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## **Preface**

### **Creation of catalogue**

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Durham Cathedral Archive: Register V

*Reference code:* GB-0033-DCD-Regr-5

*Dates of creation:* 1486 - 1538 with occasional earlier items

Parchment book, in pasteboards, bound in reverse calf, with a title panel on the spine of red morocco with "[R]EGM QUINTUM/ AB AO 1486/ IN 1537" in gold lettering. 266 leaves, modern foliation 2-267 (f.1 is now lost), also near contemporary foliation of f.2-267 with another occasional slightly variant near contemporary foliation suggesting, for instance, the loss of 10 folios between 38 and 39.

*Size:* 325 x 415mm

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

*Creator:* Durham Cathedral Priory

*Language of material:* Latin, with occasional English

## Contents

Current register of priory business in roughly chronological order, with some earlier documents included at the time and a few added later. It comprises copies of documents issued under the priory seal, along with copies of episcopal and other documents of interest to the priory. The material includes presentations, elections of priors (Castell in 1494 and Whithead in 1519), letters of confraternity and consorority (with a particular grouping around 1509 including Henry VII's principal ministers), memoranda of other documents, proxies, appointments, notarial instruments of resignations (especially for the Hemingbrough and Howden churches), inspeximi of bishops' appointments and leases, oaths, sanctuary petitions (none after 1522), mandates, certifications of citations, letters, petitions, leases (from 1495). Particular items include papal bulls of Martin IV, Alexander IV and Clement IV in favour of Sherburn Hospital, a treatise in favour of the bishop of Durham's right to forfeitures of war, documents of the administration of the see of Durham when both Durham and York were *sede vacante* in 1507, and a dispensation for the marriage of Sir John Nevill and his wife Anne in 1454. There is generally gradually less business during the 1520s and 1530s.

The hand of the Communar's cartulary is the same as that responsible for the majority of the entries for the period 1490-1499 (f.9v-51v) and "it is extremely unlikely that a monk did this work" (A.J. Piper 5 August 2005).

## Accession details

Part of the medieval archive of Durham Cathedral Priory placed in the care of Durham University by Durham Dean and Chapter in 1948.

## Arrangement

f.1r-5r Priory register.

f.5r-9v Priory register *tempore* William Cawthorn, chancellor from 1487.

f.9v-34r Priory register *tempore* William Roy, chancellor from 1490.

f.34r-191v Priory register *tempore* Thomas Swalwell, chancellor from 18 March 1496.

f.192r-265v Priory register *tempore* Christopher Blunt, chancellor from 27 May 1520.

f.266r-267v Priory register.

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### Processing

Selected entries were listed by Martin Snape in a typescript list in 1961. The whole register was calendared by Charles Kelham as part of a Follett-funded project 1995-1999. His Wordperfect file was edited by Alan Piper, and then input to XMetal by Michael Stansfield in 2005.

### Copies

Digitised and available online.

A microfilm negative master is held by Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections, as PGFilm 120.

### Related material - elsewhere

Durham County Record Office

The register ends in the middle of an entry at f.265; four subsequent folios are now in the Salvin records at Durham County Record Office, reference D/Sa/X 164, possibly acquired by Gerard Salvin who was sub-steward of Durham dean and chapter from 1547. Photocopies of these folios are available at Add.MS. 2185/4. There is at least one further folio missing between these folios and the end of the register, and these folios also end (in February 1539) with an incomplete entry indicating there is at least another folio now missing at the end.

## f.1r-5r

## f.1

[Lost: for notes of two presentations which appeared on this folio, see Reg. IV f.234r; for the surviving part of an inspeximus which began on this folio see the next entry]

f.[1v-]2r 24 December 1486

[Latter part of inspeximus] [by John prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant

Grant by letters patent by [? William Dudley, bishop of Durham,] to Thomas [surname given only on f.1, and consequently lost] of the offices of [? keeping the castle or manor of Crayke] and park-keeper of Crayke receiving 1d per day for the office of [? keeping the castle or manor] and 4d per day for keeping the said park, to be paid yearly at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver, bailiff or reeve of the bishop's lordship of Crayke; with all other [fees], profits (&c) pertaining to holders of the said offices before this time; also a gentleman's robe to be delivered to him yearly at Christmas.

By the hands of John Kelyng, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Bishop Auckland 1 December [?1479]

saving the rights and liberties of the church of Durham in all things.

Dated: Durham, 24 December 1486.

f.2r ?5 January 1487

Collation by John prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Walker, LL.B., of the chantries of the chapels of St James at the end of the New [i.e. Elvet] bridge, Durham, and of St Andrew upon the same bridge, vacant by the lawful deprivation or removal of John Brown, chaplain, last chaplain or warden thereof, on account of violation or transgression against the ordinances of the said chantries, providing that he duly bear the incumbent burdens thereof, in person or through another chaplain, if he be obstructed by legitimate impediment.

Dated: Durham

Original: DCD Loc.XIV:14.

f.2r-v [1501]

Written oath by Thomas Fenton, forester of the park of Crayke and keeper of the castle there, 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 annoyance, injury or harm, not to disturb them in their rights, liberties or customs, or to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way; saving his fealty to the bishop of Durham and his successors.

Sealed.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4/10, for which a date of 1501 has been suggested, given that the oath is sewn together with similar documents of that year. (Accounts for Fenton as reeve of Crayke survive from 1492-1509: CCB B 106/6-18.)

f.2v 8 January 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Ralph Hampstirley, M.A., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Hoode, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.2v 3 February 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Fell', chaplain, in the vicarage of Dalton-le-Dale vacant by the death of John Ledell', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.2v-3r 14 February 1487

Proxy by John prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Potman, LL.D., Mr Hugh Snell, D.Dec., and Mr John Hert, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate on their behalf in the coming convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to be held in York minster on 19 February next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his deputed commissaries, one or more, to treat with the other prelates and clergy of the province upon those things which happen to be set before them there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.3r 27 March 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute George Heron', chaplain, in the church of Meldon, vacant by the death of John le Clerk, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.3r 27 March 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Henry Meryngton', chaplain, in the church of Kimblesworth, vacant by the resignation of Ralph Hampstirley, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.3r-v [1487 ?]

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Gilbert Johnson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Branxton, vacant by the resignation of James Stevynson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.3v 23 June 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Lawrence Strangways, chaplain, in the canonry and first prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Hert, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.3v-4r 23 June 1487

Chirograph contract between John prior and the chapter of Durham and Alexander Bell', cantor, witnessing that Alexander Bell' has been retained and sworn to serve the prior and chapter for the term of his life as follows:

to teach those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputy should assign to him, to play the organ and to sing plain chant and with organ accompaniment, namely *playnsong*, *priknote*, *faburdon*, *dischaunt* and *countre* ;

to be present in person from beginning to end at all masses and vespers to be celebrated with *priknote*, *faburdon* and organ-accompanied singing in the choir of the cathedral, (excepting the commemorations of St Mary and St Cuthbert, at which he will be bound to be present as often as required due to any reasonable cause) to play the organ if need be, and to sing the tenor or any other vocal part most suited to him for the aforementioned chants;

daily to be present in person, unless lawfully excused, at the masses of St Mary the Virgin to be celebrated *cum nota* in the Galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time;

each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass in honour of St Mary and St Cuthbert; to be present in person in the choir at the *Salve*, moreover on every Saturday, at principal feasts and their vigils;

not being bound to come on other days and feasts unless duly asked, for a necessary, reasonable cause, by the precentor or another vicegerent of his;

the prior and chapter, for themselves and their successors, granting Alexander Bell', for rendering the services as aforesaid, £10 to be paid for the term of his life yearly at Lady Day and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks of the prior and chapter and their successors, to be received every Christmas; with Alexander to demand nothing beyond the foregoing from the prior and chapter.

Dated: Durham

f.4r-v 3 June 1487

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Hert, B.Dec., canon, as he claimed, of Hemingbrough collegiate church, and prebendary of the first prebend thereof, appeared in person and held in his hands and made and read the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, John Hert, canon of Hemingbrough and prebendary of the first prebend thereof, desiring, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York.

Witnesses: William Warde, canon in the chapel of St Mary the Virgin and the Holy Angels [a/. St Sepulchre] York, and Mr Henry Davison, clerk, N.P., York dioc..

Notary: Richard Latomer, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, noting an interlineation).

Done: the writing-house of the chapter of York, within the minster close

f.4v 14 July 1487

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Henry Jakson', chaplain, in the chantry of Cliffe at the altar of St Mary the Virgin in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the resignation of John Glover, last chaplain thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.4v-5r 10 July 1487

Notarial instrument recording that John Glover, chaplain, as he claimed, of Cliffe chantry at St Mary's altar on the north side of Hemingbrough collegiate church, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation, in a paper schedule, whereby he, John Glover, chaplain of Cliffe chantry in Hemingbrough collegiate church, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden and rule of the said chantry, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: John Hamyldon, chaplain, and Edward Banys, *literatus*, of York dioc..

Notary: John Deys, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: a certain small chapel of St Mary in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough.

f.5r 10 October 1487

[Memorandum of] petition by Adam Ewebank, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in Stainmore, Westmorland, on 4 October [1487], as he believed, he killed a man.

Witnesses: Thomas Castyll', chancellor of the said cathedral church, Edward Pattonson, John Gray, and Adam Watson.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.13-14 no.xxxi.

## The common register of the time of William Cawthorn, chancellor of the cathedral church of Durham, begins, A.D. 1487.

f.5r-9v

f.5r 10 November 1487

Appointment and mandate by John, prior of Durham, to William Brown, monk of Durham, creating him prior of the cell of Holy Island, committing to him the cure and administration thereof, in spiritualities and temporalities, until otherwise instructed; ordering all those whom it might concern to answer to William as prior of the cell for everything pertaining thereto, likewise to be submissive as far as in them lies, as customary for other priors of the cell, so that faithful yearly account of all receipts and expenses of the cell can be rendered.

Dated: Durham

f.5v 3 December 1487

Notarial instrument recording that John, prior of Durham, with the consent of his fellow monks, standing by in a multitude, released Thomas Rolland, lately a monk and *confratrem gremialem* of Durham, being present in person, from all burdens incumbent upon him by reason of his profession, and from all right of claiming the same in the monastery of Durham henceforward, gave Thomas licence to accept and assume the priorate of Luffield, which he believed to be vacant and to which he was hoping to be elected, with the consent of those whom it concerned, and to enjoy the same, notwithstanding his profession in the monastery of Durham, so long as he let go entirely all rights of a monk of Durham, as he has done, and, at the special request of his fellow monks, granted, that as often as he should pass to the monastery of Durham, he should be able to use a frock of a monk of Durham without accusation during his stay, provided that by this he presume to claim no other right or title in the same monastery.

Witnesses: William Elwyk, subprior, John Swan', terrar, and William Cawthorn, chancellor of the cathedral church of Durham.

Notary: John Batmanson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited and sign and motto reproduced)

Done: in a large chamber of the prior of Durham, in his usual dwelling-house within the monastery of Durham

f.5v-6r 18 February 1488

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Hamylton, chaplain, in the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the death of Thomas Alce, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.6r 24 March 1488

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John West chaplain, in the third vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the resignation of John Hamylton, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.6r-v ?Spring 1488

Ordinance by John prior and the chapter of Durham since Mr John Rudd', B.Dec., dean of the collegiate church of Lanchester, from the goods conferred to him by God, has out of charity often conferred to the prior and chapter and their monastery copious gifts, and has given 200 marks to them for the purchase of lands and tenements to the yearly value of six marks, to be held by them for the maintenance of the burdens of a certain altar of St Mary, commonly called of Bolton, on the right-hand side of the cathedral choir, and of other burdens, as below, incumbent upon the prior and chapter each year, which sum, having been received and turned to the purchase of suitable lands and tenements appointed therefor, they acknowledge; and, desiring to make some spiritual recompense to Mr John for his favours and to commend him most solemnly to everlasting memory, after diligent discussion and of their common consent and will, granting, for themselves and their successors, and binding themselves, their successors, their monastery and all its goods, to appoint and maintain at their own expense a monk priest of their monastery to celebrate mass daily, barring legitimate impediment, at the altar of St Mary of Bolton for the souls of Mr John and his benefactors, in which he is to be obliged to say the collect or orison *Deus qui caritatis* so long as Mr John should live, and *Incline Domine* after his death, or one collect for him and one for his benefactors; and binding themselves and their successors to implement the foregoing in perpetuity.

Dated: Durham [? Spring 1488: there is nothing to suggest that the entry is notably out of sequence; Rudd died in 1490 ( *Fasti Dunelmenses*, ed. Rev. D.S. Boutflower (Surtees Society 139, 1926), p.111]

f.6v 17 May 1488

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Ralph Hampstirley, M.A., vicar, as he claimed, of Aycliffe, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation, in writing, whereby he, Ralph Hamstirley, vicar of Aycliffe, wishing to be discharged of the burden and rule of the said vicarage in order to effect an exchange of benefices, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Durham, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Mr John Whithede, N.P., and Robert Lax, of Coventry & Lichfield and Durham dioc..

Notary: John Batmanson', clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: Durham, parish church of St Nicholas

f.6v-7r 24 May 1488

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Brown', B.Dec., in the vicarage of Aycliffe vacant by the resignation of Ralph Hampstirley, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.7r 1 April 1488

Chirograph contract between John, prior of Durham, and John Bell', mason, witnessing that John is retained and sworn to serve the prior and chapter of Durham for life, from Whitsun next to come, thus:

to be special mason to the prior and chapter and their successors, taking on masonry works, with imagery and other things, new and old, at their expense; performing the work to the best of his ability, faithfully and without deceit, as often as required by the prior and chapter, their successors and anyone in their name, barring lawful impediment; to keep their and their successors' counsel and to keep their goods as far as he is able, not delivering them to others without licence; to do them no harm, but to inform them of harm to be done to them by others, and to prevent it from being done to the extent of his power; not to leave his occupation without the special licence of the prior and chapter; to teach the mason's craft to a succession of young men, each one hired for ten years as their apprentice; to be obedient to the prior and chapter and their successors in all manner of things;

and receiving: yearly during his life, when able to perform the foregoing and not afflicted with great age or sickness, ten marks in equal portions eight times in the year, with 10s at Martinmas every year for his *marthe*, to be paid by the hands of the sacrist of Durham by equal portions; also a robe each year, suitable to his rank; and a house, once inhabited by Thomas Barton', mason, to be occupied by John during his life, farm free;

that it shall be lawful for John to have apprentices of his own, one every ten years, to work as masons for the prior and chapter and their successors; and for each apprentice he is to receive yearly from the sacrist, in equal portions eight times in the year, three marks for each of the first three years of the apprenticeship, four marks for each of the next three years, six marks for each of the next three years, and seven marks for the tenth and last year;

and that when John should happen to be prevented from working by infirmity or age, he is to be content with four marks yearly, paid in equal portions eight times in the year by the sacrist.

Sealed interchangeably.

Dated: Durham

*Language:* English

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptorum Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.cclxxiii-ccclxxiv.

f.7r-v 7 ... 1489

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of the cathedral church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to his servants William Lee and John Luson of the keeping of his manor or manse of Wheel Hall, Yorks., along with the keeping of his garden there; the office to be held by William and John jointly and severally for the term of their life and of the longer lived of them, in person or through the deputy or deputies of either or both of them, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking yearly for the office, from the bishop and his successors, for life and for the life of the longer lived of them, the fees and wages used and wont to the office, to be paid by the hands of the receiver of Howden and Howdenshire in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, with all other profits, advantages, customary rights and emoluments pertaining to the office.

By the hand of John Kelyng, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 March Pont. 5 [1489]

Dated: Durham

f.7v 23 August 1488

[Memorandum of] petition by Richard Hawden' of Whickham, Co. Durham, husbandman, who came to Durham cathedral and there, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, about 18 years past, next to the stream called Dryburn in [? West] Allen Dale, in the franchise of Hexham, he and his three brothers began a quarrel with one John Betson' and struck him on the head and thigh and in other places, from which blows {they killed him} and he died at once.

Witnesses: John Batmanson', N.P., John Sayre, squire, William Smethirs, and John Dawglesse.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.14 no.xxxii.

*Related material in other DUL collections:* A petition on f.10v relates to the same killing.

f.7v 18 December 1488

[Memorandum of] petition by Richard Wright of Durham, glover, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, because he, present in person along with others in the territory of the township of [Bishop] Monkton, near Ripon, [W.R.] Yorks., with one Stephen Willson' (?recte John Hudson), around St Peter's Chains [1 August] four years past, aided the said John against one Stephen Willson' when the said John Hudson' struck the said Stephen with a certain *forest byll*' and gave him a mortal wound from which he died soon thereafter; and after this he aided John, the homicide, to evade "the hands of circumstances".

Witnesses: George Cornfurth', sacrist of the said church, John Batmanson, N.P., Thomas Riehop, and Richard Hanburgh.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.14 no.xxxiii.

f.8r 24 March 1490

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Wayke, M.A., in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the death of Edward Yonge, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.8r [23 March 1490]

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Turnour, chaplain, in the vicarage of Bishop Middleham, vacant by the <death> resignation of Mr William Wayke, last vicar thereof.

[Durham, 23 March 1490 or shortly thereafter, judging from the entries immediately preceding and following].

f.8r 23 March 1490

Notarial instrument recording that William Wayke, M.A., vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, appeared in person and made and read the following

Resignation, in writing, whereby he, William Wayke, vicar of [Bishop] Middleham, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the charge, cure, and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Durham, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. and asked the notary to draw up a public instrument for him thereon.

Witnesses: John Johnson, Christopher Richardson', *literati* of York diocese.

Notary: William Comberford, LL.B., of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: Oxford, an upper chamber in the college commonly called University College, within the walls of the university of Oxford

f.8v 20 April 1489

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Topcliffe, rector, as he claimed, of the church of York All Saints Pavement, appeared in person and made and read the following Resignation in writing, whereby he, John Topcliff, rector of York All Saints Pavement, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to exchange the the said church for the church of Kirby Underdale, now possessed by William, bishop of Dromore, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of another whomsoever having the power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: John Felle and William Crosby, chaplains, of York dioc..

Notary: John Deyce, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited)

Done: the vestry of York minster

f.8v 13 April 1489

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William, bishop of Dromore, in the church of York All Saints Pavement vacant by the resignation of Mr John Topcliff, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.8v-9r 24 December 1489

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Lovell, LL.B., in the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the death of Ralph Vasy, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.9r 25 March 1490

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Richard Wermouth', LL.B., in the church of Appleby, vacant by the resignation of (blank) last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.9r 18 April 1490

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Tyndale, chaplain, in the church of Holtby, vacant by the resignation of Mr Lancelot Claxton, last rector thereof; {saving a yearly pension of 25s due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery}.

Dated: Durham

f.9r-v [? spring/early summer 1490]

Letters of confraternity by John prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Malpas, LL.B., repaying him for the devotion of mind and the completeness of the sincere love which he has for the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham, as they know from experience by his deeds and in particular from his gift of various tenements and lands in Wolviston belonging to him by hereditary right, lately made by him in pure alms to the prior and chapter and their monastery, as manifest by his charter of gift and enfeofment, that his and his late forbears' names be enrolled in their books, among their other benefactors, living and dead, admitting him and his forbears as spiritual brethren and sisters of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, with prayers for him and his forbears, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof; also, on account of the foregoing and his other services rendered to the prior and chapter and their monastery, granting him an annuity of £5 to be taken by him from the prior and chapter and their successors in all time to come, with 50s being paid at both Michaelmas and Easter, so long as he be not presented to a suitable ecclesiastical benefice, with or without cure of souls, which might suffice to maintain his rank.

Dated: Durham.

f.9v 1 June 1490

Presentation by William Cuthbert prior and the convent of the cell or priory of Lytham in Amounderness, Richmond archdeaconry, asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, beyond his city, to institute Hugh Laithum, chaplain, in the church of Appleby, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Brown', chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Lytham



## The common register of the time of William Roy, chancellor of the cathedral church of Durham, begins, A.D. 1490

f.9v-34r

f.9v 26 May 1490

Nomination by John prior and the chapter of Durham to William Cuthbert, prior of Lytham, of Hugh Laythum, chaplain, for presentation to the church of Appleby, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Browne, and ordering him, according to the faculty assigned to him, to present Hugh Lathum to the bishop of Lincoln, by reason of this nomination. Under the other side of their common seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: Durham, 26 May 1490.

f.9v August 1490

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, to institute Th[omas] Dobson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Merrington, vacant by the resignation of William Soulby, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.10r 24 December 1490

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, to institute Mr Robert Pitcherd', M.A., student of theology, in the vicarage of Bedlington, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Hall', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.10r 24 December 1488

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to Henry Massey and the bishop's servant John Raket, jointly and severally, of the office of parker or warden of the park of Franklin, by Durham, with *Midelwod'* and *Riton* and its other appurtenances, although Lawrence Both, lately bishop of Durham, by his letters patent appointed Henry Massey, as forester of the park of Frankland, near Durham, with *Middelwod*, *Ryton* and its other appurtenances, to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors, taking from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the said office, by the hands of the bishop's master forester, along with all other profits, advantages and emoluments howsoever belonging to the said office, as more fully contained in the said letters [Reg.IV f.215r]; the said Henry has restored the said letters to the bishop for cancellation and surrendered his interest in the said office to the bishop in the chancery of Durham; creating them wardens or keepers of the said park, holding the office for the term of their life and of the longer lived of them, in person or through their deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors, taking yearly during their lives, from the bishop and his successors, for the office or wardenship aforesaid, the fees and wages used and wont thereto, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's head forester, along with all other fees, profits, advantages and emoluments belonging to the said office, as freely and wholly as any other in the said office took before this time.

By the hands of John Kelyng, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 March Pont. 4. [1488]

Dated: [Durham] 24 December 1488.

f.10r-v 31 August 1490

Ordinance by John prior and the chapter of Durham giving notice that, since Isabel Lawson, widow of Thomas Lawson of Cramlington, Durham dioc., has often made copious charitable donations to them and their monastery and has given them a sum of 200 marks for the purchase of lands and tenements to the yearly value of six marks, to be possessed by them in perpetuity for the perpetual maintenance of the burdens of the altar commonly called St Gregory's altar on the north side of the choir of Durham cathedral, and of other burdens incumbent upon the prior and chapter; that they acknowledge receipt of the 200 marks wishing to make charitable repayment to the said lady for her favours and, with their common consent, after the diligent discussion by rights required in such a case, granting, for themselves and their successors, and binding themselves, their successors and the goods of their monastery to the establishment, at their expense, of a monk priest of their monastery at the said altar of St Gregory, unless he should wish and be allowed to celebrate sooner elsewhere, to celebrate mass daily for all time, barring legitimate impediment, for the souls of the said Isabel, her father and mother, her husbands, her daughters Joan and Margaret, in which he is to be bound to say the collect *Deus qui caritatis* while those who are alive now live, and the collect *Inclina* for those who have died and for Isabel and the others aforesaid after their deaths. granting, for themselves and their successors, and binding themselves, their successors, their monastery and all its goods, to appoint and maintain at their own expense a monk priest of their monastery to celebrate mass daily, allowing for legitimate impediment, at the altar of St Mary of Bolton for the souls of Mr John and his benefactors, in which he is to be obliged to say the collect or orison *Deus qui caritatis* so long as Mr John should live, and *Incline Domine* after his death, or one collect for him and one for his benefactors; and binding themselves and their successors to implement the foregoing in perpetuity. Dated: [Durham]

f.10v 29 January 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Edward Coplay, student of arts, in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr Alexander Lee, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham { "not issued, nor took effect" }

f.10v 7 February 1491

Memorandum that letters of confraternity were granted to Thomas Rihopp' and Isabel, his wife, in common form.

f.10v 11 o'clock, 21 February 1491

[Memorandum of] petition by Edward Hayden [Hawden in marginal caption], inhabitant of the township of Whickham, Co. Durham, who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he and his two brothers {feloniously} struck and wounded one John Betson in the field called Dryburn by the township of Allendale Town ( *Dryburn' juxta villam de Alunton* ), and gave him a mortal blow from which he at once died; for which Edward, fearful of suffering death and the rigour of the law, most pressingly asked for sanctuary.

Witnesses: William Smeders, John Gray, servant of the sacrist, and John Brown'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.17 no.xl.

*Related material in other DUL collections:* A petition on f.7v relates to the same killing.

f.10v 5 p.m., 3 March 1491

[Memorandum of] petition by John Cradoke of the township of Hunderthwaite in Richmondshire, who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that at Hunderthwaite he feloniously struck one John Balys in the right side with a dagger and gave him a mortal blow from which he at once died.

Witnesses: George Cornforth', sacrist of Durham, Thomas Salter, rector of St Mary in South Bailey, Nicholas Blaxston, gentleman, Richard Baynbryg', Richard Denom.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.18 no.xli.

f.10v-11r 11 March 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Baker, chaplain, according to the ordinance made thereon, in the first vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of William Soulby, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.11r [1491]

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of the church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to his servant William Belte of the office of parker or park-keeper of the park of Evenwood and woods belonging thereto; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking from the bishop and his successors, for the said office or keepership, the fees and wages used and wont to the said office, along with all other profits, advantages, customary rights, and emoluments belonging to the office.

By the hands of Mr Ralph Both', clerk, archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham, 4 February 1490/1.

f.11r-v 15 March 1491

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following remission, saving to themselves a yearly pension of 20d granted previously, and the rights and liberties of the church of Durham in all things.

Remission by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, notifying his bailiffs and his other faithful that he has pardoned John, abbot of Coverham, otherwise to John abbot and the convent of Coverham, appropriators of the parish church of Seaham having the said church to their own use without endowment of a vicar-perpetual, or by whatsoever other names they be known, for all gifts and perquisites made in mortmain without licence of the bishop or his predecessors, also all intrusions into the advowson or temporalities of the church of Seaham, or of another religious house or religious or ecclesiastical interest whatsoever concerning the church of Seaham and in its inheritance, in whole or in part, without due prosecution, livery or resitution thereof out of the bishop's hand, made before the date of the presents, along with revenues and profits taken in the meantime; and has remitted to the same abbot and convent all penalties imposed prior to the date of the presents, before the bishop or his or his successors' council, chancellors or judges, [\*for any sum of money\*] to be raised to the bishop's use concerning the said church of Seaham or the vicarage lately ordained and endowed therein; also all demands [made], transgressions, offences, and contempts [of court], committed by the said abbot and convent or their predecessors before the date of the presents against the form of whatsoever royal statutes, ordinances, and provisions, [notwithstanding] any suit by reason of which [offences &c] against the said abbot and convent by bill, writ, or other means, for any matter before the date of the presents, and notwithstanding the statutes, ordinances and provisions dated at least after the decree of the appropriation of the vicarage and after the possession thereof; saving the bishop's rights, dignities and liberties and those of his church of Durham in all things.

By the hands of Mr Ralph Both', clerk, archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor,  
14 March 1491

Dated: [Durham]

Printed: R. Surtees, *The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham* 4 vols. (1816-1840), vol. I, p.300-301, which supplies the words indicated \*...\*, above, from a different copy

f.11v 15 March 1491

Oath by John 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.

Dated: Durham

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:3(18).

f.11v-12r 10 March [14]91

Notarized ordinance by John, bishop of Durham, since, on previous occasions, the parish church of Seaham, saving endowment [of the vicarage] therein, was appropriated to the abbot and convent of Coverham, by authority of his predecessor Lawrence, bishop of Durham, with consent of those whom it concerned, for reasonable causes to be taken as inserted herein, whereafter his immediate predecessor William, bishop of Durham, ordained a vicarage in the said church, as shown in his letters patent, which the bishop takes as inserted here, sympathizing with the need of the said abbot and convent, who are oppressed with loss of income and barrenness of their possessions, and then with debt, after summoning Robert Chawmer, chaplain, appointed by the bishop as protector of the vacant vicarage, and all those who were by right to be summoned in this regard, and with their consent, following the necessary discussion, all who were asked agreeing, and seeing the necessity and use of having it recorded by a notary, by his ordinary authority withdrawing the vicarage and the act of presentation of a vicar thereto for all time; conceding the cure of souls of the parishioners of the said church to the abbot and convent, to officiate in divine offices and administer the sacraments and *sacramentalia* through a suitable secular chaplain, to be deputed successively by the judgment of the abbot of the said monastery and at his command, once Robert, the protector of the vicarage, has been removed, likewise whatsoever withholder or occupier of the vicarage, whom the bishop decrees to be removed by these presents; and decreeing and granting, for himself and his successors, that the abbot and convent be able to take and have, freely and lawfully, in perpetuity, the revenues accustomed to belong to the said vicarage to their and their monastery's use, along with all and sundry revenues belonging to the said church; notwithstanding the appropriation of the church of Seaham, the ordaining of a vicarage there, contrary constitutions and statutes, and whatsoever other contrary things; reserving a yearly pension of 16d to himself and his successors, and 8d to the archdeacon of Durham and his successors, as indemnity, to be paid by the abbot and convent in equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas; imposing the pension by the presents, with the consent of the abbot and convent, and saving the right, dignity, liberty, honour, privilege and office of his jurisdiction and his church of Durham in all things.

Under his seal and with the sign and subscription of the notary.

Witnesses: Mr Thomas Comeoo, LL.D., Mr Henry Hoton, LL.D..

Notary: Mr Henry Byffyn, clerk of York dioc., N.P., assumed as scribe by the bishop for this purpose (eschatocol recited, with note of an erasure).

Dated: the chapel in the manor of Auckland

Printed: R. Surtees, *The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham* 4 vols. (1816-1840), vol. I, p.300.

f.12r 20 January 1491

Appointment by John, bishop of Durham, of Robert Chawmer, chaplain, as protector of the vacant vicarage of Seaham, in spiritualities and temporalities, so as to avoid peril to the souls of the parishioners and defend the vicarage against injury, loss, accusation and injustice.

Dated: manor of Auckland

f.12r 15 March 1491

Confirmation by the prior and chapter of Durham of all and sundry things specified by John, bishop of Durham, in the letters or public instrument [namely the ordinance above, f.11v-12r] attached to the presents; offering their consent after diligent discussion.

Dated: [Durham]

f.12r 15 March 1491

Letters of consent by Ralph Both', LL.B., archdeacon of Durham, to all and sundry things specified by John, bishop of Durham, in the letters or public instrument [namely the ordinance above, f.11v-12r] attached to the presents offering assent thereto for himself and his successors.

Dated: [Durham]

f.12r 26 April 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Fysher, chaplain, in the vicarage of Ruddington, vacant by the death of John Blande, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham { "not issued or executed on this occasion" }

f.12r-v [11 February 1491]

Proxy by John prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, Mr William Lowell', LL.B., and Percival Lambton, legist, as their proctors, giving them authority and power to come to an agreement, to submit to arbitration, to choose arbitrators and give consent to them, and to approve and keep their decisions, in particular in the cause which has for some time been pending undecided between the warden of Durham college, Oxford, and the warden of the free chapel of Wykes [par. Quadring, Lincs, parts of Holland], Lincoln dioc., by reason of the tithes claimed by the latter, growing within the bounds of their appropriated church of Frampton, and in general to do all things which should be necessary or opportune in the foregoing; promising to take the matter as approved if the proctors should demand a more special mandate for themselves or their substitutes.

Dated: Durham

Original DCD Loc.V:73.

f.12v [16 May 1491]

Appointment by John, prior of Durham, creating William Youdale, S.T.B., monk of Durham, master of the cell of Farne, committing to him the cure and administration thereof, ordering all whom it may concern to answer and be submissive to William as master of the cell for everything pertaining thereto, as accustomed to be done for other masters of the cell; and requiring William to render yearly account of the receipts and expenses of the cell to him.

Dated: Durham.

f.12v [1491]

Appointment by John prior and the chapter of Durham, creating Richard Tamfeld', monk of Durham, warden and prior of the priory of Lytham in Amounderness, vacant by the resignation of William Cuthbert, monk of Durham, last prior thereof, and as their proctor there, committing to him the cure and administration thereof; providing that the prior and chapter and their successors be able to remove him therefrom, at will, with or without cause; and requiring yearly account of receipts "&c in the abovewritten form".

Dated: Durham.

f.12v 16 May [14]91

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham to the archdeacon of Richmond or whomsoever his vicegerent in distant parts since they have appointed Richard Tamfell' as prior of their cell of Lytham; to be performed for the archdeacon what has hitherto customarily been performed for his successors [*sic*] by priors thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.12v 16 May 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, [to admit] {John Manbi} to the custody or government of their cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the resignation of Richard Tamfeld', last prior thereof, "&c and issued under the form preceding, above" (omitting the name of the candidate, which is supplied from the marginal caption).

Dated: [Durham]

f.12v 12 May 1491

Commission by John, prior of Durham, archdeacon in the churches and chapels appropriated to the church of Durham, to John Danby, prior of the cell of Holy Island, and Mr Alan Hyndmersse, vicar of Berwick upon Tweed, appointing them jointly and severally in his place, with power of canonical coercion, as officials and keepers of his archidiaconal jurisdiction in the churches of Island[shire], Norham[shire] and Berwick, and the chapels dependent therefrom, and in all churches and chapels appropriated to his monastery in Northumberland; to act in whatsoever causes and business opened or to be opened, with matters arising therefrom and associated therewith, within the said jurisdiction, at the instance of parties or *ex officio*, howsoever occurring, and to enquire into, correct, reform and punish excesses, crimes and defects, and to do all other things necessary or useful to his archidiaconal authority in his said jurisdiction.

Dated: Durham

f.13r 16 May 1491

Notarial instrument recording that William Cuthbert, monk of Durham and, as he claimed, prior of the house or priory of Lytham, appeared in person and held in his hands, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, William Cuthbert, monk of Durham, prior of the house or priory of Lytham, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said priory, resigns the same into the hands of the archdeacon of Richmond, or of another whomsoever, his vicegerent in distant parts, having power to accept his resignation. and asked the notary to draw up an instrument for him, one or more as need be &c [upon the foregoing].

(Witnesses omitted)

Notary: John Whithede, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (opening lines of eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.13r [14]91

Memorandum that the resignation of Richard Tamfeld', prior of the house of St Leonard, Stamford, in common form and as previously written in folio (blank) was issued

f.13r 5 June 1491

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Spense of Bowes, Yorks. [N.R.] who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that at the township of Bowes he ordered one Herbert (*Hebartus*) Conyngham to hang Thomas Meburn', Scotsman, without any lawful trial, for which felony he was fearful of undergoing the peril of the law.

Witnesses: William Browne, subprior of Durham, John Formane, John Zoylle ([Yogh]oylle).

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.19 no.xliii.

f.13r 6 July 1491

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was granted to Christopher Waryner and Agnes his wife, in common form

f.13r 27 July 1491

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was granted to Robert Kelynghall', gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, in common form as used above

f.13r 12 September 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Richard Brigham, M.A., in the vicarage of Ruddington, vacant by the death of John Blande, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.13v 15 October [14]91

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Edward Copley, student of arts, in the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden vacant by the death of Robert Portyngton, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.13v-14v 23 July 1491

Notarized letters by John [prior] of Durham, deputed commissary and executor for the underwritten things, along with John, bishop of Ross, having received apostolic letters presented to him in Durham cathedral by Mr John Haryngton, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, proctor of the warden, chaplains, clerks and poor of the college of Staindrop, as follows in the mandate

Mandate by Innocent [VIII], pope, to John, bishop of Ross, residing in the city of Durham, and to the prior of Durham, having been shown a petition on behalf of the warden, chaplains, clerks, and poor of the college of Staindrop, containing that since the late Ralph, earl of Westmorland, by ordinary authority had founded a college of thirty-one persons, namely one warden, eight chaplains, four secular clerks, with poor squires, as many poor servants, called *valeti*, and six other poor, in the vill of Staindrop, and assigned goods for the maintenance of the said persons, that they should celebrate and sing divine service in the parish church of Staindrop according to Ralph's ordinance made thereon; and certain statutes and ordinances issued by Ralph concerning the *requiem* of the college were confirmed by Thomas, bishop of Durham, by his ordinary authority; and, since the goods assigned for maintenance were insufficient, the vacant parish churches of Staindrop and Lytham were appropriated to the college by the same bishop and by Henry, archbishop of York;

likewise, since the revenues of the college diminished such that they would not suffice for the maintenance of the warden, chaplains and others according to the said ordinance and for its incumbent burdens, Lawrence, archbishop of York, with consent of those whom it concerned, appropriated the vacant church of Brigham [Cumb.], York dioc., to the said college reserving a portion for a vicar;

the appropriations being contained in authentic letters and public instruments respectively made thereon; and, having been asked on the part of the warden, chaplains (&c) therefore, that he see fit to add the strength of apostolic confirmation to the foundation, institution, unifications, appropriations, and incorporations, and to everything contained in the letters or instruments aforesaid, for their more stable maintenance;

therefore wishing that those seeking to hold benefices united with others should exact the true value according to the common estimation as much from a united benefice as from ones to be united otherwise the union might not be worthwhile, and the same might be observed in the confirmations of the unions now made, by the presents expressly taking the yearly values and nature of the revenues of the college of Staindrop and the churches of Staindrop, Brigham and Lytham, and the manner of the last vacancy of the same churches, absolving the said warden, chaplain, clerks and poor from any excommunications, suspensions, interdicts, and other ecclesiastical sentences, or considering as absolved those not having certain notice of the presents;

being inclined to favour the supplications ordering them, after having summoned those whom it concerns, to inform him upon the foregoing and all circumstances thereof and, if they were to find the appropriations to be as contained in the letters or instruments aforesaid, to confirm the appropriations, making good any defects and suppressing gainsayers by ecclesiastical censure, notwithstanding other apostolic constitutions, ordinances and statutes, general or special, or those of the legates Otto and Ottobon, or those issued in provincial and synodal councils, also whatsoever other contrary statutes, oath, apostolic confirmation or other validation of the college;

providing that the united churches be not defrauded thereby of services and neglected in the cure of souls, but that their customary burdens be maintained; declaring invalid anything otherwise which might be attempted by any authority, wittingly or unwittingly, concerning these things.

