, collector of a sexennial tenth granted by Pope Nicholas IV for the Holy Land, to the prior and convent of Durham through Master John de Snaynton their clerk and his proctor, that, because of their difficulty in paying the arrears of the sexennial tenth, he has prorogued the term for payment until All Saints and relaxed any excommunications, suspensions and interdicts imposed by himself, Master Bartholomew de Ferentino and others of his predecessors.

Date: London, 15 Kal. August 1310.

Size: 170 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, bottom edge gnawed, wrapping tie, small stains

DCD Loc.XIX:37 [21 May] 1319

Certification by the prior and convent of Durham, subcollectors in the bishoprick of Durham, to John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester, collector of an annual tenth granted to the king by Pope John XXII, that, having received the following mandate
Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester collector of the annual tenth granted by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused W[alter Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the bishoprick of Durham, to render their account, with the memoranda rolls and muniments concerning it, in the conventual church of Southwark St Mary on the next lawday after St Barnabas.

Date: Huntington by [York], [3 Id. May] [15 May] 1319.

Dom Emeric of Lumley their fellow monk and Master John of Beckingham clerk would render their account as mandated.

Date: Durham, 12 Kal. June 1319.

Size: 170 x 240 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, parts of the right and left sides gnawed away with text lost

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XIX:110.

DCD Loc.XIX:38 [early 14th century]

Account of moneys received from clergy in the archdeaconries of Northumberland and Durham for the fourth year [of the subsidy].

Size: 135 x 175 mm

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, some small holes

DCD Loc.XIX:39 24 October [1492]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of a tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York in the diocese of Durham, for £203 9s 4½¼d.

Endorsed (contemporary): "Copia formule acquietancie olim usitate".

Size: 160 x 220 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:40a [?1496]

Extract from the roll of accounts of tenths for the diocese of Durham, of the account of the prior of Durham, collector of a tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York, to be paid the first half at Martinmas 12 Henry VII and the second half at Martinmas 13 Henry VII, by their attorney John Bentley, for £203 16s ½d.

Note at the foot: the time of Dom H. Dalton subcollector of the said tenth.

Size: 200 x 420 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:40b [October 1497]

Extract from the roll of accounts of tenths for the diocese of Durham, of the account of the prior of Durham, collector of the first tenth of three granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York, with the first to be paid by 1 September 13 Henry VII, by their attorney John Bentley, for £217 2s 10¼d, as in the memoranda of Michaelmas term 13 [Henry VII].

Note at the foot: the time of Dom H. Dalton subcollector of the said tenth.

Size: 190 x 340 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:40c [October 1497]

Extract from the roll of accounts of tenths for the diocese of Durham, of the account of the prior of Durham, collector of the second tenth of three granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York, with the second to be paid by 21 November 13 Henry VII, by their attorney John Bentley, for £217 2s 10¼d.

Note at the foot: the time of Dom H. Dalton subcollector of the said tenth.

Size: 200 x 430 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:41 [6 April] 1293

Mandate of the prior of Coldingham, commissary of Master Geoffrey of Vezzano, canon *Cameracen*, delegate of the Holy See for collecting arrears of a tenth for the Holy Land granted by the Council of Lyons and to recover what was owed to Master Baiamundus collector of the same tenth in Scotland, to the dean of the church of Caithness (*Cathan*), that having summoned the [holder of the] church of *Scynande*, the portion of Eugenius, the vicar of *Kanaysby*, the archdeacon of Caithness and the executors of the subdeacon of Caithness, all owing arrears, to the church of Holy Trinity in South Berwick for the morrow of the octaves of Easter, he now mandates them to be cited to appear there on Tuesday before St Mary Magdalene to answer for their detailed arrears.

Date: Berwick, the morrow of the octaves of Easter 1293.

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

Parchment, 1m, some stains, stabbed [fiing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:42 26 October 1380

Receipt that William of Bowland gave to John of Killinghall at London on 26 October 1380 on the order of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham £6 5s 4d collected for the subsidy from the clergy to the king, as detailed in the rolls of Master John Maund chancellor of the bishop.

Date: London, day and year above.

Size: 105 x 105 mm

Seal: unidentified, applied, with a rush ring surround

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, letters cut through

DCD Loc.XIX:43 [17 July] 1294

Mandate of the abbot of York St Mary, executor of the [bishops] of Winchester and Lincoln for collecting a tenth for King E[dward I] conceded by the apostolic see, commissary in the archdeaconries of York, Cleveland and East Riding, to the vicar of Eastrington to excommunicate the vicar of Shipworth, and the rectors of Hemingbrough, Walkington, Brantingham and Wellton for not paying the subsidy.

Date: York, 16 Kal. August 1294.

Size: 120 x 215 mm

Parchment, 1m, lined, parts of the head and foot gnawed away with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:44 [1284 x 1299, c.1292]

Receipt from Antony [Bek] bishop [of Durham] and the prior and chapter of Durham to Master Geoffrey of Vezzano canon *Cameracen*, clerk of the papal chamber, nuncio of the apostolic see, and acting for Oliver [Sutton] bishop of Lincoln in the business of the tenth granted as subsidy for the Holy Land to King Edward [I], for £1000 on deposit in the sacristy or treasury of [Durham] for which they are obligated to the bishop of Lincoln and John [of Pontoise] bishop of Winchester, and they will restore the said £1000 at the New Temple London within 2 months to the said Geoffrey and the bishop of Winchester.

Size: 140 x 230 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:45 [8 November] 1255

Letter of Master Rostand, papal subdeacon and chaplain, to the archbishop, bishops and clergy of York, Durham and Carlisle dioceses, appointing the abbot of Fountains, the prior of Finchale and Master G[eo]ffrey de Forset as his deputies as collector of the tenth.

Date: London, 6 Id. November 1255.

Size: 80 x 175 mm

Parchment, 1m, cut [filing] hole on the left edge

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England to 1327*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1939), p.272.

DCD Loc.XIX:46 4 August 1309

Mandate of William de Testa, archdeacon of Aran in the church of Comminges, papal chaplain and collector of the arrears of the sexennial tenth imposed on the English Church by Pope Nicholas IV, to the prior of Durham subcollector in the diocese of Durham, to seek 40s arrears for the fourth year of the subsidy from Adam de Merley executor of the will of Master Robert de Merely [late] rector of the church of *Wlover*, citing him if necessary to appear before Testa in London, rather than from Master Henry de Luceby [now] rector of *Wlover*.

Date: London, 4 August 1309.

Size: 115 x 200 mm

Seal: G&B No.3722, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, some staining, cut out [filing] hole on the left side

DCD Loc.XIX:47 [27 March] 1314

Certification of the dean of Corbridge to Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, deputed sub-collectors of a sexennial tenth in the city and diocese of Durham by Pope Clement V, of executing all in the following mandate.

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, deputed sub-collectors of a sexennial tenth in the city and diocese of Durham by Pope Clement V, to the dean of Corbridge to collect the subsidy from the clergy in his deanery and deliver it to Durham cathedral on the Monday after Palm Sunday that is Kal. April, the second term of the first year as stated in the papal bull.

Date: Durham, 2 Id. February 1313/4.

Date: Corbridge, 6 Kal. April 1314.

Size: 155 x 225 mm

Seal: G&B No.3313, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, cut out [filing] hole on the left side

DCD Loc.XIX:48 [8 December] 1344

Certification by the dean of Durham to John [Fossor] prior and the chapter of Durham of having carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior and the chapter of Durham, collectors of a triennial tenth as a subsidy for the king for the defence of England granted by the clergy deputed by Richard [de Bury] bishop of Durham in the city and diocese of Durham, to the dean of Durham, having received the following mandate, to raise the subsidy from the clergy in his deanery.

Mandate of Richard [de Bury] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham, to carry out the following writ in his diocese.

Writ of King Edward [III] to Richard [de Bury] bishop of Durham, when, to assist the arduous business of defending the realm, the clergy of the province of York in York minster on Monday after St John the Baptist granted a triennial tenth, half to be paid at St Lucy and the other half at the Nativity of St John the Baptist, to collect it in his diocese and to pay it at the royal exchequer with all celerity.

Date: Westminster, 8 October 18 England, 5 France [Edward III]. [1344]

Date: his manor of Howden, 19 October 1344, Pont.11.

Date: Durham, 4 Id. November year as above [10 November 1344]

Date: Kimblesworth, 6 Id. December 1344.

Size: 215 x 230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:49 [26 June] 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester, collector of an annual tenth imposed by Pope John XXII on the clergy of England, deputed with the excused Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors of the tenth in the diocese of Durham, having previously sent him his letters and transcripts of the papal letters, commissioning him to collect the tenth from the clergy in the diocese of Durham, with the first half due at Kal. June and the other half at Kal. October, with those not paying to be cited to appear before him in the church of St Mary Southwark, and he is to use sentences, suspensions, excommunications, interdicts and any other ecclesiastical censures if there is not satisfactory payment of the first half by the Nativity of the BVM and the second half by St Dionysius, and it is not his intention to levy the tenth from benefices taxed at less than 6 marks, or from poor hospitals or from nunneries, and the tenth is to be levied according to the last taxation.

Date: Southwark, 6 Kal. July 1318.

Size: 170 x 245 mm

Seal: G&B No.3212, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:50 [20 July] 1310

Exemplification by William Testa, archdeacon of Aran in the church of Comminges, papal chaplain and nuncio, of the following papal bull.

Commission of Pope Clement [V] to William Testa, archdeacon of Aran in the church of Comminges, papal chaplain and nuncio, as collector to collect from the clergy of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the arrears of the tenths imposed by his predecessors Gregory X, Nicholas IV and Boniface VIII, the census, Peter's pence, procurations of those who had previously been legates or nuncios of the Holy See, the goods of the late Geoffrey [of Vazzano], bishop of Parma and previously papal nuncio and collector [in England], pecuniary penalties promised to the Holy Land or the Roman church for failure to fulfil contracts, money for the Holy Land arising from gifts, bequests or the redemption of vows, and legacies bequeathed indistinctly.

Date: ?Nevers (*Niverum*), 10 Kal. April Pont.1. [23 March 1306]

Date: London, 13 Kal. August 1310.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the power to revoke *summas* of Bartholomew de Ferentino.

Size: 280 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3722, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, with two diamond-shaped [filing] holes on the left edge

Discussed in: W.E. Lunt, "William of Testa and the Parliament of Carlisle", (*English Historical Review* Vol.41 No.163, July 1926), p.333

DCD Loc.XIX:51 5 January 1454

Mandate of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to collect a half tenth granted to the king from the clergy of the diocese of Durham.

Date: 5 January 1453/4 and Pont.16.

Size: 110 x 320 mm

Seal: stubs of a [sealing] tongue and a [wrapping] tie

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left side, some staining, right side damaged with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:52 20 March 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester and Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, collectors of ecclesiastical revenues in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland for a year from Michaelmas next granted by Pope John XXII to the king [Edward II] for the relief of his debts and to provide for the business of the Holy Land, to the prior and convent of Durham, having received on 7 March the commission of the pope, a copy of which is enclosed, and which was published by Walter [Reynolds] archbishop of Canterbury, declaring that the tenth was to be collected, half on Kal. June and half on Kal. October, commissioning them to collect the subsidy accordingly in the diocese of Durham [and deliver it to] London.

Date: 20 March 1317/8.

Endorsed (contemporary) that it was received on 15 Kal. May [17 April] 1318 in the presence of Hugh of Corbridge notary, John of Bocking clerk, and Dom William of Durham master, and that it was published in the convocation of the clergy held on the following day.

Size: 175 x 235 mm

Parchment, 1m, badly damaged with much of the lower right part missing with much text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:53 [4 October 1407]

Receipt of John de Etton sheriff of Yorkshire to the prior of Durham, collector in the diocese of Durham of the first half of a tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York on 11 December 6 [Henry IV] for 40s, for the issues of forfeitures before the barons of the king's exchequer for Michaelmas 7 Henry IV.

Date: York castle, Tuesday after Michaelmas 9 Henry IV.

Size: 70 x 255 mm

Seal: G&B No.927, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:54 6 June 1335

Mandate from the prior and convent of Durham, deputed by Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to collect for the king from the clergy of the diocese of Durham for the defence of the realm of England in the archdeaconry of Durham, to the dean of Durham to collect the first half of the tenth according to the annexed schedule, within 15 days of his receipt of this, to be paid at the monastery of Durham.

Date: Durham, 6 June 1335.

Size: 90 x 245 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue

Parchment, 1m, damaged head, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XIX:55 [16 April] 1295

Certification by the lieutenant of the official of the archdeacon of Northumberland to R[ichard de Hoton] prior of Durham, collector of the ecclesiastical subsidy for the king in the diocese of Durham, of having carried out the following mandate, except that he had not received any sequestrated moneys.

Mandate of R[ichard de Hoton] prior of Durham, collector of the half subsidy from ecclesiastical goods in the diocese of Durham for the king, to the lieutenant of the official of the archdeacon of Northumberland to publish, by authority of A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham in his consistory, a sentence of excommunication against the rector of Bothal and others as detailed in an attached schedule, for failing to pay the third part of the half subsidy, and to sequester the detailed goods in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, and to ensure payment from all those detailed whose benefices are valued at more than 10 marks in the taxation, before him in the church of Durham on Saturday after the Purification of the BVM next as the third part of the half subsidy, on pain of excommunication.

Date: Durham, 14 Kal. February [19 January] 1294/5.

Date: Corbridge, 16 Kal. May 1295.

Size: 205 x 220 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, 2 diamond-shaped [filing] holes in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:56 16 March 1475

Commission of Lawrence Booth bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham to collect the two tenths in his diocese, as detailed in the following letters close.

Letters close of Edward [IV] to L[awrence Booth] bishop of Durham, ordering collection of two tenths granted for the security and defence of the church of England and the peace, tranquillity, public good and defence of the realm of England at the provincial council held at York on 6 February last, exempt churches detailed, with names of those appointed to be notified to the treasurer and the barons of the exchequer by the morrow of the close of Easter next.

Date: Westminster, 10 March 15 [Edward IV]. [1475]

Date: his house by Charing Cross near Westminster outside the suburb of the city of London, 16 March 1474/5, Pont.18.

Size: 505 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3157 fragment, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

Similar letters (to the archbishop of York) calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1471-1485*, p.115-118.

DCD Loc.XIX:57 11 July [1464]

Letters patent of Edward IV saying that all aid is to be given to the prior and convent of Durham, deputed by Lawrence Booth] bishop of Durham in collecting the half of one tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York in 1462.

Witness: R. Illingworth.

Date: Westminster, 11 July 4 Edward IV.

Size: 260 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.3047, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:58 24 November 1479

Mandate of William [Dudley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, having received the following letters close at Auckland on 21 November, deputing him to collect the half tenth in his diocese.

Letters close of Edward [IV] to William [Dudley] bishop of Durham, ordering the collection of a half tenth granted at the provincial council held at York on 27 October 1478, exempt churches detailed, with the names of those appointed to be notified to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by the quinzaine of St Martin.

Date: Westminster, 2 September 19 Edward IV. [1479]

Date: Auckland manor, 24 November 1479, Pont.4.

Size: 310 x 550 mm

Seal: G&B No.3159, on a tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

Similar letters (to the archbishop of York) calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1471-1485*, p.192-194.

DCD Loc.XIX:59 [7 September] 1323

Mandate of John [?of Seaton] subprior of Durham, commissary of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham, to the dean of christianity of Durham and Geoffrey vicar of Billingham, to carry out the following mandate

Mandate of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham to the subprior of Durham to collect the moneys as detailed in the following royal writs by SS Simon and Jude.

Letters close of King Edward [II] to L[ouis Beaumont] bishop of Durham that, having inspected the rolls of the taxation of the spiritual and temporal goods of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Durham in the king's exchequer, it appears that the prior of Durham, collector of the tenth from the clergy of the province of York for 12 [Edward II], is owed certain sums from clergy, as specified, which he is to collect and deliver to the exchequer by the morrow of *animarum*.

Witness: W. of Norwich.

Date: York, 12 July 17 [Edward II]. [1323]

Letters close of King Edward [II] to L[ouis Beaumont] bishop of Durham that, having inspected the rolls of the taxation of the spiritual and temporal goods of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Durham in the king's exchequer, it appears that the prior of Durham, subcollector of the tenth from the clergy of England imposed by pope John XXII, is owed certain sums from clergy, as specified, which he is to collect and deliver to the exchequer by the morrow of *animarum*.

Witness: W of Norwich.

Date: York, 12 July 7 [Edward II]. [1323]

Letters close of King Edward [II] to L[ouis Beaumont] bishop of Durham that, having inspected the rolls of the taxation of the spiritual and temporal goods of the clergy of the diocese of Durham in the king's exchequer, it appears that the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of the subsidy of 12d in the mark granted by the clergy of York province in 8 [Edward II] in England imposed by Pope John XXII, is owed certain sums from clergy, as specified, which he is to collect and deliver to the exchequer by the morrow of *animarum*

Witness: W of Norwich.

Date: York, 12 July 7 [Edward II]. [1323]

Date: Stiveton, 25 August Pont.6. [1323]

by sequestration within 8 days, selling and distraining the ecclesiastical goods, with the moneys to be delivered to Durham cathedral by Michaelmas.

Date: Durham, 7 Id. September 1323.

Endorsed with the start of a draft certification by the subprior to Bishop Louis.

Size: 405 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:60 17 April 1443

Mandate of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to collect the tenth as detailed in the following royal letters close

Letters close of Henry [VI] to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham ordering the collection of a tenth granted in a convocation held at York on 4 October last, exempt churches detailed, with the names of those appointed to be notified to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by Ascension next.

Date: Westminster, 12 March 21 Henry VI. [1443]

one half at the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, one quarter at the same feast in 1444 and the last quarter at the same feast in 1445.

Date: 17 April 1443, Pont.6.

Size: 255 x 395 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, torn

Similar letters (to the archbishop of York) calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1437-1445*, p.257-259.

DCD Loc.XIX:61 10 December [1428]

Writ of Henry [VI] to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appoint collectors for half of a tenth granted to the king on 7 August 1428 by the clergy of the province of York, with detailed exceptions, and to cause it to be delivered to the exchequer at the next Purification of the BVM.

Date: Westminster, 10 December 7 Henry VI.

Size: 85 x 335 mm

Parchment, 1m, with 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, through one of which a label is tied

Calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1422-1430*, p.256-257.

DCD Loc.XIX:62 13 August 1496

Commission by Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having received on 11 August, at his manor of Bishop Auckland, the following writ

Writ by Henry [VII], king of England, to Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham, since Thomas [Rotherham] archbishop of York, in the provincial chapter and council lately held in the chapter-house of York minster on Monday 16 May 1496 by William [Sever] bishop of Carlisle, William Scheffeld', D.Dec., dean of York, and Hugh Trotter, S.T.P., treasurer of York, the archbishop's deputed commissaries, and the prelates and clergy of the city, dioceses and province of York gathered in the said chapter-house, to grant a subsidy to the king, for the defence of the English church, the keeping of the state and the peace and safety of the kingdom of England, in particular for defending the march against Scotland, and for bearing other burdens, at length granted the king a tenth, put it in writing and delivered it to the archbishop; whereof the tenor follows:

Grant by the prelates and clergy of the city, dioceses and province of York, subjects to Thomas, archbishop of York, gathered at the provincial convocation held by mandate of the archbishop in the chapter-house of York on 16 May 1496 with continuation of days; stating that they have granted a tenth from whatsoever their possessions and benefices, spiritual and temporal, according to the new assessment, or the old assessment where the new has not been made, to Henry [VII], king of England; totally exempt from payment of the tenth are: whatsoever nunneries because of their well-known poverty; also benefices appropriated to colleges, halls and houses of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford, or appropriated to any religious houses to the use of scholars of these universities; also Carthusian houses or priories, namely Mount Grace, Kingston upon Hull, and Beauvale, having goods, possessions and benefices in prov. York, on account of the zeal and austerity of their religion; the temporal properties of the monastery of Watton, because of the great number of nuns and the unwonted flooding of the Hull on to their lands; the community of York minster, along with the churches of Sturton le Steeple (Stretton), Misterton, Topcliffe, Weston and Brodsworth, appropriated to the fabric of York minster because of the rapid construction thereof; and the communities of the collegiate churches of Beverley, with the sacrist's portion therein, Southwell, Howden, and the chapel of St Mary Magdalen and the Holy Angels, York; churches of Huntington [N.R. Yorks.] and Fryston on Aire [W.R. Yorks.] with a portion therein, appropriated to the vicars-choral of York minster; the churches of Barnby and Kneesall, appropriated respectively to the use of the choristers and vicars-choral of Southwell collegiate church, on account of their meagre endowment; also, all monasteries, priories and benefices within Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland, and Copeland, and the temporalities and spiritualities annexed thereto within the said parts; also all benefices, cures, dignities, prebends, hospitals, pensions, and portions assessed at ten marks or under according to the new extent, or the old extent where the new has not been made; exempted from half of the grant of a tenth are: the lands, tenements and temporal possessions of the monasteries of Eggleston, Mattersey, Ellerton, Healaugh Park, and St Andrew's York, because of their notorious poverty; the provostry of Beverley minster, which has suffered no little loss this year from the waters of the sea and the Humber; the church of Harwood, the priory of Bolton, the church of Cheley, the priory of Haltemprice, the church of Ferriby, the priory of North Ferriby, the church of Welwick, the provostry of Beverley minster, the appropriated churches of Thwing for each part, Tankersley, Rowley, [York St John] Hungate, North Burton, Middleton [on the Wolds], Patrington, Silthorpe and Welton, and the prebend of Langtoft in the church of York, because of diminution of the revenues and over-assessment thereof; and exempted

from a third of the grant of a tenth are: the provostry of the church of Hemingbrough and the lands, tenements, and possessions, spiritual and temporal of the priory of Drax; the first half of the tenth to be collected, raised, and paid to the king at Martinmas next to come, and the second half at Martinmas 1497; providing that, if the prelates and clergy outside Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland and Copeland having benefices and possessions within the province of York be ordered by the archbishop or whatsoever other person by any authority, to resist the Scots or any other enemies of the kingdom of England and repel their invasion in person or by providing armed men at their own expense or the expense of any of them, then the grant of the tenth for those forced to bear arms against the Scots or provide armed men at their own expense are to be taken as not made and null and void for them in this regard; with proviso: in the event that any collector of the tenth or part thereof, deputed by the ordinary of the place, certify the king, treasurer and barons of the exchequer, on his or his attorney's oath, when rendering account in the exchequer, that he, the collector, in person or through his ministers, had been unable [to collect] the tenth from an assessed part of his collecting district accustomed to pay the tenth and not exempted for the causes given above, they, the prelates and clergy will that the collector or his attorney, on giving his oath before the treasurer and barons of the exchequer, be admitted and without enquiry or delay be taken at his word, and be thenceforward totally charged [*sic*] from and quit of the collection and payment of the tenth of goods and benefices from which the tenth may not be raised; granting that each deputed collector rendering his account at the exchequer receive 8d of every 20s of the tenth collected by him, for his and his servants' labours and expenses, and consider himself content therewith; a tenth being granted to the king under these conditions, namely that all collectors of the tenth will be admitted with all speed to render their account in the exchequer, and that no collector be troubled or burdened by the clerks or ministers of the exchequer, or whatsoever other person there, by reason of any lawsuit, or of a fee, reward or demand for any other quantity of money, but that they be freely dismissed and discharged straight away after rendering account without demand, payment or promise of any moneys to be made or paid by the collectors or any of them; and if, however [a collector shall have been] vexed, troubled or burdened with exaction, payment or promise of a quantity of money contrary to the foregoing, the grant of a tenth, to the extent of the part raised by a particular collector, is to be held at nought, neither owed nor paid, ordering the bishop to have trustworthy men, for whom he would answer, appointed from the clergy of his diocese to collect the tenth according to the form of the aforesaid grant, such that he might commend the tenth to the king at the said feast, [and] to certify the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by the octave of Michaelmas next to come of the names of those deputed for this purpose.

Witness: the king.

Date: Westminster, 16 June 11 [Henry VII]. [1496]

deputing him as collector of the tenth within the bishop's diocese according to the form of the grant and the tenor of the said writ, and giving him in his stead whatsoever power of canonical coercion.

Date: manor of Auckland, 13 August 1496.

Size: 595 x 440 mm

Seal: G&B No.3163 (*bis*) fragments, applied, one at the head and the other across the join

Paper, 2p

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.40v-41v.

Similar letters (to the archbishop of York) calendared: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1485-1509*, p.237-239.

DCD Loc.XIX:63 [30 January] 1323

Mandate by Roger [Northburgh] bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, deputed executor by apostolic order as below, along with the archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of London, to the prior and convent of Durham reciting the following bull

Bull (lately made public in a council at Lincoln) by Pope John XXII, to the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishop of London and the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield informing them that he has awarded to Edward [II], king of England, for the defence of his realm, a tenth of church revenues in England, Ireland and Wales for two years from Whitsun next, to be paid in arrears at Martinmas and Ascension Day in each of the two years; instructing them, or subcollectors to be deputed by them, to collect the tenth, and authorizing them to use ecclesiastical penalties against gainsayers.

Date: Avignon, 12 Kal. May, Pont. 6.

deputing them to collect the tenth within the bishopric of Durham; giving them power of ecclesiastical censure thereto; appointing Sunday in mid Lent, in place of the elapsed first term day; enjoining the delivery of all termly payments to the exchequer within a fortnight of their term days; and requiring certification of their progress in the matter within 20 days of each term day.

Date: *Sallowe*, 3 Kal. February 1322/3, Pont.1. [20 April 1322]

Endorsed including: received 8 Id. February.

Size: 330 x 350 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, cut through

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.83r-v.

DCD Loc.XIX:64 28 January 1364

Certification of John [Fossor] prior of Durham to John [Thoresby] archbishop of York of having carried out the following mandate

Mandate of John [Thoresby], archbishop of York and papal legate, as commissary specially deputed to levy in the province of York a proportion of the sum of 100,000 florins granted to the pope by the clergy of England, to the prior of Durham, ordering him, as deputy collector in the city and diocese of Durham, to publish and denounce by name, as having incurred the archbishop's sentence of excommunication, all those who fail to pay when required any portion of the subsidy due from themselves and their benefices, and to sequester their revenues and impose interdicts until such time as they make satisfaction for their arrears for the first and second terms of payment, and until the archbishop orders otherwise. What is done and the names which are published are to be certified to the archbishop or his deputy by the Purification next, by letters patent reciting this mandate.

Date: [Bishop]thorpe by York, 29 September 1363, Pont.11.

with an attached list of those failing to pay and thereby incurring excommunication.

Date: Durham, 28 January 1363/4.

Size: (m.1) 230 x 260 mm, (m.2) 230 x 190 mm

Seal: G&B No.3439 fragments, on a tongue, threaded through a slit in a turnup at the top of m2, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the left edge, + 1m attached, badly damaged with parts and text missing, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:65 [?1291]

Notification by the convent of Durham to the bishops of Winchester and Lincoln, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] as subsidy for the Holy Land, of the appointment of their fellow monks Doms Richard of Howden and Gilbert of Sherburn as their proctors to account for them at the New Temple, London, on Wednesday before St Benedict next for the tenth collected by them.

Size: 95 x 205 mm

Parchment, 1m, lower part missing with much text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:66 [?early 14th century]

?Draft mandate of J. collector of a biennial tenth for the second year granted to the king, to the chaplain of the collegiate chapel of Auckland, to collect from the prebendaries who had not paid by the Purification of the BVM, according to a schedule, and to sequesterate accordingly.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 55 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:67 [8 August] 1319

Mandate from the abbot of St Mary's York, deputed by apostolic authority subcollector of the fruits of the first year from benefices vacant in the province of York within three years, to the official of Durham, having received a mandate from Rigaud d'Assier (*de Asserio*) principal collector of the said fruits, to ascertain who holds the fruits from the prebends formerly held by Master Thomas de Applingden in Norton church, Dom R. of Lincoln in Auckland church, Louis Beaumont now bishop of Durham in Norton church and Auckland church, and Master Richard de Eryum in Lanchester, and the archdeacon of Northumberland, the rectors of Redmarshall, Knaresdal, Ford, Wolsingham, Edmundbyers, Aldenston, Medon and Bolum, and the vicars of Hartburn, Kelloe, and Pittington, and any other vacant benefices within the three years, to be accounted for in his monastery at York on Tuesday after Michaelmas next, and he is also to respond within eight days as to what he has done about the previously cited executors of the will of Master Thomas de Applingden and the sequestered fruits of Wolsingham church.

Date: York, 6 Id. August 1319.

Size: 125 x 230 mm

Seal: ghost of a seal on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:68a 24 August 1362

Commission by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham to act as collectors of the proportion of a sum of 100,000 florins chargeable to the bishop and clergy of the diocese of Durham, in accordance with letters of John [Thoresby] archbishop of York, annexed to this document, which the bishop received at Crayke on 24 August 1362 and is too busy to execute himself, and as was lately agreed between the bishop's and the archbishop's councils and the clergy of their two dioceses meeting at York. Revokable at will.

Date: Crayke, 24 August 1362.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3137, on a parchment tongue passed through slits in the following mandate

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:68b 21 August 1362

Mandate of John [Thoresby] archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham (an earlier mandate to the bishop having not yet been carried out) to see to the collection of the proportion of the sum of 100,000 florins chargeable to the bishop and clergy of the diocese of Durham, half to be collected by the Nativity of the Virgin Mary and paid by the Sunday thereafter to the abbot and convent of St Mary's York, the receivers appointed by the archbishop, and the other half to be collected and paid to the same receivers by the Purification of the Virgin Mary; reciting the following commission

Commission by Simon [Islip], archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate, and Simon [Langham], bishop of Ely, acting as executors of a papal bull, to John [Thoresby], archbishop of York, to see to the collection within his province of a tenth assessed according to the old taxation, the levying of which was lately agreed upon by the two archbishops and their suffragans, meeting in London, as the means of paying the subsidy of 100,000 florins then granted to the pope; the tenth is to be collected in two halves, the first half by the Nativity of St John the Baptist and the second half by the Purification of the Virgin Mary, and paid on those two days to Robert, rector of St Gregory's in London, the receiver appointed by the archbishop and bishop, at his lodging in London, reciting the following papal mandate.

Mandate of Pope Innocent [VI] to the archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of Ely, ordering them to collect the subsidy of 100,000 florins granted to the pope by the English clergy. The pope has arranged, with the agreement of King Edward [III], that, as the transport of the money to the Roman *curia* would be perilous, the 100,000 florins are to be deducted from a larger sum due to be paid to King Edward by John [II] king of France, and King Edward will then receive the subsidy.

Date: Avignon, Kal. April Pont.10. [1 April 1362]

Date: Lambeth, 12 Kal. June [21 May] 1362.

received by the archbishop on Thursday 2 June [1362]. As the time between his reception of the papal letters and the Nativity of St John the Baptist was too short, the archbishop has extended the period available for payment of the first half of the sum owed.

Date: Cawood, 21 August 1362.

Size: 505 x 410 mm

Seal: G&B No.3232 residue, applied on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XIX:69 7 February [?1326]

Writ of Edward II? to the sheriff of Northumberland, ordering him to cause the prior of Durham, sub-collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king by Pope John XXII, to appear before the barons of the exchequer to answer for his account.

Witness: W. of Norwich.

Date: Westminster, 7 February 19 Edward II?.

Size: 65 x 235 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged right edge with some text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XIX:70 14 April 1482

Mandate of William [Dudley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, reciting the following letters close of Edward [IV] received on 13 March 1481/2

Letters close of Edward [IV] to William [Dudley] bishop of Durham, ordering collection of a tenth granted at the provincial council held at York on 29 October 1481, exempt churches detailed, the first half to be paid at St Thomas and the second half at the Conception of the BVM, with the names of those who will collect to be notified to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by the morrow of Ascension next.

Date: Westminster, 25 February 21 Edward IV. [1482]

and appointing him collector of the tenth in his diocese of Durham.

Date: 14 April 1482.

Size: 275 x 495 mm

Seal: Residue, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, some holes with some text lost

Similar letters to the archbishop of York calendared in: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1471-1485*, p.226-229.

DCD Loc.XIX:71 12 March 1446

Mandate of John Lound LLB, vicar-general of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, to John [Wessington] prior of Durham, reciting the following letters close of Henry [VI] received on 8 March

Letters close of Henry [VI] to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, ordering collection of a tenth granted in a convocation held at York on 30 September last, exempt churches detailed, the first half to be paid at the Nativity of St John the Baptist, the next quarter at the Nativity of St John the Baptist in 1447 and the final quarter at the Nativity of St John the Baptist 1448, with the names of those who will collect to be notified to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by the Purification of the BVM next.

Date: Westminster, 10 November 24 Henry VI.

appointing him collector of the tenth in his diocese of Durham.

Date: 12 March 1445/6.

Size: 220 x 415 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, cut through

Similar letters to the archbishop of York calendared in: *Calendar of Fine Rolls 1445-1452*, p.7-8.

DCD Loc.XIX:72 [29 September 1440]

Memorandum of the account of John Tempest, formerly sheriff of Yorkshire, for Michaelmas 18 Henry VI to the same feast 19 [Henry VI] of debts from the prior of Durham as collector in the diocese of Durham of a tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York.

Size: 115 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:72* 2 March [1414 x 1422]

Letter from [? King Henry V] to the prior and convent requesting assistance against the imminent attack of the French king and dauphin, with their allies of Spain, against the duchies of Guyenne and Normandy.

Date: Sheen, 2 March.

"Benet" in the bottom right corner.

Language: English

Size: 160 x 315 mm

Seal: [Privy seal] residue, on the dorse and on a tongue with the address, ?originally threaded through three pairs of slits in the upper part of the document

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:73 18 June [1504]

Receipt from William Rokeby Dec. Doc. and Thomas Magnus clerk, deputed by Thomas [Savage] archbishop of York as receivers of a tenth or subsidy granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York, to the prior of Durham, deputed collector of the tenth in the archdeaconry of Durham, by the hand of Dom Robert Strodder monk of Durham, for £169 16s 10d for the tenth to Easter 1503 and for Martinmas last.

Date: York, 18 June 19 Henry VII.

Also signed.

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Seal: Two unidentified seals, each on a tongue, with wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:74 3 February [1401]

Writ of Henry [IV] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, concerning the goods of debtors (named) who had not yet paid their part of the half of a tenth granted to Richard II by the clergy of the province of York on 3 December 18 [Richard II] (1394); which goods are to be distrained and accounted for to the exchequer.

Witness: J. Cokayn.

Date: Westminster, 3 February 2 Henry IV.

Size: 175 x 275 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:75 6 June 1440

Receipt from Bartholomew and Urban from Rome of the order of the Holy Ghost, deputed subcollectors in the diocese of Durham for the subsidy for Pope Eugenius IV for the conversion of the Greeks and Armenians to the unity of the Christian faith and obedience of the Holy Roman church, in Durham cathedral, by testimony of John [Wessington] prior of Durham, Master John Norton Dec. Doc., William Nakett (?*recte* Rakett) clerk of the chancery rolls of the bishop of Durham, Master John Paynell LLB notary public, Dom John Belkmarer rector of St Mary in the North Bailey Durham, for £20 12s 6d on 6 June 1440.

Date: the court of Durham, date and month as above, Pont.10.

In addition they received 72s 11d, with a silver belt and two small necklaces valued together and assessed at 3s 4d.

(Added in a different ink)

Furthermore, they received on 13 [June] 40s 3d.

On 31 December, they received in the presence of Master William Ebchester and Master John Lathom 66s 3d.

Size: 120 x 340 mm

Seal: G&B No.3749, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

Discussed in W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England 1327-1534*, (Cambridge, Mass., 1962), p.571.

Copy (except for the last two entries): DCD Reg. III, f.256v.

DCD Loc.XIX:76 22 January 1353

Certification to John [Fossor] prior of Durham from the dean of Darlington of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham as collector in the diocese of Durham of a biennial tenth granted to the king, to the dean of Darlington to collect from the clergy in his deanery for the Purification of the BVM and the Nativity of St John the Baptist, to be paid at Durham.

Date: Durham, 28 November 1352.

Date: Darlington, 22 January 1352/3.

Size: 220 x 280 mm

Seal: stubs of a [sealing tongue] and [wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:77 11 November 1409

Letter of William Lambton that his privilege of freedom from assizes etc, confirmed by the prior and convent of Durham, shall not apply if his evidence is needed by the prior and convent.

Witnesses: Robert Fenrother, William Eltoztz, John Bellasis, John Runcorn, Thomas of Ryhall.

Date: 11 November 1409.

Size: 115 x 245 mm

Seal: stub of a [sealing tongue]

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:78 4 July 1446

Testimonial letter that Robert Westmorland, monk of Durham and subcollector of the first half of a tenth in the diocese of Durham granted to the king by the clergy of the province of York in convocation on 30 September 1445, paid to John Whelpdale, vicar of Morland and attorney of Marmaduke [Lumley] bishop of Carlisle, £63 18s 5d by one tally for the term of St John the Baptist.

Date: Durham, 4 July 1446.

Size: 170 x 140 mm

Parchment, 1m, indented head, wavy, central hole with some text lost, also some staining

DCD Loc.XIX:79 [October 1492]

Extract from the roll of accounts of the tenth, of the account of the prior and convent of Durham, collectors of the tenth granted to Henry VII by the clergy of the province of York in 7 Henry VII, in the diocese of Durham.

Size: 105 x 355 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:80 [30 May] 1314

Mandate from Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, deputed subcollectors in the city and diocese of Durham of the sexennial tenth for Pope Clement V for the Holy Land, to the dean of Durham to suspend the rector of Houghton and Dom Stephen de Mauley prebendary in the church of Auckland from celebrating services and entering church, for not paying towards the tenth, and to cite them to pay in Durham cathedral on Monday before St John the Baptist.

Date: Durham, 3 Kal. June 1314.

Endorsed as forwarded to them by the dean of Durham, date 2 Non. June [4 June] year as above 14, and further noted that the chaplain of Houghton did not wish to execute this mandate, and the seal of the chaplain of Auckland St Andrew.

Size: 85 x 260 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue and on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, damaged on the left side with some text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:81 17 July [?1316]

Letter of Richard [?Kellaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham about a dispute with the Franciscans of Newcastle over a burial.

Date: *Richehale*, 17 July Pont.6.

Size: 75 x 255 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, badly damaged at the right end with text lost, all badly faded, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:82 25 September 1403

Appointment by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham of Dom William Appleby their fellow monk as their proctor to request revocation of a sequestration ordered by Walter [Skirlawe] bishop of Durham to enforce contribution to the expenses of the proctors of the clergy of the city and diocese [of Durham] at convocation.

Date: Durham chapter house, 25 September 1403.

Size: 110 x 265 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:83 [28 June] 1371

Citation by the official of the bishop of Durham to Roger of Catterick clerk his apparitor, as the bishop of Durham had mandated, as annexed (not present), the official of the archdeacons of Durham and Northumberland, but Master John of Hackthorpe, formerly that official, had passed on their execution, to summon the clergy of the diocese of Durham to a convocation at York on 10 July next before John [Thoresby] archbishop of York, with their proctors to gather in Durham cathedral on Tuesday before the Translation of St Thomas the martyr.

Date: Durham, 4 Kal. July 1371.

Similar citations to the deans of Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Bamburgh and Corbridge.

Size: 170 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1m, slit [for filing] in the left margin

DCD Loc.XIX:84 16 November [?1485 x 1507]

Letter from the king (?Henry VII) to the prior of Durham, commanding him to pay to the abbot of our Blessed Lady without the walls [St Mary's] of York, and to Thomas Magnus, any sums he may have in hand as collector of the first whole tenth granted to the king by the clergy of the realm.

Date: Westminster, 16 November.

Language: English

Size: 140 x 240 mm

Seal: [privy seal] residue on the dorse, with a tongue with the address (to the prior, chapter cancelled), originally through 3 pairs of slits in the upper part of the document

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: in DCD Loc.XIX:85 next below.

DCD Loc.XIX:85 [?early 16th century]

Copies of royal letters concerning the payment of clergy tenths.

Letter from the king to the prior of Durham instructing him to make payments of the first tenth to the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magnus.

Date: Westminster, 16 November. [?1485 x 1507]

Letter from the king to the prior of Durham instructing him to make payments of the second tenth to the abbot of St Mary's York and Master Thomas Magnus.

Date: Greenwich, 10 June. [?1486 x 1508]

Language: English

Size: 210 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p, with a crudely cut [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

Original (1): DCD Loc.XIX:84.

DCD Loc.XIX:86 24 February [1425]

Mandate from Henry [VI] to Thomas Langley bishop of Durham, to attend a parliament to be held at Westminster on the last day of April, as also the prior and archdeacon of Durham are to send proctors.

Date: Westminster, 24 February 3 Henry [VI].

By writ of privy seal. "Preston" .

Size: 70 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:87 [5 July] 1301

Release from the abbot of Waltham and the dean of the church of London, executors of the tenths and obventions for King Edward [I] granted by the pope for the Holy Land, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors, on account of their reverence for St Cuthbert, of the interdict imposed on the church for £1500 arrears owed for the octave of St John the Baptist last.

Date: 3 Non. July 1301

Size: 70 x 260 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse, with small slits down the centre of the document for an original wrapping tie

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped filing hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:88 [13 December] 1317

Mandate from Rigaud d'Assier (*de Asserio*) canon of Orleans, deputed by Doms Cardinals Gaucelme of SS Marcellus and Peter, and Luke of St Mary *in Via Lata*, collectors of the second year in England, to the prior of Durham, to relax any sentence of suspension or excommunication for Master Simon de Lansell rector of ?Langton (*Languenton*), Durham diocese, as he has now paid the 10s owed for the second year.

Date: York, Id. December ?1317.

Size: 60 x 230 mm

Seal: G&B No.3686 fragment, applied on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:88* [1 June] 1293

Mandate of [John of Pontoise] bishop of Winchester and [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] by the pope, to [Antony Bek] bishop of Durham that the prior and convent of Durham should render their account before them at the New Temple on Tuesday the octave of St Michael, that is 2 Non. October, for moneys from the city and diocese of Durham.

Date: New Temple in London, Kal. June 1293.

Size: 80 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Related material in other DUL collections: Appointment of proctors: DCD Loc.XIX:98.

DCD Loc.XIX:89 29 October [1313]

Writ of Edward II to R[ichard Kellaw], bishop of Durham, ordering him to restitute to Master Henry de Botheby, parson of Stanhope, £13 6s 8d which his predecessor had paid towards a subsidy of a half granted to Edward I in his 23rd year when Master Thomas of Levisham was parson there and Master Richard of Morpeth was then official of Durham.

Witness: W. de Norwich.

Date: Westminster, 29 October 7 Edward II.

Size: 60 x 225 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:90 [2 January] 1331

Receipt of Hugh of Corbridge, vicar of Pittingdon, dean of Durham, collector of contributions from the clergy of the archdeaconry of Durham for the expenses of John of Billingham, proctor of Durham at a parliament, for 5s 6½d received from Master John de Insula, dean of Auckland.

Date: Durham, Wednesday before Epiphany 1330/1.

Size: 65 x 215 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:91 [2 June] 1312

Mandate of William Testa, archdeacon of Aran, papal chaplain and nuncio, collector of the arrears of the sexennial tenth granted to Pope Nicholas IV as a subsidy for the Holy Land, deputed by the pope together with W[alter Reynolds] bishop of Worcester and his commissary John of ?St Martin, to the prior and convent of Durham to collect the arrears of the sexennial tenth and to hand them over to him.

Date: London, 4 Non. June 1312.

Size: 75 x 210 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:92 18 & 26 April [1325]

Copies of two writs (*sicut pluries*) of Edward II to Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham, concerning payment by his collector/subcollector the prior and convent of Durham of various subsidies for years 12 and 13 granted to the king.

Witness: W. of Norwich.

Date: Westminster, 18 & 26 April 18 Edward II.

Size: 80 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, damaged with a central hole, faded, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:93 19 April [1312]

Writ of Edward [II] to R[ichard Kellaw] bishop of Durham, directing him to stop sequestration against the parson of the church of Wessington for £16 12s 4d owed to the king as subsidy of a half voted to him, because it was due from the previous parson and is being sued for from his estate.

Witness: W. de Norwich.

Date: Westminster, 19 April 5 [Edward II].

Size: 45 x 225 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the left edge,

DCD Loc.XIX:94 [20 August 1348]

Certification by the dean of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to John [Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed collector by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham of a subsidy for the king from the diocese of Durham, of having received and carried out the following mandate at the churches of Woodhorn, Tynemouth, Benton, Newburn and [Newcastle] St Nicholas.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior of Durham deputed collector by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham of a biennial tenth for the king from the diocese of Durham, to the dean of Newcastle-upon-Tyne for the collection of the tenth by the Conversion of St Paul and Martinmas.

Date: Durham, 16 August 1348.

Date: Ponteland, Wednesday after the Assumption year as above.

Size: 125 x 230 mm

Seal: G&B No.3324 fragment, on a tag, through a slit in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, bottom left corner gnawed away with text missing, faded

DCD Loc.XIX:95 [9 May] 1314

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, subcollector in the city and diocese of Durham of a sexennial tenth imposed by Pope Clement V as a subsidy for the Holy Land, to the dean of Bamburgh, to suspend the vicar of Norham, rector of Carham, rector of Newton in Glendale, rector of Ilderton, the prior of Kirkham for his portion in Branxton church and the master of Carham for non-payment of the subsidy and to summon them to Durham cathedral for Wednesday before Pentecost to answer for this.

Date: Durham, 7 Id. May 1314

Size: 95 x 250 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XIX:96 [1300]

Mandate of Henry [of Lusby] prior of Durham deputed by the abbot of Waltham and the dean of St Paul's London, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] as subsidy for the Holy Land, as collector of the tenth in the diocese of Durham, to the archdeacon of Durham or his lieutenant to collect the tenth from the clergy in his archdeaconry, and deliver it to Durham, half by the morrow of St Thomas the apostle 1300 and the other half by the morrow of the first Sunday of Lent following.

Size: 115 x 170-190 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:97 [25 February] 1314

Mandate of Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham, deputed subcollectors in the city and diocese of Durham of the sexennial tenth imposed by Pope Clement V as a subsidy for the Holy Land, to the chaplain of the parish of Chester to cite the suspended Robert of Lambton, Henry of Great Lumley, Robert de le Stobbys and Richard *dictus* Boton of Lumley to appear before them on Monday next after SS Pe[rpetua and Felici]tas in Durham cathedral to answer to them.

Date: Durham, 5 Kal. March 1313/4.

Size: 60 x 265 mm

Seal: G&B No.3437, on a tongue, with residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, damaged with part of the centre and left edge missing with some text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:98 [?1293]

[Draft] letter [from the prior of Durham] to [John of Pontoise bishop] of Winchester and [Oliver Sutton bishop] of Lincoln, executors [of the tenths and obventions granted to King Edward I] by the pope as a subsidy for the Holy Land, as he has certain arduous business of the monastery in the diocese of Durham, requiring attendance before the king's justices in York on Tuesday after Michaelmas concerning pleas for and against the [monastery], and concerning royal writs *quo warranto* over property in Yorkshire, which means that he cannot leave the province of York, he appoints [blank] his fellow monks as his proctors to deliver the accounts for the collection of the subsidy at the New Temple London on the Tuesday above viz 2 Non. October.

With interlineations.

Size: 95 x 200 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, upper part damaged with some missing and text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

Related material in other DUL collections: Mandate: DCD Loc.XIX:88*.

DCD Loc.XIX:98* [?1293]

[Draft] letter from the convent of Durham to [John of Pontoise] bishop of Winchester and [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] by the pope as a subsidy for the Holy Land, appointing J. of Howden as their proctor to account before the bishops at the New Temple London on Wednesday before St Benedict the abbot next, for everything owed by them and the prior, according to the form of their letters directed to the official of [the bishop of] Durham.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 80 x 200 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

?Another version: DCD Loc.XIX:108.

DCD Loc.XIX:98** [1292 x 1296]

[Draft] letter from Richard [de Hoton] prior and the convent of Durham to [John of Pontoise] bishop of Winchester and [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] by the pope as a subsidy for the Holy Land, appointing their fellow monks Ingram of Chatton and Richard of Brompton as their proctors to account before the bishops at the New Temple London on the third lawday after St Mark next to receive the taxation roll for the temporal goods in the diocese of Durham.

With interlineations.

Size: 75 x 195 mm

Parchment, 1m, with two [filing] holes on the right edge

DCD Loc.XIX:99 [?1329]

Account (marginal caption: "for the third year") of the prior of Durham, deputed collector of the triennial tenth in the diocese of Durham by T[homas Hatfield], bishop of Durham, of John de Haliden ', the prior's attorney, as contained in the Memoranda of 22 [Edward III: 1348] among the attorneyships of Michaelmas term on the king's remembrancer's part. He accounted for £221 15s. 4½d. from a tenth of the clergy's goods, spiritual and temporal. Nothing in the treasury; £150 2s. 0½d. delivered, in accordance with a royal writ, to John de Wodehouse, assigned by the king as receiver in all counties north of the Trent, as attested by an indenture between the prior and John; the bishop of Durham to answer for 100 marks for his temporalities; 100s expenses; quit.

Dated from the marginal note in the register copy.

Size: 80 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.131v.

DCD Loc.XIX:100 1293

Mandate of Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham, deputed by the bishops of Winchester and Lincoln as collector in the city and diocese of Durham of the tenth granted by the pope to King E[dward I] as a subsidy for the Holy Land, to the dean of Durham to collect from the clergy in his deanery and deliver to Durham cathedral, the first half on the morrow of All Souls 1293, and the second half on the morrow of the [second Sunday after Easter].

Date: Durham, 7 Id. ? 1293.

Size: 85 x 205 mm

Parchment, 1m, bottom left corner gnawed away with some text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:101 1294

Mandate of the abbot of St Mary's York to the vicar of [North]allerton, having received the following royal letters patent on the Friday and the following archiepiscopal commission on the Saturday next before St Luke, to collect the first third at his abbey on Saturday before All Saints next.

Letters patent of King Edward [I] mandating the abbot of St Mary's York to collect in the diocese of York the half tenth, according to the last taxation, granted to him for the present year by all the clergy in England as a subsidy for the Holy Land, the first third part at All Saints next, the second third in the quindene of Easter and the last third in the quindene of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.

Date: Westminster, 30 September 22 [Edward I] [1294]

Commission of J[ohn Romeyn], archbishop of York, to the abbot of St Mary's York, to levy, in the places where he collected the tenth lately granted for the Holy Land subsidy, a half which has been granted for the present year only by the prelates and clergy of England as a subsidy to the king; with powers of censure (given in detail) as far as the archbishop's ordinary authority extends.

Date: [Bishop] Wilton, Id. October Pont.9. [15 October 1294]

Date: York, Saturday [] 1294.

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole on the left edge, left corner gnawed away with text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:102 24 May [1319]

Writ of Edward [?II] to the prior of Durham, collector in the diocese of Durham of the triennial tenth granted to the king, ordering him to pay £126 13s 4 to Richard de la Pole, from the 500 marks due for that tenth, at the exchequer in York on the morrow of Trinity next.

Witness: R. de Sadyngton.

Date: York, 24 May 12 Edward [II].

Size: 95 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, bottom left corner gnawed away with some text lost, some stains

DCD Loc.XIX:103 [21 December] 1301

Mandate of the abbot of Waltham and the dean of [St Paul's] London, deputed executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King Edward [I] for 6 years by the pope as subsidy for the Holy Land, to all the subcollectors and commissaries in the provinces of Canterbury and York, in view of the following writ, suspending the collection of the tenth.

Writ of King Edward [I] to [Robert de Elenton] abbot of Waltham and [Ralph Baldock] dean of St Paul's London, collectors of the tenth granted as subsidy for the Holy Land summoning them to attend before his council at York on the quindene of Hilary next to discuss the tenth and meanwhile suspending its collection.

Date: Linlithgow (*Inliscu*), 26 November 30 [Edward I]. [1301]

Date: Waltham (for the abbot) and Sutton (for the dean), 12 Kal. January 1301.

Size: 75 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, lined

Discussed in: W.E. Lunt, *Financial Relations of the Papacy with England* (Cambridge, Mass. 1939-1962) vol.I, p.359.

DCD Loc.XIX:104 23 ?July 1343

Certification by the dean of Darlington to the prior of Durham of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of John prior and the chapter of Durham, deputed collectors by Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham of the tenth from the clergy of the diocese of Durham granted to the king as a subsidy for the defence of the realm, to the dean of Darlington to collect the moneys from his deanery's benefices and pay it within three days of St Bartholomew next.

Date: Durham, 6 August 1343.

Date: Darlington, 10 Kal. August (*sic*) year as above.

Size: 105 x 285 mm

Seal: G&B No.3314, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed filing holes on the left edge, some damage with a little text lost repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:105 8 December [1330]

Writ (*sicut alias*) of Edward III to the prior of Durham, saying that from monies owing to the king from the sale of victuals in northern parts, he is to pay £100 to Robert de Wodhouse archdeacon of Richmond, out of £113 6s 8d owed to him for a loan, and £31 6d to Anthony Bache, merchant of Genoa, for cloth of gold for Queen Philippa.

Witness: W[illiam Melton] archbishop of York.

Date: Westminster, 8 December 4 Edward III.

Size: 70 x 255 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:106 [5 December] 1344

Certification by the dean of Darlington to John [Fossor] prior and the chapter of Durham of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior and the chapter of Durham, deputed by Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham in the city and diocese of Durham collectors of the triennial tenth granted to the king by the clergy, to the dean of Darlington to collect the tenth from the clergy in his deanery according to the following mandate, and pay it to the vestry at Durham.

Mandate of Richard [of Bury] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to collect the tenth in the diocese of Durham, as in the following writ, according to the new taxation, with all his canonical authority.

Writ of Edward [III] to R[ichard of Bury] bishop of Durham, that, as the prelates and clergy of the province of York in congregation at York Minster on Monday after the Nativity of St John the Baptist granted him a triennial tenth for the defence and salvation of the realm, half to be paid at St Lucy the other half at the Nativity of St John the Baptist, he is to cause it to be raised from his diocese and paid to the royal exchequer, and to notify the treasurer and barons of those he has deputed to collect it.

Date: Westminster, 8 October 18/5 [Edward III]. [1344]

Date: Howden manor, 19 October 1344, Pont.11. [1344]

Date: Durham, 4 Id. November year as above.[10 November 1344]

Date: Darlington, Non. December 1344.

Size: 205 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, gnawed in the bottom left corner with some text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:107 [23 August] 1332

Mandate of the prior of Durham, subcollector of the quadriennial tenth granted by Pope John XXII in the city and diocese of Durham for relieving the necessities of the pope, the church of Rome and the king of England, to the dean of Durham to collect the tenth according to the new taxation from the clergy in his deanery each year at St Martin in Winter and St John the Baptist, and he is to give certification to the prior by St Cuthbert next.

Date: Durham, 10 Kal. September 1332.

Size: 110 x 265 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, some small holes with some text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:108 [?1293]

[Draft] letter from the convent of Durham to [John of Pontoise] bishop of Winchester and [Oliver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln, executors of the tenths and obventions granted to King E[dward I] by the pope as a subsidy for the Holy Land, appointing their fellow monks Richard of Howden and Robert Harpyn as their proctors to account before the bishops at the New Temple London on Wednesday before St Benedict the abbot next for everything owed by them and the prior, according to the form of their letters directed to the official of [the bishop of] Durham.

With interlineations.

Size: 90 x 230 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, bottom left corner gnawed away
?Another version: DCD Loc.XIX:98*.

DCD Loc.XIX:109 9 November [1313]

Writ of Edward [II] to the prior of Durham, ordering him to pay £27 13s 4d to John de Insula baron of the exchequer, which he owes to the treasury, and he will receive a tally as receipt.

Witness: J[ohn] de Sandale, acting treasurer.

Date: Westminster, 9 November 7 Edward [II].

Size: 55 x 250 mm

Parchment, 1m, square [filing] hole on the left edge, with the addressee and subject on a tongue

DCD Loc.XIX:110 [13 May] 1319

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester collector of the annual tenth granted from the clergy of England by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the bishoprick of Durham, to render their account, with memoranda rolls and muniments concerning it, in the conventual church of Southwark St Mary on the next lawday after St Barnabas.

Date: Huntington near York, 3 Id. May 1319.

Size: 80 x 250 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, various horizontal slits [for a wrapping tie]

Certification: DCD Loc.XIX:37.

DCD Loc.XIX:111 [28 November] 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester, king's treasurer and collector of the annual tenth granted from the clergy of England by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the bishoprick of Durham, having formerly mandated him to pay from the tenth to Vitalus de Cassallo and his fellow merchants of Gascony £156 6d in part payment of a greater sum owed them by the king, to secure letters of acquittance for this.

Date: Huntington near York, 4 Kal. December 1318.

Size: 95 x 245 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, irregular shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, some stains, various horizontal slits [for a wrapping tie]

DCD Loc.XIX:112 c.1400

Letter to John Barton, monk of Durham, about collecting monies from priests in the county of Northumberland, the official of the archdeacon, coming from Oxford, Dom William Kellow, a clerk called Thomas Brenkkaw, and a divorce between Mariota Robson and Henry Robson involving John Tyndale.

Size: 65 x 295 mm

Seal: papered seal on the dorse, through various stabbed holes in the folds of the document

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XIX:113 [?1341 x 1374]

Mandate of John [?Fossor] prior of Durham to the dean of Durham to admonish the clergy in his deanery, as [formerly] detailed in an annexed schedule, to pay the tenth, including the sequestrators of the portion of the late [?Robert] de Woodhouse prebendary in the church of Auckland.

Size: 100 x 135 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, damaged right side and lower part with much text lost

DCD Loc.XIX:114 [20 March] ?1301

Mandate by the abbot of Waltham and the dean of the church of London, executors of the tenths and obventions for King Edward [I] granted by the pope for Holy Land, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors, that as they did not pay £1000 on the morrow after the median of Lent at the New Temple, London, by Brother Adam de Boyvile their monk and Master Robert de Baudak clerk their proctors, as they had assured them by their letters, they have until the quindene of Easter to pay, and the terms for the whole sum of £3000 10s 8¼d have now been prorogued, with half now due at the octave of St John the Baptist next and the other half at the octave of Michaelmas next at the New Temple London.

Date: New Temple, London, 13 Kal. April 13?01.

Size: 110 x 230 mm

Seal: fragments of two, applied on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, various horizontal slits [for a wrapping] tie, part of the foot gnawed away with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:115 ?January 1301

Mandate by the abbot of Waltham and the dean of the church of London, executors of the tenths and obventions for King Edward [I] granted by the pope for Holy Land, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors, that they still owe £2000 10s 8¼d according to the account of O[liver Sutton] bishop of Lincoln and also £1000 for A[ntony Bek] bishop of Durham, and so they are to pay on Monday after the median of Lent next at the New Temple London, £1000 10s 8¼d, and then £1000 at the quindene of Easter and £1000 at the morrow of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, and if they are six days overdue, the prior, sacrist and cellarer are to be suspended from divine service, and if overdue for another six days, they are to be excommunicated.

Date: New [Temple, London], ? January 1300/1.

Size: 205 x 230 mm

Seal: fragments on a tongue, with another [sealing] tongue and also a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, damaged in various parts with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XIX:116 [7 July 1335]

Certification of the dean of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of the prior and convent of Durham, deputed collectors of the tenth in the city and archdeacons of Durham granted to the king from the clergy of the diocese of Durham, to the dean of Durham to collect the tenth from the clergy of the city and archdeacons of Durham to be paid from the Nativity of St John the Baptist for 3 weeks to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer at York, as instructed in royal writs, with the names transcribed on an annexed schedule, and he is to certify what he has done by 8 July next.

Date: Bearpark manor, 30 June 1335.

Date: Durham, Non. July year as above.

Size: 190 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing] tongue stub, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, some staining obscuring text

Another copy (mandate): DCD Loc.XIX:120.

DCD Loc.XIX:117 [12 July] 1353

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed collector of the biennial tenth granted to the king for the second year, to the parochial chaplain of the collegiate church of Auckland to ensure the portions of the prebendaries on the attached list are paid by eight days after the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, and he is to certify his actions by St James next.

Date: Durham, 4 Id. July 1353

Size: 125 x 265 mm

Seal: residue on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Parchment, 1m + 1m attached by the sealing tag, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the left end of the turnup

DCD Loc.XIX:118 [8 July] 1306

Mandate of the abbot of Newminster collector of the biennial tenth from Durham diocese for a subsidy for the Holy Land to the dean of Durham to ensure that those listed on an annexed schedule (at the foot) pay in the chapel of Morpeth on Monday before St Margaret the virgin or within three days on pain of excommunication.

Date: Newminster, 8 Id. July 1306.

Size: 100 x 150 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:119 19 June 1318

Mandate of John [Sandale] bishop of Winchester, king's treasurer and collector of the annual tenth granted from the clergy of England by Pope John XXII to the king, deputed by the pope together with the excused Walter [Stapledon] bishop of Exeter, to the prior and convent of Durham subcollectors in the bishopric of Durham, inhibiting them from paying any monies thus collected to anyone without a special mandate as several have tried to claim the monies with writs from the exchequer and tallies.

Date: Southwark, 19 June 1318.

Size: 85 x 255 mm

Parchment, 1m, irregular shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:120 [7 July] 1335

Certification by the dean of Darlington to the prior and convent of Durham, deputed collectors in the city and archdeaconry of Durham of the tenth for the king of England from the clergy of Durham diocese, of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of the prior and convent of Durham, deputed collectors of the tenth in the city and archdeaconry of Durham granted to the king from the clergy of the diocese of Durham, to the dean of Darlington to collect the tenth from the clergy of the city and archdeaconry of Durham to be paid from the Nativity of St John the Baptist for 3 weeks to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer at York, as instructed in royal writs, with the names transcribed on an annexed schedule, and he is to certify what he has done by 8 July next.

Date: Bearpark manor, 30 June 1335.

Date: Darlington, Non. July 1305 (*sic, recte* 1335).

Size: 155 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.3314, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, two diamond-shaped [filing] holes in the bottom left corner, some staining
Another copy (mandate): DCD Loc.XIX:116.

DCD Loc.XIX:121a [1 March 1372]

Acquittance from Walter [of Hepscot] abbot of Alnwick for £13 2½d from Roger of [North]allerton subcollector of the subsidy.

Witness: William of [North]allerton.

Date: Durham, 7 Non. March [13]71/2.

Size: 175 x 65 mm

Seal: ?abbot of Alnwick, fragments, 55x30mm, oval

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, letters cut through, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, faded

DCD Loc.XIX:121b [?1372]

Acquittance of Roger of [North]allerton subcollector of the subsidy for the king allocated to the prior of Tynemouth for £7 7s 8¾d for his expenses.

Witnesses: abbot of Alnwick; William of [North]allerton.

Size: 100 x 135 mm

Parchment, 1m, indented head, wavy, letters cut through, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, tied to the previous

DCD Loc.XIX:122 [28 June] 1360

Certification by the dean of Christianity of the vill of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to John [Fossor] prior, deputed by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham as collector for the first term of the Nativity of St John the Baptist from the clergy of Durham diocese according to the new taxation of the tenth granted to the king by the province of York in the chapter house of York minster, of carrying out the following mandate.

Mandate of John [Fossor] prior, deputed by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham as collector for the first term of the Nativity of St John the Baptist from the clergy of Durham diocese according to the new taxation of the tenth granted to the king by the province of York in the chapter house of York minster, to the dean of Christianity of the vill of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to admonish his clergy to pay the subsidy for the term of the Nativity of St John the Baptist to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer.

Date: Durham, 30 May 1360.

Date: Newburn, vigil of SS Peter and Paul 1360.

Size: 130 x 320 mm

Seal: fragment, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, lozenge shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

DCD Loc.XIX:123 7 January 1455

Receipt from Thomas clerk, deputed collector for the term of Martinmas last in the archdeaconry of the East Riding and Howden and Howdenshire of the first half of a tenth subsidy for William [Booth] archbishop of York granted by the prelates and clergy of the city and diocese of York at the last Convocation at York, to the prior of Durham for £6 9s 4d for the churches of Eastrington and [North]allerton with their pensions, with the churches of Hemingbrough, Skipwith, Walkington, Brantingham, Welton, [Kirby] Sigston, Runcion and Holtby.

Date: Beverley, 7 January 1454/5.

Size: 65 x 300 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:124 6 January [1459]

Receipt of Thomas Menskip collector in the archdeaconry of the East Riding and Howden and Howdenshire of the last half of the second half of a tenth subsidy for William [Booth] archbishop of York, to the prior and chapter of Durham for the following churches and pensions: [North]allerton church 10s, with 10s for its pension; Eastrington church 30s; pensions from Skipwith 4d, Hemingbrough 20d, Walkington 3s, Brantingham 3s 4d, Welton 12d, [Kirby] Sigston 3s 4d, Runcion 12d and Holtby 12d, for the term of St Martin last.

Date: 6 January 35 Henry VI.

Size: 50 x 250 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, some staining

DCD Loc.XIX:125 [?1345 x 1352]

[Draft] mandate of John [?Fossor] prior of Durham, deputed by T[homas Hatfield?] bishop of Durham collector of a biennial tenth for the king for the subsidy and defence of the realm granted by the clergy of the diocese of Durham, to the dean of Christianity of Durham to collect the tenth for the terms of the Conversion of St Paul and St Martin as granted to the king by the congregation of clergy held at York by W[illiam Zouche] archbishop of York.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 50 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XIX:126 21 August 1507

Receipt from Master Paschale Durant proctor of St James of Compostella and Dr William Rokeby, to the prior of Durham for £26 15s 8½d by the hand of George Blaxton for indulgences for St James in the diocese of Durham, with expenses for taking it from Durham to London of 10s 4½d in addition to 20d for carrying the money.

Size: 125 x 280 mm

Seal: two papered applied seals on the verso, signed by Rokeby and Durant

Paper, 1p, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XIX:127 4 January 1409

[Draft] mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham cathedral, to enable ambassadors to be sent to the general council at Pisa to discuss the great schism at the Annunciation of the BVM next, a subsidy of a half of a tenth is to be raised from the clergy of the province of York, and the prior is to collect this from the clergy of the diocese of Durham and pay it to Masters John Southwell rector of St Dennis York and John Gelby rector of Knesall, John Monkgate parson in the church of York, and John Stanton notary public, receivers of the said subsidy, as deputed by Alan Newark LLB the bishop's deputy and Brian Fairfax LLD deputed by the lesser prelates and clergy.

Date: Wheel Hall, 4 January 1408/9, Pont.3.

Size: 200 x 510 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] slit on the left side, one hole near the foot

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:108.

DCD Loc.XIX:128 24 March [1400]

Array of clergy by the commissioners the prior of Durham, the official of Durham, the constable of Durham, the rector of Wearmouth and the dean of Lanchester, [against the Scots], detailing lances (men-at-arms), hobelars and archers, with totals.

Date: St Giles' Moor, 24 March 1 Henry IV.

Size: 540 x 245 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, lined, some gnawing of the upper right edge

Online image available at

http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locxix128_i.htm

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.356v-357r.

DCD Loc.XIX:129 [1333 x 1334]

Account of the prior and convent of Durham for monies received from various men in the bishopric of Durham, Richmondshire, Northumberland, and Newcastle upon Tyne, for debts which were owed to the king for victuals bought from him and his father, and were accumulated by the king's mandate by Robert of Nottingham, lately a baron of the exchequer; the prior and convent being assigned to the receipt of the same by the king's letters patent, of 22 February 4 Edward III [1330], enrolled in the memoranda of the same year, wherefor Richard of Wolviston, their attorney, monk of Durham, answered at the exchequer, as contained in the memoranda of Trinity term 7 Edward III [1333], auditors William de Cossalle baron and William of Newcastle.

Audit of the account of the prior and convent of Durham for monies as in the account above, but with the king's letters patent dated 12 [not 22] February 4 Edward III.

On the dorse, a list of pledges for various terms.