Dated: Rome, St Peter's [29 July] 4 Kal. August 1486

after the presentation and receipt of which, Mr John Heryington' showed certain letters, public instruments, privileges, rights and muniments concerning the business of union and confirmation described in the said papal letters, and certain witnesses with the exception of those of greater rank were produced by him to inform the commissary, and were received, sworn and examined, and their testimony was reduced into writing; everything else was carried out according to the form and effect of the papal letters, those things were observed which ought to be observed in this instance, after first summoning all who were by rights to be summoned, and with no opposition appearing; the setting of a further date for all those summoned and forewarned was precluded by the commissary by the apostolic authority committed to him in the papal letters; and the commissary was asked by Mr John to proceed to the execution of the papal letters; and so John, prior, commissary and executor, wishing to execute the papal mandate, before the notary and witnesses, on 23 July 1491, the term assigned therefor, proceeded to his decree, declaration and pronouncement (summarizing the process of examination of muniments and witnesses described above): finding the things contained in the apostolic letters directed to John, bishop of Ross, and to him, the prior of Durham (with his own name being not expressed), with the clause "that ye or either of you &c", to be supported by the truth in the business of the confirmation of the foundation of the college and the appropriation of the said churches; confirming the foundation and appropriation aforesaid, as in the letters and instruments; and making good any defects in the foregoing, judicially, by decree;

Under the prior's seal and, as ordered by the prior, subscribed, published and reduced into this public form by the notary.

Witnesses: Mr Ralph Both', LL.B., archdeacon of Durham; William Eure, knight; Mr William Cuke, B.Dec., of the court of Durham; Th[omas] Tod, LL.B., official of the said archdeacon; of York and Durham dioc..

Notary: John Whithed, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.[P.] by apostolic authority, taken on for this purpose as scribe of John, prior of Durham, commissary and executor (eschatocol recited).

Dated: Durham cathedral

f.14v 8 October [14]91

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Roland Barton, priest, in the church of [West] Rounton, vacant by the death of William Halyman, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: Durham

f.14v 8 October [14]91

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John, bishop of Ross, in the vicarage of Northallerton, vacant by the death of William Halyman, last vicar thereof; saving a yearly pension of £20 due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: [Durham]

f.14v 28 October 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Fairfax, priest, in the [vicarage of the] church of Eastrington, vacant by the death of John Hamylden, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.15r 31 October 1491

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to John Forster of the office of apparitor-general within Durham dioc., namely within Durham and Northumberland, and throughout his lordships of Northallerton and Crayke, to be held by John for the term of his life, taking yearly the fees and wages used and wont to the office; ordering all and sundry being or dwelling within the said diocese and jurisdiction to submit to and assist John and his deputies in the exercise of his office.

By the hands of Ralph Both', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 August 1491

Dated: Durham

f.15r 18 November 1491

Notarial instrument recording that John Esyngton, M.A., vicar, as he claimed, of the prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, John Esyngton, M.A., vicar of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure of souls and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Mr John Underwode, LL.B., and William Owesby, chaplain, of York and Durham dioc..

Notary: Robert Cheston, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: York minster

f.15r 21 November 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Robynson, chaplain, in the vicarage of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Esyngton, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.15v 20 December 1491

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Hemelsey, priest, vicar, as he claimed, of the vicarage of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, Thomas Hemelsey, priest, vicar of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: William Owesby, chaplain, and William Yodale, of York dioc..

Notary: Richard Latomer, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the conventual church of the Friars Minor, York

f.15v 23 December 1491

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Yodale, priest, in the vicarage of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Hemelsay.

Dated: Durham

f.15v 25 February 1492

Proxy by John prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Potman, D.Dec., Mr John Hert, Mr Robert Est, and Mr John Underwodde, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate on their behalf in the coming convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to be held in York minster on 1 March next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his deputed commissaries, one or more, to treat with the other prelates and clergy of the province upon those things which happen to be set before them there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.15v 16 March 1492

Memorandum that letters were issued for Edmund Pynder' as mortuary-roll bearer in the form originally granted to one John <Porter> Priston, the previous mortuary-roll bearer

f.16r 27 November 1490

[Memorandum of] petition by William Smyth, so called for forty years by his neighbours (*proximos*), labourer in Smeaton, Yorks. [N.R.] who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 23 September last, in the said township of Smeaton, in defence of his master, Roger Vincent, having lately been pursued by his adversaries, he struck one George Looe, residing in Smeaton, in the head with a *Carlill'* axe, and gave him a mortal wound from which he died soon afterwards.

Witnesses: Christopher Mornton, chaplain, Robert Grenehall', bailiff of Gainford, Adam Watson.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.17 no.xxxix.

f.16r 12 November 1490

Petition of John Perkyng who, personally present in the nave of Durham cathedral before the chancellor and witnesses as below, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, on 16 September last, he sold two cows to Henry Wylson of Helmsley from the goods and chattels of Thomas Wade, of the vill of *Kepec* (?Kewick), stolen from the same Thomas; whereby he fears to submit himself to the law as he claims to be immune of that crime as he says that a certain John Tod conferred those cows on him, inferring that they were his own cows, and on that basis sought his help in selling those cows; he did not refuse him and at the time that the said Thomas Wade made an inquisition for his cows, John Tod had taken to flight and left home as a fugitive; and John Perkyng, then dwelling in the vill of *Colseby*. Yorks., innocent as he has affirmed, came and sought sanctuary.

Witnesses: Henry Meryngton, chaplain, Richard Emryson, chancery scribe, and John Brown, sacrist's servant.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.16 no.xxxvii.

f.16r 1st hour *post nonam* 25 October 1490

[Memorandum of] petition by Edmund Richardson who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in a field near the township of Cropton, in Pickering Lythe [wapentake], Yorks. [N.R.], two years ago, in the presence of four other persons, he struck one James Sayr with a staff with a knob ( *pugillum*) at the end, because he called him a common thief, and gave him a mortal wound from which he died at once.

Witnesses: George Cornforth, sacrist, Hugh Kelynghall, gentleman, John Brown, servant of the sacrist, and John Jouke.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.15-16 no.xxxvi.

f.16r-v 19 August 1490

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Hansard', squire, and Henry Radclyff', jointly and severally; although Lawrence Booth, lately bishop of Durham, by his letters patent appointed the late Henry Priston', squire, and Henry Radclyff', squire, still living, jointly and severally as constables of Durham castle, to be held for the term of their life, and the life of the longer lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputies, taking yearly twenty marks at the exchequer of Durham, to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general, along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the said office, and also a gentleman's robe or 13s 4d at Christmas each year, with full power to carry out the office, as more fully contained in the said letters; the said Henry Radclyff' has restored the said letters to the bishop for cancellation and surrendered his interest in the said office to the bishop in the chancery of Durham; appointing Richard and Henry constables of Durham castle, jointly and severally, for the term of their life and for the life of the longer lived of them, in person or through their deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors, taking twenty marks (&c, as for Priston and Radclyff) yearly from the bishop and his successors; and ordering all his ministers and servants whom it concerns to submit to, consult and assist Richard and Henry as constables in the exercise of everything appertaining to the office.

By the hands of Mr Alexander Lee, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham, 10 March, Pont. 7 [1491, which is clearly impossible if the date of the inspeximus is correct].

Dated: [Durham] 19 August 1490.

f.16v [19 August or later] 1490

Written oath by Richard Hansard and Henry Radclyff', squires and constables of Durham castle, 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, not to disturb them in their rights, liberties or customs, or to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Under their seals.

Dated: Durham, [blank] 1490.

f.16v 6 December 1490

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Hall', priest, vicar of Bedlington, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, Thomas Hall', vicar of the parish church of Bedlington, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the souls of the parishioners of the said church, resigns the vicarage into the hands of John, bishop of Durham, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, and asked the notary, in return for suitable payment, to draw up an instrument, one or more as need be, upon the resignation.

Witnesses: Thomas Lye, chaplain, and John Spitell', of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Whithed', clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the notary's dwelling-house

f.17r 8 April 1492

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to Richard Danby and Percival Lambton although he, by his letters patent, appointed Richard Danby, legist, as his head steward within the bishopric of Durham, holding the office for the term of his life, taking £20 yearly, to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general at the exchequer of Durham, along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments and emoluments howsoever belonging to the said office, with full power to perform the office, as more fully contained in the said letters; the said Richard has restored the said letters to the bishop in his chancery and cancelled them, and also surrendered his interest in the said office to the bishop, with the intention that the bishop should grant the office to Richard and Percival Lambton jointly and severally, for the term of their life and the life of the longer lived of them; and appointing Richard and Percival, his servant, as his head stewards in the bishopric of Durham, jointly and severally; holding the office for the term of their life and for the life of the longer lived of them, [taking] £20 yearly as their fee from the bishop and his successors, (&c, as for Danby alone); granting full power and authority to Richard and Percival, for himself and his successors, to carry out everything appertaining to the office, and ordering all his bailiffs, officers, ministers and tenants of his bishopric, and calling upon others therein who are well-disposed towards him, to assist, consult, submit to, be obedient and favourable to Richard and Percival in all things as appropriate.

By the hands of Mr Ralph Both', archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham, 20 December 1490 Pont 8 (?so *recte* 1491).

Dated: [Durham]

f.17r c.1490

Inspeximus by John prior and the chapter of Durham [confirming] the following grant.

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Grant by letters patent by John, bishop of Durham, to his longtime servant William Walker, appointing him as bailiff of the liberty and lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, holding the office for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking five marks yearly from the bishop and his successors as his fee, to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas in equal portions by the hands of the receiver of Howden, along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments appertaining to the office; providing that William answer to the bishop and his successors for all revenues arising by reason of the office, and render faithful account yearly, and keep the bishop and his successors indemnified in the execution of his office against the king and his exchequer, and in whatsoever other royal courts, and against whatsoever others; ordering all his bailiffs, officers, and tenants of the lordship, and calling upon others therein who are well-disposed towards him, to assist, consult, submit to, support and be favourable to William and his deputy in performing the office.

By the hands of John Kelyng, clerk.

Dated: Durham, &c, Pont. 6 [26 May 1489 x 25 May 1490]

Dated: chapter house [Durham] "nono die mensis &c"

f.17v 4 July 1492

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Chawmbre, B.A., in the vicarage of Ruddington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Richard Brigham, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.17v 30 June [14]92

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Brigham, M.A., vicar, as he claimed, of Ruddington, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following Resignation in writing, whereby he, Richard Brigham, M.A., vicar of Ruddington, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure of souls and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the vicarage into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: William Wright', John Forster, and John Jacson, of Durham dioc.

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited and sign reproduced).

Done: in the registry of the prior of Durham, within the monastery thereof

f.17v 16 June [?]1492]

Notarial instrument recording that Edward Bowez, rector of Stamford St Mary at the bridge, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, Edward Bowez, rector of Stamford St Mary at the bridge, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of his church, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

(The entry breaks off without giving the names of witnesses or notary)

Done: a chapel in the manor of Dalden [Dawdon], Durham dioc.

f.18r 23 June 1492

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Birden, chaplain, in the church of Stamford St Mary at the bridge, vacant by the resignation of Edward Bowez, last rector thereof; saving to the prior and chapter and their monastery a yearly pension of five marks, due of old.

Dated: Durham

f.18r 2 July [14]92

Memorandum that the resignation of Mr William Clayton, rector of [Kirby] Sigston, resigning in favour of a certain Ralph Snydall', was issued in the form previously used

f.18r 2 July 1492

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Ralph Snydall', chaplain, in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Clayton, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.18r-v [?1492]

Proxy by John prior and the chapter of Durham appointing <Geoffrey> John Danby, terrar, Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, William Cawthorn, chancellor, Robert Bailyai, almoner, Mr John Hert, LL.B., Mr Robert Est, LL.B., Mr John Underwode, LL.B., Mr Robert Chestone, N.P. by apostolic authority, as their proctors, giving them general power and general and special mandate to act for them in all causes and business (&c) initiated or to be initiated against the prior and chapter, concerning them, their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, appropriated parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions and rights, before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbitrators, conservators and others, howsoever having jurisdiction, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, by whatsoever opponents, at whatsoever dates and places, with responsibilities in legal proceedings summarized; and to attend and act on behalf of the prior and chapter, their college, cells (&c) at synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations, and whatsoever other convocations.

Dated: Durham

f.18v-19r 18 July 1492

Notarial instrument recording that William Cawthorn', monk of Durham, chancellor of the cathedral church thereof and proctor-general or syndic of the prior and chapter thereof, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read, and interposed the following

Appeal by him, William Cawthorn', monk of Durham and proctor or syndic of John prior and the chapter thereof, proposing that, although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), fearing, from plausible reasons and newly-made threats, that prejudice may be engendered by some rivals 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, 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 one or more public instruments, as need be.

Witnesses: John Neshe, chaplain, Ralph Lomley, Nicholas Blaxton, gentlemen, and Henry Heworth, *literatus*, of Durham dioc.

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the register-house, monastery of Durham

Original: DCD 3.1.Arch.Northumb.18.

f.19r 5th hour after noon, 7 September 1492

[Memorandum of] petition by William Gilson, sailor, lately of Whitby, [N.R.] Yorks., who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in Whitby on the Sunday preceding, namely 2 September, he attacked one John Ehston, a traveller by sea (*navigans*), in self-defence, as he claimed, and feloniously struck him on the head with a staff called a *clobbe*, and gave him a mortal wound from which he died at once.

Witnesses: Ralph Lomley, gentleman, Edward Patonson and John Gray, servants of the sacrist of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.22 no.xlix.

f.19r 18 September [14]92

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Chaloner, chaplain, proctor, as he claimed and as was evident to the notary from a public instrument, of John Robynson, vicar of Edlingham, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in a parchment schedule whereby he, Robert Chaloner, chaplain, proctor of John Robynson, vicar of Edlingham, who wishes, for certain legitimate reasons, "&c: this resignation was issued in the the manner and form used previously"

(The entry breaks off without giving the names of the witnesses)

Notary: John Whithede, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P by apostolic and imperial authority (opening of eschatocol recited).

Done: in the notary's dwelling-house

f.19v 20 September 1492

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Durham, to institute Richard Clerke, chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of John Robynson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.19v 4 October 1492

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Fairfax, priest, vicar, as he claimed, of Eastrington in Howdenshire, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing, whereby he, Richard Fairfax, priest, vicar of Eastrington in Howdenshire, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

(The entry breaks off without giving the names of the witnesses)

Notary: Richard Latomer, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (opening of eschatocol recited).

Done: the writing-house of the chapter of York minster, within the close thereof

f.19v 26 October [14]92

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Banys, priest, in the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the resignation of Richard Fairfax, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.19v 11 November 1492

[Memorandum of] petition by John Hyldreyth' of *Halycellyt* (?Hallikeld), Yorks., who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in Whitby on 31 October preceding, in a wood called *Clakwodde*, Yorks., he feloniously struck one William Hoberman' on the head with a staff called a *clobbe*, giving him a mortal wound from which he quickly died.

Witnesses: Alexander Bell, notary, Thomas Wybarne of Durham, goldsmith, Thomas Bog, shoemaker, John Stevenson of Gainford.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.22 no.l.

f.20r 8 November 149[2]

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Hugh Wren', LL.B., vicar, as he claimed, of Giggleswick in Craven, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in a paper schedule whereby he, Mr Hugh Wren', LL.B., vicar of Giggleswick in Craven, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to exchange the said vicarage for the vicarage of Foston, York dioc., so long as the consent of those whom it concerns be given, resigns his vicarage of Giggleswick into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; declaring that if this exchange should not take effect, he wishes to retain all right and title to the vicarage of Giggleswick, notwithstanding this resignation.

Witnesses: Mr Christopher Radclyff, B.Dec., and Thomas Tenand, *literatus*, of *Cestien'* [? Chichester] and York dioc..

Notary: Richard Latomer, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited)

Done: in York minster.

f.20r 21 November 1492

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Christopher Tenand', in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the resignation of Mr Hugh Wren, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.20r 1 March 1493

[Memorandum of] petition by William Tailbos of Whashton, Kirby Ravensworth par., [N.R.] Yorks., who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 26 February 1492/3 he attacked one Hugh Herkay of East Layton, [N.R.] Yorks., and feloniously struck him on the head with a small staff, giving him a mortal wound from which he quickly died.

Witnesses: Edward Patonson, servant of the sacrist of Durham, John Brown', servant of the same church, and Richard Emryson, clerk of the prior's register.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.22-23 no.li.

f.20v 6 March 1493

Notarial instrument recording that Geoffrey Wren, vicar, as he claimed, of Brantingham, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in a paper schedule whereby he, Geoffrey Wren, vicar of Brantingham, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns his vicarage into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

which he held in his hands; and he asked the notary to draw up an instrument or instruments upon the foregoing.

(The witnesses' names omitted)

Notary: Nicholas Trappe, clerk of Bath & Wells dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (opening of eschatocol recited)

Done: in the notary's dwelling-house, St Faith the virgin par., city of London

f.20v 3 April 1493

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Hugh Wren, LL.B., in the vicarage of Brantingham, vacant by the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Wren, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.20v 22 June 1493

Grant by John prior and the chapter of Durham to John Blakburn' of Tudhoe and Cicely his wife of a corrody, for the term of their life and for the life of the longer-lived of them, each week taking seven monastic loaves at the pantry of the prior and chapter, seven gallons of conventual beer at *le tunnyng*, also food at their kitchen, both meat and fish according to the requirements of the day and the season, in all things just as the chaplain of St Mary's chantry in the chapel of St Margaret has been accustomed to take, or as John Yowdall' took while he lived, or as his wife Matilda still takes, without reclaim, obstruction or gainsaying of the prior and chapter and their successors.

Dated: Durham

f.20v 9 October 1493

Memorandum that a presentation granted for Mr Charles Bothe, LL.D., to the rectory of Normanton on Soar, vacant by the death of Oskill {Lathem}, last rector thereof, was issued and took effect, according to the manner used above in this register.

f.21r 4 August 1493

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Grene of South Shields, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, in protection of his person and goods between Tyne and Tees, for the reason that on 1 August 1493, in Newcastle upon Tyne, in a street called *le Close*, because of an attack lately made on him with armed force from a house in the same street by one Robert Nicholson of Winlaton, lying in wait for him with various confederates, as he claimed, he feloniously struck and wounded the said Robert twice in the chest with a *Scottezaxe*, and from the wounds so inflicted he quickly died .

Witnesses: Robert Milner, master of the grammar school of the abbey of Durham, William Hulett, *valettus* and keeper of the prior's horses, William Grene and Thomas Grene of Westoe, husbandmen.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.23 no.lii.

f.21r 26 October 1493

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Jonson of Radford in Clay, Notts., who came in person to Durham cathedral and, before the notary and witnesses underwritten, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, in self-defence, in a field near Stoke Field, by Newark [on Trent], Notts., he attacked one Thomas Pudsey of (blank) and feloniously struck him in the neck with a sword, from which blow Thomas Pudsey died within a short time thereafter.

Witnesses: W Sanderson, Hugh Walle, masons.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.23 no.liii.

f.21r 20 November 1493

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Caumbell', chaplain, in the vicarage of Ruddington, vacant by the death of Richard Chawmbre, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.21r 7 January 1494

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to institute Thomas Lee, priest, in the vicarage of Bywell St Peter, vacant by the death of Richard Saundre, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.21r 11 January 1494

Presentation by John prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Fysher, priest, in a canonry in the collegiate church of Howden and the prebend of Thorpe therein, vacant by the death of William Beverley, canon of York minster and last canon and prebendary of the above.

Dated: Durham

f.21v 17 March 1494

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Pykham of Yorks., who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, on Friday in the second week of Lent, two years ago, at a township in Yorks. commonly called *Litylbroughton* [probably Little Broughton, N.R.], assaulted one William Bayn of *Litylbroughton*, and struck him in the back with a dagger, and also inflicted various other wounds in his shins and hands, from which William died at once.

Witnesses: James Dobson, chaplain, Richard Claxton, gentleman, Hugh Wall', mason, John Brown, servant of the said cathedral

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.24 no.liv.

f.21v-22r 7 April 1494

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing John Swan, prior of Finchale, Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, John Danby, terrar, George Cornforth, sacrist, Robert Bailyai, third prior and almoner, Henry Dalton, chamberlain, John Hamsterley, communar, monks of Durham, also Mr John Walker, LL.B., as their proctors, short of revoking proctors previously appointed, giving them special power and special and general mandate to act for them in all causes and business (&c) initiated or to be initiated against the prior and chapter, concerning them, their monastery, college in the university of Oxford, their cells, appropriated parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions and rights, before whatsoever judges having whatsoever jurisdiction, ordinary or delegate, their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbitrators, conservators and others, howsoever having jurisdiction, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, one or more, by whatsoever opponents, at whatsoever dates and places, with responsibilities in legal proceedings summarized; and to attend and act on behalf of the prior and chapter, their college, cells (&c) at synods, consistories, councils, visitations, elections, chapters, congregations, and whatsoever other convocations.

Dated: Durham

f.22r 7 April [1494]

Letter by William subprior and the convent of Durham [to Richard Fox, bishop of Bath & Wells, deputed commissary in Durham dioc., *sede vacante*] notifying him that they have sent their fellow-monks Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, and William Cawthorn', student in the same college, to him with their letters of petition asking for licence to elect a new prior; beseeching him to be their good lord, so that they might proceed to the election, and asking him, if it should please him, since he is not close at hand, to give licence to another to put the election into effect.

Dated: Durham

*Language:* English

f.22r 7 April 1494

Petition by William subprior and the chapter of Durham to Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, informing him that they have sent Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, S.T.I., and William Cawthorn', student at the same college, with the presents, and asking him for licence to elect a suitable person as prior of Durham, since the priorate is vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland.

Dated: [Durham] 7 April 1494.

f.22r-v 15 April [1494]

Letter by Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, [to the subprior and chapter of Durham] acknowledging receipt of their letters, delivered by the warden and another student from Durham College, Oxford, asking him, as keeper of the spirituality by commission of the archbishop of York, to give them licence to elect a new prior; beseeching them to choose an able man as their prior; and informing them that he has made provision that his licence to elect shall be delivered to them when they ask it of his substitute, Mr Ralph Both, chancellor of the bishopric, whom he has appointed to direct the election.

Dated: Canterbury

*Language:* English

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccclxxx-ccclxxxi.

f.22v 21 April 1494

Licence by Ralph Bothe, archdeacon within the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, deputed official and sub-warden of the spirituality, and having sufficient power for the things underwritten, to the subprior and chapter of Durham, as, by their letters patent to Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, by authority of Thomas, archbishop of York, keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham during this vacancy, they have lately intimated that the priory of Durham is vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland, and begged the said keeper to grant licence to elect another prior, by his authority aforesaid, granting special licence to elect a suitable man as prior.

Dated: Durham

f.22v [? April 1494]

Commission by Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, special and general commissary and keeper of the spirituality within the city and diocese of Durham, deputed by Thomas, archbishop of York, for this vacancy, to Ralph Bothe, official and sub-keeper of the spirituality in the said city and diocese appointing him in his place and name to receive custody of the priory of Durham and to retain the same during the vacancy thereof caused by the death of Mr John Aukeland, doing what keepers of the priory have been accustomed to do in such vacancies in the past; and willing that he engage vigilantly in the keepership lest any outsiders attempt anything which might be to the prejudice of the priory, and, conversely, that the monastery be unburdened by him or his servants with heavy and unwonted expenses during the vacancy.

f.22v-23r 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 held in his hands, made, read and interposed the following:

Schedule by William subprior and the chapter of Durham, 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: Mr William Dosse and Mr Alexander Bell', N.P.s by apostolic authority, Thomas Salter, rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, William Hilton, Nicholas Blaxton, gentleman, of Durham dioc..

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: chapter-house of Durham cathedral

f.23r 20 April 1494

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham, their monastery being vacant by the death of Mr John Burneby, last prior thereof, appointing William Yowdall, S.T.B., monk of Durham, master of the cell of Farne, as their proctor, giving him plenary power and general and special mandate on their behalf to read, declare, notify and intimate publicly, at the date, time and place appointed for the election of their future prior, and from beginning to end of the election (with regard to suitable times and places) in the presence of the subprior and chapter and their counsel, the letters, public instruments, citations, certifications, proxies and other necessary writings given and granted to the chapter for expediting the said election; to warn those suspended, excommunicate, under interdict and others having no voice or interest in the election, with the mandate of the subprior thereon intervening, to withdraw from the chapter-house and, if need be, to expel them; to denounce the absence of monks lawfully summoned and not caring to appear and to accuse them on pain of their contumacy; to proceed with every action of the said election; to ask for public instruments to be drawn up on the process of the election; to call upon a notary and witnesses; and to do everything else pertaining by custom and law to the office of such a proctor, excepting the election of the future prior, which they reserve to themselves and to him, and other things known to belong to the office of subprior.

Dated: [Durham]

f.23r-v [1494]

Certification by John Swan, prior of the cell of Finchale, to William subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following citation and mandate  
Citation and mandate by William subprior and the chapter of Durham to John Swan, prior of the cell of Finchale, informing him that, because of the vacancy of their monastery by the death of Mr John Aukeland, last prior thereof, they have appointed 6 May for the election of their future prior, with the licence and agreement of those whom it concerns; 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, along with the subprior and chapter, 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 prior and monks of Finchale; 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.

Under the other part of the common seal.

Dated: [Durham] 22 April 1494

that he has warned Hugh Lethum, subprior, William Chawmbre, Thomas Brown', Edmund More, William Godson', Robert Heryngton' and Thomas Dukett', the monks dwelling with him in the said cell, to attend at the said time and place along with the subprior and chapter to proceed with this business, if they would look to their own interests, and notified them that the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the business whether they wish to be present or not.

Under the seal which he uses in the said cell.



f.23v 28 April 1494

Certification by Mr Thomas Castell', monk of Durham, warden of Durham college, Oxford, to William subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following citation and mandate

[Citation and mandate] by William subprior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Castell', warden of Durham college, Oxford, since their monastery is vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland' '&c'

[Durham] [? 22 April 1494]

stating that he obeys and will obey the mandate, by authority whereof he has cited William Cawthorn', Richard Caly, Thomas Swalwell', Henry Thew, William Dernton', Richard Heryng, monks of Durham dwelling with him, to be present with the subprior and chapter at the said date, place and hour, to proceed with the business of election, if they would look to their own interests, notifying them that the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the election whether they attend or not; and that he has thus been able duly to execute the mandate.

"In witness whereof I have procured our common seal to be affixed".

Dated: Oxford

f.23v [? last week of April 1494]

Certification by Geoffrey Forest', prior of Holy Island, to William subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following citation and mandate

[Citation and mandate] by William subprior and the chapter of Durham to Geoffrey Forest', prior of the cell of Holy Island, since their monastery is vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland &c [22 April 1494]

by authority whereof he has warned William Smyrke and Richard Riddell', monks of Durham dwelling with him, to be present with the subprior and chapter at the appointed date and place, if they would look to their own interests, and notified them that whether they be present or not the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the said business. Under the seal which he uses in the said cell.

[? Holy Island]

f.23v-24r [? last week of April 1494]

Certification by Richard Tanfeld', prior of the cell of Lytham, to William subprior and the chapter of Durham having received a [citation and mandate] by William subprior "&c, as in the preceding certifications"

[? Lytham]

f.24r [? last week of April 1494]

[Memorandum] that the certification of the prior of Stamford was issued in like form to the preceding certifications; also the certifications of the masters of Jarrow, Wearmouth and Farne, containing the same date and form in all things as written above.

f.24r 5 May 1494

Authorization by William subprior and the chapter of Durham, and all monks of Durham who ought, want and are able to be present on this day in their chapter-house to hold the election of their future prior, and wishing to proceed to the election rightly and lawfully, to William Yowdall', S.T.B., monk of Durham, master of the cell of Farne, unanimously giving him full, free, special and general power to require all those who are suspended, excommunicate or under interdict, and others who by right or custom ought not to be present, if such there be, to withdraw from the chapter and allow the election to take place; also to declare that they do not intend to admit such persons as having a right in the election or to proceed with them in the election, nor to depend upon their votes, but that their votes, if such persons be discovered in future to have been present, should offer support to no-one, nor bring harm to anyone, but be taken as not received and not accepted.

Dated: Durham

f.24r 5 May 1494

Monition by William Yowdall', S.T.B., monk of Durham, master of the cell of Farne, on this present day, appointed by the chapter of Durham for the election of their next prior, their church being vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland', last prior thereof, and with all present who ought to attend this election, having special power in name of the subprior and chapter for the following matters, by mandate of the subprior and chapter gathered together for the election and having a voice therein, calling upon all those who are suspended, excommunicate, under interdict or otherwise prohibited, who ought not to take part in the election, if any there be, to withdraw from the chapter-house and allow those to whom the election pertains freely to elect; also declaring that it is not the intention of those having a vote to proceed with the election with such [disqualified] persons, nor to rely upon their votes, but that their votes, if discovered in future, should offer support to no-one, nor bring harm to anyone, but be taken as not received and not accepted.

Dated: [Durham]

f.24r-25v 10 May 1494

Notarized notification and supplication by William subprior and the chapter of Durham to Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, special and general commissary and keeper of the spirituality within the city and diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, or whomsoever his vicar-general, commissary, or keeper in spiritualities, having sufficient power for the following, stating that the founders of canon laws enacted that cathedral and regular churches ought not to be vacant for more than three months, since churches might suffer serious losses because of a long vacancy, recounting:

that, with the vacancy of their priory by the death of Mr John Aukeland, once his body had been committed to its burial-place, and after having sought and obtained licence from the bishop to elect a new prior, they entered their chapter-house on 22 April and appointed 6 May, with continuation if need be for the election of their future prior, to be held in their chapter-house at the capitular hour customary for this purpose, decreeing that all monks of Durham, absent and present, who ought, would and could attend and have a voice in the election by custom or right, be summoned to appear, and intimating that they would proceed with the election notwithstanding the contumacy of those who might not attend; that on 6 May, after the celebration of the mass *de sancto spiritu* at the high altar of Durham cathedral, and with these monks of Durham, namely: William Brown', subprior; William Birden; William Elwyke; John Stele; Thomas Standrop'; John Grene, master of the infirmary; Robert Billyngham, master of Jarrow; William Yowdall, master of Farne; John Danby, terrar and hostiller, for himself and as proctor for the absent Richard Denand; William Cuthbert, master of Wearmouth; George Cornforth, sacrist of Durham; John Manby, prior of Stamford; John Swan, prior of Finchale, for himself and as proctor of the absent Thomas Swalwell', William Godson, Thomas Dukett, John Blenkarne, William Dernton', and Richard Herington'; Richard Tanfeld', prior of Lytham; Thomas Hesyliden, precentor and dean of the order, for himself and as proctor for the absent Henry Thew; William Ogle; Hugh Lethum, subprior of Finchale; William Chawmbre; Geoffrey Forest', prior of Holy Island, for himself and as proctor of the absent Richard Riddell' and Richard Lawson'; Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., warden of Durham college, Oxford; Henry Dalton, chamberlain, for himself and as proctor of the absent Richard Caly; John Hamsterley, communar, for himself and as proctor of the absent William Cawthorn'; Robert Bailyai, third prior, feretrar, and almoner; John Claxton; William Smyrke; Thomas Lawson'; William Hawkwel', refectorer; Thomas Brown'; Thomas Wrake, the other dean of the order; William Swalwell', master of the galilee; Robert Bates; Robert Wardell'; John Riddell'; John Porter, the prior's steward; Th[omas] Durham, bursar of Durham; Thomas Typpyn', succentor; Edmund More; Richard Evenwode, granger; Robert Heryngton; Robert Rooke; Thomas Dune; Robert Stroher, cellarer of Durham; Robert Tod; Thomas Holburn'; Robert Mody; William Forest'; John Thrilkyll'; William Clyff; William Burgh'; William Ripon'; John Byndley; John Lawson'; John Clyfton'; John Swalwell' assembling at the appointed time and place, at the sounding of the chapter bell, as is the custom, and after Robert Bailyai had preached on the theme *Eligite meliorem de filiis domini* &c, and certain monitions and protestations had been publicly set out by William Yowdall', proctor of the subprior and chapter, at the doors of the chapter-house and at a certain place in the cloister, against those having no voice in the election [as in the monition on f.24r above], the subprior and chapter sang the hymn *Veni creator* for the grace of the Holy Ghost; when this had been done, the versicle and collect *Deus qui corda fidelium* followed, the bishop's licence for the election and the citations and certifications of absent monks were read out, the proxies of absent monks were handed over and approved and the proctors were admitted, other absent monks

were pronounced contumacious, those who ought not to be present at the election were expelled by word, whilst certain jurists, notaries and witnesses remained, the chapter-house and cloister doors were firmly closed and placed under guard, the constitution *Quia propter* of the council-general, was read out, and everything else required by right and custom was observed; that the subprior and monks chose Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., as their prior, by way of inspiration, without debate, and unanimously, excepting only the said Thomas; straight away, singing the psalm *Te Deum laudamus*, they escorted Thomas to the high altar, and William Yowdall', their proctor, published the election to the clergy and people gathered at the high altar and expounded it in the common tongue; whereafter the subprior and monks, excepting their prior-elect, entered their chapter-house again and appointed John Swan and William Yowdall' as their proctors, giving them plenary power on their behalf to inform Mr Thomas Castell', their prior-elect, of their election and to ask his consent, and to do all other things necessary or useful for the completion of the election; and that the proctors at various times that day and on the morrow, in presence of the elect residing in a chamber within the infirmary of the monastery, exhorted him to give his assent to his election, and that at length, not daring to resist the divine will (&c), "with a fearful spirit, a heavy heart and tearful eyes" he clearly and publicly offered a

Written statement whereby he, Thomas Castell', monk and prior-elect of the monastery of Durham, vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland, last prior thereof, gives his consent to his election having been manifoldly asked on behalf of the subprior and chapter to accept the same.

and begging: that the bishop confirm the election, commit the administration of the priory to their prior-elect and decree his installation.

Under the common seal of the chapter and the subscription of the notary.

Witnesses: Mr Robert Kent, S.T.P., Mr William Coke, B.Dec., Mr John Walkar', LL.B., Alexander Bell', N.P. by apostolic authority, Thomas Salter, rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, and John Clerke of the grammar school of the abbey of Durham, of Coventry & Lichfield and Durham dioc..

Notaries: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority, taken on as scribe to the subprior and chapter in the business of this election; John Whithede, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocols recited).

Done: 22 April and 6 May 1494

f.25v-27v 10 [& 11] May 1494

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., prior-elect of Durham, as is claimed, wearing monastic habit and a doctor's cap, appeared in person before Mr Ralph Both', seated in judgment, the commissary and subwarden of spirituality to Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, special commissary and keeper of the spirituality within the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, with all spiritual, ecclesiastical, episcopal and ordinary right, deputed by Thomas, archbishop of York, Mr Thomas being seated on a stool in the midst of his fellow-monks sitting around him and forming the chapter, in order to undergo examination and other things pertaining to the confirmation of the election; and that the said commissary and sole judge ordered John Whithede, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority, clerk of the acts of the said bishop and bishop's commissary, to read the following letters before the prior-elect, the monks, his special council, and a great multitude, as in the following commission

Commission by Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, deputed keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, by Thomas, archbishop of York, to Mr Ralph Bothe, specially-deputed commissary in that regard, since it is evident to him that the monks of Durham have unanimously elected Thomas Castell', S.T.P., as prior of Durham, having obtained special licence and observed everything by rights to be observed therein; and that they are bound to present the said elect and the form of his election to the bishop, and ask for assent thereto, since confirmation or invalidation are known to pertain to the bishop; and because the bishop is prevented by varied and difficult business from confirming or invalidating the election in person, authorizing him, in place of the bishop, and giving him power of canonical coercion, to receive and accept the presentation of the said prior-elect of Durham, and the notification of his election; to grant the bishop's favour in this regard to the prior-elect; to enquire into, examine and investigate the cause and business of the election, to make good any defects and to confirm or invalidate the election according to law; to ask and receive the other things which accord with law; to have the prior-elect inducted into bodily possession of the monastery or priory and installed; and to do all other things required in this regard; saving the rights (&c) of the said cathedral church in all things; and ordering him to certify him at a suitable time and place of what he shall have done or found in the foregoing, [in letters] with the tenor of the presents.

Not having a seal to hand, he has ordered the seal of the office of official of Durham to be affixed, 7 May 1494.

and that, when this commission had been read out and the licence to elect had been shown, the judge decreed that a citation which had been directed against those objecting to the prior-elect or the form of the election, be shown and examined; and Mr John Whithede, the said judge's clerk of acts, exhibited the following certification

Certification by John Swayn, chaplain, celebrating in the parish church of Durham St Nicholas, to Mr Ralph Bothe, archdeacon of Durham, official and subwarden of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, specially-deputed commissary to examine and confirm or invalidate the business of the election of Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., having on 7 May received the following mandate

Mandate by Ralph Bothe, archdeacon of Durham, commissary (&c) to John Swayn, chaplain (&c) since he has appointed Saturday 10 May next to come, about 8 o'clock in the morning, for examination, discussion, and confirmation or invalidation of the business of the election [of Thomas Castell' as prior of Durham], to be carried out in the nave of Durham cathedral ordering him to summon publicly all opponents and gainsayers of the election, and others whom it concerns, in the church of St Nicholas and other churches

of the city of Durham, as he, the commissary, summons them by the presents, specifying the reason for the summons as the perils which customarily menace widowed churches, to appear before him at the said date and place if they should wish or be able by rights to propose anything against the election or its form, or the prior-elect, intimating to them that he will preclude them in perpetuity from making any objection if they do not appear, and proceed to the examination of the election notwithstanding their contumacy; also assigning and ordering the chaplain to assign the same date and place to the prior-elect to appear for examination and to undergo all else concerning the confirmation of his election. Under the seal which he uses in his office, 7 May 1494

by authority of which, John summoned whatsoever opponents and gainsayers, if any there be (&c), in the parish churches of St Nicholas, St Oswald, St Giles, St Mary in North Bailey, and St Mary in South Bailey, and the chapel of St Margaret, in the city of Durham, to appear and propose their objections (&c); and he has thus executed the summons.