With copies on the dorse of:

Writ by Edward [III, king of England,] to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer informing them that the prior of Durham has shown by his petition that he has not received satisfaction of £233 6s 8d owed by Edward [II], his father, as indicated by various bills under the seal of the latter's chamberlain of Scotland; and instructing them, if the bills appear lawful, to allow this sum to the prior of Durham on [his account of] debts owed at the exchequer, and to receive the said bills from him.

Date: Odiham, 28 October 5 [Edward III]. [1331]

Writ, in French, by Edward [III, king of England,] to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer instructing them to allow to the prior and convent of Durham a sum for which they ask allowance ("by two bills according to the effect of writs under our great seal"), against a sum which they owe to the king from the time when they were receivers of moneys lately raised by the sale of his victuals by his ministers in those parts.

Under the privy seal.

Date: Nottingham, 16 July, 8 Edward [III] [1334]

Account rendered by the prior and convent of Durham of the remainder of their account of the sale of the king's victuals in the parts of Newcastle upon Tyne, year four. [1330]

Writ by [Edward III,] king [of England] to the sheriff of York informing him that the prior and convent are quit of £95 10s 7d of the remainder of their account of the sale of his victuals in the parts of Newcastle upon Tyne; instructing him not to distrain them therefor, or to release them if he has already carried out distraint.

Witness: R. de Sadington'.

Date: York, 6 May, 11 Edward III. [1337]

By the great roll of the ninth year.

Language: Latin; French

Size: 1100 x 235 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Copy (except for the list of pledges): DCD Reg. II, f.122v-124v.

Another copy (writ 1): DCD Reg. II, f.124v.

Another copy (writ 2): DCD Reg. II, f.124v-125r.

Another copy (account): DCD Reg. II, f.125r.

Further copies (writ 3): DCD Reg. II, f.107v, 125r, 170v.

DCD Loc.XIX:130 8 February 1347

Mandate of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the clergy of the city of Durham, regulating preaching in churches in the city of Durham so that monks should only preach in churches in the city after lunch on Sundays in Lent or on Rogation days, unless there is a special need or they have the bishop's permission, as they have to preach in the cathedral or the Galilee chapel before lunch.

Date: Durham castle, 8 February 1346/7, Pont.2.

Size: 155 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.3137 fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, some gnawing of the lower right edge

DCD Loc.XIX:131 17 March [1400]

Commission by Thomas de W[eston], Leg. Lic., archdeacon of Durham, vicar general in distant parts of W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, to John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham, Master John Dalton official of Durham, Robert of Wycliffe constable of Durham, Master J[ohn] of D[anby] canon of York and rector of Bishopwearmouth, and John de Cokyn dean of Lanchester, having lately received and reciting the following mandate

Mandate by Henry [IV], king of England, to W[alter Skirlaw], bishop of Durham, as one of those faithful assigned to array the fensible men of the kingdom in order to defend the realm against invasion by the French (who have assembled a great fleet) and others unspecified; instructing him to cause the clergy of his diocese to be armed, each according to his means, and marshalled in thousands, hundreds and scores.

Witness: the king.

Date: Westminster, 27 January 1 Henry [IV]. [1400]

authorizing and instructing them, or at least three or four of them, to carry out this writ's instructions within the archdeaconry of Durham, and to assign suitable dates and places for the array of the clergy of the diocese.

Date: Greatham, 17 March 1399/1400.

Reversed: draft start of a case of tithes before the bishop's official between John Gill vicar of Heighington and Richard Denom.

Size: 130 x 315 mm

Seal: G&B No.3260 fragments, applied on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Printed in *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.clxxxiii-clxxxiv.

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.217v.

DCD Loc.XIX:132 12 June [1445]

Copy letters patent of Henry VI granting to the prior and priory of Bridlington exemption from all aids granted by the clergy of either province and from the levying of them.

Date: Westminster, 12 June 23 Henry VI.

Size: 285 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1m, badly faded in parts

Calendared: *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.345.

DCD Loc.XX - Citations convocations etc

Citations for convocations, synods, or consistories.

DCD Loc.XX:1 9 December 1346

Copy mandate of William [Zouche], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, or his vicar general, ordering the bishop to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a convocation of clergy in the cathedral church of York on the Monday after the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, reciting the following letters.

Letters close of King Edward [III] to W[illiam Zouche], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, to concern itself especially with matters arising out of the French and Scottish wars.

Witness: Lionel, the king's son, guardian.

Date: Tower of London, 6 November 20 [Edward III]. [1346]

Date: Cawood, 9 December 1346.

Size: 140 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on each edge, other damaged holes, some letters lost

DCD Loc.XX:2a 1 October 1386

Appointment by Uthred [of Boldon] prior of Finchale, as the parochial church of Giggleswick is united to the priory, and he has to account thereby at the synod at Beverley on Thursday after Michaelmas next, but he has to be absent, so he appoints Richard of Ripon, clerk of Durham diocese, as his proctor there.

Sealed with the seal of the official of the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1386.

Size: 130 x 255 mm

Seal: stub of a [sealing tongue]

Parchment, 1m, slit and a stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:2b 1 October 1387

Appointment by Uthred [of Boldon] prior of Finchale, as the parochial church of Giggleswick is united to the priory, and he has to account thereby at the synod at Beverley on Thursday after Michaelmas next, but he has to be absent, so he appoints Richard of Ripon, clerk of Durham diocese, as his proctor there.

Sealed with the seal of the official of the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1387.

Size: 95 x 285 mm

Seal: stub of a [sealing tongue]

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:2c 14 April 1390

Appointment by Uthred [of Boldon] prior of Finchale, as the parochial church of Giggleswick is united to the priory, and he has to account thereby at the synod at York on Thursday after *Misericordia* Sunday next, but he has to be absent, so he appoints Richard of Ripon, clerk of Durham diocese, as his proctor there.

Sealed with the seal of the official of the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 14 April 1390.

Size: 80 x 285 mm

Seal: stub of a [sealing tongue]

Parchment, 1m, slit on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:2d 10 April 1378

Appointment by Uthred [of Boldon] prior of Finchale, as the parochial church of Giggleswick is united to the priory, and he has to account thereby at the synod at York on Thursday after *Misericordia* Sunday next, but he has to be absent, so he appoints Masters Thomas of Salkeld Bac. Dec., Hugh of Fleetham *iuris paritum*, and William of Barton clerk, as his proctors there.

Sealed with the seal of the official of the bishop of Durham.

Date: Finchale, 10 April 1378.

Size: 120 x 310 mm

Seal: stub of a [sealing tongue]

Parchment, 1m, slit on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:3 18 February 1397

Mandate of the official of the bishop of Durham to William of Esh, dean of christianity of Durham, as Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham has informed him that a convocation will be held at York minster on Thursday after St Gregory next, to summon the prior and chapter of Durham, the archdeacon of Durham and the clergy to the church of Durham St Nicholas on 2 March next to elect proctors for convocation, on pain of 6s 8d.

Date: Durham, 18 February 1396/7.

Size: 95 x 210 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on each edge and in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XX:4 20 December 1383

Mandate of Alexander [Neville], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the vicar general of John [Fordham] bishop of Durham, or in his absence the official of the court of Durham, to cite the bishop of Durham and the clergy of the diocese to appear at a provincial council in the chapter house of the cathedral church of York on Thursday 21 January, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to Alexander [Neville], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, on the morrow of St Martin, to grant a subsidy.

Date: Westminster, 8 October 7 [Richard II]. [1383]

Date: Rest [Park], 20 December 1383, Pont.10.

Size: 190 x 410 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:5 16 January [1384]

Certification by Robert [of Walworth] prior of Durham and vicar general of John [Fordham] bishop of Durham, being in remote parts, to Alexander [Neville] archbishop of York, of having carried out the following mandate.

Mandate of Alexander [Neville], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the vicar general of John [Fordham] bishop of Durham, or in his absence the official of the court of Durham, to cite the bishop of Durham and the clergy of the diocese to appear at a provincial council in the chapter house of the cathedral church of York on Thursday 21 January, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to A[lexander Neville], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, on the morrow of St Martin, to grant a subsidy.

Date: Westminster, 8 October 7 [Richard II]. [1383]

Date: Rest [Park], 20 December 1383, Pont. 10.

Date: Durham, 16 January year as above.

Size: 330 x 390 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, 3 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:6a 9 & 17 August 1381

Summons by Alexander [Nevills], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the prior and chapter of Durham to appear at a parliament, the prior in person and the chapter by a proctor, reciting the following letters close received by the archbishop.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to the keeper of the spiritualities of the bishopric of Durham *sede vacante*, ordering him to appear and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two) at a parliament at Westminster on the Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [16 September].

Date: St Albans, 16 July 5 [Richard II]. [1381]

The prior and chapter are required to notify the archbishop within three weeks what has been done and the name of the chapter's proctor.

Date: Guisborough, 9 August 1381.

At the head, foot and dorse are a draft certificate of Robert [Walworth] prior of Durham to Alexander [Neville], archbishop of York and papal legate, of the receipt of the recited summons and of its execution, expressing the intention of the prior and his chapter to be present at parliament in accordance with immemorial custom.

Date: Durham, 17 August 1381.

Size: 155 x 345 mm

Parchment, 1m, slit on the left edge

TNA copy calendared in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1381-1385*, p.79.

DCD Loc.XX:6b 15 September 1381

Summons by Alexander [Neville], archbishop of York and papal legate, keeper of the spiritualities of the bishopric of Durham *sede vacante*, to the prior and chapter of Durham to appear at a parliament, the prior in person and the chapter by a proctor, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to the keeper of the spiritualities of the bishopric of Durham *sede vacante*, informing him that the parliament summoned for the Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [16 September] has been prorogued to the morrow of All Souls [3 November], and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two) at Westminster on that day.

Date: Eltham, 22 August 5 [Richard II]. [1381]

The prior and chapter are required to notify the archbishop by 15 October what has been done and the name of the chapter's proctor.

Date: Cawood, 15 September 1381.

Size: 150 x 335 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

TNA copy calendared in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1381-1385*, p.81.

DCD Loc.XX:7 [1378]

Deliberations of the Commons on the finances of the realm, *temp.* Edward III.

Size: 275 x 165 mm

Parchment, 1m, right edge damaged with text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

Discussed: M.C. Prestwich, *Parliamentary History III* (1984).

DCD Loc.XX:8(1) 12 & 25 February [1399]

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham in the collegiate to carry out the following mandate.

Mandate of Richard [le Scrope], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a convocation of clergy on Tuesday in the fourth week of Lent, namely 11 March, in the collegiate church of St John, Beverley, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to R[ichard le Scrope] archbishop of York, ordering him, as many times before, to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, on Monday in the third week of Lent, to grant a subsidy for the defence of the realm and its marches, and to certify to the king in chancery the amount and terms for payment by the octave of that Monday.

Date: Westminster, 25 January 22 [Richard II]. [1399]

Date: Cawood castle, 4 February 1398/9, Pont.1.

Date: Auckland manor, 12 February year as above, Pont.11.

At the head and foot is a draft certification by J[ohn of Hemingbrough] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham of having received his mandate on 15 February and carried it out, with Master T. Walworth canon of York, Adam Fenrother canon of Beverley, J[ohn] Coken dean of Lanchester, Dom Walter Teesdale monk of Durham and Master J. Harewood advocate of the court of York appointed as proctors.

Date: Durham, 25 February year as above.

Size: 190 x 380 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, one elliptical and two stabbed [filing] holes on the left side

TNA copy calendared in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1396-1399*, p.440.

DCD Loc.XX:8(2) 5 September 1399

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to carry out the following royal letters close.

Letters close of King Richard [II] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham informing him that a parliament will be held at Westminster on the morrow of Michaelmas, and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two).

Date: Chester, 19 August 23 [Richard II]. [1399]

Date: Wheel Hall manor, 5 September 1399, Pont.12.

Size: 140 x 350 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, one elliptical and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:8(3) 7 August 1402

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to carry out the following royal letters.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham informing him that a parliament will be held at Westminster on the morrow of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two).

Date: Westminster, 19 June 3 [Henry IV]. [1402]

Date: Howden manor, 7 August 1402, Pont.15.

Size: 170 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145 fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below
Parchment, 1m, one elliptical and one stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:8(4) 28 August 1402

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham and the archdeacons of Durham and Northumberland or their officials, to carry out the following royal letters.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham informing him that the parliament formerly to be held at Westminster on the morrow of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross had now been prorogued to the morrow of Michaelmas, and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two).

Date: Westminster, 14 August 3 [Henry IV]. [1402]

Date: Howden manor, 28 August 1402, Pont.15.

Size: 160 x 350 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145, on a tongue in a paper bag made from parts of a draft resignation and institution of a rector of [Kirby] Sigston in 1402, with a [wrapping tie] stub below
Parchment, 1m, one elliptical and three stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:8(5) 1 January 1403

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate and to certify him thereby by 8 January.

Mandate of Richard [le Scrope], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on the Monday after Hilary, namely 15 January, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to R[ichard le Scrope] archbishop of York, ordering him, if he has not yet held a convocation as a result of another writ lately sent to him, to summon a convocation of clergy of his province before the feast of St Hilary next.

Date: Westminster, 14 December 4 [Henry IV]. [1402]

Date: Scrooby, 26 December 1402.

Date: Auckland manor, 1 January 1402/3, Pont.15.

Size: 215 x 410 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below
Parchment, 1m, 2 cut and 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge
TNA copy calendared in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1402-1406*, p.130.

DCD Loc.XX:8(6) 1 April 1404

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate.

Mandate of Richard [le Scrope], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, ordering him, by virtue of a royal writ received by the archbishop, to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a convocation of clergy of the province of York on the Monday after the Invention of the Holy Cross, namely 5 May, in the cathedral church of York concerning the defence of the English church and the realm and the marches.

Date: Scrooby, 26 March 1404.

Date: Auckland manor, 1 April 1404, Pont.16.

Size: 190 x 360 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145 fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below
Parchment, 1m, with various stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:8(7) 14 November [1404]

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, reciting the following mandate, and he is to certify his appearance or that of his proctors by 6 December.

Mandate of John of Newton Leg. Doc., treasurer of York minster and vicar general to Richard [le Scrope] archbishop of York and papal legate, to Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham and suffragan of York, reciting the following letters close, to summon his clergy to a convocation at the church of St Peter York on 11 December accordingly.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to R[ichard le Scrope] archbishop of York ordering him to summon a convocation of the clergy of his province to the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, by 12 December, to grant a subsidy for the defence of the realm and its marches, and to certify to the king in chancery of the amount and terms for payment.

Date: Coventry, 2 November 6 [Henry IV] [1404]

Date: Cawood, 12 November 1404.

Date: Wheel Hall manor, 14 November year as above.

Size: 240 x 330 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on each edge

DCD Loc.XX:8(8) 16 September 1404

Mandate of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham, reciting the following letters close, ordering the prior and archdeacon to appear in person and the chapter by a proctor.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to W[alter Skirlaw] bishop of Durham informing him that a parliament had been summoned to meet at Coventry on 6 October and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two).

Date: Lichfield, 25 August 5 [Henry IV]. [1404]

Date: Wheel Hall manor, 16 September 1404, Pont.17.

Size: 155 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B No.3145, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below
Parchment, 1m, various stabbed holes down the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:9 14 January 1410

Appointment by Thomas [de Hoton] prior and the convent of Carlisle [cathedral], appropriating the church of Whittingham, of Master John Hackthorpe clerk of the court of Durham and John of Kirkby clerk of Carlisle diocese as their proctors in a case over an annual pension of £8 against Dom John of Bury vicar of Whittingham.

Date: [Carlisle] chapter house, 14 January 1409/10.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a procuration for the consistory [court].

Size: 140 x 330 mm

Seal: [sealing] tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XX:10a 9 July 1426

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 12 August, reciting the following privy seal letter.

Privy seal letter of King Henry [VI] to the archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province about 15 August next.

Date: Leicester, 28 May 4 [Henry VI]. [1426]

Date: Westminster in the archbishop's lodging, 9 July 1426.

Size: 180 x 380 mm

Parchment, 1m, irregular cut and stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Recited in: DCD Loc.XX:16.

DCD Loc.XX:10b 20 June 1428

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a provincial council in the cathedral church of York on 2 August, called at the repeated request of Pope Martin V and the king to consider the defence of the faith against the attacks of the heretics.

Date: Westminster in the archbishop's lodging, 20 June 1428.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 170 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.3238 fragments, on a parchment tongue, stub [for a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped and two stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Recited in: DCD Loc.XX:11f & g.

Printed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.88-89.

DCD Loc.XX:11a 6 June [1408]

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate.

Mandate of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 28 June, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [IV] to H[enry Bowet] archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, before the feast of SS Peter and Paul next.

Date: Westminster, 8 May 9 [Henry IV]. [1408]

Date: Isleworth, in the archbishop's manor, 16 May 1408.

Date: Stockton manor, 6 June year as above, Pont.2.

With a draft certification of its execution by appointing as proctors Masters John Southwell and Robert Ragnerell, Thomas G. and John Staynton, 16 June year etc [140]8, (with interlineations) at the head and foot of the document.

Size: 260 x 380 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148 fragments, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, one irregular shaped and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, tears repaired with parchment c1970

Bishop's register copy printed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.i*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 164, 1949), p.54-55.

TNA copy calendared in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1405-1409*, p.391.

DCD Loc.XX:11b 5 January 1410

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to carry out the following royal writ.

Writ of King Henry [IV] to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham informing him that a parliament that had been summoned to meet at Bristol was now to meet at Westminster in the quindene of Hilary next and ordering him to appear, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear (the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor and the clergy by two).

Date: Westminster, 18 December 11 [Henry IV]. [1409]

Date: Auckland manor, 5 January 1409/10, Pont.4.

Size: 145 x 335 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148 parts, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie stub below

Parchment, 1m, one irregular shaped and various stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:11c 9 January [1416]

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate to attend at York on 14 January and to certify to him accordingly.

Mandate of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear at a resumed session of convocation in the church of York on 14 January, the convocation having lately been prorogued until that date because of certain business which required the presence in person of prelates then absent.

Date: Cawood, 16 December 1415.

Date: Auckland manor, 9 January year as above, Pont.10.

Size: 190 x 325 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, one irregular shaped [filing] hole and 3 slits on the left edge

Noticed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.II*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 166, 1951), p.91.

DCD Loc.XX:11d 21 July 1426

Citation of Thomas Leys, dean of the collegiate church of Auckland and vicar-general of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, to John [Wessington] prior of Durham that he had received letters of John Selow Lic.Dec. canon of York minster and vicar-general of John [Kempe] archbishop of York of 21 July who had received a mandate from the king, that the prior in his own person and the chapter by a proctor should attend a congregation of the province of York at York on 12 August next.

Date: 21 July 1426.

Size: 130 x 285 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, one diamond-shaped, one elliptical, and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:11e 20 August [1422]

Citation of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate, and to certify him of this by the Nativity of the BVM.

Mandate of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, his suffragan and vicar-general, ordering the bishop to appear, and to cite the prior and chapter of Durham and all the rest of the clergy of his diocese to meet with the archbishop in convocation in his cathedral at York on 23 September to discuss necessary reforms and other measures in preparation for the general council with the pope Martin [V] to be held at Pavia.

Date: [Bishop]thorpe by York, 7 August 1422, Pont.15.

Date: Stockton manor, 20 August year as above, Pont.17.

Size: 200 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, one irregular and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Noted in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.12.

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XVII:24.

DCD Loc.XX:11f 22 June 1428

Citation of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate, and to certify him of having done this by 22 July.

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a provincial council in the cathedral church of York on 2 August, called at the repeated request of Pope Martin V and the king to consider the defence of the faith against the attacks of the heretics.

Date: Westminster in the archbishop's lodging, 20 June 1428.

Date: the house where he lives in London, 22 June 1428, Pont.22.

Size: 210 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, 4 variously shaped [filing] holes on the left edge

Printed from the bishop's register copy in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.88-89.

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XX:10b.

DCD Loc.XX:11g 15 July 1428

Certification by the official of the archdeacon of Durham to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham of having received on 7 July the following mandate

Citation of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the archdeacon of Durham or his official to carry out the following mandate, and to certify him of having done this by 22 July.

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a provincial council in the cathedral church of York on 2 August, called at the repeated request of Pope Martin V and the king to consider the defence of the faith against the attacks of the heretics.

Date: Westminster in the archbishop's lodging, 20 June 1428.

Date: the house where he lives in London, 22 June 1428, Pont.22.

and of having cited the deans of the collegiate churches of Chester-le-Street, Auckland and Lanchester, and all the clergy of the diocese to be represented by two proctors in the cathedral church of St Peter York on 2 August.

Date: Durham, 15 July 1428.

At the foot are noted the names of the deans (Master Thomas Leys dean of Lanchester, Master Roland Thornburgh dean of Chester-le-Street, Dom William Damyon dean of Auckland) and the proctors of the clergy (Master George Radcliffe rector of Sedgfield, Dom John Brig vicar of Corbridge).

Size: 375 x 330 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, 4 variously shaped [filing] holes/slits on the left edge

Printed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iii*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 169, 1954), p.90-91.

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XX:10b.

DCD Loc.XX:12a 16 April 1433

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, to appear personally, or by proctors if he has legitimate cause for absence, at the Council of Basle; the archbishop having received letters of Pope Eugenius IV dated at St Peter's, Rome, 1433, 14 Kal. March, 2 Eugenius IV [17 February 1433] declaring that although the pope had dissolved the Council of Basle and ordained that it should be held at Bologna, since his intention in doing so was misinterpreted by many, he had, in spite of the dissolution and to avoid dissension and scandal, decided that it should be held at Basle, as was demonstrated to the archbishop by a copy of another bull to that effect, and ordering the archbishop to appear at the Council, or send representatives, within three months after 16 Kal. March [15 February], and to send mandates to bishops and prelates of his province who are bound to attend general councils, ordering them to appear in person at the Council within the same three months' space.

Date: Wye in the diocese of Canterbury, 16 April 1433.

Size: 135 x 380 mm

Parchment, 1m, one diamond-shaped and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, part of the left edge torn away and missing

DCD Loc.XX:12b 2 September 1432

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a provincial council in the cathedral church of York on 3 October next.

Date: Southwell, the archbishop's manor, 2 September 1432.

Noted at the head as registered.

Size: 155 x 380 mm

Seal: Seal residue on the dorse, [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing hole on the left edge, left side torn, part of the left edge missing, some stains

Printed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iv*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 170, 1955), p.70-71.

DCD Loc.XX:12c 8 March 1436

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 11 June, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, before the quindene of Trinity [Sunday] [17 June 1436].

Date: Westminster, 18 February 14 [Henry VI]. [1436]

Date: Westminster, in the hospital of St James, 8 March 1435/6.

Size: 160 x 380 mm

Seal: G&B No.3239, on a parchment tongue, with a stub [for a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole, part of the left side torn away and missing

DCD Loc.XX:13 29 May 1436

Citation of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 11 June, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, before the quindene of Trinity [Sunday] [17 June 1436].

Date: Westminster, 18 February 14 [Henry VI] [1436]

Date: Westminster, in the hospital of St James, 8 March 1435/6.

received by him at his manor of Auckland on 28 May, with the prior to attend in person and the chapter by a proctor, and to certify that he has done this by 8 June next.

Date: his manor [of Auckland], 29 May 1435 (*sic*), Pont. 30.

Size: 270 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Calendared in: *The Register of Thomas Langley Bishop of Durham 1406-1437 vol.iv*, ed R.L. Storey (Surtees Society 170, 1955), p.191.

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XX:12c.

DCD Loc.XX:14 6 June [1436]

Certification to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham by John Smeaton official of the archdeacon of Northumberland of having received the following mandate in the Newcastle house of the abbot of Newminster on 2 [June]

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 11 June, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, before the quindene of Trinity [Sunday] [17 June 1436].

Date: Westminster, 18 February 14 [Henry VI]. [1436]

Date: Westminster, in the hospital of St James, 8 March 1435/6.

and of having, in the church of St Nicholas in Newcastle on 5 June, chosen a proctor for the clergy to attend along with the abbots and priors.

Date: the house of the abbot of Newminster in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 6 June etc.

With an attached list of those cited: the abbots of Newminster and Alnwick; the priors of Tynemouth and Brinkburn; and the clergy proctor John Smeaton Dec. Bac..

Citation of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the archdeacon of Northumberland or his official to carry out the following mandate, received by him at his manor of Auckland on 28 May, with the prior to attend in person and the chapter by a proctor, and to certify that he has done this by 8 June next.

Date: his manor [of Auckland], 29 May 1436 (not 1435 as in the next above), Pont. 30.

Size: 275 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3282, on a tongue threaded through a list of those cited, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m + 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, part of the left side torn away and missing

DCD Loc.XX:15 24 March [1438]

Citation to the prior of Durham from John Marshall LLB canon of Wells vicar-general and warden of the spiritualities of the city and diocese [of Durham] for John [Kempe] archbishop of York, papal legate, on the death of Thomas Langley formerly bishop of Durham, having received at Southwell on 22 March the following mandate

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to the keeper of the spiritualities of the city and diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, ordering him, by virtue of papal letters and a royal writ received by the archbishop which require that he should call a convocation of clergy of his province, to cite the clergy of the diocese to appear in the cathedral church of York on 21 April.

Date: Southwell, the archbishop's manor, 20 March 1437/8.

to attend at the convocation, the prior in person and the chapter by a proctor, of which he is to provide certification by 21 April.

Date: York, 24 March year as above.

Size: 230 x 325 mm

Seal: G&B Nos.3241/3250, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, one diamond-shaped and two stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:16 12 July [1426]

Draft mandate of T[homas Langley bishop of Durham] to Thomas Lyes dean of Auckland Bac. Dec. and vicar-general, having received the following mandate in his house by Charing Cross without the walls of London on 11 July

Mandate of John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 12 August, reciting the following privy seal letter.

Privy seal letter of King Henry [VI] to the archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province about 15 August next.

Date: Leicester, 28 May 4 [Henry VI 1426].

Date: Westminster in the archbishop's lodging, 9 July 1426.

to cite the prior and chapter of Durham and all the clergy of the diocese, the prior of Durham, and the abbots, priors, archdeacons and deans in person, the chapters and colleges each by a proctor, and the clergy by two proctors, to attend on 12 August.

Date: his house [at Charing Cross by London], 12 July year as above, Pont.20.

With cancellations and interlineations.

At the foot is a draft certification of Thomas [Langley bishop of Durham] to John [Kempe] archbishop of York of having received his mandate at Charing Cross on 9 July and of having cited the prior of Durham etc as per an annexed schedule. Date etc.

Size: 360 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p, both edges damaged with some text lost, repaired with paper c1970

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XX:10a.

DCD Loc.XX:17 5 July 1440

Mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on Wednesday 17 August, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to John [Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, on 17 August next (date written over an erasure).

Date: Westminster, 12 May 18 [Henry VI]. [1440]

Date: Westminster, in the archbishop's lodging, 5 July 1440.

Size: 220 x 310 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1435-1441*, p.360.

DCD Loc.XX:18a 8 February 1445

Monition from John Norton Doc. Dec. and vicar-general of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham, having received the following royal writ to the bishop on 7 February, to carry it out.

Letters close of Henry [VI] to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, summoning him to a parliament at Westminster on 25 February next; with the clause *premunientes*

Date: 8 February 1444/5.

Size: 130 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, kite-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in: *Calendar of Close Rolls 1441-1447*, p.278.

DCD Loc.XX:18b 7 September 1445

Citation of John Norton Dec. Doc. and vicar-general of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, to carry out the following mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], received on 6 September, and to certify him of this by St Matthew next.

Mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on the last day of September, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 26 January 23 [Henry VI]. [1445]

Date: Westminster, in the archbishop's lodging, 9 August 1445.

Date: 7 September year as above.

Endorsed: memorandum that this citation was received by the prior of Durham on 10 September 1445.

Size: 165 x 410 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1441-1447*, p.285.

DCD Loc.XX:18* 25 September [14]45

Draft certification by John [Wessington prior of Durham to John Norton Dec. Doc. and vicar-general of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham of having received his mandate on 10 September and of having cited the chapter to attend the convocation at York on the last day of September [1445], with Master Richard Wetwang advocate of the court of York, John Gateshead their fellow monk and W Bisspeham proctor of the court of York appointed as proctors for the chapter.

Date: D[urham], 25 September year etc 45.

Size: 125 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p, two diamond-shaped [filing] holes on the left edge, part of the left edge missing

DCD Loc.XX:19a 2 September 1442

Mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 4 October, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VI] to Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 26 January 20 [Henry VI]. [1442]

Date: Ripon, 2 September 1442.

At the foot is a draft citation [by the bishop] for [the prior] and chapter [of Durham] to attend. Date: 17 September year as above Pont.5.

Endorsed with a certification by John [Wessington] prior of Durham of receiving this mandate on 19 September and of citing the chapter to attend at York on 4 October.

Date: 28 September year as above.

Size: 205 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1m, one diamond-shaped, one elliptical and one stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1441-1447*, p.57.

DCD Loc.XX:19b 26 May [1452]

Citation of John Norton Dec. Doc. and vicar-general of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, to carry out the following mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], received on 24 May, and to certify him of this by Trinity next.

Mandate of Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on 12 June, reciting the following letters close. Letters close of King Henry [VI] to Cardinal John [Kempe], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 7 May 30 [Henry VI]. [1452]

Date: Westminster, in the archbishop's lodging, 11 May 1452.

Date: 26 May 1452.

Endorsed with a certification by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham to Master John Norton vicar general of having received his mandate on 27 May and of having cited the chapter to attend on the archbishop of York in York minster on 12 June, with Masters John Marshall canon of York minster and William Wetwang advocate of the court of York, their fellow monk John Gateshead and Master William Bysspham proctor of the court of York appointed as their proctors. Date: 2 June 1452.

Size: 210 x 375 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186b fragment, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, kite-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in *Calendar of Close Rolls 1447-1454*, p.353.

DCD Loc.XX:19c [?February] 1453

Mandate of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior [of Durham] to attend at parliament as in the following royal writ.

Letters close of King Henry [VI to Robert Neville bishop of Durham] informing him that a parliament had been summoned to meet at Reading on 6 March and ordering him to appear], and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to appear [the prior and the archdeacons in person, the chapter by one proctor] and the clergy by two.

[Date: 20 January 1452/3.]

Date: his manor of ?, ?February 1452/3 Pont.15.

Size: 130 x 375 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, right half gnawed away with much text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XX:20 19 December [1311]

Letters close of King Edward [II] to [Richard Kellaw] bishop of Durham, summoning him to a new parliament at Westminster on the first Sunday in Lent next [13 February 1312], the last parliament having been unable to complete its business owing to the intervention of Christmas; with the clause *premunientes* requiring the bishop to summon the prior of Durham and the archdeacons to be present in person, and the cathedral chapter and the clergy of the diocese to be represented by proxies.

Date: Westminster, 19 December 5 [Edward II].

Size: 85 x 235 mm

Parchment, 1m, with 3 stabbed [filing] holes at the left edge and one at the right edge

Calendared from the TNA copy in: *Calendar of Close Rolls 1307-1313*, p.447.

DCD Loc.XX:21 20 October 1452

Mandate of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham, in order to dispel the plague, and uphold King Henry and all his magnates, to hold processions with litanies, masses and other suffrages on Sundays and the fourth and sixth days of the week, and to offer prayers to the BVM, SS Peter and Paul, and St Cuthbert, granting a forty day indulgence thereby.

Date: his manor of Auckland, 20 October 1452, Pont.15.

Size: 155 x 340 mm

Seal: G&B No.3152, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:22 12 July 1470

Commission of George [Neville], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Lawrence [Booth], bishop of Durham, to cite the archbishop's suffragans, or their vicars general, and through them the clergy of their dioceses, to appear in the cathedral church of York on 21 August; with mandate to be present himself and to cite the clergy of his own diocese, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Edward [IV] to George [Nevill], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 11 June 10 [Edward IV] [1470]

Sealed with the seal of Master Thomas Chippenham, archdeacon of Totnes, the archbishop's seal not being available.

Date: Westminster, in the house of the king's clerk of works in the king's palace, 12 July 1470.

Size: 195 x 400 mm

Seal: G&B No.3186B, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XX:23 14 January [1487]

Mandate of John ? vicar general of John [Shirwood] bishop of Durham to John [Auckland] prior of Durham to carry out the following mandate

Mandate of Thomas [Rotherham], archbishop of York and papal legate, to John [Shirwood] bishop of Durham, or his vicar general, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, in the cathedral church of York on Monday 19 February, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VII] to Thomas [Rotherham], archbishop of York, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 16 December 2 [Henry VII]. [1486]

Date: Scrooby, 8 January 1486/7.

citing his chapter to appear, and he is to certify him of this by Monday before the Purification of the BVM next in the Galilee chapel of Durham cathedral.

Date: Halghton, 14 January year as above.

Size: 150 x 470 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, head cut off with the first two lines lost

DCD Loc.XX:24 13th century

Formulary of various church court and other documents.

(m.1) Case before the precentor of N and the dean of B about a petition of P clerk of N against O and B and others of Lincoln and Ely diocese over tithes, including a mandate of Pope Gregory, citation to the dean of C and his certification, 1260

(m.1-1d) Case before the prior of Bicester and Master ?W[illiam] of Bitton archdeacon of Wells between M son of M, rector of the church of Shipton (proctor William de Capula clerk), and R chaplain, vicar of Shipton (proctor Simon the clerk), over the alleged spoliation of the vicar's tithes, with acta variously heard in Wells cathedral before Masters Luke de Mag' (?Membury) and R rector of Ben', Philip rector of the scholars of Wells, [Nicholas de Seleburne] succentor of Wells, Dom. W. Grasbek archdeacon of Bath, H[ugh de Romenal] treasurer [of Wells], the prior of [the hospital of] St John Wells, and Master R official of the archdeacon, on Monday before St Peter ad vincula, the morrow of All Souls, Monday after St Katherine, the morrow of St Thomas the apostle, and the vigil of St Peter when depositions of Geoffrey de A, William and Roger were heard, 1245
(m.1d) Inspeximus by the dean of St Mary Arches of the following appointment, and substituting John of Bedford clerk.

Appointment before Bernard notary by Carlinus and Gimbertinus and the merchants of Florence, of Bonatursum as their proctor in England before Cardinal P of St Adrian apostolic legate and to receive payments for them in England.

Witnesses: Master J and Master R clerks, and Bernard notary.

Date: London, the house of Milo notary of the said legate, 9 Kal. December [23 November] 1266.

Date: etc.

(m.1d-2d) The abbot and prior of Waltham papal judges, reciting an inhibition of Pope Clement, in a case between W perpetual vicar of such a place and R rector of the same church with various clergy and laymen of Lincoln, Hereford and London dioceses over tithes owed, then the dean and precentor of Herford were delegated as papal judges, and issued a citation of Pope Gregory to the dean of Oxford, with a commission, and the appointment of a proctor by the vicar. [mid 13th century]

Size: 1250 x 160 mm

Parchment roll, 2m, lined

DCD Loc.XX:25 1437

Draft record of the visitation of the prior and chapter, and the clergy of the diocese of Durham, *sede vacante* on the death of Thomas Langley last bishop, by Master John Marchall warden of Sherburn Hospital and vicar-general of the archbishop of York and commissary with William Dalton monk and chancellor of the cathedral priory, reciting the following citation to the prior and convent

Mandate of Master John Marchall, B.C.L., B.Cn.L., canon of Wells, vicar-general of John [Kempe] archbishop of York and papal legate and keeper of the spiritualities of the diocese of Durham *sede vacante* after the death of Bishop Thomas Langley, to the prior and convent of Durham to be present at Marchall's visitation of the priory on the Friday after St Hilary, viz. 17 January [1438].

Date: Hospital of St Mary Magdalene Sherburn, 5 December 1437.

at which John Wessington the prior cited all the monks at Durham to be present in the chapter house on 17 January

Mandate of John [Wessington] prior of Durham to William Barry prior of Finchale citing him and his fellow monks to appear at the visitation in the chapter house at Durham on 17 January next.

Date: Durham, 31 December 1437.

and he also cited all the monks then absent in cells within the diocese of Durham, as in the following citation to the prior of Finchale, who returned the following certification

Certification of William [Barry] prior of Finchale to John [Wessington] prior of Durham, that he has carried out a mandate from prior John (dated at Durham 31 December 1437) ordering William to be present himself and to cite his fellows to be present in the chapter house at Durham on the Friday after St Hilary, viz. 17 January [1438], when John [Kempe] archbishop of York (the see of Durham being vacant) intends to visit the priory. The prior of Finchale says that he has done as instructed, and he attaches a list of his monks.

Date: 10 January 1437/8.

with the other priors and masters, that is Holy Island, Jarrow, Wearmouth and Farne Islands, similarly responding, with Hugh Warkworth, Henry Helay prior of Holy Island, John Durham jr master of Jarrow, Thomas Cotom, Richard Kelloe master of Farne Islands and William Clifton, and also William Pocklington, Robert Emeldon and John Swineshead as sufficiently infirm, appointing proctors as in the following appointment by the master of Jarrow.

Appointment by John Durham master of Jarrow of his fellow monk William Dalton as his proctor to attend the visitation of the archbishop of York in the chapter house at Durham on 17 January.

Date: 12 January 1437/8.

On 17 January in the chapter house, in the presence of the commissaries Master John Marchall vicar-general and keeper of the spiritualities of [the diocese of Durham], Master John Carlton doctor of canon law, William Dalton monk and chancellor of the cathedral, and John Berhalgh notary public, with everyone assembled, Prior John Wessington exhibited the following certification.

Certification by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham to John Marchall vicar general of John [Kempe] archbishop of York of having received his mandate on 30 December and of having cited the masters and wardens of the cells and all the monks to attend the visitation in the chapter house in Durham on 17 January, ensuring that their cells were not left destitute and incapable of carrying out the divine services.

Date: Durham, 14 January year as above.

Incomplete. On the dorse: beginnings of two certifications by the prior and convent.

Size: 850 x 310 mm

Paper roll, 2p, damaged edges of p.1 repaired with paper c1970

Original (mandate 1): DCD 2.7.Pont.11.

Original (certification): DCD 1.8.Pont.17.

DCD Loc.XX:26 [c.1444]

Evidences of the prior of Durham about 1 mark being unjustly detained from a rent of 13 marks 10s from the farm of Newcastle granted to the monks of Farne by Edward III in his 2nd year.

Possibly the evidence being referred to in the letter in: DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.183v.

Parchment and paper roll, 5r

r.1 [?c.1444]

The prior has no tenements or rents in Newcastle except for two rents of 26s 8d from a tenement at Sandhill and 13 marks 10s given by King Edward III to the monks of Farne Island, reciting the following deed of Daniel and Constance Ulcotes.

Copy grant in frankalmoin by Daniel [of Newcastle] and Constance de Ulcotes his wife, with the consent of their heirs, to God and St Cuthbert and the prior and monks of Durham, of a fifth part of the lands, houses and booths which come to them by reason that Constance is one of the heirs of Philip de Ulecotes, which houses the said Philip built in Newcastle, rendering therefor yearly one fifth part of 4d to the borough of Newcastle at the terms appointed in the same borough for all services etc; which said houses and booths are situated next to the River Tyne from east to west, and have as their bounds on the east a house of Walter Brun, on the north houses formerly belonging to Sewal, on the west a little stream flowing into the Tyne there, and on the south the Tyne, for the salvation of the souls of the grantors, of Philip de Ulecotes and their ancestors and successors, and for a quitclaim of £20 in which the grantors were bound to the said prior and monks on behalf of the said Philip who had received from the said prior and monks £100 on security of his charter, which neither he had paid before his death, nor anyone on his behalf after his death.

[1221 x 1233]

Witnesses: Ralph prior of Durham, Oswald, Thomas, Matthew and Hugh monks, Jordan Hairun, Thomas de Stretton, Robert of the monastery, Master Henry of Melsonby, John de Rosington, William Buche.

Prior Ralph and the monks of Durham then gave the tenement in fee farm to Alan Gategang, as in the following deed

Grant by Ralph [Kerneth] prior and the convent of Durham to Alan Gategang of their house in Newcastle on the bank of the Tyne, which they had from the heirs of Philip Ulcotes, for an annual fee farm of 2 marks, at Pentecost and Martinmas. [1221 x 1233]

and Ralph was prior for 19 years and died in 1233, 103 years before the coronation of Edward III, and the priors of Durham held the said 2 mark rent, as detailed in their rentals, up to 1368. The prior also has a copy of the following charter [of Nicholas Scott].

Grant of Nicholas son and heir of John Scott of Newcastle upon Tyne to John son of William Poy of the same, of his stone houses called *Salaria Regis* in Bolburn between the messuage formerly of John Bubhand and his vennell which goes to the house of William son of Gilbert, rendering annually to the king 13s 4d at the feasts of St Cuthbert in September and Martin, to the prior and convent of Durham 26s 8d at Pentecost and St Martin, and to himself 30s at Easter and Michaelmas.

Witnesses: Richard Emeldon bailiff of the said town, Thomas of Carlisle, Thomas Freshmarsh etc.

Date: [Newcastle upon Tyne], Monday St Lucy the Virgin 5 Edward II. [13 December 1311]

For the 13 mark 10s rent there are charters of donation of 9 Edward III and confirmation of Henry IV, with a warrant to the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle to pay the rent with arrears in 2 Henry IV. There is also the following assize of the prior of Durham against the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle over the rent

Assize held before Thomas [de Fencotes], [Tho]mas de [Seton], and Roger de Blaykeston, royal assize justices for Northumberland, by virtue of a commission directed to them and William Basset. John prior of Durham claimed that he had been

disseised of a 13 marks 10s rent from a tenement in Newcastle by Peter Graper mayor of Newcastle, and John of Embledon, Hugh de Augerton, Hugh of Carlisle and William de Acton, bailiffs of Newcastle; Peter *et al* did not appear; the sheriff declared that Augerton and Carlisle were dead; Peter was attached by Henry Glasenwright and Thomas of Newbiggin, John by Thomas of Newbiggin and Thomas Neel, and William by Thomas of Newbiggin and Henry Glasenwright; the prior recited that the present king's father had verbally granted to the monks on Farne Island ten quarters of wheat and two casks (*dolia*) of wine annually by the hands of the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle upon Tyne, but this had not been corroborated by any letters, so the present king in recompense had converted this grant to one of 13 marks 10s from the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle, namely 5 marks for each cask of wine and 5s for each quarter of wheat, as witnessed by his charter; so the justices determine that the Peter *et al* owe the prior £41 13s 4d.

Date: Newcastle upon Tyne, Wednesday in the third week [of Lent] 25 Edward III. [23 March 1351]

and payment of the rent is testified by the Newcastle farm account in the king's exchequer as below.

Extract from the exchequer memoranda roll of Hilary 4 Henry IV [1403]:

Memorandum that the men of Newcastle upon Tyne render account for £100 per annum from their town out of which Edward III by his letters patent granted annually 13 marks 10s at Michaelmas to the monks dwelling on Farne Island, a cell of the priory of Durham, confirmed by Henry IV on 20 February [1401], which annuity [is in arrears] to the sum of 151 marks 3s [4d] for the Michaelmas terms of 14-23 Richard II and 1 Henry IV.

Dorse: Memorandum that the house formerly of Philip Ulcotes had on the west a stream which in the time of the prior's grant to Alan Gategang was called Lornburn and is now called Northburn, and ran alongside the house into the Tyne, and after the feoffment to Alan Gategang the stream was diverted from its ancient course and two shops were built there instead with wooden walls, with the walls of the house being of stone, and the two shops were approved from the royal waste and assessed for a rent of two marks, and since the principle tenement, on account of its being granted by the prior and convent to Alan Gategang for a two mark rent, is known as the prior's tenement, it is inscribed in the Newcastle rentals as a rent of the prior to the king of 13s 4d, and likewise in the rentals from Henry Gategang for two messuages in Newcastle at Sandhill for the same serjeantry 13s 4d, and the prior of Durham for the rent which he received from the same paid 13s 4d in the time of Richard Horsley sheriff of Northumberland in 37 Edward III, and also 2 marks from Henry Gategang and the prior of Durham [were paid] in the time of John Chamber sheriff of the said town.

Size: 600 x 330 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Original (grant 1): DCD 1.3.Spec.37.

Original (grant 2): DCD Misc. Ch. 6607.

Another copy (grant 3): DCD 1.1.Spec.115.

Calendared (grant 3): *Early Deeds Relating to Newcastle upon Tyne*, ed A.M. Oliver (Surtees Society 137, 1924) p.195.

Original (assize): DCD 1.1.Spec.42a and b.

Original (memoranda roll): DCD 1.1.Spec.39.

r.2 [c.1405]

Copy recital of the case that King John in his 14th year gave to the men of Newcastle upon Tyne their town for a fee farm of £100, except for port dues, and he also gave to them 110s 6d assart rents. At this time the prior and convent of Durham had no property in Newcastle. Later, the heirs of Philip the sheriff gave to Ralph, prior and the convent of Durham, in satisfaction for a debt of £100 owed them by Philip, a house at Sandhill rendering annually 4d to the borough of Newcastle, which house the same prior later gave to Alan Gategang at an annual fee farm of 2 marks.

Subsequently the property stood empty as their rentals testify, and was then demised as in the recited grant to Alan Gategang. Since the charter of Prior Ralph to Alan Gategang does not have the year of grace, it should be noted that Ralph was prior for 19 years and died in 1233, that is 103 years before the coronation of King Edward III, since King Edward, in his 9th year, gave to the prior and convent of Durham for sustaining the monks on Farne Island, 13 marks 10s from the farm of Newcastle each year at Michaelmas by the hands of the mayor and bailiffs of [Newcastle]. But the mayor and bailiffs retained this rent for a number of years, so the prior took out an assize against them and recovered the rent and damages of £41 13s 4d in 25 Edward III, later confirmed by Henry IV, by virtue of a writ to the mayor and bailiffs, as 16 years had elapsed etc, and so it is recorded in ancient rentals that the prior of Durham pays a rent of 13s 4d to the king. Not wishing to distrain the tenements wherefrom the rent issued, they detained a mark from the said 13 marks 10s as alms for the king, the justice of which has been questioned.

And it is recorded in the rentals of the Newcastle that Alan Gategang had been conceded the tenement for a rent of 2 marks, and in the roll of 34 Henry III in Northumberland the rents of 1 mark from Alan Gategang and 1 mark from the prior of Durham are recorded.

And William Redmarshall sheriff of the city of Newcastle answers in his account for 1 Henry IV for the said 2 marks.

And it is recorded in certain rentals that Henry Gategang for 2 messuages at Sandhill paid the same serjeant 13s 4d, and the prior of Durham paid 13s 4d, and thus the farm was paid in the time of Richard Horsley sheriff of Northumberland in 37 Edward III, and also 2 marks from Henry Gategang and the prior of Durham [were paid] in the time of John Chamber sheriff of the said town.

And in the account of Bertram Monboucher sheriff of Northumberland 5 Richard II it is recorded that Henry Gategang for the 2 messuages paid 1 mark and the prior of Durham also 1 mark.

Endorsed (contemporary) including as handed over to Master Robert Wearmouth.

Size: 220 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

Original: DCD 1.1.Spec.115.

r.3 [c.1444]

Draft of r.1, though with only the first two deeds recited.

Size: 310 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p, damaged upper part, repaired with paper c1970

r.4 Hilary term [1402]

Extract from the exchequer memoranda roll of Hilary 4 Henry IV:

Memorandum that the men of Newcastle upon Tyne render account for £100 per annum from their town out of which Edward III by his letters patent granted annually 13 marks 10s at Michaelmas to the monks dwelling on Farne Island, a cell of the priory of Durham, confirmed by Henry IV on 20 February [1401], which annuity [is in arrears] to the sum of 151 marks 3s [4d] for the Michaelmas terms of 14-23 Richard II and 1 Henry IV.

Size: 160 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Original: DCD 1.1.Spec.39.

r.5 [c.1400]

In the roll of 34 Henry III in Northumberland under the title of serjeantries are recorded rents of one mark from Gategang for two messuages in Newcastle and one mark from the prior of Durham for rent from the same messuages, and William Redmarshall sheriff of the city of Newcastle answers in his account for 1 Henry IV for two marks from the same.

Size: 85 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XX:27 ?20 August 1425

[Certification by the keeper of the spiritualities of Allertonshire of a recited mandate to attend a convocation in York to grant a clerical tenth subsidy to the king.]

Date: ?20 August 1425.

Most of the document is lost.

Size: 90 x 300 mm

Seal: fragment, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, much gnawed away with the upper part, left and right sides badly damaged, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XX:28 10 August [1408]

Mandate of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham to carry out the following mandate

Mandate of Henry [Bowet], archbishop of York and papal legate, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, ordering him to appear, and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear, at a convocation of clergy in the church of York on 20 August to consider the healing of the Great Schism, the king having promised his support to the cardinals, who have in letters to the king and the prelates of England appealed for their support, relating that the pope has created new cardinals, contrary to his promises and without consulting them, and has issued insupportable mandates and injunctions to them, whereupon they have appealed from the pope to a General Council and have withdrawn themselves from the pope's presence at Lucca to Pisa; with mandate also to cause celebrations to be made in the churches of the bishop's diocese in intercession for divine guidance in this matter, and indulgence of 40 days to those who take part in such celebrations.

Date: Isleworth, in the archbishop's manor, 7 July 1408, Pont.1.

received on 9 August at around vespers in his manor at Stanhope, with certification to be provided by Thursday next, with an indulgence of 40 days for all who pray for the successful outcome of this business.

Date: Stanhope manor, 10 August year as above, Pont.3.

Size: 460 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148 fragments, on a tongue

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXI - Appeals

Appeals and evidence relevant to lawsuits (contains the largest single group of Prior Wessington's compositions)

DCD Loc.XXI:1 [11 November] 1294

Lease by Henry of Stamford, almoner of Durham, warden of the hospital of St Mary Magdalen situated between Kepier and Gilesgate, to Dom William de Insula, warden of the hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Sherburn, with the consent of Richard [de Hoton] prior of Durham, of land lying before the gate of Sherburn hospital, from the north of the stream of Whitwell to the road between *Grimisleche* and Sherburn bridge towards Durham, and from Sherburn bridge by the ancient course of Sherburn stream to the said Whitwell stream, for 20 years, saving to the hostillar of Durham and his men of Shincliffe common pasturage in the land and their pond and aqueduct, with their repair, for their mill at Shincliffe, at a rent of 40s.

Witnesses: William of St Botulph archdeacon of Durham, Dom Peter de Thuryby, Dom Guichard de Charron *miles*, Dom William de Latun *miles*, Dom Richard Stirpyn *miles*, John Bille of Durham, Roger of Hess coroner of the bishop of Durham.

Date: St Martin *in hyeme* 1294.

Size: 210 x 315 mm

Seal: Blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup, with a further slit
Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, *abcdefghi* cut through, damaged with top right corner missing and another hole, with text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

Duplicate: DCD Misc.Ch. 6376++.

DCD Loc.XXI:1* [11 November] 1324

Lease by William of [Durham], [almoner] of Durham, warden of the hospital of St Mary Magdalen situated between Kepier and Gilesgate, to Lambert de Trikyngnam, warden of the hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Sherburn, with the consent of William [of Cowton] prior of Durham, of land lying before the gate of Sherburn hospital, from the north of Whitwell [stream] to the road between *Grymesleth* and Sherburn bridge towards Durham, and from Sherburn bridge by the ancient course of Sherburn stream to the said Whitwell stream, for 30 years, saving to the hostillar of Durham and his men of Shincliffe common pasturage in the land and their pond and aqueduct, with their repair, for their mill at Shincliffe, at a rent of 40s, and also including in the lease half of the bridge over the Whitwell stream.

Witnesses: [John] Nevill steward of the bishop of Durham, Richard of Rothbury, Walter de Insula, *milites*, Walter of Ludworth, John Harpyn, William de ?, Peter de Trillesden.

Date: St Martin *in hyeme* 1324.

Endorsed including (later 14th century) *Maudenleys* by Sherburn.

Size: 250 x 260 mm

Seal: G&B No.3387, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup, with a further slit
Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, indented head, wavy, letters cut through, some stitching holes on the left edge, damaged down a right hand crease with substantial holes with text lost, repaired with parchment c1970

DCD Loc.XXI:2 1 May 1525

Lease by Thomas Swalwell, almoner of Durham, to Thomas Rogerson, Edward Swalwell, John Peyrson, William Selby and John Scurfurth, with the consent of the prior and convent of Durham, of land lying before the gate of Sherburn hospital called *Awinenerleys*, from the north of Whitwell [stream] to the road between *Grymesleth* and Sherburn bridge towards Durham, and from Sherburn bridge by the ancient course of Sherburn stream to the said Whitwell stream, from St Cuthbert in March last for 15 years at an annual rent of £4, with right of reentry on non-payment, and the lessees to repair the hedges, ditches and closes, and they are only allowed to sublet to tenants of the vill of Shincliffe. Date: Durham, 1 May 1525.

Size: 210 x 320 mm

Seal: 4 unidentified fragments, each on a parchment tag, with a further blank tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag

DCD Loc.XXI:3 [late 14th century]

Copies of documents about the payment of coal tithes from East Brandon by the parishioners of Brancepeth to their rector Richard of Chesterfield.

Monition of the official of the bishop of Durham to the parochial chapter of Brancepeth, in a case over coal tithes from the East Brandon mine between Richard of Chesterfield rector of Brancepeth and Thomas del Green and John Arrowsmith parishioners of Brancepeth over the coal tithe (*scopa carbonum*) from St Andrew 1372 to St Peter *ad vincula* 1374 worth 7 marks, that it should be paid with 39s 11d expenses for the suit, with 6s being paid within 8 days to the rector.

Date: 1374.

Mandate of the official of the bishop of Durham to the parochial chapter of the church of Brancepeth that, as John Arrowsmith and Thomas Green had been contumacious for not answering certain interrogatories in a case over coal tithes with the rector Richard of Chesterfield, they are excommunicated and are to appear before him or his commissary in the Galilee of Durham on Monday next after St Mary Magdalen to answer the interrogatories.

Date: 1374.

Agreement of Richard of Chesterfield rector of Brancepeth with Thomas of Claxton and Hugh of Birmingham of the parish of Brancepeth that they should pay him for the coal tithe from the East Brandon pit 10 cauldrons of coal at 6 quarters per month until he is satisfied for the tithe, and then pay 20s annually at the terms of St Martin and Pentecost, with increments specified for any profits.

Date: Brancepeth, 31 July 1374.

Size: 300 x 250 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXI:4 [early 15th century]

Excerpts and notes of royal charters to 1383 (including William I, Henry I, John, and Richard II) about Durham priory's and St Cuthbert's liberties dating back to Edward [the Elder], including in Newcastle and against the king's ministers demanding *prisfissh* from their men at South Shields. With various cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 280 x 220 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:5 [early 15th century]

Report to Dom Richard of Chesterfield canon of Lincoln cathedral by J Coken and J Dalton, that, following personal inspections performed summarily on the spot over Tudhoe, Yorkhouse and Moorhouse, as he asked, according to what they discovered, with John and William Hoton present, the fact is thus: the vill of Tudhoe in the parish of Brancepeth has common pasture in the territories of the granges of Yorkhouse and Moorhouse in Spennymoor in the parish of East Merrington, which parishes are separated by diked (*fossatos*) boundaries; and thirty years ago all the arable of Yorkhouse and Moorhouse was in full cultivation, and the inhabitants of the said houses abounded in animals, namely ewes and others, with full pasture; and now, and twenty years since, the houses are waste, because the lands are not under cultivation, but are merely for pasture; thirty years ago the vill of Tudhoe was in the hands of Robert Ogill, few dwelt there and it was not rich in animals; and now the vill, after coming into the hands of the Lord de Nevill, now the earl of Westmorland, is augmented with thirty houses with hearths (*fumalibus*), and the inhabitants are so many that the arable is not enough for a third of the men dwelling there, nor the pasture for their animals, unless they lease for cultivation the lands of the prior of Durham within the parish of East Merrington in farm, and the ewes and other beasts of the inhabitants of Tudhoe are grazed in the pasture of Yorkhouse and Moorhouse and lie there for the greater part of the year; the vicar of Merrington asks for the tithe of wool and lambs and the rector of Brancepeth objects, complaining *quid juris*; with which fact already established (*presupposito*) it inclines them to some extent that the tithe be divided between the said churches proportionately, since there is no prescribed custom for the rector in this regard.

(In a different hand) By which inquisition it is manifest that Yorkhouse is in the parish of Merrington and not Brancepeth, and thereby is a possession of the prior of Durham who is entitled to the tithe of sheaves at Yorkhouse as recorded in a rental in the exchequer for 1358 under the title sale of tithes "from Giles of Tudhoe for tithes of Yorkhouse in Spennymoor - 5s - 5s" and similarly for 1361 under the title sale of tithes from the autumn harvest "from Giles of Tudhoe for tithes of Yorkhouse in Spennymoor - 6s 6d - 6s 6d". With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 260 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

Recited in a 1447 notarial instrument copied in: DCD Reg. IV, f.54v-55r.

DCD Loc.XXI:6 [later 15th century]

"Motive propter que videtur Johanni Wessyngton' priori Dunelmensi quod in quocumque prelato superiori, s. episcopo, vel inferiori, s. abbate vel priore, curam principalem monasterii habente requiritur eminencia sive excellencia scripture ...". Draft text, with cancellations and interlineations, detailing three *motiva*: the first on literature; the second on the status of bishops, abbots and priors in the rule of St Benedict with reference to the tract "Abbas vel prior in principio" and listing four prerogatives of the prior since the monastery's foundation; and the third on elections.

Dorse reversed

Copy citation by William Seton, mandated by Master John Norton DDec to confirm the election of Master John Burnaby as prior of Durham to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, to his fellow monks to attend on John Norton on Tuesday 9 November [1456] in the nave of the cathedral at the eighth hour to confirm or object to the election.

Size: 410 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p, damaged edges, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:7 [1273 x 1308]

Grant by Richard [of Claxton or de Hoton] prior and the convent of Durham to William de Neusum their servant and an heir of a toft and croft in their borough of Crossgate between the tofts of Lambert the fisherman and Alan del Brome together with 2½ acres of arable land and half an acre of meadow outside Durham by the *vicus* of Crossgate, which land Richard the hostler (*stabularius*) formerly held by Coddlesley between the lands of Robert Lewyn and Roger *dictus* Malifet, for life, rendering annually 5s at Pentecost and Martinmas, with reversion to the priory on the demise of William and an heir.

Size: 130 x 190 mm

Seal: slit for a [sealing] tag in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, *abcdefgh* cut through, lined

DCD Loc.XXI:8 [early 15th century]

List of pleas which the prior of Durham ought to pursue in the royal or episcopal courts: Between Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham and Richard Hoton prior of Durham before the king's justiciar at Durham.

Writ to the escheator in Yorkshire to deliver to the prior lands in Holtby.

Plea of *quo warranto* before the king's justiciar in Nottinghamshire over a view of frankpledge.

Act before the justices itinerant in Northumberland in the time of King Edward [I] over the prior's right to *infangthef* in all his lands.

Plea between Ralph Neville and the prior over the farm of Raby.

Assize of the prior against the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle over an annual rent from the cell on the Farne Islands.

Plea for the recovery of an annual pension of 40s from the vicar of [Bishop] Middleham.

Recovery of a messuage in Willington by writ of *cessavit*.

Assize between the prior and John Portere of the Old Borough, Durham, over common pasture in three acres of moor at Beaurepaire.

Plea between Geoffrey prior of Durham and William Chilton of the Old Borough, Durham, over common pasture in the moor at Beaurepaire.

Inquisition at Doncaster against the prior over the goods of felons from Hemingbrough.

Size: 330 x 285 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:9 [mid 15th century]

Plea of John [Wessington] prior of Durham concerning the style in which he ought to be impleaded (his baptismal name) and also his right to common of pasture in 300 acres of moor at Quarrington (*Queryngdon*) in Shincliffe (*Shinklelee*) manor against Sir William Elmeden knight who claimed it as parcel of his manor of Tursdale (*Trillesden*), and who enfeoffed Sir William Bowes knight, Christopher Conyers, William Hoton of Hardwick, William Hoton of Hunwick and Sir Robert Staynton, who took the beasts of the prior and his tenants on the moor or drove them off with hounds, but they did this wrongfully as the present prior's predecessor Prior Bertram was seised of the common pasture in the time of King Henry [III], but there is a question whether the disseisin was by force of arms or not. With interlineations and cancellations.

Language: English

Size: 350 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:10a [1344 x 1348]

Protestation of Thomas de Graystones monk of the monastery of Durham and master of the cell of Jarrow made to the prior of Durham against the malicious suggestion of some malevolents that he had unjustly set up a new ?fishery (*tractum*) in the River Tyne and had leased it to the detriment of the monastery of Durham and the house of Jarrow, which was untrue, as it had been set up, with the council of his fellow brothers and seculars, for the profit of his cell, and so he appeals to the apostolic see.

Size: 180 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, small hole and also left edge torn off and missing, with some text lost, with a stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:10b [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a.

Size: 125 x 235 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole cut in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:10c [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a.

Size: 155 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole cut in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:10d [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a, but appealing rather to the court of York for tuition.

Size: 195 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole cut in the centre of the foot, some small holes in the text

DCD Loc.XXI:10e [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a, but appealing rather to the court of York for tuition.

Size: 225 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, some damage to the right edge with some text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

Printed in *The inventories and account rolls of the Benedictine houses or cells of Jarrow and Monk-Wearmouth in the county of Durham*, ed. by J. Raine, (Surtees Society 29, 1854), p.x-xi.

DCD Loc.XXI:10f [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a, but appealing rather to the court of York for tuition.

Size: 210 x 260 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged head and right edge with some text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:10g [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a, but appealing rather to the bishop of Durham's audience.

Size: 210 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, parchment repairs to the right edge c.1970, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:10h [1344 x 1348]

Another copy of Loc.XXI:10a, but appealing rather to the bishop of Durham's audience.

Size: 180 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged top right corner, repaired with parchment c.1970, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:11 [1419]

Articles and responses.

p.1 Transgressions perpetrated by Thomas of Billingham and others against the prior and convent [of Durham] and their servants.

Firstly Thomas Billingham, Thomas Camer and others on Sunday after St John the Baptist Bishop Thomas [Langley] Pont. 13 [25 June 1419] assaulted with weapons Brothers William Barry and Thomas Harre at the west end of the Old Bridge in Durham, with damages to the prior and convent of £100.

The same Thomas and Thomas similarly with others at *Les Buskes* on Chester-le-Street moor on the vigil of St Bartholomew in the same year [23 August 1419] assaulted Brothers Robert Easby and William Drax, and wounded William Drax's servant Robert on the left arm, with damages of £100.

The same Thomas and Thomas similarly with others daily from the said Sunday up to St Bartholomew laid in wait for William Barry and Henry Helay so that they feared they would be assaulted if they left the priory, with damages of £100.

Thomas Billingham with others outside Durham's north gate on the vigil of St John the Baptist in the same year [23 June 1419] around midnight assaulted John Dale, a servant of the prior and convent, beating him about the head with a staff, with damages of £20.

Thomas Billingham at the same place and time assaulted Philip Smyth with a sword, wounding him in the neck so that he nearly died, with damages of £40.

With interlineations and cancellations

p.2 Fair copy of p.1.

p.1d To the second point, the jurors say that after the felony, the felons entered Durham abbey until the principal felon was forcibly evicted.

To the 6th and 7th points, ... the said Thomas stood up and cursed him ... the law and privilege of the church of Durham.

p.3 To the third point of the article about putting out the principal felon, [the jurors] say that it was not done by the prior of Barry or by their ordinance.

p.4 Fourthly the answer of the prior to Sir William Claxton, then sheriff of Durham for deliverance of the principal felon: the jurors say that this point *langes* not to Thomas Billingham, and that the prior's answer was reasonable according to the law of the Church and the privilege and franchise of St Cuthbert. And to the 5th and 6th points, the jurors have answered in their response to the third point.

Language: p.1-2 Latin, p.1d, 3-4 English

Size: 610 x 300 mm + 55 x 300 mm + 40 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 2p + 2p detached

Discussed in: R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.194.

DCD Loc.XXI:12 [early 15th century]

Rights and liberties of the bishop of Durham and the prior and chapter of Durham, and of the chapter when the priory was vacant, extracted from charters, bulls, and other authenticated writings from William the Conqueror onwards as earlier material relating to the foundation of Lindisfarne etc was destroyed by the devastation of the Danes. Extracts from a (spurious) charter of William [of St Calais] bishop of Durham (1.1.Pont.2a), highlighting the liberties and privileges of the prior and chapter, and the elections of priors; similarly (spurious) charters of William I, Lanfranc archbishop of Canterbury (1.1.Archiep.3) and Thomas [I] archbishop of York (1.1.Archiep.1), also bulls of Popes Alexander III (1162), Urban [III] (1186), and Innocent [III] (1200), a confirmation of Richard [Marsh] bishop of Durham, and an agreement by Richard [Poore] bishop of Durham of 1228.

Size: 860 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 2p + 1m parchment attached to p.2, p.1 damaged, especially the head, with parts missing and text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:13 3 July 1407

Licence of John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham for Thomas Esh, a monk of Durham, with the consent of chapter, to go to Rome.

Date: Durham, 3 July 1407.

Size: 85 x 310 mm

Seal: Blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:14 29 April 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Master Thomas Swalwell STP, proctor-general of the prior and chapter of Durham and of the sundry monks residing there, being sufficiently constituted as such, as was clear to the notary, appeared in person, held in his hands and, on his and their behalf, made, read and interposed a written appeal and petition whereby he, Thomas Swalwell, monk of Durham and lawfully-appointed proctor of Thomas prior and the monks of the chapter of Durham dwelling there and in the outer cells, says, alleges and proposes that, although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), fearing, however, from plausible reasons, likely conjectures, and newly-made threats, that prejudice may be engendered in future concerning the position of the prior and chapter and their right in the cathedral church of Durham and the parish churches and chapels appropriated to them, in their dependent cells and in the interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions belonging to them, and lest someone by whatsoever authority or mandate, even if episcopal, attempt anything prejudicial (&c) to the position of the prior and chapter in the foregoing, in various specified ways, in contravention of statutes and privileges granted to them by popes, kings of England, archbishops of York and bishops of Durham, he appeals to the apostolic see and for the protection of the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter and himself, their cells, appropriated churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, interests (&c), and those adhering and wishing to adhere to them and him in their name, to the protection and defence of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he wishes to alter the present appeal and reduce it into competent form, and to notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor; and that William asked the notary to reduce the foregoing into a public instrument for him, one or more copies as need be.

Witnesses: Robert [Lambert] gentleman, and John Bukley *litteratus* of Durham diocese.

Date: in the chapel built to the honour of St Edmund, manor of Bearpark, 29 April 1507.

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 310 x 370 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.82r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:15 8 November 1427

Commission of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, conservator of the cathedral church of Lincoln, to the abbots of Bermondsey, Eynsham, Swineshead, and Barlings, the priors of York Holy Trinity, St Leonard by Stamford, and Torksey, and the chancellor, treasurer and precentor of York Minster, reciting the following papal commission

Commission by Pope Martin [V] to the bishops of Adria, Durham and London as conservators of the property of the dean and chapter of Lincoln.

Date: Rome St Apostolicos, 10 Kal. February Pont. 10. [23 January 1427]

appointing them, as he cannot act, to proceed against persons who have robbed the dean and chapter of various possessions.

Date: London in his house where he lives, 8 November 1427, Pont.22.

With interlineations.

Noted on the turnup as renwed because of the additions, and registered, and thus this letter is vacant.

Size: 325 x 385 mm

Seal: 3 slits in a turnup [for a sealing tag]

Parchment, 1m, some gnawing of the top and bottom left corners and in the centre with some text lost

Ownership history: Formerly numbered: Loc.II:81.

Register copy printed in: *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume III*, ed. by R.L. Storey, (Surtees Society 169, 1959), p.51-55.

Calendared: *Calendar of Papal Letters VIII*, p.209.

DCD Loc.XXI:16 [?1460s]

Instructions on things done and to be done in the papal *curia* concerning:

f.1r. Tithes and the chapel of Hylton.

f.1r-v. The cell of Coldingham which seems to the writer to be in greater and greater danger, involving correspondence with Thomas Coventry, the writer's *familiaris*, and Peter de Millinis and Antony de Egubio proctors general in the Roman *curia*.

f.1v-2r. Executing letters of citation, inhibition and compulsion.

f.2v. (In a different hand) 15 line verse of a recipe for "Agnus Dei", beginning "Balsamus & munda cera cum crismatis unda".