Under the seal of the officiality of Durham, because his own seal is unknown, 9 May 1494

and that, when this citation with certification had been shown before the judge and accepted in form of law, public summons was made in English (form of words recited) three times, as the custom is, by John Colt, apparitor of the judge; whereafter the judge ordered the decree of the election to be shown and read out, in his presence and that of those sitting, by the notary, Mr Richard Emryson; that, when this had been done and the decree had been presented to and examined by the judge, the judge next proceeded to various disputations, put forward by him and by various legists there present, against the person of the prior-elect and the form of the election; to which objections Mr William Coke, B.Dec., specially taken on as counsellor of the subprior and chapter for the act of the election and the defence thereof, answered one by one, giving solutions defending the prior-elect and the form of the election, and most elegantly put divers notable things by means of a writ of collation, by which he moved the heart of the judge to the confirmation of the election; and, after various arduous disputations between him and the judge and other jurists there present, another proctor of the subprior and chapter, William Yowdall', appeared in person, showing the following proxy

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing John Swan [prior of Finchale] and William Yowdall' [master of Farne] as their proctors giving them power and general and special mandate on behalf of them and their monastery to present their unanimous election of Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., by means of inspiration, held in their chapter-house on 6 May, to Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, or whomsoever his vicegerent or special commissary, and to beg and obtain confirmation of the election from the bishop or his vicegerent, showing any proof needed therefor and effectually pursuing the business of confirmation of the election; appearing on behalf of the prior-elect and excusing and explaining his absence, and objecting to, answering, being sworn and claiming an interest [?asking to be present] against those wishing to object. [May 1494]

that, after this proxy had been shown and admitted by the judge, William Yowdall', proctor aforesaid, interposed the following

Petition wherein he [William Yowdall'] begs Mr Ralph Both, deputed commissary of Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, to confirm the election of Mr Thomas Castell', S.T.P., monk of Durham, who is of lawful age, in holy orders, born of lawful wedlock, and most prudent and circumspect in spiritualities and temporalities, to make good any defects in the election, to impose perpetual silence upon those wishing further to oppose [the election], to deliver the administration of the prior to the prior-elect, to grant a mandate for his installation, and to do for him in the foregoing what holy canons, the constitutions of the holy fathers, and the privileges, liberties and customs of the priory demand, and he intends to show jointly and severally how the [prior-elect] has shown himself worthy, and that, on the grounds that he examined this petition at another time, the judge did not allow it to be read publicly then on account of its length or, at all events, because of the shortage of time; that, after the petition had been received, the proctor begged out loud that the judge or commissary, having set all disputes, doubts or ambiguities aside, proceed to the confirmation of the election; and that straight away the proctor produced and read out the following

Articles which the proctor of the subprior and chapter of Durham gives, makes, shows and intends to prove in the business of the election by the said subprior and chapter of Durham, of Thomas Castell', S.T.P., as prior of the priory of Durham, vacant by the death of Mr John Aukeland, last prior thereof.

[1] that Mr John Aukland, last prior of Durham, died on 6 April 1494, and his body was buried in the monastery about the second hour after the following midnight.

[2] that on 22 April the subprior and chapter of Durham unanimously appointed Tuesday 6 May for the election of their future prior, and decreed that those who were absent and who ought, wished or could be present on that day, were to be summoned to proceed with them in the business of election.

[3] that on 6 May, when the mass *de Sancto Spiritu* had been celebrated at the high altar in the cathedral choir, all the monks of Durham having a voice in the election by right or custom were called to carry out the election.

[4] that on the said 6 May all and sundry monks of Durham having a voice in the election by right or custom, assembled in chapter, without discussion, discrepancy or gainsaying, unanimously and suddenly chose Thomas Castell' as prior and pastor of the said priory.

[5] that Thomas Castell' had been a professed monk of the Benedictine order in the said priory long before his election.

[6] that Thomas Castell' had been of lawful age and in priestly orders long before the election was held, and that he is free, legitimate and suitable for the rule and cure of the priory, in spiritualities and temporalities.

upon which he produced trustworthy witnesses, honest men whose names "&c"

wherefore, having made faith, which is required in this regard, the proctor asks that the election be declared to have been held canonically and be duly confirmed; that the administration of the priory's spiritual and temporal goods be committed by the judge to Thomas, the prior-elect; that he be inducted and installed in the priorate, and further that that which were of law and that the rules of canon law dictate in the foregoing be adjudged to him; and asks that it be brought summarily to a conclusion, without judicial formality or form of words, according to the new edicts, at which [the judge], with the advice of jurists imparted and having invoked the grace of the Holy Ghost, proceeded to the sentence of confirmation,

Decree by Ralph Bothe, commissary and subwarden of the spirituality of the vacant see of Durham, and sole judge for the following matters, lawfully deputed by letters of Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, seated in judgment, addressing Thomas Castell', S.T.P., stating that he has examined the business of the election and, with none protesting or gainsaying, found the election to be valid and Thomas Castell', S.T.P., to be manifoldly distinguished with the necessary qualifications and merits, and, having taken the advice of jurists and observed the order of law in all things and on the petition of William Yowdall', sufficiently-constituted proctor of the subprior and chapter of Durham, pronouncing the election lawful and confirming the same, making good any defects in the election in so far as law and the authority committed to him allow; committing the cure and rule of the priory to Thomas Castell' and decreeing that he or his proctor be inducted into bodily possession of the priory and assigned and inducted into the choir stall and place in the chapter-house of old used and wont to the prior of Durham; always saving the rights of the cathedral church of Durham,

and recording that, after this sentence, the prior-elect, thus canonically confirmed with all order of law, rose up and withdrew, in presence of the venerable men, jurists and notaries named above, and of other trustworthy men and the populace in a copious multitude there present, to accept bodily possession of the priorate, postponing his installation until the following day, Sunday 11 May; on which day Mr Ralph Bothe, the commissary, returning to Durham cathedral, led Mr Thomas Castell, prior-elect and confirmed, before the doors of the choir between the ninth and tenth hours of the morning, and showed there a certain commission empowering him to install the prior-elect and confirmed; he next led him into the choir and installed him in the choir, in the stall on the north side of the choir, of old used and wont to the prior of Durham: after these words *Sta in iusticia et sanctitate et retine locum a Deo tibi delegatum potens est enim Deus ut augeat tibi gratiam* [and] beginning *Te Deum laudamus*, with the choir continuing and the organs harmonizing with the singing, he duly installed him at the end of the psalm, with the bells ringing; and that after the psalm was finished Mr Ralph Bothe, deputed commissary, with choral response, uttered certain versicles with a following prayer for the prior-elect, confirmed and installed, and seated in his stall, of which versicles and prayer the contents follow (recited); whereafter the commissary, side-by-side with the prior-elect, confirmed and installed, went to the high altar, and then he assigned the place in the chapter-house used and wont of old to the prior of the said monastery, and introduced him to it after the psalm *Te Deum* had been sung there, and after he had reflected on the said versicles and prayer, with the chapter responding; and that the commissary (the entry ends abruptly at this point).

Done: before the altar of the Holy Ghost in the nave of Durham cathedral (and elsewhere as described)

f.27v-28r

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f.28r 19 May 1494

Notarial instrument recording that John Manby, prior of the cell of St Leonard's, Stamford, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing whereby he, John Manby, prior of the cell of St Leonard's, Stamford, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the priory, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

which he held in his hands.

(Witnesses' names omitted)

Notary: Richard Emryson', clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (opening of eschatocol recited)

Done: in the registry within the monastery of Durham, 19 May 1494.

f.28r [? May 1494]

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to admit Mr William Yowdall', S.T.B., to the keeping and rule of the cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the resignation of John Manby, last prior thereof.

f.28v 14 July 1494

Notarial instrument recording that John, bishop of Ross [either in Scotland or in Ireland], vicar, as he claimed, of Northallerton, appeared in person and made and read, the following

Resignation in writing whereby he, John, bishop of Ross and vicar of Northallerton, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another person whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Henry Rokley, squire, and William Thomson, chaplain, of York dioc..

Notary: John Kendale, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in a certain lower parlour in the vicarage house, Leeds par., [W.R.] Yorks.

f.28v 19 July 1494

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Clay in the vicarage of Northallerton, vacant by the resignation of John, bishop of Ross, last vicar thereof; saving a yearly pension of £20 due of old to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: Durham

f.28v-29r 11 August 1494

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Dobson', vicar of Merrington, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing whereby he, Thomas Dobson, vicar of Merrington, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, lawfully deputed commissary special and general and warden of the spirituality of the city and dioc. Durham, *sede vacante*, or his commissary or subwarden, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: John Neshe, chaplain, Roger Morland, gentleman, William Wright, and William Jacson, of Lichfield[?] and Durham dioc..

Notary: Richard Emereson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry of the monastery of Durham

f.29r 13 August 1494

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, lawfully deputed special and general commissary and keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. Durham, *sede vacante*, with all jurisdiction, spiritual, ecclesiastical and ordinary, or his vicar-general, commissary or subwarden, having sufficient power for the following, to institute Thomas Dobson', priest, in the vicarage of Billingham, vacant by the death of Robert Brerley, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham, 13 August 1494.

f.29r 7 September 1494

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Bath & Wells, lawfully deputed special and general commissary and keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. Durham, *sede vacante*, with all jurisdiction, spiritual, ecclesiastical and ordinary, or his vicar-general, commissary or subwarden, having sufficient power for the following, to institute Mr John Walker, LL.B., in the vicarage of Merrington, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Dobson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.29r-v 7 September 1494

Collation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Watson', chaplain, of the chantries of the chapels of St James at the end of the New [i.e. Elvet] bridge, Durham, and of St Andrew upon the said bridge, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Walker, last chaplain or warden thereof, providing that he duly bear the incumbent burdens thereof, in person or through another suitable chaplain, according to the ancient foundation of the chantries, if he be obstructed by legitimate impediment.

Dated: [Durham]

f.29r-v 1494

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Popeley in the canonry and first prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Laurence Strangwys, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.29v-30r 6 February 1394

Notarized letters by John Barnet', official of the court of Canterbury, giving notice that a supplication was lately made to him, seated in judgment in the church of St Mary le Bow, London dioc., on the part of the general and other priors and brethren of Carmelite order of friars, that since they have certain papal letters from Clement VI concerning certain exemptions, privileges and indults granted to the order, and need to show the letters in various distant parts of the world but do not have a duplicate of them, and these original letters might easily be destroyed through various accidents which might befall them if they should be carried to distant parts, and that he might care to examine the letters and, if he should find them to be neither cancelled nor erased, annulled, or suspicious, to order them to be copied by a notary public and drawn up in public form, such that the copy be accorded as much faith as the original; of which letters the tenor is as in the following bull

Bull by Clement [VI], pope, to the general and other priors and friars of the Carmelite order having lately been shown their petition stating that although Pope John XXII had taken them and their order and persons, churches, oratories, houses, properties and places, and the things belonging thereto, in which they dwell or may dwell in future, with all their rights and appurtenances and the persons residing therein, into the right and property of the apostolic see, and exempted them from the power, jurisdiction or lordship of whatsoever diocesan or of any other, for all time; decreeing then that they and their order (&c) were to remain to the sole pontiff and lie under the said see, both in spiritualities and temporalities, without any intermediate; such that neither the ordinaries of [their] places nor any other ecclesiastic be able to publish sentences of excommunication, suspension or interdict upon them, their order, persons, churches (&c) inasmuch as they are exempt, or to exercise any other power or jurisdiction over them; and that if anything were to be attempted to the contrary by anyone it would be null and void; nevertheless, it is not stipulated in this exemption that they might in no way be summoned before ordinaries by reason of transgression or contract or the matter concerning which [proceedings] are conducted, and, fearful of being troubled in future on this account, they have begged him to provide suitable remedy for them in this regard; therefore, being inclined to their supplications, granting by the tenor of the presents that, with the above indult continuing in force, they might in no way be summoned or accused before any diocesan or ordinaries of [their] places by reason of transgression or contract or the matter concerning which [proceedings] are conducted, notwithstanding any contrary constitutions of Innocent IV or others; decreeing null and void anything attempted otherwise in these matters by anyone, wittingly or unwittingly, by any authority.

Dated: Avignon 14 Kal. August, Pont. 6. [19 July 1347]

finding their supplication to be reasonable and, having inspected the apostolic letters in presence of the notary and witnesses and finding them lacking in suspicion, causing the letters to be exemplified by Mr William de Bildeston, N.P., and drawn up in public form, and decreeing that full faith be accorded to the transumpt, just as to the original, lest possession of proof of the apostolic letters be lost to the said religious.

Drawn up as a public instrument by order of the official, and fortified with the official's seal.

Witnesses: Mr John Lynton', registrar of the court of Canterbury and keeper of the register of the same court, John Perth, N.P..

Notary: William Bildelston, clerk of Norwich dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Dated: St Mary le Bow [London]

f.30r 1 February [?1495]

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Watson of Richmond, [N.R.] Yorks., lately apprentice of Roland Walker of Richmond, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in Richmond on 20 January he assaulted one Thomas Forster, walker, of the same town of Richmond, and feloniously struck him with a dagger in the right side of his head, from the inflicting of which wound Thomas died within a fortnight.

Witnesses: William Walkar and Nicholas Dixson'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.24 no.lv.

f.30v 1 February [?1495]

[Memorandum of] petition by William Davell' of Richmond, [N.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he assaulted one William Nelson of the township of Hudswell, par. Catterick, [N.R.] Yorks., on 3 March, and feloniously struck him with a staff commonly called a *clubbe*, from which blow, inflicted to the head, William died at once.

Witnesses: Hugh Wall, mason, William Draper, mason, and Robert Carlyll', mason.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.24 no.lvi.

f.30v 7 March 1495

[Memorandum of] petition by George Robynson of par. Bassenthwaite, Westmorland and Cumberland (*sic*), who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he assaulted one Stephen Dover of the same par. Bassenthwaite, of the township of Hudswell, Catterick par., on a Thursday in the quindene of Easter four years previously, and feloniously struck him in the chest with a dagger, from which blow Stephen died at once.

Witnesses: Roger Witton and John Gray, of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.25 no.lvii.

f.30v 12 March 1495

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry West' of par. Gilling, [N.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he assaulted one Richard Lithfote of the same par. Gilling on the feast of the conception of St Mary [8 December] in the preceding year, and feloniously struck him on the head with a *baselard'*, from which blow Richard died, as he claimed.

Witnesses: Roger Claxton, gentleman, Edward Patonson and John Gray, of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.25 no.lviii.

f.30v [?1495]

Collation by Thomas, prior of Durham, with consent of the almoner of Durham, to Richard Walker, chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Durham St Nicholas, vacant by the resignation of Richard Shotton, chaplain thereof; taking the revenues thereof yearly, as taken by his predecessors, providing that he bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry.

Under the seals of the prior and the almoner.

Dated: Durham"&c".

f.30v-31r 27 April 1495

Citation by Laurence, abbot of Selby, specially deputed visitor by the presidents of the provincial chapter of the black monks, held last at Northampton, to visit all Benedictine abbots and their monasteries and the priors and convents having no abbot of their own, within the province of York, according to the form of the council-general, to the prior and convent of Durham, since he intends to visit the prior and convent in their chapter-house on Friday the morrow of Ascension Day, namely 29 May, with continuation of days, summoning the prior to appear and ordering him to summon his fellow monks who ought to be present by rights or by custom, to appear at the said date and place, at the capitular hour, before him, the visitor, or his commissaries, one or more, and undergo visitation; and requiring him to certify him or his commissaries at the said date and place of all which he shall have done in the foregoing, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents and with the names of those summoned contained in a schedule attached thereto.

Dated: Selby abbey

f.31r 22 May 1495

Certification by Thomas, prior of Durham, to Laurence, abbot of Selby, deputed by authority of the provincial chapter of the Benedictine order, held last at Northampton, as visitor of all Benedictine abbots, priors, monasteries and places within the province of York, or his commissaries, one or more, having, on 1 May, received the Citation by Laurence, abbot of Selby, by the presidents of the chapter-general &c (as in the preceding entry, and not recited here in full) (thus incorporating the whole citation as written above)

that he has obeyed his mandate and had all his fellow monks who ought to be present cited to appear at the appointed date and place to undergo visitation and receive what the nature of such business demands; that he has had the names of his fellow-monks written in a schedule attached to the presents; and that he has done everything else incumbent upon his office in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.31r 1 June 1495

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Easby and William Easby of Ripon, Yorks., came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 23 May [1495] they assaulted one John Dixson of Ripon when arresting him, as they claim, because the said John would not accept arrest by the said Christopher, at that time under-bailiff there, and Christopher feloniously struck him on the shoulder with a bill, inflicting a large wound, from which blow John died at once; for which felony Christopher, as principal, and his brother William, present there and assisting him, although he did not inflict any wound, as he claimed, asked for sanctuary.

Witnesses: Thomas Goldsmyth of Durham, Ralph Porter of co. Lancaster, yeoman, and Nicholas Lamberton of Darlington.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.25-26 no.lix.

f.31r-32r 21 June 1495

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas, prior of Durham, appeared in person and showed a certain original charter concerning the cell of Lytham in Amounderness, uncanceled and with its seal intact, incorrupt and unfalsified, and free from suspicion, as appeared to the notary and witnesses; that, so as more securely to avoid the dangers of the roads and other perils which might happen through carriage of the same charter to distant places, the prior asked the notary to inspect and transcribe the charter, to reduce it into public form, and to draw up a public instrument thereon; that the notary, considering the request reasonable, and so that justice should not perish by the obscuring of the truth, inserted the [text of] the charter in this instrument, wishing as much faith to be given to the copy, the tenor whereof follows, as to the sealed original.

Grant by Richard, son of Roger, with consent of his wife Margaret and his heirs, and for the health of his lord, Earl John, and the souls of his father, mother and heirs, in pure alms, to God, SS Mary and Cuthbert, and the monks of Durham, of his whole land of Lytham, with the church of the same township, and with all things belonging to the same church and township, for a house of their order to be constructed there; by these bounds: from the ditch on the west side of the cemetery of *Kilgrimokez* [an error for *Kilgrimol*, now lost], upon which he has erected a cross, as far as the sea to the west; and from the same ditch and cross across to the east, continuing by *le Corsidemere* beyond the great moss and stream as far as Ballam, which stream runs towards *Suinebrigge*; then from Ballam straight over the moss, which John, earl of Mortain, divided between himself and Richard, to the north side of Eastham carr, continuing eastwards up to the boundary formed by the water which comes from *Birchholme* [? The Birks] and separates Eastham carr and Bryning carr, and following this boundary between the earl and Richard southwards, as far as the mid-point between Eastham and Couburugh, and so continuing westwards and going round to the south over [the moss] into *la pull'* [Lytham Pool] beyond *Suarsalt* [? Salcotes], as it emerges on to the seashore, continuing south cross-wise as far as mid-stream in the Ribble, and following the channel of the Ribble westward to the sea, and so to the dyke and cross aforesaid; and with all the marsh within these bounds and all islands therein; to be held by the monks in perpetuity, in several demesne, with all its emoluments, liberties, &c including fisheries in the sands at low tide belonging thereto and to the church of the same township, just as other alms in the archbishopric of York are held by any religious; willing that the prior and monks of Durham be able to appoint and remove as they see fit the priors and monks who are to serve at Lytham. With warranty.

Witnesses: Simon the chamberlain, Mr Richard de Coldyngham, Mr Henry de Dunelm', Hugh de Feritate.

n.d.: after 1189, when John became earl of Mortain, and prob. before 1199, when he became king of England.

Witnesses: (blank)

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: registry of the cathedral church of Durham

The original, from which some words omitted from the register entry have been used to improve the sense of the above summary, and which names several more witnesses, is DCD 2.2.4.Ebor.57; it has been printed in English in H. Fishwick, *The history of the parish of Lytham* (Chetham Society New Series 60, 1907), p.3-4.

f.32r 24 October 1495

Letters of consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Agnes Rodys, once wife of Robert Rodys, repaying her for the devotion of mind and the affection of a sincere heart which she has for the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham, as they know from experience by her gifts and valuable endowments, charitably conferred upon the prior and chapter and their monastery, admitting her to the spiritual sisterhood of the chapter and granting her special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, with prayers for her, just as for their other spiritual sisters, for all time after her death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.32r 16 November 1495

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Conan Calbek, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Skipwith, vacant by the death of William Parkynson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.32r 5 November [1495]

Mandate by letters patent by Henry [VII], king of England, since he has committed, for as long as it should please him, the keeping of the county of Northumberland to Ralph Herbotill', knight, as more fully contained in his letters patent made for him thereon, commanding the archbishops, bishops, abbots, priors, dukes, earls, barons, knights, free men and others of the county of Northumberland, to be obedient and of assistance to Ralph as sheriff, in all things pertaining to the office.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

f.32r 5 November, A.R. 11. [1495]

Commission by letters patent by Henry [VII], king of England, giving notice that he has assigned the keeping of the county of Northumberland, to Ralph Herbotill, knight, to endure at the king's pleasure, so long as he should render the farms due to the king each year and answer for all other things belonging to the office of sheriff, at the exchequer.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

f.32r-v 5 November A.R. 11 [1495]

Mandate by Henry [VII], king of England, to Richard Chameley, squire, lately sheriff of Northumberland, since he has committed the keeping of Northumberland to Ralph Herbotell', knight, to endure at the king's pleasure, as more fully contained in the letters patent made for him thereon, ordering Richard to deliver the said county, along with the rolls, writs, memoranda and other things belonging to the office, and in his keeping, to Ralph, by indentures to be made between them.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

f.32r 16th century

The legend "L R R R Hunt d d" has been written diagonally across the bottom right-hand corner of the folio, and in part overlies the opening three lines of the above writ.

f. 32v 14 November A.R. 11. [1495]

Writ by Henry [VII], king of England, to Thomas, prior of Durham, giving him power to receive the oath of Ralph Herbotill', knight, sheriff of Northumberland, that he would perform the office well and faithfully, according to the form of a schedule [? f.33r] enclosed with the presents; and to receive the acknowledgments of two persons who would go bail for the said Ralph, each on pain of 200 marks to be raised to the king's use from their lands and chattels, that Ralph should render farms due to the king, and answer to the king at the exchequer for the king's debts and for all other things pertaining to the office of sheriff of Northumberland, according to the tenor of the king's letters patent made for him thereon; ordering the prior, when he has received the oath and acknowledgments, to deliver to Ralph the said letters patent made for him concerning his office, which letters the king is sending to him by the bearer of the presents; and requiring the prior to inform him without delay, in chancery, of the oath, the names and acknowledgments of those going bail, and of everything done in this regard, when returning this writ.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

f.32v 26 December 1495

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute George Briswod, chaplain, in the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the death of Mr William Lowell, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.32v 26 December 1495

Mandate to induct by Richard Nykke, LL.D., vicar-general in distant parts in spiritualities of Richard, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches within the bishopric of Durham appropriated to the prior and chapter of Durham, because the vicar-general has admitted George Briswod, clerk, on presentation by the prior and chapter, to the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the death of Mr William Lowell', last vicar thereof; and, George having been sworn, in presence of the vicar-general, to continuous residence in person there according to the legatine constitutions issued in that regard, he has instituted him therein, committing the cure of the parishioners' souls to him; instructing him to induct George or have him inducted into bodily possession of the vicarage, and requiring to be certified by the prior as to what he shall have done in the foregoing when duly requested on George's part.

Dated: Auckland

f.32v-33r 29 December 1495

Commission by Thomas, prior of Durham, archdeacon of churches appropriated to the chapter of Durham, to George Huntley, parochial chaplain of the church of Norham, of plenary power in his stead to induct George Briswod into bodily possession of the vicarage of Norham, having lately received from Richard Nykke, LL.D., vicar-general of the bishop of Durham, a mandate to induct George Briswod, clerk, into the said vicarage [see the preceding entry], and being unable at present to attend to this induction in person, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham



f.33r [c.November 1495]

Schedule of oath {administered by the prior of Durham} to the sheriff of Northumberland, requiring him to swear to serve the king well and truly in the office of sheriff summarizing his responsibilities in relation to:

the maintenance of the king's rights and revenues; the fair treatment of the people of his sherrifdom; giving quittance at the exchequer to those making due payment to the king; returning and serving the king's writs; the appointment of under-sheriffs, sheriff clerks and bailiffs; receipt of writs; appointment of bailiffs; the suppression of Lollardy; assistance to ecclesiastical ordinaries and commissaries; personal residence within the sherrifdom; not farming his sherrifdom or any bailiwick thereof; setting and returning issues [of homage]; impanelling juries; effectually executing the statutes concerning manslaughters, robberies and other offences, which are being committed by so-called soldiers and other vagrants to the intolerable hurt and hindrance of the king's true subjects.

[n.d.: probably both drawn up and put to use in or around November 1495]

*Language:* English

f.33v 11 January 1496

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Colston, clerk, in a canonry and the prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr John Hert, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.33v 6 February 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Coke of Bridgwater, Som., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he lately assaulted one David (blank), servant of Lord Audley, mutilating him and cutting off his right hand; because of which deed Thomas, greatly fearing the said lord and the said David's friends, took flight with a horse of one Mr John Drew, his master, which horse was not strictly Mr John's, but had been borrowed from one (blank) Paynter in York; for which abduction, fearing prosecution by either his master or (blank) Paynter, or both of them, he asks for sanctuary.

Witnesses: ?Ralph Bothe, gentleman, Robert Adthe, servant of the church.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.27 no.lxii.

f.33v-34r 8 January 1496

Licence by Thomas, prior of Durham, ordinary of the spirituality of the liberty of St Cuthbert in Howden and Howdenshire, and within the limits of the whole parish of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, to Mr Robert Fysher, canon and prebendary of Howden collegiate church, because Mr Alexander Lee, M.A., at present nominally both residentiary and canon in Howden collegiate church, continuously suffering, O, sorrow! from mental illness without lucid intervals, is rendered incapable and unfit in law, such that he is unable, as would pertain to him if he were <capable> present, to receive and admit Mr Robert, who wishes to begin and continue canonical residence in the said church; the prior, to whom receiving and admitting belongs in this case, therefore commends Mr Robert's proposal, granting faculty to him to begin and continue residence whenever it should please him, and admitting him to make residence there; also giving plenary power in name and place of himself and of others whom it might concern, to the master of the choir of the said collegiate church to receive Mr Robert's oath of residency, to be given in the chapter house of the said church on a day to be appointed by him, to admit him in fact to effectual residence, with its preferments, rights and appurtenances, and to do all else necessary or opportune therein, which the prior would do if he were present in person.

f.34r 22 February 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Benet of Stonegrave, [N.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on the Thursday after Michaelmas last, in par. Hovingham (*Ovyngham*), [N.R.] Yorks., he assaulted one Christopher Whithede of the same par., and feloniously struck him on the head with a staff, in self-defence as he claimed, from which blow Christopher died at once.

Witnesses: Ralph Bothe, gentleman, Richard Smyth of Brancepeth, John Fawell' of Brancepeth, Thomas Turnbule of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.27 no.lxiii.

## The register of the time of Thomas Swalwell, chancellor, who entered office on 18 March 14[9]5[6], begins

f.34r-191v

f.34r Tuesday in the fifth week of Lent, Pont. John [Sherwood] 8 [10 April 1492]  
 Extract from record of court proceedings before Guy Fairfax, knight, and his colleagues, justices of the bishop of Durham, John Nesse, chaplain, versus Isabel Whelden, one of the daughters and heiresses of William Whelden, John Nesse claiming twenty messuages and twelve gardens in Durham as his right and heritage, to which Isabel has no ingress other than after the disseizin thereof which William Wheldon unjustly effected without judgment, subsequent to Henry III's passage to Gascony ; and saying that he was himself seized of the messuages and gardens in his demesne as of fee and right in time of peace and at the time of the present bishop, taking esplees to the value of &c, wherefore he brings suit &c; Isabel, defending her right through John Rakett, her attorney, vouches to warranty of Nicholas Blaxton, present in court in person, and he freely warrants the messuages and garden to her; and upon this John Nesse claims the messuages and garden against Nicholas Blaxton, defendant by warranty, in form aforesaid (&c), wherefore he brings suit &c; Nicholas, defendant by his warranty, defending his right, says that Isabel did not disseize John of the messuages and gardens as John proposes by his writ and statement, and upon this he submits himself to the country; John begs and obtains permission to imparl, whereafter he returned to the session in person, and Nicholas, defendant by his warranty, though solemnly summoned, did not return, but withdrew in contempt of court and defaulted; therefore it was agreed that John recover seizin of the messuages and gardens against Isabel, that Isabel have from Nicholas's land to the value of &c, and that Nicholas [be] in mercy &c.  
 Dated: Durham

f.34r-v 22 June 1495

Chirograph lease by Thomas, prior of Durham, to Edward Lilburn' and Robert Wade, merchants of Newcastle upon Tyne, of two salt-pans and one kiddle [stake-net], commonly called *oon keille*, in the territory of Jarrow, to be held from Lammas (St Peter's Chains) [1 August] next after the date of the presents until the same feast next thereafter; rendering therefor during the said term £6 13s 4d, to be paid to the prior and his successors at Candlemas next after the date of the presents and at Lammas thereafter, by equal portions; providing that the master or warden of Jarrow has the said kiddle as often as need be, without impediment or any render therefor; with Edward and Robert surrendering the pans and kiddle at the end of the term [maintained] at their own expense in a condition as good as or better than that in which they found them at the beginning of the term, in the opinion of four trustworthy men; and with Edward, Robert, and John Cowpeland of Wallsend, chaplain, binding themselves by their written bond to the prior and his successors for the implementation of all conventions and conditions on the part of the said Edward and Robert.

f.34v 2 June 1495

Chirograph lease by Thomas, prior of Durham, with the consent of his fellow-monks, to William Heith, merchant of Holy Island, of {one burgage} with its appurtenances, newly constructed, lying in Prior row, Holy Island, between burgages of the prior and of Thomas Gray of Horton [par. Chatton, Northumb.], knight, to the south and north respectively; to be held by William and his assigns from Whitsun next to come for a term of twenty-one years; rendering yearly therefor during the term, to the prior and his successors or to the prior of Holy Island, 13s 4d in equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, and 20s for the last year of the said term, in equal portions at the same feasts, with the first term of payment beginning at Martinmas after the date of the presents; and, if the said farms of 13s 4d or of 20s should be in arrears in whole or in part for forty days after any feast at which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the prior and his successors to enter the burgage and distrain therefor, and remove the distrained goods and retain and sell them irredeemably; and to keep for their own use moneys taken for the said farm and arrears; and, as often as the said farms should be in arrears in whole or in part for a quarter of a year after any feast at which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the prior and his successors to re-enter the burgage and whatsoever part thereof and possess it as originally, notwithstanding the present lease; and the prior and his successors will repair and maintain the hall, chamber and kitchen of the said burgage at their own expense during the whole of the said term, with William and his heirs and assigns repairing and maintaining all other buildings of the burgage during the said term at their will and at their own expense.

Sealed alternately.

f.34v 22 September 1494

Chirograph lease by Thomas, prior of Durham, with the consent of his fellow-monks, to Robert Constable the elder, of the vill of Hunsley [par. Brantingham, E.R.] Yorks., with all lands and tenements in the vill and fields thereof; to be held by Robert from Lady Day 1497 for the term of twenty-one years; rendering yearly therefor for nineteen years of the term, to the prior and his successors or to the chamberlain of Durham, £10, to be paid in equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, and £12 for the last two years of the term, in equal portions at the same feasts; and, if the said farms of £10 or £12 should be in arrears in whole or in part for forty days after any feast at which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the prior and his successors to enter the vill, its lands and tenements, and distrain, and to remove the distrained goods and retain them until satisfied of the rent and its arrears; and, if it should happen that the said farms be in arrears in whole or in part for a whole year after any feast at which they ought to be paid, and insufficient may be found for distraint, or if Robert or his executors should lease or grant the vill (&c) or any part thereof to any other without licence of the prior or his successors, it shall be allowed to the prior and his successors to re-enter the vill (&c) and possess it as originally, notwithstanding the present lease.

Sealed alternately.

Original: DCD 2.1.Spec.9b.

f.34v-35r 16 March 1495

Chirograph exchange of leases between [1] Thomas prior and the convent of Durham and [2] Henry Bowez, squire, and Eleanor his wife.

[1] granting to [2]: the manor of Thorpe Thewles, lately in the tenure of Thomas Blaxton, a tenement lately in the tenure of Thomas Billyngeham, a tenement lately [text evidently omitted] Rouncyman, a cotland lately in the tenure of Thomas Rawlyn, a cotland lately in the tenure of William Layther, a cotland lately in the tenure of the said Thomas Blaxton, a cotland lately in the tenure of Agnes Clerke, an annual rent of 12d from John Coke's sometime tenement, all in Thorpe Thewles; a tenement in Redmarshall lately in the tenure of Robert Raper; a tenement lying in Houghton[-le-Spring], lately in the tenure of Nicholas Laverok; a tenement in Fishburn, lately in the tenure of John Hudesmaugh; an annual rent of 10s from the manor of Claxton; an annual rent of 3s 4d from a burgage, lately the said Eleanor's, in Old [now New] Elvet, lying on one side of a burgage called *Bedforthplace*, in the tenure of John Gibson; all to be held by Henry and Eleanor and their assigns from Martinmas last past for the term of thirty years, in exchange for all lands and tenements granted by them to the prior and convent and their successors.

[2] granting to [1] and their successors: all their lands and tenements in the vills and territories of Monkwearmouth and Coken by Finchale, and a burgage in Old [now New] Elvet called *Bedforthplace*, with adjacent garden, lately in the tenure of William Rakett, between a burgage of the prior's on one side and a burgage lately belonging to Lionel Claxton on the other side, and a barn in *Ratonrawe* [Court Lane], Durham; to be held by the prior and convent and their successors from the same Martinmas for the term of thirty years, in exchange for the properties in Thorpe Thewles (and elsewhere, as above) granted by Henry and Eleanor.

Sealed alternately with the common seal of the prior and convent, and the seals of Henry and Eleanor.

f.35r 11 April 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by John Wakefeld', Thomas Walkar, and William Hall', all canons of Egglestone, and Robert Walkar of par. Startforth, [N.R.] Yorks., servant of the abbot of Egglestone, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 29 March [1496], in a field called Lartington field, near Startforth, in an assault made on them by one Richard Appelby and his accomplices and adherents, Robert Walkar feloniously struck the said Richard Appelby of Cotherstone, [N.R.] Yorks., with a *Walsh bylle* on the front of his head, from which wound and blow the said Richard died within twelve days.; Robert asking for immunity as principal; the canons, present at the assault, not striking or wounding Richard, but driving the others back by force in his defence for which they feared indictment as a result of the assault, asking for immunity for their self-defence and for evading the law, if they should be indicted.

Witnesses: James Dobson, priest, John Foster and Richard Batmonson of Durham, Peter Hogge, Thomas Thursby and Thomas Ranaldson'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.27-28 no.lxiv.

f.35r-v 23 April 1496

Citation and mandate by Richard, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having received on 23 April and reciting the following citation and mandate

Citation and mandate by Thomas, archbishop of York and papal legate, to Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general, having received the following writ

Writ by Henry [VII], king of England, to Thomas, archbishop of York, because of difficult and pressing business concerning the king, the security and defence of the English Church, his kingdom and his subjects (&c), instructing the archbishop to cause the clergy of his province to be convened, with all convenient speed, to appear before the archbishop in York minster or elsewhere and discuss the foregoing and other matters which will be set before them.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster 16 March, A.R. 11. [1496]

summoning the bishop to attend and ordering him to cite the prior and chapter of Durham, all abbots and priors and others elected, exempt and non-exempt, archdeacons, deans, chapters, convents and colleges, and the whole clergy of the city and diocese of Durham to attend before the archbishop or his lieutenants or commissaries, one or more, in York minster on Monday after Ascension, namely 16 May next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, the bishop and prelates attending in person, the convents, chapters and colleges attending through sundry single proctors and the clergy of each archdeaconry attending through two proctors; to discuss, give advice and come to an agreement upon the business set before them; intimating to the bishop and, through him, to the said prelates that he does not intend to treat him or them as excused from personal attendance on this occasion, but that he will punish them for contumacy if they should happen to be absent; and requiring certification, directed to himself or to his commissaries at the said date and place, from the bishop in letters patent incorporating the text of the presents, of the date of receipt of the presents, and of what he shall have done in the foregoing, with an attached schedule of the names of those cited.

Dated: manor of Battersea 7 April 1496

summoning the prior to attend the convocation, &c, as set out in the archbishop's mandate, in person and ordering him to cite the chapter to attend through one sufficient proctor; and requiring certification by 10 May, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents and including the name of the chapter's proctor or proctors, of the date of receipt of the presents and of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.35v 8 May 1496

Certification by Thomas, prior of Durham, to Richard, bishop of Durham, having received on 24 April last the citation and mandate by Richard, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham (as in the preceding entry, not recited again in full) stating that by authority thereof he has cited the chapter of Durham to appear before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his deputed lieutenant, commissaries or commissary, in York minster on 16 May next to come, according to the bishop's letters, to do and receive as the letters demand; that he will appear at the said date and place through his proctors; and that he has thus executed the bishop's mandate.

Dated: Durham

f.35v May 1496

Memorandum that the resignation of William Yowdall, prior of Stamford, was issued, in the form used on the eighth folio preceding [28r], on (blank).

f.35v [? May 1496]

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking (blank) bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to admit Robert Bates, monk of Durham, to the keeping and rule of the cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the resignation of William Yowdall', prior thereof.

f.36r 13 May 1496

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr John Raynold, prebendary of the York minster prebend of Stillington, and Mr John Walkar, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate on their behalf in the coming convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to be held in York minster on 16 May next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his deputed commissaries, one or more, to treat with the other prelates and clergy of the province upon those things to be pursued there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.36r 12 June 1496

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Hugh Wren', LL.B., vicar, as he claimed, of Brantingham, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation, in a paper schedule whereby he, Mr Hugh Wren', LL.B., vicar of Brantingham, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Roger Morland, gentleman, Richard Claxton and John Crosby, *literati*, of York and Durham dioc..

Notary: Richard Emryson, clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited)

Done: the prior's registry, within the monastery of Durham

f.36r 13 June 1496

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Hugh Wren, LL.B., in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the resignation of Mr Christopher Tenand, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.36v 13 June 1496

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Claxton, M.A., in the vicarage of Brantingham, vacant by the resignation of Mr Hugh Wren, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.36v 13 June 1496

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Marshall', priest, in the vicarage of Fishlake, vacant by the death of Thomas Fairbarne, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.36v 16 June 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by Richard Atkynson and his brother William Atkynson, of par. Kendal, Westm., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on Trinity eve last [28 May], at a place between Kendal and Grayrigg, Richard Atkynson assaulted one James Warde of par. Horton [? Orton], Westm., and feloniously struck him twice on the head with a *Carlyll* axe, from which James died at once; William Atkynson did not admit to striking or wounding the said James, but acknowledged that he was present with his brother and was his accessory when the crime was committed, and so feared undeserved indictment, even though not the one responsible, as he claimed; and for this felony Richard took immunity as principal and William as accessory.