Size: 295 x 215 mm

Paper, 2f

DCD Loc.XXI:17 [1455 x 1459]

p.1. Extracts of muniments about the appropriation of churches in the diocese of Durham to the prior of Durham, including a bull of Pope Celestine III (1196) and charters of William I.

p.2. Notices of muniments concerning the prior and chapter's archidiaconal jurisdiction in their appropriated churches in 1082, 1082, 1083, 1096, 1237, 1375.

p.2. List of compositions between the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacon of Northumberland in 1271, 1331, 1340, 1345, 1362, 1362, 1369, 1371, 1375, 1397.

p.2-4. Extracts of mandates to induct to benefices in the corporal possession of the churches within the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham in Northumberland: Bedlington [137]9, ?, 1411, 1419, 1419, 1422.

Ellingham ?, ?, 1381, 1389, 1390, 1417, 1439, 1455.

Edlingham 1391, 1418, 1455.

Branxton 1379, 1438.

Norham 1401, 1453.

Bywell St Peter 1446, 1456.

p.4d-2d Notices of visitations under the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior in the churches appropriated to the monastery of Durham in the archdeaconry of Northumberland:

Bywell St Peter 1362, 1369, 1371, 1390, 1392, 1409, 1417, 1422.

Bedlington 1362, 1369, 1371, 1382, 1390, 1392, 1409, 1417, 1422, 1425.

Edlingham 1362, 1369, 1371, 1392, [1409], 1417, 1422, 1425, [1428].

?Norham [1362, 1369, 1371], 1392, 1409, 1422, 1425, 1428.

Holy Island 1362, 1369, 1371, 1382, 1392, 1409, 1425, 1428.

Size: 1405 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 4p, p.1-3 badly damaged with parts missing and text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:18 [early 15th century]

Articles and proofs drawn up by John Wessington about the rights and title of the bishops of Durham since Lindisfarne, and especially re the church of Gainsford and the castle and manor of Barnard Castle, drawn from charters, registers and "libri antiqui".

Size: 1890 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 5p, p.1 head badly damaged with part missing and some text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:19 5 November 1454

Memorandum that a proxy-general was issued for Richard Bell STB and William Seton STB, monks of Durham, Master William Langton and Master Richard Wetwang, advocates of the court of York, and Master William Bysspham, proctor-general of the court of York, creating them proctors-general of the prior and convent of Durham, in the same form as a like proxy made to John Fishburn and William Dalton, monks of Durham, and Master William Doncaster, Master William Driffild, Master Thomas Tange and others in a proxy entered in Register III, folio 157; Durham, 5 November 1454 .

By virtue of which William Seton, proctor and chancellor of the prior and chapter, read and interposed a certain written appeal, containing the tenor of the presents and according to the form of a like appeal interposed by Master William Driffild, notary and proctor of the prior and chapter, and in Register III, folio 157; and, at the request of William Seton, the notary produced a public instrument of the things contained in the appeal; before the witnesses John Haggerston and John Wearmouth, chaplains, William Killinghall and John Steele, *literati*;

Date: the nave of Durham cathedral, 5 November 1454.

Notary: John Hexham, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 460 x 470 mm

Parchment, 1m, 3 large diamond-shaped [filing] holes, 2 in the foot and 1 in the top left corner

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.93*v.

DCD Loc.XXI:20 [1445]

Petitions and other instruments concerning the division of the office of bursar.

Paper roll, 7r each of 1p

Discussed in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.285-290.

DCD Loc.XXI:20(i) [1445]

Memorandum detailing what the bursar owed for: the churches of Norham and Edlingham £61 4s 8d; Pitlington manor £26 3s 8d; Bearpark moor nothing; allowed £34 11s 3½d for when he was cellarer.

Size: 190 x 210 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:20(ii) [1445]

Raciones and evidences of the prior about the *disposicione* of the office of bursar which would be to the better use of the monastery divided rather than held by one person, including the quantity of different sources of receipts totalling £1420 12s, the amount of expenses he had to pay out, and then the consequences of having had all this in the hands of one man, such as various tenements waste and unoccupied, and how the debts of the one man (Thomas Lawson) had been paid off in the four years since the office was divided between three, with a fuller declaration of how the office was divided when the prior appointed John Oll *magis expertus* and Robert Westmorland to carry it out in 1438.

Size: 410 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:20(iii) [?1442]

Commission by Robert [Neville bishop of Durham] to the prior and chapter [of Durham], having been shown at his visitation by Masters Robert Beaumont, John Lounde and William Ebchester about the reform of the accounts, to dispose of the bursar's office as they propose in their *raciones*.

Size: 110 x 320 mm

Paper, 1p, repaired along the edges and central crease with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:20(iv) [1445]

Recital of the division of the office of bursar in 1438, with the opinions of 15 detailed members of chapter as to whether or not the division between the bursar, granator and cellarer had worked.

Size: 430 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p, damaged with parts of the upper part missing with text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:20(v) [1445]

Another [?draft] version of Loc.XXI:20(iv).

Size: 420 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:20(vi) [1445]

Memorandum on the office of bursar, which had operated satisfactorily for the first 17 years of his (Wessington's) time as prior until the appointment to it of Thomas Lawson, previously cellarer for five years, who, when asked for his account for his first year, produced only an inventory and, when pressed further for his account, became greatly distressed to the point of suicide. Henry Helay terrar produced a report for the prior, after consultation with the bursar and Thomas Thornburgh, which revealed that he owed creditors £414 8s 6d with total debts of £909 6s; Lawson fled from where he was staying at Bywell in the middle of the night and went into hiding, with his ministers unable to say whether he was alive or dead. The prior took the advice of his brethren, who thought it best to appoint someone else to the bursar's office, and so he offered it to various monks, as insistently as he could. All refused, believing that the labour would be too much for them. In which perplexity the prior recalled the proverb "Levius portatur quod a pluribus portatur" and talked to his brethren about dividing the bursary, to which all agreed.

Declaration of the receipts of the bursar and how they are divided between the bursar, cellarer and granator.

Size: 440 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p, head and foot repaired with paper c.1970

Calendared in R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.286-287.

DCD Loc.XXI:20(vii) [1445]

Report of Prior John [Wessington] to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham on the temporal state of the monastery of Durham and in particular the office of bursar, concerning: tithes from churches; repairs on estates; sale of offices and corrodies; claustral building works costing £2354 2s 9d; the bursars had spent £1650 8s 8d on estate repairs before the visitation; Thomas Lawson had left debts of £1210 16s 3½d as the bursar had concealed from the prior and convent; after dividing the office of bursar, the three succeeding officers made payments of his debts and for officers' pensions of £1080 11s 10d before the visitation; Thomas Lawson as cellarer ran up debts of over £200 until his death three quarters after the visitation; £1876 18s 9d was spent on repairs by farmers; various other causes incurred costs, such as pestilence, the visits of Henry Bowet archbishop of York and the duke of Exeter, and of other lords concerning the liberation of the king of Scotland, the array of men at arms and archers with the earl of Northumberland against Nesbit and Lintalle (?Lintlaw) in Scotland, the prior going to London with four monks for Convocation, the visit of the Cardinal of England en route to Scotland, the prior's trip to London about making Hemingbrough collegiate, discussions at Durham and Newcastle about William Heron, the visit of the duke of Norfolk warden of the East March with 200 men, and on four further occasions, the visit of the Cardinal of England, the earl of Northumberland and others, relieving Roxburgh. Totalling for all repairs, purchases, jewels, ornaments and payments of debts £7936 6s 6½d.

Size: 420 x 290 mm + 80 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p + 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:21 [1406 x 1437]

Petition of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the king that he and his successors can try causes and matters concerning the rights and liberties of the bishop of Durham in Yorkshire and Northumberland, outside the county of Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) as not obtained.

Size: 440 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p, head repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:21* [1406 x 1437]

?Draft of Loc.XXI:21, with various cancellations.

Size: 310 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:22 [mid 15th century]

Note of business of the prior of Durham committed to Master William Freestone to expedite at the *curia* in Rome, to request a papal rescript for the prior and chapter to eat meat from Septuagesima Sunday to Quinquagesima Sunday, and also a bull to excommunicate all who violate the rights and privileges of the prior and chapter.

Size: 265 x 220 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:23 [19 May] 1439

Evidence collected by John Wessington prior of Durham about the heirs of Harsculph Killerby who died in the plague at Durham without an heir of his body, also his brother Thomas who died without issue of his body, John Killerby sr who had a sister Alice married to a master carpenter John Hilton etc, another John Killerby was educated in Durham, then was clerk of the chapel of Prior John Hemingbrough before he moved to Whitby and married the daughter of Roger Knight of Whitby, whose daughter Helena, married to Robert Banester of Whitby, is Harsculph's heir, as testified by Harsculph and recited to William Rakett clerk of the rolls of the chancery of the bishop of Durham and Richard his brother and read out in the presence of Prior John Wessington by Robert Westmorland.

Witnesses: William and Richard Rakett, Doms John Artays master of the grammar school and Robert Sotheron master of the choir school and an executor of Harsculph, John Holme, Adomar Berhalgh, Hugh Burnynghill.

Date: Durham cathedral nave, St Dunstan 1439.

Size: 285 x 165 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXI:24 [mid 14th century]

Abbreviated copies of two royal letters patent.

Letters patent of Edward III granting the advowson of the church of Fishlake, Yorkshire, to Ralph de Neville, in exchange for the advowson of the church of Eure, Buckinghamshire.

Date: Westminster 20 February 25 Edward III. [1351]

Letters patent of Edward III granting to the prior and convent of Lewes, in the diocese of Chichester, exemption from all aids and impositions required of aliens, in exchange for advowsons of churches in their patronage, worth 200 marks pa, ie Fishlake & Great Sandale, diocese of York; Riston, diocese of Norwich; Whaddon & Caxton, diocese of Ely.

Date: Westminster, 25 February 25 Edward III. [1351]

At the foot "dom. John de Harleston" .

Size: 265 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1m, some small cuts and holes

Another copy (1): TNA Pat. Roll 25 Edward III pt.i. m.30.

Calendared (1): *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1350-1354*, p.42.

Another copy (2): TNA Pat. Roll 25 Edward III pt.i. m.27.

Calendared (2): *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1350-1354*, p.47.

DCD Loc.XXI:25 [21 September] 1436

Memorandum of evidence about the rights of the prior of Durham shown at the session of the justices to William Hoton of Hardwick, Robert Rodys, William Overton, and John Hewick, by Ralph [Neville] earl of Westmorland, reciting the following documents

Composition between Richard [de Hoton] prior and the convent of Durham and Hugh Gabion, whereby Gabion quitclaimed to the prior the rights of himself and his tenants in Tudhoe to the pasture, cultivation and meadow in the vills of Fery, Kirk Merrington, Middle East Merrington and West Merrington, with the prior quitclaiming his right in common pasture in Tudhoe, except after the removal of the corn and hay.

Witnesses: Dom Ralph de Neville, Dom John son of Marmaduke, Dom Walter de Wessington, Dom Thomas of Whitworth, *milites*, Thomas of Fishburn, Alan of Teesdale, Robert de Hoton, Emeric of Kelloe, John of Birtley.

Date: Durham, Saturday the morrow of St Cuthbert in March 32 Edward I. [21 March 1304]

Quitclaim to William [of Tanfield] prior and the convent of Durham by John Gubyon of Tudhoe of his right to common pasture at Spennymoor in the vills of Fery, Kirk Merrington, Middle East Merrington and West Merrington, except for his common pasture after the removal of the hay and corn up to the Purification of the BVM.

Witnesses: Dom Thomas of Whitworth *miles*, John Shireloke steward of Durham priory, William of Hebburn, John de Aldewod, Peter of Bolton.

Date: Durham, 17 Kal. April 1309/10 [16 March]

and also showing that Yorkhouse and Morehouse in Spennymoor had been given by the prior's predecessors before these documents for an annual rent, as detailed in a rental of ?1300, extended to 31 tenants in East Merrington, Middle Merrington and West Merrington for an annual total of £38 5½d. In a 1382 rental there are 60 tenants of Tudhoe farming various acres on Spennymoor rendering a total of £7 12d. And within the last 20 years, certain Tudhoe tenants have taken from William Barry terrar certain acres to farm in Spennymoor by Yorkhouse, which they sowed with oats.

Date: Durham, St Matthew 1436.

Size: 385 x 270 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, line of sewing holes near the foot, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

Other copies (1): DCD Loc.XXI:26 and Reg. IV, f.38v.

Other copies (2): DCD Loc.XXI:26 and Reg. IV, f.38v.

DCD Loc.XXI:26 [c.1440]

Articles of the prior [of Durham] complaining against the tenants of Tudhoe over his rights in Spennymoor.

1. The tenants of Tudhoe on 23 May 1436 broke into the prior's close at East Merrington and caused great damage. Richard of Claxton formerly prior of Durham had granted to Hugh de Gubyon a watercourse running to his mill at Tudhoe from the east of Merrington, confirmed by Prior Richard de Hoton. Date: Durham, Monday before the Annunciation of the BVM 1303, 32 Edward [I] (23 March 1304) (DHC1/M.65 f.84).

2. The church had a field in the vill of Fery, East Merrington, Middle Merrington and West Merrington commonly called Spennymoor which extended from *Thynforde* to Auckland Park and wherein Richard prior of Durham gave Thomas of Dalton a messuage and 30 acres for 2 marks annually, the messuage being called Yorkhouse, and another prior gave another messuage called Morehouse with 15 acres to John Ogle who sold the vill of Tudhoe to Dom John Neville in 1371 and the tenants of Tudhoe pastured the said messuage and land paying nothing to the great loss of the prior.

3. The tenants of Sunderland, Hett, Tudhoe, Whitworth, Fery, East Merrington, Middle Merrington and West Merrington held for the last 40 years certain parcels of arable enclosed by ditches by demise of the prior paying in total £36, but presently paying nothing to the great loss of the prior.

4. Quitclaim by indenture by Hugh Gobyon, sometime lord of Tudhoe, for himself, his heirs and tenants, in favour of Richard then prior and the convent of Durham, and their successors, of all right which he had in the whole pasture converted to ploughland and meadow in the vill of Ferry[hill], Kirk Merrington, Middle Merrington [Middlestone] and West Merrington [Westerton], saving common pasture in these lands to himself, his heirs and his tenants of Tudhoe after the removal of the corn and hay, with the ways and roads used, as at the date of the deed. Date: [morrow of St Cuthbert in March (21 March)] 1303/4. Quitclaim by John Gubyon, lord of Tudhoe, for himself and his heirs, in favour of William then prior and the convent of Durham and their successors, of all right which he might have in the whole common of pasture, land and approwed moor in Spennymoor (in the vill as above), on condition that the prior and convent and their successors hold all the approwed tenements in their severalty at all times of the year, saving to John and his heirs their common pasture in the said tenements from after the hay and corn have been removed until the Purification of the BVM, without causing damage in the tenements as often so ever as they shall have been sown, as more fully contained in the said deed. Witnesses: Dom Thomas of Whitworth *miles*, John Shireloke steward of Durham priory, William of Hebbern, John de Aldewod, Peter of Bolton. Date: Durham, 17 Kal. April (16 March) 1309/10.

Size: 325 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 1p, lines of sewing holes near the head and foot

Other copies of both deeds in 4 are in: DCD Loc.XXI:25 and Reg. IV, f.38v.

DCD Loc.XXI:27 [c.1440]

Another version of Loc.XXI:26, with cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 420 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p, stitching holes along the head

DCD Loc.XXI:28 [later 14th century]

Memorandum of the resignation on 3 April by Dom Thomas Kelloe from the vicarage of Heighington and the subsequent lapse of six months until the presentation of John Crayke (*Krayk*) to the bishop, with the 30 days of April being 3 less than the subsequent months of May, July and August. Signed by R. Ragwell and J. Harwod, with a monogram of an "S" with a heart.

Size: 130 x 280 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:29 [1438 x 1457]

Draft petition from the prior and chapter of Durham to Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham seeking licence, having not appropriated any new church for more than 160 years or any land, except for Houghall manor scarcely worth 20 marks for two chantry chaplains at Harverton and Herrington for the soul of Sir Thomas Herrington, as his predecessors from Richard Bury onwards had granted, to amortize £40 worth of lands. In six numbered sections. With interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 290 x 230 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:29* [1438 x 1457]

Another version of Loc.XXI:29, also with interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 260 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p, part of the foot torn away with some text lost, stitching holes along the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:30 [mid 15th century]

List of three *motiva* for excusing the prior and monastery of Durham from paying the subsidy sought by the king, because they have been deputed as collectors, have accommodated lords and others going to the Marches, and have endured the destruction of war in Northumberland and especially Norhamshire and Islandshire, all at considerable expense.

Itemised expenses of accommodating lords: the duke of Exeter, earls of Northumberland and Westmorland and others treating in the chapter house about the siege of Berwick by the Scots; the same duke and Henry [Bowet] archbishop of York staying in Durham; discussions between English and Scottish lords in the chapter house over the liberation of the king of Scotland; discussions in the chapter house between Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, the earl of Northumberland and the prior of Durham about Newcastle and the death of William Heron; the arrival of the archbishop of York and earl of Northumberland bringing succour for Roxburgh castle being besieged by the king of Scotland; the first visit of the duke of Norfolk; discussions at Durham between the ambassadors of the kings of England and Scotland over a truce in May.

Total £433 6s 8d.

Size: 290 x 190 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:31 13 June 1448

Letter of Cardinal J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, unaddressed, granting that, as the prior and chapter of Durham claim that they have not been accustomed to use the word "obedience" in letters to the archbishop of York, he will until his return to the diocese of York and for two months thereafter accept letters of presentation from them to benefices in his diocese which do not contain the word; provided that by this tolerance or grant no new right is to accrue to the prior and chapter, that through it they may not be able to make any future claim against the archbishop or the church of York, and that they give their consent to these conditions under their seal.

Signed "J Cardinalis et Archiepiscopus Eboracorum".

Date: 13 June 1448.

Size: 220 x 305 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:32 9 March 1444

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Westmorland, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, as sufficiently demonstrated to the notary, in name of the said prior and chapter made, read and interposed a written appeal by him, Robert Westmorland, as lawfully constituted proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, stating that, although the prior and chapter are of good reputation and under no sentences (&c), and the prior has possessed the priory with its rights and appurtenances for a long time, and possesses the same at present; fearing, from plausible reasons, that prejudice may be engendered in future concerning the position of the prior and chapter, their right and property in the church of Durham, their appropriated churches and chapels, their dependent cells, in particular their cell or priory of Lytham, and all their jurisdictions, privileges and customs; and lest anyone by whatsoever authority or mandate, even if episcopal, or any dignity or power be able to gain anything against the position of the prior and chapter in the foregoing (&c) and attempt anything prejudicial to the prior and chapter (&c); he appeals to the apostolic see and for the protection of the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter, himself in their name, his and their adherents and those wishing to adhere to him and them, their rights, privileges, goods (&c) to the protection of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he wishes to alter the present appeal and put it into a more proper form, and to notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor.

Witnesses: William Killinghall gent, Thomas Coken, William Sherburn and John Dale *literatus* of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham cathedral nave, 9 March 1443/4.

Notary: Richard Prentys priest of York diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

With some interlineation and cancellation, and a large cancellation cross over the lower half.

Size: 255 x 355 mm

Parchment, 1m, large diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Copies: DCD Reg. III, f.301v-302r (slightly variant version) and 303r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:33 7 December 1441

The demise of churches to the prior and chapter of Durham in the diocese of York made by the commissaries of John [Kempe] cardinal archbishop of York at his visitation as follows.

Date: York, 7 December 1441.

They had heard by trustworthy account that the prior and convent and chapter of Durham had held and occupied the parish churches of Northallerton, Eastrington, Bossall, Fishlake, Ruddington, and Giggleswick, and annual pensions from the churches of Hemingbrough, Brantingham, Welton, Walkington, Skipwith, Holtby, [North]allerton, [Kirkby] Sigston, [West] Rounton, and Normanton on Soar, York diocese, contrary to common law, and had turned the revenues of these churches to their own use and that of their college at Oxford during no small period of time; and that they, in person and through their keepers and ministers, had presumed to exercise the spiritual jurisdiction and visitation of Howden and Howdenshire, and Allerton and Allertonshire, and had usurped other things there, against common law and prejudicial to the archbishop and his dignity; and that, wishing to be informed about the foregoing, he had had the said prior and convent and chapter, and all others having an interest in this regard, summoned to be present before him at a certain date and place; and appearing before him by their lawful proctors they had shown evidences upon their right and possession to and of the said churches, pensions and jurisdictions; and, following examination of which pronouncing that the churches of Northallerton, Eastrington, and Giggleswick are rightly appropriated to the prior and convent and chapter of Durham, and the churches of Bossall, Fishlake, and Ruddington are rightly appropriated to the college of the said prior and convent in Oxford; and that the pensions from the churches of Hemingbrough (five marks), Brantingham (ten marks), Welton (three marks), Walkington (100s), Skipwith (one mark), Holtby (25s), the vicarage of Allerton (£20 sterling), the churches of [Kirkby] Sigston (ten marks), [West] Rounton (40s), Normanton [on Soar] (one mark), and the spiritual jurisdiction and visitation in Howden and Howdenshire, Allerton and Allertonshire and the rest of the rights according to the form of the agreement made between William, sometime archbishop of York, and the said prior and convent of Durham [originals: 4.1.Archiep.2a, 2b, 2c] concerning their jurisdiction in Howden and Howdenshire, and Allerton and Allertonshire, have pertained, pertain and ought to pertain to the said prior and convent and chapter; and they have sufficient right and title thereto (&c); and freeing them by decree from further interference of his office in this regard.

A composition between William [Melton] archbishop of York and the prior and convent of Durham mentioned above detailing the visitation rights due to the prior and chapter.

Size: 420 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p, some slight staining

DCD Loc.XXI:34 24 April 1405

Testimonial by John [Hemingbrough] prior of Durham for his fellow monk Thomas Lythe of his good fame, integrity and opinion, and as an observer of the constitutions and rules of his order, and as having given a good account in carrying out the administration of his offices, standing against any slanders in the visitation articles of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, or in the provincial or general chapters of the order, or in the daily chapters of the church of Durham, particularly in the controversy between Brother William of Pocklington feretrar and himself formerly sacrist over the feretrar's wax.

Date: Durham, 24 April 1405.

Size: 195 x 295 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXI:35 21 February 1446

Notarial instrument recording a protestation by Robert Westmorland, monk and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, that it is not their intention, by any presentation, collation or other act in respect of the vicarage of St Oswald's Durham, said to be vacant by the death of Master John Lithum in remote, foreign parts, to prejudice the collation, provision or any other disposition of the pope, or any rights reserved to him concerning the said vicarage, rather that they want these rights to remain unimpaired, saving always the liberties and privileges granted of old by popes to the prior and chapter in all things, and that they have asked the notary to draw up the declaration into a public instrument. Witnesses: John Partrike chaplain, Ellis (*Heliseus*) Worslay and John Hexham, *literati* of York diocese.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Date: nave of Durham cathedral, 21 February 1445/6.

Size: 210 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, some stains

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.26v-27r.

DCD Loc.XXI:36 6 August 1446

Notarial instrument recording an appeal by Robert Westmorland, monk and proctor of Durham, in the name of the prior and chapter of Durham, proposing that although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), besmirched with no suspension, or excommunication (&c) and involved in no crime, and the prior be in peaceful possession of the priorate; fearing, from plausible reasons and newly-made threats, that prejudice may in the future be engendered with regard to the prior and chapter, their right and possession in the church of Durham and in whatsoever their appropriated churches and chapels, the cells dependent from their church, and whatsoever their interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions; and, lest someone by whatsoever authority or mandate, even if episcopal, attempt anything - possibilities enumerated - prejudicial to the state of the prior and chapter in the foregoing, or to any one of them, or against the statutes or privileges granted to them by popes, kings of England, archbishops of York and bishops of Durham, he appeals to the apostolic see and for tuition to the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter, their churches, chapels, interests, rights, privileges (&c), those adhering and wishing to adhere to them and to him in their name, to the protection and defence of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he will alter the present appeal and put it into more proper form, and notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor.

Witnesses: William Killinghall, John Hexham, William Bolton, *literati* of York and Durham dioceses.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Done: nave of Durham cathedral, 6 August 1446.

Size: 250 x 390 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.32v-33r.

DCD Loc.XXI:37 [c.1383]

[Lower part of] articles about the unjust detention by Roger White vicar [of Middleton] of an annual pension due to the abbey and convent [of St Mary's York], that he had been vicar since November 1382 and had not paid the pension for November 1382 and the following Pentecost, that William Cawood clerk of John Bacon archdeacon of Richmond and his commissary general had acted against him; with the interrogatories in response to the 18 articles (no response to 1-3) on behalf of Roger White.

Size: 410 x 285 mm

Paper roll, 1p, stitching holes along the head

Related material in other DUL collections: ?Same case: DCD 3.2.Pap.16.

DCD Loc.XXI:38 23 April 1434

Notarial instrument reciting the following appeal and proxy of Master William Driffield, clerk of York, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham.

Appeal by William Driffield, clerk of York, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, to whose use the churches of Fishlake, Bossall, Ruddington and others, their dependent chapels, some cells, portions of tithes and pensions, things, jurisdictions, liberties and other rights within York and Durham dioceses and the province of York, excepting certain vicarage portions, are annexed; stating that although the said churches (&c), rights (&c) are canonically held, have long been peacefully possessed, and their revenues have been freely raised; and the prior and chapter, their predecessors and their officers have exercised spiritual authority in all matters pertaining to ecclesiastical jurisdiction, described, in the collegiate churches of Howden and Hemingbrough and the parish churches of Brantingham, Walkington, Welton, Eastrington, Skipwith, Holtby, [North]allerton, [Kirby] Sigston and [West] Rounton, and over the clergy and parishioners thereof, with the visitation of the archbishop of York and certain others of high authority excepted, in accordance with papal decree; all of the foregoing having been enjoyed during successive periods and being now enjoyed by the prior and chapter and having been approved without gainsaying by those whom it concerned, in particular by the archbishops of York; and the prior and chapter are of good fame, under no sentence, and charged with no notable crime; fearing, for certain reasons, that prejudice to the prior and chapter and their monastery could be engendered in future, appealing to the apostolic see and the court of York for protection for the prior and chapter and their churches, cells, rights and other interests; placing the prior and chapter, their churches, cells, rights, possessions, and adherents under the protection of the apostolic see and the court of York, lest anyone by whatsoever authority, or by episcopal or other jurisdiction, obtain or unduly attempt anything against the prior and chapter or anything belonging to them; and stating that he wishes, if need be, to amend or withdraw the appeal, and notify those whom it concerns, and

Proxy by John prior and the chapter of Durham appointing John Fishburn, William Dalton, monks of Durham; Master William Doncaster LLB.; William Driffield, Thomas Tang', and Thomas Appleby, NPs, as their proctors to appear and act, powers given *in extenso*, for them in all causes and business, moved or to be moved, concerning the prior and chapter, their church of Durham, their parish churches, chapels, interests, jurisdictions, liberties and rights, before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate or their commissaries (&c) of whatever kind of jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places.

Date: Durham, 16 December 1433.

Witnesses: Thomas Warnar chaplain of York, John Teesdale, William Croft clerk, John Holme *donzel literatus*, of York diocese.

Notary: Thomas of Appleby, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Date: chapter house of York, 23 April 1434.

Size: 485 x 465 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.156v-158v.

DCD Loc.XXI:39 9 December 1440

Notarial instrument recording a revocation by Robert Westmorland, monk and proctor of Durham, in the name of the prior and chapter of Durham, proposing that although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), besmirched with no suspension, excommunication (&c) and involved in no crime, and the prior be in peaceful possession of the priorate; fearing, from plausible reasons and newly-made threats, that prejudice may in the future be engendered with regard to the prior and chapter, their right and possession in the church of Durham and in whatsoever their appropriated churches and chapels, the cells dependent from their church, and whatsoever their interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions; and, lest someone by whatsoever authority or mandate, even if episcopal, attempt anything, possibilities enumerated, prejudicial to the state of the prior and chapter in the foregoing, or to any one of them, or against the statutes or privileges granted to them, he appeals to the apostolic see and for tuition to the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter, their churches, chapels, interests, rights, privileges (&c), those adhering and wishing to adhere to them and to him in their name, to the protection and defence of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he will alter the present appeal and put it into more proper form, and notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor.

Witnesses: John Runcorn (*Ronkhoran*) NP, William Middleton chaplain, and John Stele clerk, of Lichfield and York dioceses.

Notary: John Berehalgh clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Date: Durham cathedral nave, 9 December 1440.

Size: 260 x 350 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:40 [25 August] 1437

Licence of Peter de Monte LLD, protonotary, collector general in England, nuncio of the apostolic see, allowing John Wessington, prior of Durham, to have a portable altar, reciting the following papal faculty.

Faculty of Pope Eugenius [IV] to Master Peter de Monte, papal notary, nuncio of the apostolic see, and collector of the camera in England, Scotland and Ireland, whom the pope has lately sent as nuncio and collector to the above realms and island, to grant to 20 persons of either sex to have a portable altar.

Date: Bologna, 12 Kal. September 1436 Pont.6.

Date: Durham, 8 Kal. September [21 August] 1437.

Size: 100 x 445 mm

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:41

Ownership history: Now 2.1.Finc.11. Transfer to Finc. was noted on [late 19th] century wrapper by [William Greenwell]

DCD Loc.XXI:42

Ownership history: Now 2.1.Finc.74. Transfer to Finc. was noted on [late 19th] century wrapper by [William Greenwell]

DCD Loc.XXI:43 18 February 1476

Lease by John Totofte, master of the chapel of Wyke in the parish of Quadring, Lincoln diocese, to the prior and convent of Durham and the warden of Durham College Oxford, appropriator of Frampton church in Lincoln diocese, of the tithes in the parish of Frampton pertaining to the said chapel, during his incumbency, paying 40s annually.

Witnesses: Master John Fisher LLB official and commissary of the archdeacon of Lincoln, Master William Rauf LLB, Thomas Totofte gent father of the said John, of Boston, Master Thomas White NP.

Date: Boston, 18 February 1475/6.

Size: 150 x 390 mm

Seal: 2 sets of double slits [for sealing tags]

Parchment, 1m, indented head, zig-zag, 2 stabbed holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:44 [c.1380]

[?Draft] notarial instrument about the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham in the churches in his patronage, Jarrow, Monkwearmouth, Dalton le Dale, Pittington, Hesledon, Billingham, Middleham, Merrington, Aycliffe, Heighington, Witton [Gilbert], Whitworth and Durham St Oswald.

Size: 315 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1m, some holes and damage to the edges with some text lost, badly stained with parts illegible

DCD Loc.XXI:45 [10 December 1378]

Copy of the constitution of [Pope Urban VI] against the alienation of the rights of patrons and advowsons of benefices, made at the petition of the prior and convent of Durham.

Date: 4 Id. December Pont.1.

Size: 145 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXI:46 20 January [?1360s]

Letter from Hugh de Arlam, clerk and councillor in the Roman *curia*, to the prior and chapter of Durham, about an agreement offered with John of Lowick.

Date: Rome, 20 January.

Size: 210 x 400 mm

Seal: residue applied on the dorse

Paper, 1p, various horizontal slits damaged with some holes with text lost, badly faded in parts, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXI:47 [9 September ?1456]

[Draft] letter by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham [to ?an advocat of the court of York], thanking him for his care and effort towards the causes of the church of Durham, and especially its privileges and liberties. Master Thomas Candell, provost of Hemingbrough, recently came to the monastery of Durham, and related to him that he has been cited to appear before the court (*audientia*) of the archbishop [of York] to make response judicially to him, as he asserts, about certain articles touching the salvation of his soul. Fearing that he is to be troubled, he argued that he be summoned to judgement in the court of the liberty of St Cuthbert, not elsewhere, and there corrected or exonerated with regard to any causes whatever, even criminal, provided that criminal causes are brought for the purpose of correction and salvation and not of deprivation from office. Uncertain what would be better for him, he came to the prior for advice and assistance. The prior therefore entreats the addressee to give his advice in this matter before the archbishop and to endeavour that nothing, as a result of the archbishop's decree or mandate, sets a precedent ("transeat in rem iudicatam") which might seem to be in opposition to or infringe the prior's jurisdiction or liberty or the tenor of the agreement entered into in this regard. The prior is given to understand that the goods and income of the church of Hemingbrough, according to the terms of its ordinance, are presently insufficient to support its customary charges. At the request of the provost to remedy this, the prior wishes to provide for the church's benefit. He entreats him, along with Master William Langton, to devise some reform and to send that confidentially to the prior and his fellow monks, so that the prior can consult with his council and afterwards present to the archbishop what seems fit to him and the addressee. He reckons that it would be advantageous at present to reduce the portions of the provost and individual prebendaries so that the church may enjoy continued prosperity in future.

Date: Durham, the day after the Nativity of the BVM.

With interlineations and cancellations.

Dorse

Articles for a licence to acquire lands to the value of £80 sought by the prior and chapter of Durham from Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham. Firstly that no church had been appropriated for 160 years or more despite the value of such appropriated churches having fallen to 1000 marks when they were previously worth twice, three times or even four times that. Secondly no military fee lands had been acquired except for Houghall manor which was scarcely worth 20 marks at farm and from which the prior pays £10 13s 4d for two chaplains celebrating at Harraton and Herrington for the soul of Sir Thomas Herrington, donor of the manor. Thirdly such temporalities were in decline. Fourthly the prior's expenses had risen. Fifthly the bishop's predecessors since Louis Beaumont had permitted this.

Size: 270 x 300 mm

Paper, 1p, damaged edges repaired with paper c.1970

Copy of the letter: DCD Reg. Parv. III, f.85v-86r.

DCD Loc.XXI:48 [1381 x 1388]

Indemnity of John [Fordham] bishop of Durham to the prior and chapter of Durham and the clergy serving their churches, from paying the subsidy to the bishop of Durham, as in the time of his predecessors, unless they wished to.

Size: 90 x 285 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXI:49 21 July 1408

Notarial instrument reciting a precautionary appeal issued by Thomas Lythe, monk of Durham cathedral and of the Benedictine order, for the protection of the apostolic see and the court of York against any possible action against him by Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham or the prior of Durham.

Witnesses: Thomas Hesilryg and John Yong clerks of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: Durham cathedral, 21 July 1408.

Notary: Richard of Ripon, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 220 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1m, part of the foot torn away and missing

DCD Loc.XXI:50(1) [17 February] 1251

Notification to Pope Innocent [IV] by Bertram [of Middleton] prior and the convent of Durham of his appointment of Master Robert de Cotum archdeacon of Durham, William Luvel and Walter of Richmond as his proctors in the *curia* in a case against Master Stephen Anibaldi.

Date: Durham, 13 Kal. March 1250/1.

Size: 120 x 160 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:50(2) 24 December 1362

Appointment by the prior and convent of Durham of John Hackthorpe clerk as their proctor in all causes (as detailed).

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 December 1362.

Size: 130 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, top left corner damaged and missing, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, some staining

Recited in: Ushaw College MS 25, f.94r-109v.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(3) 25 August 1363

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by John Fossor prior of Durham of his fellow monk John of Beckingham as his proctor for absolving benefices from suspension etc. Witnesses: Master William of Farnham rector of Walkington church York diocese, and William of Esh clerk of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham, prior's chamber, 25 August 1363.

Notary: John of Hackthorpe, clerk of Carlisle diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 230 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:50(4) 15 November 1406

Appointment by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the chapter of Durham of their fellow monk William Appleby as their proctor in the dispute with the dean and chapter of York over the custody of the spiritualities of the diocese of Durham on the deaths of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham and Richard [le Scrope] archbishop of York before the arbitrators Edmund [Stafford] bishop of Exeter and Ludovico [Aliotti] bishop of Volterra.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 15 November 1406.

Size: 185 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1m, head, foot and right side gnawed with some text lost, cut [filing] hole in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XXI:50(5) 25 April 1433

Proxy by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham, patrons of the church of Fishlake, York diocese, annexed to their college at Oxford, appointing Master William Doncaster LLB, Master Thomas Appleby NP, Robert Keerby vicar of Fishlake, and Thomas Mysyne *literatus*, as their proctors to act on their behalf in whatsoever causes, business, suits and actions moved or to be moved, pertaining to inquisitions and trials before whatsoever judge ordinary or delegate, commissaries or under-delegates, held at whatsoever dates and places, proceeding *ex officio* or at the instance of a party, concerning the prior and chapter and the rights and revenues of the said church and the possession thereof.

Date: Durham chapter house, 25 April 1433.

Size: 185 x 395 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, 3 variously cut and 1 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.149v-150r.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(6) 24 April 1441

Proxy by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham, having the church of Giggleswick appropriated to them and to their cell of Finchale, and having the churches of Fishlake, Bossall and Ruddington appropriated to them and to their college in the university of Oxford, appointing John Mody warden of Durham college Oxford, Master Robert Ormesheued advocate of the court of York, William Driffeld proctor of the court of York, and John Glovere chaplain, dean and registrar of Howden and Howdenshire, as their proctors to appear and act, powers listed, for them and for the said churches, before John [Kempe], cardinal priest of St Balbina and archbishop of York, and his vicar-general in spiritualities and commissaries, one or more, or any judge whomsoever competent in that regard, in whatsoever synods, at whatsoever dates and places, to be held by whatsoever authority.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 April 1441.

Some interlineations.

Size: 190 x 330 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.264r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(7) 6 May 1443

Appointment by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham of their fellow monk Robert Westmorland as their proctor for transcribing, registering and exemplifying writings or muniments.

Date: Durham chapter house, 6 May 1443.

Size: 100 x 315 mm

Seal: residue on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:50(8) 6 September 1444

Notarized proxy by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Andrew Holes, DDec, whether absent or present, and John Pencher, monk of Durham, present and expressly agreeing, as their proctors (short of revoking their other proxies), in all causes moved or to be moved concerning the prior and chapter, their church, and its dependent priories of Coldingham and Lytham, and especially in the cause of the appeal interposed at the Roman *curia* by the prior and chapter against the bishop of St Andrews, and for their right and interest in the said priories against whatsoever persons secular or regular, before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, at whatsoever dates and places, as often as and when need be; giving the proctors general power, described, to act in their name. Under the common seal and with the notary's subscription.

Witnesses: John Holme, Thomas Broxfeld, Thomas Cocken, and William Sherburn, of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 6 September 1444.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited, including note of an interliniation).

Size: 255 x 370 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.309r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(9) 16 June 1446

Proxy by John [Mody] subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Master William Ebchester STP, Master William Wetwang advocate of the court of York, William Dalton, Robert Westmorland and William Seton, monks of Durham, and William Bisspeham, proctor of the court of York, as their proctors short of revoking their proctors already appointed, to act on their behalf in all causes and business moved or being moved, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties: concerning their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, parish churches and dependent chapels, their interests, jurisdictions and liberties, their tithes, pensions, portions and rights whatsoever; before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, or their commissaries, and executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others whatsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance; against the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) by whatsoever adversaries; at whatsoever dates and places; giving them their special power and special and general mandate, described, therefor; and authorizing them to appear in name of and act for the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations.

Date: Durham chapter house, 16 June 1446.

Size: 280 x 370 mm

Seal: double slits in a turnup for a [parchment sealing tag]

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.29v-30r.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(10) 2 August 1446

Proxy by William [Ebchester] prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Master Richard Wetwang advocate of the court of York, William Dalton and Robert Westmorland, monks of Durham, and William Bisspeham, proctor of the court of York, as their proctors short of revoking their proctors already appointed, to act on their behalf in all causes and business moved or being moved, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties: concerning their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, parish churches and dependent chapels, their interests, jurisdictions and liberties, their tithes, pensions, portions and rights whatsoever; before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate or their commissaries, and executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others whatsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance; against the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) by whatsoever adversaries; at whatsoever dates and places; giving them their special power and special and general mandate, described, therefor; and authorizing them to appear in name of and act for the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations.

Date: Durham chapter house, 2 August 1446.

Size: 220 x 420 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.31v-32r.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(11) 12 October 1456

Proxy by Richard [Bell] subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Henry Helay, Master John Burnaby STP, William Seton STB, monks of Durham, and John Hexham, NP by apostolic authority and proctor of the consistory of Durham, as their proctors short of revoking their proctors already appointed, to act on their behalf in all legal actions and business begun or to be begun, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties: concerning them, their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, parish churches and dependent chapels, their interests, jurisdictions and liberties, their tithes, pensions, portions and rights whatsoever; before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate or their commissaries, and executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others whatsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance; against the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) by whatsoever adversaries; at whatsoever dates and places; giving them their special power and special and general mandate, authority described, therefor; and authorizing them to appear in name of and act for the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, elections, chapters, congregations and other convocations.

Date: Durham chapter house, 12 October 1456.

Size: 255 x 390 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, cut [filing] hole on the left edge, torn

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.102r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(12) 12 January 1448

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Embleton, monk of Durham and proctor of the church thereof, made, read and interposed, in name of the prior and chapter of Durham, a written appeal proposing that although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), besmirched with no suspension, excommunication (&c) and involved in no crime, and the prior be in peaceful possession of the priorate; fearing, from plausible reasons and newly-made threats, that prejudice may in the future be engendered with regard to the prior and chapter, their right and possession in the church of Durham and in whatsoever their appropriated churches and chapels, the cells dependent from their church, and whatsoever their interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions; and, lest someone by whatsoever authority or mandate, even if episcopal, attempt anything, possibilities enumerated, prejudicial to the state of the prior and chapter in the foregoing, or to any one of them, or against the statutes or privileges granted to them by popes, kings of England, archbishops of York and bishops of Durham, he appeals to the apostolic see and for tuition to the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter, their churches, chapels, interests, rights, privileges (&c), those adhering and wishing to adhere to them and to him in their name, to the protection and defence of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he will alter the present appeal and put it into more proper form, and notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor, and that Robert asked the notary to reduce the foregoing into one or more public instruments.

Witnesses: Dom Thomas Glasyer chaplain, John Hexham and Richard Bruke *literati* of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: Durham cathedral nave, 12 January 1447/8.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited (in a different hand).

Size: 255 x 370 mm

Parchment, 1m, cut [filing] hole in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XXI:50(13) 4 October 1450

Proxy by William [Ebchester] prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Masters John Burnaby subprior of Durham, Richard Wetwang advocate of the court of York, Doms John Gateshead, William Dalton and William Seton, monks of Durham, and William Bisspeham, proctor of the court of York, as their proctors short of revoking their proctors already appointed, to act on their behalf in all causes and business moved or being moved, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties: concerning their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cell at Coldingham in Scotland, their cells in England, with their parish churches and dependent chapels, their interests, jurisdictions and liberties, their tithes, pensions, portions and rights whatsoever; before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate or their commissaries, and executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others whatsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance; against the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) by whatsoever adversaries; at whatsoever dates and places; giving them their special power and special and general mandate, described, therefor; and authorizing them to appear in name of and act for the prior and chapter and their monastery (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations.

Date: Durham chapter house, 4 October 1450.

Size: 255 x 440 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, 4 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:50(14) 16 August 1457

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Dom James Lumsden priest of St Andrews diocese, vicar of Stichill, of Master John Lax LLB and papal secretary as his proctor before the pope in his appeal against the refusal of James [Kennedy] bishop of St Andrews to admit him to the perpetual vicarage of Stichill.

Witnesses: Patrick of Dunbar *scutifer*, Dom William Rothbury monk, Dom William Bene chaplain, John Bene and James Lowry.

Notary: Dom Thomas de Tothric, priest of St Andrews diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 245 x 385 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXI:50(15) 24 February 1461

Proxy by John [Burnaby] prior and the chapter of Durham, namely Master William Seton STP and subprior; Thomas Ayer sacrist and terrar; Richard Kellowe refectorer; William Dalton; John Warner master of the infirmary; Richard Blackburn feretrar and third prior; John Ripon precentor; Henry Rakett; William Fige master of the Galilee; William Hesilden dean of the order; Richard Sherburn; William Byrden communar and almoner; John Eden chamberlain; William Elwick dean of the order; William Easby; Richard Billingham chancellor; Thomas Holme; Thomas Houghton bursar; John Aycliffe; John Stele; Thomas Wrenne; Thomas Staindrop; John Greene prior's chaplain; John Lilburne; Richard Stele; Robert Billingham; William Roland; William Masham; William Pelton; John Lee; William Brown; John Danby; Thomas Young; Thomas Colhome; William Cuthbert the younger; John Forest; and Richard Hartlepool; making the chapter of Durham, and having the parish churches of Jarrow, Monkwearmouth, Holy Island, [Bishop] Middleham, Bywell St Peter, St Oswald's [Durham], Aycliffe, Heighington, Merrington, Dalton le Dale, Hesleden, Billingham, Pitlington, Norham, Branxton, Ellingham, Edlingham and Bedlington, and the chapels dependent therefrom, in Durham diocese, to their own use, appointing Master William Seton STP, subprior of Durham, Thomas Ayer, sacrist and terrar, Richard Billingham, chancellor, [monks of Durham], Master Robert Wilson, advocate of the court of York, Master William Leyburn LLB, Master Henry Husthwaite, NP by apostolic authority and proctor of the court of York, and Master Robert Bartram, NP by apostolic authority and their special scribe, as their proctors, short of revoking their proctors already appointed, to act on their behalf in all suits and business, controversies, suits and actions howsoever concerning the prior and chapter and their monastery, their cells and their said churches and chapels, before whatsoever judges ordinary, delegate, sub-delegate or their commissaries, moved or to be moved against or by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places; giving them their general power and general and special mandate (described) therefor to act in the name of the prior and chapter and their monastery, their cells, parish churches and dependent chapels; and authorizing them to appear in name of and act for the prior and chapter and their monastery, cells, churches and chapels (responsibilities described) in synods, visitations and councils of Lawrence [Booth] bishop of Durham, to be held by his authority in Durham dioc. or elsewhere, and also at elections, consistories, chapters, and whatsoever other convocations and congregations of clergy at which the prior and chapter are bound to appear by reason of their monastery, cells (&c), and to excuse their absence and give the reasons therefor.

Date: Durham chapter house, 24 February 1460/1.

Size: 245 x 380 mm

Seal: parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes in the top left corner, top left corner torn off and missing

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.123r-v.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(16) 27 November 1461

Appointment by John [Burnaby] prior and the chapter of Durham of Master William Seton STP subprior, Dom Richard Billingham fellow monks, and Master William Leybrun LLB as proctors for the transumpt of muniments.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 27 November 1461.

Size: 190 x 290 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XXI:50(17) 8 June 1474

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Pickering, monk of Durham and proctor of the church thereof, made, read and interposed, in name of the prior and chapter of Durham, a written appeal proposing that although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), besmirched with no suspension, excommunication (&c) and involved in no crime, and in possession of the parish churches of Jarrow, Monkwearmouth, Holy Island, [Bishop] Middleham, Bywell St Peter, St Oswald's [Durham], Aycliffe, Heighington, Merrington, Dalton le Dale, Hesleden, Billingham, Pittington, Norham, Branxton, Ellingham, Edlingham and Bedlington, and the chapels dependent therefrom, in Durham diocese; fearing, from plausible reasons and newly-made threats, that prejudice may in the future be engendered with regard to the prior and chapter, their right and possession in the church of Durham and in whatsoever their appropriated churches and chapels, the cells dependent from their church, and whatsoever their interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions; he appeals to the apostolic see and for tuition to the court of York, subjecting the prior and chapter, their churches, chapels, interests, rights, privileges (&c), those adhering and wishing to adhere to them and to him in their name, to the protection and defence of the said see and court; declaring that, if need be, he will alter the present appeal and put it into more proper form, and notify those concerned of a suitable time and place therefor, and that Thomas asked the notary to reduce the foregoing into one or more public instruments.

Witnesses: John Sayer, John Hedworth, John Bell and John Swinton of Durham diocese.

Date: Durham monastery in St Michael's chapel on the south side of the prior's great chamber, 8 June 1474.

Notary: Robert Bartram clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 285 x 405 mm

Seal: elaborated initials "I" and "E"

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXI:50(18) 23 July 1476

Appointment by Richard [Bell] prior and the chapter of Durham, the cells of Coldingham, Finchale, Holy Island, St Leonard by Stamford, Jarrow, Monkwearmouth, Lytham and the Farne Islands, with their dependent churches and chapels, also the parochial churches of St Oswald by Durham, Merrington, Heighington, Aycliffe, Billingham, [Bishop] Middleham, Hesleden, Dalton le Dale, Pittington, Bywell St Peter, Bedlington, Edlingham, Ellingham, Norham, and Branxton, the collegiate churches of Howden and Hemingbrough with their prebends, also the parochial churches of Wrelton, Walkington, Brantingham, Skipwith, Eastington, Rounton, [North]allerton, [Kirby] Sigston, Ruddington, Fishlake, Bossall, and Frampton with their dependent chapels in the dioceses of York, Lincoln, Durham and St Andrews, of Master Robert Ebchester STP, Master Robert Mason DL, Master John Pearson DD, Master William Layborn LLB, Master John Pickering LLB, Master Nicholas Lancaster LLB, Dom Thomas Houghton sacrist of Durham monastery, Dom Thomas Pickering STB, Dom Thomas Halver chancellor of Durham monastery, Master Bartram NP by apostolic authority and Master Edmund NP by apostolic and imperial authority as their general proctors at the Roman *curia*.

Date: Durham chapter house, 23 July 1476.

Size: 255 x 445 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, elliptical [filing] hole in the top left corner, some small holes on the right side

DCD Loc.XXI:50(19) 3 May 1478

Appointment by Thomas [Caly] subprior and the chapter of Durham cathedral priory, on the promotion of Richard Bell last prior to the bishoprick of Carlisle, of their fellow monk Thomas Halver, almoner of the priory, as their proctor for the election of the future prior.

Date: Durham chapter house, 3 May 1478.

Size: 130 x 390 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, elliptical [filing] hole in the top left corner

Memorandum of the proxy: DCD Reg. IV, f.183r.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(20) 30 April 1478

Appointment by Thomas [Caly] subprior and the chapter of Durham cathedral of Master Robert Ebchester STP terrar and hostillar, Dom Thomas Haughton sacrist, Dom Thomas Pickering third prior and feretrar, Dom Thomas Halver almoner, Master John Pickering LLB and Edmund Bell NP by apostolic and imperial authority, as their general proctors in England in all causes concerning the said chapter, their cells, appropriated churches with the chapels dependent therefrom, and their interests, rights, liberties, tithes, pensions and portions.

Date: Durham chapter house, 30 April 1478.

Size: 215 x 390 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, elliptical [filing] hole in the top left corner

Memorandum of the proxy: DCD Reg. IV, f.182v-183r.

DCD Loc.XXI:50(21) 9 April 1494

Appointment by William [Brown] subprior and the chapter of Durham cathedral priory of their fellow monks John Swan prior of Finchale, Thomas Castell warden of [Durham] College Oxford, John Danby terrar, George Cornforth sacrist, Robert Bailey third prior and almoner, Henry Dalton chamberlain, and John Hamsterley communar, and also Master John Walker LLB as their general proctors in all causes concerning the said chapter, their cells, appropriated churches with the chapels dependent therefrom, and their interests, rights, liberties, tithes, pensions and portions.

Date: Durham chapter house, 9 April 1494.

Size: 190 x 410 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XXI:50(22) 1 May 1496

Appointment by Thomas [Castell] prior and the chapter of Durham cathedral of their fellow monks Dom Henry Dalton terrar, Thomas Swalwell chancellor and also Master John Walker LLB as their general proctors in the convocation of Durham clergy in the Galilee of Durham cathedral on Wednesday 4 May next, before Richard [Fox] bishop of Durham or his commissary or commissaries.

Date: Durham chapter house, 1 May 1496.

Size: 105 x 385 mm

Seal: residue, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the top left corner

DCD Loc.XXI:50(23) 29 December 1351

Appointment by John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham of their fellow monks Brothers Robert of Kelloe prior of Lytham and Robert of ?Thorpe as their proctors in all causes, business, actions and quarrels concerning him, his monastery of Durham and the church of Lytham.

Date: Durham chapter house, 29 December 1351.

Endorsed with notification of this to the prior of Lytham.

Size: 155 x 305 mm

Parchment, 1m, badly damaged with parts of the foot and right side gnawn away with text missing, repaired with parchment c.1970

Memorandum of the proxy: DCD Reg. II, f.142r-v.

DCD Loc.XXII

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXIII

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXIV - Absolution

DCD Loc.XXIV:79 17 November 1419

Notarial instrument notifying the clergy of Lincoln diocese that Jacob Morestini, DDec, *pruncevius* of the church of *Meten* (Messin), papal chaplain and auditor, had absolved Dom Robert Burton, whose proctor in the Roman *curia* was Robert Sinton, and who had been excommunicated by Giovanni Opizzis DDec and papal auditor, in a suit between Thomas More and Henry Clayton over the church of More, Lincoln diocese.

Witnesses: Giovanni Jacubi *de Pilonno* and Petro Annoti of *Undini* and Bayonne dioceses.

Date: Florence, 17 November 1419.

Notary: John *parvi alius curnuelli* clerk of diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 450 x 450 mm

Seal: G&B No.3706, on hemp cords, laced through 2 holes in a turnup

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXV - Letters

1378-1515

Locellus XXV mainly comprises original letters to the prior and convent dating from 1390 to 1470. The authors are from a wide social spectrum, but generally consist of kings, archbishops, bishops and secular magnates. The majority of the letters are requests for servants and associates of the authors to be presented to churches within the gift of the priory. However, many ask for favours of a different kind. Heavily represented are requests for places for boys at Durham College Oxford, requests for the appointment of individuals to secular offices in the hands of the prior, and requests for the performance of very specific services by the prior for the benefit of the authors or their associates. There is a small but significant body of correspondence from the prior's proctors in Rome giving information on the progress of priory business in the papal *curia*, particularly in relation to the dispute over Coldingham priory, and there are also several letters of complaint against specific members of the monastic community, mainly individuals residing in the cells. Very few of the letters carry full dates. The year is nearly always omitted. By consulting the priory registers (DCD Regs. II-IV) and other published sources many dates have been established.

Language: English mostly, some Latin, a little French, as indicated

Seal: Nearly all of the letters originally carried seals and many are still affixed, some are described in Greenwell & Blair's *Catalogue of Durham Seals*, hereafter known as G&B (see publication record).

Mainly paper, a little parchment 174 letters

Locellus XXV is referred to with a brief summary of the content of the class in the *Repertorium Magnum* (f.156v). The summary given is: "Littera regum, ducum, comitum, militum, etc ad priorem et monachos scripta". This entry sits within a list of similar entries for Locelli I-XL (f.155v-157v). They were written into the Magnum [by John Cosin, a canon of Durham Cathedral from 1624 to 1660]. It is possible that Cosin created the class of Locellus XXV when he found the letters among the muniments. Unlike certain other Locelli, items in Locellus XXV do not bear endorsements in the hand of the late medieval Durham monk, Thomas Swalwell. This may suggest that the class was first created after the Dissolution. In the mid nineteenth century [Joseph Stevenson] numbered the letters and gave a brief summary of each letter on a paper slip. This structure is still in use at the present time. The present catalogue was compiled by Alastair Tebbitt, November 2004 to August 2005.

Some letters are printed in *The correspondence, inventories, account rolls and law proceedings of the priory of Coldingham*, ed. J. Stevenson and J. Raine, (Surtees Society 12, 1841).

Some letters are calendared in *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. J. Kirkby (1978).

Some letters are calendared, with a few printed, in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955)

Some letters are printed in *Wills and Inventories Illustrative of the History, Manners, Language, Statistics, Etc. of the Northern counties of England from the Eleventh Century Downwards, Part I*, ed. J. Raine, (Surtees Society 2, 1835).

Greenwell, W. and Blair, C.H., *Catalogue of the seals in the treasury of the dean and chapter of Durham*, originally published in sections in *Archaeologia Aeliana* (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1911 - 1921).

Letters 1-165 are transcribed by James Raine in DCL RAI 131/5.

Related material in other DUL collections: Letters survive within other series of the Durham Cathedral Archive, including (but not only) the following.

DCD Misc.Ch. 6649 - from John Marchall (Marshall) concerning a vacancy in Hemingbrough

DCD 4.5.Ebor.19 - from Ralph [Neville] earl of Westmorland about deposit of deeds, [ca.1430]

DCD Misc.Ch. 2046 - from Alice Bankes to her cousin Doctor Squalvin

Loc.XXV:1 [1465 x 1472]

Letter from James Bonelet, also carrying the signature of Richard Billingham, to [Richard Bell], prior of Durham. He informs the prior that Richard Billingham has been forced into borrowing from bankers to pay the apostolic *camera*. Bonelet states that he is also in debt, having been loaned neccessaries by Hugo Spalding. He asks for money to be sent to relieve their condition and, in particular, to prevent Billingham's embarrassment and excommunication. He suggests that such an occurrence would also have a detrimental effect on the prior's prospects for promotion. Bonelet makes reference to the efforts that he is making on behalf of the prior against the Scots over the disputed priory of Coldingham. At Rome.

Richard Billingham acted in this period as proctor of Durham priory in Rome for the purpose of combatting the efforts being made by the Scots to detach Coldingham priory from Durham (Emden, *Oxford Biographical Register*, p.189).

Language: Latin

Size: Portrait format, 300 x 225 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:2 21 January 1467

Letter from [Richard Billingham], monk of Durham, to Richard Bell, prior of Durham. Gives an account of his journey to Rome. Reflects on the progress of the prior's suit in the papal curia concerning the expulsion by the Humes, Patrick and John, of the monks of Durham from the priory of Coldingham. Informs the prior that a bull relating to 'the matter of Hilton' will be brought to him. At Rome.

Date is in the text.

Language: English with address and date in Latin

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed in *The correspondence, inventories, account rolls and law proceedings of the priory of Coldingham*, ed. by J. Stevenson and J. Raine, Surtees Society, 12 (1841), p.215-216.

Loc.XXV:3 31 September 1468

Letter from Peter Milinis, prior's proctor, to Richard [Bell], prior of Durham. Informs the prior of the progress in the papal *curia* of his suit against [James III], king of Scotland, and [Patrick Graham], bishop of St Andrews, a suit which is intended to prevent the Scots from depriving the Durham monks of Coldingham Priory.

Date is in the text.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 220 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:4 2 May [1464]

Letter from Thomas Coventry to [John Burnaby], prior of Durham. Reflects on the appointment of Thomas Hope as the prior's proctor at the papal *curia*, Hope having replaced Coventry's master, J [John] Lax. Gives news of preparations involving the pope, the duke [doge] of Venice [Cristoforo Moro], the duke of Albany [Alexander Stewart], and earl Sigismund for an expedition sailing from Ancona to Greece to fight the Turks, with the Bastard of Bourgoign, the king of Hungary [Matthias Corvinus] and Duke Stephen going another way. Reports the death of the captain of the Venitians a quarter of a year since at the hands of the Turks at Corinth. At London.

Pope Pius II resolved to lead a crusade in 1464 against the Turks in Greece. Ancona was the muster-place for the expedition (*Cambridge Modern History*, vol. I, p.79).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 285 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no.708, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:5 [1449 x 1466]

Letter from T[homas Coventry] to the prior of Durham. Provides the prior with news from the papal *curia*: describes attempts in Rome to recover certain monies belonging to the prior by a John Belacyse, and informs him that John Lax, the prior's proctor, is held in high esteem in the *curia*, and that the pope is prepared to give him a bishopric. Mentions that a series of citations have been delivered to various English bishops requiring them to appear in Rome in person. Also, informs the prior that the pope had made John Lax a canon of the [court]. At London.

Lax was employed by the prior in Rome from c.1449 until shortly before his death in 1466 (Emden, *Oxford Biographical Register*, p.1113-1114).

Language: English

Size: Portrait format, 285 x 120 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:6 c.1442

Letter from [David Hume] to [John Wessington, prior of Durham]. Complains of the treatment he has received from [John Oll], prior of Coldingham, over the leasing of lands at Old Cambus to Alexander Hume. Claims that he has been wrongly dispossessed of those lands.

Language: English (Scottish dialect)

Size: Landscape format, 250 x 300 mm

Seal: There is no trace of a seal being affixed, although there are slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory, 1400-1450*, (Cambridge, 1973), p.324. Printed in *The correspondence, inventories, account rolls and law proceedings of the priory of Coldingham*, ed. by J. Stevenson and J. Raine, Surtees Society, 12 (1841), p.140-142.

Loc.XXV:7 26 September [1433?]

Letter from William Eure and William Elmeden to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests the prior's intervention in the settlement of a dispute between them and [Thomas Langley], bishop of Durham. They ask the prior to arrange a meeting between them and the bishop.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 155 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged G&B Nos. 869, 936 (there were two seals affixed, only 869 - the seal of Eure - is still in place), slits for a closure strip

R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450*, (Cambridge, 1973), p.186.

Loc.XXV:8 [1416 x 1446]

Letter from Thomas Gower to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Offers apologies for the conduct of his brother Nicholas and asks the prior to respite a suit being brought against Nicholas until the beginning of Lent when he (Thomas) will be in Durham. At London, on the Sunday after St Andrews Day.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 135 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450*, (Cambridge, 1973) p.131-132.

Loc.XXV:9 1 May [1396]

Letter from John Stanton and John Carlton, clerks, to John [Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. Asks the prior to allow Robert Hawksworth to exchange his vicarage in the collegiate church of Howden for the vicarage of Thriplow in the diocese of Ely held by Thomas Barneby. At York.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. II, f.319r: presentation of Thomas de Barneby, vicar of Thriplow, Ely dioc., to the vicarage of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, in order to effect an exchange of benefices with Robert Hawksworth, vicar of Saltmarshe (3 May 1396).

Loc.XXV:10 [1429 x 1439]

Letter from W [William] Doncaster to John [Wessington], prior of Durham. Represents Richard Marshal's desire for an appointment in the chantry of St Thomas the Martyr in the collegiate church of Howden, the chaplaincy of which is vacant through the resignation of William Smith. Recommends that John Holme should be present with other witnesses in a process being brought by the prior against [John Withyr], provost of Hemingbrough. At Howden, the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.161.

Loc.XXV:11 [c. April 1436]

Letter from John Castell to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks the prior to allow him to exchange his prebend at Howden for one held by Nicholas Dixon.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. III, f.197v: presentation of Nicholas Dixon, chaplain, to the prebend and canonry of Skelton in the church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Castell (14 April 1436).

Loc.XXV:12 8 February [1419 x 1448]

Letter from John Basing, knight, to the prior of Durham. Requests that he accept Dom John "in form", as has also been requested by [Elizabeth] Lady Grey [of Codnor] and [William] Lord Zouche. States that Dom John is well beloved by the townsfolk of Stamford. At Stamford.

Elizabeth's husband Richard Lord Grey of Codnor died in 1418 and she dates documents at Stamford after this. Her daughter Elizabeth married William Lord Zouche's younger son Sir John Zouche of Bulwick. (Cockayne, G.E, *Complete Peerage*.)

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged and shrouded by wreath (G&B No.163), slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.81.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Loc.XXV:135 below.

Loc.XXV:13 18 July [1436 x 1439]

Letter from Janet Tailor (*Thalyour*) to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Complains that she is being wrongfully pursued by the master of Farne, [Richard Kelloe], for a sum her husband owes for the glazing of a window on the island when Thomas Morby was master of the cell there. Asks the prior to intervene on her behalf. At Bamburgh Richard Kelloe was master of the cell at Farne 1436-1439 (A. J. Piper).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:14 13 July [1442]

Letter from G [George] Radcliffe to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that Radcliffe's cousin [William Nessingwick] be presented to the church of All Saints the Pavement in York. Informs the prior that the current parson of All Saints, John Wendsley, is prepared to exchange his benefice for a prebend in the collegiate church of St Chad in Shrewsbury, which is currently held by the cousin. At Lichfield.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 165 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact and shrouded by a wreath (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. III, f.134r, John Wendsley was presented to All Saints of the Pavement, York (17 May 1430); DCD Reg. III, f.278r, John Wendsley's successor, William Nessingwick from Shrewsbury, was presented to All Hallows (23 August 1442).

Loc.XXV:15 [11 August 1437]

Letter from Thomas Carr (*Kar*) of York, draper, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that [William Barker], parson of the church of Holtby, be allowed to resign in favour of John Holgate (*Golgat*). At York, Sunday night after the feast of St Lawrence.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.208v, presentation of John Holgate, chaplain, in the church of Holtby, made vacant by the resignation of William Barker' (13 August 1437), and also DCD Loc.XXV.42 below, related letter.

Loc.XXV:16 10 January [1440 x 1455]

Letter from Robert Danby to the prior of Durham. Recommends that Thomas Rudd's "son" [John] of Allerton, be appointed as "felower" in Durham College Oxford when a vacancy next arises there of any of Allertonshire. Describes Rudd's merits for the appointment, and reminds the prior that James Strangways has also written to the prior in support of Rudd. At Yafford.

Robert Danby addresses the prior as his "maister". The letter may have been composed when Danby was in the prior's employ. He was the prior's serjeant from 1442 until at least 1453/4 (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 135 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.170-171, 347-348.

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.79.

Loc.XXV:17 [c.1400 x 1416]

Letter from Robert Friston, chaplain, to the prior of Durham. Requests that his kinsman, a chaplain, be given the church of Fishlake. At Pont [Pontefract], Monday after Easter. Robert Friston was parson of Frampton from 1400 until his death in 1416.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. II, f.333r, presentation of Robert de Fryston', chaplain, to the vicarage of Frampton, made vacant by the death of the last vicar thereof (11 April 1400); DCD Reg. III, f.44r, presentation of John Turnour, chaplain, to the vicarage of Frampton, made vacant by the death of Robert de Fryston', last vicar thereof (29 April 1416).

Loc.XXV:18 [21 November 1432]

Letter from Richard Cliff to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Recommends [William Watkinson], a parson in the collegiate church of Lichfield, for presentation to the fifth vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, made vacant by the induction of John Rockliff into a perpetual chantry at Hull. He provides extensive details of [Watkinson's] merits, notably his singing. At Hemingbrough, the day after the feast of St Edmund.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact with straw wreath (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.162.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.383.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.148r, William Watkinson was presented to the fifth vicarage (27 November 1432).

Loc.XXV:19 20 September [1462]

Letter from [John Neville], Lord Montagu, to [John Burnaby], prior of Durham. Asks that the office of keeper of Bearpark be reserved to him when the incumbent, John Rakette, is deceased. States his wish to appoint a servant of his own to the office. (Montagu has signed the letter in his own hand.) At Carlisle.

Montagu raised the siege of Carlisle by the Scots in June 1462 (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*)

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.79.

Loc.XXV:20 16 February [1419]

Letter from John Aske to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks that Thomas Lister be permitted to exchange his vicarage at Howden for a benefice at Linton [in the church of Howden] held by Adam Walsh. At Ergom' [Eryholm?].

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.59r, presentation of Adam Walsh', chaplain, to the vicarage of the prebend of Howden in the church of Howden, made vacant by the resignation of Thomas Lytstr', last vicar thereof (6 March 1418).

Loc.XXV:21 [c.1395]

Letter from [Thomas Arundel, archbishop of York and chancellor of England?], to [Walter Skirlaw, bishop of Durham]. Informs the bishop that [John Hemingbrough], prior of Durham, has promised four prebends of Howden to him. Further informs the bishop that it is, therefore, impossible for the prior to accede to the bishop's desire for a candidate of his own to be presented to a prebend at Howden, which has been made vacant by the resignation of John Lincoln. Asks that the bishop, therefore, institutes Michael Sergeaux as prebendary.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, no slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.80-81.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. II, f.318r, Michael Sergeaux was presented to the prebend of Howden made vacant by the resignation of John de Lincoln (14 September 1395).