Witnesses: Roger Morland and Richard Both, gentlemen of the prior of Durham, John Foster, the bishop's chief apparitor.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.28-29 no.lxvi.

f.36v 4 July 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by Matthew Holme, lately of par. Morland, Westm., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on Trinity Sunday two years past [25 May] he assaulted one William Hebson' of Sleagill, of the said par. Morland, and feloniously struck him on the head twice with a staff commonly called a *Kendall clobbe*, and from the wounds thus inflicted William died at once.

Witnesses: Thomas Warwyke of Durham, apothecary, and William Blyth, Robert Symson, and William Cokden, masons of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.29 no.lxvii.

f.36v 7 July 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by John Newbigging' of Errington, of St Oswald's chapel, par. St John [Lee], Hexhamshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 12 June last he assaulted one Gerard Still', inhabitant of Hexham, and feloniously struck him in the chest with a half-lance, commonly called a *sperestaffe*, from which blow Gerard died at once.

Witnesses: Thomas Tyndall of Brancepeth, James Hyne of Durham, smith, Robert Wodhows, and Robert Androwson.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.29-30 no.lxviii.

f.37r 10 July 1496

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr John Underwode, LL.B., in a canonry and the third prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Wilson', last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham, { "not issued and did not take effect" }



f.37r vigil of St John the Baptist [23 June 14]96

Chirograph contract between Thomas, prior of Durham, and Thomas Foderley, cantor, witnessing that Thomas Foderley has been retained and sworn to serve the prior and his successors for the term of his life as follows: to instruct those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputy should assign to him, in playing the organ and singing plain chant and with organ accompaniment, namely *planesong*, *priknott*, *faburdon*, *dischant*, *swarenote*, and *countre*, teaching them four times every weekday, namely twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon; to be present in person, barring legitimate cause, from beginning to end of the singing at all masses, vespers, and *Salve regina* to be celebrated with *priknote*, *dishaunt*, *faburdon*, and organ-accompanied singing in the choir of the cathedral, playing the organ if need be, and to sing the tenor or any other vocal part most suited to him, assigned by the precentor or his vicegerent, for the aforementioned chants; to be present in person daily, at the masses of St Mary the Virgin to be celebrated *cum nota* in the galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time, unless a legitimate and significant matter should impede him; and, if such a cause arose, because he would not be able to attend on alternative occasions, deputing in his place another suitable expert; to provide singing [as often as] he should be [forewarned for this purpose] upon the summons of the cathedral precentor or his lieutenant; each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass, or another equivalent work as should seem fit to the prior and precentor, in honour of St Mary and St Cuthbert; the prior, for himself and his successors, granting Thomas Foderley, for rendering these services, £10 to be paid for the term of his life yearly at Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks, to be received every Christmas; with Thomas receiving the £10 and cloth so long as he should be able to carry out the foregoing duties, and taking five marks yearly should he become so debilitated by disease or infirmity that he might not carry out these duties.

Printed in: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.cccclxxxvi-ccclxxxvii.

f.37r vigil of St John the Baptist [23 June] 1496

Bond by William Dosse, chaplain, and Thomas Foderley, cantor, to Thomas, prior of Durham, for £20 to be paid to the prior and his successors at Martinmas next to come after the date of the presents.

(with) Condition providing that if Thomas Foderley, singer, observe the conditions of the above indenture [this folio above] between himself and the prior, this bond will be of no force; and otherwise being of full strength.

*Language:* Latin (Bond) and English (Condition)

f.37v 25 June 1496

Inhibition by Richard Nykke, LL.D., official of the consistory court of the bishop of Durham, to Mr John Walkar, official of the prior and convent of Durham, in churches appropriated to them, stating that in an action of breach of faith instituted before Mr John between John Danby, monk, plaintiff, and Hugh Herperley, defendant, of Preston[-le-Skerne], par. Aycliffe, Mr John proceeded against Hugh unjustly, with the order of law not observed, favouring John Danby more than he ought, and, by his wrongful letters, pronounced Hugh suspended from entering a church; forbidding him, on pain of law, from proceeding further in the said case.

f.37v 9 July 1496

Mandate by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to the curate of the church of Aycliffe, stating that although an action of breach of faith and perjury between the prior and chapter of Durham, plaintiffs, and Hugh Herperley of the curate's parish, defendant, was pending undecided in court before the official, without proceeding to judgment, Hugh, led by a spirit of deceit, in order to delay the suit, complained to Mr Richard Nikke, LL.D., official of the consistory of Durham, unjustly declaring that the prior's official proceeded against him with the order of law not observed, unduly favouring the plaintiff, albeit he was being economical with the truth; Hugh's complaint notwithstanding, when the official of the consistory had been informed of the truth of the matter, he returned Hugh and his cause before the prior's official for a decision; wherefore he orders the curate to cite Hugh, to have him cited, in person, if he may be apprehended, or otherwise to take pains that the citation might come to his notice, to appear before him, the prior's official, in the church of Durham St Oswald on Thursday after the feast of the Seven Brothers next to come [14 July] (&c); and requiring certification at the said date and place of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.37v 6 Id. November, Pont. 1 [8 November 1281]

Bull by Martin {IV}, pope, to the master and brethren of the house of poor lepers, Sherburn, lest they be troubled by the molestation of wicked men, agreeing to their requests and taking their persons, house, and all goods which they might acquire into his protection, and confirming their lands, houses, meadows, vineyards, gardens and other goods to them, and strictly forbidding anyone to demand or extort tithes from them from their gardens and thickets or from the increase of their beasts.

Dated: [?Rome] (*Urbem uetetem*)

f.37v 5 Id. July, Pont. 2 [11 July 1256]

Bull by Alexander {IV}, pope, to the master of brethren of the leper house of Sherburn, agreeing to their requests and taking their persons, house, and all goods which they have now and might acquire in future into his protection, confirming their lands, possessions, pastures, woods and other goods to them, and strictly forbidding anyone to demand or extort tithes from them from their gardens and copses or from the increase of their beasts.

Dated: Anagni

f.37v-38r 3 Kal. June, Pont. 3 [30 May 1190]

Bull by Clement {III}, pope, to his sons of the house of Sherburn leper hospital noting their misfortunes, and acceding to their petitions, so that they be safe from disturbance by evil persons, taking their house, persons, and all that they now possess and might acquire in future into his protection, confirming to them in particular the vill of Sherburn, by gift of H[ugh of Le Puiset], bishop of Durham, with its mill &c, one carrucate of eight score acres [in] Ebchester, with pasture &c, the church of Kelloe, the church of Grindon, the vill of Garmondsway, a carrucate called Raceby, a carrucate and two bovates with tofts &c, and pasture for 1,000 sheep in Sheraton ( *Sturvelton* ), by gift of Roger Conyers, the church of Bishopton, the church of Sockburn ( *Slokburn* ), as in the said bishop's charter; that no-one presume to demand or extort tithes of their crops which they tend by their own hands or at their own expense, or from their gardens, trees, fruits, increase of animals, fish; it being lawful to no man to interfere with their house, persons or goods, or to take away, keep and reduce their possessions, or worry them with whatsoever vexations.

Dated: the Lateran,

f.38r

Summary of cases on the part of the Cistercians, Templars and Hospitallers, not bound to pay tithes of their tithes which they cultivated with their own hands at their own expense; other religious do not pay tithes of gardens, increase of animals nor of newly tilled land (*novalibus*) which they cultivated with their own hands at their own expense. Firstly it is pleaded that brothers of the Hospitallers do not pay tithes for their own labours as they are masters of their own affairs, but this privilege does not apply to all private hospitals as it might then follow that all religious and beneficed clergy who hold by right of a hospital would enjoy the same privilege which is absurd for private hospitals have privileges common to other churches.

Secondly it is pleaded that they might have immunity from tithes from the increase of the animals tended and increased by themselves. Cistercians have the privilege of not paying tithes from lands, though this does not extend to leased fields, therefore it follows that for the animals of other religious depastured in leased fields there is one tithe for the fields and one for the animals. But the Cistercians are held to pay tithes of their labours on leased produce therefore in the same way other religious are held to pay tithes from animals leased, as declaimed by Alexander IV in his bull.

Thirdly it is pleaded that newly tilled land is exempt from tithes, newly tilled land being a field newly cultivated of which there is no memory of previous cultivation and which has borne no fruit beforehand; the privilege of not paying tithes from newly cultivated land requires firstly that the land is newly cultivated, secondly that there is no memory of it having been cultivated and thirdly that the parochial church was taking none or a small amount of the first fruits from such land. For as parochial churches make great use of uncultivated woods in the name of tithes, cutting and selling trees, so they concede it a privilege of the parochial church to take away a little produce or none at all. This privilege of the increase from new cultivation of their own land, not another's which is leased, is less if it is held in emphyteusis or usufruct.

f.38r [1070 x 1087]

Grant by William [I], king of England, to the hospital of St Peter [*al.* St Leonard], York, [confirming] the ancient alms upon which the hospital was founded: namely of one thrave of corn from every plough-team ploughing in the bishopric of York.

Witnesses: Thomas, archbishop [of York], Geoffrey Bernard, Ralph Paganel.

f.38r-v [1154 x 1189]

Mandate by Henry [II], king of England, to archbishops, deans [plural] and the chapter of York, instructing them to cause the poor of the hospital of St Peter [*al.* St Leonard], York, to have the sheaves of all lands from which they had them at the time of King Henry his grandfather, and at the time of the Archbishop Thurstan, not wishing that that house should in any way unjustly suffer loss, whosoever might hold the same [lands], be they monks, canons or nuns.

Witness: Richard de Canuilla.

Dated: [?Domfront] (*Daufrunt*)

f.38v 7 May A.R. 39 [1255]

Writ patent by Henry [III], king of England, to all his bailiffs and faithful to whom this should come, informing them that he has taken the hospital of St Leonard, York, (founded by his forbears, kings of England) and the master and brethren there, and their men, lands, interests, rents, and possessions into his special protection; ordering them to maintain, protect and defend the said master and brethren, their men, lands (&c), neither bringing harm nor permitting harm to be brought to them; and to make amends to them if wrong be done to them; and informing them that he has granted to the master and brethren, for himself and his heirs, that they should have a thrave of corn each year from every plough in the counties of York, Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire, without impediment, just as they were accustomed to have it in these counties in the times of his forbears, kings of England, for the support of those dwelling in the hospital; forbidding anyone from withdrawing anything of this from them, and from unjustly disturbing them in this matter.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Riding

f.38v [1138 x c.1143]

Charter and precept by Roger de Mowbray, notifying his men, friends and, in particular, his bailiffs that he has given in alms to the brethren of the hospital of [St Leonard's] of St Peter, York, a thrave of corn from each plough of his lordship throughout Yorkshire; ordering his bailiffs to hand the same over once each year; for the remission of his and his parents' sins.

Witnesses: Samson de Albis, Viel de Cava, and Ellis de Saint Martin.

Dated: Welburn

Printed, from this and one other copy, in *Charters of the honour of Mowbray 1107-1191*, ed. D.E. Greenway (British Academy, Records of Social and Economic History, N.S. I, 1972), p.193, which gives the above date range.

f.38v [?1191 x 1223]

Signification by William de Mowbray to R, dean, R, chancellor, and J, subdean, of Lincoln informing them that, according to the general custom of Yorkshire, to which all clergy, laity, and religious are bound, both he and the tenants of his fee in Yorkshire pay sheaves from their ploughs (yearly sheaves from each plough-team ploughing), without difficulty or trouble, to God and the poor persons of St Peter's hospital, York, for their maintenance. [Three columns of names follow. The men named are not said to be witnesses.]

(col. 1) William, earl of York; William Albamarl'; Peter Brus; William ?Percy ( *Pero yogh* ); Henry Nevill'; Henry Fitz Henry;

(col. 2) Brian Fitz Alan; William Latymer; Robert de Stapilton'; Adam de Stavell'; Richard, constable of Richmond; Th[omas] de Burgo;

(col. 3) William the chamberlain; G. Fitz Ranulf; Conan Fitz Ellis; Adam de Racelay; William Fitz Bartholomew of Eskilby [Exelby, N.R. Yorks.]; John de Berkyn'.

[n.d.: ? 1191 x 1223: deaths of William Mowbray's father and of William himself]

f.38v 15 September 1496

[Memorandum of] petition by Richard Fysh of the township of Braybrooke, Northants, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, in Whit week, before Trinity two years past, in an assault made on him, as he claimed, he feloniously struck and wounded one James Yreson of Braybrooke, in self-defence, on the front of his head with a staff commonly called a *clubbe*, from which blow James died at once.

Witnesses: Thomas Hardgill' of Sherburn, John Bekley of Durham, Miles Wilson of Shotton.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.30 no.lxix.

f.38v 22 October 1496

Citation by Thomas, prior of Durham, ordinary of the spirituality of the liberty of St Cuthbert in Howden and Howdenshire to William Grange commanding him to cite or cause to be cited Mr Robert Fysher, canon and prebendary of the collegiate church of Howden, to appear before the prior in the nave of Durham cathedral on Saturday next after All Saints [5 November]; Robert Kent, S.T.P, deputed assistant of Mr Alexander Lee, residentiary canon of the collegiate church of Howden, intends to proceed in a certain cause of the withholding and detaining of the portion and rights, due to Alexander by reason of his residency, against Robert Fysher who is to be answerable to Robert Kent', and to do and receive what justice will urge in this regard. William is to certify the prior on the said day and place as to what he has done regarding the aforementioned.

Also DCD Reg. Parv. IV f.44v-45r.

f.38v [c.1496]

Presentation [by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas, archbishop of York, [to institute] {George Rowth in a prebend of Hemingbrough} [collegiate church]. (Only the first line and the caption of this entry survive)

f.39

An earlier foliation suggests that ten folios have been lost from this part of the register. The next entry is incomplete.

f.39r [?1496]

[Notarial instrument incorporating

Appeal by Robert Cheston', proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham] stating that.....

though asked, he [William Steward], did not care or, more truly, refused as he refuses now to come to a settlement with them for these things, despoiling the said proprietors and their church of the four chapels dependent therefrom [and] of their possession in the foregoing, or at least ordering or ratifying the despoilment that, although the prior and chapter established their case against the same William Steward concerning the removal, detention and lawful receipt or plunder of the tithe, lambs, and wool of the sheep and lambs in the said places, before Mr Martin Colyce, D.Dec., official of the court of, Thomas, archbishop of York, Mr Martin Colyn [ sic ], the official, not noting the truth of the cause and proposal made before him, but, having been swayed by the entreaties or entreaty of William and his [side], favouring William more than duly, put off passing sentence for the prior and chapter for no little time, though duly asked because the matter required speed; that with no legitimate reason, and with the prior and chapter thoroughly disagreeing, he tacitly and expressly refused to pass judgment and postponed from day to day the date for sentencing; that next, to give sentence for William Steward and against the prior and chapter, as is said, he commissioned in his place and ordered a certain Thomas Metcalf, chaplain, to pronounce against them; and that this Thomas Metcalf, chaplain, self-styled commissary of Mr Martin Colyns [ sic ] the official, (not attending to the proof of the cause or to other things done therein, but attending only to the official's mandate, with the proofs of the prior and chapter unnoted, and excessively favouring the words and depositions of certain false and corrupt pretended witnesses, produced for their opponents after the term date for producing them, upon the articles directed (blank) accepted in favour of William Steward' by the same official, with the prior and chapter protesting and thoroughly dissenting, and those things for which proofs had been brought are not proven, but are lacking in proof, passed this pretended, unfair, definitive sentence, if it deserve to be called sentence, for William Steward and against the prior and chapter (saving the reverence of such a judge) and unfairly condemned the prior and chapter in certain expenses incurred in the said case; and that an appeal has been and was made to the apostolic see and directly and lawfully to the pope, on behalf of the prior and chapter, from this perverse definitive sentence; wherefore he, Robert Cheston', considering the prior and chapter and himself in their name to be unduly weighed down by the foregoing injuries, appeals to the apostolic see and to the pope, not withdrawing from the aforesaid appeal but standing by it, to be delivered from the foregoing injuries, subjecting himself, the prior and chapter and all those adhering or wishing to adhere to him and to them, to the protection of the said see; 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; swearing that ten days have not elapsed since the foregoing became known to him and to the prior and chapter, and that he does not at present know with certainty where he might gain the presence of a judge by whom to appeal.

Witnesses: Mr William Tong, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, Mr Richard Latymer and Mr William Wright, N.P.s, proctors-general of the court of York, of Durham and York dioc..

f.39v-40r 7 August 1497

Commission by Richard, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having received, in Berwick[-upon-Tweed] on 4 August, the following writ, deputing him in his place as collector of the two tenths within the bishop's diocese according to the form of the said writ, and giving him whatsoever power of canonical coercion.

Writ by Henry [VII], king of England, to Richard, bishop of Durham, since Thomas, archbishop of York, and the other prelates and clergy of the city, dioceses and province and York in the provincial chapter held in the chapter-house of York minster on Wednesday 26 April 1497 have granted for the defence of the English church and especially for repelling the bold, malicious and hostile invasion of the Scots, two whole tenths from whatsoever ecclesiastical goods and benefices, both spiritual and temporal, within the city, diocese, and province of York, according to the new assessment (or the old assessment where the new has not been made) accustomed to pay the tenth, under certain forms and conditions and exceptions: totally exempt from payment of the two tenths are: whatsoever nunneries and the benefices appropriated thereto, because of their well-known poverty, except for the churches of Campsall and Womersley, in the archdeaconry of York, appropriated to the nunneries of Wallingwells ( *Wallyng & Wellez*) [Notts] and Heynings [Lincs]; also benefices appropriated to colleges, halls and houses of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford; the 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 church of Barnby, appropriated to the use of the choristers of Southwell collegiate church, on account of their meagre endowment; the parish church of Middleton [on the Wolds] in the archdeaconry of the East Riding, because of over-assessment and the great diminution of the revenues thereof; also, all monasteries, priories and benefices in and of Carlisle dioc. within Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland, and the temporalities and spiritualities annexed thereto within the said parts and in and of Carlisle dioc.; also all benefices having cure of souls assessed at eight marks or less according to the new extent, or the old extent where the new has not been made; and exempted from half of the grant of two tenths are: the lands, tenements and temporal possessions of the monastery and priories of Mattersey, Ellerton, and St Andrew's York, because of their notorious poverty; and the community (*communia*) of York minster, along with the churches of Misterton and Stretton, appropriated thereto; the first tenth due at Lammas (St Peter's Chains) next to come and to be raised and collected by 1 September next thereafter and paid to the king; and if the king or his lieutenant should pass to those parts with a royal army against the Scots by 1 November, then a third tenth, under the same conditions, exceptions and provisions, is to be raised, collected and paid to the king at Midsummer (St John the Baptist) 1498; and the archbishop, prelates and clergy aforesaid have granted from the said monasteries, priories and benefices in and of Carlisle dioc., and from the temporalities and spiritualities annexed thereto, within Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland, exempted as aforesaid, a subsidy, to be implemented at the king's pleasure, to be set by the prelates and clergy and by William, bishop of Carlisle, and to be raised and collected at terms to be appointed by the same; providing that, if the prelates and clergy be ordered by the king, or whatsoever other person by any authority, to resist the Scots or other enemies of the realm and repel their hostile incursions in person or by providing armed men at the expense of the same prelates and clergy or by any of them, then the grants of the tenths for those forced to bear arms against the Scots or provide armed men at their own expense are to be taken as not made; requiring the bishop to ordain that the collectors deputed by the ordinary of the place to raise the

tenths and subsidy be able to coerce persons refusing to pay the tenths and subsidy according to the sum or rate appertaining to them, or delaying beyond the date for payment of the tenths and subsidy, by sentences of suspension, excommunication and interdict, after canonical warning, by sequestration and sale of their revenues and by other remedies, by authority of the said convocation, until satisfied of the sums owed; and that they be able to release such persons making satisfaction from all penalties imposed on them; providing also that if any collector were unable to raise any sum appertaining to any person refusing to pay within his collecting district, and he reported the non-payer and the sum to be paid to the treasurer and barons of the king's exchequer, he would then be discharged from raising the sum and proceedings would be begun against the non-payer by the treasurer and barons of the exchequer; [providing also] that the certification of the collector or his attorney thereon be taken on trust and credence be applied fully, without delay or any enquiry; granting that each deputed collector rendering his account at the exchequer receive 8d of every 20s of the tenths collected by him, for his and his servants' labours and expenses, and consider himself content therewith; ordering the bishop to have trustworthy men, for whom he would answer, appointed from the clergy of his diocese to collect the two tenths according to the form of the aforesaid grant, and to answer to the king for the tenths at the said term dates; and requiring the bishop to certify the treasurer and barons of the exchequer by 26 July next to come of the names of those deputed for this purpose.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster 1 June A.R. 12. [1497]

Dated: Berwick upon Tweed, 7 August 1497.

Another copy: DCD Loc.XVIII:57.

f.40r-v 18 November 1498

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry Machon of par. Eckington, {Derbys.}, [who came to Durham cathedral and] there, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the church of Durham, for the reason that, on 8 December the previous year, in an assault upon him, or [? a fight] between them, he feloniously wounded one John Gyly of Eckington in the head with a *daker*, from which blow the said John is judged to have died; and he asks for immunity in the event that John died from this wound and that he be indicted for this.

Witnesses: Richard Claxton, gentleman, John Brown, servant of the church, and Th[omas] Foderley, cantor.

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f.40v-41v 13 August 1496

Commission by Richard, 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, bishop of Durham, since Thomas, 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, 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 (*Hawtingpycyp*), 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.

Dated: Westminster 16 June A.R. 11. [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.

Dated: manor of Auckland

Original: DCD Loc.XIX:62.

f.41v-42r 18 December 1498

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following confirmation, saving the rights and liberties of the church of Durham in all things. Confirmation by Richard, bishop of Durham, since: Mr John Radclyff, rector of Sedgefield, has, for certain legitimate reasons approved by the bishop and to be taken as expressed here, resigned the church of Sedgefield in presence of the bishop; and the bishop has admitted this resignation, with power reserved to him to assign a yearly pension to Mr John from the revenues of the said church for more plentiful maintenance of his life while he should live; has declared the said church of Sedgefield to be vacant and consequently instituted Mr William Estfeld as rector of the church of Sedgefield and admitted him thereto; has been begged on behalf of Mr John that he might see fit to provide relief and sustenance to Mr John appropriate to his rank, and to assign and grant Mr John a yearly pension for life from the revenues of the said church; with those called who by rights are to be called, and with those things observed which by rights are to be observed, and noting that Mr John Raclyff' was praiseworthy in charge of the said church, he has assigned and assigns by the presents a pension of fifty marks from the oblations, issues, income and emoluments of the said church for Mr John's maintenance, to be paid yearly to Mr John and his assigns while he should live, making the church of Sedgefield a pensionary church to this effect; imposing the burden of payment of the pension upon the said Mr William Estfeld', now rector of Sedgefield, such that he and his successors be bound to acknowledge and take on the burden of payment, and pay the fifty marks to Mr John or his assigns by equal portions at the terms of St Cuthbert in March and St Cuthbert in September, with the first payment at St Cuthbert in March next to come after the date of the presents; to the faithful payment whereof Mr William has given his oath in presence of the bishop; ordaining that any successor to Mr William being instituted in future give his oath before the bishop or his successors to bear the burden of payment of the pension, and that he will not contravene this ordinance while Mr John lives; enacting that in the letters of collation to any future rector of Sedgefield during Mr John's life special mention be made of the pension and oath, or else the institution is to be null and void; decreeing that any rector of Sedgefield during the life of Mr John, before he be inducted into the said church, should be bound to renounce, before the bishop or his successors, or anyone else [with power to effect] the same institution, all remedy of appeal, lawsuit (&c) by which the ordinance set out above might be obstructed; publicly saying a general renunciation in presence of a notary public and trustworthy witnesses; decreeing also that if Mr William Estfeld', the current rector, or any successor were to neglect to obey the bishop's said ordinance, decree, monitions and mandates, or stubbornly defy them and not make the said payment in full at the said terms, or at least within a month thereafter, then the revenues of the rector of the church of Sedgefield are to be sequestered, and the bishop sequesters them by the tenor of the presents, not releasing the sequestration until satisfaction had been made to Mr John Radclyff' of the pension and arrears, and of the expenses caused by reason of non-payment; committing the sequestered property to the keeping of the archdeacon of Durham of the time, or to his official, and prohibiting anyone, by any authority or excuse, from violating the bishop's sequestration; providing always that in the interim divine offices be observed and all incumbent burdens of the said church be maintained from the sequestered revenues.

Dated: manor of Bishop Auckland 4 June 1496

Dated: Durham

f.42r-v 11 December 1498

Notarial instrument recording that William Bell', clerk, rector, as he claimed, of Dinsdale, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following: Resignation, in writing, whereby he, William Bell', clerk, rector of Dinsdale, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said church, resigns the same into the hands of Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Thomas Cuke, chaplain, William Parvyn, of Durham dioc..

Notary: Thomas Lewez, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority.

Done: in a small chamber within the dwelling-house of Agnes Carre, Neasham.

f.42v 8 January 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Lee, last vicar of Bywell St Peter in the vicarage of Bedlington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Pitcher, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.42v-43r 6 June 1498

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Robert Picherd, S.T.B., vicar, as he claimed, of Bedlington, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation, put in writing, whereby he, Robert Pytcherd', S.T.B., vicar of Bedlington, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the cure, burden and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Richard, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever, his vicegerent having power to accept his resignation.

(Witnesses' names omitted)

Notary: John Cooke N.P..

Done: in a high chamber within the dwelling-house of Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, by Aldersgate, par. St Anne, London

f.43r 9 January 1498

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to William Paxton, rector of Sheepwash, and John Skipsee, parish clerk of (blank), of plenary power in his stead to induct Thomas Lee, lately vicar of Bywell St Peter, into possession of the vicarage of Bedlington, having lately received a mandate from Richard, bishop of Durham, to induct the said Thomas into bodily possession of the church [properly vicarage], vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Pycher, S.T.B., last vicar thereof, and being unable to attend to this induction; and requiring certification as to what they shall have done in the foregoing.

f.43r-44v [later 15th century]

Explanations and illustrations of the regalian right of the bishops of Durham, in the reigns of Henry III and Edward I, to [text apparently omitted] and to forfeitures resulting from rebellion, treason or war against the king, or from any other cause in their bishopric, between Tyne and Tees and in Norhamshire, Islandshire and Bedlingtonshire, arguing that:

(1) In the days of Henry III and Edward I and for a long time thereafter, those rebelling, committing treason and levying war against the king were not attainted by parliament, nor were their lands seized by the king by authority of parliamentary attainder; rebels were either received into the king's peace, in which case their lands were placed in the king's hands as surety, or were not so received, in which case their lands were forfeited to the king. Such forfeiture was known as forfeiture of war, i.e. forfeiture for levying war against the king.

(2) That lands having franchises and liberties of regality had forfeitures of war within them just as the king had forfeitures elsewhere in the kingdom; and this they did because forfeiture of war appertains to liberty royal, as appears both from the use and practice applying then as now and put into law (*in ure*), and from reason and the common law.

(2.1) That the king can only have forfeitures of war or other forfeitures from a regality by authority of parliament, and that with the assent of the lord of the regality.

(2.2) That the king's writ does not run in a liberty royal nor are his officers able to enter the liberty and carry out their office or seize lands as escheat or forfeit. The king's officers cannot therefore, unless authorized by parliament, interfere with forfeitures of war within the regality.

(2.3) In the case of forfeitures occurring through the common law, unless otherwise provided by authority of parliament, the lord seizes forfeited property within his liberty and the king seizes forfeited property outside: in the case of John at Style, lord of the manor of Dale, Middx, and of the manor of Roke, within the bishopric, being attainted of felony or high treason, the king may seize the manor of Dale and the bishop of Durham may seize the manor of Roke. In the time of Henry III and Edward I forfeitures of war were acquired without process of attainder and, if the lord having liberty royal may now seize lands of persons attainted at the common law, how much more likely that he would have done so at a time when attainder was effected without great process of the law.

(2.4.1) Peter de Montfort forfeited all his lands in England after levying war against Henry III at the battle of Evesham, at which he was slain. Among these lands was the manor of Greatham in the bishopric, which the king seized, imagining that forfeitures of war in the bishopric appertained to him. The king later acknowledged the right of the bishop and restored the manor to him, as his letters patent thereon show. This is the first forfeiture of war to leave any record.

(2.4.2) The second forfeiture of war was in 21 Edward I, when John Balliol (*Balyall'*), king of Scots, who levied war on Edward I, forfeited all his lands in the bishopric of Durham to the bishop, who entered the same and was possessed of them many years. Likewise John Percy, adherent to John Balliol (*Balyell'*), forfeited the manor of ?Whiteley (*Whithlawe*), which Antony, bishop of Durham, entered in right of his church, and later gave to John Fitz Marmaduke, and which subsequently returned to the said bishop's successors. Likewise Aimery Howden, adherent of the same king of Scots, forfeited his lands and tenements in Berrington and Kyloe, and bishop Antony entered them, seizing his successor in one part and Robert Maners in another part, in which Robert's successors remain seized. Likewise Walter Fitz Jamys, adherent to John Balliol (*Baylyoff*) forfeited the manor of Buckton and Goswick in Islandshire, which bishop Antony entered and

kept “yeres and days” before giving Buckton to Roger Pycard, whose heirs are still seized therein, and giving Goswick to the prior of [?Holy] Island, whose successors remain seized therein.

(2.4.3) The third forfeiture of war was in 29 Edward I, when Robert de Bruys, king of Scots, who levied war against the same king, forfeited all his lands in England outside the bishopric of Durham to the same king and forfeited the manor of Hart, in the the said bishopric, to the bishop of Durham; and bishop Antony entered and possessed the same until 34 Edward I, when, without process of law, he gave the same to Robert Clyfford'. Likewise John Selby, adherent to the said king of Scots, forfeited the manor of Felling, which bishop Antony entered and which his successors still have.

(2.4.4) The third [ *sic* ] forfeiture of war was in Henry IV's time, the fourth forfeiture was in Henry V's time, and the fifth forfeiture was in Henry VI's time. They were authorized by parliament, though the first two were “nane other nor no langer but as the commune lawe wald and the thryde was little gretter”. None attainted in the reigns of Henry IV and VI held land in the bishop's liberty, but all acts of attainder included a proviso concerning the same.

(2.4.5) Concerning forfeiture in the time of Henry V, the act of parliament contained a like proviso for regalities, such that the bishop of Durham had the forfeiture of the manor of Winston, by the attainder of lord Scrope of Masham, and the manor of Urpeth, divers lands and tenements in Consett, Cold Rowley and Sedgefield, and the manor of Elstob (part of these being in Sedgefield wapentake, where the manor of Hart lies) belonging to the attainted Thomas Gray, knight, and the same Thomas Gray's lands and tenements in Norhamshire and Islandshire, to the value of £100 and above.

(2.4.6.) The sixth forfeiture was in the time of Edward [IV], parliament expressly ordaining that the king have all lands and tenements outside the bishopric of Durham and that the bishop, in right of his church, have all that were within the same. Thus the bishop had lord Clyfford's manor of Hart.

(2.5.) Fifthly, a judgment of parliament of 1 Edward III, shows that forfeiture of war appertains to liberty royal: Edward I gave the manor of Hart to Sir Robert Clyfford, wherein Antony Beke, bishop of Durham, was seized by forfeiture of Robert Brus; Antony and his successors Richard Kellow, in the time of Edward II, and Louis in the time of Edward III, sued for their right to the manor in various parliaments; Louis finally obtained judgment in the said first parliament of Edward III and had writs executory upon the same, and this judgment and these writs are ready to be shown. The earl of Warwick and lord Clifford, though often putting bills to the king and council for the voiding and annulment of this judgment, could not get what they wanted in this respect. In their bills they never denied that forfeiture of war pertained to liberty royal, and it was not for this reason that they sought repeal of the judgment; the judgment could not have been obtained if it had not been the case in those days that forfeitures of war pertained to liberties royal nor would it have been forgotten.

(2.6) By way of proof that forfeiture of war belonged to liberty royal in the reigns of Henry III and Edward I, it is the case that a henchman of Edward I, through negligent riding of one of the king's coursers, fell and was slain [? within the bishop's regality], and the then bishop had the escheat of the horse. It is also admitted by Lord Clifford in his claim to the manor of Hart that the bishop has *juria regalia*, saying that [he] the said lord can follow no action against the bishop in his own court, where he has *juria regalia*. He also says that upon an act of 1 Edward III it was ordained that the bishop should have forfeiture of war as he had by patent of Henry III, and that the king should remove his hands from lands within the bishop's liberty which he holds by forfeiture of war.

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f.44v 22 January 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Tod, LL.B., in the vicarage of Bywell St Peter vacant by the resignation of Thomas Lee, last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham

f.44v 24 January 1499

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to Thomas Dawson, chaplain, of power in his stead to induct John Surteys, clerk, or Thomas Surteys his proctor, into bodily possession of the church of Dinsdale, having lately received a mandate of Richard, bishop of Durham, to induct John, or his said proctor, into the said church, vacant by the resignation of William Bell', last rector thereof, and being unable to attend to the induction; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing. Dated: Durham.

f.44v-45r 25 January 1499

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to the parish chaplain of Bywell St Peter, of plenary power in his stead to induct Mr Thomas Tod, LL.B., into bodily possession of the vicarage of Bywell St Peter; having lately received a mandate of Richard, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Thomas into the said vicarage, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Lee, last vicar thereof, and being unable to attend to the induction; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing. Dated: Durham.

f.45r 8 January 1499

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Lee, chaplain, vicar of Bywell St Peter, appeared in person and held in his hands, made, read, and interposed the following Resignation, in a paper schedule, whereby he, Thomas Lee, chaplain, vicar of Bywell St Peter, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Richard, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever, having power to accept his resignation. Witnesses: Richard White and John Robynson, chaplains, and Robert Breing, *litteratus*, of Durham and London dioc.. Notary: Robert Dykar, clerk of Bath & Wells dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (opening of eschatocol recited). Done: in a high chamber within Brancepeth castle. Original: DCD Misc.Ch. 243.

f.45r 3 February 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A., in the vicarage of Pitlington, vacant by the death of George Jonson, last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham

f.45r 19 February 1499

[Memorandum of] petition by William Fechet of Harpham, [E.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and there, after the bells had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the church of Durham, for the reason that, in an assault upon a certain William Fox, on 22 October [1498], he struck him with a sword in various places, and chiefly in the head, from which feloniously inflicted wounds he expects the said William is dead.

Witnesses: Hugh Holand' and John Barbur.

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f.45r [1208 x ?1213]

Grant by Ralph, chaplain of St Oswald, Elvet, endowing a chantry at the altar of St Mary in the church of Durham St Oswald.

Original: DCD 4.16.Spec.24.

f.45v-46r 17 December 1498

Collation by William Brown subprior and the convent of Durham to Cuthbert Elyson, chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the death of Robert Seggefild, last chaplain thereof, providing that he bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry.

Under the other side of the common seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: [Durham]

f.46r 27 March 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Cooke, B.Dec., in the church of Normanton on Soar vacant by the resignation of Mr Charles Bothe, LL.D., last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of one mark due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their church of Durham.

Dated: [Durham].

with

[? Memorandum] that Mr William Cooke gave his oath, before Mr Richard Emryson, N.P., for the faithful payment of the said pension of one mark during his incumbency.

f.46r 26 January 1499

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Charles Bothe, LL.D., rector of Normanton on Soar, as he claimed, appeared in person and made and interposed the following Resignation, in writing, whereby he, Charles Bothe, LL.D., rector of Normanton [on Soar], for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or another whomsoever, having power to accept his resignation.

(Witnesses' names omitted)

Notary: Thomas Chamberleyn, clerk of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (part of eschatocol recited).

Done: in the dwelling-house of Charles Bothe, LL.D., par. St Faith, London.

f.46r [17 December 1498]

(Opening lines of) collation] by William Brown subprior and the convent of Durham to Cuthbert Elyson, "&c, as written above in the preceding folio" [45v-46r]



f.46r-v 26 March 1499

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to Mr Thomas Farne, vicar of Durham St Oswald, of plenary power in his stead to induct Cuthbert Elyson into the chantry of St Mary in the said church of St Oswald; informing him that he has examined the collation, by William Brown subprior and the convent of Durham, of Cuthbert Elyson, chaplain, to the said chantry and found it lawful, that Cuthbert has given his oath to observe the contents of the chantry's foundation, and that he is unable to attend to the induction in person; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Under the seal of his office of official.

f.46v 14 May 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Goderyll, chaplain, in the vicarage of Branxton, vacant by the death of Robert Colynwode, last vicar thereof; saving a yearly pension of 13s 4d due of old therefrom to the office of their bursar of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.46v 14 May 1499

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to William Gare, chaplain of Cornhill, of plenary power in his stead to induct Thomas Goderyll, chaplain in the parish church of Branxton, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Branxton; having lately received a mandate of Richard, bishop of Durham, to induct Thomas into the said vicarage, vacant by the death of Robert Colynwode, last vicar thereof, and being unable to attend to the induction; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Under the seal of his office of official.

Dated: Durham.

f.46v 27 May 1499

Commission by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to John Yonger, chaplain, of plenary power in his stead to induct Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A. and in diaconal orders in the parish church of Pitlington, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Pitlington; having lately received a mandate of Richard, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Thomas into the said vicarage, vacant by the death of George Jonson, last vicar thereof, and being unable to attend to the induction; and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Under the seal of his office of official.

Dated: Durham.

f.46v-47r 26 May 1499

Collation by William Brown subprior and the convent of Durham to Roger Claxton, of the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret, across the old [Framwellgate] bridge, Durham, vacant by the death of Robert Chaloner, last chaplain thereof; providing that he serve the chantry in a laudable manner and bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry, in particular those things appertaining to the salvation of souls, namely that he should celebrate mass for the dead in general, except on Saturdays, Sundays and solemn feast days, and say *Placebo* and *Dirige* every day, unless lawfully impeded, for the souls of the prior and convent of Durham, Ranulf, founder of the chantry, their benefactors and ancestors, and all faithful deceased; and letting Roger know that if he be found to have ceased from the services of the chantry without reasonable cause, or if he behave dishonestly, the subprior with consent of the convent, will proceed with his removal from the chantry.