Loc.XXV:22 10 March [1440]

Letter from Robert Burton, archdeacon of Northumberland and rector of Blyborough, to John [Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks that the prior permit John Leek, rector of Broxholme, to be presented to Burton's rectory of Blyborough. Burton expresses his wish to exchange benefices. At Lincoln.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.252v, John Leek rector of Broxholme presented to the the church of Blyborough to effect an exchange of benefices with Robert Burton rector of Blyborough (3 April 1440); DCD Loc.XXV:23 below.

Loc.XXV:23 21 August [1436 x 1439]

Letter from R [Robert] B [Burton], archdeacon of Northumberland, precentor of Lincoln and rector of Blyborough, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham.

Requests that he be allowed to exchange his benefice at Blyborough with one held by John Heyworth. At Lincoln.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, separate paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, signet impression made on to the panel, G&B Nos. 492, 3278, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also:

DCD Loc.XXV:22 above;

DCD Reg. III, f.158v, Robert Burton was presented to the church of Blyborough (15 May 1434)

DCD Reg. III, f.210r, the keeping of the chapel of SS Edmund and Cuthbert in the vill of Gateshead was collated to John Heyworth (12 March 1436).

DCD Reg. III, f.252v, John Leek rector of Broxholme was presented to the church of Blyborough to effect an exchange of benefices with Robert Burton rector of Blyborough (3 April 1440).

Loc.XXV:24 8 December [1435]

Letter from John Brownfleet to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham.

Informs the prior that Brownfleet's friend, Robert Jackson, wishes to have a priest of his own called Thomas Marche presented to the vacant vicarage of Dalton le Dale. Asks if this can be done. At the Barns in Wearmouth [Bishopwearmouth].

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. III, f.197r, Thomas Marche was presented to the vicarage of Dalton le Dale (18 December 1435); DCD 1.2.Archid.Dunelm.29, mandate issued for the induction of Thomas Marche to the vicarage of Dalton le Dale (8 December 1435).

Loc.XXV:25 18 June [1447 x 1449]

Letter from John Gateshead, monk of Durham, to Thomas Blyth, attorney in the exchequer at London. Informes Blyth that a tally has been presented to the prior on behalf of [Marmaduke Lumley], bishop of Carlisle, by his chaplain, John Whelpdale. States that the tally cannot yet be sent to Blyth. Asks him to excuse the prior and monastery from loss while the tally's arrival at the exchequer is delayed. At Durham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 295 mm

Seal: No sign that a seal was ever affixed, no slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.133.

Loc.XXV:26 8 May [1422]

Letter from the chaplains of the collegiate church of Howden to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks for the presentation of W [William] Laverock to the prebend of Saltmarshe in the church of Howden made vacant by the resignation of John Spring. At Howden.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 165 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip
Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.96r, William Laverock was presented to the prebend of Saltmarshe in the church of Howden following the resignation of John Spring (11 May 1422).

Loc.XXV:27 21 November [1432]

Letter from Robert Babthorpe to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Reminds the prior that the fifth vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough has fallen vacant because John Rockliff, the previous incumbent, has been inducted into a chantry at Hull. Asks for the vacant vicarage to be given to a man he describes as a "son of the parish", and who was the brother of the letter bearer. Describes the sponsored man's merits and, in particular, his singing ability. At Hemingbrough.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal obliterated, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.152.

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.392.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.XXV:18 , letter from Richard Cliff to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Recommends a man [probably William Watkinson] in the collegiate church of Lichfield for presentation to the fifth vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, made vacant by the induction of John Rockliff into a perpetual chantry at Hull. He provides extensive details of the recommended man's merits, notably his singing (21 November, [1432]).

Loc.XXV:28 22 June [1436]

Letter from Robert Babthorpe to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions that the vicarage of Eastrington has fallen vacant because of the death of John Cove. Reminds the prior that in return for his good service he has been promised the grant of the next voidance. Asks for the presentation of his priest, Richard Whitlaf, who has been sent with the letter. At Babthorpe.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact with straw wreath, G&B No. 122, slits for a closure strip
Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.393.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg.III, f.200v, Richard Whitelaff was presented to the vicarage of Eastrington made vacant by the death of John Cove (24 June 1436); DCD Loc.XXV:52 below.

Loc.XXV:29 17 January [1436]

Letter from Robert Babthorpe to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Reminds the prior of the many services he has performed to the benefit of the prior and convent as their officer and steward at Hemingbrough and Hunsley (*Hondeslowe*). Asks that he be granted the next vacancy in the church of Eastrington for his priest, William Laton. Vouches for the suitability of Laton, who is the bearer of the letter. At Babthorpe

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact with straw wreath, G&B No. 122, slits for a closure strip
Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.392.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also Loc.XXV:28 above.

Loc.XXV:30 4 October [c.1436]

Letter from [John Wessington,] prior of Durham to Thomas Holden. States that during a recent Convocation at York a bill was delivered to him by the sheriff of Yorkshire. Informs Holden that the bill shows a debt payable to the king of a twentieth within the diocese of Durham for *anno* 14 [Henry VI]. Further mentions that the sheriff has been commanded to distrain the priory's lands within Yorkshire, and that this had been done at Holtby already. States that he has appointed Henry Helay, [monk of Durham], to gather the twentieth and to account for it in the exchequer. At Durham.

Endorsed in a medieval hand with "locell' 18" .

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 340 mm

Seal: No trace of a seal, no closure slits

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.180-181.

Loc.XXV:31 11 February [1438?]

Letter from Thomas Blith to [John Wessington] prior of Durham. States that he has received a tally from the prior's cousin which relates to the second part of a recently granted tenth and that he (the cousin) holds another tally for the same sum. Informs the prior that had it not been for death of the "lord of Durham", [Thomas Langley bishop of Durham], there would have been one account only. States that the existence of two certificates requires the prior to account at the exchequer twice. At Westminster.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 150 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal obliterated, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.130.

Loc.XXV:32 [13 November 1435]

Letter from T[homas] L[yes], rector of Bishop Wearmouth to J[ohn Wessington], the prior of Durham. Informs the prior of the resignation of Roger Moreby as vicar of Dalton le Dale in that church the day after Martinmas [12 November]. At [Bishopwearmouth], the Feast of St Bricius, Sunday.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 105 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, sealed twice, boths seals lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also:

DCD Reg. III, f.196v, John Skargill, chaplain, was presented to the vicarage of Dalton-le-Dale made vacant by the resignation of Roger Moreby (9 December 1435). However a memorandum following this entry states that the presentation was ineffective; DCD Reg. III, f.197r, Thomas Marche, chaplain, was presented to the vicarage of Dalton-le-Dale made vacant by the resignation of Roger Moreby (18 December 1435); DCD 1.2.Archid.Dun.29, Moreby had resigned by 18 December 1435 because on that day a mandate was issued to induct the next incumbent, Thomas Marche, to the vicarage of Dalton le Dale.

Loc.XXV:33 22 May [1446]

Letter from Robert Erghow, [monk], to John Wessington, prior of Durham. Complains about the slanderous charge that he intended to run away. At Jarrow.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.76.

Loc.XXV:34 16 April [1401]

Letter from Thomas Corbridge, Thomas Staplay and William Graystones, monks of Durham, to John [Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that the church of Appleby fell vacant in April through the death of Walter Vavasour, and that, while the prior has the right to nominate a successor, the right of presentation rests with the prior of Lytham.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly lost (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg.II, f.352r, nomination by the prior and convent of Durham to Thomas, prior of the cell of Lytham, of Roger Moreton', for presentation by Thomas to the church of Appleby, made vacant by the death of Walter Vavasour (12 April 1401).

Loc.XXV:35 24 February [15th century]

Letter from John of Wharton to Robert Claxton and Ralph Claxton. Informs them that a Master Bowes was claiming a rent from Brother Kirkeby's *lifelode* at Hawthorn. States that Kirkeby had put the matter "to the rule" (adjudication?) of the two Claxtons and had arranged a meeting of the various parties for this process. Asks the Claxtons to influence Bowes and to postpone the meeting until after Easter, by which time Wharton suggests, he will have been obtained an "obedience" from the Pudseys. At Kendal castle.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, separate paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, signet impression made onto the panel, G&B No. 2617, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:36 [27 May 1389 x 1404]

Letter from Robert Blacklaw, [warden of Durham College], to the prior of Durham. Informs the prior of business concerning Durham College which is being prosecuted by John Catterick, envoy of the king, and the bishop of Lincoln, in the papal *curia*. At Oxford, the Feast of St Bede.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 150 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:37 [11 December 1389 x 1404]

Letter from Robert Blacklaw to the prior of Durham. Informs the prior about business concerning the quit-claim by Edmund Bingham of an advowson at Ruddington in favour of Durham College, Oxford. At Oxford, the feast of St Damasus.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 175 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed open, seal missing, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.59.

Loc.XXV:38 1458 x 1464

Letter from John Bradbury, master of Wearmouth, to [John Burnaby], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that he has learned from Robert Wasse that a boy of Robert Stainton will be travelling through the Grindon/Herrington area bearing papal bulls belonging to Stainton. Enquires of the prior whether he thinks it will be profitable to proceed with a plan devised by Bradbury to ambush the boy and seize the bulls.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 115 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.196. Printed in *The inventories and account rolls of the Benedictine houses or cells of Jarrow and Monk-Wearmouth in the county of Durham*, ed. by J. Raine, Surtees Society, 29 (1854), p.246.

Loc.XXV:39 21 May [1439 x 1443]

Letter from Thomas Urswick to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that as a justice of the peace he has bound over George [Syther], a monk of Lytham, to the prior in order to keep the peace, [Syther] having been charged with assaulting seculars. At Lytham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.329-330. *Related material in other DUL collections:* See also DCD Reg.Parv. II, f.98r & 172v, George Syther was sent from Durham to reside in the priory of Lytham (a mandate relating to this was issued by Wessington on 15 September 1438). Syther, having caused trouble at Lytham, was later sent to Finchale (1 August [1443]).

Loc.XXV:40 [c.1437 x 1438]

Letter from Sybil of Langton to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that it has come to her attention that her cousin, John Hayton, has lately visited the prior in order to view some silver vessels that were deposited in the prior's chancery for safe-keeping by her late husband. She asks that the vessels are not delivered to anyone, including her cousin, without her special permission. At Wynyard, Palm Sunday.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Discussed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.76-77.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Misc.Ch. 6003-6006, related receipts and other documents 1438-1439.

Loc.XXV:41 c.1444

Letter from John Thornton to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions the proposal that a pension should be paid from the church of Lazenby to a monk of *Jarvasse* [Jervaulx?]. States that the abbot [of Jervaulx?] and others wished to reduce the size of the pension.

Language: English (address in Latin)

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, separate paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, very faint signet impression made on to the panel (no entry in G&B), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. III, f.210v, presentation of John Thornteton', chaplain, to the vicarage of Northallerton made vacant by the resignation of William Mydylton', last vicar thereof; (12 November 1437); DCD Reg. III, f.299r-300r, a grant to the abbot and convent of Jervaulx of the manor of Lazenby by Robert Neville, bishop of Durham, made with the consent of the chapter of Durham Priory (20 January 1444).

Loc.XXV:42 [10 August 1437]

Letter from Richard Burton, bedesman, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that he is aware of a forthcoming vacancy in the church of Holtby which will be caused by the resignation of William Barker due to sickness. Recommends that the prior present Burton's cousin, John Holgate, to the church. At Mildford, the Feast of St Lawrence

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 115 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.208v, John Holgate was presented to the church of Holtby made vacant by the resignation of William Barker (13 August 1437), and also DCD Loc.XXV:15 above, related letter.

Loc.XXV:43 1448 x 1457

Letter from Thomas Ward to William Seton, [monk and] chancellor of Durham priory. States that letters have been sent to Sir Alexander Hume and the prior of Coldingham but that these had received no answer. Informs Seton that he has cited a man of Holy Island called Thomas Luff to appear in the church of St Oswald for money owing to him. Asks for Seton's support in the matter (below the main text block there is a passage in a different hand which briefly discusses the process against Luff). Also complains that Richard Ogle and John of Hall have tried to take the "goods of St Cuthbert". Expresses his desire to prevent this and asks Seton to inform the prior of Durham of the same.

Language: English (address and second text block in Latin)

Size: Landscape format, 60 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.313-314.

Loc.XXV:44 [March 1470]

Letter from Thomas Preston bedesman to the lord of Hordern. Informs Hordern that the earl of Northumberland has been excused by a judgement in parliament of all treasons, felonies, trespasses, and other deeds perpetrated by him. States that the earl has been restored to his seat in parliament and his lands returned with appurtenances. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 115 x 200 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Discussed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.75.

Loc.XXV:45 8 July [c.1439]

Letter from John Marshal, clerk, to John [Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that John Paynell, clerk, be given a place in the prior's service. At York.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.249r-v, Paynell being appointed a proctor of the court of York by John, prior and chapter of Durham, 24 October 1439.

Loc.XXV:46 8 February [1386]

Letter from Thomas Orgrave to the prior [Robert Walworth] and convent of Durham. Requests that they sanction an exchange between him and Robert Manfield of their respective benefices - the prebend of Skelton in the church of Howden and the chapelry of St Stephen at Westminster. At London.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 325 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also: DCD Reg. II, f.229v-230r, T. Orgrave was presented by the prior to the prebend of Skelton in the church of Howden (30 May 1373); DCD Reg. II f. 236r, Robert Manfeld, prebendary of the chapel of St Stephen's Westminster, was presented by the prior to the prebend of Skelton in the church of Howden in order to effect an exchange of benefices with Thomas Orgrave, current prebendary of Skelton (undated, but situated in the register in a list of presentations which were made by the prior in early 1386).

Loc.XXV:47 31 May [1436]

Letter from John Neville and Thomas Neville to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. They request that the prior appoint William Hoton as his steward when the current holder, Thomas Langton, leaves office. They inform the prior of Hoton's suitability for the office and stress that Hoton has no knowledge of their writing on his behalf. At Carlisle.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 155 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Discussed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.76.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Misc.Ch. 2363, William Hoton of Hardwick was acting as the prior's steward by 24 February 1437.

Loc.XXV:48 10 January [1434 x 1443]

Letter from the chapter of York Minster to John [Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that the prior allows Robert Ormeshead to complete a case that he is conducting on behalf of the chapter of the York by excusing him from certain business. At York.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 155 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:49 1 April [1394]

Letter from Henry Bowet, archdeacon of Lincoln, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Asks that he be allowed to exchange with William Windsor their respective prebends - Colworth in the church of Chichester and Barmby and Asselby in the church of Howden. At London.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. II, f.313r: Henry Bowet, canon of Chichester and prebend of Colworth, was presented to the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden in order to effect an exchange of benefices with William de Wyndesore, canon of Howden and prebend of Barmby (17 April 1394); DCD Loc.XXV:81 below.

Loc.XXV:50 24 July [1407 x 1423]

Letter from H[enry Bowet], archbishop of York, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that Master John Soulsby, a relative of his, be presented to a benefice made vacant by the death of Thomas Key. At Cawood castle.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal residue on the dorse, slits for a closure strip

Paper

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Loc.XXV:51 3 November [1407 x 1423]

Letter from H[enry Bowet], archbishop of York to the prior and convent of Durham, thanking them for their kindnesses received when he was last in Durham, and requesting that Elias Harper, who has spent of his life in the prior and convent's service, and Marjorie, his wife, who for a long time was a servant to the archbishop's mother, be admitted to alms in the almonry house of St Mary Magdalene, Gilesgate. At Cawood castle. Bowet was archbishop of York 1407-1423.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3237, slits for a closure strip

Paper

Loc.XXV:52 26 October [1436]

Letter from J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that John Harrington be allowed to succeed to the vicarage of Eastrington in place of Richard Whiteleaf, the present vicar, who intends to resign so that Harrington may succeed him. At London.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, separate paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, signet impression made on to the panel, G&B No. 3240, slits for a closure strip

Paper

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also:

DCD Reg. III, f.200v, Richard Whitelaff, chaplain, was presented by the prior to the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the death of John Coune (Cove?) (24 June 1436);

DCD Reg. III, f.203r, John Haryngton, chaplain, was presented to the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the resignation of Richard Whitelafe (4 November 1436);

DCD Loc.XXV:28, letter from Robert Babthorpe to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions that the vicarage of Eastrington has fallen vacant because of the death of John Cove. Reminds the prior that in return for his good service he has been promised the grant of the next voidance. Asks for the presentation of his priest, Richard Whitlaf, who has been sent with the letter (4 June [1436]).

Loc.XXV:53 11 December [1443]

Letter from J[ohn Kempe], cardinal and archbishop of York, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions that Master William Sprever, a canon and prebendary of Howden, plans to resign his benefice with the intention that William Fallan, a baron of the exchequer, recommended by the archbishop as a good and valuable person, born in the lordship of Ripon, might succeed him. Discusses the suitability of Fallan and requests that the prior presents him to the prebend. At Rest [Wrest?].

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 190 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, signet seal residue on the dorse, slits for a closure strip

Paper

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg.III, f.298r, William Fallan was presented to the prebendary and canonry of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden made vacant by the resignation of Mr William Spreuer (25 December 1443).

Loc.XXV:53* 18 June [1463]

Letter from William Fallan to [John Burnaby], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that he has resigned the prebend of Skelton in the church of Howden and requests that he present Robert Portington of the king's exchequer as his replacement. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 85 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg.IV, f.149r, Robert Portyngton, clerk, was presented by John, prior of Durham, to the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden made vacant by the resignation of Mr William Fallan (29 June 1463).

Loc.XXV:54 3 August [1426]

Letter from J[ohn Kempe], archbishop of York and chancellor of England, to John Wessington, prior of Durham. Requests that the prior is present in person at York for the archbishop's enthronement on 1 September. At Scrooby.

Kempe was translated to York in July 1425 from the see of London before he became chancellor in July 1426, his enthronement being sometime after that, probably on 1 September 1426.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Paper

Discussed and Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.75, 82.

Loc.XXV:55 28 May [1452]

Letter from William [Booth], archbishop of York, to [William Ebchester], prior of Durham. Requests, at the instance of various persons, that the prebend of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden be given to Master William Lytherland, having learned that Thomas Bradshaw, the current prebendary, intends to resign. At Westminster, at the archbishop's place.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact but signet impression not visible, slits for a closure strip
Paper

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg.IV, f.73r, letter from W[illiam] prior and the convent of Durham to Richard, earl of Salisbury, having received his letter lately sent to them asking for the promotion of William Litherlande to the prebend and canonry of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Bradshawe; informing him that the king recently wrote to them (the prior and convent) asking for the promotion of one of his clerks and chaplains to the said prebend, and that they have sent their reply by a yeoman of the crown, the king's messenger; and that the bishop of Durham has recommended clerks to them for the said prebend; and excusing their inability to fulfil his wish, not wanting to incur the displeasure of the king and the bishop (Durham, 8 May 1452).

Loc.XXV:56 28 May [1416 x 1420]

Letter from T [Thomas Langley], bishop of Durham, to William Claxton, sheriff of Durham. Requests that he will not proceed in putting the mayor of Hartlepool into prison, but act according to the advice of William Chancellor, the bishop's constable of Durham. At London.

William Claxton served as sheriff of Durham from 1416 to 1420 (Storey, *Thomas Langley and the Bishopric of Durham*, (1961), p.84-85).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:57 4 December [1417 x 1437]

Letter from T [Thomas Langley], bishop of Durham, to J [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that certain criminals and clerks convicted before his secular justices have broken out from prison and fled to the cathedral. Notes that the clerks are claiming, by virtue of their status, that they should have been tried under his ecclesiastical jurisdiction (i.e. in consistory, rather than before the bishop's secular justices). States that he has consulted with learned legal men, and according to them there are two options: the first is to proceed against the clerks in the bishop's ecclesiastical court, where in the event of them not being able to purge their innocence they will be permanently imprisoned without hope of liberation; the second is for them to return to prison and remain there until they can purge themselves. Asks the prior to discover from the accused which of the two options they will choose, and to inform him of their decision. At London.

Wessington and Langley held respectively the offices of prior and bishop within these dates.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 175 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:58 4 January 1434

Letter from T [Thomas Langley], bishop of Durham, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that certain persons have obtained a bill which they are claiming has been given to parliament by the bishop to obtain certain things to the prejudice of the franchise of the church and St Cuthbert. States that these individuals have held a meeting in the church of St Nicholas in Durham to discuss the contents of the bill. Further informs the prior of arbitration that is planned to take place between him (the bishop) and William Eure. Provides names of the arbiters chosen by each side (the earls of Warwick, Salisbury and Northumberland and the archbishop of York for the bishop, and the bishops of Carlisle and London for Eure). At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 225 x 315 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Storey, R.L., *Thomas Langley and the Bishopric of Durham 1406-1437* (1961), p.104, 129.

Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.74.

Loc.XXV:59 19 July [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham. Requests that the prior allows him to have to farm two *tendez* [tenancies or tenements] within the lordship of Norham in furtherance of various works he wishes to make on the castle there. At Wheel Hall, (Riccall).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 100 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:60 28 April [1448 x 1452]

Letter from Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham, to the prior [William Ebchester] and convent of Durham. Asks that his chancellor, John Lounde, and his (the bishop's) servant, Robert Kelsy, be given credence in matters which they will "show and declare" to the prior and convent on the bishop's behalf. At Wheel Hall, (Riccall).

John Lounde was the bishop's chancellor between 1448 and 1452.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, original seal lost although there are remnants of a seal affixed to the face of the letter, G&B no. 3154, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:61 8 March [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham. Asks that the prior gives credence to Nicholas Hulme. At Wheel Hall, (Riccall).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 115 mm x 270 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:62 5 November [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham. Asks that the prior and convent show friendship to Thomas Lumley in relation to a suit he is bringing before them, and also that credence be given to Robert Beaumont. At Auckland.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 85 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost

Loc.XXV:63 21 April [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert] Neville, bishop of Durham, to the monks of Durham. Thanks them for their bestowal of friendship and favour and asks for its continuation. States that the letter is written in his own hand. At Sonning.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:64 28 July [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham. Requests that William Green be inducted as prebendary of Norton church.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 105 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged, G&B no. 3155, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:65 18 October [1440 x 1448]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to Robert Beaumont, chancellor [of the palatinate], and to the auditors of Durham. Informs Beaumont and the auditors that the prior has shown him evidence of tenancies being dimidiated within his fee. Orders them to respite the matter until they have seen all the evidence presented by the prior and until he (the bishop) has conferred with his council. At Auckland.

Robert Beaumont was active as the bishop's chancellor between 1440 and 1448 (see DCD Reg. III, f.261r; DCD Reg. IV, f.94-97).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:66 16 May [c.1446]

Letter from Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham. Informs the prior that Robert Erghow has not been admitted to the order of the friars preachers at Bamburgh.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 220 mm

Seal: Probably sealed close; seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.76.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. Parv. III, f.2v: letter from [William, prior of Durham], to the lord of Fauconberg, having received his letter, recently delivered, about Robert Erghowe, sometime monk of Durham. He is to understand that were Robert a monk of Durham, by the common law and the constitutions of their order he may not receive him again without him being punished for his trespass as an apostate; if he does otherwise, he would commit a great offence against the common law, to his great hurt, which his lordship would not wish. Various of the most learned men of law in England, to whom the matter has been disclosed, have informed him that Robert is a friar and not a monk, and that the prior may not receive him again in the order. This is the answer he and his fellow monks have given to [the bishop] of Durham. He beseeches his lordship to consider how this matter stands and not to be displeased with the prior and his fellow monks, for they will fulfil his wish at all times, as far as they can, preserving their honesty and worship, and the common law allows (7 September [1446]).

Loc.XXV:67 7 November [1435]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of [Salisbury] to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that the canonry in the collegiate church of Howden made vacant by the death of Robert Frende be given to John Norton, his chancellor. States that the letter is written in his own hand.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged G&B no. 3155, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Reg. III, f.195v-196r: William Doncaster, dean of Auckland collegiate church, was presented to the prebendary of Saltmarsh in the church of Howden made vacant by the death of Robert Frend' (13 November 1435). The prior wrote a letter to Robert Neville explaining why Doncaster, and not the bishop's candidate, was presented dated 12 November (f.196r).

Loc.XXV:67* 16 October [1435]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that John Norton, his chancellor, be given a vicarage. States that the letter is written in his own hand. At London.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 12 x 28.5 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3155, slits for a closure strip

Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82

Related material in other DUL collections: See also DCD Loc.XXV:67: above.

Loc.XXV:68 17 December [1443]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that the prior was unable to accede to the bishop's wish that a clerk of his be presented to a vacant prebend in the collegiate church of Howden. States that he accepts the explanation given by the prior for why it was not possible to present the bishop's nominee. Informs the prior that it has come to his attention that the church of Brantingham is likely to fall vacant soon due to the infirmity of the incumbent. Asks that he be allowed to nominate a clerk of his own as replacement. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost & slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.302r: Robert Beaumont, canon of Salisbury, was presented to the church of Brantingham made vacant by the resignation of Robert del Hay (1 April 1444).

Loc.XXV:69 4 July [1438 x 1457]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham. Notes that a prebend in the collegiate church of Howden is vacant and asks that Edward Clayton, the steward of his household, be presented to it. At Burn Hall.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.82-83.

Loc.XXV:70 27 June [1438]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Durham, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that during the voidance of the bishopric of Durham a William (*recte*, Thomas) Hoton was presented by the king to the vicarage of Norton, which itself stood vacant because of a resignation. Asks the prior to establish by inquisition whether the vicarage had been vacant during the voidance of the bishopric and, if this was the case, to present Hoton in the bishop's name. At London.

The see of Durham was void in 1437-1438. The letter was probably composed soon after Neville's translation to Durham on 27 January 1438.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, slits for a closure strip with considerable amount of strip surviving

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.229v-230r: Thomas Hoton was vicar of Norton at this date (24 November 1438); *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1436-1441*, p.161: Thomas Hoton presented by the king to the vicarage of the collegiate church of Norton (3 April 1438).

Loc.XXV:71 19 November [1453]

Letter from Robert Neville, bishop of Durham, to the prior [William Ebchester] and convent of Durham. Notes that the vicarage of Skipwith, which is in the patronage of the prior, is vacant. Asks that his chaplain, William Parkinson, be presented to the vicarage. At Auckland.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. IV, f.95r: William Parkinson, chaplain, was presented to the vicarage of the prebend of Skipwith, vacant by the death of William Swainby (21 November 1453).

Loc.XXV:72 11 May [1438 x 1457]

Letter from Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham. Asks that the prior "be good and tender *maister* to [no forename] Hemingbrough and have him *receviit* [received] tenderly unto your service as *hertofo*r he was." States that his nephew Lord Scrope of Bolton and his niece, Scrope's wife, have made "right especial instance and beseeching to us (the bishop) on this behalf." At Auckland.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:73 1 March 1437

Letter from R [Robert Gilbert], bishop of London, to John [Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests on behalf of the king [Henry VI] that Fulk Bermingham be presented to the first prebend that falls vacant in the collegiate church of Howden. At Westminster.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, signet impression made onto the panel, G&B no. 3202, slits for a closure strip. G&B identify the seal as that of Robert FitzHugh, bishop of London (Robert Gilbert's immediate predecessor as bishop). However, FitzHugh died on 15 January 1436 and this must be incorrect.

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Loc.XXV:74 12 July [1409 x 1416]

Letter from William [Pigot], abbot of Selby, to [John Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. Requests that his brother, John Pigot, rector of the church of Roos in Holderness, be allowed to exchange the benefice with Thomas Bowet, rector of the church of Kirkby on Bain. At Stallingborough.

William Pigot was abbot of Selby from 1408 to 1429 [*VCH Yorkshire*, iii, p.100].

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, traces of seal

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.31r: presentation by John, prior of Durham, of Thomas Bowet, vicar of Congresbury, Bath & Wells dioc., to the church of Kirkby on Bain, to effect an exchange of benefices with John Duffield of Scarle, rector of Kirkby on Bain (3 July 1409); DCD Reg. III, f.45r: presentation by John, prior of Durham, of Richard Lumbard', chaplain, to the church of Kirkby on Bain, vacant by the death of Thomas Bowet, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of 40s owed of old therefrom to the monastery of Durham (24 July 1416).

Loc.XXV:75 6 July [1420 x 1442]

Letter from J [John Stafford], bishop of Bath, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Notes that Robert de la Hay is disposed to resign his benefice so that Thomas Belingham may take it up. Reminds the prior and convent that the king has written to them in support of Belingham's presentation and tells them of the pleasure that the king will feel if the appointment is made. At London.

De la Hay had been parson of Brantingham since March 1420. After de la Hay's resignation Belingham did not receive the benefice. Instead in April 1444 Robert Beaumont was presented. It is certain that the letter was written in the period preceding this date. It must also date from before Stafford's translation from Bath to Canterbury, which took place in May 1443.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 175 x 315 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.93r: Robert del Hay, canon of York, was presented to the church of Brantingham made vacant by the death of Thomas Sutton (8 March 1420); DCD Reg. III, f.302r: Robert Beaumont, canon of Salisbury, was presented to the church of Brantingham made vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert del Hay (1 April 1444).

Loc.XXV:76 22 May [1436]

Letter from J [John Stafford], bishop of Bath and chancellor of England, to [John Wessington] prior of Durham. Reminds the prior that he wrote to him asking that the king's clerk, Richard Beckingham, be appointed provost of Hemingbrough. Acknowledges that the prior wished to have the approval of the archbishop of York, and informs the prior that he has *conjoined* with the archbishop and that the appointment is agreed. Asks the prior, therefore, to show good will and appoint Beckingham. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 150 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact, G&B no. 3091, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.161.

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:77 below; DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.94v-95r: letter from John, prior of Durham, to the archbishop of York thanking him for his support in agreeing that Richard Bekingham should not be given the provostship of Hemingbrough, but that he should be allowed to exchange benefices for a prebend there, in response to the king's requests (12 March [1437]); DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.95r-96r: letter from John, prior of Durham, to John, archbishop of York, relating a conversation the prior had with Bekingham over the question of the provostship of Hemingbrough, and in which the former explained the conditions that prevented Bekingham's appointment (1 September 1436).

Loc.XXV:77 22 June [1435?]

Letter from J [John Stafford], bishop of Bath and Wells and chancellor of England, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that Richard Beckingham be presented as provost of collegiate church of Hemingbrough. At London.

The letter has been endorsed with "ep[sicop]i bato[n]i".

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3091, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.161.

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p. 83

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:76 above.

Loc.XXV:78 7 August [1434]

Letter from H [Henry Beaufort], cardinal of England, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Reminds the prior that he has written to him before concerning the will of his brother[-in law], [Ralph Neville], the late earl of Westmorland, the will having been placed in the keeping of the prior's predecessor under a certain form by indenture. Argues that, by the form certified in the indenture, the will should have been delivered to the earl's executors, but that neither the prior nor his predecessor had done this. Requests that the prior should now in "goodely haste" deliver the will. At Wilmington.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 155 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact G&B no. 3065, slits for a closure strip

Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.77.

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.189.

Loc.XXV:79 16 April [1427 x 1437]

Letter from R [Robert Neville], bishop of Salisbury, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Requests that Alice Thomson, an old widow and mother of a servant of his kinsman, be admitted to the infirmary adjacent to the monastery.

Robert Neville was bishop of Salisbury from 1426 to 1437.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged, G&B no. 3208, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:80 18 August [1438]

Letter from W [William Aiscough], bishop of Salisbury, to [John Wessington] prior of Durham. Requests that the king's servant, Herry (Henry?) Hanslap be presented to the next vacant prebend at Howden or Hemingbrough. He reminds the prior that the king had requested this before by diverse letters and messages and that he (Aiscough) had been a *messenger* for the king on this matter already. The writer adds that he wrote the letter himself "by candel after 10 of the bell at even". At Woodstock.

William Aiscough was bishop of Salisbury between 1438 and 1450.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal largely intact and with wreath, G&B no. 3210, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.227r: Henry Hanslap', chaplain, was presented to the canonry and prebend of Skipwith in the church of Howden made vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Leys (Durham, 9 September 1438).

Loc.XXV:81 6 March [1394]

Letter from J [John Waltham], bishop of Salisbury, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Requests that Henry Bowet, archdeacon of Lincoln, and prebend of Colworth in the church of Chichester be presented to the prebend of Barmby and Asselby in the church of Howden, which is being resigned by William Wyndesor [Windsor], provost of Wingham. At London.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:49 above.

Loc.XXV:82 22 June [1426 x 1436]

Letter from W [William Alnwick], bishop of Norwich, and R [Richard Beauchamp], earl of Warwick, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Requests that the king's desire for his clerk, Henry Hanslap, to have a benefice be met. States that Hanslap wished to have "som lytell lyvelode (livelihood) of the church" in the North because of his birth there. Asks that he be given a prebend in Howden or Hemingbrough when one falls vacant. At Kenilworth.

William Alnwick was bishop of Norwich between 1426 and 1436

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, sealed in two places (presumably one seal for each of the senders), both seals lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - Loc.XXV:80 above.

Loc.XXV:83 15 January [1404]

Letter from H [Henry Beaufort], bishop of Lincoln and chancellor of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Requests that his clerk, John Fayt, be presented to the next vacant benefice in the patronage of the prior and convent. At London.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 135 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, separate paper panel affixed to the letter with wax, signet impression made onto panel, trace of another seal now lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Loc.XXV:84 20 July [?1427 x 1464]

Letter from John, prior of the monastery of St Oswald of Nostell, to John, prior of Durham. Asks that the prior give credence to the subprior of [Nostell], the bearer of the letter, on business which has recently arisen between their two houses. At the monastery of St Oswald of Nostell.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3531, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:85 13 October [1466]

Letter from Richard [Bell], prior of Durham, to [George Neville, archbishop of York], chancellor of England. Notes that Neville, in his role as arbitrator in a dispute between him and the bishop of Durham over their respective jurisdictions, has determined on a compromise in which the bishop agreed he would do nothing against the prior or his jurisdiction. Argues that the bishop has daily sought ways of causing the prior trouble in his possessions, against the form of the compromise. Specifically claims that the bishop has attempted to exclude him (the prior) from the induction of Richard Langcake to the vicarage of Bedlington, whose presentation, he reminds the chancellor, had been requested by his "brother" the lord of Northumberland [John Neville, earl of Northumberland]. States that he and his predecessors as archdeacons in all churches appropriated to the monastery had been peacefully possessed of rights of institution since "tyme of mynde". Suggests that the bishop is "utterly determined" to direct his order of induction through the archdeacon of Northumberland to his (the prior's) prejudice. States that the vicar of Bedlington has not consented to this, knowing that the institution belonged to the prior, and as a consequence is still without "possession" (of his church's temporalities, presumably). Asks for the chancellor's support against the bishop's "maliciouse purpose". At Durham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B. 3450, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. IV, f.167r-v: Richard Langcake was presented to the vicarage of Bedlington, made vacant by the death of Mr John Eland' (5 September 1466).

Loc.XXV:86 29 June [1378 x 1393]

Letter from the [bishop of Durham] to the prior and convent of Durham. Requires them to come to an agreement with Thomas Middleton, clerk, in respect of an annuity of £80 which Middleton had recovered against them at the court of the King's Bench. At London.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. II, f.310r: grant by the prior and convent of Durham to Thomas de Middleton', clerk, of an annual rent of four score pounds from all possessions of the prior and convent; to be received for life, in St Paul's cathedral, London, with Thomas or his executors being able to distrain in all the priory's possessions for arrears unpaid in whole or part forty days after a term date (1 April 1378); DCD Reg. II, f.312v: letters from the prior and the convent of Durham to John Daske, their steward, asking him to arrange that the sheriff of York cease execution of the writ obtained against them by Thomas de Middleton', clerk of the royal chancery {marginal caption: sometime rector of Ruddington}, for £100 arrears of an annual rent of £40 owed to the said Thomas, by certain defeasances, because they have sent Robert Blaklaw, prior of their college in Oxford, to Thomas in London, to settle with him for all that they owe, which should be done by the quindene of Michaelmas next to come (30 September [1393]).

Loc.XXV:87 27 July [1473]

Letter from [Edward IV], king of England, to the prior of Durham. Notes that Robert Marshall lately committed to prison for treason has now escaped and has fled into the church of Durham. The king states that, since he has "tender zeal and devotion to ye honour of god and St Cuthbert" ', and having respect for the merits of [Laurence Booth] bishop of Durham, his chancellor [of England], nothing should be attempted that is "contrary to the liberties and immunities of our church". Orders that Marshall be "surely kept" by the prior since he will have to "answer unto us for him". At Stamford.

Laurence Booth, bishop of Durham, became chancellor of England on 27 July 1473 and was replaced by Thomas Rotherham, bishop of Lincoln, on 27 May 1474.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 285 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:88 20 August [1442 x 1449?]

Letter from [Henry VI], king of England to the prior of Durham. Asks that his chaplain, Richard Chester DD, for his good service to the king in the court of Rome, be presented to the next vacant prebend which falls vacant at either Hemingbrough or Howden. At Windsor Castle.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 315 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.163.

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.132: for good service to the king at the Roman *curia* and about the king's person Richard Chester was granted 12d. a day for 10 years (21 November 1442); *Calendar of Patent Rolls 1441-1446*, p.132: granted two tuns of wine yearly at his own choice in recognition of his labours, expenditure and imprisonment in his journey to the Roman *curia* and in consideration of his age (29 January 1449).

Loc.XXV:89 12 February [1417]

Letter from H[enry] V, king of England, to the prior [John Wessington] and chapter of Durham. Asks that John Selby, a clerk of his chapel, be presented to the first vacant prebend in the collegiate church of Howden. At the Tower of London.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, sealed shrouded by wreath, partly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no. 959.

Translation printed in: J.L. Freer, 'Anglo-Norman Archives at Durham', *Durham University Journal* (L, 1957-58), p.126.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.50v-51r: letters by the prior and convent of Durham to the king of England acknowledging receipt of his letters commending John Selby, clerk of his chapel, to them for the next vacant prebend and canonry in the collegiate church of Howden, being unable to write back with a suitable reply using the bearer of the king's letters, because the bishop of Durham, by whom they are governed in difficult matters, was not in the region, asking that an answer from the bishop concerning their intention and wishes in this matter be acceptable to him (9 March [1417]); DCD Reg. III, f.56v: presentation by the prior and the convent of Durham of John Selby to the canonry and prebend of Skipwith in the church of Howden (6 November 1417).

Loc.XXV:90 7 March [1414 x 1417, 1421]

Letter from [Henry V], king of England to the prior of Durham. Requests that credence is given to his uncle [Ralph Neville], earl of Westmorland. At the Tower of London.

Ralph Neville, earl of Westmorland, was married to Joan Beaufort, the half-sister of Henry IV, and was therefore an uncle to Henry V. Henry ruled between 21 March 1413 and 31 August 1422, but was away in France for the 7 March in 1418-1420 and 1422.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 265 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:91 19 September [c.1416]

Letter from [Henry V], king of England, to [John Hemingbrough] prior of Durham.

Recommends John Borell, chaplain of the chapel in the king's household, for presentation to the first benefice in the hands of the prior which should fall vacant. States that William Cave, on whose behalf he had previously asked for the prior's patronage, has now been provided for. At Windsor Park.

John Burrell, king's clerk, was granted by the king a prebend in the cathedral church of Hereford on 23 January 1417 (*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1416-1422*, p.59).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.83; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.951.

Loc.XXV:92 11 November [c.1399 x c.1406]

Letter from [Henry IV] king of England to the prior and convent. Expresses surprise that John Brokholes, a clerk of the king's privy seal, having been recommended for a benefice, had not been presented to a vacancy in the church of Hemingbrough. Requests again that Brokholes be given a benefice as soon as possible. At Westminster.

John Brokholes, king's clerk, was presented by Richard II to the church of Checkley in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield in 1399 (*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1396-1399*, p.452). John Brokholes, king's clerk, was presented by Henry IV to the church of Tenby in the diocese of St David's in 1403 (*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1401-1405*, p.308)

Brokholes was still in royal service as a clerk of the signet in December 1406 (*Calendar of Patent Rolls 1405-1408*, p.138).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 195 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.954.

Loc.XXV:93 21 May [1400]

Letter from [Henry IV], king of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. States that Henry Bowet, prebendary of Barmby on the Marsh in the church of Howden, has been elected bishop of Bath and Wells. Requests that Henry Marston be presented to the prebend. At the palace of Westminster.

Henry Bowet was elected bishop of Bath and Wells on 22 April 1400.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.920.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. II, f.313r: Henry Bowet, canon of Chichester and prebendary of Colworth, was presented to the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden (17 April 1394); DCD Reg. II, f.334r: Thomas de Weston, archdeacon of Durham was presented to the canonry and prebend of Barmby, in the church of Howden (12 September 1400).

Loc.XXV:94 25 April [1407 x 1411]

Letter from Henry IV, king of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Requests that his secretary, William Pilton, be presented to the first prebend that falls vacant in the collegiate church of Howden. States that if they hope for favours in the future for their church they should accede to this request. Asks them to give credence to Robert Babthorpe, the king's esquire and bearer of the letter. At Windsor Castle.

Pilton was the king's secretary between October 1406 and February 1412 (*Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V*, p.xii).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 190 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.945.

Loc.XXV:95 23 July [c.1397 x c.1404]

Letter from [Richard II or Henry IV], king of England, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that his clerk, John Ivelith, be presented to the first benefice that falls vacant. At Pontefract Castle.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 285 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost

Calendared in: Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84; *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.935.

Loc.XXV:96 28 November [1437]

Letter from [Henry VI], king of England, to the prior [John Wessington] and chapter of Durham. Mentions that Thomas [Langley], late bishop of Durham, has died. States that since Durham is one of the greatest and most notable churches within his kingdom and "nygh unto ye marches of Scotland" it ought to be provided with a "notable and mighty person to be head and bishop". Informs the prior that he has ordered Robert [Neville], bishop of Salisbury, to be translated to Durham, and that he has written special letters of recommendation for him to the pope. Asks that the prior and chapter elect Salisbury. At Windsor.

Letters of papal provision for Robert Neville's translation were issued on 27 January 1438.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 300 mm

Seal: Seal lost, sealed close, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:96* below.

Loc.XXV:96* 5 January [1438]

Letter from [Henry VI], king of England, to the prior [John Wessington] and chapter of Durham. Reminds them of letters he has written to them concerning the death of Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham. Asks that they imprint in their "remembrance" the "causes and considerations" contained within those letters which provide explanation for his decision to appoint Robert [Neville], bishop of Salisbury, to the bishopric of Durham, and which requested that the prior and chapter elect him. Repeats this latter request. At Eltham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:96 above.

Loc.XXV:97 1 March [1447]

Letter from [Henry VI], king of England, to the prior [William Ebchester] and convent of Durham. Mentions that [Robert Neville] bishop of Durham has granted the hospital of Greatham to the king's chaplain, Richard Chester, and has given him his letters of collation. Asks that they confirm the collation of Greatham to Chester. At the monastery of Bury St Edmunds.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Emden, A.B., *A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A.D. 1500*, 3 volumes (1953), vol. I, p.407-408.

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.163.

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Loc.XXV:98 6 July [c.1440 x 1460]

Letter from [?Henry VI], king of England, to the prior of Durham. Mentions that he has written before asking for the promotion of Robert Lancaster, a clerk of the privy seal.

Requests that Lancaster be given the next benefice. At Westminster.

Dated by comparison with other letters with the same watermark.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 150 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84.

Loc.XXV:99 29 May [1434 x 1442]

Letter from [Henry VI], king of England, to [John Wessington, prior of Durham]. States that by writ he had previously commanded him "to make livery" to John Lord Scrope of the charters, muniments and evidences that were in the prior's keeping which concern and belong to the inheritance of the Scropes. States that after the forfeiture and death of Henry Lord Scrope, John's brother, these were led away from the church of St Leonard at York and put in diverse places under various men's keeping at the instance of Henry Lord FitzHugh. Orders that the prior should not deliver the charters, etc to John Lord Scrope or any other person but instead "keep them surely unto our use". Further orders that if Scrope desires to have copies the prior should provide them under the oversight of a person nominated by Ralph Lord Cromwell, treasurer of England. Subscribed "Alberton". At Windsor Castle.

Ralph Cromwell served as treasurer of England from 11 August 1433 and resigned on 6 July 1443.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 135 x 365 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, G&B no. 3041, slits for a closure strip

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Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.81.

Loc.XXV:100 2 March [1515?]

Letter from Henry VIII, king of England, to Thomas Castell, prior of Durham. Informs the prior that he has learned that the provost of Hemingbrough, Thomas Babthorpe, intends to resign. Requests that the king's chaplain, Richard Wilson, prior of Drax be appointed to the office. At Greenwich.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.381.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. V, f.159r: Robert Marshall was presented to the provostry of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, made vacant by the natural death of Mr Thomas Bapthorp, last provost thereof (14 April 1515).

Loc.XXV:101 22 April [1483 x 1487?]

Letter from James [III], king of Scotland to the prior of Durham. Thanks him for the favour and kindness he has shown his "famiare", Alexander Home of Dunglass. Asks that the Scottish commissioners, who were coming to Durham to treat with their English counterparts on, among other matters, the conservation and prorogation of the truce between the two realms, be treated similarly well. At Stirling castle.

In January 1484 Hume was being described as a royal familiar, but had lost favour with James III by 1487 (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*). The reference to English and Scottish commissioners meeting at Durham probably refers to the negotiations in the aftermath of the English invasion of 1482.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed: *The correspondence, inventories, account rolls and law proceedings of the priory of Coldingham*, ed. by J. Stevenson and J. Raine, Surtees Society, 12 (1841), p.152.

Loc.XXV:102 14 December [1404 x 1412]

Letter from [Joan of Navarre], queen [of England], to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Requests that they present John Ashby, prebendary in the church of All Saints, Derby, to the church of Blyborough in the diocese of Lincoln, he having agreed with Thomas atte Hall, parson of Blyborough, to exchange benefices. At Westminster.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly intact and inserted in a wreath, G&B no. 3035, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.16r-v: Thomas atte Hall', rector of North Scarle, Lincoln dioc., was presented to the church of Blyborough to effect an exchange of benefices with John Wystow, rector of Blyborough (November 1404); DCD Reg. III, f.36r: memorandum that the presentation of Thomas Rihale to the rectory of Blyborough was issued because Thomas at Halle had accepted another benefice (31 January 1412).

Loc.XXV:103 23 March [1427]

Letter from [Catherine, widow of Henry V, dowager] queen [of England] to the prior [John Wessington] and the chapter of Durham. Requests that Marmaduke Lumley, chancellor of Cambridge [university], be presented to the first vacancy in the church of Hemingbrough, as Robert Neville, to whom it had been previously promised, is about to succeed to a higher dignity. At Leicester.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact and inserted in a wreath, G&B no. 3039, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.126r: Marmaduke de Lumley was presented to the newly-erected and vacant first canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough (25 April 1427); DCD Loc.XXV:104 below.

Loc.XXV:104 11 March [1427]

Letter from [Katherine, widow of Henry V, dowager] queen [of England] to the prior and convent of Durham. Thanks them for their promise to promote Marmaduke Lumley, chancellor of Cambridge, to the church of Hemingbrough, about to fall vacant because of the promotion to a higher dignity of the incumbent, John Reckingham, confessor of her brother[-in law], the regent John, duke of Bedford. At Leicester.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 225 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.126r: Marmaduke de Lumley was presented to the newly-erected and vacant first canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough (25 April 1427); DCD Loc.XXV:103 above.

Loc.XXV:105 11 September [1420 x 1424]

Letter from [Katherine] queen of England to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests, on behalf of her great aunt Lucia [Holland], countess of Kent, that William Pelleson be presented to the next benefice which falls vacant of their collation. At Windsor Castle.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 235 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for closure

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84.

Loc.XXV:106 13 October [15th century]

Letter from the queen of England to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that her chaplain, John Clifton, be given the next benefice that is "according to his degree" which falls vacant of their collation. At Eltham.

The dorse of the letter has been used [by Thomas Swalwell] to compile a head list of sacrist's properties.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84, where the queen is identified as Katherine.

Loc.XXV:107 5 September [1404 x 1412]

Letter from John [of Lancaster], constable of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Asks that his cousin and clerk, Stephen Scrope, archdeacon of Richmond, be given the first vacancy that falls in the church of Hemingbrough. At Leckingfield.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 3067, inserted into a wreath, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:108 and 109 below.

Loc.XXV:108 10 September [1404 x 1412]

Letter from John [of Lancaster], constable of England, to William Barry, William [recte John] Wessington and John Barton, monks of Durham. Asks that they give assistance to John's request that his clerk and cousin, Stephen Scrope, archdeacon of Richmond, secures the next vacancy in the church of Hemingbrough. At Leckingfield.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 3067, inserted inside a wreath of which a fragment remains, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.84-85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:107 above and 109 below.

Loc.XXV:109 6 September [1404 x 1412]

Letter from John [of Lancaster], constable of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Repeats an earlier request that, Stephen Scrope, archdeacon of Richmond, be given the first vacancy in the church of Hemingbrough. At Leckingfield.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact, G&B no. 3067, inserted into a wreath, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:107 and 108 above.

Loc.XXV:110 26 May [1404 x 1412]

Letter from [John of Lancaster], constable of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Requests at the instance of Walter Fauconberg and John Normanville that the office of porter of the gate of Durham "abbey", made vacant by the death of Robert Masham, be given to Thomas Pontefract. At Topcliffe.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 3067, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:111 8 August [1412?]

Letter from John, constable of England to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Asks, in repeat of an earlier request, that John Rickingale, doctor of divinity, be given the first benefice that falls vacant of their collation. At Topcliffe.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, inserted into a wreath, slits for a closure strip
Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.32r: John Rekynghale, archdeacon of Northumberland, was presented to the church of Hemingbrough (30 September 1412).

Loc.XXV:112 26 November [1418]

Letter from [John], duke of Bedford and guardian of England, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Asks that Thomas Bradshaw, his secretary, be given the first vacant prebend in the collegiate church of Howden. At Kennington.

"Bedford pro Bradshaw" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 210 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.63r: letters excusatory from the prior and chapter of Durham to the duke of Bedford, lieutenant of the king of England, having received his letters for the promotion of his clerk, T [Thomas] Bradshawe, to the next vacant prebend in the collegiate church of Howden, explaining that they are unable to implement his request, since the priory sustained grave displeasure as a result of certain promises made by the late prior, concerning non-vacant benefices, which they had not been able to keep; adding that they had often similarly apologized to the earl of Northumberland and other magnates in respect of requests for the promotion of their clerks (11 December [1418]).

Loc.XXV:113 25 May [1414 x 1435]

Letter from [John], duke of Bedford and constable of England, to the prior and convent of Durham. Asks that James Newsom, son of his "very dear and very well beloved friend squire, John Newsom" be presented to the first prebend which falls vacant in the collegiate church of Howden. At St Elame.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 190 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 3068, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Loc.XXV:114 21 August [1414 x 1435]

Letter from [John], duke of Bedford, earl of Kendal, and constable of England, to the prior and convent of Durham. Asks them to further an object which will be more fully explained by the bearer of the letter, William Hervey. At Drayton.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

John was created duke of Bedford on 16 May 1414 and died on 14 September 1435.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, G&B no. 3068, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:115 28 September [1422 x 1430]

Letter from [John], regent of the realm of France and duke of Bedford, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that he has been informed that [John Marley], a monk of Durham, has been found guilty of sodomy and put in ward but that he has now escaped and is living in apostasy. Requests that the prior recaptures and "sharpely" punishes him. Further asks that he be informed if any "person temporal" impedes the prior in this. At Paris.

Bedford was regent of France from November 1422 until his death in September 1435 except for the duration of Henry's coronation expedition to France (1430-32), when the council withdrew the style of regent (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*). The letter probably concerns John Marley who absconded from Durham to Hexhamshire in 1422 (Dobson, *Durham Priory*, p.75).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 215 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.174.

Loc.XXV:116 10 May [1427]

Letter from [John], regent of the realm of France and duke of Bedford, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that he has been informed by William Massy, his squire and counsellor, that his (the writer's) secretary, Thomas Bradshaw, has been granted by the prior, in response to a request from Bedford, a prebend in the church of Hemingbrough worth, by the prior's declaration, at least £20 a year. States that he now understands that the Hemingbrough prebend is worth only 20 marks a year and requests that Bradshaw be given a pension of 10 marks a year during his tenure of it. Tells the prior that the archbishop [of York] has agreed to this and that William Massy and William Chancellor can provide confirmation. Notes also that he has been granted the first vacant prebend at Howden after that which had been promised to [Thomas] Lord de la Warr. At Paris.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (no G&B entry), surrounded by a wreath, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.382.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.126r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of Thomas Bradshaw, clerk, in the newly-erected and vacant second canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough (25 April 1427).

Loc.XXV:117 19 August [1425]

Letter from [John], regent of the realm of France and duke of Bedford, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that John Rickingale, the duke's confessor, intends to resign as prebendary of Hemingbrough. Requests that Thomas Bradshaw, the duke's secretary, be promoted to the prebend. At Rouen.

"Bedford" has been written on the dorse in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 275 x 200 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.371.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.114v: letter [by the prior and chapter of Durham] to J[ohn], duke of Bedford, having received the duke's letters asking for the promotion of his clerk Thomas Bradshaw to the church of Hemingbrough; informing him that shortly before receiving his letters they were informed that the said church was vacated and presented to the duke's kinsman Robert Nevill' in the hope that he would become provost of Hemingbrough when the church was divided (12 September [1425]).

Loc.XXV:118 18 January [1408]

Letter from Henry, prince [of Wales], to [John Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. States that Thomas atte Halle, parson of the church of Blyborough, was willing to resign his church in favour of Henry Horkestowe. Requests that the latter be presented. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3036, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. III, f.16r-v: presentation of Thomas atte Hall', rector of North Scarle, Lincoln dioc., to the church of Blyborough, to effect an exchange of benefices with John Wystow, rector of Blyborough (1404).

DCD Reg. III, f.31r: presentation of Thomas de Ryhale, clerk, to the church of Blyborough, vacant as is said. (2 April 1409).

DCD Reg. III, f.36r: memorandum that the presentation of Thomas Rihale to the rectory of Blyborough was issued, because Thomas atte Halle had accepted another benefice (31 January 1412).

Loc.XXV:119 8 November [1435]

Letter from Richard [Neville], earl of Salisbury, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that Robert Friend, prebendary of Howden, has died and asks for the promotion of a clerk of his own into the vacancy. Signed by Salisbury himself. At London.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 150 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. III, f.110v: presentation of Robert Friend', clerk, master of St Mary's hospital in Bootham, outside the walls of York, and prebendary or portioner of Osmotherley, York dioc., to the prebend and canonry of Saltmarshe in the church of Howden, to effect an exchange of benefices with Mr Marmaduke Lomeley, LL.B., prebendary and canon of Saltmarshe (6 December 1424).

DCD Reg. III, f.195v: presentation of William Doncastr', LL.B., dean of Auckland collegiate church, to the prebend and canonry of Saltmarshe in the church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Friend', last canon and prebendary thereof (13 November 1435).

Loc.XXV:120 4 March [1437]

Letter from Richard [Neville], earl of Salisbury, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions the death of Richard Coward (Cowhird), the holder of the office of keeper of Bearpark and states that he has been informed that William Coward, his son, should succeed to the office. At Middleham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.212v and Reg.Parv.II, f.97r: grant by John, prior of Durham, with the consent of his fellow monks, to John Rakett of the office of forester in their park of Bearpark, and the keeping of the moor thereof; to be held by John for as long as it please the prior or his successors, receiving the same allowance, specified, including a servant's robe yearly, received by Richard Cowehird', lately forester there, along with four ordinary (*spendabiles*) loaves for keeping the moor; and, for his shoes, 10s yearly to be taken from the bark of felled trees in the said park, so long as the bark extends to such a sum, with the remainder of the sum to be taken from the bursar should the bark not reach 10s in value; and should John fail in his office, the foregoing are to be withdrawn until he make suitable amends (8 February 1438).

Loc.XXV:121 3 June [1434?]

Letter from Richard [Neville, earl of] Salisbury, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Informs the prior of the great "costages and expenses" he has incurred in recently making suit for his lands. Asks the prior for the loan of his "chariot" and horses for a journey to the eastern March where a truce is to be arranged with the Scots. States that he is prepared to buy a particular horse from the prior for the purpose, but if it is not for sale, he would like to borrow one instead. At Middleham.

In a postscript below the text block in a different hand, probably Salisbury's, the earl asks the prior to do for the earl in this matter as he ought. It is signed R. Salisbury. Salisbury was appointed warden of the West March in July 1434.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.78. Printed with facsimile of postscript and signature in *Wills and Inventories Illustrative of the History, Manners, Language, Statistics, Etc. of the Northern counties of England from the Eleventh Century Downwards, Part I*, ed. by J. Raine, Surtees Society, 2 (1835), p.69-70.

Loc.XXV:122 28 June [1431 x 1437]

Letter from Richard [Neville], earl of Salisbury, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that he is in good health, as the bearer of the letter can report, and asks that he be recommended in the prior's prayers. The letter is signed in what appears to be Salisbury's own hand. At the siege of Cambrai.

Salisbury campaigned in France in 1431 and 1436-1437 (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*).

Size: Landscape format, 105 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged (no G&B entry), slits for a closure strip

Printed in *Wills and Inventories Illustrative of the History, Manners, Language, Statistics, Etc. of the Northern counties of England from the Eleventh Century Downwards, Part I*, ed. by J. Raine, Surtees Society, 2 (1835), p.70.

Loc.XXV:123 28 August [1414?]

Letter from Joan [Beaufort], countess of Westmorland, to [John Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. Reiterates the request made by [Henry V], king of England, that the prebend of Skipwith in the collegiate church of Howden be given to William Hervey his clerk, it having made made vacant by the promotion of the previous incumbent, John Catterick. At Middleham.

On the dorse above the address is written in a different hand "per T. epi. d." [Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham].

John Catterick was provided to the bishopric of St Davids on 27 April 1414.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 310 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.42r: presentation of Mr John Hovyngham, LL.D., to the canonry and prebend of Skipwith in the the church of H[owden], vacant by the resignation of John, bishop of St David's, last canon and prebendary thereof (24 November 1414).

Loc.XXV:124 2 August [1426]

Letter from Joan [Beaufort], countess of Westmorland, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that [John], duke of Bedford, has written to her asking that she recommend to the prior his clerk, [Thomas] Bradshaw, for promotion to the church of Hemingbrough. States that the duchess of Bedford has also written to her on this matter numerous times. Reminds the prior that she has written to him before asking for Bradshaw to be given the next vacant church after her son Robert Neville has received one. Requests that the prior does this for her. At Middleham.

On the dorse above the address is written in a different hand "T. epo. d." [Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham] - this probably indicates that the letter travelled with Langley to Durham; he was in York at Convocation during mid-August 1426..

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 310 mm

Seal: Seal lost

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Printed in T. Burton, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Hemingbrough*, ed. J. Raine (York 1888), p.371-372.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg.III, f.126r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of Thomas Bradeschaw, clerk, to the newly-erected and vacant second canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough (25 April 1427).

Loc.XXV:125 19 April [1438 x 1440]

Letter from [Joan Beaufort], countess of Westmorland, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks that the prior restore the jurisdiction of the parson of the church of Welton which gave him the right to appoint an official for the correction of defaults and injuries committed within the parish of Welton. States that the jurisdiction has been withdrawn by the prior's officers to the prejudice of her as patroness of the church, and also of her son, [Robert Neville], the bishop of Durham, as lord of the town. At Howden.

Robert Neville was provided to the bishopric of Durham on 27 January 1438. Joan, countess of Westmorland, died on 13 November 1440 at Howden.

Size: Landscape format, 195 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (no G&B entry), surrounded by a wreath, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:126 8 January [1421]

Letter from Joan [Beaufort], countess of Westmorland, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Requests that the prior sanctions an intended exchange of benefices between her chaplain, John Wyles, parson of the church of All Saints on the Pavement in York, in the patronage of the prior, and John Bolton, parson of the church of Walkington in "nostre" patronage. At Raby.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 190 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (no G&B entry), surrounded by a wreath, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. III, f.80v: presentation by Ralph, earl of Westmorland, lord of Neville, Raby and Middleham, asking Henry, archbishop of York, to institute Mr John Wyles, rector of York, All Saints Pavement, in the church of Walkington, to effect an exchange of benefices with John Bolton', rector of Walkington; saving a yearly pension of 100s due therefrom to the prior and chapter of Durham, and their jurisdiction in the said church (8 January 1421);

DCD Reg. III, f.80v: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham, asking Henry, archbishop of York, to institute John Bolton', rector of Walkington, in the church of York All Saints Ousegate [Pavement], to effect an exchange of benefices with Mr John Wyles, rector of All Saints Ousegate (11 January 1421).

Loc.XXV:127 26 May [1439]

Letter from Joan [Beaufort], countess of Westmorland, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. States that she has been informed that William Doncaster, dean of Auckland, has died, and that as a consequence a prebend is vacant at Howden. Requests that John Duffield is made prebendary. Informs the prior that she has written to the bishop of Durham asking him to appoint John Lethom as dean of Auckland. At Howden.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.238r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr John Marchall', LL.B., in the prebend and canonry of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr William Doncastre, last canon and prebendary thereof (29 May [14]39).

Loc.XXV:128 19 November [?1444]

Letter from Ralph [Neville], earl of Westmorland to the prior of Durham. States that he has been informed that there are two vacancies for children in Durham College that should be "foune of almuse" [founded of alms]. On behalf of himself and his brother, Sir Thomas Neville, he requests that Thomas Marley be admitted to the College and "founden yer of your almuse". At Brancepeth.

Marley was to be appointed to the next vacancy at Durham College 15 January 1445 (DCD Reg.Parv.II, f.192r).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 140 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.79-80.

Loc.XXV:129 1 October [1399 x 1412]

Letter from Ralph Neville, earl of Westmorland, Lord Neville and marshal of England, to [the bailiff of "Schir..."]. Orders the recipient not to interfere with a messuage and two bovates appropriated to the prior and convent of [Durham]. At Raby.

On the day that Henry IV became king (30 September 1399) Ralph Neville, first earl of Westmorland, was created marshal of England for life. He had resigned the office by 1412 (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 200 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:130 23 January [?1441]

Letter from Thomas Lord Clifford and of Westmorland, to the prior of Durham. Reminds the prior that Clifford's aunt, the lady [countess] of Cambridge, has written to him before and again recently concerning her desire for a vicarage in the church of Hemingbrough for her chaplain, William Lorimer. Notes that John Hertte [Heart] has now left Hemingbrough "for divers thinges" leaving a vicarage vacant. Requests that Lorimer be given the vicarage. At Turnham Hall.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.261r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, cardinal priest (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Mason', chaplain, in the third vicarage of Hemingbrough collegiate church, vacant, as is said, by the deprivation thereof of John Herte, chaplain, who lately held the same (2 January 1441); DCD Loc.XXV:130* below.

Loc.XXV:130* 23 January [?1441]

Letter from [Maud Clifford], countess of Cambridge, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Reminds the prior that after she had written to him concerning the promotion of her chaplain, John Lorimer, to a vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough he had promised her the next vacancy. Notes that a vacancy has now arisen because of the permanent absence of John Herrte [Heart] and asks that Lorymer be presented. At Turnham Hall.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, surrounded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.85.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.261r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, cardinal priest (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Mason', chaplain, in the third vicarage of Hemingbrough collegiate church, vacant, as is said, by the deprivation thereof of John Herte, chaplain, who lately held the same (2 January 1441); DCD Loc.XXV:130 above.

Loc.XXV:131 22 June [1438]

Letter from George Neville, Lord Latimer, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Mentions that his mother, [Joan Beaufort, countess of Westmorland], has presented to William Buryght [Bright] the church of Cockfield, following the death of the parson, Thomas Sproxtton. Requests that the prior admits Buryght and “spede hym to his induction”. At Raby.

Ordinarily the bishop of Durham would have had the right to admit a new priest at Cockfield. It is likely that the request was directed to the prior because the bishopric was vacant and the prior was exercising *sede vacante* jurisdiction. Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham, died on 20 November 1437. He was succeeded in 1438 by Robert Neville, but at the time of the letter's production Neville had evidently not taken control of the spiritualities of the diocese.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (no G&B entry), surrounded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:132 [24 March c.1430]

Letter from Sir John and Sir Thomas Neville to William Dalton, monk of Durham. Notes that John Baker, the porter of the abbey of [Durham], will soon resign his office. Asks that Dalton influence, [John Wessington], prior of [Durham], into appointing their servant John White. At Hart, on Lady Even.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close in two places, one seal lost, the other badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in: Halcrow, E.M., “The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence”, *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.76.

Loc.XXV:133 [28 May 1436]

Letter from Elizabeth, countess of Westmorland, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that her husband [Ralph Neville, earl of Westmorland], has written to the prior on the advice of his brothers John [Neville] and Thomas [Neville] to ask that her steward, William Hoton, be appointed the prior's steward in replacement of [Thomas] Langton. She asks that Hoton be appointed. At Hart, "Whisson-Monday".

Ralph Neville, second earl of Westmorland married Elizabeth Percy (d.1437), the daughter of Sir Henry Percy (Hotspur) and widow of Lord Clifford, in 1426.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD Reg.Parv. II, f.94v: appointment by letters patent of William Hoton' of Hardwick, as steward of all the prior's lordships, manors, lands and tenements within County Durham, to hold the prior's wapentake, hundred, county courts and courts leet throughout his lordships, manors (etc.), when convenient, and to do all else pertaining to the office of steward for the benefit of the prior and his house at Durham. He is to receive 5 marks yearly for holding the office (24 February [1437])

DCD Misc.Ch. 2363: letter appointing William Hoton of Hardwick steward of the prior's lands (24 February [1437])

DCD Loc.XXV:47 above.

Loc.XXV:134 [21 October 1437].

Letter from Thomas lord Clifford, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Asks that when the vicarage of Giggleswick in Craven, belonging to the church of Finchale, next falls vacant it should be given to William Hacferth [Hackforth] his priest and a clerk of [Ralph Neville], earl of Westmorland. At Hart, the Monday after the feast of St Luke.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 641, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.225v: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Hackforth, priest, in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the death of John Woodhouse, last vicar thereof (1 September 1438).

Loc.XXV:135 8 April [?1419 x 1448]

Letter from Elizabeth Lady Grey to the prior of Durham. Notes that the prior of [Durham's cell of] St Leonard's Stamford has fallen sick and intends to resign in favour of Dom John, his "brother". Asks that the prior appoint Dom John. At Stamford.

Elizabeth's husband Richard Lord Grey of Codnor died in 1418 and she dates documents at Stamford after this. Her daughter Elizabeth married William Lord Zouche's younger son Sir John Zouche of Bulwick. (Cockayne, G.E, *Complete Peerage*.)

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 120 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal badly damaged, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:12 above.

Loc.XXV:136 17 November [1444]

Letter from Ralph, Lord Cromwell, to John Wessington, prior of Durham. Informs the prior of Durham that he (Cromwell) and the prior of [Durham's cell of] St Leonard's Stamford have agreed to exchange Durham's patronage of the church of Kirkby on Bain for land in Leicestershire worth six marks yearly. Notes that the prior of St Leonard's Stamford requires the assent of the prior of Durham before a full agreement is made. Asks that the prior gives this. At Collyweston.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory 1400-1450* (Cambridge, 1973), p.151.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.191v-192r: letter from John, prior of Durham, to [Ralph] Lord Cromwell, stating that, in answer to his letter, delivered on St Stephen in Christmastide (*Yoole*) last past [26 December], on the matter of making an exchange between the patronage of Kirkby on Bain, whose pension is due to the prior, with other things there and other lands or rents of his, worth six marks annually; the prior and his fellow monks are long agreed to fulfil his desire in a manner in keeping with the laws spiritual and temporal and the liberties of St Cuthbert, as the bearer, to whom the prior beseeches him to give audience, is instructed to declare to him. As clearly apparent from the charters of the gift made to the prior of the same church, with its appurtenances, some parcels due thereto and to the prior are occupied today by those who have no right. The prior knows he would reform this better than the prior (presumably of St Leonard's Stamford), and supposes he will so do when the exchange has been made. The bearer therefore has a true copy of the prior's charters and evidence to show to him, which by his counsel and the prior's appointment may bring the matter to a conclusion (18 January [1445]).

Loc.XXV:137 11 October [1417?]