Under the other side of the common seal, with the head of St Oswald.

Dated: Durham.

f.47r-v 12 Kal. January [21 December] 1498

Bull by Alexander {VI}, pope, to the abbots of Alnwick and Newminster, and the treasurer of the church of Lichfield, since a petition shown to him on behalf of the prior and chapter of Durham contained that:

although the church of Brantingham, along with the chapels of Ellerker and Blacktoft annexed to the same parish church, was perpetually united to the capitular *mensa* of the church of Durham, as it is still, and the prior and chapter had held this parish church and the said chapels, their rights and appurtenances, from the time of the said union, taken and raised the tithes of crops growing within the bounds of the parish church and chapels aforesaid and tithes of the wool and lambs of all sheep depasturing in the pastures and other properties and lands within the same bounds, and taken the oblations, obventions and emoluments thereof, in person or through their agents; however, William Steward of Howden, priest of York dioc., has presumed to take and raise the tithes of wool and lambs in certain unenclosed places and fields within the bounds of places where the tithes belong to the prior and chapter, and turned the tithes to his own use contrary to justice, despoiling the prior and chapter of their right to take the tithes; the prior and chapter impleaded William concerning this before Martin Colyns, D.Dec., official and commissary-general of Thomas, archbishop of York, seeking that he be condemned and compelled to restore to them the tithes taken by him and come to a settlement thereon with them; the official proceeded to some judicial acts short of resolutions between the parties, and the case long remained in abeyance; he committed the case to Thomas Metcalf, bearing himself as a clerk, to be resumed, heard further and concluded; and the said Thomas, after the case had been reassumed, proceeding wrongly, gave an unjust definitive sentence in favour of William and against the prior and chapter, condemning the prior and chapter in the costs incurred in this case, reserving to himself the assessment thereof; against which sentence the prior and chapter have appealed to the apostolic see and begged the pope to deign to commit the case of this appeal, and perhaps a case of process of invalidity of whatsoever attempters and innovators, and of the said official, Thomas and all in this cause against the said prior and chapter, to men of probity in those parts, and otherwise suitably to make provision for them upon these matters; being inclined to this supplication, ordering the said abbots and treasurer, or two of them, once William and the others who are to be summoned have been summoned and when what has been proposed on either side has been heard, recognizing that the appeal has been lawfully re-opened from the original business to pronounce, causing what they shall have pronounced to be observed by ecclesiastical censure, and by censure and without appeal to enforce witnesses to testify if they should withdraw themselves through favour, hatred or fear, notwithstanding the happy recollections of Pope Boniface VIII who warned that any outside his city or diocese, except in certain exceptional causes, may be called to justice from beyond the diocese and that judges from the said see may be deputed to proceed outside the city and diocese against whomsoever and they may presume to committ them, at other times so long as under the present authority this does not extend beyond two days, and by other constitutions, ordinances, etc; or if a licence exists from the said see for the said William or the others either jointly or separately so that they cannot be interdicted, suspended, excommunicated or called to justice outside or beyond certain places through apostolic letters not being made full and clear and word for word so created from the licence.

Dated: Rome, St Peter's.

f.47v [1 June 1499]

Narrative describing the manner of presentation of the above bull [the preceding entry] (to be used in like circumstances henceforward) by the proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, to the judge, reciting the dialogue between proctor and judge in direct speech; the proctor presenting the apostolic letters to the judge and asking that he accept the burden of the commission therein and proceed with the case; the judge handing the same to the notary whom he has taken on as clerk of his actions and, once the bull had been read out, saying that he assumes the burden of the commission and will proceed according to the form and effect of the letters; the proctor handing his proxy to the judge or the notary and saying that he shows his proxy and creates himself proctor on behalf of the prior and chapter of Durham thereby, and asking that the judge have William Stuard, pretended chaplain, principal opponent named in the papal letters, cited in person if possible, or else by other means whereby it might be brought to his notice, to appear before the judge or his subdelegate or subdelegates, in the church of Durham St Nicholas on the twentieth day, in the cause expressed in the apostolic letters, to answer to justice; and asking him to proceed with all and sundry necessary things, to proceed to a definitive sentence, and to prohibit the said William and others, with the case pending undecided, from attempting anything to the prejudice of the appellants, such that the appellants might not have free faculty to pursue this, their appeal; the judge giving his decision as requested, and proceeding to the inhibition, as follows [the next entry].

f. 47v-48r [1 June 1499]

Citation and inhibition by Robert, abbot of Newminster, judge-delegate, lawfully deputed by Alexander VI, pope, along with the abbot of Alnwick and the treasurer of Lichfield, with the clause "that you two, or one of you", in the cause and causes between the parties written below, in the undermentioned manner, to all and sundry rectors, vicars, chaplains, curates and non-curates, clerks and *literati*, throughout the province of York and wheresoever else they be, having received, in the chapter house of Newminster on 1 June 1499, the said pope's letters of commission or delegation, under a lead bull, unerased, uncanceled, whole and entire and lacking suspicion, lately directed to him on behalf of the prior and chapter of Durham, named as principals in these letters, as follows

Bull "as above" (not recited)

and, after receiving and accepting the letters of commission and having been required on behalf of the prior and chapter to take on the burden of the commission and execute citation and inhibition upon William Stuard' of Howden, alleged chaplain of York dioc., principally named as adversary in the commission, considering the request to be just, taking on the commission, and intending to proceed according to the force and effect of the letter, having decreed citation and inhibition against the said William Stuard in particular and against whatsoever others in general whom it will concern ordering all and sundry aforesaid [the addressees] to cite William Stuard', priest, and whatsoever others, or to have them cited, in person if they may be apprehended and if safe access to them be clear, otherwise at their dwelling houses, parish churches, and other churches and public places to which they are more likely to resort and, if need be, in York minster, at masses and other solemn services when a great number of people would be present, in a loud and clear voice, such that the citation be likely to come to the attention of those to be cited, lest they be able to claim ignorance of the foregoing in future; summoning those to be cited to appear in person or through sufficient proctors, adequately prepared for the cause or causes, with all documentation concerning the cause or causes, on the twentieth day after citation by the addressees or any of them, if it should be a law-day, otherwise the next law-day thereafter, before the abbot or his commissary or subdelegate, in the church of Durham St Nicholas at 10 a.m., with continuation of hours, days and places if need be, to answer to the prior and chapter or their proctor concerning all things contained in the commission (&c); informing those cited that whether or not they care to appear in the said term of citation, nevertheless he or his subdelegate will proceed to prosecute the cause or causes of the party attending and having regard for justice, and proceed with all the foregoing, notwithstanding the absence or contumacy of the other party; ordering [the addressees] to inhibit Martin Colyns, D.Dec., bearing himself as official of Thomas, archbishop of York, and Thomas Metcalf', alleged clerk, and William Stuard', pretended chaplain, of Howden and named as principal *ex adverso*, and all and sundry whom it concerns, whom the abbot also inhibits by the tenor of the presents, from presuming to attempt anything in contempt of the abbot's apostolic jurisdiction or in prejudice of the party of the prior and chapter with the cause and causes pending undecided before him; because, if any of them do otherwise, he will take care to bring the whole matter back to its original condition requiring that he or his commissary or subdelegate be certified in person or by letters patent incorporating the contents or the disposition of the presents, of the dates of citation and inhibition, and of what they shall have done in the foregoing, along with the said present date and place.

Dated: "aforesaid" [Newminster].

f.48r-v 1 June 1499

Commission by Robert, abbot of Newminster, deputed judge by the apostolic see of the cause or causes and parties in the apostolic rescript attached to the presents to Mr William Cooke, B.Dec., principal official of Richard, bishop of Durham, the abbot of Blanchland, the prior of Brinkburn, and Edward Strangways, D.Dec., cantor in the church of Llandaff, such that, if four, three, two or one of them, who might put the papal mandate into effect, should accept, they or any of them might hear, take cognizance of, and, at the last, decide the same cause or causes, on dates to be assigned by them or any of them; notwithstanding the absence of any of them, and even if the cause or causes should have been begun by another of them; until the abbot should see fit to recall [the causes?] to himself; ordering them to proceed according to the force and effect of the said apostolic letters; the abbot having received these letters of Alexander VI, pope, attached to the presents, and undertaken the burden asked by the prior and chapter of Durham, appellants, but being legitimately impeded by his own and his monastery's business, and unable at present to devote time to decide the cause and causes.

Dated: monastery of Newminster.

f.48v 1 June 1499

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Swalwell', S.T.B., monk of Durham, proctor of the prior and chapter thereof, evidently sufficiently [constituted] by his proctorial mandate under the pendant common seal of the chapter in green wax, appeared in person, offered and showed certain delegatory letters of Alexander VI, pope, sealed with lead on hemp cord in the manner of the Roman *curia*, to Robert, abbot of Newminster, lawfully-deputed judge of the causes and parties described in the letters, and to certain colleagues, their names not given [here], with the clause "that ye two or one of you &c", begging that he might see fit to take on the burden of execution of the letters and administer justice to the prior and chapter and to himself in their name; and that, after [the letters] had been publicly inspected and found to be without defect, the said abbot took on the burden of execution of the letters, his mandate being obeyed in all things, and upon the petition of the said proctor, decreed [that] one William Stuard', principal *ex adverso* in the said letters, be cited to appear before him or his subdelegate, one or more, in the church of Durham St Nicholas at 10 a.m. on the twentieth day following the making of the citation, if a law-day, otherwise on the next law-day following, to answer to the prior and chapter or their proctor concerning the matters contained in the apostolic letters; also Mr Martin Colyns, D.Dec., official of the court of York, and Thomas Metcalf', chaplain, his commissary-general, self-styled, to be inhibited according to the form more particularly expressed in the letters of citation and inhibition; and that the proctor asked the notary to draw up a public instrument for him upon the foregoing. Witnesses: Roger Morpath and Robert Castell', monks, and Thomas Ogle, gentleman, of Durham dioc..

(No notarial eschatocol is given, and the notary's name is not supplied elsewhere.)

Done: in the monastery of Newminster.

f.49r 2 July 1499

Mandate by William Cook', B.Dec., principal official of Richard, bishop of Durham and deputed judge-delegate in the cause or causes of appeal between the below-written parties, along with the abbot of Blanchland, the prior of Brinkburn, and Edward Strangways, D.Dec., cantor of LLandaff cathedral, by the clause "to you jointly and severally", to all rectors, vicars, chaplains, curates and non-curates, clerks and *literati* whomsoever within the kingdom of England, since (in the cause or causes of appeals, described in the original letters of delegation and subdelegation, by reason of a definitive sentence unjustly given by the judge [Thomas Metcalf], as is claimed, in a suit between the prior and convent or chapter of Durham, proprietors or rectors of the church of Brantingham and its annexed chapels of Ellerker and Blacktoft, plaintiffs, and William Steward', chaplain of Howden, defendant, concerning the despoliation of tithes, first before Mr Martin Colyns, D.Dec., official or commissary-general of Thomas, archbishop of York, and next before Thomas Metcalf', chaplain of York dioc., commissary of the said official, the judge from whom an appeal has been made and was lately pending); proceeding lawfully, he has ordered letters of compulsion to be drawn up for the documentation and records of the whole process held by Mr Martin Colyns, official, and Thomas Metcalf', judge, in the same suit which is being transferred, on the petition of the prior and convent of Durham, to William Cook or his colleagues at the date and place given below; ordering them to warn and induce the aforementioned Mr Martin Colyns and Thomas Metcalf', and their clerk or clerks of acts in the said case, and any others with whom records of the proceedings remain, to send all acts, enactments, decreets, letters, and the whole record of proceedings made in the said case of despoliation of tithes, authentically and close, in such manner that trust could be placed in them, in court or outside, to William Cook or his colleagues at the church of Durham St Nicholas, on Tuesday 16 July, by 10 a.m. or before, at the reasonable expense of the prior and convent of Durham, to be assessed by William Cook in case they should ask too much for the same acts and record; requiring that he or his colleagues be certified, at the said date, time and place or before, in person or by letters patent along with the presents, as to what they shall have done in the foregoing; wherewith his present apostolic mandate would be executed.

Under the seal of his office of official.

Dated: Durham.

f.49r-v 31 July 1499

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Colson, B.C.L., prebendary of the prebend of Howden, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following Resignation in writing whereby he, Thomas Colson, B.C.L., prebendary of Howden, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden and rule of his said prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or whatsoever other having power to accept his resignation. which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up for him one or more public instruments, as need be, for a suitable payment.

Witnesses: William Smyth, chaplain, and Lawrence Forster, *literatus*, of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Whithed' (eschatocol not recited).

Done: chapel of St Giles in Kepier hospital.

f.49v 1 August 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Kent, S.T.P., in the canonry and prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Colson, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.49v 31 July 1499

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Alexander Lee, M.A., prebendary of the prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation in writing whereby he, Mr Alexander Lee, M.A., prebendary of the prebend {or canonry} of Barmby in Howden collegiate church, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or whatsoever other having power to accept his resignation. which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up for him one or more public instruments, for a suitable payment.

Witnesses: William Marshall, William Grange, chaplain, and William Ratur', *literatus*, of Durham dioc..

(No notarial eschatocol is given, and the notary's name is not supplied elsewhere.)

Done: in the rectory of Houghton[-le-Spring] parish church.

f.49v-50r 1 August 1499

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Colson, B.C.L., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr Alexander Lee, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham.



f.50r 17 October 1499

Mandate by William Cook', B.Dec., official of Richard, bishop of Durham, and lawfully-appointed commissary and subdelegate of Robert, abbot of Newminster, deputed judge-delegate by the apostolic see with colleagues under the clause "that ye three, two or one of you &c", in the case of appeal interposed at the apostolic see on the part of the prior and chapter of Durham against certain injuries brought about by Mr Martin Colyns, D.Dec., official of the court of York, and against a pretended definitive sentence given against the prior and chapter of Durham and for William Steward of Howden, chaplain, by Thomas Metcalf', self-styled commissary-general of the said official; to all rectors, vicars, and other chaplains, within the provinces of Canterbury and York, since in the case of appeal aforesaid he has given sentence for the prior and chapter and against William Steward', chaplain, and condemned William to pay the expenses incurred by the prior and chapter and their monastery in this regard, reserving assessment of the expenses to himself, and at a certain date and place, for which William Steward was lawfully summoned, he assessed the expenses at £28, ordering them to warn the said William, or to have him warned, as William Cook warns him by the presents, to satisfy the prior and chapter of the said £28 within a quindene from the time of monition, or duly to treat with them as he is obliged; otherwise, after the said fifteen days, if William Steward fail to obey his and their monitions, and, indeed, the apostolic letters, William Cook intends to force him to do so by ecclesiastical censure; requiring that they, or that man among them who received the present mandate, certify him of execution by the eighth day after the monition.

Under the seal of his office of official.

Dated: Durham.

f.50r-51r 1 February 1499

Chirograph lease by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to Percival Lambton, gentleman, of their manor or grange called Belasis grange, Billingham par., and all lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, and appurtenances pertaining thereto in Belasis, along with a piece of meadow called *la'medowe*, and with all tithes in Belasis belonging to the prior and convent and their successors, to be held by Percival Lambton, his heirs and assigns, from Martinmas next to come after the date of the presents for the term of seventy years;

rendering therefor £10 6s 8d to be paid at Martinmas yearly during the said term to the prior and convent and their successors or assigns; namely: 10 marks for the bursar of the said cathedral church for the manor or grange, lands and tenements, meadow and pasture; 4 marks for the same bursar for the said tithes; 13s 4d for the terrar of the said cathedral church for the farm called *terrer* silver; 6s 8d for the overseer of the stock of the said cathedral church for the piece of meadow called *la'medowe* ; 12 qrs 6 bus.

wheat, of strict measure, which is 12 qrs of the measure used in Durham market, for *le metcorne* of their servants at their grange of *le Holme* [Saltholme], par. Billingham, beginning delivery of the wheat at Martinmas next to come after the date of the presents; and if the said £10 6s 8d {and wheat} be unpaid for forty days after the due date, it shall be allowed to the prior and chapter to enter the said manor or grange and distrain upon the manor or grange (&c) and remove and sell the goods distrained, and turn the money so obtained to their own use; and if it should happen that the said rent be in arrears in whole or in part for a half year and there be insufficient found there for distraint, then it shall be allowed to the prior and chapter and their successors to re-enter the manor or grange (&c), or any part thereof, and hold it as originally, this lease notwithstanding; and the said Percival grants, for himself, his heirs and assigns each year during the said term, that he will convey all the hay from a close within *le Holme* aforesaid, called *le Hille* close, next to the sheepfold, to the said sheepfold for the sustenance of the sheep there; and he will also, each year during the said term, carry *lez hokkez* to the location of the sheep there, fifteen cart-loads of rushes from *le Holme* to the said sheepfold for roofing thereof, one wagon-load of stores from the park of the prior and convent called Aycliffe park, to the said sheepfold, when duly warned, and also provide sufficient litter at the sheepfold for the sheep of the prior and convent and their successors within *le Holme* during the said term; and the prior and convent grant, for themselves and their successors, that Percival, his heirs and assigns have pasture for sixteen oxen and five cows yearly during the said term, from the Invention of the Cross [3 May] to St Peter's Chains [1 August], in *le Holme*, also all the dung of the beasts at *le Holme*, along with free ingress and egress for carrying the same whenever it should seem fit; with Percival and his heirs and assigns repairing and maintaining with large timber the said manor or grange in all its existing buildings and those to be built, apart from foundations, and returning them at the end of the term sufficiently repaired, at their own expense; and if the manor or grange should happen to be unroofed or unrepaired in any way in whole or in part for forty days during the said term by default of the said Percival, the prior and convent and their successors are to be allowed to enter the said manor or grange (&c), to remove and sell goods distrained, and to roof and repair the manor or grange as need be;

and, for the implementation of the above conditions on the part of Percival Lambton, the same Percival, Thomas Lambton and John Raket bind themselves, their heirs and executors to the prior and convent and their successors, in 100s to be paid to the prior

and convent and their successors if and when Percival, his heirs and assigns should fail in any of the foregoing.

Sealed alternately, the part remaining with the prior and convent sealed with the seals of Percival Lambton, Thomas Lambton, and John Raket.

f.51r-v 20 October [1499]

Certification by Robert Marshall of Howden to Mr William Cooke, B.Dec., official of Richard, bishop of Durham, and lawfully-delegated commissary or subdelegate of Robert, abbot of Newminster, in the case of the undermentioned appeal, as is clear from letters patent of the said abbot, having, on 20 October [1499], received the following mandate 'Mandate by William Cook' to all rectors, vicars &c, recited in full (as on f.50r).

Dated: Durham 17 October 1499.

informing him that, by authority of these letters, he warned William Steward', apprehended in person in the manor of Howden on 20 October, to satisfy the prior and chapter of the sum of £28 within the term appointed in the mandate, under pain of law.

Under the common seal of the vicars of Howden collegiate church, which he has procured because his own seal is not authentic, with statement by the vicars of Howden to the effect that they have affixed their seal to the presents at the request of the mandatory.

Dated: Howden.

f.51v 6 January 1500

Commission by Thomas, prior of Durham, ordinary of the spirituality in Howdenshire, appointing Mr Robert Kentt, S.T.P., prebendary and residentiary of Howden collegiate church, {Mr John Undrewod', advocate of the court of York}, and Mr Robert Cheston', proctor of the said court, {or two of them} as his auditors to hear, determine and receive all accounts of Thomas Cryspyn', proctor or collector of the ?communal obventions and revenues of the said collegiate church, according to the ordinances of the said church, accruing in common for the period of non-residence of the canons or prebendaries thereof last past until Martinmas last past; giving them plenary power to do everything pertaining to the office of auditor; willing also that the said Thomas, proctor or collector, assist and obey the commissaries in their execution of the foregoing and deliver the revenues in {discharge of his account}.

Dated: Durham

f.51v-52r 10 December 1499

Proxy by the prior and the convent or chapter of Durham, rectors or proprietors of the church of Brantingham, with the chapels of Ellerker and Blacktoft annexed thereto, appointing Nicholas de Parma, Peter de Arecia, Paul de Alexis, Lancelot de Sancto Gemmiano, Antony Ipondo, and Edward Scott, residing, as is said, in the Roman *curia*, and Thomas Swalwell', monk of Durham, as their proctors in the said *curia* and elsewhere, giving them general power and special mandate to act for them and for their cathedral and parish churches aforesaid and their said chapels, in all causes and business begun or to be begun before pope Alexander VI, his auditors of causes or other judges ordinary, delegate, subdelegate, auditors, executors, subexecutors or their commissaries or deputies whomsoever, howsoever concerning the prior and chapter, their said cathedral and parish churches and their said chapels, &c, responsibilities listed (some inserted in the right-hand margin of f.51v and partially obscured through their closeness to the register's spine).

Dated: Durham.

f.51\* (a slip of parchment bound between f.51 and 52 and interrupting the preceding entry) 8 September 1503

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr John Derby, M.A., in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr John Martok, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham.

Also on f.75r, below, date 7 September 1503.

f.52r January 1500

Letter of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Rychardson, merchant of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Christiana, his wife, repaying them for the devotion of mind and the fondness of a sincere heart which they have for the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham, admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, with prayers for them every year, just as for their other deceased brothers and sisters, for all time after their death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.52r 2 February 1500

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Richard, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Greveson, M.A., in the vicarage of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Patonson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.52r-v 2 February 1500

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A., in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the death of Mr George Ogle, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.52v 28 February 1500

Supplication by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Henry [VII], king of England, making known to him that William Steward, chaplain, of Howden, {because of his manifest and manifold contumacy and offences, judicially agreed before Mr William Cooke, B.Dec., principal official of the consistory of Durham, lawfully subdelegated in due form by the abbot of Newminster (the judge-delegate for those things contained in a papal rescript, the abbot having been appointed, with other colleagues unnamed [here], by means of the clause "that ye three, two or one", by Pope Alexander VI, and having power of cognizance and, in the end, of deciding) to the examination of the iniquity, invalidity and grievances contained in [the] papal rescript, [and also] in the cause of appeal [concerning the church of Brantingham &c] interposed at the apostolic see, expressed in a papal rescript obtained thereon, between the prior and convent of Durham, appellants, and the said William Steward, the appealed, and brought against a definitive sentence unjustly given by Thomas Metcalf, chaplain, bearing himself as commissary-general of Mr Martin Colyns, D.Dec., official of the court of York, in favour of the said William Steward and against the prior and convent} as the bishop accepts from letters of the same Mr William Cooke, has been and is excommunicated by the same Mr William, judge-subdelegate aforesaid, by the authority committed to him, at the instance of the prior and convent of Durham; and for forty days and more since the pronouncement of excommunication has remained and remains incorrigible, with a hard heart defying the keys of Holy Mother Church; and, having been lawfully summoned at a certain date and place before the said judge-subdelegate to show reasonable cause why the secular arm ought not to be invoked against him as one defying the power of the keys, he has contumaciously refused to appear; since the Church has nothing further which it might do in this regard, begging the king to do what seems suitable against the excommunicate William Steward, chaplain.

f.52v 30 April 1500

Letter of confraternity to George, lord of Lumley, by his bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, repaying him for the completeness of the sincere affection, which has flourished, though long ago conceived (&c), [which he has] for their monastery of Durham, admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, orisons, vigils, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, with prayers for him, just as for their other deceased spiritual brothers, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof. Dated: Durham.

f.53r [30 April 1500]

{Letter of confraternity} by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Lumley "&c all as above".

f.53r 1 May 1500

Letter by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham for Thomas de Hulan' as their mortuary roll bearer; to endure at their pleasure.

Dated: Durham.

f.53r 20 May 1500

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Manby, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Nicholas Rosshlin', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.53r 14 August 1502

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to institute Thomas Chenyson, in the vicarage of Bishop Middleham, vacant by the death of Robert Turnour, chaplain, last vicar thereof; saving to them a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom to their sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.53r-v 28 July 1500

Proxy by the prior and the convent or chapter of Durham, proprietors of the collegiate church of Howden and the parish church of Brantingham, with the chapels of Ellerker and Blacktoft annexed thereto, gathered as a chapter, appointing Mr John Undrewod, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, Mr William Tonge, LL.B., and Robert Cheston', N.P. and proctor-general of the court of York, short of revoking proctors previously appointed by them, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate to act on their behalf, in all causes and business begun or to be begun before whatsoever judges ordinary, delegate, subdelegate, and their commissaries or lieutenants whomsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction, howsoever concerning the prior and chapter, their said churches and chapels &c, responsibilities listed.

Dated: Durham.

f.53v [?1500]

Protestation in writing by the proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham before William, abbot of Eggleston, alleging himself to be archdeacon of Richmond, William, bishop of Carlisle and pretended abbot of ?Vale Royal ( *Veryall* ) , Coventry & Lichfield dioc., pretending to be judges-delegate of the apostolic see in the case pending between Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham and William Steward, chaplain of Howden collegiate church; declaring that he, through anything ( *aliqua* ) said or to be said (&c) by him before them, does not intend to consent to them as judge of the prior and chapter and himself, or to undergo their judgment or examination, but, for legitimate reasons, to decline them and their judgment, if any they have in this case; and if he shall have said, alleged, proposed or shown anything which might suggest the opposite of the present protestation, he wills that they be taken as not said (&c).

f.53v-54r 6 October & 1 November 1500

Presentation by Thomas prior and the convent or chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, *sede vacante*, to institute Ralph Hedworth, B.A., clerk in the orders of a subdeacon, in the church of Normanton on Soar, vacant by the death of Mr William Cooke, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of one mark due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their church.

Dated: Durham, 6 October 1500.

with, in the left and bottom margins [in the main hand]

{Bond by Ralph Hedworth, clerk, to the prior and chapter or convent of Durham for £40 to be paid to them at Easter next to come after the date of the presents, to the payment of which he has given his oath, at the date and place given below, and bound his heirs, executors and goods. [Reciting his oath, in which he:] subjects himself to the jurisdiction of whatsoever judge spiritual, ecclesiastical or temporal to which he should happen to be called, and to whatsoever process being opened by the same; renounces the privilege of the court, also other exceptions and benefits to himself of whatsoever law, on account of the poverty of the benefice or otherwise, and in particular the benefit of those laws which dictate that general renunciation is not valid; swears, if summoned before any judge due to non-observance of his oath, that he will not evade his court, that he will never strive at a law-court or secular jurisdiction, in person or through an intermediary, for prohibitory letters or mandates to impede the jurisdiction of the aforementioned ecclesiastical judge, or give counsel or favour that it should be done, but do all in his power to prevent [it], and that he will not contravene the foregoing things nor any of them

Dated: Durham, 1 November 1500.

and with (added in the bottom margin of f.54r) [in the main hand]

Condition (English) that, if Ralph Hedworth, parson of Normanton on Soar, during the whole time of his incumbency pay yearly to the prior of St Leonard's, Stamford, his successors or their attorney, a pension of 13s 4d, then the present obligation is to be void.

f.53v-54r 10 September 1498

Mandate by Richard, bishop of Durham, to all rectors, vicars and chaplains having cure of souls within the city of Durham, since it has been reported to him in distant parts that, at a time of pestilential disease, they have either deserted their flock or denied them the sacraments and sacramentals, rebuking them at some length for their behaviour, ordering them, the rectors and vicars on pain of deprivation and the chaplains having cure of souls on pain of suspension, of and from office for all time, diligently to bear the office of a good pastor, carrying out the work of mercy, to visit their parishioners suffering from whatsoever disease or sickness, duly to administer the sacraments of penance and the eucharist as necessary, and to give burial to the dead, because, if they do, they will hear that voice on the terrible day of judgment (quoting from Matthew xxv, 34 & 35), and to look after their and their parishioners' souls as they rightly ought. *Hoc est ut opere impleatis concedat qui regnat trinus et unus.*

Dated: Norham Castle.

f.54r-v 8 December 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant Robert Symson as bailiff of the borough of Stockton and keeper of the manor there to be held by Robert for life, in person or through his deputy, taking £6 13s 4d yearly for the exercise of the office, from the bishop and his successors, as much by his hands as by the hands of the farmers and tenants of the said manor, in equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, for all other profits, advantages, customary payments and emoluments belonging to the office and keepership; giving Robert plenary power and authority to do all things belonging to the office, and also ordering all his tenants, officers and ministers to assist (&c) Robert and his deputy in the exercise of the office; with the proviso that Robert or his deputy render, to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham, faithful account of everything which should come into their hands by reason of the office or keepership, as the custom is.

By the hands of Roger Layburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 3 February, Pont. 6 [1500]

Dated: Durham.

(Interrupted by the condition relating to the bond on fol. 53v, which is calendared above immediately after the bond)

f.54v 8 December 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Hadok, for his good and freely-given services faithfully rendered in many and various causes and business, of the office of door-keeper and keeper of the manor of Darlington, and the office of bailiff of the manor of Coatham Mundeville, to be held by Thomas for the term of his life, in person and through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking for his fee 53s 4d yearly during his life from the bishop and his successors, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, as much by his hands as by the hands of the farmers and tenants of Coatham; also four quarters of wheat yearly from the bishop's tenants of Blackwell, to be raised from the old customary due ( *custumagio* ); along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments and emoluments used and wont; also granting Thomas a gentleman's robe or 10s in name thereof, to be delivered or paid yearly at Christmas; giving Thomas plenary power and authority to do all things belonging to the office, and also ordering all his tenants, officers and ministers to assist (&c) Thomas and his deputy in the exercise of the office; with the proviso that Thomas or his deputy yearly render, to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham, faithful account of everything which should come into their hands by reason of the said offices, and answer to the bishop therefor, as is the custom.

Witness: Roger Layburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 3 February, Pont. 6 [1500]

Dated: Durham, 8 December 1500.



f.54v 1500

Written oath by Robert Symson, bailiff of Stockton, 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.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

( "nondum" is written in the margin alongside.)

f.54v 1500

Written oath by Thomas Hadok, door-keeper and keeper of the manor of Darlington, bailiff of the manor of Coatham Mundeville, in the same terms as the preceding entry.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

( "nondum" is written in the margin alongside.)

f.54v-55r 8 December 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent, also described as letters testimonial, by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Nicholas Morton', squire, treasurer of the bishop's household, of the office of constable of the castle of Durham, and appointment thereto, to be held by Nicholas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking for his fee £13 6s 8d yearly, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham; along with all other profits, conveniences, customary payments and advantages used and wont to the same office, as taken by any other constable hitherto in the office; also granting Nicholas a gentleman's robe or 10s in name thereof, to be delivered or paid yearly at Christmas; giving Nicholas plenary power and authority to do all things belonging to the office, and also ordering all his officers, tenants, ministers and subjects to assist (&c) Nicholas in the exercise of the office.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 March, Pont. 6 [1500]

Dated: Durham, 8 December 1500.

f.55r 1500

Written oath by Nicholas Morton, constable of the castle of Durham, in the same terms as the oaths on f.54v.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

( "nondum" is written in the margin alongside.)

f.55r-v 8 December 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent, also described as letters testimonial, by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Downez, one of the *valetti* of the bishop's chamber, of the office of keeper or parker of the park of Auckland, and appointment thereto, to be held by Richard for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop or his successors; taking 3d daily from the bishop and his successors for the office, to be paid yearly in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's head forester of Weardale; along with all other profits, customary payments, conveniences and advantages belonging to the same office.

Witness: Nicholas Morton, treasurer of the bishop's household and keeper of the great seal of Durham.

Dated: Durham 1 March, Pont. 5 [1499].

Dated: Durham.

f.55v 1500

Written oath by Richard Downez, parker or keeper of the park of Auckland, in the same terms as the oaths on f.54v.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

( "nondum" is written in the margin alongside.)

f.55v 15 December 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to William Trewhitt, knight, and Robert Constable, serjeant-at-law, of the office of stewardship of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, to be held by William and Robert for the term of their life, or the life of the longer living of them, in person or through the sufficient deputy or deputies of either or both of them; also granting to them an annual rent of 11 marks for the wages and fees in and for the said office, to be taken by William and Robert and the longer lived of them, for the term of their life or the life of the longer lived of them, to be paid of and in the manor aforesaid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, by the hands of the receiver, bailiffs, farmers or occupiers of the manor or lordship; along with all other profits, advantages, and emoluments belonging to the said office; and if the annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part after any date when it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to William and Robert, or the longer-lived of them, to enter the said manor or lordship and all lands and tenements therein, to distrain for the annual rent and arrears, and remove and retain goods distrained until satisfied of the annual rent and arrears, if any there be; ordering all his reeves, bailiffs, farmers, tenants, and ministers within the manor or lordship to assist (&c) William and Robert and the longer-lived of them in the exercise of the office.

Witness: Roger Laburne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 14 October, 16 Henry VII [1500].

Dated: Durham

f.55v [1500]

Written oath by William Trewhitt, knight, and Robert Constable, serjeant-at-law, jointly stewards for life of the manor or lordship of Howden, and the longer living of them [Incomplete; apparently superseded by the following two entries.]

f.56r 1500

Written oath by William Trewhitt, knight, steward of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, in the same terms as the oaths on f.54v.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

f.56r 1500

Written oath by Robert Constable (blank), steward of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, in the same terms as the oaths on f.54v.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

f.56r-v

"Note thou in the underwritten headings the arguments why prelates and presidents of religious might freely, without signifying the reason, remove officers appointed by them from administrations" quoting from the sections: "de temporibus ordinand', cap. ad aur'", the desire of some religious to be promoted to higher orders, opposed by prelates; "de statu monachorum, cap. monachii, § priores", the elections of priors; "cum ad monasterium § tales", those carrying out offices within a monastery, the removal of priors; de confirmacione utili et inutili, cap. porrecta; constitutions of Pope Benedict XII "de capitulis generalibus", "de subvencionibus et collectis", and "de obtinentibus beneficia ex collacione apostolice sede".

f.56v [later 15th century]

Presentation by the prior and the convent of Kirkham, York dioc., asking John, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, [to institute] John Gray, in the vicarage of Newton in Glendale [Kirknewton], vacant by the death of A. B., last vicar thereof.

f.56v 1481

Presentation by John prior and the convent of Guisborough (in Cleveland), York dioc., asking William, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general, [to institute] Thomas Savage, canon of Guisborough, in the vicarage of Stranton, along with its dependent chapel of Seton.

f.56v-57r 25 January 1477

Presentation by Thomas abbot and the convent of St Mary's, York, asking William, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general, to admit John Manfelde, chaplain, to the church of Stainton-le-Street, vacant by the resignation of Robert Wedow, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of 13s 4d due of old therefrom to the abbot and convent and their monastery.

Dated: [St Mary's Abbey, York].

f.57r 22 January 1481

Presentation by Roland prior and the convent of Hexham asking William, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general, to institute John May, canon of Hexham, in the vacant vicarage of Ovingham.

Dated: [Hexham].

f.57r-v 7 December 1500

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Swalwell', S.T.B., warden of Durham college, Oxford, and proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, and Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A., vicar of the church of Frampton, Lincoln dioc., as he claimed, appeared in person and, after discussion between them concerning the non-residency of Thomas Patonson in the parish of Frampton and other matters pertaining to the said church, Thomas Swalwell requested that Thomas Patonson go to his said church and make his residence there according to the ordinances of the vicarage; that Thomas Patonson replied that he would never make his residence there and dwell among them because they were irrational men; Thomas Swalwell said, "If they be such irrational men as ye say, which I do not believe to be true, the more they would need your presence for instructing and reforming them in divinity", and Thomas Patonson restated his refusal; that Thomas Swalwell said he was unable to have the presence of the bishop of Lincoln to beg him to give remedy in this cause, and so he asked the notary to draw up instruments for him, for suitable payment, one or more instruments as need be, concerning the supplications and requests repeatedly made by him to Thomas Patonson; and later that day Thomas Swalwell begged Thomas, prior of Durham, to provide him with remedy in his said request, if it could be done; that the prior summoned Thomas Patonson to him in the chapel of St Nicholas and repeatedly required him to make his residence at the church of Frampton, and Thomas Patonson answered, saying, "My lord, I would willingly make my residence there, but I have not dared pass to that place"; to which the prior said that he would write to and make cause with his friends dwelling in the said parish and in the vicinity, and if Thomas Patonson should wish to go there and make his residence, he might guarantee and keep him safe from bodily harm by any of his parishioners, unless he were in a dispute and had begun the brawl himself; and he would bind himself to pursue this if the said vicar should ask as much of him; that Thomas Patonson answered, asking the prior that he be a good lord to him, because he would never make his residence there; and that the prior asked the notary to draw up instruments, one or more as need be, for himself and the warden of Durham college, upon everything said and done by the prior and Mr Thomas Patonson, for a suitable remuneration.

(Witnesses' names and notarial eschatocol omitted)

Done: chapel of St Nicholas in the monastery of Durham

f.57v 21 December 1500

Chirograph lease by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, and the warden of Durham college, Oxford, to Marmaduke abbot and the convent of Fountains, of a part of the footings of the west wall of the garden of their college outside the north gate, in the suburbs of Oxford, upon *Candiche*, and also a parcel of land of the same garden, for building a wall or walls of stone on the same foundation and parcel of land, and for erecting houses or buildings for the habitation of monks and scholars of the college of St Bernard, of the Cistercian order, upon the wall or walls; on condition that they do not have or in future make windows, doors, apertures or openings in the lower house or solar in the wall or walls, houses or buildings, facing the garden of their said college, lest anyone be able to have a view into or cause nuisance in the garden, to the harm of the prior and chapter, their successors and the scholars studying in the said college; the foundation of the said west wall containing in length 61 yardlands from south to north, and the parcel of land is four feet wide starting from the south, and eighteen feet wide at the northern end; at the north end it abuts upon an old dike in Beaumont; to be held by the abbot and convent and their successors from Whitsun 1500 for the term of 99 years; rendering yearly therefor, in Oxford at Whitsun, to the prior and chapter and their successors, or to the warden of their said college, or their deputy or deputies, 3s 4d; and if the rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part after the due date, it will be allowed to the prior and chapter and their successors to enter all lands and tenements of the said abbot and convent in Dromonby, called Dromonby grange, [N.R.] Yorks., and distrain and remove goods distrained, and keep the goods until satisfied of the rent and arrears, and of expenses incurred; further granting, for themselves and their successors, from the special favour which they bear towards the students of the college of St Bernard, so that clarity of light be manifest to the eyes of the students in the said college, licence to the abbot and convent, their successors and the students in the college, to make windows in the upper solar or house, providing that these windows be raised up beyond the level where anything can be seen, and that they be continuously closed with glass, without any openings or gaps; and if any windows, doors, apertures or openings should be made in the wall other than as aforesaid, then the prior and chapter and their successors are to be allowed to demolish the said buildings and enter the said foundation and the parcel of land and possess them as originally, notwithstanding the present indentures.

f.57v-58r 23 December 1500

Bond by Marmaduke, abbot of Fountains, to Thomas, prior of Durham, for £40 to be paid to Thomas, his successors or assigns, at Whitsun next after the date of the presents. (with)

Condition that if Marmaduke should have a stone wall, 8ft high, built on the footings and parcel of land leased to him and his convent, between Candlemas next after the date of the presents and Michaelmas 1505, and in the meantime, from Michaelmas next to come until the erection of the said wall, he should have an 8ft-high fence made so that the garden of Durham college might be separated from St Bernard's college, lest anyone have access into the said garden through the said college, then the present bond is to be considered as nought; otherwise is it to remain in force.

f.58r 11 January 1501

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the spirituality thereof, *sede vacante*, to institute Mr Reginald Tholmley, LL.B., in a canonry and the first prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Thomas Popley, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.58r 3 September, Pont. (Transl.) 5 [1499]

Inspeximus by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, confirming the following grant, for himself and his successors.

Grant by letters patent by Walter, bishop of Durham, since the prior and convent of Durham have lately complained to him concerning certain injuries, which they claim have been inflicted by the bishop, his justices, bailiffs and ministers, concerning the halves of amercements, fines, [and other] issues and profits of [court] of and from their tenants, and also wardships of heirs and their lands and tenements arising within the fee of the prior and convent; the prior and convent begging the bishop to make amends for these offences, according to what were just, lest they be taken as an example in the future; having deliberated on these things with Richard Norton and John Conyers, his justices, and with others of his council, willing and granting, with their consent, for himself and his successors, that the prior and convent and their successors take, in perpetuity, one-half of all amercements, fines, issues and profits arising before the bishop's sheriff, escheator or justices from whatsoever tenants dwelling within the fee of the prior and convent; reserving to the bishop wardships and marriages of any heirs of the fee of the prior and convent, so long as those heirs verified as minors hold something of the bishop by knight service; with the condition that the prior and convent and their successors take, in perpetuity, all rents and revenues of the said heirs' lands and tenements which are of their fee during the minority of the said heirs.

Dated: manor of Auckland 1 April 1403.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham

Cf. f.59r and 59v-60r below, for the same bishop's inspection of the same charter on 10 October 1499.

Also DCD Cart. I f.186r.

f.58v 18 January 1502

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant Thomas Lawnde as bailiff of the vill and lordship of Whickham, the office to be held by Thomas, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for the term of his life; taking as his fee 40s yearly at Whitsun and Martinmas by equal portions, to be paid by his own hands or by the hands of the bishop's farmers there; along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments used and wont of old to the same office; granting Thomas plenary power to do all things appertaining to the performance of the office, and ordering all his officers, ministers and tenants to assist (&c) Thomas and his deputy in the execution of the office.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 January, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [Durham] 18 January 1501/2.

f.58v 28 March 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant William Mountforth of the office of gate-keeper of the manor of [North]allerton, committing to him the performance thereof, to be held by William in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer, for the term of his life; taking as his fee from the bishop and his successors 4s and 4qrs 1½bs of wheat yearly at the usual terms, customary there of old, by equal portions, to be paid by the hands of the receiver of the manor and lordship of the bishop's liberty; along with all other profits, conveniences, customary payments, advantages, and emoluments used and wont of old to the same office, and in such manner as had by any other previously in the office; also granting William the robe of a *valettus*, or 8s in name thereof, each year at Christmas during his life, by the hands of the said receiver.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 March, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501].

Dated: [Durham].

f.58v-59r 28 March 1501

Written oath by William Mountforth, keeper of the office of gate-keeper of the manor of [North]allerton, 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.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

Original: DCD Misc.Ch. 59.

f.59r 10 October, Pont. (Transl.) 5 [1499]

Inspeximus by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, confirming the following grant, for himself and his successors; and also granting, for himself and his successors that, if the prior and convent have hitherto not fully used the liberties and other immunities expressed in the charter, henceforward they are to enjoy and use the same fully, without gainsaying or impediment.

Grant by letters patent by Walter, bishop of Durham, reciting in full the text of a charter reproduced in the copy of Bishop Richard's inspeximus of 3 September 1499, on f.58r.

Dated: manor of Auckland 1 April 1403.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham.

Original, now missing, was: DCD 2.10.Pont.2.

*Cf.* f.58r and 59v-60r for two inspections of the same charter by the same bishop on 3 September and 10 October 1499.

Also DCD Cart. I f.186r.

f.59r-v 10 August 1499

Grant by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, of free warren in the parks of Muggleswick, Healeyfield and Bearpark, and in the woods of *Strothow*, *Witton Maynez*, *Sacriston Heugh*, *Herberclose*, and *Ferryclyff*.

Original: DCD 2.10.Pont.4.

f.59v-60r 10 October 1499

Inspeximus by Richard, bishop of Durham, confirming the following grant.

Grant by Walter, bishop of Durham, 1 April 1403

Original: DCD 2.10.Pont.3.

*Cf.* f.58r and 59r, above, for the same bishop's inspections of the same charter on 3 September 1499 and 10 October 1499. This version describes the protection being given to the interests of the prior and convent in greater detail than does either of the others, and supplies text lost through damage to the original.

f.60r 4 August 1500

Pardon and release by Richard, bishop of Durham, in favour of Thomas prior and the convent of Durham for alienations and acquisitions of lands held in chief of the bishop.

Original: DCD 2.10.Pont.5 (two copies).

f.60r-61r 20 November 1500

Confirmation by Richard, bishop of Durham, of licences given by certain of his predecessors to certain predecessors of the prior and convent of Durham to acquire lands and incomes in mortmain; with licence to the prior and convent and their successors to acquire further lands and rents, not held of the bishop in chief by knight service, to the value of £20 yearly.

Original: DCD 2.10.Pont.1 (two copies). Another copy: DCD Reg. Parv. IV, f.116r-117r.

f.61r 18 December 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to John Gamble, chaplain, of the chantry of St Laurence the martyr in the bishop's manor of [North]allerton, to be held for the term of his life, taking £4 yearly as his salary from the bishop and his successors, and 3s 4d for provision of bread and wine, to be paid in equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas by the hands of the bishop's receiver of [North]allerton; along with all other profits, advantages and emoluments belonging to the chantry; and ordering all his and his successors' rectors, vicars, chaplains, officers, and ministers within the lordship of [North]allerton, and all others whom it concerns to be of assistance to the said John in all things appertaining to the chantry.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 December, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1500].

Dated: Durham

f.61r 31 March 1502

Written oath by John Gamble, chaplain and keeper of the chantry of St Laurence the martyr in the manor of [North]allerton 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.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.



f.61r-v 28 March 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Edmund Scarlett of the office of bailiff of the vill of [North]allerton, and of the office of bailiff-errant of the manor and lordship of his liberty of [North]allerton and Allertonshire; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking the fees and wages yearly used and wont to the same offices.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 March, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501].

Dated: Durham, 28 March 1501.

f.61v 28 March 1501

Written oath by Edmund Scarlett, keeper of the bailiwick of [North]allerton and bailiff-errant of the lordship and manor of the liberty of [North]allerton and Allertonshire, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

f.61v 28 March 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to John Hamerton, gentleman, for the service strenuously rendered to the bishop in respect of the safe and secure keeping and defence of the castle of Norham against the assault and siege, which James [IV], king of Scots, with a great army, conducted in person for a fortnight in August, 12 Henry VII, Pont. (Transl.) 3 [1497], of an annuity or annual rent of five marks, to be taken yearly from the issues and profits of the lordship or manor of Howden, [to be paid] by the hands of the receivers, bailiffs, officers, farmers or tenants thereof to John and his assigns during John's life, in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; and if the annuity should happen to be in arrears in part or in whole for three months after either of the said feasts, then it will be allowed to John and his assigns to enter the said lordship or manor, to distrain therein, to take away the goods distrained and to retain them until satisfied of the annuity and arrears, if any there be.

Witness: Nicholas Morton, treasurer of the bishop's household and keeper of his great seal.

Dated: Durham 19 August, Pont. (Transl.) 4 [1498]

Dated: [Durham].

f.61v-62r 28 March 1501

Written oath by John Hamerton, gentleman.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(3).

f.62r 25 March 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of George Mathewson for the service strenuously rendered to the bishop in respect of the safe and secure keeping and defence of the castle of Norham against the assault and siege, which James [IV], king of Scots, with a great army, conducted in person for a fortnight in August, 12 Henry VII, [1497], as bailiff of the town and lordship of Tweedmouth in Norhamshire; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking yearly from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the same office, along with the fisheries in the river Tweed and lands in the territory of Tweedmouth belonging to the office, and also all other profits, advantages and conveniences of old used and wont to the same office; also granting to him an annuity of 20s to be paid yearly during his life, at Whitsun and Martinmas by equal portions, from the issues and profits of the lordship of Tweedmouth.

Witness: Roger Laburne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 18 March, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [Durham].

f.62r 14 April 1501

Written oath by George Mathewson, bailiff of the town and lordship of Tweedmouth, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:9(9).

f.62r-v 1 May 1500

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Ralph Colynwodd, S.T.P., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Collson', B.C.L., last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.62v 13 July 1501

Letters by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham for Edmund Kyer as their mortuary-roll bearer; to endure at their pleasure.

Dated: Durham

f.62v-63r 10 October 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant John Richardson, one of his *valetti*, as bailiff of the borough of Gateshead, and grant of the office thereof; to be held by John for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking 100s yearly as his fee, to be paid yearly by his own hands from the revenues of his said office, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all profits and advantages appertaining to the same office; therefore ordering all and sundry his tenants, officers and ministers to be of assistance (&c) to John in all things duly belonging to his office; with the proviso that John render yearly account, before the bishop's auditors, of all profits and revenues of his office belonging to the bishop and his successors, and answer yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham.

Witness: Roger Laburne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September Pont. (Transl.) 6 [1500]

Dated: Durham

Another copy: CCB B32A/220224/1 f.4r.

f.63r 10 November 1500

Written oath by John Richardson', bailiff of the town and lordship of Gateshead, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.63r-v 4 November 1500

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant Thomas Middleton' of Silksworth, squire, as bailiff of the borough of North [Bishop] Auckland, and grant of the office thereof, to be held by Thomas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking 100s yearly as his fee, to be paid yearly by his own hands from the revenues of his said office, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the same office; therefore ordering all and sundry his tenants, officers and ministers to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas in all things duly belonging to his office; with the proviso that John render yearly account to the bishop and his successors, before the bishop's auditors, of all profits and revenues belonging to his office and answer yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham, as the custom is.

Witness: Roger Laburne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 November Pont. (Transl.) 6 [1500]

Dated: Durham

f.63v [1500]

Written oath by Thomas Myddelton', bailiff of the town of North [Bishop] Auckland (Incomplete)

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(2).

f.63v 28 April 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Guy Fairfax for the service strenuously rendered to the bishop in respect of the safe and secure keeping and defence of the castle of Norham against the assault and siege, which James [IV], king of Scots, with a great army, conducted in person for a fortnight in August, 12 Henry VII, Pont. (Transl.) 3 [1497], of the office of keeper of the manor or dwelling-house of Wheel Hall, [E.R] Yorks., along with the keeping of the garden there, and appointment thereto; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking yearly from the bishop and his successors, for carrying out the office, 66s 8d as his fee, to be paid to Guy by equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter each year, by the hands of the receiver of the manor or lordship of Howden; along with all other fees, profits, advantages and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office; therefore ordering all and sundry his and his successors' bailiffs, officers, tenants, and ministers to be of assistance (&c) to Guy and his deputy or deputies in the exercise of his office.

Witness: Roger Laburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 April Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [Durham]

f.63v-64r 1501

Written oath by Guy Fairfax, keeper of the manor of Wheel Hall.

Original: DCD Loc.XVIII:67, Loc.XXVIII:4, no.8 (both sealed and bearing the same date).

f.64r 12 May 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Armorer of the office of bailiff of the township and lordship of Bedlington and Bedlingtonshire, along with the office of collector of the bishop's rents and farms there, and appointment thereto, to be held by Thomas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking yearly from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the offices, to be paid yearly by his own hands from the revenues of the said lordship, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits, fees, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments belonging to the offices; with the proviso that John answer to the bishop for all moneys coming into his hands by reason of his offices, and render yearly account thereof; giving Thomas plenary power to perform the offices and ordering all and sundry his officers, tenants, and subjects to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas and his deputy duly performing those offices.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 April Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: Durham

f.64r 14 May 1501

Written oath by Thomas Armorer, bailiff of the vill and lordship of Bedlington and Bedlingtonshire, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.64v 4 January 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant Henry Wardropp', as keeper of the manor of Bishop Auckland, and grant of the office thereof, to be held by Henry for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking 40s yearly as his fee, to be paid yearly by the hand of the bishop's receiver-general of his exchequer of Durham by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the office.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 December Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1500]

Dated: [Durham]

f.64v 1501

Written oath by Henry Waydropp', keeper of the manor of Bishop Auckland.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4(5).

f.64v-65r 3 July 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant Roland Tempest, squire, as warden and parker of the whole park of Wolsingham, and grant of the office thereof, which office has previously and separately been held by Thomas Fadurstonhawgh' and George Emerson; to be held by Roland for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking 4d per day as his fee, to be paid yearly by the hand of the bishop's master forester by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits, conveniences, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments belonging to the office; as freely and wholly as the said Thomas and George, or any other previously occupying the office, have had, taken, or occupied in the office.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 June Pont. (Transl.) 7. [1501]

Dated: [Durham]

f.65r 1501

Written oath by Roland Tempest, warden and parker of the park of Wolsingham.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4, no.7.

f.65r-v 20 July 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following chirograph lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Richard, bishop of Durham, to John Rakett of Durham of the manor and vill of Quarrington by Coxhoe, with *Petege, Snaypgest, Whietleys, Pole Aleye*, and with all other closes, pastures, lands, tenements, moors, meadows, pasturages, houses and buildings, conveniences and easements belonging to the manor and vill, previously in the tenure of the said John; to be held by John and his assigns from the Invention of the Holy Rood last past for the term of ninety-nine years; rendering £26 13s 4d yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors, at their exchequer of Durham, by equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, although of old only £21 6s 8d used to be rendered; and if the said farm should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for forty days after a feast upon which it ought to have been paid, then it will be permitted to the bishop and his successors to enter and distrain upon the said manor and vill, and to remove goods distrained and retain them until satisfied of the said farm and arrears thereof, if any there be; and if the farm should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for a quarter of a year, and insufficient might be found in the manor and vill to distrain for the said farm, then it will be permitted to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the said manor and vill or any part thereof and possess them as originally, the present lease notwithstanding; and during the said term John and his assigns will repair and maintain at their own expense a habitable house, called a *seithouse*, with a straw-thatched ox-house (*bovinar[ijo]*), a straw-thatched barn, and hedges and ditches around *le fence* of the said manor, and leave them sufficiently repaired at the end of the term.

Sealed alternately, with the bishop's great seal affixed to the part remaining with John.  
10 October 16 Henry VII, Pont. (Transl.) 6 [1500]

Dated: [ Durham]

f.65v 20 July 1501

Written oath by John Rakett, farmer of the manor and vill of Quarrington by Coxhoe, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed

f.65v 9 August 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of Thomas Mettecalf', squire, and John Mettecalf' as auditors and receivers to hear and determine all accounts of receivers, bailiffs, reeves, collectors, farmers, occupiers or other officers whomsoever, accountable to the bishop, in the bishopric of Durham, and the liberties of Allertonshire and Howdenshire, and grant of the office thereof; to be held by Thomas and John jointly and severally, enduring for life and for the life of the longer lived of them; taking £20 yearly, jointly and severally, for holding the office, to be paid yearly by the hand of the bishop's receiver-general of his exchequer of Durham, along with all other profits, rewards and advantages, used and wont to the office; giving Thomas and John plenary power to do everything which the nature of an account demands; therefore ordering all his receivers, bailiffs, reeves, collectors and all his other officers and tenants to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas and John in the execution of the foregoing.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 July Pont. (Transl.) 6. [1500]

Dated: Durham

f.66r 9 August 1501

Written oath by Thomas Mettecalf', squire, and John Mettecalf', auditors of accounts of the bishop's officers within the bishopric of Durham and the liberties of Allertonshire and Howdenshire.

Presumed original, dated 10 August 1501: Loc.XXVIII:4, no.4

f.66r 9 August 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following chirograph lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Percival Lambton', gentleman, of the chief messuage called Ricknall Grange and with all houses and buildings, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, closes, other profits and conveniences in Ricknall or in *parva* Ricknall, or in the fields thereof, now occupied by William Mayn', Percival Lambton, and John Robynson or any of them; to be held by Percival, his heirs and assigns, from the Invention of the Holy Rood last past for the term of sixty years; rendering £30 yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors, by equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun; and if the said annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for a half year after any feast on which it ought to have been paid, and insufficient might be found at that time in the lands and tenements (&c) to distrain for the rent and arrears, then it will be permitted to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the said houses, buildings, lands (&c) or any of them and possess them as originally, the present lease notwithstanding; and during the said term John and his assigns will repair and maintain all houses, buildings, hedges and ditches within the grange of Ricknall and *parva* Ricknall at their own expense, except for timber alone, in the view of four trustworthy tenants of the bishop or his successors, impartially chosen for that purpose.

Sealed alternately., with the bishop's great seal affixed to the part remaining with Percival.  
20 June 16 Henry VII, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [Durham]

f.66v 1 September 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following chirograph lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Richard Eryngton', gentleman, of the manor and vill of Morton by Houghton[-le-Spring] and with all houses and buildings, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, closes, other profits and conveniences belonging thereto; to be held by Richard, his heirs and assigns, from the Invention of the Holy Rood last past for the term of forty years; rendering £6 yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors, by equal portions at All Saints and the Invention of the Holy Rood; and if the said annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for a half year after any feast on which it ought to have been paid, and insufficient might be found at that time in the lands and tenements (&c) to distrain for the rent and arrears, then it will be permitted to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the said manor and vill, houses, buildings, lands (&c) and any part thereof and possess them as originally, the present lease notwithstanding; and Richard Eryngton' and his assigns will repair and maintain all houses, buildings, hedges and ditches within the manor and vill aforesaid at their own expense, except for timber alone, during the said term, in the view of four trustworthy tenants of the bishop or his successors, impartially chosen for that purpose. Sealed alternately with the bishop's great seal affixed to the part remaining with Richard Eryngton'. 20 June 16 Henry VII, Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [Durham]

f.66v-67r 1506

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant William Emerson, son of Roland Emerson of Weardale as parker of the new park newly made within the great park of Stanhope, as enclosed by a wall to west and east and abutting the Wear on the south, and grant of the office thereof; also granting him the office of one of the four foresters in the high forest in Weardale, which office John Emerson lately held; to be held by William for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; taking from the bishop and his successors 1½d per day as parker of the new park, and ¾d per day as one of the four foresters, to be paid yearly by the hand of the bishop's master forester of Weardale by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the office.

Witness: Roger Laburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 November Pont. (Transl.) 6. [1500]

Dated: [Durham] 1 (month omitted) 1506.

*Related material in other DUL collections:* Emerson's oath to the priory in respect of his office, dated 2 December 1500, is: DCD Loc.XXVII:4, no.1.

f.67r 2 December 1501

Written oath by Percival Lambton, gentleman, farmer of the chief messuage of Ricknall grange, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham, 2 December 1501.



f.67r 2 December 1501

Written oath by Richard Eryngton', farmer of the manor of Morton by Houghton[-le-Spring], in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.67r-v 1 August 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, of his servant William Battes as bailiff of the borough of Darlington, the office to be held by William for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking 100s yearly as his fee, to be paid yearly by his own hands from the revenues of his said office, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the same office; therefore ordering all and sundry his tenants, officers and ministers to be of assistance (&c) to William in all things duly belonging to his office; with the proviso that John render yearly account to the bishop and his successors, before the bishop's auditors, of all issues and revenues of his office, and answer yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham, as the custom is.

Witness: Roger Laburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 28 July Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [ Durham]

f.67v 1 October 1501

Written oath by William Bettes, bailiff of the borough of Darlington.

Original: DCD Loc.XXVIII:4, no.6.

f.67v 8 August 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following licence, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Licence by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Roger Layburn', clerk, rector of the church of Sedgfield, to enclose 60 acres of land abutting upon the rectory of the said church, lying to the south of a plot of glebe of the said rectory, and to hold the same, thus enclosed, to himself and his successors, in severalty at all times of the year in perpetuity without interference by the bishop or his successors, or his or their justices, escheators, bailiffs, tenants or ministers; rendering therefor yearly to the bishop and his successors, at the exchequer of Durham at the usual terms, the old rent for the 60 acres, as previously accustomed to be rendered by Roger and his predecessors to the bishop and his predecessors.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 July Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [ Durham]

f.67v 1 September 1501

Written oath by Roger Layburn', archdeacon of Durham, rector of Sedgfield, in the same terms as the oath on f.61r.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.67v-68r 8 August [?1501]

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following licence, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Licence by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to Roger Layburn', clerk, archdeacon of Durham, to enclose 40 acres of his glebe of Easington, lying next to Hallefeld', and to hold the same, thus enclosed, to himself and his successors, in severalty at all times of the year, likewise to possess it in perpetuity with free ingress and egress over the common land to the bishop's moor there with all manner of his ?livestock (*averciis*) , to a certain pond in the same moor, for water for his and his successors' livestock, without interference by the bishop or his successors, or his or their justices, escheators, bailiffs, tenants or ministers; rendering therefor yearly to the bishop and his successors, at the exchequer of Durham at the usual terms, the old rent for the 60 acres, as previously accustomed to be rendered by Roger and his predecessors to the bishop and his predecessors.

Witness: Roger Layburn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 28 July Pont. (Transl.) 7 [1501]

Dated: [ Durham]

f.68r 11 May 1505

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to his servant George Aske, squire, of the keeping of the lordship and manor or dwelling-house of Wheel Hall, [E.R] Yorks., along with the keeping of the garden adjacent to the manor-house, with the produce from the garden, though reserving produce therefrom to the bishop and his successors for necessary provisioning of their household when present there; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking 2d per day from the bishop and his successors for the keepership, to be paid yearly to George by equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter by the hands of the bailiffs, ministers or other occupiers within the lordship of Wheel Hall; also taking from the bishop and his successors a valet's robe, or 8s in name thereof, each year at Christmas; along with all other profits and advantages howsoever belonging to the keepership.

Witness: Robert Chamber, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 29 December Pont. (Transl.) 3 [1504]

Dated: Durham

f.68v 11 February [1504]

Bond by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to Robert Gray and Jane his wife for £100 to be paid to Robert, Jane, their heirs or assigns, at Easter next to come after the date of the presents.

Dated: (no place of issue), 11 February, 19 Henry VII [1504].

(with)

Condition [of defeasance] (English) stating that if the prior or convent and their successors keep all covenants contained in a pair of indentures of the date of the presents, made between the prior and convent and the said Robert and Jane, then the bond is to be void; otherwise to remain in force.

*Related material in other DUL collections:* A similar bond, of the same date, was made by Robert Gray, merchant of Newcastle upon Tyne, in favour of the prior and chapter: DCD 1.4.Spec.97

f.68v 24 March 19 Henry VII [1504]

Chirograph grant by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to Robert Gray and Jane his wife of all messuages, lands and tenements, meadows, tofts and crofts, in Hebburn, lying on the northern side of the vill of Hebburn, just as enclosed with a new dike ( *fossus* ) from Jarrow dyke as far as the vill of Hebburn, and from the eastern end of the vill by the north dike ( *fossa* ) of a close called *Calfclose*, as far as the moor of Hebburn; excepting four closes called *Howdens*, *Willycrosse*, *Haydens*, and *Powtercrosse* ; to be held by Robert, Jane, and her heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of that fee, by service used and wont therefor, in perpetuity.

Warranty.

Appointment of Ralph Watson' and Thomas Leighton' as their attorneys to give livery of seizin of the foregoing to Robert, Jane, their heirs and assigns.

Original: DCD 1.4.Spec.107.

f.68v 13 April 19 Henry VII [1504]

Chirograph confirmation and quitclaim by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to Robert Gray and Jane his wife ratifying their and Jane's heirs' and assigns' possession of all messuages, lands and tenements, meadows, tofts and crofts, in Hebburn, on the north side of the vill of Hebburn, as newly enclosed from Jarrow dyke as far as the vill of Hebburn and from the western end of the vill by the north dike ( *fossa* ) of a close called *Calfcrosse*, as far as the moor of Hebburn; excepting four closes called *Howdens*, *Willycrosse*, *Haydens*, and *Powtercrosse* ; as granted to Robert and Jane by their charter of 24 March, 19 Henry VII [the preceding entry]; and remitting, for themselves and their successors, all rights which they have, had or might have in the said messuages (&c) to Robert, Jane and Jane's heirs and assigns.

Warranty.

Dated: [Durham]

f.69r-v 11 February 19 Henry VII [1504]

Chirograph agreement between Thomas prior and the convent of Durham and Robert Gray and his wife Jane that the prior and convent shall have, for themselves and their successors for ever, all those houses, lands, tenements, meadows, tofts and crofts, as Robert and Jane, or any other persons to their use or the use of either of them, have in the township and field of Hebburn, Monkton and Moorclose, on the south side of the township of Hebburn;

that Robert and Jane shall have, to themselves and to Jane's heirs and assigns, all those houses, lands, tenements, meadows, tofts and crofts, as the prior and convent, or any other to their use, have in the township and field of Hebburn, lying to the north of the said township, as it is enclosed with a new dike from Jarrow *dyke* up to Hebburn, and from the west end of the same township by the north dike of a close called *Calf' close* to Hebburn moor; excepting four closes called *Howdens*, *Wyllyclose*, *Haydens*, and *Powterclose*, which are to be held by the prior and convent in severalty for ever, as they have held them hitherto;

that the prior and convent and their successors are to have the said lands (&c) in Hebburn, Monkton and Moorclose, assigned to them by this indenture, in severalty for ever without hindrance by Robert, Jane or their heirs; likewise Robert and Jane, and Jane's heirs and assigns are to have the said lands (&c) in Hebburn, assigned to them by this indenture, in severalty for ever without hindrance by the prior and convent and their successors;

that Robert and Jane and either of them shall, at the next assise held at Durham or within 20 days thereafter, have lawful estate made of the properties in Hebburn, Monkton and Moorclose to the prior and convent and their successors for ever, by fine, recovery, feoffment, release with warranty, or otherwise as shall be devised by the prior's counsel, at the prior's expense, discharged of all rents, recognizances, and statutes, other than the rent due to the chief lord of the fee;

likewise the prior shall, at the said assise or within 20 days following, have lawful estate made of the properties on the north side of Hebburn to Robert and Jane and Jane's heirs and assigns for ever, as shall be devised by counsel of Robert and Jane, at their expense, discharged of all rents (&c) other than the rents due to the chief lords of the fee; providing that if the counsel of Robert and Jane devise any writings for the security of the foregoing to be sealed with the common seal of the prior and convent, Robert shall pay nothing therefor; that the prior and convent and their successors shall make, or cause to be made, half of the dikes for a partition of the said lands and tenements at their own expense, and Robert and Jane, their heirs and assigns shall make, or cause to be made, the other half of the dikes, at their own expense;

that Robert and Jane and Jane's heirs shall pay and do all such rents and services to the prior and convent and their successors as they or any of Jane's antecessors paid and did to the prior and convent or their predecessors for any lands in Hebburn before the making of these indentures; likewise the prior and convent shall pay all such rents to Robert, Jane and Jane's heirs as they or their predecessors paid to them for any lands in Hebburn before the date of this indenture.

Sealed alternately.

*Language:* English

Original (now lacking most of its text): DCD 1.4.Spec.100.

f.69v 10 August 21 Henry VII [1506]

Quitclaim by Robert Gray of Hebburn, gentleman, for himself, his heirs and executors, in perpetuity, to Thomas prior and the convent of Durham of all personal or real actions which he has, had or might have in future against them by reason of whatsoever cause, agreement, transgression or demand begun between them until the date of the making [of the presents].

f.69v 10 August 21 Henry VII [1506]

Quitclaim by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, for themselves and their successors, in perpetuity, to Robert Gray of Hebburn, gentleman, his heirs and executors, of all personal or real actions which they have, had or might have in future against Robert, his heirs and executors, by reason of any account, due, debate, agreement, transgression, contract or other matter begun between them until the date of the making [of the presents].

f.70r 23 June 1502

Chirograph contract between Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, and John Tildesley, cantor, witnessing that John Tildesley has been retained and sworn to serve the prior and his successors for the term of his life as follows: to instruct those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputy should assign to him, in playing the organ and singing plain chant and with organ accompaniment, namely *playnsong*, *priknote*, *faburdon*, *discant*, *swarenote*, and *countre*, teaching them four times every weekday, namely twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon, unless legitimately impeded; to be present in person, barring legitimate excuse and with permission therefor from the precentor or his lieutenant, from the beginning of the singing at all masses, vespers, and *Salve regina* to be celebrated with *priknote*, *discant*, *faburdon*, and organ-accompanied singing in the choir of the cathedral, to the end thereof, playing the organ if need be or if assigned thereto, and to sing the tenor or any other vocal part most suited to him, assigned by the precentor or his vicegerent, for the aforementioned chants; to be present in person daily, from beginning to end at the masses of St Mary the Virgin to be celebrated *cum nota* in the galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time, unless a legitimate and significant matter should impede him, and deputing in his place another suitable person if such a cause arose; to oversee ( *previdend*' ) singing, on the summons of the cathedral precentor or his lieutenant, as often as forewarned for this purpose; each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass, or another equivalent work as should seem fit to the prior and precentor, in honour of St Mary and St Cuthbert; the prior and convent, for themselves and their successors, granting to John Tildesley, for rendering these services, £10 to be paid for the term of his life yearly at Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks, to be received every Christmas; with John having the £10 and cloth from the prior and his successors at the monastery of Durham so long as he should be able to carry out the foregoing duties, and taking five marks yearly should he become so debilitated by disease or infirmity that he might not carry out these duties; with the provision that he fulfil the foregoing as far as he can without their ?interference.

Sealed alternately, with the prior retaining the part under John Tildesley's seal.

Dated: Durham

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839),

p.cccxcviii-cccc.

f.70r-v 14 August 1502

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to institute Thomas Cheneyson', in the vicarage of Bishop Middleham, vacant by the death of Robert Turnour, chaplain, last vicar thereof; saving a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom to the sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.70v [c.1503]

Mandate by Henry VII, king of England, to the mayor and bailiffs of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne ordering them since Edward II, sometime king of England, in letters patent which he [Henry VII] confirmed 27 May A.R. 7 [1492], granted 13 marks and 10s to be paid each year at Michaelmas from the farm of Newcastle, by the hands of the mayor and bailiffs of Newcastle to the monks of the Durham cell of Farne Island, by Bamburgh, to be held of the alms of the same sometime king by the same monks and their successors dwelling on the island, as is more fully contained in the said confirmation, because the said [sum of] 13 marks 10s is in arrears, from the said 27 May [Incomplete, with space left for the remainder of the mandate]

f.70v [1503]

Quittance by Thomas, prior of Durham, to the master and scholars of Balliol hall acknowledging payment of a yearly pension of 10s owed to the prior and his monastery, by reason of appropriation of the church of Longbenton, for the terms of Midsummer and Christmas 1503.

Dated: Durham (month and day omitted) "A.D. aforesaid".

f.70v [1502]

Award of subsidy by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, assembled in York minster in a convocation begun on 21 February 1501/2 and continued until 15 July 1502, granting, for the defence of the Christian religion against the Turk, in the form of a tenth, to be raised and collected from whatsoever ecclesiastical goods, benefices and possessions, temporal and spiritual, according to the new assessment or, where the new assessment has not been made, the old, and at the rate of the customary royal tenth; to be disposed of at the king's will for the stated purpose; the first half being due at Easter next to come and to be paid and collected by John the Baptist [24 June] next thereafter; the second half being due at the Martinmas following and to be paid and collected by the subsequent Purification [2 February]; excluding from payment of the tenth or any part thereof: those benefices in the province of York assessed at 10 marks or under, also goods, benefices and possessions of religious men, of halls, colleges, or of other houses under whatsoever names they be classified, appropriated to the use of scholars of the universities of Oxford and (blank); also goods, benefices and possessions of any nuns having property within the province of York, on account of their well-known poverty; also goods, benefices and possessions of Carthusians dwelling within the province; and any pensions and portions reckoned at five pounds and under; moreover exempting goods, possessions and benefices, spiritual and temporal, within Carlisle and Copeland dioc. and the archdeaconry of Durham, and portions and pensions provided within the same archdeaconry, from half of the tenth; exempting entirely goods and benefices, and possessions spiritual and temporal within the archdeaconry of Northumberland from payment of the said tenth.

[Incomplete ?]

f.71r early 16th century

Discussion of two aspects of canon law

Observations, with reference to works of canon law, upon the wording of confirmations and grants of privilege, and upon the relationship between an archdeacon and a monastery within his archdeaconry.

f.71r 1502

Letter of consorority to Margaret, mother of Henry VII, king [of England] by her bedesmen, Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, prompted by the most exalted completeness of her devotion towards their monastery of Durham, most plainly experienced hitherto during long periods of time, not interrupted but rather continued by kindly application, through promised and successful increases in merit, being keen to repay her according to the affection of her most pious devotion, admitting her to the spiritual sisterhood of the chapter and granting her special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with special mention for her in the daily chapter mass held at the high altar, and with prayers for her, just as for their deceased brothers of their order, for all time after her death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.71r-v 21 October 1502

Letter of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to Reginald Bray, knight, prompted by the devotion of mind and completeness of the sincere affection which he has for their monastery of Durham, repaying him according to the merit of his devotion and admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; and with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brothers, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.71v 21 October 1502

Letter of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to Mr Hugh Oldom, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has for their monastery of Durham, repaying him according to the merit of his devotion and admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brothers, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.71v-72r 31 October 1502

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, appointing William Yodall', S.T.B., and Thomas Swalwell', S.T.B., Mr John Undrewod, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, Robert Cheston', N.P. by apostolic authority, Mr John Walker, LL.B., and Thomas Farne, LL.B., as their proctors, giving them general power and general and special mandate to act on their behalf and on behalf of their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, their parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, in all causes and business brought or to be brought, by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places, against the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, and their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators or others whomsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties; &c, responsibilities listed; and authorizing them to attend and participate on behalf of the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations whatsoever.

Dated: Durham

f.72r-v 31 October 1502

Notarial instrument recording that William Yodall', monk of Durham and, as he claimed and as was evident, proctor of the prior and chapter thereof, appeared in person, held in his hands and, on his and their behalf, made, read and interposed the following Written appeal whereby he, William Yodall', 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: John Clerk and John Nesse, chaplains, of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Whitehede, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry of the monastery of Durham



f.72v 10 December 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Burgh', LL.B., in the canonry and prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the resignation of George Rowth, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.72v-73r 1504

Collation by Thomas, prior of Durham, to Robert Forest', chaplain, of the vacant rectory of the parish church or free chapel of Muggleswick, inducting him therein; and, whereas the tithe revenues of the said church or free chapel are impoverished such that they do not now suffice for the honest maintenance of a chaplain, granting: that he receive yearly, as his predecessors have received, two marks from the hands of the bursar of Durham and one quarter of wheat from the prior's grange; also that he have pasture for one horse and four cows with their offspring of one year, namely two cows in the upper enclosure and two cows in the lower enclosure; also *passis*, to be assigned by the prior's reeve there, to mow one or two cartloads of hay, in places left behind after the mowing of the prior's meadows, as sustenance for the said horse and cows; with the provision that he maintain divine offices in the said church or chapel and properly administer the sacraments to the parishioners, and bear all other burdens incumbent upon the same church or chapel.

Dated: Durham

f.73r 22 December 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Jon, clerk, in the canonry and prebend of [Skipwith in] the collegiate church of Howden vacant by the resignation of Mr John Curwyn, M.A., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.73r 23 December 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Yonger, chaplain, in the church of York St Peter the less, vacant by the death of William Artays, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f. 73r-v 11 December 1504

Notarial instrument recording that William Symson', *litteratus* of the city of York, proctor of George Routh', chaplain, canon and prebendary of the third prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, William Symson', *litteratus* of the city of York, proctor of George Rowth', chaplain, canon and prebendary of the third prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, for certain legitimate reasons, resigns the same canonry and prebend on behalf of his said lord into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general or whatsoever other having power to accept his resignation, in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; upon which he asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments.

Witnesses: John Coltman, Richard Lame, and Richard Thuresby, of York and Durham diocc.

Notary: Robert Cheston', clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: York minster

f.73v 20 December 1504

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Curwyn', M.A., canon, as he claimed, of Howden collegiate church, and prebendary of the prebend of Skipwith therein, appeared in person and made and read the following

Resignation whereby he, John Curwen', M.A., canon of Howden collegiate church, and prebendary of the prebend of Skipwith therein, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, written in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Mr Edmund Jakeson', LL.D., Mr Thomas Farne, LL.B., Robert Curwen', *litteratus*, of Coventry & Lichfield and Carlisle diocc.

Notary: John Dice, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the galilee of Durham cathedral

f.73v 2 May 1505

Letters testimonial by Thomas Smeythson' prior and the convent of the Augustinian monastery Hexham for Christopher Nycolson, their fellow canon, being in priestly orders and of good repute and laudable conduct, who has often asked to be given licence to enter the Franciscan order (reasons given); not having free judgement in this regard for certain reasons, giving Christopher the requested licence, lest they appear to extinguish the Holy Spirit which has, they believe, inflamed their brother's heart, and discharging him from obedience to their order, providing that he should profess the order of St Francis; notwithstanding the privileges general and special granted to their order, nor setting aside the statutes of their order; urging, with threefold prayers, all seeing these letters to receive their brother with charity, and that they would come to his assistance with humanity in his need.