Letter from George Dunbar, earl of March, to [Joan Beaufort], countess of Westmorland. Notes that the countess in her letter suggests that he uses his power to assist the priory of Coldingham. Indicates that he has done so in the past and will continue to do so, but suggests that the monks of Coldingham should write to [Archibald Douglas], earl of Douglas, their "balie", for help. At Dunbar.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed in *The correspondence, inventories, account rolls and law proceedings of the priory of Coldingham*, ed. by J. Stevenson and J. Raine, Surtees Society, 12 (1841), p.89-90 which suggests a date of c.1417.

Loc.XXV:138 [November c.1439]

Letter from Robert, baron of Hylton, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that Thomas, his priest, has visited the prior on business concerning the arrest of Hylton's servant, William Hall. Hall was accused of seizing tithes of hay and corn belonging to the master of Wearmouth. Requests that the prior asks the master of Wearmouth to release Hall. At Hylton, Sunday next before St Leonard's day.

Dobson, *Durham Priory*, p.195-196, dates this stage of the quarrel between Hylton and the monks at Wearmouth to 1439.

Language: English (address in Latin)

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:139 4 June [1407]

Letter from Ralph Eure to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Notes that Walter Bointon, parson of the church of Holtby, is intending to resign. Asks that his clerk and chaplain, William Collinson be presented to the church. At Seamer.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal partly damaged, G&B no. 934, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.25r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of William Colynson' of Whickham, chaplain, to the church of Holtby (20 June 1407).

Loc.XXV:140 10 April [1407]

Letter from Peter Mauley, lord of Mulgrave, to the prior of Durham. Requests that the church of Holtby be presented to William Wycam (Wickham). At Bergh.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 200 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact (no G&B entry), shrouded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.25r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of William Colynson' of Whickham, chaplain, to the church of Holtby (20 June 1407).

Loc.XXV:141 19 January [1399]

Letter from [John of Gaunt], duke of Lancater and steward of England, to the prior [John Hemingbrough] and convent of Durham. Thanks them for presenting his clerk, John Elvet, to the church of Normanton. Requests that they present Nicholas Hawkrigg, another of his clerks, to Normanton, Elvet wishing to resign in his favour. At Leicester, "Jon duc lanchastri" has been written on the dorse above the address in a contemporary hand different to that of the letter writer. A monastic archivist was presumably responsible.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 200 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. II, f.214r: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of John of Elvet, clerk, to the church of Normanton, vacant by the death of John atte Hall, last rector thereof (6 April 1398).

DCD Reg. II, f.330v: presentation by John prior and the convent of Durham of Nicholas Hawkrigg, clerk, to the church of Normanton on Soar (7 March 1399).

Loc.XXV:142 25 January [?1416 x 1446]

Letter from M. [Maud], countess of Cambridge, to the prior of Durham. States that she has been informed that there is a vacant vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough. Requests that her priest be presented. At Conisbrough.

Richard of Conisbrough was created earl of Cambridge in 1414. He married Maud Clifford in 1411 and she died in 1446. This may well date from after her husband's execution on 5 August 1415. (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.)

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 200 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:143 4 May [1434]

Letter from Alice, countess of Salisbury, Lady Montehermer, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that she has been informed that the church of Blyborough has fallen vacant by the death of Robert Conyng. Requests that her chaplain, Hugh Noon, be presented to the church. At Middleham

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 110 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.158v: presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham of Robert Burton' to the church of Blyborough vacant by the death of Robert Conyng', last rector thereof (15 May 1434).

Loc.XXV:144 11 March [?1424]

Letter from Eleanor Percy, countess of Northumberland, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that her chaplain, John Wearmouth, be permitted to exchange benefices with the vicar of Billingham. At Warkworth.

Eleanor Neville married Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, in 1414. John Bury exchanged his vicarage at Billingham for one at Stanton with Thomas Stare in 1424 (Donaldson, R., *Patronage and the church : a study in the social structure of the secular clergy in the Diocese of Durham (1311-1540)*. Vol.2, *Durham benefices and their incumbents 1311-1540.*, (Edinburgh Univ. PhD thesis 1955), p.35).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 305 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact and shrouded by a shrew wreath, G&B no.1959, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:159 below.

Loc.XXV:145 31 May [c.1434 x 1446]

Letter from Eleanor [Percy], Lady Percy, to the prior of Durham. Informs the prior that she and her husband, [Henry Percy], did not have a benefice in their gift. Requests that he give the next vacancy in the collegiate church of Howden to John Wilton, their clerk and master and teacher of her "brederine" (brethren). At Dagenham, Essex.

This letter probably came from Eleanor Percy, from c.1434 the wife of Henry Percy, eldest son of the second earl of Northumberland, before he became Lord Poynings in 1446 on the death of Eleanor's grandfather, Robert Lord Poynings.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Loc.XXV:146 23 March [1416]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland, to [John Hemingbrough], prior of Durham. Informs the prior that he has done homage to the king [Henry V] in parliament on 18 March, and was returned to his dignity. At London.

On 11 November 1414 Henry Percy was restored in parliament to his entailed estates, which had been forfeited by his father, Henry Hotspur, in 1403. The letter is probably a reference to him paying homage for those lands, having now obtained his majority (he was born in 1394).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 165 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.75.

Loc.XXV:147 11 March [1417 x 1461]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that the office of porter of the abbey of Durham which is vacant be presented to his man, John Aspre of Durham. At Sheriff Hutton Castle.

The letter could have originated from either of the two Henry Percys who held the earldom of Northumberland successively between 1414 and 1461, but is probably from after the second earl's return to England in 1416.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, small fragment of seal, G&B no. 1967, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:148 23 January [1417 x 1461]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that William Lowys [Lewis], his chaplain, be presented to the vicarage of Bossall when it next falls vacant. At York.

The letter could have originated from either of the two Henry Percys who held the earldom of Northumberland between 1414 and 1461, but is probably from after the second earl's return to England in 1416.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, small fragment of a seal, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Loc.XXV:149 15 August [1416 x 1460]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that the bearer of the letter, John del Wardrobe, a poor man of great age, be presented to the first vacancy in their almshouse in Durham. At Warkworth.

The letter could have originated from either of the two Henry Percys who held the earldom of Northumberland successively between 1414 and 1461, but is probably from after the second earl's return to England in 1416.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, shrowded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:150 4 November [c.1440 x 1449]

Letter from T. [Thomas] Percy to the prior and convent of Durham. Notes that he has been informed that the church of Normanton in Lincolnshire has fallen, or soon will fall, vacant. Requests that the presentation be granted to his priest. At Helay (Healaugh?). Thomas Percy is probably the younger son (1422-1460) of Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland. Thomas was created Lord Egremont on 20 November 1449. The absence of the title from his style in the letter may suggest that it was written before this date.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86

Loc.XXV:151 13 September [1515]

Letter from [Henry Percy, earl of] Northumberland to [Thomas Castell], prior of Durham. Notes that a Dr [Robert] Kent, prebendary of Howden, has died. Requests that a Master Hall, his son's school-master, be presented to the prebend. The earl has signed the letter himself. At Leconfield.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 210 mm

Seal: Sealed close, sealed with a paper panel, G&B no. 1969, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. V, f.162v: presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham of Mr John Bryme, clerk, to the canonry and prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden made vacant by the death of Mr Robert Kentt, last prebendary and canon thereof (10 September 1515).

Loc.XXV:152 [1443]

Memorandum [?by Richard Barton, prior of Stamford to his proctor to the annual chapter, John Gateshead] asking him to elicit:

Prior [Wessington] to send him two monks with the pension from Coldingham, as previously requested by letter, and also seek certification in these matters.

A proxy for the church of Binewerk sealed with the common seal (?cf. Reg.IV, f.135r).

Letters of confraternity for Richard Salmon, burgess of Nottingham, and his wife, who had put [the prior] in peaceful possession of a 4s [rent] which John Murby had sold him for 40s (?cf Reg.Parv. III, f.29v).

An agreement that Richard Bell would send *corporale* (?incomplete).

An agreement with the executors of the dean of Darlington over a loan of £6.

To present his account for the previous year, bring news of the annual chapter and visitation, and, though Henry Helay laboured and labours against him, make it clear that he would not resign.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, c.130 x 295 mm

Seal: No trace

Discussed in Dobson, R.B., *Durham Priory: 1400-1450*, (Durham, 1973), p.307.

Loc.XXV:153 8 February [1391 x 1399]

Letter from [Richard II] king of England to the [prior of Durham]. Thanks the prior for the gift of £40 collected from him by the king's sergeant, Thomas Woodingfield. At Westminster.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 115 x 305 mm

Seal: Seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Translation printed in: J.L. Freer, 'Anglo-Norman Archives at Durham', *Durham University Journal* (L, 1957-58), p.125-126.

Loc.XXV:154 4 August [1440 x 1443]

Letter from Lord Scrope, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Notes that his chaplain, Alan Buckingham, is the incumbent of the parish church of St Mary at the Bridge Stamford and that the prior of St Leonard Stamford, a cell of Durham, is claiming a pension from that church of five marks yearly. States that he has been informed that there is no right to the claim and requests that the prior of Durham writes to the prior of St Leonard's and requires him to desist in his demands. At York.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 145 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact and shrowded by a rush wreath (G&B no. 2195), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. III, f.258v: presentation of Alan Buckingham, vicar of Ivinghoe, Lincoln dioc., in the church of Stamford, St Mary at the Bridge, to effect an exchange of benefices with Thomas Crosse, rector of St Mary at the Bridge; saving a yearly pension of 5 marks due of old from the rectors thereof to the prior and chapter (26 July 1440).

DCD Reg. III, f.305r: presentation of John Brigg', chaplain, in the church of Stamford, St Mary at the Bridge, vacant, as is said, by the death of Alan Buckingham, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of five marks owed of old to the prior and chapter and their monastery by the rectors of the said church (21 May 1444).

Loc.XXV:155 20 February [1417 x 1439]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to [John Wessington], prior of Durham. Requests that the prior grants lands at Ellingham to John Sinderby, the earl's chaplain, and incumbent vicar of the church of Ellingham. At Alnwick Castle.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact and shrouded by a rush wreath, G&B no. 1966, slits for a closure strip

Referred to in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p..76

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -

DCD Reg. III, f.51r: presentation of John Synderby, chaplain, to the vicarage of Ellingham, made vacant by the resignation of Thomas Cundall', last vicar thereof (18 May 1417).

DCD 1.2.Arch.Northumb.21: induction mandate for John Sinderby to Ellingham (21 May 1417).

DCD Reg. III, f.237v-238r: presentation of John Furnesse, chaplain, to the vicarage of Ellingham, made vacant by the death of John Synderby, last vicar thereof (13 April 1439).

Loc.XXV:156 3 January [1419]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Requests that the prebend in the church of Howden held by the dying John Middleton be given to the earl's chaplain, John Barton. At Seamer manor.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 195 x 290 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg. III, f.64v: letters excusatory [by the prior and chapter of Durham] to [the earl of Northumberland] having received his letters, directed to them by Thomas Langton', his squire, asking that they accept his chaplain, John Barton', for the next vacant prebend in the collegiate church of Howden, and particularly for the prebend of Mr John de Midilton, who, they hear, is troubled by no bodily infirmity; explaining that they are unable to implement his request, since the priory sustained grave displeasure as a result of certain promises made by the late prior, concerning non-vacant benefices, which they had not been able to keep; adding that they had oftentimes similarly apologized to the duke of Bedford and other magnates in respect of requests for the promotion of their clerks. (19 January [1419]).

Loc.XXV:157 12 September [1417 x 1419]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Requests that John Barton, the earl's chaplain, be presented to a prebend in the church of Howden, made vacant by the death of John Selby. At Topcliffe.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 315 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also -
DCD Loc.XXV:89 above.

DCD Reg. III, f.56v: presentation by the prior and the convent of Durham of John Selby in the canonry and prebend of Skipwith to the church of Howden (6 November 1417).

DCD Reg. III, f.67v: memorandum of the presentation, directed to Henry, archbishop of York, of Mr T[homas] Leys, dean of Auckland collegiate church, to the canonry and prebend of Skipwith in the collegiate church of Howden, made vacant by the death of John Selby, last canon and prebendary thereof (13 September 1419).

Loc.XXV:158 9 January [1417 x 1455]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Requests that the next prebend to fall vacant in the church of Howden be given to a clerk of his. At Topcliffe.

Judging by the form, the letter is from Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland. He was restored to his estates in November 1414, returned to England in 1416 and died in 1455.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 220 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:159 6 March [1424?]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Repeats his request that his priest, John Wearmouth, be given a licence to exchange benefices with the vicar of Billingham. Indicates that a licence would be granted "at the first word" if asked for in the Roman *curia*. Stresses Wearmouth's qualities and suitability, and prays that criticism of Wearmouth by others, such as Robert Jackson, should not prevent the grant being made. At Warkworth Castle. John Bury exchanged his vicarage at Billingham for one at Stanton with Thomas Stare in 1424 (Donaldson, *Durham Benefices*, p.35).

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:144 above and DCD Loc.XXV:160: next below.

Loc.XXV:160 11 March [1424?]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Repeats his request that his priest, John Wearmouth, be given a licence to exchange benefices with the vicar of Billingham. Indicates that a licence would be granted if asked for in the Roman *curia*. At Warkworth Castle.

John Bury exchanged his vicarage at Billingham for one at Stanton with Thomas Stare in 1424 (Donaldson, *Durham Benefices*, p.35).

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 205 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact (G&B no. 1966), slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Loc.XXV:144 and DCD Loc.XXV:159 above.

Loc.XXV:161 26 February [1417 x 1455]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Reminds the prior that he had promised to reserve the next prebend which falls vacant in the church of Howden for a clerk of the earl's.

Asks the prior to remember this and to certify it in writing. At Tynemouth.

Judging by the form, the letter is from Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland. He was restored to his estates in November 1414, returned to England in 1416 and died in 1455.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 19 x 29.5 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

Loc.XXV:162 16 September [1416 x 1454]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Asks that the prior give "full faith and credence" to what Robert Lambton, the bearer of the letter, has to say. At Topcliffe.

Judging by the form, the letter is probably from Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland. He was restored to his estates in November 1414, returned to England in 1416 and died in 1455.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 135 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:163 16 September [1416 x 1454]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to William Dalton, [monk of Durham]. Informs Dalton that a Thomas Birhalkhe of Berwick has a son attending upon the prior of Durham, whom the father wishes to send to Durham College, Oxford. Requests that Dalton give credence to what Robert Lambton, the bearer of the letter, has to say on the matter. At Topcliffe.

The form indicates that the letter is probably from Henry Percy, second earl of Northumberland. He was restored to his estates in November 1414, returned to England in 1416 and died in 1455.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 125 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost, slits for a closure strip

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.80.

Loc.XXV:164 21 July [1416 x 1454]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior and convent of Durham. Informs the prior that his (the earl's) squire and cousin, William Strother, has a son called Henry Strother (the earl's "sybman") who "occupieth the scoles at Oxenford" (Durham College, Oxford). Requests that Henry be given a benefice after the preferment of the earl's clerk, George Radcliff. At Warkworth Castle.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 1966, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86

Loc.XXV:165 6 January [1439]

Letter from Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior [John Wessington] and convent of Durham. Notes that John Holme has long served the prior unrewarded by any *lyvelode* (income or stipend). Requests that in recompense for his long service Holme be given a *lyvlode* under the prior's common seal "as it liketh you forto graunte hym". At Petworth Manor.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 170 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 1966, shrouded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg.Par. II, f.123r-v: grant by John, prior of Durham, to John Holm, esquire, with the consent of his fellow monks, of one corrody or allowance for life in the hospital of St Mary Magdalen next to the hospital of Kepier, lately vacant by the death of Emma Denome, for his good and praiseworthy service to the prior's predecessor and himself over a long period, with licence to stay outside the hospital in some respectable place provided he keeps the statutes (etc.) of the hospital, with the exception of residence within (12 April 1439).

Loc.XXV:165* 31 May [1416 x 1454]

Letter from [Henry Percy], earl of Northumberland and lord of the honour of Cockermouth, to the prior of Durham. Notes that the prior has quarrelled with certain tenants of the earl, summoning and cursing them for "thyng touchyng our inheritance". Requests that the prior ceases his action against the earl's tenants, and indicates that he will sue the prior if the prior sues his tenants, which he is loath to do. At Dagenham.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 180 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact, G&B no. 1966, shrouded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Loc.XXV:166 22 July [1399 x 1414]

Letter from H. [Henry] IV, king of England, to the prior and convent of Durham. Recommends Abel Hesill, a clerk in the office of the privy seal since the time of King Richard [II], for the next benefice which falls vacant in their gift. At the palace of Westminster.

"Rex h iiii" [Henry IV] is written in a near contemporary hand on the dorse above the address.

Language: French

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 350 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal damaged, G&B no. 3034, slits for a closure strip

Calendared in *Calendar of Signet Letters of Henry IV and Henry V, 1399-1422*, ed. by J. Kirkby (1978), no.953.

Loc.XXV:167 11 October [1416]

Letter from Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham. Exhorts them to proceed to the election of a prior, a vacancy having been created by the death of John Hemingbrough. At Calais.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 185 x 295 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal intact, G&B no. 3151, slits for a closure strip

Ownership history: Previously referenced 2.6.Pont. 6 and listed under that number in the Repertorium Magnum.

John Hemingborough, prior of Durham, died on 15 September and John Wessington was elected on 5 November.

Printed in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume II*, ed. by R.L. Storey, Surtees Society 166 (1957), p.109-110.

Related material in other DUL collections: See also - DCD Reg.III, f.46r-48r: notarized supplication by the subprior, convent and chapter of Durham notifying Thomas, bishop of Durham, of their election of a new prior, including some details of the process, informing him that, following the death of John Hemmyngburgh, prior of Durham, on 15 September 1416 and his burial on 17 September, having obtained from the bishop a licence for an election, and having, on 18 September, appointed 5 November as the date for the election, the chapter unanimously elected John Wessyngton as their prior. Done: in the church of Durham, and the chapter house and infirmary chapel thereof, 5 & 6 November 1416.

Loc.XXV:168 10 August [15th century]

Letter from Ralph Babthorpe to the prior of Durham. Informs the prior that there is a Thomas Parson, son of William Parson of Howden, who desires to go to "Oxenford to scole". Requests that Thomas might be a "discipul and s[er]vitous in your college of Oxenford as for on[e] of Howdenshire if ther[e] be any voyed or elles he might have the next voydaunce". At Woodstock.

Language: Latin

Size: Landscape format, 160 x 300 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal mostly intact (G&B no. 121), shrouded by a rush wreath, slits for a closure strip

Printed in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.80.

Loc.XXV:169 [15th century]

Letter from John Underwood and Robert Cheston to the prior of Durham. Gives advice to the prior on how he should proceed in a lawsuit. Also gives advice on how a contribution to the cost of furniture in the church of Howden should be used.

Language: English

Size: Landscape format, 130 x 280 mm

Seal: Sealed close, seal lost

Calendared in Halcrow, E.M., "The social position and influence of the priors of Durham, as illustrated by their correspondence", *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 4th series, 33 (1955), p.86.

DCD Loc.XXVI

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXVII - Episcopal visitations

Records of visitations of the convent by the bishop of Durham, as well as a few fifteenth-century chapter ordinances and legal diffinitions.

DCD Loc.XXVII:1a [1442]

List of building works and repairs done in the time of Prior [John] Wessington over the last 26 years from Christmas [1]416 to Christmas [1]442, at the cathedral by the sacrist, by the bursar, and by various obedientaries; also listed are amounts spent on buying ornaments and jewels, vestments and other goods, and details of the debts of Thomas Lawson as bursar, grain bought by the granator and the expenses of Robert Westmorland as proctor.

Size: 860 x 295 mm

Parchment roll, 2m

Other versions: DCD Misc. Ch. 5727b, 7111a, and 7131a.

Extracts printed (when it was referenced as Loc.2) in: J. Raine, *Saint Cuthbert: with an account of the state in which his remains were found upon the opening of his tomb in Durham Cathedral, in the year MDCCCXXVII* (Durham 1828), p.152-156.

DCD Loc.XXVII:1b [c.1442]

Draft of another version of Loc.XXVII:1a.

Size: 370 x 260 mm

Paper, 1p, badly damaged with the left edge and parts of the centre lost, with text missing, and other parts badly stained, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:2 [mid 15th century]

Extracts from a protestation by the proctor of the prior and chapter over procurations and repairs to churches enjoined following the bishop's visitation, and specifically Dom Thomas Gray, John de ?, Alan de Ayden chaplain, Master John Hagt?, Richard Ripon and Robert Hemingbrough clerks, commissioned to answer within a year over repairs to the chancel of [Bishop] Middleham church.

Size: 130 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p, parts badly stained, cut [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:3 27 September 1420

Indenture between Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durtham and the prior and convent of Durham for the transfer of John Tynemouth, monk of Durham, killer of William Warner, monk of Durham, from the bishop's to the convent's prison.

Date: Durham, 27 September 1420, Pont.15.

Size: 110 x 280 mm

Seal: G&B No.3148, part, on a parchment tag reused from a document, through a slit in a turnup

Parchment, 1m, indented head, wavy, some staining

DCD Loc.XXVII:4 early 14th century

Chapter ordinances for the conduct of the monks of Holy Island.

Size: 105 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1m, cut [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:5 later 13th century

Libellus of the prior and convent's proctor in a case against the archbishop of York (?Wickwane) before a papal judge-delegate concerning *sede vacante* jurisdiction in the diocese of Durham.

Size: 65 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, damaged with parts missing with some text lost, also some staining

DCD Loc.XXVII:6 6 December 1464

Mandate by Richard [Bell] prior of Durham to Oliver Younger to summon the heads of the cells of Finchale, Jarrow and Wearmouth, and the other monks there, to attend the bishop's visitation on 10 December in the chapter house at Durham.

Date: 6 December 1464.

Size: 95 x 370 mm

Seal: G&B No.3455, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, 3 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:7 13 June 1504

Mandate of Thomas [Savage], archbishop of York and papal legate, to William [Senhouse] bishop of Durham, his suffragan or vicar general, ordering him to appear and to cite the clergy of his diocese to appear in the cathedral church of York on the Monday after the feast of St Peter in Chains, namely 5 August, reciting the following letters close.

Letters close of King Henry [VII] to Thomas [Savage], archbishop of York and papal legate, ordering him to summon a convocation of clergy of his province in the cathedral church of St Peter, York, or elsewhere, with all convenient speed.

Date: Westminster, 22 May 19 [Henry VII] [1504]

Date: Cawood, 13 June 1504.

Size: 235 x 365 mm

Seal: sealing tongue and wrapping tie stubs

Parchment, 1m, some small holes with some text lost, and occasional fading

DCD Loc.XXVII:8 18 February 1449

Letters of Thomas Nesbit, prior of Coldingham, and John Dorward, Robert Scrymerston (interlined), William Byrden, Richard Wrake and John Kirke, appointing John Gateshead, Richard Kelloe, William Dalton, John Pencher and Richard Bell as proctors to appear before the bishop of Durham on his visitation on 10 March.

Sealed with the prior of Coldingham's seal.

Date: 18 February 1448/9.

Size: 145 x 285 mm

Seal: sealing tongue stub, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:9

Durham chapter statutes.

Ownership history: Missing since c.1970.

DCD Loc.XXVII:10 [14 January] 1438

Copy indulgence of Pope Eugenius [IV] to Thomas [Radcliff] bishop of Dromore to hold a benefice.

Date: Bologna, 19 Kal. February 1437/8, 7 [Eugenius IV].

On the dorse is a draft letter from the prior to the bishop of Durham concerning a presentation to the prebend of Skipwith in Howden church [1438].

Size: 145 x 285 mm

Paper, 1p

Register copy of the indulgence: DCD Reg. III, f.224r-v.

Related material in other DUL collections: Related letter: DCD Loc.XXV:80.

Related presentation: DCD Reg. III, f.227r.

DCD Loc.XXVII:11 [3 May 1396]

Copy, slightly abbreviated, of a decree by Boniface [IX], pope, on a petition by Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham, asking for a pronouncement on the claim by the prior and convent of Durham that the religious of their order who, by decree of Pope Boniface VIII, was to be one of the two or three clerks accompanying the bishop on his visitations of the priory, be drawn from their own chapter; to the effect that the bishop of Durham be able freely to take with him on his visitations a religious from the same chapter or from any other religious house of the same order.

Date: St Peter Rome, 5 Non. May An. 7.

With some cancellations.

Size: 290 x 225 mm

Paper, 1p, some small holes, damage to the edges and staining

Register copy: DCD Reg. II, f.326v-327r.

Related material in other DUL collections: [Probably originally enclosed with DCD 2.8.Pont.15.]

DCD Loc.XXVII:12 [c.1332 x 1337]

Prior William [Cowton]'s answers to eleven articles about the priory's privileges resulting from the visitation of Bishop Louis [Beaumont], claiming that the bishop:

1. Had not entered the church during canonical hours.
2. Was *simplex* to the *regimen* of the Durham priory.
3. Effort and money was not being put into the relief of the priory's manors destroyed by war as it ought, but rather into unnecessary new building and repairs.
4. £300 was alienated from the priory without cause.
5. He had failed to give an annual account of his administration before the whole convent.
6. He mandated through the monks Dom J of Seaton and J of Butterwick that the monks John of Jarrow and Geoffrey of Lincoln be incarcerated for their great excesses before his visitation.
7. He had not visited the infirm.
8. He had reassigned anniversarian's rents.
9. He had sold bread handouts to the detriment of Francis of Jarrow, Thomas Smith of Quarrington, and the janitors, bakers and brewers, also Hugh and Hugh clerks in the church and other officers of the priory.
10. It was unclear to what use the surplus from cells and obedientaries which comes to him is put.
11. He had appointed scandalously young men to cells and offices, such as Simon of Rothbury to Farne.

Size: 510 x 210 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Related material in other DUL collections: Cf. DCD 2.9.Pont.6.

DCD Loc.XXVII:13 [mid 15th century]

Extracts from injunctions by Bishop Kellaw following his visitation in 1314 and by Bishop Hatfield in 1355 against victimization of those making depositions, with Bishop Kellaw's injunctions concerning monks with property added.

Size: 215 x 290 mm

Paper, 1p

DCD Loc.XXVII:14 [early 15th century]

Names and numbers of those receiving corrodies or wages, then ordinances for the domestic arrangements of the monastery detailing numbers and duties of servants. Part (?central section) only.

(Named individuals include John Normanby who may well be the monk who died 1402 x 1403.)

Size: 560 x 140 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, upper part damaged with areas missing and text lost, head faded, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:15 [c.1448]

Chapter diffinitions drawn up by the subprior, the third prior and the dean of orders after the second visitation of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, about masses, obedientaries, silence, discipline, and the infirm, as detailed in the [bishop's] 7 articles, in particular:

- access to certain parts of the monastery by those not in the prior's household
- chambers in the infirmary for monks' servants
- closing cloister doors and evicting vagrants
- evicting vagrants from the almonry
- granator's arrears of Richard Blackburn
- recording daily food expenses
- the reeve of the hall of the hospital accounting every 7 weeks
- only measured amounts to go for milling
- food and drink allowances for the granator's servants
- special bread, beer and meat allowances to cease
- wages for Robert Watson baker
- numbers of servants in the bakery
- where the smith, sawyers, plumbers and masons can have their beer
- beer for the warden of the small building under the bursar's exchequer
- beer for those administering in the refectory or solar
- an inventory for the refectory valuables
- boys in the almonry to be admitted on the nomination of individual monks
- the terrar to supervise the coal mines
- arrears of the three obedientaries administering the office of bursar
- esquires of the prior with their valets and grooms
- the prior's wine allowance of 7 tuns
- duties of the prior's chamber's door-keeper
- duties of the prior's household steward
- deputising for the prior when he is incapacitated
- herbage of the park at Bearpark for the bursar
- treatment of messengers, minstrels and lords' players (*histriones*)
- special garments for Thomas Billingham and his sons
- entitlement of the reeves, servants, brewers, bakers, carters and miners of Pittington, Bearpark and Elvet Hall to food and drink in the prior's chamber
- entitlement of the former prior John Wessington to John Guisborough's chamber in the infirmary.

With a typescript transcript by Martin Snape.

Size: 1605 x 290 mm

Paper roll, 4p, damaged with part of the head missing and some text lost, head and edges repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:16a [early 14th century]

Complaints and proposals relating to the monastery, including concerning: the hostillar's behaviour; arrangements between the terrar and the bursar; the drink entitlement of the terrar, granator and cellarer; the master of the infirmary's attitude towards the sick; talking with girls; weekly expenses; carrying for the cellarer; William de Scaccario.

Size: 115 x 180 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:16b [30 March] 1316

Mandate by Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior of Durham to Henry of Stamford prior of Finchale to pay £10 to help the house, as agreed by the common council chapter with the ratification of the diocesan.

Date: Durham, 3 Kal. April 1316.

Size: 75 x 225 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:16c [early 14th century]

Complaints, proposals and petitions relating to the monastery, concerning: robes of the obedientaries' clients are better than those of the convent's servants; health of the fit and infirm; lapsing in the reading of catholic books; recreation; tonsuring; security of the church's valuables in the treasury; chapter ordinances ought to be written down; registering of bulls, charters and muniments; corrodies; showing of books in the custody of individuals in the first week in Lent.

Size: 95 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:16d [early 14th century]

Chapter ordinances relating to the monastery concerning: the boys in the almonry; priests and servants of the refectory; priors and masters of cells; old and young to speak French or Latin; no hunting dogs in the monastery; the terrar to render an annual account; the bursar to account at Pentecost and Martinmas; arrears on the prior's account; priors and masters of cells with obedientaries to account annually in chapter; six to audit accounts; inquisition into those who reveal chapter secrets.

Size: 125 x 195 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXVII:16e [early 14th century]

Letter from Richard of Kelloe to Brother Osbert of York subprior of Finchale concerning the transfer of monks to and from Finchale, namely Thomas of Burton and Nicholas of Jarrow, and Adam de Kayville and Henry of Cornford; Dom W. of Swinburn to be informed.

Size: 55 x 195 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:16f [early 14th century]

Prior's ordinances relating to the monastery concerning: the terrar, his staff and duties; the bursar, his accounts and records; twice yearly view of accounts; cellarer and granator, their duties and accounts; other obedientaries not to incur new expenses without the consent of two or three fellow monks.

Dorse: servants to be chosen on merit not consanguinity or affinity.

Size: 145 x 215 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:16g [1308 x 1313]

Ordinances of [Prior] William [of Tanfield] that to pay off debts owed to the college of cardinals of the Roman church, the following revenues will be assigned: fruits of the churches of Berwick, Fishwick, Swinton and half of Ederham, the farms of the villis of Fishwick and Swinton pertaining to the cell of Coldingham, and 40 marks from the same cell's sacrist and anything above necessary expenses from the sacrist, almoner and terrar there; tithes of sheaves from Cheswick, Goswick, Scremerston, Haggerston, Lowlin and Hawburn, along with fish tithes from the Tweed and all the wool from the stock and tithes pertaining to the cell of Holy Island; tithes of sheaves from Symoundsote, Preston, Heworth, Jarrow, Monkton and Hebburn together with the Jarrow mill rent and all the wool from tithes and stock of the same church; tithes and fruits of the church of Giggleswick, farms and rents of Yokefleet pertaining to Finchale priory with the express consent of its prior; the greater tithes of Durham St Oswald with the rent of Shincliffe mill from the hostillar; the rents and profits of Hemingbrough and Hindesley churches from the chamberlain; the fruits of Bywell and Whitworth churches from the sacrist. For the collecting of which, certain wardens have been deputed with sums assigned to sustain them, that is: 20 marks from the warden of Wearmouth, 40s from the prior of Stamford, 5 marks from the prior of Lytham, 20 marks from the ferestrar, 10 marks from Henry Teasdale's pension from Coldingham. Surplus staff and libations are to be dispensed with servants to be permitted as detailed for: the prior of Holy Island; the master of Jarrow; at the cathedral priory at the gate, in the bakery, brewery, kitchen, infirmary, refectory, western cellar and sacristy.

Dorse: Goods and food for the infirm; vittels for the poor; the hostillar to give the bursar £50 for provender for guests' horses; no double rations; no special or excessive libations; those eating at the monastic table to have no extras from the cook; wardens of cells etc not to sell beyond a year unless specially licensed; the proctor of Norham to have 100s or 8 marks *per annum* for his expenses.

All, both monks and secular servants and ministers, are to observe these ordinances.

Size: 730 x 305 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:17 [c.1442]

Summary of replies proposed to Bishop Robert Neville's 46 charges (*comperta*) by a group working on behalf of the chapter and consisting of the prior and sub-prior and some of the monks. Incomplete.

Size: 370 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p

Full replies: DCD 1.8.Pont.2.

Draft replies: DCD Loc.XXVII:39.

DCD Loc.XXVII:18a 15 April 1446

Summons by John [Wessington] prior of Durham to Henry Ferriby prior of Finchale to appear with his fellow monks at the visitation of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham on Monday before Dunstan [16 May], with a return to be made by 10 May.

Date: Durham, 15 April 1446.

Size: 100 x 290 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut (1 through a ?16th century endorsement) and 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, some damage to the foot

Related material in other DUL collections: Similar mandates: DCD Loc.XVI:6c; Loc.XXVII:18b-c.

DCD Loc.XXVII:18b 15 [April 1446]

[Summons] by John [Wessington] prior of Durham to Thomas B[radbury master of Wearmouth] to appear ... at the visitation by Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham ..., with return to be made by 10 [May].

Date: Durham, 15 ...

The hand and details are the same as Loc.XXVII:18c.

Size: 65 x 185 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut [filing] holes on the left edge, right half gnawed away and missing with half the text lost

DCD Loc.XXVII:18c 15 April 1446

Summons by the prior of Durham to John Barlay master of Jarrow to appear with his fellow monk at the bishop's visitation on Monday before Dunstan [16 May], with a return to be made by 10 May.

Date: Durham, 15 April 1446.

With some erasures and overwritings.

Size: 90 x 290 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:18d 10 February 1449

Summons by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham to Thomas Nesbitt prior of Coldingham to appear with his fellow monks at the visitation of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham on 10 March, with a return to be made by 20 February.

Date: 10 February 1448/9.

Size: 75 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.3451, fragments, applied on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut and 2 stabbed [filing] holes

Related material in other DUL collections: Copy of a similar mandate: DCD Reg. IV, f.68r.

DCD Loc.XXVII:18e 10 February 1449

Summons by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham to Master John Mody master of Jarrow to appear with his fellow monk at the visitation of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham on 10 March, with a return to be made by 20 February.

Date: Durham, 10 February 1448/9.

Size: 70 x 310 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

Parchment, 1m, 2 cut and 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge, parts of the head and foot gnawed away

DCD Loc.XXVII:18f [mid 15th century]

Copies of three documents preliminary to the bishop's visitation:

Summons by John [Wessington] prior of Durham to [the prior of Finchale] to appear with his fellow monks at the bishop's visitation on Monday after translation of T[homas: 9 July], with a return to be made by 1 July.

Date: Durham, 4 June 1442.

Note of similar summons to the prior of Holy Island, the master of Farne, the master of Jarrow, the master of Wearmouth, the prior of Coldingham, the prior of Stamford and the prior of Lytham.

Certification by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham to Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham, reciting the bishop's mandate, received on 2 June; intimating to him that, saving their rights, customs, and privileges, and all remedy of right, they will be ready to do what is incumbent upon them in the foregoing.

Date: Durham, 26 June year as above. [1442]

Certification by John [Wessington], prior of Durham, to Robert [Neville], bishop of Durham, reciting the bishop's mandate, received on 2 June; stating that he has cited the priors, masters (&c) to appear on 9 July next to come in the chapter house, to undergo visitation; providing that the cells be not left totally empty of monks, but that in the sundry cells as many monks remain as should be sufficient to perform divine offices and carry out other necessary tasks; stating that he has had the letters directed to him and the convent publicly delivered to the subprior and convent; and that he has obeyed and will obey the bishop's mandate in all things, saving the rights, privileges, liberties and immunities of the monastery of Durham in all things; with the names of those cited being contained in a schedule attached to the presents.

[Date: Durham, 26 June 1442.]

Size: 110 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1m, a cut [filing] hole in the top left corner, upper right part missing with text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

Full copy (certification 1): DCD Reg. III, f.285r.

Full copy (certification 2): DCD Reg. III, f.284v.

DCD Loc.XXVII:19 4 June 1382

Appointment, by Robert [of Walworth] prior and the convent of Durham, of Master Hugh of Fleetham advocate of the court of York, Master John of Stanton proctor of the court of York, and Dom Thomas Cityll vicar of Eastrington, as their proctors to appear at the visitation of his diocese of York of Alexander [Neville] archbishop of York.

Date: Durham chapter house, 4 June 1382.

Size: 180 x 320 mm

Parchment, 1m, strip partially cut off the foot, 2 cut [filing] holes torn on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:20a 7 February 1449

Mandate by Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham to William [Ebchester] prior of Durham to summon the heads and monks of the cells to appear at his visitation on 10 March, and to deliver the bishop's letters to the subprior and chapter, making a return of his action a week before 10 March.

Date: 7 February 1448/9, Pont.11.

Size: 100 x 295 mm

Seal: part of a [sealing] tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub

Parchment, 1m, left edge mostly gnawed away

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.67v.

DCD Loc.XXVII:20b 7 February 1449

[Citation by Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham, to the prior and chapter of Durham informing them that he intends to visit them on Monday, 10 March next to come, with continuation of days as necessary, in the chapter house of Durham; summoning them to appear in person before him at the said date and place and undergo visitation; warning them against any conspiracies in prejudice of the visitation on pain of great excommunication, and reserving absolution of those incurring this sentence to himself; and requiring a return by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, by eight days before the said date, as to what they shall have seen fit to do in the foregoing.]

Date: 7 February 1448/9, [Pont.11.].

Size: 130 x 315 mm

Seal: [sealing] tongue and [wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, damaged with various holes with text lost, also badly stained in parts

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.67v.

DCD Loc.XXVII:21a [?1440s]

Copy precautionary appeal before Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham by the proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham over the bishop's visitation. Undated.

Size: 100 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1m, badly stained in parts, cut on right edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:21b 27 January 139[1]

Copy precautionary appeal by Robert of Lanchester monk and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham [over the visitation of Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham?].

Witnesses: ?Robert of Ripon and William de Thurstanesto of ? and York dioceses.

Date: Durham chapter house, 27 January 139?

Size: 140 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole on the left edge, badly damaged with various parts gnawed away and much text lost, also some bad staining

DCD Loc.XXVII:22 [c.1319]

Draft appeal of Prior Geoffrey [Burdon] to the apostolic see and the court of York over a visitation by Bishop Louis Beaumont's commissaries, Master Richard de Eriom and Master Michael de Arcla, who had ignored his protests and each of whom interviewed half the monks, questioning them separately. Incomplete.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description and the names Robert, John, Walter, Robert, John, and William.

Size: 145 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m, left edge and foot damaged, repaired with parchment c.1970

Discussed in: J. Scammell, "Some Aspects of Medieval English Monastic Government: the Case of Geoffrey Burdon Prior of Durham (1313-1321)", *Revue Bénédictine* (vol.68, 1958), p.230-231.

DCD Loc.XXVII:23a 6 May 1383

Copy notarial instrument being a precautionary appeal, recording the presence in the chapter house of Durham of John [Fordham], bishop of Durham, for a visitation of the prior and chapter of Durham, and of Robert of Walworth prior of Durham, Robert of Blacklaw subprior, and fifty other monks of Durham (named), to undergo visitation; the bishop protesting that though the visitation should be made in accordance with the constitution of Boniface VIII, namely that he should have with him two or three tonsured clerks, one of whom, at least, should be a religious [a Benedictine] and another a notary, he wished, with the consent of the prior and chapter, to omit the religious and proceed to visitation with two secular clerks and a notary; the prior and convent protesting that by custom predating the constitution the religious should be a monk of Durham, but agreeing to the omission of the monk of Durham at the present visitation; and protesting that this omission would in no wise prejudice the force of the said custom in future visitations.

Witnesses: Master Thomas of Walkington, D.Dec., dean [of Oxford; Master Henry Gudberne, professor of canon and civil law,] canon of the church of York; Stephen of Howden, rector of [Newton le Wold, Lincoln diocese].

Date: Durham, 6 May 1383.

Size: 250 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1m, lower left corner and other holes gnawed away with much text missing, also badly stained in parts, repaired with parchment c.1970

Another copy: DCD Reg. II, f.204v-205r.

DCD Loc.XXVII:23b ?9 July 1442

Notarial instrument reciting a precautionary appeal by Robert Westmorland proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham over the visitation by Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: ? LLB, John [?of Runcorn] notary public, and John [?Binchester] chaplain.

Date: ?9 July 1442.

Notary: John Berehalgh, clerk of Durham diocese, NP by apostolic and imperial authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 275 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the bottom left corner, damaged by damp with the lower right corner and other parts missing with some text lost, also faded in parts, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:24 [early 14th century]

Letter concerning procurations of 40 marks or £40 following discussion with Master Richard of Bentworth [d.1339, BRUO p.170-171], as confirmed by the archbishop of York in his diocese.

Size: 95 x 250 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:25 12 July [1408]

Certification by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, having received on 1 July and reciting the following citation
Citation by Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham, instructing them to attend before him in their chapter house on 23 July next, with continuation of days, and undergo visitation; warning them against attempting any conspiracies in prejudice of the visitation, on pain of great excommunication; and requiring a return in letters patent by eight days before the said date as to what they shall have done in respect of the foregoing, giving the date of delivery of the presents, and reciting the contents hereof.

Date: Stockton, 11 June 1408.

informing him that they intend to appear for visitation, date and place as said, saving their rights (&c).

Date: Durham chapter house, 12 July year as above.

Size: 105 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.3427 fragments, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub

Parchment, 1m, part of the left edge [with a cut filing hole] torn off and missing, some fading of upper right corner

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.27r.

Register copy printed: R.L. Storey ed, *The Register of Thomas Langley vol 1*, (Surtees Society 164, 1949), p.63-64.

DCD Loc.XXVII:26 1359 - 1364

Instruments, etc., concerning the suit between Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham and the parishioners of St Oswald's Durham over visitation.

49 items

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD 4.16.Spec.25, Loc.XXXVII:86, Misc. Ch. 2610, 2611, 2616, 2617, 5527a-c, 5528, 7038, 7231.

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(1) 9 December 1359

Notarial instrument reciting a tutorial appeal to the holy see and the court of York by Robert Litster, burgess of Elvet and parishioner of St Oswald's.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Billingham, William of Corbridge and William son of John son of Gilbert, clerics of Durham diocese.

Date: cathedral church of Durham, 9 December 1359.

Notary: William Ryhill clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 190 x 245 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(2) 9 December 1359

Notarial instrument reciting a tutorial appeal to the holy see and the court of York by Robert of Ellingham, burgess of Elvet and parishioner of St Oswald's.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Billingham, William of Corbridge and William son of John son of Gilbert, clerics of Durham diocese.

Date: cathedral church of Durham, 9 December 1359.

Notary: William Ryhill clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 250 x 220-230 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(3) 9 December 1359

Notarial instrument reciting a tutorial appeal to the holy see and the court of York by Henry Litster, burgess of Elvet and parishioner of St Oswald's.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Billingham, William of Corbridge and William son of John son of Gilbert, clerics of Durham diocese.

Date: cathedral church of Durham, 9 December 1359.

Notary: William Ryhill clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 170 x 235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(4) 9 December 1359

Notarial instrument reciting a tutorial appeal to the holy see and the court of York by Simon Alman, burgess of Elvet and parishioner of St Oswald's.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Billingham, William of Corbridge and William son of John son of Gilbert, clerics of Durham diocese.

Date: cathedral church of Durham, 9 December 1359.

Notary: William Ryhill clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 180 x 280 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(5) 9 December 1359

Notarial instrument reciting a tutorial appeal to the holy see and the court of York by William of Shalford, burgess of Elvet and parishioner of St Oswald's.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Billingham, William of Corbridge and William son of John son of Gilbert, clerics of Durham diocese.

Date: cathedral church of Durham, 9 December 1359.

Notary: William Ryhill clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 165 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole in the centre of the foot

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(6) 13 December 1359

Copy notarial instrument recording the appearance of Robert Litster, Robert of Ellingham, Simon Alman, Henry Litster, William of Shalford and Adam Irinbrynnner, parishioners of St Oswald's, before Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham in tribunal in his visitation; they were required to make an oath to make presentments at his visitation, but they refuse; he admonished them and appointed his chancellor John Grey to be his voice; he urged them to swear, but they refused; the chancellor admonished them in writing and excommunicated them.

Witnesses: Doms Alan of Shitlington of Hemingbrough and John of Henley of Walkington, rectors of the churches, Master John of Appleby official of Durham and Simon of Newton NP by apostolic authority, of York and Durham dioceses.

Date: Durham St Nicholas church, 13 December 1359.

Notary: William Alfrid of Thorpland *dictus* of Fakenham, clerk of Norwich diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary): "propositions of Langton, Norton chancellor of the bishop of Durham", "propositions of John de Helpeston and Benedict of Ferriby, Brother Peter of Harpham prior of Haltemprice 6 October etc", "propositions of the 7 October 1362 before Master T. de Burton sitting in tribunal in the consistory court of York", and as "new propositions for the bishop and against him".

Size: 250 x 220 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(7) 20 December 1359

Copy inhibition and citation by the official of York ordering two notaries, Simon of Newton and William Ryhill, with John of Barnard Castle rector of Whitfield, Durham diocese, and Nicholas vicar of Durham St Oswald, to cite the bishop of Durham and his clerk John Young to appear at York on Tuesday after Hilary [14 January].

Date: York, 20 December 1359.

Size: 215 x 305 mm

Parchment, 1m, small tears and hole, some text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(8) 5 January 1360

Notarial instrument recording, at the instance of Robert Litster of Elvet as proctor of the plaintiffs, standing on the city walls of Durham south of the infirmary in the Bailey, the entry of John Gray rector of Sedgfield into the churchyard of St Oswald's with four archers and other armed men, and the ringing of the church bells, Litster stating that Gray was excommunicating the plaintiffs in the church, although he had an inhibition from the court of York against Gray which he could not deliver for fear of death at the hands of the armed men.

Witnesses: Dom William de Syreston chaplain of York diocese, Adam of Billingham clerk of Durham diocese and Richard *famulus* of Robert Litster, priest of Durham diocese.

Date: 5 January 1359/60.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 165 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, stitching holes down each edge, lined

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(9) 7 January 1360

Notarial instrument recording the appointment by Robert of Ellingham, Simon Alman, Henry Litster, and William of Shalford in Henry Litster's house and by Adam Hyrinbrinner in Robert Litster's house of Robert Litster of Elvet as their proctor in an appeal against their excommunication by Master John Gray, clerk of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Dom William de Syreston chaplain of York diocese and Adam of Billingham clerk of Durham diocese in Henry Litster's house, and John de Polhow and Richard *famulus* of Robert Litster in Robert Litster's house.

Date: the houses of Henry and Robert Litster in Elvet, Durham, 7 January 1359/60.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 165 x 245 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, stitching holes down each edge, lined

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(10) 7 January 1360

Notarial instrument recording the appointment by Robert of Ellingham, Simon Alman, Henry Litster, and William of Shalford in Henry Litster's house and by Adam Irinbrinner in Robert Litster's house of Robert Litster of Elvet as their proctor in an appeal.

Witnesses: Dom William de Syreston chaplain of York diocese and Adam of Billingham clerk of Durham diocese in Henry Litster's house, and John de Polhow and Richard *famulus* of Robert Litster in Robert Litster's house.

Date: the houses of Henry and Robert Litster in Elvet, Durham, 7 January 1359/60.

Size: 250 x 190 mm

Parchment, 1m, tear at the head repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(11) 8 January 1360

Notarial instrument reciting the delivery to the consistory court by Robert Litster of an inhibition from the court of York dated 20 December 1359 with the citation of the bishop of Durham and Master John Gray rector of Sedgfield to appear at York on Tuesday after Hilary next [14 January].

Witnesses: Masters William of Farnham and John of Nesbit advocates of the court of Durham.

Date: the Galilee [chapel] in Durham [cathedral], 8 January 1359/60.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 170 x 250 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(12) 30 April 1360

Copy notarial instrument recording the submission of Robert Litster as proctor for himself and the other plaintiffs to the grace of the ordinance of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham according to his counsel in London when they came north; he and the bishop undertake not to pursue suits in the *curia* or the court of York pending this ordinance.

Witnesses: Master John Grey LLD of Sedgefield and Alan of Shitlington of Hemingbrough, rectors of those churches, John Belgrave and Thomas Salkek *literati* of Durham and York dioceses.

Date: Northallerton

Notary: William Alfrid of Thorpland, *dictus* of Fakenham, clerk of Norwich diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "produced by ?Henry Holm on 6 October [1362] in the consistory place in York cathedral before the official" and as "positions of G. of Langton, J. of Norton and John de Cane NPs" .

Size: 120 x 315 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, stitching holes down the left edge with some thread remaining, lower corners cut off

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(13) 30 October 1360

Notarial instrument reciting a certificate by Nicholas Bishop[ton] vicar of St Oswald's of his reception on 18 October of the following mandate

General mandate of the prior of the Holy Trinity of York and the chancellor of York, papal judges delegate with Master Thomas Neville senior canon of the church of York, reciting the following papal bull

Bull of Pope Innocent [VI] to the prior of the Holy Trinity York, the chancellor of York and Master Thomas Neville senior canon of York cathedral, appointing them papal judges delegate in the case concerning Robert Litster etc, parishioners of Durham St Oswald's.

Date: Avignon, Kal. July Pont. 8. [1 July 1360]

and ordering the citation of the bishop of Durham to appear at York on the next legal day after All Souls.

Date: York, 1 October 1360, and Holbeck, 2 October 1360.

the vicar has not been able to find the bishop in order to deliver the citation.

Date: Durham, 30 October 1360.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as "proposition on the part of Robert Litster" .

Size: 230 x 440 mm

Parchment, 1m, 3 stabbed and 1 cut [filing] holes on the left edge, right side stained and damaged with top right corner missing with some text lost

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(14) 26 November 1360

Appointment by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham of Masters John of Rawcliffe and Henry of Axholme as his proctors.

Date: London, 26 November 1360 Pont.16.

"Disford" at the foot.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 175 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1m, 3 stabbed and 1 cut [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(15) 1 December 1360

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Robert Litster etc (the plaintiffs) of John of Staunton, John of Rawcliffe, John of Burton and Henry of Axholme as their proctors in all matters.

Witnesses: Richard de Castro and William Fraunceys laymen of Durham diocese.

Date: in the house of Robert Litster of Elvet, Durham, 1 December 1360.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a description.

Size: 185 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(16) 1 December 1360

Notarial instrument reciting the appointment by Robert Litster etc (the plaintiffs) of John of Staunton, John of Rawcliffe, John of Burton and Henry of Axholme as their proctors in all matters.

Witnesses: Richard de Castro and William Fraunceys laymen of Durham diocese.

Date: in the house of Robert Litster of Elvet, Durham, 1 December 1360.

Notary: John de Beringham clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Size: 215 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(17) [14 & 15 December] 1360

Depositions of three witnesses, Dom Walter de Wyrethorp chaplain aged 53, William de Munketon, and John de Hoddham.

Date: Monday and Tuesday after St Lucy 1360.

Endorsed (contemporary) as 4 (*sic*) attestations on the articles.

Size: 485 x 290-300 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(18) [19 December 1360]

Protest of the proctor [Henry of Axholme] of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham that the judges delegate, the prior of Holy Trinity York and Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the cathedral church of York, have summoned the bishop to a place too remote, considering the bishop's status, the difficulties of the journey and the time of year, more than a day's journey, and contrary to canonical constitutions.

Dated from an endorsement.

Size: 80 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Extracted: M.M. Harvey, "Travel from Durham to York (and Back) in the Fourteenth Century", *Northern History* (xlii: 1, March 2005), p.119.

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(19) [13 January 1361]

Protest of the proctor [John of Rawcliffe] of the plaintiffs (Robert Litster etc) to the judges delegate, the prior of Holy Trinity York and Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the cathedral church of York, that York is less than a day's journey from the diocese of Durham and that on the day of his citation the bishop of Durham could have got there easily as the journey has never been considered as much as a day's, as is well known.

Dated from the endorsement.

Size: 160 x 265 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(20) [14 January 1361]

Positions and articles to be proposed by the proctor of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham against Robert Litster *et al* at York before the prior of Holy Trinity York and Master Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the cathedral church of York (with comments in another hand):

1. York is 30 miles and more from Durham diocese; if desired go down to 30, then 29, then 28 and so on. (Comment that the diocese of Durham is commonly considered to be a day from York.)
2. The common route for horsemen from York to the diocese of Durham is by Thirsk, Northallerton and Smeaton to the Tees at Neasham, where there is common passage. (Comment that the king's highway and common passage are to be found in places other than at Neasham.)
3. The River Tees is the boundary between York and Durham dioceses, and it is 32 miles from York, and then go down as above from 32 to 31 and 30 and so on. (Comment that the diocese of Durham is commonly considered to be 30 miles from York, no more than a day.)
4. York is more than 5 miles further away from the Tees than Canterbury is from Rochester, which is commonly reported in England as a day's journey. (Comment that this is not believed as stated.)
5. The ways from York to the Tees at Neasham at all times of the year, and especially since last Martinmas, were difficult because of deep mud; from York to [North]allerton, which is more than 6 miles from the Tees at Neasham, is reported as a sufficient day's journey for the bishop of Durham or suchlike persons. (Comment that this is not believed as stated.)
6. [North]allerton is 26 miles from York, or at least 24 miles or more, and from [North]allerton to York is commonly considered a day's journey, or too onerous and excessive in the winter for persons and prelates of higher dignity. (Comment that this is not believed as stated.)
7. These things are well known.

Endorsed as a proposition on behalf of the bishop before the concession of absolution [of the plaintiffs] from their examination [on 19 March 1361] (dated from the endorsement).

(attached at the foot by a parchment tie) Questions to be asked of the bishop's witnesses about the journey from the diocese of Durham to York via Neasham or Sockburn etc. [?January 1361]

Size: 230 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(21) [1 February 1361]

Articles proposed on behalf of the plaintiffs Robert Litster *et al* by John of Rawcliffe re the distance of the diocese of Durham from York, claiming that York was less than a day's journey via the common passage of the Tees at Smeaton mill, and that the diocese of Durham started with Girsby fields in Sockburn parish which did not require crossing the Tees from York to reach, with answers in a different hand.

Dated from the endorsement.

Size: 135 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(22) [1 February 1361]

Another version of (21), without answers.

Size: 200 x 240 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(23) [3 February 1361]

Questions to be put to the plaintiffs' witnesses about the length of the journey from York to the diocese of Durham via Smeaton mill and Girsby field and whether the bishop of Durham could reasonably do this in a day in winter, bearing in mind the need for mass etc.

Endorsed as handed over by Axholme in the presence of William de Munketon and Alexander de Belingham in the chancellor's house on 3 February 1361.

Size: 200 x 350 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(24) [3 February 1361]

Duplicate of (23), including a note about the answer of Dom Walter Middleham vicar of the church of St Mary Bishophill Junior York.

Size: 150-185 x 375 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(25) [20 February 1361]

Proposition by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham proctor's to Master Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the cathedral church of York and the prior of Holy Trinity York, papal judges delegate, that York is more than 32 miles from Durham diocese by straight roads commonly used to the common passage at Neasham, and that the journey takes commonly more than one day at all times of the year and especially from Martinmas to the Purification as a prelate should not be exceeding 24 miles in a day.

Endorsed as the duplicate of the bishop's proposition of 20 February, and also that the [previous] proposition was submitted by Axholme on 11 February with the plaintiffs' proctor, John de Stanton, being given the morrow to etc, and on 18 February the plaintiff's proctor requested the publication of the bishop's proposition, with Tuesday next being fixed etc.

Size: 210 x 200-235 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(26) 14 April 1361

Copy citation to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham by John prior of Holy Trinity York and Simon chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, judges delegate of Master Thomas de Nevill senior canon of the [cathedral] church of York that, reciting the following papal bull

Bull of Pope Innocent [VI] to the prior of the Holy Trinity York, the chancellor of York and Master Thomas Neville senior canon of York cathedral, appointing them papal judges delegate in the case concerning Robert Litster etc, parishioners of Durham St Oswald's.

Date: Avignon, Kal. July Pont.8. [1 July 1360]

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Date: York, 14 April 1361.

Size: 190 x 320 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Another copy in: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(27).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(27) 14 May 1361

Notarial instrument reciting the receipt by Brother James, clerk and familiar of the bishop of Durham, from Dom William Hastynell clerk, proctor of Robert Litster of Durham, of the following citation.

Citation to Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham by John prior of Holy Trinity York and Simon chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, judges delegate with Master Thomas de Nevill senior canon of the [cathedral] church of York that, reciting the following papal bull

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Date: York, 14 April 1361.

Witnesses: William Clerk of Stamford and Thomas Daly *literatus* of Lincoln diocese.

Date: on the bridge at Stamford by the hospital of St Thomas the martyr, 14 May 1361 and Pont.9 Innocent VI.

Notary: John de Cayton clerk of Lincoln diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Endorsed (contemporary) as an *intimacio*.

Size: 375 x 400 mm

Parchment, 1m, a hole in the lower right corner, some stabbed holes along the foot
Another copy (citation): DCD Loc.XXVII:26(26).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(28) [4 June 1361]

Protest by Henry of Axholme, proctor of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, before the prior of the Holy Trinity York and Master Simon of Beckingham, chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, as is said papal judges delegate or subdelegate in the appeal by Robert Litster *et al* against Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, that he does not recognise the competence of the court and that the place is more than a day's journey from the bishop's diocese and so is disqualified, and that the bishop if he issued monitions, mandates or excommunications, acted according to custom and not against it. (?Incomplete)

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited by Axholme on 4 June 1361.

Size: 210 x 340 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed holes along the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(29) [19 June 1361]

Copy 7 articles on the libel exhibited in court by the proctor of the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, stating how they were required to give oaths, and monitions and excommunications were issued, contrary to all custom, and claiming costs of 600 marks, with notes of the bishop's answers and a further article cancelled.

Endorsed as handed over by J[ohn] of Rawcliffe on 19 June 1361.

Size: 235 x 260 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

Original: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(30).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(30) [19 June 1361]

7 articles on the libel exhibited in court by the proctor of the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, stating how they were required to give oaths, and monitions and excommunications were issued, contrary to all custom.

Endorsed (contemporary) that Richard del Castle replied fully to all the articles and that he was not examined on the articles newly handed over.

With an attached schedule claiming costs of 600 marks on behalf of Robert Litster *et al*, endorsed as delivered in court on 2 July [13]61.

Size: 255 x 265 mm

Parchment, 1m + 1m attached, with thread and stitching holes for a further now missing schedule

Copy: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(29).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(31) 19 June 1361

General mandate of the official of the court of York and John of Ferriby, canon of the [cathedral] church of York, for the citation of Masters William of Farnham and Adam of Billingham, Dom John vicar of Heighington, Dom Thomas Copper, Dom William de Syreston, Dom Thomas of Newton, Dom Robert of Easington, Dom Henry chaplain of the church of St Giles [Durham], chaplains, Robert of Brackenbury, John of Sadberge, Thomas of Appleby, Ralph Forster, William Lutryng, and Alan clerk of the parish church of St Oswald Durham, witnesses for the plaintiffs Robert Litster *et al*, to appear in York Minster on 1 July next.

Date: York, 19 June 1361.

Size: 200 x 330 mm

Seal: G&B No.3250A and John of Ferriby, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(32) 28 June 1361

Certification by Nicholas of Bishopton, vicar of the church of St Oswald, Durham, to the official of the court of York and John of Ferriby, canon of the [cathedral] church of York, of having received the following mandate on 23 June

Mandate of the official of the court of York and John of Ferriby, canon of the [cathedral] church of York, for the citation of Masters William of Farnham and Adam of Billingham, Dom John vicar of Heighington, Dom Thomas Copper, Dom William de Syreston, Dom Thomas of Newton, Dom Robert of Easington, Dom Henry chaplain of the church of St Giles [Durham], chaplains, Robert of Brackenbury, John of Sadberge, Thomas of Appleby, Ralph Forster, William Lurtyng, and Alan clerk of the parish church of St Oswald Durham, witnesses for the plaintiffs Robert Litster *et al*, to appear in York Minster on 1 July next.

Date: York, 19 June 1361.

and of having cited on 25 June Dom John vicar of Heighington, Doms Thomas Copper, Thomas of Newton, Robert of Easington chaplains, John of Sadberge, William Lurtyng and Alan clerk of the parish church of St Oswald Durham, to appear at York on 1 July, but that he could not find the others.

Date: Durham, 28 June 1361.

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited on behalf of the citizens of Durham.

Size: 200 x 380 mm

Seal: G&B No.3454 on a tongue, with the stub of a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1m, various stabbed holes on the left edge

Original (mandate): DCD Loc.XXVII:26(31).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(33) 2 July 1361

General mandate of Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, together with the prior of Holy Trinity York and Master Thomas Nevill senior, canon of the [cathedral] church of York, excused, judges delegate in the case of Robert Litster *et al* against Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, and the official of the court of York, subdelegate of the prior of Holy Trinity York, for the citation of Dom Robert rector of Hurworth, Dom John Pullehere rector of Whickham, Dom William rector of Redmarshall, Dom Robert rector of Sockburn, Dom Robert vicar of Aycliffe, Dom William vicar of Bishopton, Dom William vicar of Pitlington, Dom John vicar of Greatham, Doms William of Bretby, Robert of Langton, William de Syreston, Hugh of Rokeby, chaplains, Robert of Lambton, John de la Haye, William Tympron, John Slaver, Thomas of Huckerby, Richard de Parco, William of Monkton clerk, John Alde de Bromschel, Adam of Bromley (interlined), John Rougheheved, John Hasard, Robert (Richard cancelled) de Schel of Iveston, John Palister of Broom, Adam Palman, Gervase of Croxdale, John Potter of Durham, Alan of Ravensworth, John Brandson, Thomas Scort, Robert Colman, Thomas of Greatham, William del Hall of Thorpe, William Asteler, William Lucas, John Jackson, and John Claxton as witnesses for the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, to appear in York Minster on the next legal day after St Mary Magdalene next, that is 23 July.

Date: York, 2 July 1361.

Size: 205 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(34) [3 July 1361]

5 articles proposed on behalf of the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, that the bishop's subjects should be free of oaths at visitations, otherwise they would be in fear of the bishop's secular arm. With responses noted.

Endorsed (contemporary) that Dom John of Bignall chaplain was admitted and sworn as witness on 3 July 1361.

Size: 260 x 130-220 mm

Parchment, 1m, [filing] hole in the centre of the foot, various stabbed holes on the upper left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(35) 17 July 1361

Certification of Nicholas Bishopton, vicar of St Oswald Durham, to the prior of Holy Trinity and the chancellor of York, papal judges delegate, of having received on 10 July the following mandate

General mandate of Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, together with the prior of Holy Trinity York and Master Thomas Nevill senior, canon of the [cathedral] church of York, excused, judges delegate in the case of Robert Litster *et al* against Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, and the official of the court of York, subdelegate of the prior of Holy Trinity York, for the citation of Dom Robert rector of Hurworth, Dom John Pulhore rector of Whickham, Dom William rector of Redmarshall, Dom Robert rector of Sockburn, Dom Robert vicar of Aycliffe, Dom William vicar of Bishopton, Dom William vicar of Pittington, Dom John vicar of Greatham, Dom William of Bretby, Doms Hugh of Rokeby, Robert of Lambton, John del Haye, John Hasard, Richard del Park, Alan of Ravensworth, William de Hall of Thorpe, William of Monkton, John Potter of Durham, John Palister, Stephen Palman, John Alde, Adam of Bromley, John Rughtheved, Robert del Schel of Iveston, John Freeman of Shalford, William de Hoton, Gilbert de Holom, William Dauson, William Tympron, Thomas of Huckerby, John Brandson of Boldon, Thomas Schort, Robert Colman, Reginald of Wearmouth, William Hasteler of Greatham, Robert Macpaise, John Pollard of Swinleyhead, William Mortimer of Herrington and Richard Chalonner as witnesses for the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, to appear in York Minster on the next legal day after St Mary Magdalene next, that is 23 July.

Date: York, 2 July 1361.

and of having cited the witnesses on 12-15 July.

Date: Durham, 17 July 1361.

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited on 23 July 1361.

Size: 190 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3454 on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, 2 stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

Original (but with some witnesses different): DCD Loc.XXVII:26(33).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(36) [23 July 1361]

Response before the prior of Holy Trinity and Master Simon of Beckingham, chancellor of the [cathedral] church of York, so called papal judges delegate, by the proctor of the bishop of Durham against the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, their libel, *replicacio*, positions and articles, stating that laymen in the city and diocese of Durham, and in particular in the archdeaconry of Durham and the parish of St Oswald, have had, from time beyond memory, to take an oath at visitations as inquisitors. Endorsed (contemporary) as a *duplicacio* admitted on 23 July.

Size: 205 x 290 mm

Parchment, 1m, some stabbed [filing] holes in the foot and right edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(37) 15 January 1362

Certification by John [Fossor] prior of Durham and John of Nesbit advocate of the court of Durham that they received on 10 January the following commission Commission of the official of the court of York to John [Fossor] prior of Durham and Master John of Nesbit advocate of the court of Durham to examine Master William Legat, Doms Alan of Shitlington, John of Henley chaplains, William de Merley, Henry of Hett, John of Sadberge, Dom Thomas Coppare, Thomas de Colesyde, Thomas of Appleby, John of Hebburn and John of Bishopdale, witnesses on the part of the bishop of Durham on Friday next after Epiphany [7 January] and over the next 7 days in Durham cathedral.

Date: York, 23 December 1361.

and on 11 January, John of Appleby, warden of the hospital of St Edmund in Gateshead and vicar general of the bishop of Durham, and Master Simon of Newton registrar of the court of Durham examined before them in Durham cathedral Henry of Hett on the articles, memoranda and depositions, and they transmit the answers with the articles to the papal judges delegate.

Date: Durham, 15 January 1361/2.

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited 21 January [13]61/2.

Size: 255 x 335 mm

Seal: G&B No.3454 and another seal fragments, each on a tongue, with a further blank tongue, and the stub [of a wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole and a slit on the left edge, top left corner missing, stitching hole and thread near the sealing tongues

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(38) [21 January 1362]

Articles proposed by the bishop's proctor that by custom in the city and diocese of Durham, and particularly in the archdeaconry of Durham and the parish of St Oswald, Durham, many bishops on visitation have taken oaths from laymen, and that excommunication was justified by the plaintiffs' contumacy, with all this being public knowledge.

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited on 21 January [13]61/2.

Size: 230 x 300 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed/stitching holes down the left edge with some thread

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(39) [?c.January 1362]

[Draft] questions to be asked of the bishop's witnesses about their personal knowledge of past visitations:

whether they have seen visitations by bishops of Durham or other bishops;
whether they saw the present Bishop Thomas [Hatfield] visit Durham St Oswalds;
if they say that people are made to swear, they are to be asked by what custom and when was that custom introduced, and what the difference is between law and custom;

how many years Thomas [Hatfield] has been bishop for and how many times has he visited the city and diocese;

how many years Richard of Bury was bishop for and how many times he visited the diocese;

whether they saw Bishop Louis [Beaumont] visit the diocese and how often did he do so.

With various interlineations and cancellations.

Size: 180 x 285-305 mm

Parchment, 1m, damage at the foot repaired with parchment c.1970

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(40).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(40) [?c.January 1362]

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how many years Richard of Bury was bishop for and how many times he visited the diocese;

whether they saw Bishop Louis [Beaumont] visit the diocese and how often did he do so.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a list of names of jurors at the visitation: Thomas de Coxhouede, Richard Stafford, John of Bishopdale, John Hebburn, Thomas of Tudhoe, Thomas of Appleby, John of Bowes, Richard de Cocon. Also endorsed as interrogatories for the [bishop's] part handed over on the part of the citizens.