Dated: [Hexham]

f.74r 21 September 1505

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Roger Darley, priest, in the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the death of Robert Banys, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.74r 28 December 1505

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to institute Mr Christopher Wardell', LL.B., in the vicarage of Merrington, vacant by the death of Mr John Walker', LL.B., last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]

f.74r-v

(The remainder of the folio is blank)

f.75r 16 August 1503

Mandate by Thomas, prior of Durham, "&c", (to an addressee of whom neither name nor office is given) having heard that a certain priest in the parish church of S. within the prior's jurisdiction of [North]allerton, having put on a priest's stole, was standing by the altars, about to offer mass for the souls of the living and the dead, and when he began to read the gospels one A.B., with a ?drawn sword, moving up to the high altar there, presumed to remove or extinguish the light, without which the priest, for reverence for the sacraments, was unable to celebrate, preventing him from celebrating mass and otherwise manifoldly harassing him, to the hurt of Christ and the greatest disparagement of the catholic faith; wherefore we, being unable to dismiss such sacrilege to the detriment of the soul of his spirit most wretchedly and publicly perpetrated, order him to cite the same A. B., and others who are by rights to be summoned, in the parish church of [North]allerton, and to inquire diligently after the truth from those cited peremptorily by fact and by testimony, and, if he should find A. B. guilty of the foregoing, to compel him, on behalf and by authority of the prior, to undergo a suitable punishment; requiring certification, as soon as he be able, of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.75r 7 September 1503

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Mr John Denby, M.A., in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr John Martok, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.75r 5 October 1503

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Christopher Wardell', LL.B., in the church of Meldon, vacant by the resignation of George Heron', last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.75r 5 January 1504

Mandate by William, bishop of Durham, to his vicar-general in spiritualities after lately receiving the following writ

Writ by Henry [VII], king of England, to William, bishop of Durham, informing him that, by the advice and consent of his council, for certain difficult and pressing business concerning the kingdom of England and the English Church, he has decreed a parliament, to be held at Westminster on 25 January next to come, ordering him, excluding whatsoever excuse, to be present in person at the said date and place and, along with the other prelates, magnates and nobles, to discuss and give counsel upon the said business, and to warn the prior and chapter of Durham and the archdeacons and clergy of his diocese to attend the parliament, with the prior and archdeacons to be present in person, the chapter to attend through one proctor, and the clergy to attend through two proctors, for the giving of consent to those things which should happen to be ordained by the council of the realm.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster 3 November A.R. 19. [1503]

ordering him, by authority of the said writ, to warn the prior and chapter and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to attend at the said date and place, in the manner and for the purpose as described in the writ.

f.75v 17 January 1504

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Ralph Colyngwod, S.T.P., and Thomas Swallwell', S.T.P., monks of Durham, and John Batmanson, LL.D., as their proctors, jointly and severally, and whichever of them, to attend before Henry VII, king of England, in his parliament to be held at Westminster on 25 January next to come (as in the preceding entry).

Dated: Durham

f.75v [January 1504]

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter [of Durham] appointing (blank) Hatton, LL.D., as proctor "&c" wishing to take as approved things done by the proctor "&c as shown in the preceding proxy".

[Incomplete, with space apparently left for an intended full version; n.d., but likely to be January 1504]

f.75v 22 January 1504

Presentation by William Hylton, knight, to Thomas Castell, prior of Durham, of Robert Spragayne, clerk, to the chapel of Hylton, whereof the presentation is known to pertain to William by reason of an agreement between his and the prior's predecessors; notifying the prior that Richard Bowman, who last served the chapel, has gone the way of all flesh.

Dated: Hylton

Original: DCD 4.4.Spec.10.

f.75v 27 January 1504

Written oath by Robert Spragayn, newly-admitted chaplain of the chapel of Hylton in Monkwearmouth par., stating that he has sworn to the prior and convent of Durham, rectors of Monkwearmouth: that he will obey all lawful and honest mandates of the Church, and observe all the contents of a certain composition made by Hugh, sometime bishop of Durham, between Germane sometime prior and the convent of Durham, on the one side, and Alexander Hylton on the other side, concerning the chapel and the chaplain to serve there, and that he will cause others who are to reside there to observe the same; that he will preserve the church of Wearmouth, from which the said chapel depends, indemnified in all its rights, to the extent of his power; and renouncing any appeals and their processes interposed at the Roman *curia* or elsewhere by Robert Staynton, once chaplain of the said chapel, and any apostolic letters obtained or to be obtained in that regard, such that in future they neither lend assistance to him nor bring harm to the prior and convent.

Under his signet.

Witnesses: Thomas Lawson, monk, William Allgood, chaplain, Robert Lambert and Henry Kyllynghall, gentlemen.

Dated: Durham.

Original: DCD 4.4.Spec.11.

f.76r 27 January 1504

Letters of admission by Thomas, prior of Durham to Robert Spragayn, chaplain, having lately received the following presentation by William Hylton, recited in full (as on f.75v). being confident of his merits thereby and by the testimony of trustworthy men, admitting him to serve the chapel of Hylton according to the form and effect of an agreement made of old between his predecessors and the lords of Hylton; Robert having first sworn before Thomas Lawson, monk, William Allgood, chaplain, Robert Lambert and Henry Kyllynghall, gentlemen, and others assigned in the prior's stead for this purpose, to abide by the terms of the agreement in so far as it concerns him and to cause others to observe the same to the extent of his power, and made a renunciation of whatsoever appeals and apostolic letters made or obtained by Robert Staynton, a predecessor of Robert's; so long as he serve the chapel of Hylton honestly and bear the burdens incumbent upon him, and keep the mother church of Monkwearmouth, from which the chapel depends, indemnified in all things.

Dated: Durham

f.76r 4 February 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Mr William Kyrkham, LL.B., in the church of Holtby, vacant by the death of Thomas Hylton, chaplain, last rector thereof. Dated: Durham, 4 February 1503/4.

f.76r 23 March 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Mr Richard Godson', chaplain, in the church of Holtby, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Hilton, chaplain, last rector thereof; {saving a yearly pension of 25s due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery}.

Dated: Durham

f.76v 6 April 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior {and the chapter} of Durham asking William, bishop of Durham, to institute Thomas Lynns, priest, in the vicarage of Hesleden, vacant by the death of Robert Rodd, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.76v 6 April 1504

Bond by Thomas Linns, chaplain, to the prior and chapter or convent of Durham for £40 to be paid to the prior and chapter or their proctor or attorney at Whitsun next to come and binding his heirs, executors and goods to the payment thereof.

Under his seal and signature.

Dated: Durham

with

Defeazance (English) to the effect that if Thomas Linns keep personal and continual residence at his vicarage and cure of Hesleden, and by the end of his first year at the latest set up and keep house within the vicarage according to his livelihood, then the bond is to be void; otherwise it is to remain in force.

f.76v-77r 25 May 1504

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by William, bishop of Durham, to his most dear friend John Heron', squire, the king's servant, of the keeping of the manor or dwelling-house by Charing Cross, London, along with the keeping of all gardens adjacent and belonging to the manor-house; also one of two chambers over the great gate there, built next to the highway; appointing him receiver of all rents and profits belonging to the said manor-house; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking £4 from the bishop and his successors for the keepership and office, to be paid yearly and allowed to himself by equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter from the revenues of his said office, along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the keepership and office; providing always that John answer to the bishop and his successors yearly for 40 gallons of verjuice from the vines of the said gardens, and that he or his deputy render yearly account of all revenues issuing from the said offices and answer to the bishop therefor; also ordering all his tenants and ministers to be of assistance to John and his deputy in the execution of the offices.

Witness: Robert Chambre, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 15 May Pont. (Transl.) 2. [1504]

Dated: Durham

f.77r 26 May 1504

Written oath by John Heron', squire, 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 wittingly to say or do anything in person or through another whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.77r 25 July 1504

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, appointing Mr [John] Perott, precentor of York minster, and Mr William Thomson, S.T.B., dean of the collegiate church of Auckland, as their proctors, giving them general and special power and mandate to appear on behalf of the prior and chapter, and to show the cause of the prior's absence, before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his lieutenant or commissaries, in the convocation or congregation of clergy of the diocese and province of York, to be held in York minster on 5 August next to come, with continuation of days if need be, until the conclusion thereof &c, summarizing their responsibilities; saving the rights, liberties and privileges of their church and monastery, granted of old, in all things.

Dated: [Durham]

f.77r-v 7 September 1504

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to Mr William Esyngton and Joan his wife the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart, which they have towards the monastery of Durham, prompt the prior and chapter to repay them for their goodwill, admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brothers and sisters, for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.77v 7 September 1504

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Durham, to institute William Fabyane, chaplain, in the church of Edmundbyres vacant by the death of John Waldhave, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

{ "The clause 'or to his [vicar-general] acting in distant parts &c' is not inserted here because the lord bishop wanted all presentations to be made to himself and not to his vicar-general" }

f.77v-78r St Peter's, 6 Kal. December [26 November] 1503

Bull by Julius [II], pope, to the bishop of Durham (informing the bishop that he, then bishop of Ostia, was elected pope on Kal. November [1 November 1503] following the death of Pius III on 15 Kal. November [18 October 1503]; explaining that he submitted to his election in spite of his weakness, and stating that his frailness will be inspired by the strength of God's grace and that God will supply force not merely to remove the Turks but, with divine aid and his and the Christian kings' and princes' assistance, to crush them) wishing to be aided by the orisons of the bishop and of all the faithful, urging the bishop to proclaim ( *indicat*) solemn processions in his diocese, wherein the Most High might be beseeched to extend his hand, with which the pope might be strengthened to perform the office imposed upon him to the praise and glory of His name and the exaltation of faith, the peace, salvation and tranquility of Christian people.

Dated: Rome

f.78r 4 September 1504

Commission by William, bishop of Durham, to Thomas, prior of Durham, the bishop's vicar-general in spiritualities, notifying him that he has received letters of Pope Julius II which are under his true bull (&c) and are beyond suspicion, and has transmitted them, attached to the presents, to the prior, in these words

Bull by Julius [II] (the preceding entry, not recited here in full)

ordering him to publish the letters and their contents, or to have the same published, to the clergy and people of the diocese, and in the cathedral church of Durham, and to proclaim solemn processions in the same church and diocese, and other things according to the force and effect of the said letters.

Under the seal of the office of official of the court of Durham.

f.78r 22 January 1505

Presentation by Thomas prior [and the chapter] of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, &c to institute John Andrew, chaplain, in the fifth vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the resignation of William Radcliff, last chaplain and vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.78r-v 28 January 1505

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by William, bishop of Durham, since he appointed his most dear friend and fellow monk Richard Yon' [?You'] as constable of the castle of Durham (terms as for William Lee, below), as more fully contained in his letters patent made to Richard thereon; and Richard has, however, restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, and they have been cancelled, with the intention that the bishop see fit to grant other letters in form as follows: of his servant William Lee as constable of the castle of Durham, to be held by William for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking for his fee twenty marks yearly, to be paid at the exchequer of Durham in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general; along with all other profits, conveniences, customary payments and emoluments belonging to the same office; also granting William a gentleman's robe or 13s 4d in name thereof, to be paid or delivered yearly at Christmas; with plenary power and authority to William to do all things belonging to the office, and also ordering all his officers, ministers, servants and tenants, to assist (&c) William and his deputy in the exercise of the office.

Witness: Robert Chamer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 19 December, Pont. 3. [1504]

Dated: Durham

f.78v 18 June 1505

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Lowson, chaplain, in the vicarage of Thorpe, vacant by the death of William Manby, last vicar thereof.

Dated: [Durham]



f.78v-79v 16 May 1505

Commission by John Carver, D.Dec., archdeacon of York and keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, lawfully deputed by Thomas, archbishop of York, to the prior and chapter of Durham since lately, at the request of Henry [VII], king of England, the prelates and clergy of the province of York, gathered in convocation in the chapter-house of York minster, with unanimous assent granted a whole tenth, with the undernoted exceptions, to the same prince, as follows:

Award of subsidy by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, gathered in York minster in a convocation opened on Monday 5 August 1504 and continued until 14 August, in the chapter house of York minster, with unanimous assent granting to Henry [VII], 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, a tenth from whatsoever ecclesiastical benefices and possessions, spiritual and temporal, and temporalities attached to spiritualities, within the province of York, accustomed to pay the tenth, according to the new extent, or to the old extent where the new has not been assessed, of which tenth the first half is due at Easter next to come and ought to be collected, raised and paid to the king by John the Baptist [24 June] next thereafter, and the second half is due at Christmas 1505 and ought to be collected, raised and paid to the king by Easter next thereafter; excepting: all benefices assessed at ten marks or under; also pensions and portions assessed at 100s or under; and benefices and possessions of houses, priories and monasteries of whatsoever nuns, because of their notorious poverty; and of Carthusians within the province; also benefices appropriated to colleges, halls, houses or to monasteries of whatsoever religious men, to the use of scholars of the universities of Cambridge and Oxford; the common property of the cathedral church of York; the churches of Sturton le Steeple ( *Stretton* ), Weston, Brodsworth, Misterton, and Topcliffe, appropriated to the fabric of York minster because of the hasty construction thereof; the prebends of the canons of the chapel of St Mary and the Holy Angels, York, personally resident there, with the daily distributions to these same resident canons proportionate to the portion; also the spiritualities and temporalities of the priories and monasteries of Drax, York Holy Trinity, Healaugh Park, [North] Ferriby, Walton' [? Malton], and Rufford, because of their well-known poverty and over-assessment, and the sudden burning of their houses and buildings; of Watton, because of the great number of nuns dwelling there and the expense of their maintenance; of Meaux, because of the lands and possessions ruined by storms and flooding from the sea and the Humber, providing that the abbot of Meaux pay £8 4s 9½d as he has been accustomed to pay in payment of a whole tenth for assessed lands, benefices and possessions not devastated, and 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; the common property of Beverley minster, excepted of old, and the portion of Roger Bird', sometime in the said church, and these days thoroughly devastated and obscure ( *ignota* ); the churches of Fryston on Aire, appropriated to the vicars-choral of York minster, of Tankersley, on account of the great diminution of its revenues due to the reduction of the lands and field of that parish from arable to grazing, of Castleford, Ryther, Newton Kyme, Huggate, Sproatley, Barton in Fabis, Sperston', Babthorpe, Lofthouse, and the vicarage of Kirkbymoorside, due to the great diminution of their revenues and their over-assessment; the (appropriated) churches of Arksey (to the priory of ?Cuton)', of Silkstone (to the priory of Pontefract), with the vicarage of Silkstone, of Barmby (to the use of the choristers of Southwell collegiate church), and

of Kneesall (to the vicars-choral of Southwell collegiate church), because of the meagreness of their endowments, and of Stillingfleet (to the hospital of St Mary, Bootham, by York) because of the heavy burdens incumbent upon the same hospital; the prebends of Dunnington and Givendale in the church of York, because of the heavy burdens relating to the repair and rebuilding of the houses and buildings belonging thereto; the churches of Patrington and Welwick, because of destruction of the lands and fields of the parishes through flooding by the sea and the Humber, and the storms by which the revenues of those benefices have been immeasurably reduced; excepting from payment of half of the tenth: the spiritual and temporal possessions of the monasteries and priories of Monk Bretton, Bolton in Craven, Haltemprice, Mattersey, Felley, Blyth, Eggleston, and Knaresborough, because of their well-known poverty; possessions of the monastery of Kirkstall assessed in the archdeaconry of the East Riding; possessions of the priories of Warter, Bridlington, Pontefract, and Worksop, because of the diminution in their revenues and the great expenses they are bearing in rebuilding and repairing their houses and buildings, and in the influx of guests; and the temporalities of the monasteries and priories of Thurgarton, St Agatha by Richmond [Easby abbey], and Coverham, along with the churches of Coverham and Sedbergh appropriated to the monastery of Coverham, on account of their well-known poverty; and the churches of Aysgarth and Ainderby [Steeple], appropriated to the monastery of Jervaulx, because of recent great floods in their lands and possessions, to their serious harm; the York minster prebends of Driffild, due to the burden of rebuilding the church there, and Langtoft, due to over-assessment thereof; the churches of Thornhill, Londesborough, Everingham, Thwing for both parts [of the tenth]; and Roos, Winestead, Leven, [Low] Catton, Rowley, South Dalton, Middleton on the Wolds, and the vicarages of Withernsea, Carnaby, and Skipwith; the churches of Easington, Hinderwell, Kirby [in Cleveland], and Barton [le Street] in the archdeaconry of Cleveland; the churches of [Patrick] Brompton, Kirby Knowle, North Otterington, Kirby Wiske, Danby Wiske, and Kirkham in the archdeaconry of Richmond; the churches of South *Colyngton*' [South Collingham, Notts], Kilvington, and Nottingham St Mary, appropriated to the priory of Lenton; of Gamston [Notts], Langar, on behalf of the rector; the Lincoln cathedral prebends of [South] Scarle, North Clifton, and [East] Stoke, due to diminution in revenues and over-assessment thereof; the pebends of the collegiate church of Ripon, due to the heavy burden imposed on them concerning the rebuilding and repair of that church; all churches and benefices within the deanery of Copeland, accustomed to be excluded of old; in addition exempting all ecclesiastical benefices and possessions spiritual and temporal of Whitby abbey within the archdeaconry of Cleveland, and the priory of Shelford, from payment of a third of the tenth, and the priory of Ellerton from payment of two-thirds; also the temporalities of the provost of the collegiate church of Beverley, due to devastation and flooding by the sea, the Humber and other rivers, and the dignity of the archdeaconry of York, because of the burden of a large annual pension issuing therefrom at certain times, and the church of Hemingbrough, are exempted from payment of three-quarters of the tenth; and besides, all benefices, pensions and portions within the archdeaconry of Durham assessed at £16 or under, the deanery of Auckland, because of the unusually great burdens incumbent thereon these days, and the church of Haughton [le Skerne], by Darlington, because of over-assessment, and all newly-assessed benefices in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, and all ecclesiastical benefices and possessions, spiritual and temporal, in Carlisle dioc., are exempted from payment of half the tenth; other benefices and temporalities [? not] newly assessed within the archdeaconry [? of Northumberland] are to be totally exempted from payment of the tenth; saving 100s from the undernamed:

the abbot of Newminster, 26s 8d; the abbot of Alnwick, 13s 4d; the prior of Tynemouth, 20s; the prior of Brinkburn, 13s 4d; the master of Sherburn hospital, 20s; the master of Gateshead hospital, 6s 8d; assigning the burden of collecting and paying the sum of 100s to the persons and places aforesaid according to the form expressed, by authority of the said convocation; and, beyond the aforesaid grant [of a tenth], charging Carlisle dioc. with the sum of £4 3s 10d, to be paid according to the form of the said grant from benefices and possessions spiritual and temporal assessed in the said diocese, to be collected as determined by the bishop of Carlisle; ordaining that every collector deputed by whatsoever ordinary to collect the tenth or a part share thereof, should have power to compel by ecclesiastical censure (&c) all bound to pay the tenth 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 on 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, to release them from any proceedings brought against [them as] non-payers; and 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 he nor his ministers had been able to collect the tenth or a 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 tenth or any part thereof without enquiry or further delay; ordaining that any collector assigned to collect the tenth, when rendering any account of his thereon, for his or his servants' or deputies' labours and expenses in collecting the tenth, should have 8d and no more from every 20s raised by him; granting the tenth 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,

ordering and deputing them to collect both halves of the tenth in the archdeaconry of Durham, in accordance with the foregoing, and to keep the tenth at their own risk; with the provision that they pay the first half of the tenth by John the Baptist [24 June] next after the date of the presents and the second half by Easter next thereafter, in the king's exchequer, or elsewhere as appointed by the king; committing full power to them in his stead to carry this out, with power of whatsoever canonical coercion.

Under the seal which he is using in his said office.

Also on f.94v-96r below.

*Related material in other DUL collections:* DCD Loc.XXVII:7 is a copy of Bishop William's citation of the prior (incorporating the text of mandates from the king and the archbishop) requiring his presence at the convocation of 5 August 1505 and ordering him in turn to cite the chapter of Durham.

f.80r 8 July 1505

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Henry Rayncok, chaplain, in the church of York St Peter the less, vacant by the death of (blank) last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80r 10 February 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute John Redeman, chaplain, in the vicarage of Fishlake, vacant by the death of Richard Marshall', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80r 21 February 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, the see of Durham being vacant, to institute Simon Baland', B.A., in the vicarage of Bossall', vacant by the resignation of Robert Marshall', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80r 10 April 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, the see of Durham being vacant, to institute John Lambe, chaplain, in the church of Meldon, vacant by the resignation of Mr Christopher Wardell', LL.B., last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80r-v 20 April 1506

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Roger Morland' prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart, which he has towards their monastery of Durham, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him each year, just as for their other spiritual brethren, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80v 8 April 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Richard Rawlyngs, S.T.P., in the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Edward Copley, scholar of arts, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80v 27 November 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Robert Butirfeld', chaplain, in the vicarage of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Thomas Yodale, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80v 27 November 1506

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Robert Lambert, gentleman, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they know from experience by his deeds, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him each year, just as for their other spiritual brethren, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.80v-81r 4 December 1506

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Robert Fysher, D.Dec., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they know from experience by his deeds, donations, and valuable gifts, charitably conferred upon their monastery, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.81r 4 December 1506

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Westwray, LL.B., in the canonry and prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the death of Reginald Cholmeley, LL.B., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.81r 8 April 1507

Letters by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham for Robert Lawson as their mortuary-roll bearer; to endure at their pleasure.

Dated: Durham

f.81v-82r 16 April 1507

Citation by John, abbot of Whitby, appointed to visit the monastery of Durham and to enquire into and correct the condition thereof, and of the persons and regular observances therein and to correct and reform in spiritualities and temporalities those things he would consider need correction or reformation, and to do all else belonging to the office according to the council-general and observances of the Benedictine order, visitor specially-deputed by the chapter-general of the black monks in England, last held at Coventry, to the prior and convent of Durham, informing them that he intends to visit them in their chapter-house on 4 May next to come, with continuation of days, in person or through his commissaries, one or more, ordering and summoning them to attend at the said date and place, at the capitular hour, before him or his commissaries, for receiving of his wholesome warnings and due commands; ordering the prior to forewarn all his fellow monks, present and absent, and to have them cited to attend with him at the said date and place and do and accept those things as expressed above; and requiring to be certified by the prior at the said date and place, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, as to what he shall have done in the foregoing, along with his fellow monks' names, put in writing.

Dated: [Whitby]

f.81v-82r 14 April 1507

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, appointing Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., Mr William Cathorn', S.T.P., and Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., Henry Thew, S.T.B., Richard Denand', S.T.B., Thomas Castell', S.T.B., Mr John Undrewod, LL.B., Mr Christopher Wardell, LL.B., Thomas Farne, LL.B., and Mr Robert Cheston', proctor-general of the court of York, as their proctors, giving them general power and general and special mandate to act on their behalf and on behalf of their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, their parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, in all causes and business brought or to be brought, by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places, concerning the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate and their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators or others whomsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties; &c, responsibilities listed; and authorizing them to attend and participate on behalf of the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations whatsoever.

Dated: Durham

f.82r-v 29 April 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., 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 the following

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 dioc..

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the chapel built to the honour of St Edmund, manor of Bearpark.

Original: DCD Loc.XXI:14.

f.82v-83r 14 May 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Clayburgh', in the canonry and second prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Mr James Preston, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.83r 21 June 1507

Collation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Swalwell', chaplain, of the chantries of the chapels of St James at the end of the New [i.e. Elvet] bridge, Durham, and of St Andrew upon the said bridge, vacant by the death of William Watson, chaplain, last warden thereof, on condition that he duly bear the incumbent burdens thereof, in person or through another suitable chaplain, if he be obstructed by legitimate impediment.

Dated: Durham.

f.83r 14 July 1507

Collation by Richard Caly, subprior of Durham, to Thomas Marnduke, priest, of the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret, in the Old Borough of Durham, vacant by the death of Roger Claxton, last chaplain thereof; providing that he serve the chantry in a laudable manner and bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry, in particular those things appertaining to the salvation of souls, namely that he should celebrate mass for the dead in general, except on Saturdays, Sundays and solemn feast days, and say *Placebo* and *Dirige* every day, unless lawfully impeded, for the souls of the prior and convent of Durham, Ranulf, founder of the chantry, their benefactors and ancestors (*parentum*), and all faithful deceased; and letting Roger know that if he be found to have ceased from the services of the chantry without reasonable cause, or if he behave dishonestly, the subprior with consent of the convent, will proceed with his removal from the chantry.

Under his own seal.

Dated: Durham

f.83r-v 3 June 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Fyshier, D.Dec., canon of Howden collegiate church, and prebendary of the prebend of Thorpe therein, appeared in person and made and read the following written

Resignation whereby he, Robert Fyshier, D.Dec., canon of Howden and prebendary of the prebend of Thorpe, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Reginald Weste, dean of Hereford, and Thomas Wolsay, M.A..

Notary: Thomas Westwray, layman of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the small royal chapel (*in sacello regio*) in the royal palace of Greenwich, Rochester dioc. { "by way of exchange" }

f.83v 25 July 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Blakwall, clerk, one of the masters of the king's chancery, in the canonry in the collegiate church of Howden and prebend of Thorpe therein vacant by the resignation of Robert Fysheir, D.Dec., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.83v-84r 14 May 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Ralph Colyngwood, S.T.P., canon, as he claimed, and prebendary of Barmby in Howden collegiate church, appeared in person and made and read the following

Resignation whereby he, Ralph Colyngwood, S.T.P., canon and prebendary of the prebend of Barmby in Howden collegiate church, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, rule and cure of the said prebend, and to exchange the same for the deanery of the collegiate church of Warwick, Worcester dioc., with the authority and consent of those whom it concerns, resigns his prebend into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, or of another whomsoever having power to accept the resignation;

written in a schedule which he held in his hands; upon which, all and sundry, Mr Ralph asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him.

Witnesses: Mr John Rowley, precentor of St Stephen's chapel, of Bath & Wells dioc., and Mr Robert Fabyan', citizen and draper of the city of London, *literatus*.

Notary: Robert {Portland}, clerk of Norwich dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: St Stephen's chapel at the southern end of the hall of Westminster, in the parish or town of Westminster, London dioc.

f.84r 28 July 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Mr Robert Fysseir, D.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph Colynwoode, S.T.P., last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham.

{ "void" } [replaced by presentation copied f.85v below]

f.84r 18 July 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A., vicar of Frampton, Lincoln dioc., appeared in person and made and read the following written

Resignation whereby he, Thomas Patonson', vicar of Frampton, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of all burden and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of William, bishop of Lincoln, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Richard Keyly, B.A., and Thomas Makenell [properly Makerell: cf the instrument on f.84v] B.A., of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: Robert Dyker, LL.B., clerk of Bath & Wells dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the house of one Thomas Pond, within Kidlington par., Lincoln dioc.



f.84v 31 July 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Greveson, M.A., in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Patonson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.84v 18 July 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Greveson, M.A., vicar of Pittington, appeared in person and made and read the following written

Resignation whereby he, William Greveson, vicar of Pittington, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, archbishop of York, to whom all spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction belonging to the bishop of Durham *sede plena* now pertains *sede vacante*, or into the hands of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Richard Keyly, B.A., and Thomas Makerell, B.A., of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: Robert Dyker, LL.B., clerk of Bath & Wells dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the house of one Thomas Pond, within Kidlington par., Lincoln dioc.

f.85r 31 July 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, the see of Durham being vacant, to institute Mr Thomas Patonson, M.A., in the vicarage of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Greveson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.85r 21 August 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts to institute Robert Clerke, chaplain, in the vicarage of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Robynson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.85r 5 September 1507

Presentation by Thomas prior and the convent or chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the vacant see thereof, to institute Mr Robert Fysheir, D.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph Collingwode, S.T.P., last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham, 5 September 1507.

f.85r [5 September 1507]

Memorandum that the prior and convent of Durham, assembled in chapter on 5 September 1507, since they had been previously notified of the death of Thomas Savage, archbishop of York, and noting that the sees of York and Durham were then both vacant, appointed certain keepers of the spirituality of Durham, because the spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction throughout Durham dioc. was known to belong to the prior and chapter of Durham.

{ "see Reg. [?] from f.145 to f.150, and Reg.I from f.152 to f.[?]194 and f.102, 163" }

f.85v 5 September 1507

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, having spiritual jurisdiction *sede vacante*, appointing Masters Richard Caly, William Cathorne and Thomas Swalwell, S.T.Ps, Richard Denand', S.T.B., and Richard Herington', monks of Durham, and Masters Thomas Farne and Christopher Wardall', LL.Bs as their proctors, with plenary power and special and general mandate.

{ "by the death of William Senus, of good mind, last bishop of the see" }

Original: DCD 1.12.Pont.20\*.

f.85v 7 September 1507

Commission by the prior and chapter of Durham, administrators of the spiritualities *sede vacante* by the death of William Senus, last bishop, to Thomas {prior of Brinkburn} bishop Carensis (*Curensis*) giving him licence, to endure during the period of the vacancy, to do everything which would be by episcopal ordinance in the city and diocese of Durham, various responsibilities specified; and ordering the subjects of the church of Durham to obey him in the foregoing things; not revoking their appointment of confessors deputed in this regard.

Dated: [Durham]

f.85v-86r 9 September 1507

Commission by the prior and chapter of Durham to Mr Richard Caly, subprior, and Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., monks of Durham, since the jurisdiction and administration in spiritualities belongs to the prior and chapter *sede vacante*, appointing them in their stead and ordering them to keep the priory's jurisdictions and other things belonging to the spirituality of the bishopric, with some responsibilities specified, with authority to appoint suitable substitutes; until revoked by the prior and chapter.

Dated: [Durham]

f.86r 10 September 1507

Grant by Thomas, prior of Durham, by the authority pertaining to him *sede vacante* by the death of William Senus, last bishop, to George Blaxton, *litteratus*, of the office of apparitor-general within Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to be held until revoked by the prior; ordering all those dwelling within Durham dioc. to be of assistance to George, when carrying out the office in due form, in all things, as is seemly.

Under the seal of his office of archdeacon.

Dated: Durham

f.86r 11 September 1507

Commission by Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., lawfully-appointed by authority of the prior and chapter of Durham as keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, by the death of William Senus, last bishop thereof, to the rector of Morpeth and Richard Brondon', canon, vicar of Heddon [on the Wall] ordering them in his stead to keep the rights, jurisdictions and other things belonging to the spirituality of the bishopric in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, responsibilities specified; until revoked by Thomas.

Under the seal of the office of the prior's archidiaconal jurisdiction which he is using for this purpose.

Dated: Durham

f.86r [11 September 1507]

Mandate by Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., lawfully-appointed by authority of the prior and chapter of Durham as keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, by the death of William Senus, last bishop thereof, to Mr Christopher Paunell', LL.B., official of the archdeacon of Northumberland, or his lieutenant, ordering him to cite the clergy of the archdeaconry of Northumberland to appear before him, through a proctor having sufficient power, in the galilee of Durham on Thursday next after Michaelmas, to discuss some difficult matters touching the state of the generality of the church of Durham; and requiring to be certified at the said date and place, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, as to what he shall have seen fit to do in the foregoing.

"Under the seal as above".

Dated: "date and place aforesaid" [Durham].

f.86v-87r 10 September 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., sufficiently-constituted proctor-general of the prior and chapter of Durham and of the sundry persons and monks residing in the church of Durham and its cells, appeared in person and made, read and interposed, for the prior and chapter and himself, the following

Written appeal by him, Thomas Swalwell', monk of Durham and proctor or syndic of Thomas prior and the chapter thereof, proposing that, although the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), fearing, from plausible reasons 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 in their collegiate churches, and parish churches and chapels appropriated to them, in the dioceses of York and Durham, in their dependent cells and in the interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions belonging to them, lest someone by whatsoever authority or mandate, and especially the dean and chapter of York, or the chapter of York in the absence of the dean, on the pretext of exercise of the spiritual jurisdiction belonging to the bishop of Durham *sede plena*, and now belonging to the prior and chapter by reason of vacancy of the see, 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, subjecting the prior and chapter and himself, their cells, collegiate and 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; declaring that, if need be, he wishes to alter the present appeal and reduce it into competent form, and to notify those concerned and appeal anew in the event of any new grievance, for a suitable time and place therefor; which he held in his hands; and that he asked the notary to draw up the foregoing into one or more public instruments, as need be.

Witnesses: Ralph Hagarston', gentleman, and Robert Alder, *litteratus*, of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.87r-v 3 October 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., sufficiently-constituted proctor-general of the prior and chapter of Durham and of the sundry persons and monks residing in the church of Durham and its cells, appeared in person and made, read and interposed, for the prior and chapter and himself, the following

Written appeal by him, Thomas Swalwell', proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, proposing that, although the keeping of the spirituality and all spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction belonging to the bishop of Durham *sede plena* is known to belong, and belongs by rights, to the prior and chapter of Durham *sede vacante* by the death of William Senus, last bishop, and the prior and chapter have been in possession, or virtually so, of the right of keeping the spirituality and exercising the jurisdiction aforesaid in such circumstances time out of mind; and nothing has been done or omitted by the prior and chapter whereby the keeping (&c) were devolved or ought to devolve upon any other superior and, in particular, upon the dean and chapter of York or upon the chapter of York in the absence of a dean; rather were and are the prior and chapter ready and prepared to give justice, in person or through deputies, to all plaintiffs among the subjects of the church of Durham in matters appertaining to the ecclesiastical court (&c); and though the foregoing things be well-known, and the prior and chapter be of unimpaired reputation (&c), fearing, from plausible conjectures and from certain serious threats lately made by the chapter of York, or at least by some superior canons, namely residentiaries of York, that prejudice may be engendered in future concerning the position of the prior and chapter and their right and possession in the cathedral church of Durham and in their collegiate churches, and parish churches and chapels appropriated to them, in the dioceses of York and Durham, in their dependent cells and in the interests, rights, privileges, liberties, customs, possessions and jurisdictions belonging to them; so that the prior and chapter be not disturbed in their possession in the foregoing, by or through anyone, and especially the dean and chapter of York, or the chapter of York in the absence of the dean, but rather be maintained in their possession; and lest someone, by whatsoever authority or mandate, and especially the dean and chapter of York, on the pretext of exercise of the spiritual jurisdiction belonging to the bishop of Durham *sede plena*, and now belonging to the prior and chapter by reason of vacancy of the see, attempt anything against the position of the prior and chapter in the foregoing, anything prejudicial &c, in various specified ways, to their privileges (&c) or anything to the harm of the prior and chapter or any of them, or to their collegiate churches (&c), in contravention of statutes and privileges granted to them by popes, archbishops of York and bishops of Durham, he appeals to the apostolic see, subjecting the prior and chapter and himself, their cells, collegiate and 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; declaring that, if need be, he wishes to alter the present appeal and reduce it into competent form, and to notify those concerned and appeal anew in the event of any new grievance, for a suitable time and place therefor;

which he held in his hands; and that he asked the notary to draw up the foregoing into one or more public instruments, as need be.

(Witnesses' names omitted)

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by [apostolic] authority (eschatocol recited in part).