Size: 180 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, damage to the head (a little text lost), repaired with parchment c.1970

Draft: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(39).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(41) [19 March 1362]

Exceptions of the proctor of the [bishop of Durham] against witnesses for the plaintiffs, stating that Alan Clerk, William Lurtyng, John son of Hugh of Fishburn, Robert del Sheel, William of Monkton, John Palman, Walter son of Stephen, Walter Milner, Gilbert de Hedelay, and Alan Taylor are biassed; that Richard of Fulwell and William Hasteler are serfs, Hasteler of Greatham hospital and Fulwell of the prior and convent of Durham; that Walter son of Stephen and Gilbert de Hedelay are patently defamed usurers and so excommunicated; that Alan Clerk, William Lurtyng, Richard Fulwell, John Palmer, John Rugheved, Walter Milner, Gilbert de Hedelay, and Alan Taylor are humble, vile, abject persons of low opinions and bad fame, and liable to make false testimony; that Doms Thomas of Easington, John de Wyrkesale and William of Haswell chaplains have various concubines and are fornicators.

Endorsed (contemporary) as exhibited by Axholme on 19 March [13]61/2 and admitted on 22 March.

Size: 365 x 280-295 mm

Parchment, 1m, with a stabbed [filing] hole at the foot and a fragment of an attached scheulde

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(42) [?March 1362]

Interrogatories to be put to the bishop of Durham's witnesses about whether they have ever seen persons being required to give oaths at visitations and about the discrediting of the plaintiffs' witnesses in the above exceptions.

Size: 280 x 280 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(43) [28 July 1362]

Articles proposed by the bishop's proctor before the prior of Holy Trinity York and Master Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the church of York, papal judges delegate, stating that all the time that Robert Litster *et al*, the plaintiffs, were appealing and pressing their suit, they had been under major excommunication from the bishop and his *vocem* Master John Gray. The plaintiffs submitted to the bishop's ordinance but then refused to accept it. The proctor asks for the bishop to be absolved.

Endorsed as admitted on 28 July [13]62 by the official and given a week after Michaelmas to prove on the part of the bishop.

Size: 280 x 295 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] holes on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(44) [13 April 1363]

The proctor of the plaintiffs, Robert Litster *et al*, proposes exceptions against the validity of an instrument of William of Fakenham notary of 30 April 1360 at Northallerton which stated that Robert Litster *et al* submitted to the grace and ordinance of the bishop, according to his counsel at London, when he next came to these parts; it is ineffective as neither party would agree to what was proposed. ?Draft, with interlineations and cancellations.

Endorsed as an exception proposed by J[ohn] de Stanton on 13 April 1363 in the cathedral [church] of York in the consistory court before Master Simon de B[eckingham] and Thomas of Dutton, sitting in tribunal, when he was given the morrow for making Masters J of Hawksworth, R of Beckingham, H of Fleetham and others. On 12 June [1363] before the above Master Simon, Thomas of Beckingham and Thomas of Dutton, with Robert Litster *et al* appearing through Master J[ohn] de Stanton and the bishop through H de Hayhertin, the judges admitted the present exception.

Size: 210 x 290 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(45) 13 May 1363

Commission of John prior of Holy Trinity York to the chancellor of the church of York to act for him as judge in the case between Robert Litster *et al* citizens of Durham against Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, a commission to the official of the court of York and others notwithstanding.

Date: York, 13 May 1363.

Endorsed as a commission of the prior, not however last nor first.

Size: 165 x 295 mm

Seal: stubs of a [sealing tongue] and a [wrapping tie]

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, top right corner missing with some text lost, lined

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(46) 31 May 1363

Commission of John prior of Holy Trinity York to the chancellor of the church of York to act for him as judge in the case between Robert Litster *et al* citizens of Durham against Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham, a commission to the official of the court of York and others notwithstanding.

Date: York, 31 May 1363.

Endorsed with witnesses: John de Boscoburnell of York, Brother William de Alnocto monk, William of Shalford.

Size: 150 x 315 mm

Seal: G&B No.3592, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, lined

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(47) 21 July 1363

Mandate of the official of the court of York, as commissary of the judges delegate, to the prior and monks of Durham to cite Dom John of Mowbray *miles*, Alan of Shitlington rector of Hemingbrough, John Henley rector of Sedgefield, Thomas of Ingleby, Master William of Fakenham, John Belgrave, Roger of Fulthorp and Thomas Sallcoke, to York [minster] on Monday after St Matthew the apostle next [25 September] or the next legal day thereafter, required to prove the plaintiffs' exception.

Date: York, 21 July 1363.

Size: 140 x 315 mm

Seal: G&B No.3250A, on a tongue

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, bottom left corner torn off and missing

Copy: DCD Loc.XXVII:26(48).

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(48) 21 July 1363

Copy of DCD Loc.XXVII:26(47) (Scalkoke for Sallcoke).

Size: 135 x 270 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge

DCD Loc.XXVII:26(49) 2 January 1364

Mandate of Simon of Beckingham chancellor of the church of York, papal judge delegate, and the official of the court of York, papal judge subdelegate, to the prior and monks of Durham to cite Dom John Mowbray *miles*, Alan of Shitlington rector of Hemingbrough, John Henley rector of Sedgefield, Thomas of Ingleby, Roger of Fulford, Thomas Salcok, John Belgrave, and Master William of Fakenham notary, witnesses for the bishop of Durham to appear before them in the church of York in 12 days' time or the next legal day thereafter.

Date: York, 2 January 1363/4.

Size: 165 x 305 mm

Parchment, 1m, stabbed [filing] hole on the left edge, part of the lower edge missing with some text lost

DCD Loc.XXVII:27 12 May 1300

Notarial instrument recording that when Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, came to his church of Durham to perform the office of visitation on 20 May 1300, with the chapter of the religious convened there for that reason, and he entered, with a great multitude, clerks and laymen, being present, along with Master Elias of Cowton, Master Adam, called of Lindsey, and Master Richard de Gany, NPs, and the notary underwritten, he preached on a text and caused the reading out of a certification to be begun; and since the religious judged the mode of visitation to be unwonted and prejudicial to their rights, as customary in sundry visitations of the archbishops of York and bishops of Durham, they asked that the bishop commence his visitation after removing those who ought to be removed; adding that the bishop had that day, in his chamber in the castle of Durham, with his council, promised to hear, immediately after his sermon, any things which the religious wished to put forward which by right might prevent his proposed course of action; and that, since the bishop did not care to acquiesce to their petitions and ordered the reading of the said certification to be continued, the prior and convent withdrew from the chapter, with Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, remaining before the bishop, with the prior's clerks, and reading out the following notarial instrument

Notarial instrument recording the making of the following proxy, by Richard [de Hoton] prior and the convent of Durham appointing Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, as their proctor in all causes and business concerning them, their church or chapter, before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, or their commissaries (&c), against whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places; and giving notice hereof, by the tenor of the presents, to all judges, adversaries and those having an interest.

Notary: Elias of Cowton, clerk, NP by apostolic authority (with a short eschatocol recited).

Date: Durham, in full chapter, 13 May *exeuntis* 1300 [19 May 1300]

and then renewed an appeal to the court of York, failing which the apostolic see, which had been interposed on the preceding Thursday [19 May], by reading out the following [first] declaration

Declaration by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the religious of the monastery of Durham, to Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, that he hereby appeals to the court of York, failing which to the apostolic see, in the name of the said religious, subjecting the said religious, their associates, rights and properties (&c) to the protection of the abovenoted sees, lest the bishop of Durham attempt anything prejudicial to the liberty and immunity of the said religious, or attempt to impose penalties on them; because they have the right to be visited by the bishop alone, and are accustomed to supply one or more of their number to assist the bishop, should he need clerks to carry out his visitation; and in view of what is implied in the letters directed to the said religious by the bishop concerning his visitation, and because of the manifest and unamended hurt done to the religious by the bishop in the recent past.

and renewed another appeal, interposed at the court of York, failing which the apostolic see, by reading out the following [second] declaration

Declaration by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of Richard [de Hoton], prior of Durham, to Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, that he hereby appeals to the court of York, failing which to the apostolic see, subjecting the prior, his estate, and all his adherents (&c) and goods to the protection of the said sees, as a precaution lest the bishop should impose any penalties upon him; in view of the implication in the bishop's letters concerning his visitation that he intends to act in prejudice of the prior, and because of the threats made against and hurt caused to the prior by the bishop.

and read out the following exception

Exception made by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent of Durham, before Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, declaring that it is known to all and sundry in Durham diocese that the religious of the priory of Durham have had the right, from time without mind, to admit the bishops of Durham alone, without other religious or secular clerks and with one or more monks of the chapter taken in place of a notary, when the bishops have hitherto made their visitation; notifying the bishop that he can neither bring others with him on the visitation which he intends now to undertake nor force the religious of the priory of Durham to admit such others for the visitation, particularly since there are no secular clerks in Durham cathedral; and asking for the foregoing to be proved before a competent judge.

and that the proctor withdrew, with the abovementioned certification having been read out; whereafter the bishop passed general sentence, in writing by Roger of Waltham, his commensal clerk, appointing him as his agent (not recited, because the copy thereof made for the notary was not extant); and recording that the bishop summoned the prior and convent and they returned, asking for the removal of those who ought not to take part in the visitation and that the bishop attempt no infringement of their liberties, and declaring themselves willing to undergo visitation should the bishop not overstep the due form thereof; that the bishop, though appearing willing to grant their petition, was not allowed to do so by certain of his [company], and warned the religious to undergo visitation without the removal of any of his clerks, on pain of the most serious punishment; that the prior and convent withdrew, and the bishop and his council deliberated and put their deliberation in writing; that the religious returned and considered the result of this deliberation, withdrawing protesting as soon as the bishop started to have the same read out [by Roger of Waltham] and appealing to the court of York, failing which the apostolic see, concerning the pronouncement and their other grievances; and that after the bishop's pronouncement had been read he excommunicated the prior, obedientiaries and certain others of the convent for their disobedience, and denounced the rest of the convent and the priors of the cells as contumacious, reserving to himself the imposition of penalties.

Witnesses: Master Adam de Derington', Master Robert of Cave, Master Alexander of Ponsonby, Master Peter of Kellaw, Master Elias of Cowton, NP by apostolic authority, and Master Richard de Ganyo, NP by imperial authority.

Done: at the chapter house of Durham, 20 May 1300. [These details come from towards the end of the instrument, where the witnesses to the various bits of business at different places and times are grouped together.]

And that, at the hour of vespers, there came to the entrance of the chapter house in the cloister Master Richard of Morpeth, official of the archdeacon of Durham, along with Master Adam of Lindsey, NP, as nuncios of the bishop, and read out to Master Robert of Cave, Master Peter of Kellaw, Richard of Kirkham, Thomas of Eggescliff, Hugh of Whitby, and others, clergy and laity there present, the bishop's excommunication, and citing those excommunicated to appear before the bishop or his commissaries, one or more, in Durham cathedral on the coming Saturday, and receive punishment; and that, with this done, Robert of Rothbury, interposed in writing the following [first] appeal,

Appeal by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and convent thereof, to the court of York, failing which, to the apostolic see, rehearsing and bringing up to date the narrative of events contained in earlier appeals, stating that, notwithstanding earlier appeals, the bishop had, against the form of law, fulminated excommunication upon the prior of Durham, and the subprior, third prior, sacrist, chamberlain, infirmarer, cellarer, hostiller, bursar, granator, and *incanar'* [?] and other obedientiaries thereof, the almoner and feretrar alone excepted, and Geoffrey of Burdon, John of Barnard Castle, and John of Appleby, monks of Durham, and cited them to appear before him or his commissaries in Durham cathedral, outside the chapter house, to receive punishment; and, knowing the prior and convent, himself and the monastery of Durham to be unduly burdened because of this, appealing in their name to the said court and see, placing the prior and convent and their goods (&c) in the protection of the said court and see, lest the bishop should attempt punishment, or anything prejudicial against them.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave, Master Peter of Kellaw, Richard of Kirkham, Thomas of Eggescliff, and Hugh of Whitby.

Done: in the cloister of Durham, 20 May 1300.

And recording that on the Saturday following Master Robert de Albrewyk and Master John de Lascy, canons of Auckland, calling themselves commissaries of the bishop of Durham, sitting in Durham cathedral with a great company, both clerks and others, of the bishop's household, had their commission from the bishop read out in public; and that they had it announced to the prior and obedientiaries of Durham who had been excommunicated the day before that they were to appear and receive punishment; and that Robert of Rothbury appeared for them and renewed the aforementioned appeal in the name of the prior and convent, and that, while he was still reading the appeal, Master John de Lascy pronounced sentence upon the prior of Durham, depriving him of his office, along with the abovementioned obedientiaries, reserved sentence upon the priors of the priory's cells and the sundry monks of the convent for their contumacy, and decreed the replacement of the said prior and obedientiaries with others.

Witnesses: Master Robert of Cave, Master Alexander of Ponsonby, Master Peter of Kellaw, Henry de Menyl and Thomas of Eggescliff, clerks.

Done: Durham cathedral, 21 May 1300.

And recording that, after nine o'clock, there was interposed the following [second] appeal Appeal by Robert of Rothbury, monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and convent thereof, to the court of York, failing which, the apostolic see; with reference to the sentence imposed, against the form of law, by Antony [Bek], bishop of Durham, through Master John de Lascy and Master Robert de Albrewyk, his clerks, canons of Auckland, calling themselves his commissaries, upon Richard [de Hoton], prior of Durham, depriving him of office, and also upon the obedientiaries of the prior, excepting the almoner and the feretrar, removing them from office; and to the decree that they were to be replaced; and to the reservation of punishment upon the priors of the priory's cell and the sundry members of the convent, wrongly considered contumacious; placing the prior and convent and their goods (&c) in the protection of the said court and see.

Done: Durham cathedral, 21 May 1300.

Notary: Andrew, son of the late William de Tang, clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited), who produced the instrument in two pieces, joined together; with the interlineation of the words "de Cave" on line 25 of the second leaf, found to be missing after a close examination made with the assistance of Geoffrey of Burdon and Warner of Pontefract, clerk; and with his customary sign on the seam as well as at the end.

Done: [Durham, 20 & 21 May 1300].

Size: 1010 x 360 mm

Parchment roll, 2m, various stabbed filing holes at the foot, some staining at the head

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.87r-91r.

Printed, with some small passages of text omitted, in *Records of Antony Bek*, ed C.M. Fraser (Surtees Society 162, 1953), p.191-204.

Original (1): DCD Loc.VII:51.

Original (2): DCD Misc.Ch. 5523 (a) and Loc.VII:42.

Original (4): DCD Loc.VII:3, 3*, 3**.

Original (5): DCD Loc.VII:52.

DCD Loc.XXVII:28 [9 July 1442]

Draft notarial instrument between John Wessington prior and the chapter of Durham, and Master John Norton Sac. Can. Prof. and [spiritual] chancellor of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham reciting that the prior and chapter had met the bishop at the north gate of the churchyard at his visitation on 9 July 1442 dressed only in their ordinary frocks and cowls and not "albis et capis modo processionali induti", and Wessington had alleged that from time immemorial bishops were only met in albs and copes when they came to be installed, to be buried or had returned from abroad, but the prior agreed that if it could be shown that albs and copes were worn at visitations of any six of the more notable cathedral churches in England, whether secular or monastic, then the community at Durham would do likewise in future.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 325 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p, some staining

See R.B. Dobson, *Durham Priory 1400-1450*, (Cambridge 1973), p.233.

DCD Loc.XXVII:29 1464

Petition in annual chapter about: "gloria in excelsis" in mass; processions; a register kept by the precentor; younger boys keeping vigil; rendering of accounts by obedientiaries; where those not in the prior's household may eat; the bursar's stipend; animals of the steward of the prior's household outside *stotgate*; steward of the prior's household; sales of tree-lopings at Bearpark; pasturing of the cellarer's animals; animals of the cellarer, granator and others; excess baking; granator and bread; bread accounted for on Fridays; those allowed *ollos* or special *ollos*; state of the infirmary; scholars; subprior; sacrist and almoner; John Cokyn eating in the kitchen; John Haggerston clerk of the *commensalem* and prior's hall; prior's wine; janitor of the abbey gate; animals of seculars at Bearpark; Geoffrey Middleton steward.

Size: 405 x 295 mm

Paper roll, 1p

DCD Loc.XXVII:30 [November 1320 x January 1321]

Positions on the official's part against Geoffrey [Burdon] prior of Durham on articles found against him in the bishop's visitation, listing 19 articles of between 6 and 22 sections each, beginning with the charge that Burdon had been made a monk while possessing too slight a knowledge of the [Benedictine] rule and of the "servicii monachalis", and that he had thereafter spent too little time in the cloister and had made no great effort to learn the rule or the method of correction, also concerning: absence from hours; correctly honouring the king and nobles; being absent at Bearpark when the Scots came to Durham; being pursued by creditors; leasing the lands of the cell at Lytham; help in monastic business; ministering to visiting brothers; excommunicating the bishop on his visitation; neglect of the infirmary; favouritism; discussing business with too few brothers; imperfect obventions; removal from office of Brother Walter of Eaglescliff; restoration to the cloister of the vagabond monk Robert of Ditchburn; not accounting for the present year before the convent; Brother Thomas of Haswell infamous for incontinence; Brother Thomas of Rillington seeking a licence to confess to another; Brother Thomas of Castle was infirm. With brief answers added (often just *credit* or *non credit*) in another hand which has also added questions apparently pressing home advantages gained by the prior's admissions.

Size: 800 x 260 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, right edge gnawed away, repaired with parchment c.1970

Described and discussed in: J. Scammell, "Some Aspects of Medieval English Monastic Government: the Case of Geoffrey Burdon Prior of Durham (1313-1321)", *Revue Bénédictine* (vol.68, 1958), especially p.232-233 & 232n.

DCD Loc.XXVII:31 [c.1320]

Prior Burdon's replies to articles; m.1 contains replies to the first 18 articles outlined in 30 next above, with a few words of each article preceding the reply; m.2-3 are in a different hand and start with a reply to article 19 above and continue to reply to a further 34 articles, as detailed below, suggesting that these replies were drawn up in two stages and were the record of two oral sessions; a third hand adds alterations (strengthening denials and widening excuses) on all 3m.

Articles 20-53 concern: not summoning the greater part of the community, Geoffrey's oath, the prior was irregular, precedents, communications with the Scots, a certain coronet and Richard Marmaduke, a vestment given by the prior without the convent's consent, a stay at Finchale, relations with the king, the chamberlain, not inquiring, debts and the bishop, less discrete, receiving money, requiring and warning, an obligation, remitting debts, giving money to the king, Walter and custody of Finchale, subprior Richard, sending monks to cells, Bishop Richard Kellaw, when he was subprior, taking tithes from Jarrow, monks carrying weights, supplies for monks, leasing lands, liberations, not providing victuals for monks, an ordinance in chapter, monks studying, Bedlington church and the sacrist, priors of the cells, missales in the church.

Device at the head, foot, dorse of the foot of m.2 and (partially) at the foot of m.1.

Size: 1420 x 250 mm

Parchment roll, 3m, stained head

Described and discussed in: J. Scammell, "Some Aspects of Medieval English Monastic Government: the Case of Geoffrey Burdon Prior of Durham (1313-1321)", *Revue Bénédictine* (vol.68, 1958), especially p.232-233 & 232n.

DCD Loc.XXVII:32 [c.1330]

Copy of 3 documents re the mode of visitation of the chapter of York by the archbishop of York.

Notarial instrument reciting a composition or concord between William [Melton] archbishop of York and the dean and chapter of York touching their dissension about the right and manner of the jurisdiction claimed by the archbishop over the chapter.

Witnesses: Masters William of Staines, Philip of Nassington, and Adam of Holbech, with Dom Richard of Melton clerks.

Date: Durham, 1 December 1327.

Notary: Richard Snowshill clerk of Worcester diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited.

Commission and mandate of Pope John [XXII] to the bishop of Norwich and Hugh de Engolisma archdeacon of Canterbury to enquire about and confirm a composition between William [Melton] archbishop and the dean and chapter of York touching their dissension about the right and manner of the jurisdiction claimed by the archbishop over the chapter.

Date: Avignon, 8 Id. March Pont.12. [8 March 1328]

Citation by William [Melton] archbishop of York of the dean and chapter of York, and its canons, to a visitation to be held in the chapter house of the cathedral church on 1 October if a legal day, or if not, on the next day following, the proceedings to be in accordance with a composition confirmed by papal authority; with a mandate to summon all canons and others of the chapter to be present if in England, and to certify by letters patent under the pendant common seal of the chapter, by five days before the visitation, the date when the present citation is received and the names of those summoned.

Date: Ripon, 12 Kal. August [21 July] 1328.

Size: 340 x 240 mm

Parchment roll 1 membrane

Calendared (2): *Calendar of Papal Letters 1305-1342*, p.268.

DCD Loc.XXVII:33 [c.1408]

Articles of enquiry into the bursar's office, 47 numbered and 7 unnumbered, concerning: land in Heworth; leases; Hesilden; Cowton; works, ?; cottages; Rainton forester's account for trees from Rainton park to John Ryton bursar; Rainton and other mines; rent increases and decreases; parchment; millstones and furnaces made in Elvet; chickens given to the bishop; *wersilvyr* in Westoe; John Monkton warden of Fulwell; manor of Westoe and its profits; prior's horses; pasture in Bearpark park; prior's marshal; herbage formerly of John Belasis; oblations of Jarrow church; wine bought from John Burnham; keeper of fodder for horses; excessive expenses of the terrars' halmotes; 113s 4d from John Fossour and John Castel for Rainton mines; Lord Neville's chantry; acquittance on the first account of John of Ryton; jurisdiction receipts from Howden and Allertonshire; Herrington chantry; surplus on the last account of Roger of Mainsforth; court suit in Pipewellgate; tenement in Durham by the Northgate; *le yare* at Sunderland; Master John Hylyard about a pact over repairs; 60s from Dom Robert Ogyll for salmon; the cellarer's indenture re decay and waste on J[ohn] Ryton's account; leivable arrears; status of officers' instruments; rebuilding houses in Gilesgate; suits in the bishop's court at Gateshead; payments for Ellingham; Dom John of Lumley; rents and services not owed for fealty; oblations on John the Baptist's day at Merrington; rent arrears of Lady Claxton; rent for land in Heworthmere; Ludworth rents; Hesilden mill repairs; lands leased in Heworth; tenements repaired in Gilesgate.

Size: 335 x 155 mm

Parchment roll, 1m, head faded, lower part damaged with holes and some text lost, repaired with parchment c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:34 [later 14th century]

[Chapter] injunctions, fragmentary, about the duties of the obedientaries, and their emoluments, and the duties in particular of the sacrist, librarian, refectorian, hostillar, chamberlain, ?cellarer, and ?almoner.

Size: 240 x 150 mm

Paper, 1p, badly damaged with large parts missing and much text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:35 10 June [13]90

Points raised by the community, with the replies of Prior R[obert of] W[alworth], at a Benedictine visitation. Part only surviving.

f.1. Articles 1-17.

f.2. Articles [38]-55.

Size: 300 x 225 mm

Paper, 2f, badly damaged with parts missing and some text lost, repaired with paper c.1990

Ownership history: Part of f.1 was formerly Misc.Ch. 7071c, moved here in January 1989. f.2 was formerly Misc.Ch. 2472, moved here 13 July 1978.

DCD Loc.XXVII:36 [23 July 1408]

Copy of Bishop Thomas Langley's [66] visitation articles.

Size: 280 x 165 mm

Parchment booklet, 4f, badly damaged with around half of each folio lost and parts of the rest stained, with quantities of text missing

Printed from the register copy in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume I*, ed. by R.L. Storey, (Surtees Society 164, 1949), p.71-76.

DCD Loc.XXVII:37a [c.1400 x 1410]

Depositions, listing faults of individual monks, including Richard Has[well] and Richard Rothbury.

Size: 185 x 215 mm

Paper, 1p, only the damaged lower part remains, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:37b [1408 ?]

Depositions by monks about the state of the church, after examination, including of John Stockton and Hugh of Warkworth.

Size: 180 x 205 mm

Paper, 1p, only the damaged lower part remains, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:37c [early 15th century]

?Draft definitions, about masses at the high altar and articles for the whole convent.

Size: 105 x 275 mm

Paper, 1p, badly damaged with the right side and part of the head missing and text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:38 [c.1410]

Statements concerning liturgical functions at mass etc. of office-holders, including the prior, cantor, subprior, third prior, bursar, and prior's chaplains.

Size: 385 x 300 mm

Paper roll, 1p, edges badly damaged, head missing, also holes in the centre with some text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

DCD Loc.XXVII:39 1442

Draft replies to some comperta about the administration of the cathedral and its obedientaries, part only (starts with article [21]), with cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 330 x 295 mm

Paper, 1p, badly damaged with much of the head especially missing, and much text lost, repaired with paper c.1970

Related material in other DUL collections: DCD 1.8.Pont.2 and Loc.XXVII:17

DCD Loc.XXVIII - Bonds

Bonds and agreements for the good conduct of servants, payment of pensions, debts, land transactions, apprenticeships etc.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1a [1234 x 1244]

Manumission by Thomas [of Melsonby] prior and the convent of Durham of Henry le Oyselir of Dalton, formerly their *nativus*. In two different hands, incomplete.

Size: 80 x 160 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1b [1234 x 1244]

Manumission by Thomas [of Melsonby] prior and the convent of Durham of Henry le Oyselir of Dalton, formerly their *nativus*. Different version to 1a, complete.

Size: 65 x 145 mm

Seal: double slits for a [parchment sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1c [1244 x 1258]

Manumission by Bertram [of Middleton] prior and the convent of Durham of William Picot their man, and quitclaim to Edmund reeve of Durham for 5 marks given by him, and William will give 12d annually at Rogation.

Witnesses: Robert son of ?Hugh, Ralph de Santun, Peter son of Ordwi, William of Sherburn, William of Ripon, John of Ketton, Richard Brun, William of Aycliffe, William of Bishopton.

Size: 95 x 155 mm

Seal: double slits for a [parchment sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1d [1258 x 1290]

Manumission by Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham of William son of Roger Wygod formerly their *nativus*.

Size: 55 x 175 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1e [23 May] 1265

Manumission by Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham of John of Ketton and all his *sequela*.

Date: Durham, 10 Kal. June 1265.

Size: 60 x 210 mm

Seal: blank sealing tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1f [4 January] 1262

Manumission by Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham of Gamellus of Jarrow and all his *sequela*.

Witness: the chapter.

Date: Durham, Prid. Non. January 1261/2.

Size: 90 x 165 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1g [29 October] 1262

Manumission by Hugh [of Darlington] prior and the convent of Durham of Ralph of Pitlington and all his *sequela*.

Witness: the chapter.

Date: Durham, 4 Kal. November 1262.

Size: 40-80 x 200 mm

Seal: double slits for a [parchment sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1h [26 August] 1276

Manumission by Richard [de Hoton] prior and the convent of Durham of Adam son of William de la Newton by Ketton with all his *sequela* and all his chattels.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal. September 1276.

Size: 85 x 200 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1j 1276

Manumission by Richard [de Hoton] prior and the c[onvent of Durham] of Roger son of [? with all his *sequela* and all his chattels].

Date: [?Durham, ?] 1276.

Size: 90 x 150 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1k [25 November] 1318

Manumission by Geoffrey [of Burdon] prior and the convent of Durham of Richard son of Henry of Normanton and William son of the same Richard, with his chattels.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal. December 1318 and Stamford.

Incomplete.

Size: 130 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:1l [later 13th century]

[Endorsement or label only, tied at start of bundle]: manumissions of R. of Normanton and R. Hederich.

Size: 40 x 160 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(1) [4 August] 1303

Bond of Roger of Heslerton clerk to serve the prior and convent of Durham diligently and faithfully.

Date: Durham, 2 Non. August 1303.

Size: 60 x 205 mm

Seal: G&B No.1294, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(1*) 22 March 1309

Oath of Richard de Ganyo clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese, notary public by apostolic and imperial authority, to serve William of Tanfield prior and the convent of Durham faithfully and diligently, saving his service to Antony [Bek] bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 22 March 1308/9.

With his notarial mark.

Size: 140 x 180 mm

Seal: G&B No.1016, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(2) 6 July 1331

Oath of William of Welton clerk to the prior and convent of Durham to provide faithful service and not reveal their secrets.

Date: [Bishop]thorpe by York, 6 July 1331.

Size: 40 x 260 mm

Seal: Unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(3) [25 January] 1324

Oath of William son of Roger of Cleatham to the prior and convent of Durham, having received his manumission as a *nativus* from them, to provide faithful service to them.

Date: Durham, 8 Kal. February 1323/4.

Size: 95 x 240 mm

Seal: fragment, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(4) 6 January 1333

Oath of Reginald of Haswell to the prior and convent of Durham to carry out faithfully the office of porter of the brewery (*hostiar braci*).

Date: Durham, 6 January 1332/3.

Size: 80 x 240 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(5) [30 May] 1350

Oath of Ralph of Donnington to the prior and convent of Durham to be faithful to them.

Date: Durham, Sunday Holy Trinity 1350.

Size: 100 x 295 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(6) 16 May 1345

Oath of John de Thropton to the prior and convent of Durham to be faithful to them.

Date: Durham, 16 May 1345.

Size: 90 x 260 mm

Seal: G&B No.2436, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(7) 27 September 1346

Oath of Henry Gategang clerk to the prior and convent of Durham to provide faithful service to the monastery, its cells and officers in Durham or away from the city.

Date: Durham, 27 September 1346.

Size: 100 x 245 mm

Seal: G&B No.1054, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(8) 26 May 1349

Oath of John Boner coroner of Easington ward to the prior and convent of Durham to be benevolent towards them in his office.

Date: Durham, 26 May 1349.

Size: 75 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.314, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(9) [29 August] 1354

Oath of William de Pyxley to the prior and convent of Durham and the prior of Finchale and his fellows there, to serve them faithfully.

Date: Durham, Friday the Decollation of St John the Baptist 1354.

Endorsed as being the oath of William de Pixeley forester of Franklayne.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(10) 16 September 1358

Oath by William de Kyrkeby, coroner of Chester ward, to the prior and convent of Durham promising to be faithful to them, cause them no trouble, and defend them from damage.

Date: Durham, 16 September 1358.

Size: 110 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.158v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(11) 11 June 1358

Oath by John de Cousby, to the prior and convent of Durham, promising to be faithful to them, cause them no trouble, and defend them from damage; saving homage and fealty to his lords, by whom he has been retained [as] at the date of the presents.

Date: Durham, 11 June 1358.

Size: 75 x 255 mm

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.154r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(12) [15 November] 1360

Oath by John de Burdon, forester of Auckland park, to the prior and convent of Durham, promising to be faithful to them, cause them no trouble and defend them from damage.

Date: Durham, Sunday after St Martin 1360.

Size: 85 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.469, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(13) 1 January 1369

Bond of Thomas de Salkok junior, lord of Salkok, to the prior and convent of Durham in £100 received as a loan to be repaid to them on St Cuthbert in March next at Durham.

Date: Durham, 1 January 1368/9.

Size: 120 x 335 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(14) 20 December 1369

Oath of Robert of Witton, appointed by John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham as their *cursor* of the granary for life, promising to be faithful to them in his office and to obey the instructions of the terrar.

Date: Durham, 20 December 1369.

Size: 70 x 250 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(15) 24 June 1369

Oath by William forester of Gateshead to the prior and convent of Durham, promising to be faithful to them, cause them no trouble and defend them from damage, with a bond in 20s if he does cause any damage to the prior or convent or their lieutenant or tenants.

Date: Durham, 24 June 1369.

Endorsed (contemporary) that the oath was presented on 11 November to Uthred subprior, William of [North]allerton and Thomas of Hexham.

Size: 135 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(16) 19 April 1370

Oath by Nicholas of Skelton, coroner of Chester ward, to the prior and convent of Durham promising to show them benevolence in his office, and, if any of his deputies cause any injury, within two months he will make amends.

Date: Durham, 19 April 1370.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Nicholas Skelton's oath in the prior's chamber with Uthred subprior, Alan Billingham, Robert Masham and John Arlam present.

Size: 95 x 240 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(17) 7 December 1379

Oath by John Betonson of Evenwood, forester of Bedburn, that he would be faithful to the prior and convent of Durham, nor reveal any secrets, nor sell any artifice.

Date: Durham, 7 December 1379.

Size: 80 x 265 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(18) 6 December 1379

Oath by William del Greyn to the prior and convent of Durham, promising to be faithful to them, cause them no trouble and defend them from damage, with a bond in 20s if he does cause any damage to the prior or convent or their lieutenant or tenants.

Date: Durham, 6 December 1379.

Endorsed (contemporary) as the oath of William del Greyn forester of Evenwood.

Size: 125 x 270 mm

Seal: fragment, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(19) 24 November 1379

Oath of John of Hatfield valet of the bishop of Durham, that he would be faithful to the prior and convent of Durham and reveal none of their secrets, saving his homage to the king of England and the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 24 November 1379.

Size: 95 x 270 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(20) 10 February 1381

Oath of William of Elmdon jr coroner of Darlington ward, that he would be faithful to the prior and convent of Durham and cause them no trouble, saving his homage to the king of England and the bishop of Durham, and if any of his deputies cause any injury, within two months he will make amends.

Date: Durham, 10 February 1380/1.

Size: 120 x 290 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(21) 6 May 1380

Oath of John of Henley parson of Sedgefield church, because of their great munificence to him, that he would be faithful to Robert [of Walworth] prior and the convent of Durham, and cause them no trouble, saving his homage to the king of England and the bishop of Durham.

Date: Auckland, 6 May 1380.

Size: 140 x 280 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(22) 20 October 1382

Oath of John de Billy coroner of Darlington ward, that he would be faithful to the prior and convent of Durham and cause them no trouble, saving his homage to the king of England and the bishop of Durham, and, if any of his deputies cause any injury, within two months he will make amends.

Date: Durham, 20 October 1382.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being the oath of John Billy made in the prior's chapel before Doms Robert of Blacklaw subprior, John of Lumley, John Bolton and Thomas of Claxton prior's steward.

Size: 115 x 265 mm

Seal: unidentified, part, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(23) 21 May 1385

Oath of Thomas Bland bailiff of the lordship of Allerton and Allertonshire, that he would be faithful to the prior and convent of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his homage to the king of England, the bishop of Durham and the earl of Warwick, and if any of his tenants or deputies cause any injury or damage, within two months he will make amends.

Date: Durham, 21 May 1385.

Size: 105 x 315 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:2(24) 12 September 1396

Oath of John Furbour sr of Alnwick that he would faithfully serve the prior and convent of Durham in his office of subjanitor of the abbey of Durham granted to him by their letters patent, and he would cause them no trouble.

Date: 12 September 1396.

Size: 85 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a now deatched tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(1) 19 February 1403

Oath of William Rakett an auditor of the bishop of Durham, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 19 February 1402/3.

Size: 75 x 360 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a tie around it, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Online image available at

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DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(2) 21 February 1404

Oath of William Melot warden of Frankleyn park that he would faithfully serve the prior and convent of Durham and the prior of Finchale, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 21 February 1403/4.

Size: 80 x 285 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue, with a wrapping tie (part) below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(3) 23 June 1437

Oath of William Rakett clerk that he would faithfully serve the prior and convent of Durham in his office of clerk of the chancery of the bishop of Durham, and would cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 23 June 1437.

Size: 90 x 290 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(4) 21 February 1439

Oath of Robert Preston forester of Gateshead park and warden of the tower there, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his fidelity to the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 21 February 1438/9.

Size: 90 x 325 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(5) 21 February 1439

[Draft] oath of Robert Preston forester of Gateshead park and warden of the tower there that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his fidelity to the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 21 February 1438/9.

With some cancellation.

On the dorse:

Draft appointment by John [Wessington] prior and the chapter of Durham of Henry Helay, monk of Durham, as prior of the cell of Lytham vacant by the discharging of William Partrike, lately prior thereof, for his manifest contumacy, disobedience and other serious faults; committing to him the rule and administration of the cell until he should receive other instructions, instructing all those having an interest to answer to him as prior of Lytham for everything pertaining to the cell, and requiring him to render a yearly account of the receipts and expenses of the cell.

Date: Durham, [blank] 14[blank].

With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 85 x 290 mm

Copy of Helay's appointment (12 January 1445): DCD Reg. IV, f.17r-v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(6) 19 November 1437

Oath of Thomas Lumley *miles*, lord of Lumley, chief forester of the bishop of Durham's Weardale forest, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 19 November 1437.

Size: 115 x 320 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(7) 8 November 1439

Oath of Thomas Wytham that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his homage to the king of England, and his retaining by the bishop of Durham and Richard [Neville] earl of Salisbury.

Date: Durham, 8 November 1439.

Size: 95 x 305 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(8) [23] March 1441

Oath of Roger Morley, warden of the manor or manse of the bishop of Durham of Wheel Hall, that he would faithfully serve the prior and convent of Durham, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, [23] March 1440/1.

Dated from the associated inspeximus.

Size: 65 x 285 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(9) 30 October 1445

Oath of Robert Preston, coroner of Easington ward, forester of Gateshead park and warden of the tower there, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his fidelity to the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham.

Endorsed (contemporary) that he made his oath on 30 October 1445 in the prior's chamber, in the presence of John [Wessington] prior, Master John Lounde warden of Kepier hospital, John Gateshead, Robert Westmorland, Richard Bell and William Seaton, monks of Durham.

Size: 90 x 310 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(10) 7 November 1445

Oath of Thomas Maners, receiver for Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham in Howden and Howdenshire, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble, saving his fidelity to the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 7 November 1445.

Size: 90 x 260 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(11) 13 September 1465

Oath of James Tipping, warden of the manor and park of Bishop Auckland, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 13 September 1465.

Size: 110 x 275 mm

Seal: unidentified fragment, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below, and some applied seal residue on the dorse

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.155r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(12) 1 October 1474

Oath of Thomas Tipping, one of the foresters or wardens of Crayke park and warden of the castle or manor there, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1474.

Size: 65 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified part, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(13) 1 October 1474

Oath of James Oldom, one of the foresters or wardens of Wolsingham park, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1474.

Size: 70 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(14) 1 October 1474

Oath of Henry Massy warden of the park of Frankleyn with Middlewood and Ryton, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1474.

Size: 80 x 310 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(15) 22 May 1475

Oath of James Hornar, warden of Gateshead park, that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 22 May 1475.

Size: 85 x 310 mm

Seal: unidentified., on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(16) 21 February 1477

Oath of Robert Batmanson that he would faithfully serve the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks in the cells, and cause them no trouble.

Date: Durham, 21 February 1476/7.

Size: 85 x 310 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(17) 20 December 1482

Oath by Walter Cawood swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks of the dependent cells, neither bringing them harm nor troubling them in their rights and possessions (&c), nor saying nor doing anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain harm or be losers in anything.

Date: Durham, 20 December 1482.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.222v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(18) 15 March 1491

Oath by John [Askogh] abbot and the chapter of Coverham promising to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no harm, never to disturb them unjustly in their rights and possessions, and to say or do nothing, in person or through another, whereby they might sustain injury.

Date: Durham, 15 March 1490/1.

Size: 110 x 370 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Parchment, 1m, with a diamond-shaped [filing] hole in the top left corner

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.11v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(1) 2 December 1500

Oath by William Emerson parker of the new park within Stanhope great park, also one of the four foresters in the high forest of Weardale, promising to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no harm, never to disturb them unjustly in their rights and possessions, and to say or do nothing, in person or through another, whereby they might sustain injury.

Date: Durham, 2 December 1500.

Size: 85 x 365 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(2) 1500

Oath by Thomas Middleton, bailiff of the vill of North Auckland, promising to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no harm, never to disturb them unjustly in their rights and possessions, and to say or do nothing, in person or through another, whereby they might sustain injury.

Date: Durham, [day and month blank] 1500.

Size: 95 x 310 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Copy (incomplete): DCD Reg. V, f.63v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(3) 28 March 1501

Written oath by John Hamerton swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 28 March 1501.

Size: 85 x 370 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.61v-62r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(4) 10 August 1501

Written oath by Thomas Metcalfe *armiger* and John Metcalfe, auditors of accounts of the officers in the bishoprick of Durham and the liberties of Allertonshire and Howdenshire, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 10 August 1501.

Signed by both.

Size: 85 x 415 mm

Seal: unidentified (labelled as Thomas Metcalf), on a tongue

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.66r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(5) 4 January 1502

Written oath by Henry Waydropp, warden of the manor of Bishop Auckland, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 4 January 1501/2 (*?recte* 1500/1).

Size: 90 x 295 mm

Seal: unidentified (labelled as Henry Wardrop), on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.64v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(6) 1 October 1501

Written oath by William Bett, bailiff of the borough of Darlington, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 1 October 1501.

Size: 90 x 360 mm

Seal: [sealing and wrapping tie] stubs

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.67v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(7) 16 August 1501

Written oath by Roland Tempest, warden and parker of Wolsingham park, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 16 August 1501.

Size: 90 x 295 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.65r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(8) 28 April 1501

Written oath by Guy Fairfax, warden of Wheel Hall manor, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 28 April 1501.

Size: 70 x 250 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Duplicate: DCD Loc.XVIII:67.

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.63v-64r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(9) 28 March 1501

Written oath by Henry Gregory, bailiff of the lord's liberty of Howden and Howdenshire and warden of the park of Walkington by Beverley, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Date: Durham, 28 March 1501.

Size: 85 x 350 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(10) [?1501]

Written oath by Thomas Fenton, forester of Crayke park and warden of the castle there, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Size: 80 x 370 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.2r-v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:5 [25 September 1277]

Inspeximus by Richard [of Claxton] prior and the convent of Durham of the following grant.

Grant by Robert [of Holy Island] bishop of Durham of £40 a year to be paid to Walter de Merton, formerly chancellor of the king, at the feast of St Martin in winter [11 November] from the bishop's exchequer at Durham, for life.

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 8 Kal. October [24 September] 1277.

Date: Durham, 7 Kal. October year as above (interlineated above 9 Kal. October 1277 cancelled).

Size: 125 x 190 mm

Seal: double slits through a turnup for a [sealing] tag

Printed (grant): *English Episcopal Acta 29: Durham 1241-1283*, ed P.M. Hoskin (Oxford 2005), p.220.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(1) [4 August] 1398

Agreement between Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland and the prior and chapter of Durham, who were obligated to the earl in £100 to be paid at Warkworth at Easter 1398, for £60 to be paid to the earl at Warkworth at Michaelmas 1400, £20 at Michaelmas following and £20 at Michaelmas following that.

Date: Sunday after St Peter *ad vincula* 1398.

Size: 100 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] torn off, with part of a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(2) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 80 x 275 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(3) 5 June 1400

Bond by the prior and chapter of Durham to Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland, constable of England, in £60 to be paid at Warkworth at Michaelmas next.

Date: Durham chapter house, 5 June 1400.

Size: 90 x 270 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(4) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 105 x 260 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(5) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 105 x 270 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(6) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 100 x 270 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and warpping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(7) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 100 x 265 mm

Seal: part of a sealing tongue, with part of a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(8) [28 July] 1398

Quitclaim by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland of any right to the patronage or advowson of the church of Spofforth.

Date: Durham chapter house, Sunday before St Peter *ad vincula* 1398.

Size: 85 x 280 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(9) [28 July] 1398

Quitclaim by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland of any rights arising from an agreement over prebends in the collegiate church of Howden along with the patronage and advowson of the church of Spofforth.

Date: Durham chapter house, Sunday before St Peter *ad vincula* 1398.

Size: 90 x 265 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(10) [4 August] 1398

Duplicate of Loc.XXVIII:6(1).

Size: 130 x 265 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(11) 7 June 1400

Agreement between Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland, constable of England, and the prior and chapter of Durham that the prior and chapter are obligated to the earl in £60 to be paid at Warkworth at Michaelmas next, but the earl now permits them to pay £20 at this Michaelmas, £20 at the one after and £20 at the one after that.

Date: 7 June 1400.

Size: 95 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(12) 19 December 1388

Agreement between Henry Percy earl of Northumberland and the prior and convent of Durham for the exchange of the p[atronage] of the collegiate church of Howden held by the prior and convent, except for the advowson of Skipwith with the vicarage of the same, for the advowson of the church of Spofforth held by the earl, with the earl to secure the licence and consent for this of the king, the archbishop of York and the bishop of Durham, and then to expedite it with Pope Urban VI, to help offset the losses to the earl's northern lands inflicted by the Scots, with rights of presentation delineated.

Date: Durham chapter house, 19 December 1388.

Size: 140 x 260 mm

Seal: double slits in a turnup [for a sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:6(13) 22 December 1388

Agreement between Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland and the prior and convent of Durham for an exchange of five prebends in the church of Howden - Howden, Barnby, Thorp, Laxton and Saltmarshe - with their vicarages, for the advowson of Spofforth church, with the earl to ensure that the apostolic see appropriated Spofforth to the prior and convent, with Spofforth being valued at £100 beyond the vicar's portion and any burdens on the church, to be guaranteed by 200 marks worth of lands of the earl held in fee simple, with Spofforth being exempt from any jurisdiction of the archbishop, chapter or archdeacon of York, and the prior and convent being entitled to the portion of the vicar and the pension of the rector.

Date: Durham chapter house, 22 December 1388.

Size: 270 x 275 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup [for a sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:7a 2 August 1388

Indenture between the prior and convent of Durham and Dom Robert de Manfield clerk and John of Waltham *armiger* testifying that the prior and convent are obligated to them in 1000 marks to be paid to them at St Martin next if the prior and convent do not acknowledge in person or through their attorney in the bishop's chancery deeds for annual pensions of 20 marks for Robert and 26 marks for the said John.

Date: 2 August 1388.

Size: 120 x 275 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup for a [sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:7b 2 August 1388

Indenture between the prior and convent of Durham and Dom Robert de Manfield clerk testifying that Robert is obligated to them in 1000 marks to be paid to them at Easter next if the prior and convent and their college of Oxford do not permit the peaceful possession of the parochial church of Bossall by John of Normanby, now rector, and after his resignation by the said Robert.

Date: 2 August 1388.

Size: 120 x 275 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup for a [sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:8 30 March 1322

Grant by Roger of Goswick, John of Pontefract, William of Twizell (*Twysill*) and William of Shaftoe (*Schafthow*) executors of the testament of the late Walter of Goswick, as William [of Cowton] prior of Durham acknowledged in the chancery of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham on Monday after the Annunciation 1322 that he owed them £192 6s 8d with payments detailed at specific terms, so they, along with their coexecutrix and Walter's widow, Joan, allowed the prior £10 from the debt on its final repayment, to come from the fruits and obventions of the churches of Norham and Ellingham.

Date: Durham, 30 March 1322.

Size: 100 x 235 mm

Seal: G&B Nos.1092, 2018, 2478, and 1 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(1) 28 September 1347

Oath by William Heron *miles* of fidelity and good counsel towards John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham for their munificence towards him, and that he would reveal nothing detrimental towards them, and he would carry out his service due for the lands held of them and the prior of Holy Island, saving always his homage to the king of England and the bishop of Durham.

Date: Sherburn, 28 September 1347.

Size: 100 x 265 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(2) [2 February] 1380

Oath of John Colyne forester of Fenwick of faithful service to the prior and convent of Durham and the prior of Holy Island and that he would do nothing reprehensible.

Date: Durham, Thursday the Purification of the BVM 1379/80.

Size: 85 x 280 mm

Seal: residue, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(3) 7 April 1437

Oath of Robert Ogyll *miles*, sheriff and constable of Norham, to serve the prior and convent of Durham faithfully, not harm their liberties or customs, and do nothing to the prejudice of them or their cells.

Date: Durham, 7 April 1437.

Size: 90 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B No.1917, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(4) 6 April 1380

Oath of John Macy jr, forester of Choppington (*Chabyngton*) park, to the prior and convent of Durham not to infringe their liberties, rights or customs in carrying out his office.

Date: Durham, 6 April 1380.

Size: 60 x 250 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(5) 13 October 1315

Oath of Robert Tymparon clerk to serve the prior and convent of Durham faithfully and not to reveal their secrets.

Date: Durham, 13 October 1315.

Size: 50 x 210 mm

Seal: G&B No.2481, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(6) 10 October 1348

Size: 80 x 270 mm

Seal: G&B No.884, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Related material elsewhere: Oath of Robert of Elwick (*Ellawyke*) clerk to the prior and convent of Durham and the monks in their cells to provide his labour and counsel diligently in the faculty of medicine at their costs.

Date: Durham, 10 October 1348.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(7) 6 April 1388

Oath of John de Ask *armiger* to serve faithfully the prior and convent of Durham in his dealings and counsel and not to reveal anything to their detriment, saving always his homage and fidelity to the king and the bishop of Durham.

Date: 6 April 1388.

Size: 100 x 320 mm

Seal: G&B No.95, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(8) 12 February 1347

Oath of Thomas Grey *miles* to serve faithfully the prior and convent of Durham in his dealings and counsel and not to reveal anything to their detriment, saving always his homage and fidelity to the king and the bishop of Durham.

Date: Durham, 12 February 1346/7.

Size: 85 x 250 mm

Seal: sealing tongue end, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(9) 14 April 1501

Oath of George Mathewson (*Mathowson*), bailiff of the town and lordship of Tweedmouth, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham and all the monks of their dependent cells, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way

Date: Durham, 14 April 1501.

Size: 100 x 305 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue with "George Mathewson" on the end, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Copy: DCD Reg. V, f.62r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(10) 18 April 1381

Oath of John del Sawtery to serve faithfully the prior and convent of Durham and to reveal none of their counsels or secrets.

Date: Durham, 18 April 1381.

Size: 75 x 230 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(11) 24 September 1331

Oath of Roger de Blaykeston to the prior and convent of Durham to serve them faithfully, labour diligently in their business and reveal none of their secrets.

Date: Durham, 24 September 1331.

Size: 70 x 245 mm

Seal: G&B No.283, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(12) 5 September 1363

Oath of Hugh *dictus* Cocus to serve the prior and convent of Durham faithfully in the office of buyer of the kitchen, and he will reveal none of their secrets.

Date: Durham, 5 September 1363.

Size: 100 x 275 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(13) 27 December 1338

Oath of Adam Scot and William his son to the prior and convent of Durham that they will faithfully carry out the monastery's business and will reveal none of its counsels.

Date: Durham, 27 December 1338.

Size: 85 x 250 mm

Seal: unidentified and G&B No.2188, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(14) 21 September 1362

Oath of John de Dok to the prior and convent of Durham that he will faithfully serve them and will reveal none of their counsels.

Date: Durham, 21 September 1362.

Size: 80 x 295 mm

Seal: G&B No.2084, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:10 22 April 1504

Grant by John Brown jr of Holy Island yeoman to William [Cawthorne] prior and the monks of Holy Island of a croft in the field of Holy Island in *Le Braydschete* between the crofts of Rowland Ogle to the south and the half croft of St Mary's chantry to the north, and also a half croft also in *Le Braydschete* between the two crofts of Robert Thomson to the north and the south, and another half croft also in *Le Braydschete* between the croft of the master of Farne to the south and another croft of Rowland Ogle to the north. Witnesses: Rowland Ogle and Richard Smith bailiffs, Oswald Ogle and George Burell gents, Thomas Swalwell, and William Heth.

Date: Holy Island, 22 April 1504, 19 Henry VII.

Size: 115 x 240 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Related material in other DUL collections: Associated bond: DCD Loc.XXVII:34.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:11 13 September 1495

Declaration by Adam Watson, servant to Richard Hanserd of Walworth, Co Durham, esq, and Thomas Jackson, servant to John Hedworth of Herverton, Co Durham, esq, that they entered the chancery of the prior and convent of Durham with the keys of Richard and John, opened a locked chest and took out two panniers containing deeds and muniments lately put in there by Richard and John.

Witnesses: John Nesse of Durham chaplain and Richard Claxton.

Date: 13 September 1495.

Language: English

Size: 90 x 300 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:12 22 August [1499]

Agreement between John Porter communar and monk of Durham cathedral, with the consent of Thomas [Castell] prior, and John Bainbridge of Snotterton gent that the communar will warrant 1½ acres of land in Cleatlam field called foot of *Schawlesse* to John in return for him warranting to the communar 1½ acres of land also in Cleatlam field called *Fyldweles*.

Date: 22 August 1489 (*sic*, ?*recte* 1499).

Size: 170 x 170 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:13 [1261 x 1262]

Letter from Prior H[ugh of Darlington] to Dom W[illiam] of Elvet cellarer concerning an oath made by [William] to the bishop of Lincoln to the prejudice of the church of Durham, as reported in a letter brought by Brother R of Trimdon to the prior at Muggleswick from the monks at Stamford, about which he consulted Dom Thomas of Wingate.

Size: 90 x 195 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(1) 4 October [1311]

Supplication by Master Reginald of St Albans to R[ichard Kellaw] bishop of Durham for his discrete benevolence towards Master John of Snainton travelling to the Roman *curia* on his business.

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 4 October Pont.1.

Size: 60 x 260 mm

Seal: residue on the dorse

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(2) 1 October 1311

Grant by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Cardinal B[ernard] of SS John and Paul, for his devotion and sincerity towards his church, of an annual pension of 40 marks at the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the Roman *curia*.

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 1 October 1311, Pont.1.

Size: 90 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(3) 4 October 1311

Bond by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to John Vanni and Collucio Bellardi and their fellow merchants of the society of the Ballardis in £100 for a loan, to be paid to them or their attornies in London or York at Christmas.

Date: Durham, 4 October 1311, Pont.1.

Size: 75 x 255 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(4) 15 November 1311

Special licence by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to William (interlined above an erasure) of Newton chaplain of his diocese to go to any part of the diocese with the bishop's certificate of good conduct and recommendation.

Date: Auckland, 15 November 1311, Pont.1.

Size: 45 x 290 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.86.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(5) 5 October 1311

Notification by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Pope C[lement V] of his appointment of Masters Reginald of St Albans and John of Snainton clerks as his proctors to the General Council.

Date: Durham, 5 October 1311, Pont.6.

With some cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 70 x 305 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(6) 29 July 1311

Notification by R[ichard Kellaw] bishop of Durham to King E[dward II] of his appointment of Masters John Fraunceys, Richard de Erinn and John of Snainton as his proctors for the parliament at London as he cannot attend because of his enthronement.

Date: Houghton, 29 July 1311, Pont.1.

With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 90 x 260 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.86-87.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(7) 20 June [1311]

Request by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to William de Anford to appoint Simon of Rothbury, clerk and bearer of this letter, as a clerk in his office for the service that he has done to the bishop.

Date: Lazonby (*Laisingby*), 20 June Pont.1.

Endorsed (contemporary) with a memorandum that on the same day a letter was sent to Ralph of Warsop, coroner of Easington ward.

Language: French

Size: 55 x 240 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(8) [25 October] 1311

Commission by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Masters Richard de Erynn official of Durham, William of Whickham dean of the prebendal church of Lanchester, and Henry de Luceby rector of ?Wooler (*Willour*) to investigate the petition of John de Eddelem priest who was presented to the church of Elsdon with cure of souls, vacant, by Elizabeth countess of Angus, but an inquisition had reported that Thomas Neville former rector, treasurer of Lichfield, already having the cure of Sallow of Lichfield and Coventry diocese and the parish church of Ainderby, York diocese, had been instituted as rector of Elsdon.

Date: Sockburn, 8 Kal. November 1311, Pont.1.

Endorsed with the following presentation:

Presentation to Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham by William prior of Guisborough of William of Stotfield chaplain to the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Hild of Hartlepool.

Date: 10 Kal. December year etc 11. [22 November 1311]

Size: 115 x 240 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(9) [25 November] 1311

Monition by Richard [Kellaw bishop of Durham] to the dean of Durham and the chaplain of Wearmouth church to mandate Robert de Hylton *miles* by their letters patent to pay the 47 marks, £6 12s 4d, 20 quarters of wheat and 20 quarters of oats which he owed to the prior and convent of Durham within 10 days.

Date: Auckland, St Katherine 1311 Pont.1.

Size: 70 x 200 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.97-98.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(10) [13 October] 1311

Licence from Richard [Kellaw bishop of Durham] to Robert de Pykwelle vicar of Haltwhistle in the diocese of Durham, because of his need to pay for his redemption from capture by the Scots, to let the fruits of his vicarage for a year.

Date: Durham, 3 Id. October 1311 Pont.1.

Size: 65 x 260 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.95-96.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(11) [c.1311]

Letter from Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Robert of Willoughby and Thomas of Goldburgh archdeacon of Durham concerning their disposal of the goods of his predecessor A[ntony Bek bishop of Durham] with regard to John de Lythegaynes' establishment of a house at Lazenby.

Size: 85 x 235 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(12) [c.1311]

Commission by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to the dean of Durham and John de Pollowe clerk to receive in the Galilee at Durham within 15 days the money for the subsidy of 10d in the pound from ecclesiastical benefices in the archdeaconry of Durham imposed for protection against the depredations and spoliations of the Scots.

Size: 70 x 240 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.97.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(13) 14 June [c.1311]

Letter from Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Dom William of Melton clerk concerning transmitting letters to the king.

Date: Wolsingham, 14 June.

Size: 65 x 215 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(14) 3 October [1311]

Appointment by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham of Master John of Snainton clerk as his proctor in the Roman *curia* to acknowledge the bishop's bond in 5000 gold florins to be paid to the pope or his chamberlain at terms to be arranged with the chamberlain.

Date: [Bishop] Middleham, 3 October Pont.[?1].

On dorse:

[?Draft] commission by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to ?H de B and S de T to receive and admit dispensations, oaths or privileges in the Galilee at Durham.

Date: Durham, 3 Non. October [5 October] 1311 Pont.1.

Size: 100 x 240 mm

Register copy printed in: *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense* vol. I, ed T.D. Hardy (Rolls Series 1873), p.89-90.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(15) 29 July [1311]

[?Draft] letter of Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to E[dward II] king of England about a mandate to pay £200 from the liberty of St Cuthbert to the royal wardrobe.

Date: Houghton[-le-Spring], 29 July Pont.1.

Size: 65 x 220 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(16) [c.1311]

[Draft] letter from Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to all the subjects of the church of Durham justifying the retention of his predecessors' statutes. With some interlineations.

Size: 90 x 240 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(17) [c.1311]

Draft appointment by Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham of Master John of Snainton as his proctor at the Holy See to negotiate the church's business there with the pope's chamberlain.

Date: [Bishop] Midd[leham].

With various cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 70 x 245 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(18) [?1311]

Letter from Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Master William of St Quentin that, at the behest of Master William de Testa, he prorogue the term from the fifth lawday after All Saints at London for the payment by the prior and convent of Durham of the six-yearly tithes and their satisfaction of arrears because of the spoliation caused by the invasion of the Scots.

Size: 95 x 255 mm

Parchment 1 membrane

DCD Loc.XXVIII:14(19) [?1311]

[Draft] letter from Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham to Master John of Snainton despatching him with various letters to conduct business for him in Rome, namely a letter for contracting a loan of 2000 marks from the merchants of the Society of the Peruchi of Florence, and another similar one, and another for 2000 florins and another for 1000, another letter for 20 marks and another for 30 marks for the annual pension of the bishop of Poitiers, and another letter to give £10 to Master Raymond the smith, and two letters close for the said bishop and Master Raymond.

[Mandate] of Richard [Kellaw] bishop of Durham as Ralph son of William had presented William de Berforth to the vacant Morpeth (*Morphat*) church. Incomplete.

Size: 130 x 230 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:15 2 January 1448

Indenture between William [Ebchester] prior and the chapter of Durham and John Stele, cantor, witnessing that John is retained and sworn to serve the prior and chapter for life in the manner following: he is to teach those monks of Durham and the eight secular boys, whom the prior or his deputies will have assigned to him, to play the organ and to sing *playnsange*, *prikenote*, *faburdon*, *dischaunte* and *countre*; and he is to be present in person at masses and vespers in the cathedral choir when required, playing the organ, if need be, and playing the organ motif for the aforementioned chants; and he is also to be present in person daily at Lady Masses with music (*cum nota*), held in the Galilee, singing plainsong or *organum* if others are there to sing at the time, unless legitimately excused; granting to the said John a loaf of monastic bread daily and seven gallons of new conventual beer to be received weekly at the cellar or the brewhouse, at *le tunnyng*, all at once or on two separate occasions; with 26s 8d yearly for his provisions or *le soulsilver*, namely 2s 3d per month less 4d in all during the year, to be taken from the cellarer; along with three ells of cloth for a gentleman-clerk of the prior and chapter, to be received yearly at Christmas; and 5 marks stipend each year, in equal portions at the usual terms of the year; and that house in the Bailey in which he dwells, being repaired at the expense of the prior and chapter if need be, or else one mark yearly therefor; the foregoing to be taken by the said John so long as he be able to carry out the said duties, and being replaced with a reduced allowance, specified, if John should be unable to carry out his duties because of illness or old age.

Sealed alternately.

Date: Durham, 2 January 1447/8.

With some practice words/phrases around the edges and doodles on the dorse.

Size: 210 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 slits through a turnup [for a sealing tag]

Register copy: DCD Reg. IV, f.60r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:16 2 January 1448

Another copy of Loc.XXVIII:15.

Size: 205 x 365 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXVIII:16* 2 January 1448

Another copy of Loc.XXVIII:15. With some practice words/phrases around the edges and on the dorse.

Size: 190 x 350 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXVIII:17 23 October [1439]

Apprenticeship indenture of William Esby, son of the late John Esby of Durham, to William Peper citizen and skinner of London, from All Saints next for 9 years at 12d pa, with terms and conditions detailed, including not marrying without his master's licence. Sealed by Stephen Brown mayor of London, and Robert Marshall and Philip Malpas sheriffs of London.

Date: London, 23 October 18 Henry VI.

"Derlington" in bottom right corner.

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

Online image available at

http://www.dur.ac.uk/medieval.documents/pages/locxxviii17_i.htm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:18 1 July 1487

Apprenticeship indenture of John Ligh to John [Auckland] prior of Durham to learn the trade of mason under John Bell, principal mason (*latamo*), from Pentecost last for 10 years with terms and conditions detailed, including not marrying without the prior's licence, nor committing fornication nor adultery, nor absenting himself by day or night, giving him for his clothes and ?tools 10s *per annum* for the first 8 years and then 13s 4d pa for the last 2 years, half at Pentecost and half at Martinmas, with a robe at Christmas, with John Porter and John Jackson as his pledges on pain of 10 marks if John [Ligh] is deficient at all.

Sealed alternately by the prior and John [Ligh] and his pledges.

Date: 1 July 1487.

Size: 180 x 275 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, on 2 parchment tags, each through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXVIII:19 21 November 1476

Apprenticeship indenture of Hugh Wall son of Robert Wall to Richard [Bell] prior of Durham to learn the trade of mason under John Bell, principal mason (*latamo*), from Martinmas last for 10 years with terms and conditions detailed, including not marrying without the prior's licence, nor committing fornication nor adultery, nor absenting himself by day or night, giving him for his clothes and ?tools 10s *per annum* for the first 8 years and then 13s 4d pa for the last 2 years, half at Pentecost and half at Martinmas, with a robe at Christmas, with his father Robert Wall and Thomas Wall as his pledges on pain of 10 marks if Hugh is deficient at all.

Sealed alternately by the prior and Hugh and his pledges.

Date: 21 November 1476.

At the end of the 10 years, Hugh will be taken on as a mason.

Size: 185 x 290 mm

Seal: remains of a parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXVIII:20 [c.1403]

Indenture between John [?of Hemingbrough] prior and the chapter of Durham and Master Robert Appilton retaining Robert on the prior and chapter's council for life, at his own expense within the kingdom of England, but paying him 10s per week if they have to send him to the Roman *curia* and at 10 marks a week for travelling there and back, giving him an annual pension of 40s payable half at St Martin and half at Pentecost, with an annual pension of 100s when he might be on their business in the Roman *curia* and 5 marks on his return. Incomplete.

Size: 165 x 300 mm

Other versions: DCD Reg. III, f.9v-10r & 12r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:21 [?1390s]

Promise by the prior and convent of Durham to Henry [Percy] earl of Northumberland that they would, at his nomination, present four clerks to the first four vacant prebends that occur in the collegiate church of Howden provided that the prior and convent had presented two clerks to the next two vacant benefices anywhere, one at the nomination of the duchess of Lancaster and one at the nomination of the king.

Language: French

Size: 95 x 285 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:22 19 August 1504

Bond of William Wayte of Warkworth, yeoman, Elizabeth his wife and Thomas their son to Master William Cawthorne prior of Holy Island in £10 to be paid at next St Peter, for warranty in three burgages and their gardens in the vill of Holy Island.

Date: Holy Island, 19 August 1504, 19 Henry VII.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 70 x 310 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, on 2 tongues

DCD Loc.XXVIII:23 30 March 1322

Recognition by William [of Cowton] prior of Durham in the chancery of Louis [Beaumont] bishop of Durham on Monday after the Annunciation 1322 that he owed Roger of Goswick, John of Pontefract, William of Twizell (*Twysill*) and William of Shaftoe (*Schafthow*) executors of the testament of the late Walter of Goswick, £192 6s 8d with payments detailed at specific terms, and that they may have the fruits of the churches of Norham and Ellingham from the proctor there to help defray the debt, with the executors and Joan, Walter's widow, remitting all claims against the prior and convent thereby.

Date: Durham, 30 March 1322.

Size: 195 x 250 mm

Seal: 4 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXVIII:24(1) 29 March 1481

Bond of Dom John Corney priest and Robert Fownd' of the county of Northallerton to Robert [Ebchester] prior and the chapter of Durham in £20 to be paid at Pentecost next for the good behaviour of Thomas Fownd', brother of Robert, on his admission to Durham College Oxford.

Date: Durham, 29 March 1481.

Size: 155 x 235 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified seals, both on one tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:24(2) 17 January 1484

Bond of Thomas Lincoln of Darlington and William Marshall of Cockerton to Robert [Ebchester] prior and the chapter of Durham in £20 to be paid at St Martin next for the admission of Robert Marshall of the diocese of Durham, *literatus* and scholar of Durham College Oxford.

Date: Durham, 18 January 1483/4.

Size: 175 x 330 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified seals, both on one tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:24(3) 1 September 1488

Bond of William Perkynson clerk and John Perkynson yeoman to John [Auckland] prior of Durham in £20 to be paid at St Michael next for the admission of Robert Perkynson of the diocese of York, scholar of Durham College Oxford.

Date: 1 September 1488, 4 Henry VII.

Size: 80 x 325 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified seals, both on one tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:24(4) 3 October 1495

Bond of John Lawson and Thomas Hilton, of Co Durham, yeomen, to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham in £20 to be paid at Pentecost next for the admission of Robert Lawson, son of John Lawson, *literatus* and scholar of Durham College Oxford.

Date: 3 October 1495.

Size: 160 x 340 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified seals, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:25 [3 April] 1377

Bond of William de Smetheton of Darlington and John de Sedber to John de Bisopdall burgess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in £9 4s to be paid at Durham within 2 years, that is at St Peter *ad vincula* 1377 40s, at St Martin next 40s, at Pentecost 1378 34s 8d, at St Martin 34s 8d, and at Easter 34s 8d.

Date: Durham, Friday after Easter 1377.

Size: 145 x 285 mm

Seal: 1 unidentified, on a tongue, with another blank tongue and a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:26 20 August 1431

Bond of John [Wessington] prior of Durham to Joan Gower, gentlewoman, and Thomas Gower, her son, for £20 to be paid to them or their executors at Lammas next to come.

Date: 20 August 1431.

Condition: the bond to be void if the prior accept and implement the decision of Robert Whelpyngton' and William Huton', arbiters chosen on the part of the prior, or of two similar arbiters to be chosen on his part, and of Robert Rodes and John Horsley, arbiters chosen on the part of Joan and Thomas, or of two similar arbiters to be chosen on their part, concerning all actions (&c) moved between Joan, Thomas, their tenants and servants, and the prior and his tenants and servants; or if the prior abide by and implement the decision of James Strangways and Christopher Boynton', umpires chosen by common assent of Joan and Thomas and the prior; the bond otherwise remaining in force; on condition that the decision by the said arbiters be given by the end of the next sessions to be held in Durham after Christmas next to come, and that the decision by the said umpires be given by the next sessions to be held in Durham after Whitsun next to come.

Size: 105 x 290 mm

Seal: G&B No.3445, on a tongue

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.141v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:27 22 June 1346

Bond of William son of William son of John of Hebburn in the chancery of Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham to the prior of Durham in 100s to be paid at St Martin and Pentecost next in equal portions for his good behaviour towards the prior and his fellow monks.

Date: Durham, 22 June 1346.

Size: 85 x 260 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:28 12 June [1395]

Agreement between John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham and William Camell clerk vicar of [North]allerton that, though by a bond drawn up in the staple of Newcastle-upon-Tyne before the mayor of the staple William had been obligated to pay the prior £60 at the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, William could now pay at Durham £10 at the Nativity of St John the Baptist, £10 at the Nativity of the BVM and £10 at All Saints and thereafter, as in a plea in the king's court, he would pay an annual pension of £20 along with the expenses of the prior in gaining a royal writ for a debt of £200 from William.

Date: 12 June 18 Richard II.

Size: 135 x 285 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] and [wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:29 [c.1385]

Bond of William Graystones chaplain, John of Bamburgh clerk, John of Killerby clerk and William of Masham to John of Gilling clerk in 1000 marks to be paid at next Easter for the payment of an annual pension of £20 by John Gilling as vicar of [North]allerton to the prior and convent of Durham in equal portions at Pentecost and Martinmas or within 40 days following and that John should acknowledge any debt from the pension in the king's court.

Size: 150 x 270 mm

Seal: 3 slits in a turnup for a [sealing] tag

DCD Loc.XXVIII:30 [26 February 1402]

Indenture between John de Hyndeley on the one part and Thomas Goldsmith of Hartlepool, John Goldsmith of the same, and Robert Milner of Greatham on the another, stating that on Thursday before Christmas last [22 December 1401] Thomas, John and Robert had come to Durham taking away John Crane, formerly staying in Hartlepool and whom they had bailed in the court of the king's admiral and for whose safe conduct they are now bound to Hyndeley in £40 at be paid at Easter next.

Witnesses: Robert Benet, Henry Lukir, William of Calthorn, John Ferroure, William Wearmouth, Adam del Backhouse (*Bachous*), Robert of Lytham, William of Bolton, William Scotte, Ralph of Shotton.

Date: Durham, Sunday after St Matthias 3 Henry IV.

Size: 175 x 265 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] torn off

DCD Loc.XXVIII:30* 1 March 1503

Bond of Robert Smith of Holy Island and his wife Joan to William Cawthorne prior of Holy Island in £20 to be paid at Pentecost to warrant a burgage and garden to the prior.

Date: Holy Island, 1 March 18 Henry VII, 1503.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 100 x 240 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:31 28 September 1495

Bond of Richard Marshall clerk and John Marshall of Cockerton husbandman to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham in 6 marks to be paid at Michaelmas 1496 for the payment of 40s at Michaelmas 1496 and a further 40s at Michaelmas 1497.

Date: 28 September 1495.

Size: 75 x 360 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a further blank [sealing] tongue, and a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(1) 4 December 1341

Bond of John [Fossor] prior of Durham to Thomas of Bedale chaplain and Simon of Esh, executors of the will of the late Dom Thomas de He[?rring] in £40 for a loan for him and the monastery to be paid at Durham at St Martin 1342.

Date: Durham, 4 December 1341.

Dorse

Draft [contemporary] letter about the holding of sessions at Durham after Epiphany and the appointment of juries. With cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 105 x 250 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] and [wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(2) 10 January 1370

Bond of John [Fossor] p[r]ior and the convent of Durham to Dom William of Dalton rector of [?] for a loan of [?] 10s to be paid at Durham at [the Nativity of St] John the Baptist next.

Date: Durham chapter house, 10 January 1369/70.

Size: 100 x 260 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(3) 10 January 1370

Bond of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham to Roger de Fulthorpe in £20, loaned by him for the use of the house, to be repaid at Durham on the feast of St Cuthbert next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 10 January 1369/70.

Size: 70 x 290 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(4) [c.1370]

Bond of John [Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom John de Nevill in 200 marks, loaned by him for the use of the house, to be repaid within the next two years, that is £33 6s 8d at each Nativity of St John the Baptist and St Andrew.

Date: Durham, chapter house.

[Draft], with cancellations and interlineations.

Size: 90 x 290 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(5) 16 [November] 1375

Bond of Robert [of Walworth] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom John de Nevill *miles* and lord of Raby in £200, loaned by the hand of John de Refame mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne for the use of the house, to be repaid at Durham at the next [?].

Date: Durham, chapter house, 16 [November] 1375.

Dorse: part of the condition.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue torn off]

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(6) 20 April 1389

Bond of Robert [of Walworth] prior of Durham to Margaret de Ogle lady of Hardwick in 20 marks, loaned, to be paid at St Michael and the Purification of the BVM in equal portions.

Date: Durham, 20 April 1389.

Size: 85 x 300 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(7) [24 February] 1391

Bond of Robert Walworth prior and the convent of Durham to Dom Margaret de Blenkinsopp, John and Alexander her sons, and also John de Blenkinsopp senior, in 100 marks, to be paid at Durham at St Martin next.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, St Matthias 1390/1.

Dorse: condition.

Size: 65 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(8) 8 April 1390

Bond of Robert [of Walworth] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom Thomas de Ellerbek chaplain and William de Yarome clerk in £32, loaned for the use of the house, to be paid at Durham at St Martin in winter and St Cuthbert in March next in equal portions.

Date: [Durham] chapter house, 8 April 1390.

Dorse: condition, the repayment of £16 at the said terms.

Size: 120 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(9) 1 July 1392

Bond of the prior and convent of Durham to Dom Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham in 600 marks to be paid at York at St Martin 1393.

Date: 1 July 1392, 16 Richard II.

Size: 75 x 295 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(10) 10 May 1394

Bond of Gilbert Eglyn to the prior and convent of Durham in 5 marks to be paid at Durham at St Martin next.

Date: 10 May 1394.

Dorse: condition, the payment of 33s 4d at St Martin and again at the Purification of the BVM.

Size: 75 x 265 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(11) 1 November 1394

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas de Pollowe of Hartlepool and Dom John Staynton vicar of Hart in £40 to be paid at Pentecost next.

Date: Durham, 1 November 1394.

Dorse: condition, repayment of 100s at Pentecost and 100s at St Martin for 4 years.

Size: 105 x 285 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(12) 3 May 1395

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham in 100 marks, to be paid at Durham at St Cuthbert in March (50 marks) and the Nativity of St John the Baptist (50 marks) next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 3 May 1395.

Draft, with interlineations and cancellations.

At the head and on the dorse are various lists and notes of charters.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(13) 25 June [1395]

Bond of John of Hemingbrough prior of Durham and John of Newbourn bursar there to John Burgeys clerk in £61 10s at be paid at Sherburn at St Michael next .

Date: 25 June 19 Richard II.

Size: 75 x 285 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(14) 3 September 1395

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to John of Elvet clerk in £20, loaned, to be paid at Durham at the Purification of the BVM and Easter next in equal portions.

Date: 3 September 1395.

Size: 90 x 270 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(15) 3 May 1395

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham in 100 marks to be paid at Durham, 50 marks at St Cuthbert in March and 50 marks at the Nativity of St John the Baptist next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 3 May 1395.

Size: 95 x 310 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(16) 20 July 1396

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham to Dom Walter [Skirlaw] bishop of Durham in £40 for the use of the house to be paid at Durham at St Martin next.

Date: Durham, 20 July 1396.

Size: 65 x 340 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(17) 17 November 1397

Bond by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Alexander son of Thomas de Blenkinsop *miles* for 100 marks, to be paid to Alexander, his heirs or executors, or his attorney, at Seamer near Scarborough, at Candlemas next.

Date: Durham, 17 November 1397.

Dorse: condition, repayment of 50 marks.

Size: 105 x 255 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.329r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(18) 18 January 1400

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham to William de Hoton brother of Gilbert de Hoton in £24 for 120 quarters of barley bought from William for the use of the house, to be paid at Durham at St Peter *ad vincula* and St Mark next.

Date: Durham, 18 January 1399/1400.

Size: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Size: 55 x 310 mm

Parchment, 1m, head gnawed

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(19) 1 November [1401]

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas Pollowe and John Pollowe burgesses of Hartlepool, and Dom John de Staynton and John del Hall vicar of Hart, canons of Guisborough, in £32 to be paid at Durham at the eight usual terms in equal portions within four years, £4 at Pentecost and £4 at St Martin.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 1 November 3 Henry IV.

Dorse: condition that Thomas Sparrow should pay to John de Staynton canon of Guisborough £4 at the Purification of the BVM and St Cuthbert in March, 7 Henry IV.

Size: 90 x 355 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.2r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(20) [23 February] 1403

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to William de Blaykeston *miles*, John of Killinghall and John of Beckwith in £36 2s to be paid at Durham at the Purification of the BVM and the Nativity of St John the Baptist next in equal portions.

Date: Durham, chapter house, vigil of St Matthias 1402/3.

?Draft, some interlineations.

Size: 95 x 260 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Fair copy: DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(27).

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(21) 20 May 1402

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Master Thomas Weston archdeacon of Durham in £40 to be paid at Durham at the [Nativity] of St John the Baptist next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 20 May 1402.

Dorse: condition, the settlement by Masters Robert Oxton, Robert Ashbourn, Alan Newark, and John Harewood clerks and arbitrators of a suit between the prior and convent against Dom William Levan chaplain over the spirituality of [North]allerton.

Size: 85 x 300 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(22) 1 October 1402

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Master Thomas Weston archdeacon of Durham in £40 to be paid at Durham at the Purification of the BVM next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 1 October 1402.

Dorse: condition, the settlement by Masters Richard Holme, Robert Ashbourn, Alan [Newark and John] Harewood arbitrators of various disputes between the prior and convent and Dom William Levan chaplain.

Size: 85 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(23) 6 May 1403

Bond by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Dom Thomas Ullesby, clerk, for £40 to be paid to him or his attorney at Durham at Pentecost next.

Date: [Durham], chapter house, 6 May 1403.

Size: 90 x 280 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.7r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(24) 16 April 1404

Bond by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Master Thomas Weston, archdeacon of Durham, for £40 to be paid to him, his executor or attorney, at Durham at the Nativity of St John the Baptist next.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 16 April 1404.

Dorse: condition that the prior and convent submit to the ordinance of Master Thomas concerning causes raised between them and William Levan, chaplain, upon which Master Thomas is to come to a decision by St Peter *ad vincula* next, whereby the bond is to be void.

Size: 95 x 310 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.10v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(25) 6 June 1407

Bond by John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas of Weston, Richard of Holme, Alan of Newark, clerks, and Peter de la Hay of Spaldington, for £102 14s to be paid to them, or their undoubted attorney showing the presents, at York, namely £72 14s at the Purification of the BVM next, and £30 at Nativity of St John the Baptist thereafter.

Date: Durham, chapter house, 6 June 1407, 8 Henry IV.

Size: 85 x 310 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Copy: DCD Reg. III, f.21v-22r.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(26) 2 October 1407

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to Robert Conyers *miles* in £53 6s ?d to be paid at the Purification of the BVM next.

Date: [Durham], chapter house, 2 October 1407.

Size: 95 x 300 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(27) [23 February 1403]

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent of Durham to William de Blaykeston *miles*, John of Killinghall and John of Beck[with in £36 2s to be paid at Durham] at the Purification of the BVM and the Nativity of St John the Baptist [next in equal portions].

Date: Durham, chapter house, vigil [of St Matthias 1402/3].

Size: 85 x c.170 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

?Draft: DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(20).

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(28) February 1400

Bond of John [of Hemingbrough] prior [?and convent] of Durham [to William ... in £?] for 44 quarters of wheat bought, to be paid at Durham at the Nativity of St John the Baptist next.

Date: ? February 1399/1400.

Size: 80 x 120 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

DCD Loc.XXVIII:32(29) [?c.1400]

Bond of John [?of Hemingbrough] prior and the convent [of Durham ... to ?Master Thomas of Weston] archdeacon of Durham in £40 [to be paid ...].

Date: Durham, [?].

Dorse: condition, the settlement by Masters Richard Holme, Robert [?Ashbourn], Alan Newark and John Harewood arbitrators of various disputes between the prior and convent and [Dom William Levan chaplain].

Size: 90 x c.150 mm

Parchment, 1m, right half gnawed away with much text lost

DCD Loc.XXVIII:33 1 September 1410

Notification by letters patent by John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham, stating that he has appointed John de Hyndeley as his attorney to supply and purchase for the prior's use all necessary grain and victuals as provisions for him and the church of Durham wherever, as seems most advantageous, the aforesaid attorney may travel in England. The prior approves whatever his attorney does on his behalf and therefore requests all lords and any of their officials and servants and all other friends both of his and of St Cuthbert to permit his attorney, in going both by land and water with the prior's victuals, to travel freely without impediment or payment of any toll or custom. By apostolic and royal letters and also by a statute of the realm the prior is free from such demands in perpetuity; the presents are to last at his will from the day of their composition.

Date: Durham, 1 September 1410.

Size: 110 x 330 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue and wrapping tie] stubs

Parchment, 1m, parts of the head gnawed away, repaired with parchment c1970, two filing holes on the left edge

Copy: DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.12v.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:34 22 April 1504

Bond of John Brown jr yeoman to William Cawthorn prior of Holy Island in £20 to be paid at Pentecost next.

Date: Holy Island, 22 April 1504, 19 Henry VII.

Dorse: condition, warranty for the grant of a croft and two half crofts in the field of Holy Island by Brown to the prior.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 85 x 245 mm

Seal: unidentified., on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

Related material in other DUL collections: Associated grant: DCD Loc.XXVIII:10.

DCD Loc.XXVIII:35 18 September 1433

Bond of John Portington of Portington *armiger* to John [Wessington] prior of Durham in £20 to be paid at Easter next .

Date: 18 September 1433.

Condition: that John will stand by an arbitration of Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham in an action of the prior against John as executor of the testament of Thomas Portington his late father over a debt of £10.

Size: 85 x 335 mm

DCD Loc.XXVIII:36 1274

Declaration by Hugh of Horncastle, on the mandate of his fellow compromissaries Hugh [of Darlington] former prior of Durham, Richard [of Escrick] subprior, Robert of Holy Island prior of Finchale, Nicholas of Hex[ham], [Richard] of Barnby hostillar, and William of Masham, and after the king's mandate of 8 Kal. October, of the election of Robert of Holy Island, prior of Finchale, as bishop of Durham in succession to Robert [Stichill].

Date: 1274, 2 Edward [I].

Size: 90 x 210 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXIX - Leases post-dissolution

Post-dissolution counterpart leases and associated docuemnts.

DCD Loc.XXIX:1 26 September [1545]

Lease by the dean and chapter of Durham to Janet Bewick, late wife of Andrew Bewick, of the salt pan on the south of the River Tyne lately held by Andrew Bewick from St Peter *ad vincula* last for 21 years, paying annually 53s 4d at four terms, namely All Saints, the Purification of the BVM, the Invention of the Holy Cross and St Peter *ad vincula*, repair convents etc detailed.

Sealed by Janet Bewick, George Bayts, Richard Robinson.

Date: 27 September 37 Henry VIII.

Attached: Bond of Janet Bewick widow, George Bayts notary public and Richard Robinson of Westoe yeoman, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for fulfilment of the covenants in the lease of even date.

Date: 26 September 37 Henry VIII. [1545]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 240 x 305 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.31v-32r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:2 22 December [1545]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Oysclif gent, of Pulter Close by the River Tyne from Michaelmas last for 21 years, for £3 6s 8d annually at the terms of the Invention of the Holy Cross and Michaelmas, repair covenants details.

Date: 22 December 37 Henry VIII.

Language: English

Size: 145 x 280 mm

Seal: blank parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.59r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:3 25 September [1548]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Lancelot Wheatley yeoman, of a parcel of ground called Stonehop on the north of Ivestan near Burnhouse, Co Durham, bounded on the south by Bromley Well, on the east by Ryshe Carre, on the west by Mosse Bagg and on the north by the common moor, from Pentecost last for 21 years, paying annually 12d at Martinmas, covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Lancelot Wheatlie, William Wheatlie, and John Richardson.

Date: 25 September 2 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 200 x 310 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.107r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:4 15 January [1549]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Nicholas Turpinge of the city of Durham yeoman, of a farmhold or husbandry at Ferryhill, lately held by Thomas Wodifelde, from St Martin last for 21 years, paying annually 49s 2d at Martinmas and Pentecost, covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Nicholas Turpinge, William Kyehouse, and Thomas Richardson.

Date: 15 January 2 Edward VI. [1549]

Attached: Bond of Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham yeoman and Roger Watson clerk, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £20 that he will not sublet without their consent.

Date: 15 January 2 Edward VI.

Language: Latin; English

Size: 210 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.121r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:4* 15 January [1549]

Bond of Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham yeoman, William Kirkhouse of East Merrington and Thomas Richardson of Ferryhill yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 15 January 2 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 125 x 310 mm

Seal: 2 seals, each on a tongue, with a further blank tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:5 15 January [1549]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Ralph Blakistone clerk and prebendary of Durham, of a mansion house called Pittington Hall, for 21 years, paying annually 20d.

Ownership history: Missing after c.1860.

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.121v-122r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:6 22 January [1549]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to George Brown of Aycliffe yeoman, of a farmhold or husbandry at Aycliffe, lately held by Richard Wakerfelde, except for the woods, mines and quarries, from Michaelmas last for 21 years, paying annually 48s 8d at Martinmas and Pentecost, covenants detailed.

Sealed by: George Brown, George Bayts, and Clement Hall.

Date: 22 January 2 Edward VI.

Attached: Bond of George Brown of Aycliffe yeoman, George Bayts of the city of Durham notary public and Clement Hall of Co Durham yeoman, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 22 January 2 Edward VI. [1549]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 295 x 430 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.122v-123r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:7 22 January [1549]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Smethers of the city of Durham yeoman and Janet his wife, of the tithe corn in the township of Sherotone in the parish of Hesilden from the last Annunciation of the BVM for 21 years, paying annually £4 at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed by: Robert Smethers, Janet his wife, Thomas Whitehead, and George Fayrehayre.

Date: 22 January 2 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 310 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, with a further blank tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.122r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:8 22 October [1549]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Vincent Inskipp of South Shields yeoman, of a tenement now held by Vincent and also the coneys in the grounds of *Shelesenghe* and Westoe, from Michaelmas last for 21 years, paying annually 10s for the tenement at Martinmas and Pentecost, and for the coneys in the first year 6 pairs of coneys at the court in South Shields, in the second year in addition 12 pairs of coneys to the dean and 6 pairs to each prebendary, and in the third year in addition 26s 8d, and so henceforth, covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Vincent Inskipp, William Hall and John Brynley.

Date: 22 October 3 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 320 mm

Seal: 1 blank parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with slits for 2 further tags

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.132r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:9 23 September [1550]

Bond of John Richardson, Edward Watson and Thomas Hull of Co Durham yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 23 September 4 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 90 x 220 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:10 17 June [1550]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Margaret Elwood of Gateshead widow of a burgage in Pipewelgate in the township of Gateshead, for 21 years, paying annually 8s.

Ownership history: Noted as 'wanting' by [William Greenwell], late 19th/early 20th century

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.145r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:10* 17 June [1550]

Bond of Margaret Elwood widow, Richard Jackson and Richard Scott of Gateshead yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £3 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 17 June 4 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 105 x 245 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXIX:11 23 September [1550]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Richardson yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandry in Aycliffe, now held by William Henman, the woods, mines and quarries excepted, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying annually 48s 8d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants details.

Sealed by: John Richardson, Edward Watson and Thomas Hall.

Date: 23 September 4 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 190 x 385 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.158r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:12 29 July [1550]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Richard Lisle of Bedlington gent, of the full quarter of the tithe corn in the parish of Bedlington, lately held by the late Gawyn Milburn, from the last Annunciation of the BVM for 21 years, paying annually 45s at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed by: Richard Lisle, Thomas Carr, Ralph Garre.

Date: 29 July 4 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 185 x 225 mm

Seal: fragment, on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.151v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:13 13 January [1551]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Janet Smethers widow, of their water corn mills on both sides of the River Wear near the cathedral, two on the east side called Jesus mill and *Leden* mill, and two on the west side called Scaltok mills, and also another water corn mill in Crossgate Borough called Clock mill, all in her occupation, from the last Martinmas for 21 years, paying annually £23 13s 4d, individual payments detailed, at Martinmas and Pentecost, covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Janet Smethers, Thomas Whitehead, and William Nicolson.

Date: 13 January 4 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 240 x 335 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with an extra tie through 2 of the slits

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.190r-191r.

Related material in other DUL collections: Associated bond: DCD Misc.Ch. 7044.

DCD Loc.XXIX:13* 13 January [1551]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Richardson yeoman, of their messuage in South Shields, as formerly held by Robert Crawfurth or Richard Brown, from Martinmas last for 40 years, paying annually 16s at Pentecost and Martinmas, with covenants details.

Sealed by: William Richardson, Thomas Pouchon and Robert Simonside.

Date: 13 January 4 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 150 x 340 mm

Seal: 1 seal, on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with 2 further blank tags

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.179v-180r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:14 13 January [1551]

Bond of John Emerson, Cuthbert Emerson, Ralph Garrey, and John Diconson of Co Durham, yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 13 January 4 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 125 x 370 mm

Seal: 3 seals, on 2 tongues, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:15 1 September 1553

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Henry Wycliffe (*Wiclif*) of Folanceby Co Durham gent, of the tithe corn in the farmhold of Folanceby in the parish of Jarrow from the next Annunciation of the BVM for 21 years, paying annually 5s at the Purification of the BVM, with covenants detailed.

Sealed and signed by: Henry Wycliffe, Robert Millett, and Thomas Barton.

Date: 1 September 1 Mary.

Language: English

Size: 170 x 275 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with a further parchment tie threaded through one set of slits

Copy (now missing): DCD Reg. 1, f.231.

DCD Loc.XXIX:16 20 June [1556]

Lease by Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Baker and William Baker of Gateshead yeomen, of their burgage in Pipewellgate in Gateshead and a third of a close in Potter Rawe in Gateshead, adjoining a tenement of Thomas Lawson now held by Robert Daye of Gateshead, all now held by John Baker, from last Pentecost for 21 years, paying annually 12s 8d at Pentecost and Martinmas, with covenants detailed. Sealed by: John Baker and William Baker.

Date: 20 June 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of John Baker and William Baker of Gateshead yeomen, and John Brymley and Thomas ? of the city of Durham yeomen, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 June 2 & 3 Philip and Mary. [1556]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 195 x 495 mm

Seal: 2 seals, on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.12r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:17 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Johnson of the city of Durham yeoman, of a tenement or farmhold in East Rainton, now held by John Marshall, from Martinmas after the death of John Marshall and his wife for 21 years, paying annually 52s 3d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: William Johnson, William Parthus of Elwick and Richard Hall of Greatham.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Language: English

Size: 275 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:18 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Crawford of Penrith yeoman, of a tenement or farmhold in East Rainton, now occupied by Thomas Chilton, from the Martinmas after the death of Thomas Chilton and his wife Margaret for 21 years, paying annually 52s 3d at Martinmas and Pentecost.

Sealed by: Thomas Crawford, William Walton of the city of Durham draper and John Dickenson of the same yeoman.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Crawford of Penrith yeoman, William Walton and John Dickenson of the city of Durham yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary. [1558]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 240 x 320 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:19 30 April 1559

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Morden of Wass, Yorkshire, yeoman, and his wife Agnes, of the tithe corn in the township of Heighington, the tithe corn of Ludworth, the tithe corn of Southwick, and the tithes from Durham St Oswald at Burn Hall or Mykleburn, for 21 years, paying annually £20 4s 4d at the Purification of the BVM, Whitsun, Martinmas and Michaelmas, with distrains detailed. Sealed by: John Morden, Robert Gay and Edward Simpson yeomen.

Date: 30 April 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Morden of Wass and Agnes his wife, Robert Gay and Edward Simpson, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £40 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 30 April 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: English

Size: 275 x 395 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:20 30 April [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Duckett yeoman, of a tenement, farmhold or husbandry in the township of East Merrington, from Martinmas last for 21 years, paying annually 49s at Pentecost and Martinmas.

Sealed by: Thomas Duckett, Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham and John Wood of Merrington yeomen.

Date: 30 April 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Duckett of Auckland Park yeoman, Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham yeoman and John Wood of East Merrington husbandman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 30 April 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: English

Size: 195 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:21 6 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Knighton of the city of Durham, one of the cathedral's porters, of the tithe corn of Middridge grange in the parish of Heighington, now held by Percival Teyll, Ralph Awldwodd and others, from now for 21 years, paying annually 21s 8d at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed by: Thomas Knighton, Nicholas Turping and Richard Bell of the city of Durham yeomen.

Signed by: Thomas Knighton.

Date: 5 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 210 x 300 mm

Seal: 3 seals, on 2 parchment tags, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:21* 6 May [1559]

Bond of Thomas Knighton, Nicholas Turping and Richard Bell of the city of Durham yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 6 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 120 x 210 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:22 12 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Morden of Wass, Yorkshire, yeoman and his wife Agnes, of a messuage at Bromtoft, Co Durham, now held by William Wylleye, and also a tenement or farmhold at Wolviston lately held by the late George Cooke, the Bromtoft messuage for the remainder of Wylleye's term of 21 years in his lease of 20 November 37 Henry VIII and then for 21 years, and the Wolviston tenement for 21 years from next Pentecost, paying £4 13s 8d and 59s 4d respectively annually at Pentecost and Martinmas, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: John Morden and his wife Agnes, Robert Kay and Edward Simpson yeomen.

Date: 12 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Morden of Wass, Yorkshire, yeoman, his wife Agnes, Robert Kay of Wakefield and Edward Simpson of Hawnby yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 12 May 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: English

Size: 300 x 465 mm

Seal: 4 seals, each on a parchment tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:23 ? May [1559]

Lease by [Thomas Robertson dean] and the chapter of Durham to Richard Green of the city of Durham gent, of the tithe corn of Hardwick, Castle Eden and Sheraton, the Hardwick tithes for 21 years from [Martinmas] next, the Castle Eden tithes for 21 years from Martinmas after the end of the lease of John Dixon of Newcastle merchant, and the Sheraton tithes for 21 years from Martinmas 1570, paying 40s, £3 3s 4d, and £4 respectively annually.

Sealed by: Richard Green, James Green of Landmoth, Yorkshire, and Cuthbert Strangwiss of the same, gents.

Date: ? May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 220 x 360 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:24 24 June [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Cuthbert Elyson of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant, of a farmhold, husbandry or fourth part of the township of Nether Heworth, from Michaelmas last for 21 years, paying annually 51s 10d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Cuthbert Elyson, Robert Elison, and Robert Anderson.

Date: 24 June 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Cuthbert Elyson of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant, Robert Elison and Robert Anderson of the same town merchants, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £6 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 24 June 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: English

Size: 255 x 370 mm

Seal: seal residue and two further blank parchment sealing tags, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:25 15 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Dalton gent, of a tenement at Cowpen Bewley, with a saltpan in Cowpen marsh and a tenth part of a ground called Barnescarth held by Ralph Dalton, from St ? for 21 years, paying £4 6d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Robert Dalton, Thomas Chapman and William Marshall.

Date: 15 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 255 x 335 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag (one from a reused document), each through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f. 89v-90r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:26 16 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Smith of Esh esq, of the tithe corn in the manor or lordship of Walworth in the parish of Heighington, from the Purification of the BVM next for 21 years, paying £7 annually at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed by: William Smith, Cuthbert Smith and George Smith.

Date: 16 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Attached: Bond of William Smith of Esh esq, Cuthbert Smith of Ketton and George Smith of Esh gents, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 16 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin; English

Size: 200 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag (two from reused docuemnts), each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:27 18 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth, Co Durham, yeoman, of the tithe corn in certain townships or villages in the rectory of Pitlington, viz North Pitlington, South Pitlington, Hetton-le-Hill (*Hepton on the Hill*), Haswell Grange and South Sherburn, from the Nativity of St John the Baptist next after the current leases expire for 21 years, paying £9 15s annually at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed by: John Watson, Nicholas Turping and George Thorpe.

Date: 18 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth yeoman, Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham and George Thorpe of Wolviston (*Ulston*) yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £12 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 2 (*sic*) July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 250 x 345 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag (one a reused document) through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.94r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:28 26 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Puncon, Edward Harper, Richard Robinson and Robert Symye of the coney garth or warren of the township of Westoe, from now for 21 years, paying 10s annually at Martinmas and Pentecost.

Sealed by: Thomas Puncon, Edward Harper, Richard Robinson and Robert Symye.

Signed by: William Cuthbert, Robert Symye.

Date: 26 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Puncon, Edward Harper, Richard Robinson and Robert Symye of Westoe husbandmen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 26 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 220 x 370 mm

Seal: 4 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:29 31 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Hewton of Hunwick esq, of the tenement or messuage in the township of Hunwick now held by Richard Johnson, from the Invention of the Holy Cross next for 21 years, paying 10s annually at Martinmas and Pentecost.

Sealed by: John Hewton, Christopher Adthe and Thomas Knighton of the city of Durham.

Date: 31 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Hewton, Christopher Adthe and Thomas Knighton, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 20s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin and English

Size: 170 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:30 10 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Elizabeth Thompson widow, late wife of Thomas Thompson deceased, and her son Edward Thompson, of the farmhold which was half of the fourth part of Over Heworth as held by Elizabeth Thompson, the woods, mines and quarries excepted, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying 43s 10d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Elizabeth Thompson, Edward Thompson, Ralph Walsh of Newcastle merchant and Jasper Horsley of the city of Durham yeoman.

Date: 10 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Elizabeth Thompson, widow of Thomas Thompson of Over Heworth, Edward Thompson, Ralph Walsh of Newcastle merchant and Jasper Horsley of the city of Durham yeoman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 10 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 270 x 365 mm

Seal: 4 seals on 3 parchment tags each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:31 31 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Michael Mylborne and Ralph Boutfluer of Newcastle upon Tyne merchants, of the salt pan on the south of the River Tyne, formerly held by widow Bewick of Newcastle, from St Peter *ad vincula* last, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying 53s 4d annually at All Saints, the Purification of the BVM, the Invention of the Holy Cross and St Peter *ad vincula*, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Michael Mylborne, Ralph Boutfluer, Nicholas Turping and John Hyndmers.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Michael Milborne and Ralph Boutflower of Newcastle merchants, Nicholas Turping and John Hyndmers of the city of Durham yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 245 x 335 mm

Seal: 1 seal on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup, with two further blank [sealing] tags

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.107v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:32 31 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Hardyng alias Smith of the city of Durham labourer, of the tenement or burgage in *Lygayt* in the city of Durham held by William Turnbull, from Pentecost last for 21 years, paying 5s annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Thomas Hardyng, Richard Johnson and Thomas Roydon.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Harding alias Smith of the city of Durham labourer, Richard Johnson and Thomas Roydon of the same city yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 20s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: English

Size: 230 x 335 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.106r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:33, 33* 2 September [1559]

Lease by [Thomas] Robertson dean and the chapter of Durham to Ralph Gallylye of the suburbs of Durham carpenter, of fours tenements or burgages in Claypath adjoining the city of Durham, two already held by Gallylye, one held by Widow Vaux, one held by Widow Bell, from Pentecost last for 50 years, paying 40s annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed by: Robert Potter, Michael Thompson and Ralph Gallylye.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I.

With (formerly attached to tag of first seal by a parchment tie) bond of Ralph Gallylye (bondsmen Robert Potter merchant and Michael Thompson farrier, all of the city of Durham) for performance of covenants of even date; with two seals, each on a tongue; 75 x 200 mm

Language: English

Size: 225 x 285 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.105r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:33* 2 September [1559]

Bond of Ralph Gallylye carpenter, Robert Potter merchant and Michael Thompson farrier all of the city of Durham, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £4 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 2 September 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 75 x 200 mm

Seal: 2 seals, each on a tongue

Location: formerly attached by a parchment tie

DCD Loc.XXIX:34 20 September [1559]

Lease by Thomas Robertson dean and the chapter of Durham to Christopher Maire of the city of Durham yeoman, of a little close called Colwell Close at the west end of Crossgate and the herbage of a little wood called Almnorsott and the ground being enclosed and pailed by others called Conye West orchard with all the islands about the pond there, and an acre of ground called Conye Garth, and two tenements, one inhabited by Margaret Harvyne and the other adjoining the said West orchard held by Margaret Harvyne, from Martinmas last for 21 years, paying 58s 2d as detailed.

Date: 20 September 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 200 x 395 mm

Seal: seal on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.109v-110r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:35 [?1559]

Lease by [Thomas Robertson dean] and the chapter of Durham to [Henry Clerkson] yeoman, of [?] for 21 years, paying [48s 8d] at two terms as detailed.

Sealed: Henry Clerkson, John Carson gent and Anthony Hall of the city of Durham draper.

Signed: Henry Clerkson, John Carson.

Language: English

Size: 205 x 370 mm

Seal: parts of 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:36 28 January [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Crosby of Richmond, Yorkshire, of the tithe corn of the township of Killerby in Heighington parish, now held by Richard Crosby of Richmond, from the Invention of the Holy Cross next, for 21 years, paying £6 13s 4d annually at the Purification of the BVM and the Invention.

Sealed: John Crosby, Christopher Maye and Richard Eland.

Date: 28 January 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Crosby, [Christopher Maye] and Richard Eland to the [dean and the chapter of Durham] in ? for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 28 January 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 225 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.110r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:37 3 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Edward Cookson of the city of Durham macer and John Cookson his natural child, of their tenement or burgage in Sadlergate, Durham, lately held by Widow Rande, and a close on the north side of Claypath called Longbank, from now for 21 years, paying 51s 8d annually at Pentecost and Martinmas, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Edward Cookson, Walton of Durham draper and Henry Hutcheson of Durham, cordwainer.

Date: 3 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Edward Cookson of the city of Durham merchant, William Walton of the city of Durham draper and Henry Hutcheson of the city of Durham cordwainer to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 3 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 210 x 400 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.112v-113r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:38 3 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Horne of the city of Durham yeoman, of the tithe corn from the township of Dalton, Co Durham, late held by the pittancers of the cathedral as in a lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham of 1 July [1550], and also of the tithe corn from Dawdon, Co Durham, late held by Mr Bowis, from Candlemas last for 21 years, paying £5 6s 8d at Candlemas.

Sealed: John Horne, William Walton of Durham draper and John Mawer of Durham.

Date: 3 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 280 x 300 mm

Seal: 2 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup, with a further blank sealing tag

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.112r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:39 6 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to James Thorpe of Durham yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandry at Billingham held by Alison Shortered widow of William Shortrede with their cottage at Wolviston held by John Heighington of Wolviston, from Pentecost next for 21 years, paying £4 4s 7d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: James Thorpe, John Watson and Nicholas Turpin of the city of Durham, yeomen.

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of James Thorpe, John Watson and Nicholas Turpin of the city of Durham yeoman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 270 x 420 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.117r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:40 26 July [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Andrew Tuggell of the city of Durham armourer and his wife Agnes in survivorship, of a burgage in Sadlergate on the [?north] side in the city of Durham, now held by them, from Pentecost last for 60 years, paying £2 annually for the first 8 years and then 12s for the residue, at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed, sureties Matthew [He..n] and Bertram Dawson. Sealed: Andrew Tuggell and Agnes Tuggell.

Date: 26 July 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 315 x 345 mm

Seal: 4 blank parchment [sealing] tags, 2 through 3 slits in a turnup and 2 through 1 slit

DCD Loc.XXIX:41 18 September [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Barker of Newcastle merchant, of their farmhold, husbandry or seventh part of the township of Wallsend, now held by Richard Chekyn of Wallsend, one parcel called Wallsend wood or scroggs now held by Chekyn excepted, after Chekyn's death for 21 years, paying 34s 7d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Robert Barker, Christopher Chaytor of the city of Durham gent and Christopher Fenney of the city of Durham apothecary.

Signed: Robert Barker.

Date: 18 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Robert Barker of Newcastle merchant, Christopher Chaytor of Durham gent and Christopher Fenney of Durham apothecary, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £20 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 18 September 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: English

Size: 245 x 380 mm

Seal: 2 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup, with a further blank sealing tag

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.125r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:42 23 September [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Jasper Horsley of Over Heworth yeoman, of their farmhold, husbandry or fourth part of the township of Over Heworth, woods, mines and quarries excepted, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying £4 7s 8d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Robert Barker, Richard Marshall of the city of Durham notary and William Smith of West Rainton husbandman.

Date: 23 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Jasper Horsley of Over Heworth yeoman, Richard Marshall of the city of Durham notary public and William Smith of West Rainton to Robert Horne dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 23 September 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 270 x 395 mm

Seal: 2 seals, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup, with a further blank sealing tag

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.128v-129r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:43 12 May [1581]

Bond of John Richardson of the city of Durham yeoman, Simon Comyn of the same notary public and William Bellamy to Master Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 80 x 290 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:43* 25 September [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Clarkson, miller of Hett mill, of their water corn mill of Hett mill now held by him, after the end of a lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Richardson miller 16 December [1544], for 21 years, paying 46s 8d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: William Clarkson, Jasper Horsley, and Ralph Gallylee.

Date: 25 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 325 x 370 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.129v-130r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:43** 25 September [1560]

Bond of William Clarkson of Hett, Jasper Horsley and Ralph Galile, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £4 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 25 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 110 x 310 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:44 24 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to James Rowley of the city of London merchant taylor, of their farmhold in East Rainton held by John Wilkinson, and their farmhold in Harton held by Richard Newton husbandman with associated pastures in Simonside fields, and their tenement called Sheilehughe held by Stephen Kitchings, except for the warren of coneys, 2 acres of land of the heir of William Heron, 2 acres of land pertaining to the township of Harton, 1 acre of land of the heir of Richard Maddyson in the same farmhold, and the grounds pertaining to the chapel of St Hild, from Pentecost 1563 for 21 years, paying 52s 4d, 54s 7d and £8 annually respectively at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: James Rowley, Ralph Welsh and John Burton yeomen.

Date: 24 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 260 x 580 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:45 3 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Dalton of West Auckland gent, of a farmhold in Wolviston held by John Johnson, from the death of John Johnson for 21 years, paying 49s 8d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Robert Dalton, Thomas Chapman and William Marshall of Billingham.

Date: 3 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Size: 265 x 345 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.89r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:46 24 October [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Melmerby clerk vicar of Kirk Merrington, of a cottage, garden and duckett between the vicarage and the churchyard of Kirk Merrington, 2 acres of arable land at Kirk Merrington and 2 acres of arable land at Ferryhill, from Martinmas next for as long as he is vicar, as Christopher Barnes clerk late incumbent held them, paying 6s 8d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: William Melmerbye, George Smith of Durham cathedral and William Kirkus of Kirk Merrington yeoman.

Date: 24 October 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of William Melmerby clerk vicar of Kirk Merrington, George Smith of the city of Durham, and William Kirkus of Kirk Merrington to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 24 October 5 & 6 Philip and Mary. [1558]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 255 x 360 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.89r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:47 20 September [1556]

Lease by Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Selby of Shincliffe yeoman, of a tenement or husbandry at Shincliffe now held by Jane Selby widow, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying 50s 5d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Thomas Selby.

Date: 20 September 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Selby, John Wheytle and John Scurfeld of Shincliffe yeomen, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 September 3 & 4 Philip and Mary. [1556]

Language: Latin and English

Size: 190 x 360 mm

Seal: seal on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.16v-17r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:48 10 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas White (*Whytt*) of East Merrington yeoman, of their two water corn mills called Scaltoke mills on the west of the River Wear near Durham cathedral held by Janet Smetheres widow from the end of her lease taken out on 13 January [1551] for 21 years, paying £10 13s 4d annually at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Thomas White, Nicholas Turpin and John Hindmeres.

Date: 10 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 230 x 410 mm

Seal: 3 blank parchment [sealing] tags, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:49 24 June [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Elizabeth Fenwick late wife of Christopher Fenwick deceased and her son Cuthbert Fenwick, of two water mills under one roof and a wind mill all in the parish of Jarrow late held by Christopher Fenwick from Michaelmas next for 21 years paying annually £10 for the two mills and 26s 8p for the wind mill at Martinmas and Pentecost with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Elizabeth and Cuthbert Fenwick, John Wilkinson and Thomas Pearson of Harton, yeomen

Date: 24 June 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Elizabeth and Cuthbert Fenwick, John Wilkinson and Thomas Pearson of Jarrow, yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £20 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date [24 June 1559].

Language: Latin and English

Size: 320 x 315 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified seals, each on a parchment tag reused from Latin documents through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f. 87r-v

DCD Loc.XXIX:50 2 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth, yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandary in Fullwell township and also the gressing and oxgate in Symondsfield as the widow of George Walles held them from Martinmas next after the marriage or death of the said widow for 21 years paying annually £5 8s 6p for the farm and 18s for the rest at Martinmas and Pentecost with covenants detailed.

Sealed: John Watson, Nicholas Turping and George Thorpe, yeomen.

Date: 2 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth, yeoman, Nicholas Turping of the city of Durham and George Thrope of Ulston, yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £12 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 18 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 290 x 355 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified seals, each on a parchment tag reused from Latin documents through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f.91r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:51 2 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to George Burkhed of Brancepeth yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandary in Newton Bewley township in Billingham parish, now held by John Batclyse, after John Batclyse and his wife, for 21 years, paying annually £4 ½d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed. Sealed: George Birkhed, Gerard Salvin jr of Croxdale gent and Robert Birkhede of Brancepeth yeoman.

Date: 2 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of George Birked of Brancepeth yeoman, Gerard Salvin jr of Croxdale gent and Robert Birkhede of Brancepeth yeoman, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £12 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 18 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 300 x 310 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:52 8 June [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Taylor of Harton township, yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandry in Harton township with the pasture or oxgaith in Simonside fields occupied by Robert Robinson of Harton, mines excepted, from the death of Robert Robinson for 21 years, paying annually £3 2s 3d at Martinmas and Pentecost for Harton and 7s 8d for Simonside at St Cuthbert in September, and also *boole* corn to the keeper of woods, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Robert Taylor, Thomas Puncon and Robert Carr yeomen.

Date: 8 June 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 250 x 405 mm

Seal: fragments of 3 unidentified seals, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f.85r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:53 20 June [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Gygar of Sidegate, Durham suburbs, tanner, of their messuage in Sidegate in Chester ward, at Framwellgatehead abutting the road on the south and Master Billingham's lands on all other sides, comprising *brewlead* and *steplead*, a kiln house, a *barckhouse* and a small close of an acre on the north side, late occupied by the late William Stevenson of Framwellgate, from now for 40 years, paying annually 22s at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Thomas Gygar, Thomas Roydon and Anthony Herrison of Framwellgate yeomen.

Date: 20 June 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Gygar of Sidegate, Thomas Roydon and Robert Richardson of Framwellgate yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £40 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 20 June 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 290 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f.85v-86r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:54 31 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Margery Webster widow, late the wife of William Webster of Cowpen township deceased, and his son John, of their farmhold or husbandry in Cowpen township, with a salt pan and the tenth part of a parcel of ground called Bamsketh held by Margery, from last Pentecost for 21 years during John's minority until he becomes 24 when he will take them over, paying annually £4 6d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Margery Webster, John Webster, Ralph Walsh and George Walsh.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Margery Webster widow of William Webster, Ralph Walsh of Thomas Gygar of Sidegate, Thomas Roydon and Robert Richardson of Framwellgate yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £40 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 240 x 375 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, though 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f.104v-105r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:55 23 September [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Henry Brewer of the city of Durham turner, of a burgage in the North Bailey on the east side with the farmorie garth occupied by Charles Shaw of Durham, with the tithe hay and corn from the Bellasis not occupied by the dean and chapter and a close called Farding Croft held by Margaret Spark of Durham widow, from next Martinmas for 40 years, paying annually 16s, namely for the burgage and garth 7s at Martinmas and Pentecost, and for the tithes 5s and the close 4s at Michaelmas, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Henry Brewer, Richard Johnson and John Clarke of Durham, and signed by Johnson.

Date: 23 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 237 x 375 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in DCD Reg. 2, f.128r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:56 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Todd of Monk Hesleden yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandry in the township of Westoe with a pasture or oxgang in Simonside Fields held by Richard Robinson, mines excepted, from Martinmas after the death of Richard Robinson or his wife, for 21 years, paying annually £3 3s 6d, namely for the husbandry 5s 4½d at Martinmas and Pentecost, and for the pasture 8s 2½d at St Cuthbert in September, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: William Todd, Ralph Duckett of Monk Hesleden vicar and Richard Summer of Auckland yeoman.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Language: English

Size: 250 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:57 2 July 1559

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert Mennell of their sheaves and corn tithes in the vill of Preston-le-Skerne in the parish of Aycliffe, from the Invention of the Holy Cross next, for 21 years, paying annually 63s 4d at the Purification and the Invention.

Date: Durham, 2 July 1559.

Language: English

Size: 155 x 320 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, though 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.99r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:58 19 June [1556]

Lease by Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Papedye of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Janet his wife in survivorship, of their tithe corn and sheaves in the towns of Wallsend and Willington in Northumberland, parcels of the rectory of Jarrow, from the end of the lease to James Rokeby gent as in a lease of 29 January 36 Henry VIII, for 21 years, paying annually £7 6s 8d at the Purification of the BVM.

[Signed by] Thomas Papedye on the turnup and on a seal tag.

Date: 19 June 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of Thomas Papedye, Janet Papedye, Humphrey Carr and Robert Watson of Newcastle, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 19 June 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.

Language: Latin; English

Size: 200 x 430 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.13r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:59 6 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Christopher Smith of Durham yeoman, of their tithe corn and sheaves in Nether Heworth, now held by Sir Robert Blandling, from the end of his lease, for 21 years, paying annually 30s at Candlemas.

Sealed: Christopher Smith, Ralph Harle of Usworth and Hugh Carlell of Segarstonehoup yeomen.

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Christopher Smith of Durham yeoman, Ralph Harle of Usworth and Hugh Carlell of Segarstonehoup, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £3 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 240 x 305 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.113r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:60 31 August [1559]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Michael Thompson of the suburbs of Durham blacksmith, of their burgage in Crossgate Borough occupied by him, from Pentecost last for 41 years, paying annually 23s 4d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Michael Thompson, Ralph Gallylys of the city of Durham carpentry, and Robert Richardson of Durham fuller.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Michael Thompson of Durham blacksmith, Ralph Gallile of Durham whitesmith and Robert Richardson of Durham fuller, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 230 x 365 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.103r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:61 2 August [1564]

Lease by William Whittingham dean and the chapter of Durham to Francis Pilkington of Bishop Auckland gent, of their farmhold or husbandry in Harton and a pasture or cattle gayt in Simonside fields now held by Thomas Newton, all mines, quarries and woods excepted, from the end of George Lyshe gent's lease of 9 August 4 Edward VI for 21 years, paying annually £3 2s 3d, namely 54s 7d for the farmhold at Martinmas and Pentecost and 7s 8d for the pasture at St Cuthbert in September, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Francis Pilkington and John Pilkington archdeacon of Durham and parson of Easington.

Date: 2 August 6 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 310 x 410 mm

Seal: 1 unidentified, on a parchment tag from an reused document, with a further 2 blank similar tags, each through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.194v-195r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:62 31 January [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth in the suburbs of Durham yeoman, of their tithe corn sheaves from Preston township in Bamburghshire, from the Invention of the Holy Cross next for 41 years, paying annually 26s 8d at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed: John Watson.

Date: 31 January 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Watson of Elvet Hallgarth yeoman, Nicholas Turping and Thomas Knighton of the city of Durham yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in 30s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 165 x 320 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.70v-71r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:63 2 April [1547]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Tempest gent, of their tithe corn sheaves in Heighington, from now for 21 years, paying annually £13 6s 8d at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed: Thomas Tempest.

Date: 2 April 1 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 120 x 210 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:64 2 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Anthony Claxton of Durham gent, of their tithe corn sheaves in Cold Hesleden, from the end of the lease to George Bayles of Durham for 21 years, paying annually £5 at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed: Anthony Claxton, Gerard Salvin of Croxdale jr gent and Robert Birkhead of Brancepeth yeoman.

Date: 2 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 200 x 340 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:65 14 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Burton of Harton township husbandman, of their farmhold or husbandry in Harton with a pasture or oxgayt in Simonside fields now held by John Burton, with mines and quarries excepted, from now for 21 years, paying annually £3 2s 3d, namely 54s 7d for the farmhold at Martinmas and Pentecost and 7s 8d for the pasture at St Cuthbert in September, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: John Burton, Thomas Kitching and John Wilkinson of Harton husbandmen.

Date: 14 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Burton of Harton husbandman, Thomas Kitching and John Wilkinson of the same husbandmen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 14 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 255 x 395 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.100v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:66 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Marmaduke Lambert, of their tenement or farmhold in West Rainton late held by Ralph Wilkinson, from now for 21 years, paying annually 50s 7d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Marmaduke Lambert, Leonard Lambert and Richard Johnson yeomen.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Language: English

Size: 255 x 435 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:66* 4 September [1558]

Bond of Marmaduke Lambert of West Rainton yeoman, Leonard Lambert of Newborough Yorkshire and Richard Johnson of the city of Durham yeomen, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in 100s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 130 x 385 mm

Seal: 3 seals, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:67 31 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Ralph Walsh of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant, of a moiety of a fourth part of a farmhold or husbandry in Over Heworth township, woods, mines and quarries excepted, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying annually 43s 10d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Ralph Walsh, George Walsh of Billingham yeoman and Robert Bronton of Monkton yeoman.

Date: 31 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Ralph Walsh of Newcastle merchant, George Walsh of Billingham yeoman and Robert Bronton of Monkton husbandman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 31 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 225 x 400 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag (1 from a reused document, and signed by Ralph Walsh), through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.98r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:68 20 August [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to George Walsh of Billingham township husbandman, of their farmhold or husbandry in Billingham township now held by George Walsh, from now for 21 years, paying annually £3 15s 7d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: George Walsh, Ralph Walsh of Newcastle merchant and Robert Brompton of Monkton husbandman.

Date: 20 August 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of George Walsh of Billingham husbandman, Ralph Walsh of Newcastle merchant, and Robert Brompton of Monkton husbandman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 235 x 425 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.103v-104r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:69 2 October [1553]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Richard Massam of the city of Durham yeoman, of their farmhold or husbandry in Monkton township with the pasture and cattle gayt in Simonside fields held by Thomas Brompton, the woods and mines excepted, from next Pentecost for 21 years, paying annually 44s 10d, namely 36s 10d at Martinmas and Pentecost for the farmhold and 8s at St Cuthbert in September for the pasture, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Richard Massam, Thomas Gibson and Richard Wheatley.

Date: 2 October 1 Mary.

Attached: Bond of Richard Massam, Thomas Gibson and Richard Wheatley of the city of Durham yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 August 1 Elizabeth I. [1553]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 200 x 410 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 1, f.231r-232v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:70 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Marmaduke Burn yeoman, of their tenement or farmhold in Newton Bewley now held by Jane Marleyman widow late wife of Robert Marliman, from the death of Jane Marleyman if she remains a widow or from the Martinmas next after her remarriage for 21 years, paying annually £4 ½d at Martinmas and Pentecost for the farmhold and 8s at St Cuthbert in September for the pasture, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Jane Marleyman, John Burn of Long Newton yeoman and Marmaduke Green of Cowpen yeoman.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of Marmaduke Burn of Kelloe yeoman, John Burn of Long Newton yeoman, and Marmaduke Green of Cowpen yeoman, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £8 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary. [1558]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 220 x 320 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:71 1 October [1556]

Lease by the dean and the chapter of Durham to Richard Metcalf of Holy Island gent, of their Bolsden messuage in Northumberland, with a toft and croft, late held by Clement Mustiens now dead, from Martinmas next for 21 years, paying annually in peace and war 10s at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Richard Metcalf.

Date: 1 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of Richard Metcalf of Holy Island gent, George Smith and Richard Bolton of the city of Durham yeomen, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 1 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary. [1556]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 155 x 340 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.22v-23r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:72 4 September [1558]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Hall yeoman, of their salt pan on the south of the River Tyne near South Shields, with the staith, *sompe* and other buildings now held by John Bowemaker, from Bowemaker's death for 21 years, paying annually 53s 4d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Thomas Hall, John Richardson and Robert Marlye of Co Durham yeomen.

Date: 4 September 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.

Size: 220 x 325 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:73

Ownership history: Missing.

DCD Loc.XXIX:74 20 October [1556]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Watson of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant, of half of the tithe corn and sheaves from Bedlington parish, after a lease to Janet Ogle widow of 20 November 37 Henry VIII for 21 years, paying annually £4 10s at the Purification of the BVM.

Sealed: John Watson.

Date: 20 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of John Watson of Newcastle upon Tyne merchant, John Watson of the city of Durham yeoman, and Nicholas Turpin of the city of Durham yeoman, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary. [1556]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 225 x 370 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, signed on the turnup and identified on the tag

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.24v-25r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:75 7 October [1556]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Stainton of Alnwick yeoman, of half of the tithe corn and sheaves from both South Charlton and North Charlton in Ellingham parish, after a lease to Ninian Stroder of Alnwick dated 20 November 1538 for 30 years, paying annually 30s 4d at St James the Apostle.

Sealed: John Watson.

Date: 7 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

Attached: Bond of John Stanton of Alnwick, Richard Marshall and William Symson of the city of Durham yeomen, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 7 October 3 & 4 Philip and Mary. [1556]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 215 x 300 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, signed on the turnup and identified on the tag

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.23r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:76 3 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to William Jackson of Kingston upon Hull merchant, of their rectory or parsonage of Brantingham with the glebe and fruits etc belonging to it and the chapels of Blacktoft and Ellerker, except the fruits of Blacktoft leased to William Hedwyne by Edward Hyndmers late warden of Durham college, from St Mark after the end of a lease made by the prior and convent to George Mathewson of Kingston upon Hull alderman and John Carr of Hull merchant of 12 February 1538/9, for 40 years, paying annually to the dean and chapter £23 13s 4d at Candlemas and Lammas, and to the vicar of Brantingham £13 6s 8d at St Peter *ad vincula*, Mertlemas, Candlemas and St Mark, and to the college of St John of Beverley £5 for *thraives* if asked for, and a yearly pension to the metropolitan church of York of 3s 4d, and to the poor of Brantingham 3s 4d, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: William Jackson.

Date: 3 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of William Jackson of Kingston upon Hull merchant, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 100 marks for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 3 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin;English

Size: 320 x 450 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, signed on a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.111v-112r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:77 10 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Janet Skirro late wife of William Skirro of the Stotgate near Durham deceased and Thomas Foster her natural son, of their close at the Stotgate now held by Janet adjoining on the east side the loning off the highway from Durham to the Stotgate, and on the west the park wall towards Hallwellside and on the south a Bearpark close called Corn Close, in survivorship from Pentecost last for 21 years, paying annually 9s 8d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Janet Skirro, Thomas Foster, Henry Cunningham and Nicholas Turpin of the city of Durham yeomen.

Date: 10 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Janet Skirro widow of William Skirro of Stotgate, Henry Conningham and Nicholas Turpin of the city of Durham yeomen, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 20s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 10 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 220 x 340 mm

Seal: 4 unidentified, on 3 parchment tags, each through 3 slits in a turnup, with a note on one "Thomas Foster haith paid me for this lease"

DCD Loc.XXIX:78 10 December [1571]

Lease by William Whittingham dean and the chapter of Durham to Nicholas Greenwell of Ushaw yeoman, of their farmholds and tenements in Wolviston, held by Robert Davison, and East Merrington, held by ? Taylor, and also their salt pan on the south of the River Tyne near South Shields with the staith, sumpe and other buildings, held by ? Bowmaker widow of John Bowmaker, for 21 years in each case after the present tenant, paying annually 59s 4d, 49s and 53s 4d respectively at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Nicholas Greenwell, Adam Hallydays parson of Bishopwearmouth and William Stephenson vicar of Gainford.

Date: 10 December 14 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Nicholas Greenwell of Ushaw yeoman, Adam Hallyday rector of Bishopwearmouth and William Stephenson vicar of Gainford, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £20 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 10 December 14 Elizabeth I. [1571]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 280 x 560 mm

Seal: 3 sets of 3 slits in a turnup [for sealing tags], 2 identified

DCD Loc.XXIX:79

Ownership history: Missing, cf. Misc.Ch.6996.

DCD Loc.XXIX:80 10 July [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Jane Marley widow of William Marley of Aycliffe, of their cottage with a little garth in the township of Aycliffe held by John Bray, from Pentecost last for 2[1] years, paying annually 5s at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Jane Marley, Robert Marley and John Marley.

Date: 10 July 1 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Johanna Marley widow of Aycliffe, Robert Marley of Sunderland, and John Marley of Aycliffe, to Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 10 July 1 Elizabeth I. [1559]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 210 x 290 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.91v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:81 12 May [1581]

Lease by Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham to Richard Burton son of the worshipful Thomas Burton of the city of Durham gent, of their tenement, burgage or cottage in Elvet near Durham adjoining St Oswald's vicarage with a garth late held by Roger Watson, with a garth adjoining the house and orchard of Matthew Taylor now held by Thomas Burton, from now for 40 years, paying annually 8s 8d, with covenants detailed.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 215 x 320 mm

Seal: 3 x 3 slits in a turnup [for parchment sealing tags]

Copy in: DCD Reg. 4, f.44v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:82 12 May [1581]

Lease by Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham to Cuthbert Harper of Ferryhill husbandman, of the moiety of their farmhold at Ferryhill, from now for 21 years, paying annually 24s 7d, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Cuthbert Harper, Robert Darnton of Ferryhill and William Harrison of Tudhoe husbandmen.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Cuthbert Harper of Ferryhill husbandman, Robert Darnton of Ferryhill and William Harrison of Tudhoe husbandmen, to Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I. [1581]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 285 x 380 mm

Seal: 3 parchment sealing tags, 1 with seal fragments, through 3 slits in a turnup, signed

Copy in: DCD Reg. 4, f.52v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:83 12 May [1581]

Lease by Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham to John Richardson of the city of Durham yeoman, of a close adjoining Hewer Close, for 21 years, paying annually 18d, with covenants detailed.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 200 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 4, f.56v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:84 6 May [1581]

Lease by Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Harrison alias Conningham yeoman, of a burgage on the south side of Crossgate, for 21 years, paying annually 13s, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Thomas Harrison, Edward Writer and Thomas Ditchburn.

Date: 6 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 240 x 370 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, signed

DCD Loc.XXIX:85 21 May [1559]

Lease by Thomas [Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham to Ralph Tutinge of ?Middleham (*Medlam*), Yorkshire, yeoman, of a wind cornmill at Newon Bewlay, for 21 years, paying annually £4, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Ralph Tutinge, Christopher Mayer, and Henry Conynghame yeomen.

Date: 21 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 265 x 305 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:86 24 April [1581]

Lease by Thomas Wilson, a royal principal secretary and privy councillor, dean and the chapter of Durham to Francis Slingsby of Scriven, Yorkshire, esq, of the parsonage of Bossall with its portions of Barnaby, Harton, Sand Hutton, Flaxton, Claxton, Buttercrambe and Aldby, for 21 years, paying annually £24, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Francis Slingsby, Ralph Tunstall and Thomas Stunshall, also signed.

Date: 24 April 23 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of Ralph Slingsby of Scriven, Yorkshire, esq, Ralph Tunstall prebendary of Durham cathedral and Thomas Tunstall of Tanfield, Yorkshire, gent, to Thomas Wilson dean and the chapter of Durham in £40 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 24 April 23 Elizabeth I. [1581]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 220 x 400 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 4, f.40r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:87 27 February [1538]

Release by Wiliam Wardall of Durham, nephew of Christopher Wardall, clerk, deceased, of all actions against Hugh [Whitehead], prior of Durham, respecting the bequests of the deceased.

Date: 27 February 29 Henry VIII.

Language: English

Size: 125 x 300 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below, also signed

DCD Loc.XXIX:87* 3 February 1535

Receipt from John Richardson of Durham, dyer, and Janet his wife, daughter of William Wardell, for £10 paid to the said Janet by Hugh [Whitehead], prior of Durham, being a legacy from Christopher Wardell.

Date: 3 February 1534/5, 26 Henry VIII.

Language: English

Size: 105 x 280 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a tongue, one signedm, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:88 11 December [1554]

Final concord between Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham and Thomas Whitehead of Monkwearmouth gent "concerning the gathering and leding of the wayre [sea weed] casten upp by the insurge of the see upon the grounds of the said Thomas", with Whitehead to have all the seaweed cast up to the south of the "blewstone", with that on the north side to be divided one third to Whitehead and two thirds to the dean and chapter.

Date: 11 December 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.

Language: English

Size: 155 x 355 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 1, f.244v-245r..

DCD Loc.XXIX:89 13 September [1569]

Lease by William Whittingham dean and the chapter of Durham to Stephen Stephenson son of Master William Stephenson prebendary of Durham cathedral yeoman, of Rylly manor with pasture closes called High Close, Brome Close or Somer Pastures, and Great Medowe Close, with two little closes and Rylly Wood, as held by William Stephenson, and also the grange of Almoner's Barns, from Michaelmas next for 21 years, paying annually £7 for Rylly manor and 20s 4d for the barns, with covenants detailed.

Signed: Stephen Stephenson, William Stephenson and Robert Swift.

Date: 13 September 11 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 340 x 405 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, signed, with a further blank parchment tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 3, f.9r-10r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:90 18 September [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to John son of Agnes (Janet cancelled) Blewmer of Edmondbyers widow deceased, of their farmhold or eighth part of the township of Edmondbyers, for 16 years, paying annually 16s, with covenants detailed.

Signed: John Blewmer, Gilbert Swinburne bailiff of Muggleswick, Robert Oliver of Edmondbyers and Christopher Suertis merchant of the city of Durham.

Date: 18 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Blewmer son of the late Agnes Blewmer formerly of Edmondbyers, Gilbert Swinburne bailiff of Muggleswick, Robert Oliver of Edmondbyers, and Christopher Suerties of the city of Durham merchant, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 18 September 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 350 x 415 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with a further set of slits + 1m

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.127r-v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:91 6 March [1560]

Lease by Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to John Richardson of Croft, Yorkshire, yeoman, of a common oven or "backus" in Crossgate with a tenement adjoining now held by Widow Nicholson, with the moiety of a close called Codisley in Crossgate and a burgage in South St, and a burgage called Souterpeth held by Thomas Watyrman, for 21 years from the end of the present lease, paying annually £4 11s 8d, with covenants detailed.

Signed: John Richardson, William Wright and George Smythe of Durham city.

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Attached: Bond of John Richardson, William Wright and George Smyth, to the dean and the chapter of Durham in £8 for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 6 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: Latin; English

Size: 275 x 325 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXIX:92 9 October 1599

Final concord between William James STP, dean of Durham, and Nicholas Fulthrop of Tunstall and Christopher Fulthrop his son, in a dispute between the tenants of Ferryhill and Thrislington over the common pasture on Ferry[hill] moor and the grazing of cattle there, reciting the text of a [24 June] 1263 agreement between Hugh [of Darlington] prior of Durham and Adam son of Roger of Fulthorpe *miles*, Nicholas son of Thomas de Thurstanton, Roger son of William of the same, Thyomas Dringe of the same, John of Sherburn and his wife Alice, and Adam of Paris and his wife Beatrice, about the rights in the moor of the Thrislington tenants.

Date: Durham chapter house, 9 October 1599.

Language: English

Size: 345 x 655 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, labelled

Copy: DCD Reg. 6, f.86v-87v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:93 26 March [1566]

Letters of attorney of William Whittingham dean and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Birtche parson of Stanhope and Mr William Stephenson vicar of Gainford to defend all actions concerning the manor of Elvet Hall, Muggleswick, Finchale, Rillye with the Almoners' Barns, and Bewley Grange.

Date: 26 March 8 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 215 x 385 mm

Seal: chapter seal, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. 2, f.215v.

DCD Loc.XXIX:94 21 April [1557]

Bond of William Morton of Berwick upon Tweed merchant, Robert Young of Newcastle merchant and Robert Watson of the same clerk, to Thomas [Watson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £23 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 21 April 3 and 4 Philip and Mary.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Seal: 1 unidentified, on a tongue, labelled, with 2 further unsealed tongues, and a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:95 17 January [1548]

Bond from Thomas Raire, William Hodshon and William Wharnow to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 17 January 1 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 115 x 275 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, 2 on one tongue and 1 on another, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXIX:96 24 September [1560]

Bond of William Smythe of West Rainton, Henry Smythe his son, ?Joseph Yersely of Over Heworth, and Thomas Johnson of East Rainton yeomen, to [Robert Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham in £6 13s 4d for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 24 September 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 145 x 330 mm

Seal: 4 [sealing] tongues, with some fragments

DCD Loc.XXIX:97 11 February [1549]

Bond of Robert Crawforth of South Shields yeoman, Edward Yonger chaplain and Christopher Fenwick of ?Sherlington yeoman, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 11 February 3 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 85 x 300 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXIX:98 5 December [1398]

?Draft agreement between Dom Robert Blakelow prior of Durham College with his fellows and Dom Edmund of Bingham rector of Woodhill, that since annual pensions to Thomas Mapperlery sr of 20s and Thomas Mapperely jr of 10 marks by the prior and chapter of Durham for life had been annulled, and that Edmund had secured a release before the king's justices of the right to the patronage of Ruddington church along with two bovates of land and two *nativi* pertaining to the same to the prior and chapter, the prior and chapter would pay 40 marks to Edmund and would provide for a boy of good conversation and honest at Edmund's presentation for 7 years to be admitted to the college and be sustained there as the others there are, under the discipline and correction of the prior and fellows of the college, in accordance with the college's statutes and ordinances.

Witnesses: John Barneby, John Fishburn.

Date: Oxford, 5 December 22 Richard II.

Size: 160 x 240 mm

Parchment, 1m, pairs of horizontal slits

Fair copy: DCD 3.5.Ebor.16.

DCD Loc.XXIX:99 17 December [1549]

Bond of Richard Jackson of Gateshead, William Chamber of the same yeoman, Isabella Hanclocke of the same widow, Alan Lynsey of Nether Heworth, Ralph Harley of the same, Nicholas Lawes of Gateshead and Robert Clerk of Durham yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 17 December 3 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 110 x 240 mm

Seal: 6 unidentified, on 4 tongues, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:100 24 May [1559]

Bond of James Rowley of London merchant tailor, Ralph Walsh of Newcastle upon Tyne and John Burton of Harton in Co Durham husbandman, to Thomas Robertson dean and the chapter of Durham, in £16 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 24 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 120 x 305 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:101 12 December 1509

Bond from Thomas Makerelle M.A. to Thomas [Castell] prior of Durham, in £40 to keep personal residence at Frampton during the period of his incumbency.

Date: 12 December 1509.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 75 x 275 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:102 26 July [1560]

Bond of Thomas Peyrson and William Peyrson of Harton, John Wilkinson and Thomas Hutchinson of the same, to Master Robert Horne dean and the chapter of Durham, in £10 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 26 July 2 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 120 x 295 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXIX:103 23 May [1581]

Bond of Henry Clarkson of Hett mill miller, John Carson of Houghton-le-Spring gent, and Anthony Hall of the city of Durham draper, to [Thomas Wilson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £4 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 12 May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 90 x 285 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, labelled

DCD Loc.XXIX:104 14 October [1551]

Bond of Thomas Rampton gent, Thomas Carr and William Graunge of the city of Durham yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham, in £5 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 14 October 5 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 125 x 280 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, labelled, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:105 [?] May 1581

Bond of Thomas Harrison alias Cuningham of Crossgate in the city of Durham yeoman, ... draper and Hugh Ditchburn of the city of Durham yeoman, to [Thomas Wilson] dean and the chapter of Durham in 20s for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: ... May 23 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 90 x 280 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, labelled

DCD Loc.XXIX:106 10 November [1545]

Bond of Lancelot Mallon of the city of Durham yeoman, Thomas Sayre of the same gent, and Ralph Malon of the same yeoman, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £5 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 10 November 37 Henry VIII.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 75 x 300 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:107 2 April [1551]

Bond of John Mawer, Richard Wilkinson and John Taylor of the city of Durham yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 2 April 5 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 85 x 265 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXIX:108 2 May [1559]

Bond by Anthony Claxton of the city of Durham gent, Gerard Salvin of Crxdale jr gent, and Robert Birkhead of Brancepeth yeoman, to [Thomas Robertson] dean and the chapter of Durham in £10 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 2 May 1 Elizabeth I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 125 x 270 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue, with [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXIX:109 13 January [1551]

Bond of Thomas Fery, John Meburn and Roland Wodifeld of Hett yeomen, to Hugh Whitehead dean and the chapter of Durham in £4 for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 13 January 4 Edward VI.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 100 x 280 mm

Seal: 3 blank [sealing] tongues, with a wrapping tie below

DCD Loc.XXIX:110 30 August [1569]

Lease by William Whittingham dean and the chapter of Durham to Robert son of Robert Swift LLB prebendary of the first prebend in Durham cathedral, of the moiety of the manor of Elvert alias Hallgarth now held by Robert Swift sr, that is the ox house and hay house, the gardiner, the carter stable, the north half of the wheat barn, the part barn, two little closes for swine, the dovecote with half the orchard, a stack garth the length of the barn 10 foot over the headland, along with Swallop Lees, Monuge the High Wood, Moor Close, Lady Lees, Lond Husbandes Ryeche and two other fields adjoining Houghall, and half Hall House field, for 21 years, paying £8s 6d 8d at Martinmas and Pentecost, with covenants detailed.

Sealed: Robert Swit the younger, Robert Swift the elder prebendary of the first prebend, and William Stephenson prebend of the ninth prebend.

Date: 30 August 11 Elizabeth I.

Language: English

Size: 270 x 445 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, 2 labelled

DCD Loc.XXIX:111 15 May [1548]

Lease by Hugh [Whitehead] dean and the chapter of Durham to Sir Thomas Hylton of wayleave from Usworth quarry through the townships of Over Heworth and Nether Heworth to the Tyne for 2[1] years, with reciprocal wayleave for the tenants of Wearmouth, Fulwell and Southwick through Sir Thomas's grounds.

Date: [1]5 May 2 Edward VI.

Language: English

Size: 205 x 300 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Ownership history: Transferred from DCD Misc.Ch. 7074, 12 June 1990.

Copy: DCD Reg. 1, f.99v-100r.

DCD Loc.XXIX:112 1 September [1553]

Bond from Henry Wicliffe gent, Robert Mylett *armiger* and Thomas Barton yeoman, to the dean and chapter of Durham in 40s for the performance of covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 1 September 1 Mary I.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 90 x 330 mm

Seal: 3 unidentified, each on a tongue

Ownership history: Transferred from DCD Misc.Ch. 7074, 12 June 1990.

Related material in other DUL collections: Lease in DCD Reg. 1, f.231.

DCD Loc.XXX

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXI

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXII

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXIII

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXIV

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXV

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXVI

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXVII - Deeds

Medieval deeds concerning property of the monastery, mostly in the city or county of Durham.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:1 [mid 13th century]

Grant by Simon de Karelawe to Walter Legge of Durham of all his land which he bought from Peter son of Patrick Stute of Allergate for six marks paid, situated by the road from Bearpark (*Beurepayre*) with the bounds as detailed in a charter of the said Peter, rendering annually to the almoner of Durham 1d, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin. Witnesses: Lawrence de Lynze, William son of Hugh reeve of the Old Borough Durham, Roger Braye, Roger the apothecary, Geoffrey the painter, Robert son of Lewin, Roger son of Walle, John of Darlington (*Derninton*), Richard of Slade, Alexander the clerk.

Size: 135 x 215 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.40.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:2

Ownership history: Noted [by ?William Greenwell, late 19th/early 20th century] on wrapper as "wanting"

DCD Loc.XXXVII:3 [?December 1464]

Oath of Richard Bell prior of Durham to defend and protect the possessions, privileges and liberties of the cathedral [on his election (from the endorsement)].

Size: 75 x 290 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:4

Ownership history: Noted [by ?William Greenwell, late 19th/early 20th century] on wrapper as "wanting"

DCD Loc.XXXVII:5 [30 March] 1315

Grant by Cecilia widow of John Shirlok to Robert Greteheved and his son Thomas, of all her lands in Eden for her life which were of her husband John Shirlok, rendering annually 10 marks, 14 quarters of wheat and 4 cartloads of wheat straw to be delivered to her house in the bailey (*in ballio*) at Durham, half at St Martin and half at Pentecost, which wheat should be from the better wheat growing in the fields of Eden or to be found for sale in the market at Durham, and well winnowed and cleansed (*mundatum*), and well measured, that is 21 quarters for 20 quarters, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: Doms Jordan of Dalton and Richard of Rothbury *milites*, William of Kilkenny, Richard the mason of Hartlepool, Walter of Ludworth, Andrew of Burntoft, Richard de Moreton.

Date: Durham, Sunday after the Annunciation of the BVM 1315.

Endorsed (contemporary): *modicum valet*.

Size: 210 x 230 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, with a further blank tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:6 [5 October] 1358

Grant by Robert Luclyn and Robert de Ormesby chaplains to Thomas Gretheved of all their lands in Castle Eden which they formerly had of Thomas's gift and enfeofment, for his life, rendering annually 20s, half at St Martin and half at Pentecost, beginning at next Pentecost, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: John of Lumley *chivaler*, John de Carrowe, Lawrence of Kelloe, William of Burntoft of Hartlepool and Stephen Udard.

Date: Castle Eden, Friday after St Michael 1358.

Size: 140 x 265 mm

Seal: G&B No.1123, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:7 10 August 1507

Will of John Taylor of Redmarshall, to be buried in the Redmarshall St Cuthbert churchyard, bequests to his wife Isbella, also to be his executor, with William Bulmer as his supervisor.

Witnesses: Thomas Hartlinen and William Morland.

Note of probate on 5 October.

Size: 80 x 290 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:8 4 April 1507

Will of William Atkinson bailiff of South Shields, to be buried in the chapel of St Hild, bequests to the chapel, a chantry priest there, for bread and meat for widows and orphans, John Atkinson son of James Atkinson, [William's] wife, his sons William and John, William Matthew, Margaret Atkinson, William son of Robert Atkinson, Margaret the daughter of his son William, John Atkinson, the two daughters of William Greyn, the wife of Robert Kchyn, John Yonger chaplain.

Witnesses: John Yonger chaplain, William Beyn, John Gulde.

Date: [South] Shields, date as above.

Size: 220 x 310 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:9 17 September 1507

Will of ? Waynman of Elvet, to be buried in [Durham] St Oswald churchyard, bequests to ?, Durham St Margaret, clergy of St Oswald's, his son William Waynman and his son John Waynman, his wife and his son William to be his executors.

Witnesses: ? chaplain, Geoffrey Ledall, John Cowper, William Baron.

Endorsed with a note of probate 24 ? 1507.

Size: 100 x 255 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:10 30 August 1507

Will of Thomas Robyson, to be buried in [Durham] St Nicholas, bequests to the clergy there, his son John, his two daughters, and appoints his wife, his sons and daughters as his executors, with Michael de Leys and John Leddell as supervisors.

Witnesses: Robert Shipman curate, Michael Watson, John Leddell, Robert Fenwick and L. parish clerk.

Inventory of the goods of Thomas Robyson of Durham, by Robert Fenwick, William Spink, Thomas Talyowr and Henry Bishop, listing his goods, debts, funeral expenses and creditors, 20 September 1507

Probate before Thomas Swalwell 24 September 1507.

Size: 205 x 285 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:11 2 August 1507

Will of Joan Tod of Houghton, to be buried in the church of St Maurice Houghton, with bequests to the church and the guilds of the Holy Trinity and St Mary, Dom Thomas Horn and Hugh Lee, and Thomas Tod her son who is to be her executor.

Witnesses: Ralph Gyllow, John Sanderson, Thomas Galloway and Walter Boddyll.

Endorsed with a note of probate on 18 October.

Inventory of the goods of Joan Tod by Ralph Gillow, John Sanderson, Thomas Galloway and Walter Boddyll, listing goods, debts, funeral expenses and creditors, 13 August 1507.

Size: 60 x 215 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:12 24 July 1507

Will of John Qwhytt of Middridge in the parish of Auckland St Andrew, to be buried in the church of Auckland St Andrew, with bequests to the church, his son John, Alice Qwhytt, making his son John and his sisters, progeny of his first wife, [his executors].

Witnesses: Thomas Cachasyd curate [of Auckland St Andrew], Thomas Lylborne, Thomas Wakkar.

Endorsed with a note of probate on 20 September.

Inventory of the goods of John Qwhytt of Middridge in Auckland St Andrew, by Thomas Wakk[ar], Richard Keyrston, Robert Symson and Nicholas Gyll, listing goods, debts, funeral expenses, and creditors, [1507]

Size: 160 x 200 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:13 20 September 1507

Will of Edward Hedley of Lintz Green, to be buried in the church of Gainford, with bequests to the church and Ellen Beyseng, with the remainder to his wife and boys whom he makes his executors.

Witnesses: William Channer parochial chaplain of Gainford and John Blenkinsop.

Endorsed with a note of probate on 9 September 1507.

Attached: Inventory of the goods of Edward Hedley, by Thomas Robson, Thomas Gallaley, Thomas ?Charde and Thomas Daveson, listing his goods, debts and creditors, [1507]

Size: 125 x 220 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:14 6 September 1507

Will of Richard Bayman of the parish of St Margaret, to be buried in the chapel of [Durham] St Margaret, with bequests to the church, his daughters Agnes and Elen after the death of his wife Elizabeth whom he appoints to receive the remainder and to be his executrix.

Witnesses: Dom Richard Colynson chaplain, William Orfeld, and Robert Bell.

Attached: Inventory of the goods of Richard Bowman by George Ripon, John Colson, Robert Smalwod and George Park, listing his goods, creditors and funeral expenses, [1507]

Size: 155 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:15 11 June 1507

Will of Katherine Barne of Carten, to be buried in Redmarshall churchyard, with bequests to the curate and her sons Richard and John whom she makes her executors.

Witnesses: Richard Wilson, William Fost and Thomas Sagenson.

Endorsed with a note of probate on 9 October 1507.

Attached: Inventory of the goods of Katherine Barne by Thomas Hartburn, Thomas Sarpenson, Richard Wilson and William Morland, listing her goods and debts, [1507]

Endorsed with a note that William Ayor of Norton and Alice Dando on 4 October in the church of St Oswald ?

Size: 170 x 170 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:16 2 September 1506

Will of Thomas Robinson of the parish of [Durham] St Margaret, to be buried in the chapel of St Margaret, with bequests to the church, the guilds there of St Mary and St Margaret, the feretary of St Cuthbert, his brother William Robinson, Edward Robinson, his sister Katherine Robinson, Richard Colynson chaplain, with the residue to his wife Joan who is to be his executrix, with Roland Robinson and Robert Robinson to be supervisors.

Witnesses: Richard Colynson chaplain, Richard Swaldell, Roland Robinson.

Endorsed with a note of probate before Thomas Swalwell warden of the spiritualities of the diocese of Durham *sede vacante* on 20 September 1507.

Attached: Inventory of the goods [of Thomas Robinson], listing goods, debts, creditors and funeral expenses, [1507]

Size: 155 x 280 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:17 early 16th century

Memoranda of documents (some with references) delivered to the prior, bursar etc, and plate received.

Size: 290 x 110 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:18

Ownership history: Noted [by ?William Greenwell, late 19th/early 20th century] on wrapper as "wanting"

DCD Loc.XXXVII:19

Ownership history: Noted [by ?William Greenwell, late 19th/early 20th century] on wrapper as "wanting"

DCD Loc.XXXVII:20 [early 14th century]

Grant by Matilda daughter and heir of Reginald Felter to John Barber of Durham of her burgage between the lands formerly of Hugh of Ellerker on the one part and of William Bell on the other in the Borough of Durham, rendering annually to Luciana of Clayport 2s at Pentecost and St Martin.

Witnesses: John of Birtley and James le Spicer bailiffs of the Borough, John son of John, William son of Walter, Richard of Kelloe, William Gray, Gilbert the goldsmith, Alan the goldsmith, John the clerk.

Size: 110 x 210 mm

Seal: G&B No.2068, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.420.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:21 [29 March] 1339

Lease by Roger Burnthard to John Scharp of all his shop (*celda*) next to Roger's entrance (*introitus*) towards the house of William of Coxhoe, for life, rendering annually 4s, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin, with John to provide for Roger sufficient *soculares* for his feet for life.

Witnesses: John of Durham bailiff of the Borough, Richard son of Gilbert, William of Coxhoe, Adam of Wearmouth (*Wermowe*), Thomas Swemy, Geoffrey of Catden.

Date: Durham, Easter Monday 1339.

Size: 125 x 220 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.421.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:22 [4 May] 1338

Quitclaim by Nicholas son of Agnes othe Wodde to John Mody of Durham of all his right in a messuage formerly given by Agnes his mother to John in the Old Borough Durham.

Witnesses: John of Barnard Castle and William of Chilton bailiffs of the Old Borough of Durham, John Goldsmith, Gilbert de Duxfeld, Robert lages, Adam Mason.

Date: Durham, Monday after the Invention of the Holy Cross 1338.

Size: 85 x 235 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:23 mid 15th century

Copy of the plea at Durham before William de Berford and R de Hegham royal justices, of Richard de Hoton, prior of Durham, against Antony Bek, bishop of Durham, Master William of Boston, Roger of Esh and Peter of Bolton ministers of the bishop, concerning 20 marks worth of land in Ferryhill which the prior claimed was seized by the bishop's ministers after the death of John de Fery, which claim was thrown out, 15 April 1305.

Size: 215 x 300 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:24 9 March [1478]

Quitclaim by Nicholas Kirkby to William Cornforth of Durham mercer, of all his rights in two burgages in Durham market place now built into one and held by Patrick Wederelt hosier (*sutor*) between his burgage on the west and the burgage of John Hoton chaplain where William Greveson mercer now lives on the east.

Date: Durham, 9 March 18 Edward IV.

Size: 95 x 300 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.354.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:25 13 February [1478]

Grant by Nicholas Kirkby to William Cornforth of Durham mercer, of two burgages in Durham market place now built into one and held by Patrick Wederelt hosier (*sutor*) between his burgage on the west and the burgage of John Hoton chaplain where William Greveson mercer now lives on the east.

Date: Durham, 13 February 17 Edward IV.

Size: 95 x 300 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.354.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:26 8 May 1465

Grant by John Hoton chaplain and Richard Hoton his brother and heir-apparent, to William Cornforth of Durham mercer of a burgage in Durham market place on the south side between the tenements of Thomas Aspour on the east and Thomas Kirkeby on the west, from next Pentecost for ? years, rendering 16s in equal portions at St Martin and Pentecost, with distrains detailed.

Date: Durham, 8 May 1465, 5 Edward IV.

Endorsed (contemporary) as an indenture for the land of Robert Clergenet.

Attached parchment note. The lease is for 120 years, as examined by Master Thomas Fairfax and Master John Bentley, and is now in the hand of the widow of William Glenney.

Size: 130 x 310 mm & 40 x 180 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.352.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:27 [1 June] 1339

Quitclaim by John son of Lucy de Claypworth to John Mody of Durham of his right to an annual rent of 2s from the burgage between the tenements of Margaret widow of John Barbour and the former vennel called Souterpath in the *Bucheria* of Durham.

Witnesses: John of Durham bailiff of the Borough, Robert of Coxside, Richard son of Gilbert, Robert Shaclok, William de Whalton, John of Eggescliffe, John of Tudhoe.

Date: Durham, Wednesday the morrow of St Peter *ad vincula* 1339.

Endorsed (15th century) as the Borough of Durham *vicus carnisicum*.

Size: 100 x 240 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.332.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:28 20 December 1527

Bond of Margaret Glenyson of the city of Durham singlewoman to Robert Whitehead clerk and John Clerk notary public in £20 so that she, John Mathew and his wife Alice, William Graunge of Durham tailor and his wife Janet, would not do anything to prevent the conveyance of two burgages together in Durham market place, now built into one and held by John Mathew, to Whitehead and Clerk.

Date: 20 December 1527, 19 Henry VIII.

Endorsed with a description by [John Cosin].

Language: Latin and English

Size: 175 x 275 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.354.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:29 [early 14th century]

Quitclaim by Isabella widow of Robert de Walerig in her legal widowhood to Lambert de Burgh and his wife Hawis of her right to a burgage in the Borough of Durham between the tenement of Henry Mody and the Guildhall.

Witnesses: William of Hebburn and Thomas of Birtley bailiffs of the Borough, Richard of Kelloe, James the apothecary, William son of Walter, John Page, Henry Modi, Peter Chaklock, Emeric of Stockton clerk.

Size: 120 x 210 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.356.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:30 [6 January] 1350

Quitclaim by Margaret widow of John Mody of Durham to John Plummer of Newcastle upon Tyne, of her right to a messuage in the Borough of Durham between the Guildhall and the tenement formerly of Adam Mody and also to the *torale* formerly held by Margery Barber in Clayport between the tenements formerly of Geoffrey Gray and William de Collanwod.

Witnesses: John of Hebburn bailiff of the Borough, William de Whalton, John de Eston, John othe Orchard.

Date: Durham, Wednesday after the Circumcision 1349/50.

Size: 150 x 255 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.357,399.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:31 [22 April] 1369

Grant by Robert of Seaton, son of Robert of Seaton, to Richard of Kirkby tailor, of all the *placea* with its buildings formerly held by Roger of Birden in the Borough of Durham between the burgages of Thomas of Coxside and Roger of Aspor, rendering annually 14s rent at the terms of St Martin and Pentecost in equal portions, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: Thomas of Coxside, Richard of Stafford, and John of Bishopdale bailiffs of the Borough of Durham, also Thomas of Appleby, Thomas of Tudhoe, William Jalker and Roger Aspor.

Date: the Borough of Durham, Sunday before St George 1369.

Endorsed (c.1500) as being a tenement in Durham market place.

Size: 105 x 225 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.351.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:32 22 May [1505]

Bond of David Straghen of the city of Durham, hatter, and his wife Katherine, to Robert Cleregenatt in £20 for their grant to him of a rent of 16s from a tenement in Durham market place now held by Robert Lytholl goldsmith.

Date: Durham, 22 May 20 Henry VII.

(at the foot right end) [written by] ?P. Lawson.

Language: Latin and English

Size: 100 x 400 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a tongue, one labelled

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.353.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:33 11 June [1505]

Bond of David Stranghen and his wife Katherine, daughter and heiress of the late Richard Hoton once of Durham, to Robert Claritinet in £20 for the grant of a tenement in Durham on the south side of the market place, between the tenements formerly held by Thomas Asspure on the east and Thomas Kirkby on the west.

Date: Durham, 11 June 20 Henry VII.

Size: 70 x 300 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a tongue

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.353.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:34 [11 June] 1505

Grant by David Straghen and his wife Katherine, daughter and heiress of the late Richard Hoten of Durham, as William Riddyng, kinsman and heir of William Cornforth formerly of Durham, mercer, leased from them a tenement in Durham market place on the south side between the tenements formerly of Thomas Aspour on the east and Thomas Kirkby on the west for a not yet elapsed term of years, rendering annually 16s at St Martin and Pentecost in equal portions, they have now granted to David Clerginet the said rent of 16s.

Date: 11 June 20 Henry VII.

Size: 90 x 345 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a parchment tag through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.353.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:35 [4 August 1506]

Pleas at Durham before Humphrey Coningsby serjeant at law of the king and his fellow royal justices, the temporalities of the bishopric being in the king's hands *sede vacante*, Tuesday after St Peter *ad vincula* 21 Henry VII.

Recovery by Robert Claregenet of a messuage in Durham from David Straghen and his wife Katherine, involving also Alan Begg and John Graunge in the time of Richard Fox bishop of Durham.

Size: 320 x 265 mm

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.353.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:36 10 March 1516

Grant by Robert Clergenet of Durham gent to John Foster chaplain and John Clerk notary public, of the reversion of a messuage with an annual rent of 16s in the city of Durham market place (*vico fori*) on the south side between the tenements formerly of Thomas Aspoure on the east and Thomas Kirkby on the west, where William Eden mercer now lives by lease of Elizabeth Glenyson heiress of William Cornforth formerly of Durham mercer, who (?Elizabeth) holds it by lease for an unexpired term by John Hoton chaplain and his brother Richard Hoton to William Cornforth, which lease Clergenet bought from David Strawghen and his wife Katherine.

Witnesses: Henry Kyllingar, Lionel Elmeden, Ralph Billingham, William Heron, John Buklay, Robert Weardale (*Werdall*).

Date: Durham, 10 March 1515/6.

Size: 185 x 305 mm

Seal: G&B No.633, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.353.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:37 5 February [1425]

Grant by William de Hoton son and heir of John de Hoton brother of William de Hoton formerly of Tudhoe, to John Hamsterley of Brancepeth, of an annual rent of 20s 8d from two burgages in the Borough of Durham for 14 years after which, if the rent has been peacefully enjoyed, William will pay John £11.

Date: Durham, 5 February 3 Henry VI.

Endorsed (c.1500) as being an indenture for 2 burgages formerly of Robert Clerginett.

Size: 95 x 240 mm

Seal: G&B No.1180, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.352.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:38 2 January [1438]

Grant by John Hoton chaplain and Richard Hoton to William Cornforth of a burgage in Durham market place (*foro*) on the south side between the tenements of Thomas Aspore on the east and Thomas Kirkby on the west, for life, rendering annually 16s at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions, with distrains detailed.

Date: Durham, 2 January 36 Henry VI.

Size: 95 x 240 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, with a further blank parchment tag, each through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.352.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:39 22 March [1528]

Grant by John Mathew of the city of Durham butcher and his wife Alice, to Robert Whitehead clerk and John Clerk notary public, of two burgages in the Durham market place (*foro*), now built as one and occupied by the Mathews, the burgages lying between those formerly of Nicholas Kirkby, where John Greveson now lives, on the west and John Hoton chaplain, where William Eden mercer now lives, on the east.

Date: Durham, 22 March 19 Henry VIII.

Endorsed with a note of the delivery of seisin on the same day, witnesses: George Davison yeoman, William Robeson songman (*cantoris*), Robert Smethes, Thomas Whitfield of Muggleswick yeoman, William Walton miller, James Hyne mason (*latami*), and John Hunter *literati* of York and Durham dioceses, and a ?notarial sign.

Size: 125 x 390 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a parchment tag (from former documents, one concerning the Cardinal of St Cecilia), through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.354.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:40

Ownership history: Missing.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:41 [early 14th century]

Grant by Hugh called Bricon chaplain to John called Bradey jr of Durham and Lecia his wife, of a burgage in Durham between the burgages of Roger called Raffinsmyth on the north and Roger called Summer on the south, rendering annually 8s to the chief lord of the fee, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin, and the service due to the bishop of Durham and his borough.

Witnesses: William of Hebburn, Thomas of Raby, Richard of Kelloe, Ralph of Middleham, Gilbert son of Hugh, William son of Walter, William called Gray, Thomas Linxhard, Alan the goldsmith, Gilbert the goldsmith, Ralph the cellarer, William called Schether'.

Size: 135 x 260 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.330-331.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:42 [8 September] 1338

Grant by Thomas de Herneby to Robert of Durham merchant, of the messuage given to him by Peter son and heir of James the apothecary of Durham, between the tenements of Alexander of Cocken and William Peucher, rendering annually a ?boon-work (*precar*) to Kepier hospital.

Witnesses: Dom Roger of Esh steward of the house of Kepier, Dom Robert Gudybour, Brother Thomas of Tynedale, Richard Corur, John de Walderton, Siward of Harton, William Gracias jr, Peter de Clopton, and Robert Broun.

Date: Durham, Tuesday the Nativity of the BVM 1338.

Size: 120 x 240 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.482.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:43 [24 April 1421]

Grant by Andrew Walker of Durham to Nicholas Hayforde of Durham of a burgage in the borough of St Giles in Durham between the burgages formerly of Hugh Slater and John Cane.

Witnesses: Hugh Boner bailiff of Durham, Thomas Goldsmith, Peter Nesbit (*Nesebeth*) webster, Henry Hunter walker, and William Sawyer.

Date: Borough of St Giles [Durham], Thursday after St George 9 Henry V.

Size: 75 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.484.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:43* [26 August] 1369

Grant by John of Sadberge of Durham clerk and Margaret his wife, formerly the wife of John Mody of Durham, to Dom William de Sireston chaplain, of all their lands etc in the vill of Durham and without, which they had from the said John Mody, except for a burgage in *Souterpath* in the Borough of Durham between the tenements of Alice Snype and John Edward.

Witnesses: Thomas of Coxside, John of Bishopdale and Richard of Stafford bailiffs of the Borough of Durham, Thomas of Appleby, Thomas of Tudhoe, William Jalker, and Roger Aspor.

Date: Durham, Sunday after St Bartholomew 1369.

Size: 105 x 275 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a parchment tag (from reused deeds, one involving John Mody of Durham), through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.338.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:44 3 April 1393

Grant by William Hude chaplain and William Ward to Thomas Lorimer, of a burgage in the borough of St Giles Durham which they were given by the said Thomas and his wife Helen, for his wife with reversion to Dionisia daughter of Hugh Slater and wife of John Usher and the heirs of her body, with remainder to her right heirs.

Witnesses: Thomas Rose, Thomas Hawick, John de Cane, William Pyper, and Gilbert Webster.

Date: Wednesday 3 April 1393.

Size: 105 x 245 mm

Seal: two unidentified fragments, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.483.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:45 3 April 1393

Counterpart to Loc.XXXVII:44.

Size: 115 x 250 mm

Seal: two unidentified fragments, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:46 [12 May] 1331

Grant by Alan Fisher of Easington and his wife Matilda, to John son of Henry Mody of Durham and his wife Margaret, of a burgage in the Borough of Durham lying between the burgages of Cuthbert son of John and Lambert de Burgth which burgage he (Alan) and Henry Mody, who was formerly the wife of his Matilda, were granted by Andrew Burges chaplain, for the life of Matilda, rendering annually to Geoffrey de Catden and his heirs 10s, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin.

Witesses: Richard de Wythparys bailiff of the Borough of Durham, Richard son of Gilbert son of Hugh, William de Slikburn, Robert Sakelok, Adam of Wearmouth, John de Wodishend, Thomas Swemy, John Ykemound, William Calais (*Kalays*) clerk.

Date: Durham, Sunday after Ascension 1331.

Size: 130 x 235 mm

Seal: two blank parchment [sealing] tags, each through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.355.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:47 1494

Lease by Dom Robert Baily almoner of Durham cathedral, with the consent and will of the prior and convent, to John Potts of a water mill with two tenements *ad introitum* of the mill and two gardens, from St Martin next for 15 years, rendering annually to the almoner 50s 4d at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions, with distrains detailed, the almoner to be responsible for repairs, and John to be bound to the prior in 40s thereby.

Date: Durham, 1494.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being next to *Mylneburne*.

Size: 135 x 310 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.128.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:48 [early 15th century]

Grant by Alan de Hayden chaplain and Thomas Ryall clerk to Margaret who was the wife of John Bowman, of a tenement in Claypath between the tenements formerly of Henry of Esh and Richard of Cocken, for life.

Date: Durham.

Size: 70 x 290 mm

Seal: two blank parchment [sealing] tags, each through a slit in a turnup

Ownership history: Formerly: DCD 4.2.Sacrist.32.

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.405.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:49 16 March 1467

Grant by Joanna formerly the wife of ?Roland Dickson formerly of Durham, to Alexander Lilburne of Shincliffe *armiger*, of her burgage in Crossgate in the Old Borough of Durham, between the tenements now inhabited by William Ripon waller on the west and the tenement formerly Robert Wharrome's now inhabited by John Smyth on the east.

Date: Durham, 16 March 7 Edward IV.

Size: 100 x 195 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.69-70.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:50 21 August [1416]

Grant by Thomas Copper of Durham to Nicholas Hayford of Durham of two burgages in the Old Borough of Durham, one in Milneburngate where John Bell formerly lived and the other in Crossgate between the burgages of the chantry of St Mary the Virgin in the chapel of St Margaret's Durham and that formerly of John of Chester.

Witnesses: William of Billingham, Richard of Newton, John [?]remon, Richard de Markeby, and John del Park.

Date: 21 August 4 Henry V.

Size: 85 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.116, 124.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:51 6 January 1441

Grant by Thomas Neville *miles* to Thomas Wheldale of Durham and William Wheldale his son of all the lands etc granted him by Agnes Markby once the daughter of Peter Dryng of Durham in Crossgate, Milneburngate and South St in the Old Borough of Durham.

Witnesses: Thomas Billingham *armiger*, John Dautre, William Souhird, Robert Wharom, John Bichburn.

Date: the Old Borough Durham, 6 January 1440/1.

Size: 85 x 320 mm

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.95, 139, 214.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:52 [?27 January] 1317

Grant by John Lamb and his wife Alice to William son of Richard of Chilton staying in Durham, of a toft and croft between the tofts of Lambert the fisherman and formerly of Alan del Brome, with 2½ acres of arable and ½ acre of meadow outside Durham at Coddlesley by Le Mere, between the lands of Dom Robert Lewyne chaplain, formerly Robert of Milburn, formerly Thomas de Sualdale, and the said William, with the toft and croft being in Crossgate in the Old Borough of Durham, for the life of Alice, rendering annually at the exchequer of the prior of Durham 5s, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin.

Witnesses: Robert de Greteheved steward of the prior and convent of Durham, John Goce, Robert of Hett, Walter of Brafferton, John of Newton, Ralph Terranator, Robert Tinctor, William son of Walter of Esh of Durham, Gilbert son of Hugh, Nicholas del Sald, Roger of Hart.

Date: the full court of the Old Borough of Durham, ?Wednesday after the Conversion of St Paul 1315/6.

Size: 85 x 235 mm

Seal: 2 slits for [sealing] tags in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.108.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:53 [early 14th century]

Grant by Robert of Milburn burgess of the city of Durham to John son of Hugh of Gateshead (*Gatishewyd*), of a messuage in the Old Borough of Durham wherewith William of Milburn chaplain enfeoffed him, and also a third of an oven (*fornacis*) in the same Borough, and all the land and meadow which Emma *dictus* Umfray formerly held as dower in Coddesley, as the said William chaplain enfeoffed him, and a messuage in Framwelgate between the lands of William of Maidstone on the south and William le Raper on the north, and a burgage in Framwelgate between the lands formerly of Burchard Sutor and Nicholas de Wylis, and two tofts and crofts with arable and pasture with which William son of Luke citizen of London enfeoffed him in Great Lumley. Witnesses: John Bille, Thomas son of Hugh, Roger Cissor, William Bell, William the baker.

Endorsed (contemporary) as a tenement formerly of J. Gyk.

Size: 95 x 280 mm

Seal: G&B No.1794, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.111, 273.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:54 [12 April] 1360

Grant by John Swallow to Thomas Halifax of Durham, of his burgage in Gilesgate in Durham between the burgages formerly of John of Wearmouth and John Walker, to be held of the master and brothers of Kepier hospital.

Witnesses: William of Kelloe steward of [Kepier] hospital, Richard Hopper, John Walker, William of Hett, William Pymond, John Brown, Richard of Houghton, William of Hexham, Richard Souter.

Date: Gilesgate [Durham], Quasimodo Sunday 1360.

Size: 105 x 245 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.III p.482.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:55 28 April [1490]

Quitclaim by William Tunstall to William Stockdale and his wife Sibil of his right to all the lands in Durham which he was given by the late William Wheldale.

Date: 28 April 5 Henry VII.

Size: 145 x 260 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.97, 143, 209, 303.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:56 [22 February 1403]

Grant by John Hackthorpe son and heir of the late John Hackthorpe, to Katherine de Wyssington and John her son and his heirs male, of all his lands in Co Durham, along with the reversion of a burgage in Suttergate which Robert Berhall holds of him for life, with reversion to Katherine's sons William, then Richard, then Thomas, and then to Katherine's daughter Elizabeth, and their heirs male, with reversion to Katherine's heirs. Witnesses: William Lambert, Gilbert Edlyn, John Melot, Robert Qiddibur, John Fulmoot. Date: Durham, Thursday before St Mathias 4 Henry IV.

Size: 135 x 320 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.333.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:57 [12 March] 1307

Grant by William of Southwick (*Sothewik*) to William son of John of Pittington and his wife Alice, daughter of Southwick, *in liberum maritag'*, of a toft in the vill of North Pittington and all his land there, to them and their heirs, rendering annually to him 20s, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin, with reversion, if Alice dies without heirs from William, to William for life, and then to Southwick and his heirs, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: John de Bydik, John of Usworth (*Oseworth*), John Bretton, Nicholas de Merley, Adam of Fulwell.

Date: Southwick, Sunday St Gregory the pope 1306/7.

Size: 100 x 205 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:58 4 September 1379

Grant by William son of William of Lumley to Dom Thomas of Lumley chaplain of Durham, of a burgage and 5 acres in Durham which he was given by the said Thomas for his life, for Thomas's life, rendering annually 10s at St Michael and Pentecost in equal portions, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: Adam Spuret, John Cutson, William of Corbridge, William Smyth, John Taillour, Walter Taillour, Thomas Elys.

Date: Durham, 4 September 1379.

Size: 75 x 240 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.III p.474.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:59 [later 13th century]

Grant by Hugh of Quarrington burgess of Durham to William of Staindrop, of his tenement between those of Gilbert Denil and formerly of Walter of Kelloe at the east end (*capud*) of the old bridge in Durham, rendering annually 6s, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin, and services to the Borough of Durham.

Witnesses: John Bille, John son of John, Gilbert of Quarrington, Thomas of Raby, Hugh de Ellerker, James the apothecary, Thomas Lumbard, William Maunsel, Adam of St Neots, Geoffrey the clerk.

Size: 110 x 225 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup for a [sealing] tag

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.361.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:60 [early 14th century]

Quitclaim by Ralph del Stell of Edmundbyers to William del Stell of Edmundbyers of his right to the lands in the vill of Edmundbyers which his father bought from Jolano *dominus* of Edmundbyers.

Witnesses: Dom Lawrence rector of Edmundbyers, Richard son of Robert, Waucen Hugh de Cinchely, John Maunsel.

Size: 90 x 220 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup for a [sealing] tag

DCD Loc.XXXVII:61 [11 June] 1374

Grant by Robert Taylor of Gilesgate (*Seintgiligate*) to Walter Taylor of the same of a burgage in the borough of St Giles between the tenements of himself on the west and of the said Walter on the east.

Witnesses: Thomas Goldsmith, Robert of Corbridge, William Smith, Hugh Slater, John Custson, William Lorimer.

Date: borough of St Giles [Durham], Sunday St Barnabas 1374.

Endorsed (contemporary) as being a tenement next to the [St Giles] churchyard and that this charter was void as another was made on the same date to John Freeman of Heseldon and (15th century) that this tenement was held by Hugh Corbridge and later T. Ryhall.

Size: 70 x 305 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.457.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:62 1450

Grant by John Binchester chaplain to John Haggerston chaplain, of all the lands which Haggerston and the late William Doncaster clerk were given by Isolda the widow of William of Hall of Thorpe Thewles in her widowhood, which had descended to her after the death of Alexander of Cocken her father, in the vill of Cocken.

Date: Durham, [day and month blank] 1450.

Size: 100 x 260 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:63 2 September 1433

Commission of [Richard] Arnall, subdean of York, vicar-general of John [Kempe] archbishop of York, to Thomas [Langley] bishop of Durham, to effect an exchange of benefices between Dom Ralph of Whitfield, vicar of Ilderton (*Illerton*), and William Hobson, rector of Kirkby Knowle, Whitfield being presented by Roger Lascelles of Hornby *armiger*.

Date: York, 2 September 1433.

Endorsed with the order for his induction to the archdeacon of Northumberland, at Wearmouth 6 October 1433.

Size: 90 x 330 mm

Seal: blank [sealing] tongue with a [wrapping tie] stub below

Calendared from the register copy in *The Register of Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham 1406-1437, Volume VI*, ed. by R.L. Storey, Surtees Society 182 (1970), p.15.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:64 [19 October] 1315

Grant by John Mundy of Durham to Adam his son and Emma his wife of an annual rent of 15d from the two burgages with which he had formerly enfeoffed Gilbert Schuf and Alexander of Birden baker in Durham in Framwelgate in the borough of Durham on either side of Adam's burgage in Framwelgate, receiving 12d from Schuf's burgage in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin and 3d from Birden's burgage at the same terms, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: William son of Walter butcher, Ralph of Foston, Richard Marshall, John of Hart, John Dagoman.

Date: Durham Old Borough, Sunday after St Luke 1315.

Size: 135 x 225 mm

Seal: fragment, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.274.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:65 [early 14th century]

Grant by Roger son of William Kernet to John of Howden and his wife Margaret, of a messuage in the Bailey Durham between the tenement formerly of Simon of Farlington and the tenement of Thomas de Herington which Roger's father William Kernet gave him, to be held of the bishop of Durham, rendering annually to the bishop and his successors 3s at the four terms constituted in the bishoprick, and also to Roger a grain of pepper (*piperi*) at Christmas.

Witnesses: Ralph of Warsop sheriff, John of Maidstone constable of Durham, Robert le Canne, Alan Cuthbert, Bertram Pese, John le Plummer, William Yekemund, Robert de Granario, Geoffrey Prior.

Size: 110 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.1490, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.560.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:66 [early 14th century]

Grant by Roger son of William Gernet to John of Howden and his wife Margaret, of a tenement between the tenement of Thomas de Herington *miles* and the tenement formerly of Simon of Farlington in the Bailey Durham, to be held of the bishop of Durham, rendering annually to the bishop and his successors at his exchequer in Durham 3s at the four terms constituted in the bishoprick, and also to Roger a grain of clove (*gariofilii*) at Christmas.

Witnesses: Ralph of Warsop sheriff, John of Maidstone constable of Durham, Robert de Canne, Alan Cuthbert, Peter of Crook, John Bille, Roger of Esh, Geoffrey Prior, John son of John son of Gilbert, Osbert de Granario, John of Grindon, Henry of Hornby.

Size: 145 x 220 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.560.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:67 [early 14th century]

Quitclaim by John de Insula, one of the heirs of Margaret of Howden, to Peter of Mainforth clerk, of his right to an annual rent of 5s from a tenement which was Margaret's in the North Bailey Durham.

Witnesses: Simon of Esh, John Bille, Richard de ?Whitaphrys, Robert of Leicester, Francis of Jarrow, Gilbert of Elvet, Richard of Bolom, William de Somerhouse, Geoffrey Yekemond, Roger Bachelor, Peter Lounes.

Size: 95 x 250 mm

Seal: G&B No.1606, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, " City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.560.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:68 [26 January] 1368

Grant by Robert of Middleham vicar of Sockburn and John of Bamburgh of Durham clerk, to Robert de Whalton and his wife Joan, of all their tenement formerly of Master Peter of Mainforth clerk, given them by the feoffment of Robert of Whalton in the North Bailey in Durham.

Witnesses: Thomas of Coxside, Richard of Stafford, and John of Bishopdale bailiffs of the Borough of Durham, Thomas of Aislaby, Thomas of Tudhoe, Thomas of Cocken, Hugh Catour.

Date: North Bailey of Durham, Wednesday before the Purification of the BVM 1367/8.

Size: 100 x 220 mm

Seal: unidentified & G&B No.140, each on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, " City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.560.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:69 [?10 July 1367]

Proxy by John [?Fossor] prior and the convent of Durham to Master Henry de Gategang, rector of Welton, and Thomas Benet, rector of [Kirkby Sigston], appointing them their proctors to attend for them and their appropriated churches, pensions and portions in the diocese of York at the visitation by John [Thoresby] archbishop of York, or his commissaries; with promise to stand surety for the proctors.

?[*Date:* Durham, 10 July 1367].

?*Draft*, with interlineations.

Size: 205 x 300 mm

Register copy: DCD Reg. II, f.192r-v.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:70 1 November 1428

Lease by John [Wessington] prior of Durham to Gilbert Roos with John Sebowryght of West Rainton husbandmen, of a messuage and 48 acres of arable land and 2 acres and a rod of meadow in the vill of West Rainton, from St Martin next for 12 years, rendering annually to the communar's office in Durham 20s and at the exchequer there 4s 6d at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions beginning at next Pentecost, with repairs covenants detailed, for which they are bound in 60s.

Date: Durham, 1 November 1428.

Size: 175 x 250 mm

Seal: two blank parchment [sealing] tags, each through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:71 [13 March] 1358

Grant by Henry de Shenfeld cook of the bishop of Durham, to Robert de Whalton of Durham, of a tenement in the North Bailey Durham formerly of Peter of Mainforth, given him by Thomas [Hatfield] bishop of Durham.

Witnesses: Master Adam of Tanfield rector of St Mary in the North Bailey Durham, Thomas of Cocken, William of Charlton, William of Drayton, John Girdeler, Adam Brown, Robert Spicer.

Date: Durham, Tuesday before St Cuthbert in March 1357/8.

Size: 75 x 295 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.560.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:72 3 January 1475

Inventory of the goods and debts of William Wheldon the younger, deceased.

Appraisers: Robert Peyteson, William Taylor, William Ferour, Robert Cocken.

Date: 3 January 1474/5.

Endorsed (contemporary) as Old Borough.

Size: 275 x 295 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:73/73* 20 March [1560]

Lease from Robert [Horne] dean and the chapter of Durham to Henry Cunningham of Crossgate, yeoman, of a tenement next to Neville's Cross with a close adjoining on the north side of Coddisley called the Howell close, for 21 years, rendering £4 8s *per annum*.

Date: 20 March 2 Elizabeth I.

Tied with the wrapping tie to the left edge: Bond of Henry Cunningham of Durham, Thomas Gilson and Thomas Knighton of the same to the dean and the chapter of Durham in 20s for the performance of the covenants in a lease of even date.

Date: 20 March 2 Elizabeth I. [1560]

Language: English; Latin

Size: 250 x 350 mm

Seal: 3 blank parchment [sealing] tags, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy in: DCD Reg. 2, f.119r-v.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:74/74* [5 April] 1339

Quitclaim by Robert Lewyne son and heir of Emma daughter of Robert Lewyne jr, to John of Barnard Castle clerk, of his right in 3 messuages in the Old Borough of Durham on the north side of the old bridge of Durham between the River Wear on the east and the road to Newcastle on the west formerly of old held by Robert Lewyne father of Dom Robert Lewyne chaplain.

Witnesses: Dom Thomas Surtees *miles* steward of the bishop of Durham, Adam of Bowes steward of the prior of Durham, Richard son of Gilbert of Durham, William of Chilton, John Goce, Adam Wyther, John Goldsmith, Robert Jakos, Gilbert of Duxfield, Lawrence Gyck, John of Sematon, Thoma Cupper, Adam Mason, Thomas del Brome.
Date: Durham, Monday after St Ambrose 1339.

Draft/copy with a note that two burgages lay in South St, in longitude from the road to the River Wear, and in latitude between tenements of Walter Lewyn on the north and William Eure *miles* on the south, which John of Barnard Castle clerk had from William Thirsk clerk as in various evidences.

Quitclaim by Ranulph son of Alice de Wyntonia to Thomas Lewyne of his right to a half mark annual fine which the same Thomas owed him for 3 booths on the old bridge between the lands of John Castella and Robert Coketh with a rent of 3s 4d from tenements formerly in South St between the lands of Gilbert son of John and William de Slada formerly the tenement of Roger the mason.

Size: 145 x 340 mm

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.135, 136, 178, 218.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:75 [1295]

Lease by Thomas of Nesbit to John son of Roger of Winston of all his land in Boldon moor, formerly given to Thomas's father Thomas by Robert [of Holy Island] bishop of Durham, with bounds beginning at Resthill, descending by the ditch of Gilbert Gateg' to the angle of the said Gilbert's ditch, then descending to Harop, then proceeding from Harop to Bollesburn and afterwards ascending from Bollesburn to opposite Foleteby field, and again ascending through Foleteby field up to Resthill, to hold from Thomas from St Martin 1295 for 20 years, along with a third part of the said land which Joan mother of the said Thomas holds by way of dower, rendering annually for each acre of arable 12d and for each acre of meadow on the south of Hilton 2s 6d, half at Pentecost and half at St Martin, and the said John or his heirs will render the farm owed at the exchequer in Durham at the four terms constituted in the bishoprick of Durham.

Witnesses: John of Usworth, William de Hebrem, Adam of Newton, William of Southwick.

Size: 150 x 230 mm

Seal: G&B No.1869, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:76 [22 September] 1333

Grant by Adam son of Mariot to Robert Miller son of Adam son of Edmund of Hareholme, of a burgage in South St in the Old Borough of Durham between the burgages of Adam Withir and William Piklully and extending in longitude from the road to the orchard wall on the west, rendering annually 12d in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: John de Haulathby bailiff of the Old Borough, of Durham, William of Chilton, John Goce, Adam Withir, Thomas Cupper, Robert Jakes, Lawrence Gik.

Date: the court of the Old Borough of Durham, Wednesday after St Matthew 1333.

Size: 110 x 165 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.221.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:77 5 November 1391

Lease by Dom John of Derby dean of the collegiate church of Chester le Street, to Master John Hackthorpe clerk, of his manor of Walworth with all its arable land, meadows, and pasture, from the Purification of the BVM next for 6 years, rendering annually 4 marks at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions from Pentecost 1393, with John of Derby to have all the profits from the land now sown up to St Martin 1392 and John Hackthorpe will have the profits of the land not sown up to then.

Date: 5 November 1391.

Size: 120 x 245 mm

Seal: G&B No.788, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:78 [5 November] 1338

Grant by Richard of Dunwich son and heir of Isabella of Dunwich his late mother to John Curtays, of all his third part of a toft and croft in the vill of Plawsworth by the land of John de Aldewode between the lands of Dom John de Wileby *miles* on the west and the said Aldewode on the east, along with the third part of half an acre of arable in the field of the vill of Plawsworth on the north in a place called *ye Ryg* by the land of Alan Cissor which he inherited after the death of his mother Isabella, rendering annually to William son of Henry of Kelloe a pound of cumin at St Cuthbert in September.

Witnesses: Alan Colyer, John son of Thomas, Alexander of Plawsworth, Robert son of William, Gilbert of Niccestelys.

Date: Plawsworth, Thursday next after All Saints 1338.

Size: 150 x 225 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:79 [15th century]

Memoranda "de adquirenda allocacione libertatum Episcopatus Dunelmensis" at general eyres *temp.* Henry III and Edward I, concerning the abbot of Peterborough, R. de Thirkelby, G. de Preston and J. de Vallibus.

Size: 60-80 x 275 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:80 [15 July] 1294

Grant by Roger *dictus* maltster and his wife Juliana, to Richard *dictus* Lanerd, of a burgage in the borough of Elvet in Durham between the lands of Hugh the baker and the vennen to the hostillar of Durham's meadow at Nuntholm at the exit of the borough, for a certain sum of money, rendering annually to the chapel of St Andrew on the new bridge in Durham 8d, half at St Martin and half at Pentecost, and also 1d to the borough of Elvet for *landmale* at the two terms.

Witnesses: Nicholas of Easington bailiff, Alan of Sherburn, William son of Thomas, Robert of Darlington, William of Houghton, John Ruffo, Hugh Carter, Hugh Baker, Patrick Cygg', Gilbert Baker, Thomas of Thickey, Sturgis Baker, Andrew Burges clerk.

Date: the court of the borough of Elvet [Durham], Thursday before St Margaret the virgin 1294.

Size: 155 x 210 mm

Seal: 2 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.656.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:81 [early 15th century]

Excerpts from inquisitions *post mortem* and other evidences of lands and tenements in Killerby and Heighington from 1183 to 7 Thomas Langley [1412-1413]:

John Freeman, Killerby, 25 Hatfield.

Thomas Freeman, Killerby, 36 Hatfield.

Agnes widow of Richard of Evenwood, Heighington, 16 Skirlaw.

William of Evenwood, Heighington, 4 Langley.

John of Killerby, Killerby, 7 Langley.

Roger of Killerby, Killerby, 15 Hatfield.

John of Chilton of Heighington, Heighington, 11 Langley.

Walter Wiot, Heighington, 5 Hatfield.

Cecilia widow of John of Evenwood, Heighington, 11 Hatfield.

Free tenants at Heighington in the bishop's rentals, Bishop Fordham.

Boldon Book re Killerby, 1183.

Size: 450 x 300 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:82 17 May 1348

Notarial instrument reciting the protestation by John of Mitford of Durham diocese a poor clerk, through his proctor William Alman of Durham clerk, that he was not renouncing the papal grace of providing him with a benefice, though he had refused to accept the vicarage of Bywell St Peter at the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham, in the hope of a better one.

Witnesses: Master Hugh of Teesdale official of the archdeacon of Northumberland and Dom John de Sculthorp rector of Misson in York diocese.

Date: Durham 17 May 1348.

Notary: John Thomas of Hackthorpe clerk of Carlisle diocese, NP by apostolic authority.

Size: 225 x 285 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:83 [1494 x 1510]

Draft letter from Thomas [Castell], prior of Durham, to Edmund Dudley, royal esquire, about receiving him into the confraternity.

Endorsed with various rough accounts and notes.

Size: 290 x 215 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:84 20 February 1449

Certification of John de Barlay, prior of Lytham, to William [Ebchester] prior of Durham of having received the following summons

Summons by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham to Master John Mody master of Jarrow to appear with his fellow monk at the visitation of Robert [Neville] bishop of Durham on 10 March, with a return to be made by 20 February.

Date: 10 [February] 1448/9.

and that he will send his fellow monk John Ryhall as pressing business means he cannot come.

Date: 20 February 1448/9.

Size: 130 x 310 mm

Seal: G&B No.3511, on a tongue

Register copy of a similar certification: DCD Reg. IV, f.68r.

Similar mandates: DCD Loc.XXVII:18d,e.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:85 [c.1340]

Quitclaim by Simon Sawyer of Durham to Robert of Hett and his wife Agnes of his right to a burgage in South Street in the Old Borough.

Witnesses: William of Wilmington bailiff, John Goce, John of Thirsk, William of Chilton, Walter of Brafferton, John Tanner, Ralph Tanner, Roger de Asck, Thomas of Hart, Robert Dyer.

Size: 100 x 235 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag (reused from a ?mandate of Bishop Richard [?de Bury]), through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.219.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:86 2 December 1364

Appeal of Master Henry of Axholme, proctor of Thomas [Hatfield], bishop of Durham, against a sentence of excommunication on certain Durham citizens (Robert Litster, Robert of Ellingham, proctor Master John of Staunton) in a case before papal judges delegate Dom John prior of York Holy Trinity, Master Simon of Beckingham chancellor of York Minster and Master Thomas Neville canon of York Minster.

Witnesses: Masters Richard of Langton, Richard of Beckingham, Geoffrey of Langton and Hugh of Fleetham, advocates of the court of York, and Robert of Hackthorpe notary public.

Date: York Minster consistory court, 2 December 1364.

Notary: John of Dishforth clerk of York diocese, NP by apostolic authority, eschatocol recited

Size: 475 x 450 mm

Related material in other DUL collections: Documents in the same case: DCD Loc.XXVII:26 (file); 4.16.Spec.25; Misc.Ch. 2610; Misc.Ch. 2611; Misc.Ch. 2617; Misc.Ch. 5527a-c; Misc.Ch. 5528; Misc.Ch. 7038; Misc.Ch. 7231.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:87 7 April 1427

Rental of property belonging to the monastery of Durham in the Old Borough, Gilesgate, Framwelgate, Elvet etc, renewed.

"Rentale etc ibidem renouatum die Martis proxima ante festum Pasche Anno domini Millesimo CCCCmo xxvijo"; this heading follows the marginal heading "Ballium Dunelm" and subsequent sections cover all the holdings in various parts of Durham that belonged to the estate administered by the bursar. Rents are stated as "per annum", and in the sections for Gilesgate and Elvet entries are marked off, either with two dots or "qt"; it seems probable that these markings represent the payment of what was due for the period covered by the bursar's account for Pentecost 1426 - Pentecost 1427.

Size: 440 x 165 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:88 [1274 x 1283]

Grant by John son of Gilbert of Sedgefield to Thomas of Nesbit of his capital messuage, 2 acres of land which Roger Fylding formerly held of him, one on Michael Stote's croft and the other on Tendelaw, and 4 acres of meadow between the demesne meadow of the bishop and a marsh called Welleker in Sedgefield, to hold of the bishop of Durham with all liberties, easements etc within the vill of Sedgefield and without, rendering annually to the bishop 2s at the four constituted terms in the bishoprick.

Witnesses: Dom William de Laton, Dom Guichard [de Charron] steward of the bishop, Dom William Harpyn, and Dom Walter of Ludworth *milites*, John of Malton sheriff of Durham, Robert of Thorp, Thomas of Middleham, John of Stanhope, William of Mordon, Peter of Hardwick, William of Darlington clerk.

Size: 165 x 225 mm

Seal: G&B No.2204, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:89 [15 August] 1283

Grant by Andrew Barber and his wife Alice to Ralph *dictus* Gervase and his wife Luciana of his half of the tenement which formerly Alice of York held between the lands of John of Carlisle and formerly of Robert the tanner, with the croft, to hold of the master and brothers of Kepier hospital, making all due services to the hospital.

Witnesses: John of Howden steward, William of Easington, William of Whitelaw, William del Slade, Ralph Dance, John Flure, Richard Cutling, Nicholas Ruffo, William del Sartern, Adam Baker, Hugh of Peebles clerk.

Date: St Giles Borough Durham, the Assumption of the BVM 1283.

Size: 95 x 190 mm

Seal: two blank parchment [sealing] tags, each through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.477.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:90 [18 December] 1309

Lease by Roger son of Ralph *dictus* Gervase to Hugh Leker of Gilesgate and Eva his wife of his burgage with croft in Gilesgate which the said Roger had from Roger of York his uncle, rendering annually to Roger 10s at the two terms of Pentecost and St Martin. Witnesses: Roger son of Roger Dom of Esh, John of Easington, John of Mainforth, Walter of Wycliffe, Robert of Hett, John de ?Brateby, William Gracias, Elias de Jabuteler, Roger Leg.

Date: Durham, Thursday before St Thomas the apostle 1309.

Size: 145 x 190 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.477.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:91 [28 May ?1400]

Final concord between William Erghoo of Yarm spicer, John Gower chaplain and John Arudnel chaplain querulents, and William Pontefract citizen and panner of York and Amicia his wife deforciant, for the sale of two messuages, half of a messuage and a third part of three messuages and a bovat of land in Yarm by the deforciant to the querulents for £20.

Date: Westminster, morrow of Ascension 1 Henry ?IV.

Size: 150 x 275 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:92 [21 April] 1343

Agreement between John Bill and Peter le Barbeour of Durham concerning an annual rent of 12s from a tenement in Durham between those of William de Qwalton clerk and John de Qwelpdale, 10s of which Bill had quitclaimed to Barbeour but this was recovered by John [Fossor] prior of Durham as the right of the church of St Cuthbert Durham in the court of the bishop of Durham, and Barbeour agrees to pay the remaining 2s annually to Bill in equal portions at Pentecost and St Martin.

Date: Durham, Monday before St Mark 1343.

Endorsed (contemporary) as between Robert Qwalto and John Morylo.

Size: 130 x 230 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.339.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:93 5 January 1398

Grant by indenture by the prior and convent of Durham to Ralph of Bulmer *miles*, since Ralph, by indenture, demised to John of Appleby, Thomas Kay and Robert of Hemingbrough, chaplains, their heirs and assigns, a third part of the manor of Simonside and Preston for three years from Martinmas 1395, rendering 5 marks yearly to Ralph and 13s 4d yearly to the prior and convent; that, if the render of five marks be unpaid in whole or part for 12 weeks after a term day, it be allowed to Ralph to distrain upon the two-thirds of the manor of Simonside and Preston and any other lands and tenements there which the prior and convent have, for retention by him until satisfied of the arrears, with the same right to pertain to any heir of Ralph's, being of full age, should Ralph happen to die within the three years.

Date: 5 January 1397/8.

Size: 170 x 300 mm

Seal: fragment, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Copy: DCD Reg. II, f.264v.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:94 [early 14th century]

Grant by Hugh *dictus* proctor burgess of the Old Borough of Durham living in East Brandon to John of Dalton tanner living in Allergate in Durham and his wife Juliana, of his burgage in South St in the Old Borough of Durham, formerly given him by the late Henry of Hornby, rendering annually 2d at the feasts of St Martin and Pentecost.

Witnesses: Dom Gilbert Burnhard dean of Durham, Robert of Hett bailiff of the Old Borough of Durham, Thomas son of William son of Hugh, Hugh of Cocken, Adam of Milburn, William son of Ranulph, Thomas Tunnock, William Serdewel, Simon of Northampton, Roger of Eggescliffe, Richard of Chilton, Thomas Blagris.

Size: 70 x 280 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.219.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:95 1 May 1407

Lease by John [of Hemingbrough] prior of Durham to John of Hindley of Durham of all the tenements etc in Gilesgate Durham which the prior was given by Thomas of Lumley chaplain from Pentecost next for [blank] years, rendering annually £4 in equal portions at St Martin and Pentecost, with repair and distraint clauses.

Date: Durham, 1 May 1407.

Size: 180 x 295 mm

Seal: blank parchment sealing tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.475-476.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:96 6 July [1452]

Bond of John Clerk of Newcastle, merchant, to John ?Cilne of Gateshead in £11.

Date: 6 July 30 Henry VI.

Endorsed as a bond to John Camice.

Size: 70 x 210 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a tongue

DCD Loc.XXXVII:97 7 September 1409

Commission of the keeper of the spiritualities of Howden and Howdenshire to Dom Robert of Hemingbrough, vicar of Skipwith, Thomas de Ryhale clerk and John Hawkswell, to sequester the revenues of the church of Hemingbrough on behalf of the prior of Durham.

Date: Howden, 7 September 1409.

With some interlineations.

Size: 95 x 275 mm

Seal: [sealing tongue] stub

DCD Loc.XXXVII:98 1 March [1355]

Lease by Thomas son of Richard of Fery to [John Fossor] prior of Durham of his sea-coals (*carbones maritimos*) on the north of the vill on or under the ground between the road from Durham to Fery on the west and a footpath called Hopesiderode on the east, for 30 years, with the prior allowed to dig and make pits and watercourses to extract the coal, to remove them and to have sufficient access for this, rendering each week half a quarter of coal to Thomas and his servants.

Date: Fery, Sunday 1 March 135[4/5].

Size: 125 x 230 mm

Seal: slit in a turnup

Counterpart: DCD 4.12.Spec.19.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:99 [1249 x 1260]

Quitclaim by Simon de Culvertebi to Roger son of Richard de Culvertebi of his right to all the land and meadow which he had of the gift of the said Richard in the vill and fields of Culvertebi.

Witnesses: John of Egglescliffe (*Heglesclive*) steward of the bishop, Dom Thomas of Berrington, Dom Richard chancellor, Dom Adam of Fulthorpe, Geoffrey of Egglescliffe, Robert of Burnigill, Geoffrey de Northamen, John de Lichgraives, John of Beechburn (*Beekeburne*), Robert Testard.

Dated by Egglescliffe as bishop's steward.

Size: 65 x 265 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, from a reused document, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:100 25 October [1391 x 1415]

Letter of W[illiam] of Thrislington (*Thurstone*), clerk, to [John of Hemingbrough], prior of Durham, about R[obert] of Walworth, the prior's predecessor, and the chapter of Durham and an excommunication at the instance of the archdeacon of Northumberland.

Date: Rome, 25 October.

Size: 150 x 300 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:101 15 February 1435

Lease by Master William Doncaster clerk and John Binchester chaplain, to John prior and the chapter of Durham of two burgages with their appurtenances, one situated on *le corneer* in Durham market place near *le Tolleboth'*, commonly called *le Corneerboth'*, between the burgage of the prior and chapter on one side and the burgage of Thomas Aespor gent on the other, the second burgage in Gilesgate in Durham between the burgage of Emma, widow of William Palfrayman of Durham on the east side, and the former burgage of Robert Gykke on the west, to be held by the prior and chapter and their successors for the term of Emma's life, rendering yearly to her or her certain attorney during her lifetime 13s 4d at Whitsun and Martinmas in equal portions, with the first payment at Whitsun next, with distrains detailed.

Date: Durham, 15 February 1434/5.

Size: 175 x 290 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through 3 slits in a turnup, with slits for a further tag

Register copy: DCD Reg. Parv. II, f.86v-87r.

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.350, 447.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:102 [6 October] 1381

Grant by William son of Peter Betson of Whitby clerk, of the reversion of a toft which William del Backhouse holds for life in Whitby in a street called Blagdale between lands of Peter Betson on the west and William Lepice on the east, and half a toft next to the said toft formerly held by Richard Here, and William del Backhouse similarly holds for life in the said street a toft between the lands of Euphemia Lister on the east and William Lepice on the west, which toft Alice his mother acquired from Stephen Betson, after the death of William del Backhouse to William del Malthouse and his wife Matilda (sister of the grantor) and the heirs of their bodies, rendering annually to the fabric of the parish church of Whitby 12d at Pentecost and St Martin in equal portions, with reversion to Alice daughter of Robert Dobson of Louth, and then to John Smith and William Stokesley proctors of the fabric.

Witnesses: John Smith sr, John Scot, John Smith jr, Richard Here, William Stokesley.

Date: Whitby, Sunday the octave of St Michael 1381.

Size: 165 x 265 mm

Seal: 3 slits in a turnup [for a sealing tag]

DCD Loc.XXXVII:103 [1 May] 1410

Bond of William Ysope, vicar of Bywell St Peter, and Richard Cowhird in £200 to pay the sacrist and communar of Durham 24 marks at the Purification of the BVM and the Invention of the Holy Cross in each of the next three years.

Date: Ascension 1410.

Size: 100 x 270 mm

Seal: two unidentified, each on a tongue, with a wrapping tie stub below

DCD Loc.XXXVII:104 [early 14th century]

Grant by Thomas son of Thomas of East Nesbit to John Gategang son of Gilbert Gategang sr burgess of Gateshead, of all his land in Boldon moor called *Nesbitemore* with the reversion of the third part of that land which his mother Joanna holds for life as her dower, as he or his father Thomas held them.

Witnesses: Doms Walter of Washington and William Basset *milites*, Walter of Selby, John of Biddick, John of Usworth (*Osseworth*), William del Lardener, Nicholas de Merley.

Size: 110 x 275 mm

Seal: G&B No.1868, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:105 15th century

Exemplification of a bull of Pope Adrian IV confirming the possessions and liberties of the church of Durham.

Date: the Galilee at Durham.

Unexecuted.

Size: 350 x 490 mm

Copy of the original: DCD Cart. Vet., f.16v-18v.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:105* 12 May 1388

Grant by William de Graystangs, William of Cowton, John of Appleby and Reginald Porter to [Robert of Walworth] prior and the convent of Durham, of 5 messuages in the vill of Durham.

Date: 12 May 1388.

Seal: 4 unidentified, each on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Ownership history: Noted [by ?William Greenwell, late 19th/early 20th century] on wrapper as "wanting"

DCD Loc.XXXVII:106 14 February 1449

Certificate of Thomas Bradbury, master of the cell of Wearmouth, of having received the following summons and summoned his fellow monk Thomas Cowhele.

Citation and mandate by William [Ebchester] prior of Durham, to Thomas Bradbury master of the cell of Wearmouth, informing him that Robert [Nevill], bishop of Durham, proposes to visit the chapter of Durham (&c) summoning him to attend with his fellows dwelling with him before the bishop in the chapter house on the appointed date and undergo the visitation, as he ought to do and has hitherto been accustomed to do; providing that he does not leave the cell of Wearmouth with no monk present; and requiring him to send a return by 20 February, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, as to what he shall have seen fit to do in the foregoing, with the names of the fellows summoned on account of the foregoing.

Date: Durham, 10 February 1448/9.

Date: 14 February 1448/9.

Size: 140 x 290 mm

Seal: unidentifiable, on a tongue, with a [wrapping tie] stub below

DCD Loc.XXXVII:107 [late 15th century]

Copies of a charter of Bishop Puiset and a bull of Pope Innocent III.

Size: 230 x 310 mm

Puiset charter original: DCD 3.1.Pont.2.

Pope Innocent III bull another copy: DCD Cart. Vet., f.34v.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:108

Ownership history: Now 4.1.Sacr.9.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:109 18 February 1517

Indenture recording the delivery of certain charters (itemised by their references and incipits) by the chancellor, Dom Christopher Willy, to the terrar, Master Hugh Whitehead.

Date: 18 February 1516/7.

Size: 220 x 300 mm

DCD Loc.XXXVII:110 [2 May] 1364

Grant by Richard son of John son of Peter of Fery to Robert son of Richard of Merrington of 2½ acres of land and 2 parts of half an acre of meadow in Kirk Merrington (1 acre at Twelfacres, 1 beyond Prestongate, half an acre and the two parts of a half acre at Whitwell), with the reversion of 1 acre and 1 rod and a third part of half an acre which Isabel wife of Richard of Hett holds as dower of the inheritance of William son of Peter of Fery formerly her husband, in exchange for another 3 acres of land in the same vill and a certain sum of money.

Witnesses: Robert of Dalton, Robert de Dowdale, Richard of Hett, William of Heighington, Gilbert of Grindon, Thomas son of John of Merrington.

Date: Merrington, Thursday Ascension Day 1364.

Size: 135 x 225 mm

Seal: blank parchment [sealing] tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:111 [30 May 1479]

Lease by William Whelden of Durham gent and his wife Margaret to William Byres of the same, of their tenement in Crossgate in the Old Borough of Durham between the tenements of the almoner of the abbey of Durham on the east and a waste burgage of the prioress and convent of Neasham on the west, from Pentecost 19 Edward IV for 9 years, rendering annually for the first 5 years 26s 8d and for the remaining 4 years 28s 4d, at St Martin and Pentecost in equal portions, with distrains detailed.

Witnesses: Robert Cocken, John Johnson, John Baxter, George Richardson.

Endorsed with notes of payments for the first 3 years, and then for 1483, and a further sum for 1483.

Size: 120 x 310 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through 3 slits in a turnup

Calendared in: M.M. Camsell, "City of Durham c.1250-1540", (York Univ. D.Phil. thesis 1985), vol.II p.149.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:112 [18 November] 1359

Grant by Robert lord of Pelaw to John of Hackthorpe clerk of an annual rent of 10 marks from his lands in the vill of Pelaw for life payable at the two annual terms of Pentecost and St Martin.

Witnesses: William of Kirkby coroner of Chester ward, Gilbert de Merley, Robert of Masham, Jordan de Merley, Alan of Ravensworth.

Date: Pelaw, Monday before St Edmund King and Martyr 1359.

Size: 130 x 275 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVII:113 [c.1568]

Sketch plan of burgages in the Market Place, Durham, giving their names/holders and ?values, orientated north-south. Endorsed with notes about claims.

Language: English

Size: 210 x 310 mm

Printed and discussed in: M. Bonney, *Lordship and urban community. Durham and its overlords 1250-1540* (Cambridge, 1990), p.248-249; P.D.A. Harvey, *Maps in Tudor England* (1993), p.9; (discussed only) P.D.A. Harvey, "Early Modern Maps in Mirror Image", in *Orbis Disciplinae Hommages en l'Honneur de Patrick Gautier Dalché*, ed N. Bouloux, A. Dan, G. Tolia (Turnhout, 2017), p.755-762.

DCD Loc.XXXVII:114 8 October 1450

Grant by John Cawse of Gateshead to John Brandesby of the same, of his tenement in Gateshead in the west part near the head of a street between the tenements of Sherburn on the south and the chantry of St John of Gateshead on the north in perpetuity.

Witnesses: John Balryke, John Newborn, John Young, John Atkinson and others of Gateshead.

Date: Gateshead, 8 October 1450, 25 Henry VI.

Size: 80 x 310 mm

Seal: unidentified, on a parchment tag, through a slit in a turnup

DCD Loc.XXXVIII

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XXXIX

Ownership history: Contains no material now.

DCD Loc.XL

Ownership history: Contains no material now.