Done: in the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.88r-89v [1507]

[Extract] of record of synod [of Durham dioc.] held in the nave of Durham cathedral before Thomas, prior of Durham, and, sitting with him on the bench: Robert Chambr', dean of Chester-le-Street collegiate church and appointed by the king as chancellor of the temporalities for the period of vacancy of the see of Durham, immediately to the right of the prior; Mr Richard Caly, subprior, immediately to the left of the prior, and Mr Thomas Swalwell', terrar, second on the right of the prior (to which monks the keeping of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante* by the death of William Senus, last bishop thereof, had been committed by the prior and chapter of Durham); and Mr Edmund Jakson', LL.D., and rector of Whitburn, second on the left of the prior; recounting that: at the end of the sermon, the prior put down his cap, mitre and staff in the choir of the galilee and sat there, with the dean seated to his right and Mr Thomas and Mr Edmund seated to the left; and it was first explained to the whole clergy by the prior that, with the sees of both York and Durham vacant, all spiritual jurisdiction of the city and diocese of Durham belonged to the prior and chapter of Durham, as it had belonged by right and custom hitherto; therefore, a commission to keep this jurisdiction [had been] given over to certain monks of Durham, a commission which [the prior] caused to be read out publicly by Mr Thomas Swalwell'; and, after it had been read out, all of the clergy who ought to be present were announced as follows:

prior of Durham

archdeacon of Durham

archdeacon of Northumberland

abbot of Newminster

abbot of Alnwick

abbot of Blanchland

prior of Brinkburn

[DEANERIES OF DURHAM AND DARLINGTON]

dean of Auckland

dean of Chester-le-Street

dean of Lanchester

dean of Darlington

master of Kepier hospital

master of Sherburn hospital

master of Greatham hospital

master of St Edmund the bishop hospital, Gateshead

master of St Edmund the king hospital, Gateshead

rector of Gateshead

rector of Boldon

rector of Whitburn

proprietor of Monkwearmouth

rector of Washington

rector of Ryton

rector of Whickham

rector of Bishop Wearmouth

proprietor of Seaham

rector of Houghton[-le- Spring]

proprietor and vicar of Pitlington r

ector of Easington

proprietor and vicar of Dalton le Dale

proprietor and vicar of [Monk] Hesleden  
 proprietor and vicar of Hart  
 proprietor and vicar of Stranton  
 vicar of Greatham  
 rector of Elwick [Hall]  
 proprietor and vicar of Billingham  
 vicar of Norton  
 vicar of Grindon  
 rector of Sedgfield  
 proprietor and vicar of Kelloe  
 rector of Redmarshall  
 proprietor and vicar of Bishopton  
 rector of Stainton (le Street)  
 rector of Egglescliffe  
 proprietor and vicar of [Bishop] Middleham  
 proprietor and vicar of Aycliffe  
 rector of Long Newton  
 rector of Elton  
 rector of Middleton ( *Middleham* ) St George  
 rector of Dinsdale  
 proprietor and vicar of Sockburn  
 rector of Hurworth  
 rector of Haughton [le Skerne]  
 proprietor and vicar of Coniscliffe  
 proprietor and vicar of Heighington  
 proprietor and vicar of [Kirk] Merrington  
 proprietor and vicar of Gainford  
 rector of Winston  
 master of Staindrop college  
 vicar of Staindrop  
 rector of Middleton in Teesdale  
 rector of Cockfield  
 rector of Stanhope  
 rector of Wolsingham r  
 rector of Edmundbyres  
 rector of Brancepeth  
 rector of Kimblesworth r  
 rector of Durham St Nicholas  
 rector of Durham North Bailey  
 rector of Durham South Bailey  
 vicar of Durham St Oswald  
 [DEANERIES OF CORBRIDGE, MORPETH AND NEWCASTLE]  
 proprietor and vicar of Newcastle upon Tyne St Nicholas  
 proprietor and vicar of Newburn  
 proprietor and vicar of Heddon[-on-the-Wall]  
 proprietor and vicar of Bolam  
 rector of Whalton  
 proprietor and vicar of Mitford  
 proprietor and vicar of Stannington

proprietor and vicar of Bedlington  
 rector of Meldon  
 proprietor and vicar of [Long]benton  
 rector of Bothal  
 vicar of Tynemouth  
 proprietor and vicar of Woodhorn  
 proprietor and vicar of [Long]horsley  
 proprietor and vicar of Ponteland  
 rector of Morpeth  
 proprietor and vicar of Hartburn  
 proprietor and vicar of Corbridge  
 proprietor and vicar of Bywell St Andrew  
 proprietor and vicar of Bywell St Peter  
 vicar of Kirkharle  
 rector of Whitfield  
 proprietor and vicar of [Kirk]whelpington  
 rector of Knaresdale rector of [? Upper] Denton (in Gilsland)  
 proprietor and vicar of Stamfordham  
 rector of Elsdon  
 master of Elishaw hospital  
 rector of Corsenside  
 proprietor and vicar of Chollerton  
 proprietor and vicar of Ovingham  
 proprietor and vicar of Haltwhistle  
 rector of Simonburn  
 rector of Slaley  
 rector of Kirkhaugh  
 proprietor and vicar of Alston  
 proprietor and vicar of Warden  
 proprietor and vicar of Shilbottle  
 DEANERY OF ALNWICK  
 proprietor and vicar of Felton  
 proprietor and vicar of Warkworth  
 proprietor and vicar of Embleton  
 proprietor and vicar of Lesbury  
 proprietor and vicar of Eglington ( *Elingham* )  
 rector of Ingram  
 proprietor and vicar of Alwinton  
 proprietor and vicar of Alnham  
 proprietor and vicar of Whittingham  
 rector of Rothbury  
 proprietor and vicar of Edlingham  
 master of Bolton hospital  
 rector of Howick  
 DEANERY OF BAMBURGH  
 master of Bamburgh  
 master of Carham  
 proprietor and vicar of Newton in Glendale [Kirknewton]  
 proprietor and vicar of Ilderton

rector of Ford  
 proprietor and vicar of Norham  
 proprietor and vicar of Chillingham  
 rector of Wooler proprietor and vicar of Ellingham  
 proprietor and vicar of Chatton  
 (with)

Declaration by [? the prior or the prior and those sitting with him] of those cited, announced, long awaited and not appearing, as contumacious, fining them and reserving their assessments till another time.

(and)

Table of pensions due to the bishop of Durham *sede plena* and now pertaining to the chapter of Durham *sede vacante* at Michaelmas 1507:

£10 pension of the bishop of Carlisle for half of the church of Newcastle St Nicholas;

£10 from the prior and chapter of Carlisle for the other half thereof;

26s 8d from the abbot and convent of Alnwick for the church of Wooler;

6s 8d from the prior of Tynemouth for the church of Haltwhistle;

3s 4d from the prior of Hexham for the church of Alston;

10s from the church of [Long]benton;

3s 4d from the prior of Brinkburn for the church of [Long]horsley;

20s from the master of the college of Staindrop;

20s pension of the chaplains of the chantry of Farnacres for the hospital of Friarside;

3s 4d from the prioress of Newcastle;

20d pension of the church of Seaham;

at Martinmas 1507

£4 from the prior of Carlisle for the churches of Corbridge and Whittingham;

10s pension of the prior of Hexham for the church of Warden;

6s 8d pension of the abbot of Blanchland for the church of Bolam;

20s pension of the church of Simonburn;

10s pension of the church of Ovingham;

6s 8d pension of the church of Embleton.

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p.cccci-ccccvii.



f.89v 14 September 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas, prior and chapter of Durham, appeared in person and made, read and interposed, the following

Appeal by him, Thomas, prior of Durham, proposing that, although of unimpaired reputation (&c), fearing, from likely causes and plausible conjectures that prejudice may be engendered him in future concerning his person, position, name and reputation; and lest someone, by whatsoever authority or mandate, and especially lest the archbishop of York or, *sede vacante*, the dean and chapter thereof, or the chapter in the absence of a dean, or their commissaries, one or more, on the pretext of exercise of the spiritual jurisdiction belonging to the bishop of Durham *sede plena*, and now belonging to the prior and chapter of Durham by reason of vacancy of the see, attempt anything to the prejudice of him, his position, name or opinion or to those adhering and wishing to adhere to him &c, in various specified ways, he submits himself, his position, name and reputation, and all those adhering or wishing to adhere to him, to the protection and defence of the apostolic see, of the pope and his audience; declaring that, if need be, he wishes to alter the present appeal and reduce it into competent form, and to notify it to those concerned and appeal anew in the event of any new grievance, regarding a suitable time and place therefor.

Witnesses: Henry Kelynghall' and Ralph Hagerston, gentlemen and *literati* of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by [apostolic] authority (most of eschatocol recited)

Done: chapel of St Nicholas within the abbey of Durham

f.90r 21 October 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., appointed, as he claimed, by the prior and chapter of Durham as keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, present in person, appointed Mr John Batmanson, LL.D., and Richard Denand', S.T.B., as his proctors, giving them power and mandate to act for him in all and sundry causes and business concerning the keeping of the spirituality and the exercise of the spiritual jurisdiction, as often as need be, with responsibilities described; and gave his promise to the notary, in the name of those whom it concerned, and pledge to accept, and then and there gave security for this purpose.

Witnesses: John Gylys and William Roper, *literati* of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.90r-91r 22 October 1507

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Denand', S.T.B., lawfully-appointed proctor of the prior and chapter of the church of Durham, and of the sundry persons and monks dwelling there and in its external cells, appeared in person and held in his hands and made, read, and interposed the following

Appeal wherein he, Richard Denand', monk of Durham and proctor of the prior and chapter thereof and of Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, declares:

that all spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction pertaining *sede plena* to the bishop of Durham as bishop of Durham now belongs, *sede vacante* by the death of William Senus, last bishop, to the prior and chapter of Durham, and that in particular the prior and chapter were, from time out of mind, in peaceful possession of the same jurisdiction whensoever the sees of York and Durham were both vacant, as they are now vacant, and that they have exercised this jurisdiction for the whole of this period [of vacancy] and at present are exercising the same;

and, although the prior and chapter are in peaceful possession of this jurisdiction, fearing, from various conjectures and divers threats made to them by the chapter of York, or at least by some leading members of that chapter, that prejudice might be caused to them; lest they be obstructed in their possession and exercise of the said jurisdiction by any persons, he appeals to the apostolic see and directly to the pope through their proctor, lawfully-appointed for that purpose, and submits himself and those adhering to him to the protection and defence of the apostolic see;

and that the chapter of York, however, or at least the men who said they made up the chapter of York, unjustly opposing the right of the prior and chapter of Durham and pretending that the spiritual jurisdiction of the city and diocese of Durham pertains to themselves, aiming to obstruct the judges in their lawsuit, and endeavouring, by their letters affixed at the doors of Durham cathedral, to inhibit the prior and chapter, their vicars, officials and commissaries, from exercising the said jurisdiction, also ordered and cited the prior and chapter and their lawfully-deputed keeper of the spirituality, over whom they have had and have no jurisdiction (&c), to appear before them or their keeper of the spirituality, official, or commissary at a date and place given in their pretended letters of inhibition and citation, so as to put forward reasonable cause why, because they hold the jurisdiction which the chapter of York untruthfully said belonged to them, they ought not to be excommunicated and their churches placed under interdict, in fact since they might not by right; and they have gravely threatened in their letters of citation to proceed further against the prior and chapter, their keeper of the spirituality, vicars, officials, and commissaries, whether they appear or not, disturbing, vexing, perturbing and impeding the prior and chapter concerning their right, title and possession in the foregoing, to the injury of law and no small prejudice and harm to the prior and chapter of Durham;

wherefore, perceiving himself and the prior and chapter to be unduly weighed down by the foregoing injuries, he appeals to the apostolic see and to the pope directly, subjecting himself and the prior and chapter to the protection of the holy see; swearing that ten days have not passed since all the aforesaid injuries were with certainty made known to him and the prior and chapter; stating that he intends to give notice to him and them of this appeal and of others made earlier in this regard by the prior and chapter, regarding a suitable time and place; also that he does not know with certainty where he might now find him or them against whose actions the appeal was made, although he appealed in

his or their presence; declaring that he will amend this appeal as often and when need be, so far and inasmuch as it should be allowed to him by rights.

Witnesses: Robert Hervye and John Bukley, *literati* of Durham dioc..

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited)

Done: the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.91r-v 23 October 1507

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to whom all spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction appertaining to the bishopric of Durham *sede plena* is known to belong *sede vacante* by the death of William Sensus appointing, short of revoking [the powers of] other proctors created by them, Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., Mr William Cathorne, S.T.P., Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., and Richard Denand', S.T.B., monks of Durham, Mr John Batmanson, LL.D., William Tonge, LL.B., and Christopher Wardell', B.C.&Cn.L., as their proctors, giving them power and mandate to act, with responsibilities described, on their behalf as often as need be in all causes and business concerning the keeping of the spirituality and the exercise of spiritual and ecclesiastical jurisdiction within the city and diocese of Durham.

(Pledge to accept their actions, with security given.)

Dated: Durham.

f.91v 23 October 1507

Letters of institution by Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, to Mr William Marshall, B.Dec., admitting him to the vicarage of Berwick upon Tweed, vacant by the death of Mr Alan Hynemars, last vicar thereof, by the authority committed to him by the prior and chapter of Durham and on presentation by the prior and chapter, patrons thereof, and, having received Mr William's oath, instituting him therein.

Dated: Durham

f.91v 23 October 1507

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, having lately received a mandate from Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham, *sede vacante*, to induct Mr William Marshall', B.Dec., in the vicarage of Berwick upon Tweed (&c, as in the preceding entry), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, to Thomas Wilson, chaplain of the parish church of Berwick upon Tweed, authorizing him in his stead to induct Mr William into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.91v 15 November, A.R. 23. [1507]

Mandate by letters patent by Henry [VII], king of England, to the knights, freemen and other tenants of the bishopric of Durham, since Julius [II], pope, has appointed Mr Christopher Baynbrig', bishop-elect of Durham, as bishop of the see of Durham, lately vacant by the death of William, last bishop thereof, as made known to the king by the pope's letters under his bull, directed to the king thereon; and the said elect has renounced before the king all words prejudicial to the king and his crown contained in the said letters, and has submitted himself to the king's grace; and the king has taken the fealty of the elect for the temporalities of the bishopric, and has restored the same to him as the custom is; ordering them to be submissive and answer to the said elect as bishop and lord in and for all things pertaining to the said bishopric.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

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f.92r 12 November 1507

79 year-lease by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to James Karr', priest, of half an acre of land in Giggleswick, to be used for the foundation of a grammar school there.

*Language:* English

Original: DCD 2.3.Archiep.13.

f.92v 15 October 1507

Mandate by the chapter of York, *sede vacante*, to Mr Ralph Butterworth and Robert Clay, vicar of [North]allerton, since all spiritual jurisdiction of the city, dioc. and prov. of York belonging to the archbishop of York *sede plena*, is known to belong by rights (&c) to the chapter of York *sede vacante*, and the prior and chapter of Durham, unjustly pretending that spiritual jurisdiction in Durham dioc. *sede vacante* ought to pertain to themselves, have usurped the said jurisdiction in Durham dioc. and have robbed the chapter of York, which is a servant of the Roman *curia*, of its right, or at least have claimed to occupy the jurisdiction, as they unjustly claim at present, to the injury of the right of the church of York (&c), ordering them to inhibit the prior and chapter of Durham, Mr John Swalwell', S.T.P. [sic], feretrar, and the pretended vicars, officials or commissaries of the prior and chapter, whom the chapter inhibits by the tenor of the presents, lest they, in person or through others, henceforward presume to attempt anything prejudicial to the chapter or the church of York, or in contempt of its jurisdiction when the see of York is vacant, under pain of excommunication of the prior and the sundry persons of the chapter of Durham, and under interdictory sentence upon the churches of the chapter of Durham and of all others in the event that they contravene this inhibition; but if the prior and chapter, or any other of whatsoever rank they be, should transgress the inhibition, in person or through others, or presume to attempt or invoke anything against the inhibition, to the prejudice of the inhibition and the church of York, they are to cite them, in person if they might be apprehended in person and a safe approach to them be apparent, otherwise by public citation, namely with the chapter's letters fixed in the doorway of Durham cathedral and left there for some time, such that this citation might most likely come to the notice of the prior and chapter and other rebels if any there be, to appear (the prior in person, the chapter through their proctor, and others in person) before the chapter of York or their keeper of the spirituality, official or commissary, deputed for this purpose, in York minster on the Tuesday before Simon and Jude next to come, and put forward reasonable cause why they have not obeyed the inhibition and why they ought not to be excommunicated and their churches throughout Durham dioc. placed under interdict, and besides to do and receive what justice will recommend; and they are to intimate to those cited that, whether they care to appear at the said date and place or not, they or their vicar, official or commissary, will proceed against them according to the requirement of law, notwithstanding their contumaciousness or absence; requiring them, or that one of them who should receive and execute these letters, to certify the chapter of York, their vicar, official or commissary of all that they shall have done or discovered in the foregoing.

Dated: York

f.93r-94v 20 February 1502

Commission by William, bishop of Durham,

{reciting a mandate given at Cawood, 1 February 1502/3, by Thomas, archbishop of York, reciting an award of subsidy of a tenth made to the king by the convocation of York of 21 February - 15 October 1502, to the bishop, instructing him to arrange for the collection of the tenth within Durham dioc.}

to the prior of Durham, deputing him to collect the subsidy of a tenth in the city and archdeaconry of Durham.

Manor of Overton

Original: DCD Misc. Ch. 5847.

f.94v-96r 16 May 1505

Commission by John Carver, D.Dec., archdeacon of York and deputed by Thomas, archbishop of York, as keeper of the spirituality of Durham dioc., *sede vacante*, to the prior and chapter of Durham,  
 {reciting an award of subsidy of a tenth to the king by the convocation of York of 5 August - 14 August 1504}  
 instructing them to collect the tenth within the archdeaconry of Durham dioc.  
 As f.78v-79v above.

f.96v-97r 28 April 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of the church of Durham in all things.  
 Apppointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, although William, lately bishop of Durham, by his letters patent appointed Thomas Fenton and Nicholas Aglabay (the former still living and the latter now deceased, as the bishop accepts) jointly and severally as keepers of the castle or manor-house of Crayke and of the park thereof, (terms as for Thomas Fenton and Robert Fissher, below), as more fully contained in his letters patent made to Thomas and Nicholas thereon; and Thomas has restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, and they have been cancelled, and has surrendered the estate of the two offices to the bishop in his chancery of Durham;

of Thomas Fenton and Robert Fissher, the bishop's servant, jointly and severally as keepers of the castle and park of Crayke, the office to be held for the term of their life, and of the life of the longer-lived, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors, taking yearly for these offices 1d per day for keeping the castle or manor-house, and 4d per day for keeping the park, to be paid to them yearly by the hands of the bishop's receiver, bailiff or reeve of Crayke in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, profits, rewards (&c) in any way of old belonging to the offices, as freely and wholly as taken by anyone holding the said offices before this time; also granting them, and the longer-lived of them, a bishop's gentleman's robe or 13s 4d in name thereof, to be delivered to them yearly at Christmas; with plenary power and authority to Thomas, Robert and their deputies to do all things belonging to the office, providing always that they or their deputies answer yearly to the bishop for all the profits of their offices and render yearly account therefor; therefore ordering all his officers, ministers, tenants, and subjects to assist (&c) Thomas and Robert and their deputies in the exercise of the office.

By the hands of John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 April, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham, 28 April 1508.

f.97r 28 April 1508

Written oath by Robert Fysher, keeper of the castle or manor-house of Crayke and of the park 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.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.97r 3 May 1508

Notarial instrument recording that William Fabyan', chaplain, rector of Edmundbyres, as he claimed, appeared in person and made and read the following written

Resignation whereby he, William Fabyan', rector of the church of Edmundbyres, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of his rectory, resigns the same into the hands of Christopher, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Nicholas Richardson and Robert Smethers, *literati* of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry within the monastery of Durham

f.97r-v 13 May 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr James Hareson, M.A., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the death of Mr William Browne, B.Dec., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.97v 3 May 1508

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Spragane, chaplain of St Mary's chantry, Hylton, as he claimed, appeared in person and made and read the following written Resignation whereby he, Robert Spragane, chaplain of the chantry of St Mary, Hylton, wishing, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden and rule of the said chantry resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, prior of Durham, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Nicholas Recharadson and Robert Smethers, *literati* of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry of the monastery of Durham

f.97v 22 January 1504

Presentation by William Hilton, squire, lord of Hylton, to Thomas, prior of Durham, of William Fabiane, chaplain, to the chapel of Hylton, whereof the presentation is known to pertain to William by reason of an agreement between his and the prior's predecessors; by the resignation of Robert Spragayne, last chaplain thereof.

Dated: Hylton

f.97v-98r 4 May 1508

Written oath by William Fabyane, newly-admitted chaplain of the chapel of Hylton in Monkwearmouth par., stating that he has sworn to the prior and convent of Durham, rectors of Monkwearmouth: that he will obey all lawful and honest mandates of the Church, and observe all the contents of a certain composition made by Hugh, sometime bishop of Durham, between Germane sometime prior and the convent of Durham, on the one side, and Alexander Hilton on the other side, concerning the chapel and the chaplain to serve there, and that he will cause others who are to reside there to observe the same; that he will preserve the church of Wearmouth, from which the said chapel depends, indemnified in all its rights, to the extent of his power; and renouncing any appeals and their processes interposed at the Roman *curia* or elsewhere by Robert Staynton, once chaplain of the said chapel, and any apostolic letters obtained or to be obtained in that regard, such that in future they neither lend assistance to him nor bring harm to the prior and convent.

Under his signet.

Witnesses: Edward Richardson' and William Hull', chaplains, Henry Kellinghall' and Ralph Hagarston, gentlemen.

Dated: Durham

f.98r 4 May 1508

Letters of admission by Thomas prior of Durham to William Fabyan', chaplain, having lately received the presentation by William Hilton recited in full, as on f.97v, being confident of his merits thereby and by the testimony of trustworthy men, admitting him to serve the chapel of Hylton according to the form and effect of an agreement made of old between his predecessors and the lords of Hylton; Robert having first sworn before Edward Richerdson and William Hull', chaplains, Henry Kellinghall' and Ralph Hagarston, gentlemen, and others assigned in the prior's stead for this purpose, to abide by the terms of the agreement in so far as it concerns him and to cause others to observe the same to the extent of his power, and made a renunciation of whatsoever appeals and apostolic letters made or obtained by Robert Staynton, chaplain, a predecessor of William's; so long as he serve the chapel of Hylton honestly and bear the burdens incumbent upon him, and keep the mother church of Monkwearmouth, from which the chapel depends, indemnified in all things.

Dated: Durham

f.98r 4 May 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, bishop of Durham, to institute Robert Spragane, chaplain, in the church of Edmundbyres vacant by the resignation of William Fabiane, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.98v 13 May 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the convent or chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the church of York *sede vacante*, to institute Mr John Wythers, M.A., in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr John Denby, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.98v 19 May 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the convent or chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the church of York *sede vacante*, to institute Robert Cole, chaplain, in the chantry of St Cuthbert in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant at present, and with the right of presentation having devolved upon the prior and chapter on this occasion.

Dated: Durham

f.98v 5 June 1508

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Ratclif, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, as they know from experience by their deeds, giving them in return the reward of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.98v 22 June 1508

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Butler, knight, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, and especially towards their cell of Lytham, as they accept on reliable information, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.99r 22 May 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the church of York *sede vacante*, to institute Thomas Clerke, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebendal church of Skipwith, vacant by the death of Conan Calbeke, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.99r 9 July 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the church of York *sede vacante*, to institute (blank) in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the death of Mr Hugh Wren, LL.B., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.99r 26 July 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, at the instance of Richard, bishop of Winchester, lately bishop of Durham, to William Colanwod' of the office of keeper of the wood and park of Fenwick, in the county of Islandshire, and appointment as keeper of the woods and park called Fenwick Woods, to be held by William for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer, taking for wages 1d daily in the office, to be paid yearly at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver of Norham, along with all other profits, conveniences and advantages belonging to the same office; as freely as any other keeper or parker thereof had, occupied or took before this time.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 14 July, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham, 26 July 1508 [a space appears to have been left in which the day and month were later entered].

{ "void" } [and apparently superseded by an altered version entered on f.105v below.]

f.99v 26 July 1508

Written oath by William Colanwod', keeper of the wood and park of Fenwick, Islandshire. in the same terms as the oath on f.97r, above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham, 26 July 1508.

f.99v 9 August 1508

Letters of consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to lady Margaret Butler, {wife of Thomas Butler, knight} prompted by the continuous growth of devotion, the sincerity of her devotion and the affection she has towards their monastery of Durham, as reliably informed by their fellow monks, giving her in return the reward of goodwill: admitting her as a spiritual sister of the chapter and granting her special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for her, just as for their other late spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after her death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.99v 10 August 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to Thomas Rokby, the bishop's servant, of the office of receiver of the revenues, moneys and profits of Howden and Howdenshire, to be held for life, in person or through his deputy; rendering therefor to the bishop or his deputies or ministers yearly account of all moneys and receipts coming into his hands, or received by him or his deputy from the revenues of the said lordship; also granting to Thomas that neither he nor his deputies be charged with any revenues of the said lordship except for those which should come into their hands, such that they be prepared to collect and raise them diligently but by delivery of the names of the bishop's debtors should be discharged upon the account in perpetuity without demand of the bishop or his executors, on condition that they be prepared to distrain for the same debts to the extent of their power; taking from the bishop and his successors £10 yearly out of the issues and profits of the lordship, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by his own hand or the hand of his deputy, and all other profits previously belonging to the office; giving Thomas power and authority to do everything appertaining to the exercise of the office; and therefore ordering all his bailiffs, officers and tenants and calling upon all those of goodwill towards him in the lordship to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas in the execution of the office.

Witness: John Wythirs, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 August, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.100r 10 August 1508

Written oath by Thomas Rokby, receiver of the lordship of Howden 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.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.100r 14 August 1508

Letters of institution by John Wythers, M.A., canon of London and Salisbury, vicar-general of Christopher, bishop of Durham, to Mr James Hereson, M.A., admitting him to the vicarage of the church of Aycliffe, vacant by the death of Mr William Browne, last vicar thereof, on presentation by the prior and chapter of Durham [f.97r-v above], and instituting him therein as vicar, sworn to continual and personal residence.

Under the bishop's seal, which he uses in this office.

Dated: (no place of issue), 14 August 1508.

f.100r 16 August 1508

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham having lately received a mandate from Christopher, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr James Hareson, M.A., into the vicarage of Aycliffe (&c, as in the preceding entry), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, to Thomas Crosher, chaplain, authorizing him in his stead to induct Mr William into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Under the seal of his office.

Dated: Durham

f.100r-v 29 August 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, although his predecessor [Richard Fox] bishop of Durham, by his letters patent granted to William Tirwhyte, knight, and Robert Constable, serjeant-at-law, the office of stewardship of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, (terms as for Marmaduke Constable and his son, below), as is more fully contained in his letters patent made to William and Robert thereon, and Robert has died and William, still living, has restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, and they have been cancelled;

to Marmaduke Constable, knight, and Robert Constable, knight, his son and heir, of the office of stewardship of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, to be held by Marmaduke and Robert for the term of their life, or the life of the longer-lived of them, in person or through the sufficient deputy or deputies of either or both of them; also granting to them an annual rent of 11 marks for the wages and fees in and for the said office, to be taken by Marmaduke and Robert and the longer-lived of them, for the term of their life or the life of the longer-lived of them, to be paid of and in the manor aforesaid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, by the hands of the receivers, bailiffs, farmers or occupiers of the manor or lordship; along with all other profits, advantages, and emoluments belonging to the said office; and if the annual rent should happen to be in arrears in part or in whole after any date when it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to Marmaduke and Robert, or the longer-lived of them, to enter the said manor or lordship and all lands and tenements therein, to distrain for the annual rent and arrears, and remove and retain goods distrained until satisfied of the annual rent and arrears, if any there be; ordering all his reeves, bailiffs, farmers, tenants, and ministers within the manor or lordship to assist (&c) Marmaduke and Robert and the longer-lived of them in the exercise of the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 August, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham.

f.100v 29 August 1508

Written oath by Marmaduke Constable, knight, steward of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

{ "oath of fealty of Marmaduke Constable and Robert Constable, stewards (&c)" }

f.101r 30 July 1508

Notarial instrument recording that John Gedling, vicar of the prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, John Gedling, vicar of Skelton in Howden collegiate church, for certain reasons wishing to be discharged of the rule and cure of the souls of the parishioners thereof, resigns his vicarage into the hands of the dean and chapter of York, *sede vacante*, or their vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: George Rechardson, chaplain, and Thomas Clapton' [Claxton' ?], *literatus*, of York dioc.

Notary: Robert Cheston, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: a lower parlour within the notary's dwelling-house on Stonegate in the city of York

f.101r 5 September 1508

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the church of York *sede vacante*, to institute Thomas Blakett, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of John Gedlyng, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.101r-v 13 September 1508

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Farne, B.C.L. & B.Cn.L. prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they know by experience, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.101v [28 September 1508]

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of Edmund Scarlett, his servant, as receiver of the lordship of [North]allerton and Allertonshire, the office to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the said office, to be allowed to him and paid yearly from the revenues of his office of receiver by equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter, along with all other fees, profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments belonging to the office; providing always that Edmund or his deputy render reasonable account yearly to the bishop, before his auditors, of all moneys and receipts coming into his hands by reason of his office; giving Edmund plenary power and authority to do all things belonging to the office; and ordering all his bailiffs, officers, ministers and tenants of the lordship to be of assistance (&c) to Edmund in the execution of the office. Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham [blank; perhaps 28 September 1508, as for the following inspeximus]

f.101v-102r 28 September 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to Edmund Scarlet, his servant, of the office of warden and doorkeeper of the manor-house of [North]allerton, and commission thereof by the present letters, the office to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking from the bishop and his successors 4s and 4qrs 1½bs wheat for his fee in the office, to be paid at the usual terms, customary of old, by the hands of the receiver of the liberty of the said manor and lordship, along with all other fees, profits, advantages, customary payments, benefits and emoluments used and wont to the office of old, in as great extent and form as taken by any other in the office before this time; and granting Edmund each year a robe of a *valettus* or 8s in name thereof, to be paid at Christmas by the hands of the said receiver; also of the office of forester and keeper of the woods of Clack, Cotcliffe and *Depedale* in the lordship of Allerton, to be held by Edmund for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; taking yearly the fees and wages used and wont to the office, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the said receiver of Allerton, along with all other profits (&c) as taken by any other previously having the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.102r 28 September 1508

Written oath by Edmund Scarlett, receiver of the lordship of [North]allerton and Allertonshire, warden and door-keeper of the manor of [North]allerton, and forester and keeper of the woods of Clack, Cotcliffe and *Depedale*, in the lordship of Allerton, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.102r 28 September 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of Edmund Dudley, squire, one of the councillors of Henry VII [king of England], as chief steward within the bishopric of Durham, with commission to him thereof by the presents, to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking £20 yearly as his fee from the bishop and his successors, to be paid by the hands of the receiver-general at the bishop's exchequer, in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, profits, advantages, and emoluments belonging to the office, as taken by any other previous holder of the office; giving Edmund and his deputy plenary power and authority to do all things appertaining to the office; and ordering all his bailiffs, officers, ministers and tenants of the bishopric to be of assistance (&c) to Edmund in the execution of the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.102v 28 September 1508

Written oath by Edmund Dudley, squire, chief steward of the bishopric of Durham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.102v-103r 20 July 1501

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant Roland Tempest, squire, of the park of Wolsingham, with *Townstedhouse* [Tunstall House ?] quarter, *Holynghall'* quarter with Backstone Bank, Bishop Oak quarter, and Baal Hill quarter with *Lasselorcherd'*, and a piece of pasture lying outside the park celled *Petisker'*, with all tenements, moors, meadows, pastures, grazings, common pasture and other conveniences belonging thereto, within and without the park, for grazing all manner of his beasts excepting goats, in both summer and winter; to be held by Roland and his assigns from the Invention of the Holy Rood last past for the term of twenty years; rendering £28 13s 4d yearly therefor to the bishop or his successors, to be paid yearly at their exchequer of Durham by equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter; and if the said farm should happen to be in arrears forty days after a feast upon which it ought to have been paid, then the bishop and his successors may enter and distrain upon the said park and pasture &c, and remove goods distrained and retain them until satisfied of the said farm and arrears thereof, if any there be; and if the farm should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for half of one year, and insufficient might be found in the said park and the other premisses to distrain for the said farm, then the bishop and his successors may take the park and pasture back into their own hands, re-enter the same and possess them as originally, expel Roland and his assigns, and at their will dispose [of the park and pasture] to any other, the present lease notwithstanding;

and Roland and his assigns shall occupy or allow occupation of no tenements or habitable houses in the park during the said term, except only a habitable house for one fire on each quarter and buildings necessary for keeping animals remaining there in winter, and a shieling outside the park on the pasture of *Petisker'*, which tenements, buildings, shieling and enclosures Roland and his assigns will maintain and repair during the said term and leave in good repair at the end of the term, on account of which Roland and his assigns will have sufficient timber and underwood for building and repair during the term; granting Roland and his assigns an allowance of 60s of the £28 13s 4d for two pieces of land enclosed in the park called *le Oldfirth'* and *le Newfrith'*, put in defence and severalty for the bishop's wild game grazing there, inasmuch and so often as Roland and his assigns shall keep these pieces of enclosed land in severalty for this purpose; and that Roland shall have an allowance each year both for the enclosure of these pieces of land and for winning hay for the said grazing game in winter, as formerly allowed in accounts by the bishop's auditor, upon the account of the bishop's master forester; and that there exists at present no express mention of the true yearly value or any other value of the park or part thereof, or of other gifts or grants made previously by the bishop or his predecessors, or of any other act, ordinance, provision, matter or cause to the contrary thereon, notwithstanding.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 August, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: [ Durham]



f.103r 9 October 1508

Written oath by Roland Tempest, squire, farmer of the park of Wolsingham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.103v 18 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of Richard Lomley, lord of Lumley, and his son and heir apparent John Lomley jointly and severally as head foresters of the forest of Weardale and as overseers of all parks, coal mines, and iron forges in the bishopric of Durham, granting and committing to them the office thereof, to be held by them for life and for the life of the longer-lived of them, in the same manner as any other held the office before this time; taking yearly the fees and wages used and wont to the same office, and all other profits, advantages and emoluments belonging thereto; giving Richard and John plenary power to hold, hear and determine all pleas and suits of attachments occurring within his jurisdiction, according to the anciently used and approved customs of the forest; saving therefrom to the bishop and his successors the amercements and other things belonging to them; also [giving them] full power of setting in farm all the said mines and iron forges, and the herbages of the bishop's forest and parks, through the supervision of the bishop's head steward of Durham; on condition that Richard and John jointly, or either one of them, answer to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham for the revenues of their office, as is the custom. Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 31 August Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.103v-104r 18 October 1508

Written oath by Richard Lomley, lord of Lumley, and his son and heir apparent John Lomley, head foresters of the forest of Weardale, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Under their seals.

Dated: Durham

f.104r 28 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to John Anesley, steward of Norham castle, and Ralph Browne, Leonard Morton, John Rochestre, and William Gardner, all of Berwick upon Tweed, of the fisheries in the water of Tweed belonging to Norham castle, namely *Halowesteill'*, *Tweedmouth steill*, *Gardo*, *Blakwell'*, *Yareford*, *Neuwatir*, *Waltham*, *Wilford'*, *Grenehill'*, and *Pedwell'*, to be held, used and occupied by them from St Andrew next to come [30 November 1508] for the term of ten years; rendering £62 yearly therefor, to be paid in equal portions at John the Baptist [24 June] and Michaelmas to the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham; and if the farm of £62 should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for one month after any date on which it should be paid, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to take the fisheries back into their own hands, to possess them as originally, and to dispose of them at will to others, notwithstanding the present letters.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.104v 18 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Vescy of the offices of keeper of the bishop's manor and gardens of Howden, and of the office of keeper of the granaries within the said manor, appointing and deputing him to these offices, to be held by Thomas for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, taking the fees and wages used and wont to the said offices, to be paid yearly to him by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general of Howden, along with other profits, conveniences, customary rights and payments, emoluments and other advantages used and wont to the offices.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.104v 18 October 1508

Written oath by Thomas Vescy, keeper of the manor of Howden, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.104v-105r 19 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of his servant Robert Bentley as coroner of the ward of Stockton, the office to be held by Robert for the term of his life; provided that Robert render reasonable yearly account to the bishop and his successors in their exchequer of Durham, before their auditors, of all the moneys and receipts coming into his hands by reason of his office aforesaid, and answer to the bishop therefor; taking from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the office, to be paid by the hands of the receiver of the exchequer of Durham or by his own hands yearly at Michaelmas and to be allowed to him, along with all other profits, advantages and emoluments belonging to the office; giving Robert plenary power and authority to do all things appertaining to the office; and ordering all his bailiffs, officers and tenants of the said ward to be of assistance (&c) to Robert in the execution of the office; also as clerk of the bishop's steward at all halmote courts of the bishopric to be held in Bedlingtonshire, committing to him all things to be done which appertain to the office of halmote clerk of the bishopric and to the office of steward's clerk; this office to be held by Robert for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking 66s 8d yearly in this office, to be paid in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver-general of the bishop's exchequer of Durham, along with all other profits, conveniences and emoluments belonging to the office, in the same form as taken by any others previously holding the office.

Witness: John Wethers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.105r 19 October 1508

Written oath by Robert Bentley, coroner of Stockton ward and clerk of the steward of the bishopric of Durham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.105v 19 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, at the instance of Richard, bishop of Winchester, lately bishop of Durham, to William Colanwod' of the office of keeper of the wood and park of Fenwick, in the county of Islandshire; and of the whole herbage and pannage of pigs therein; and appointing him keeper of the woods and park called Fenwick Woods there; to be held by William, with the whole herbage and pannage to his own use, for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer, paying 10s yearly for the said herbage and pannage of pigs, in equal portions at the usual terms, at the castle of Norham; taking from the the bishop and his successors 2d daily as wages, to be paid yearly at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver of Norham, along with all other profits, conveniences and advantages belonging to the same office; as freely as any other keeper or parker thereof had, occupied or took before this time.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 14 July, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

*Cf.* the version on f.99r, which was evidently superseded by the above.

f.105v 19 October 1508

Written oath by William Colanwod', keeper of the woods and park of Fenwick, Islandshire, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.105v-106r 19 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, although William, bishop of Durham, his predecessor, granted to Robert Batmanson' the office of keeper of the park of Bedburn, and also the woods and groves belonging to the keeper thereof of old, to be held for the advantage and honour of the same bishop, for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer, with the fees, profits and wages of old used and wont to the office, as more fully contained in his letters patent made to Robert thereon; Robert has placed these letters with bishop Christopher for cancellation and surrendered his interest in the office to the bishop in his chancery of Durham, with the intention that the bishop would grant other letters of the same office to John Batmanson the younger, Robert's kinsman; to John Batmanson, son of John Batmanson, parker of the park of Raby, at the instance of William Eures, squire, son and heir of Ralph Eures, knight, of the offices of parker of the park of Bedburn and keeper of the *le Blakbanks* there; to be held by John for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking yearly from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the offices, to be paid by the hands of the receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other profits, conveniences and emoluments belonging to the same office, in the same form as taken by any other in the these offices before this time.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.106r 19 October 1508

Written oath by John Batmanson, keeper of the park of Bedburn, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.106r-v 25 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things. Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of John Bentley, for services rendered to the bishop and his predecessors, as clerk of the bishop's justices in eyre, and of any other of the bishop's justices in co. Durham and Sadberge wapentake, for sworn assizes, certifications, attainders, and all summary pleas, processes and suits and other ?[actions for] injuries ( *malificia*) to be instituted, heard and decided before these justices in the said county and wapentake; and as clerk of the bishop's justices of gaol delivery, for prisoners in the bishop's gaols within the said county and wapentake; and granting and committing to him the office or offices of clerk of the bishop's justices aforesaid; to be held and performed by John for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, in the same manner as anyone has held and performed these offices before this time; taking £4 yearly for the office or offices, to be paid yearly by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham, along with all fees, wages, profits, conveniences, and other emoluments used and wont of old to the same office, as taken by any other in the offices before this time.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.106v 25 October 1508

Written oath by John Bentley, clerk of whatsoever justices within Co. Durham and Sadberge wapentake, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.106v-107r 25 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant Mr John Batmanson, LL.D., of the office of the bishop's registrar-general, and of clerk-registrar: of all causes, both of the consistory and of the bishop's sundry spiritual courts; of collations of benefices belonging to the collation of the bishop and his successors; of institutions of all other benefices in Durham dioc.; of probate and notification of probate of the letters testamentary of any of the bishop's subjects dying within his jurisdiction; of commissions of administration of goods of the intestate, within the bishop's jurisdiction and diocese, to be carried out [by] the bishop or whomsoever his officers there; and of the office of the keepership of the bishop's registers and acts, and of all other muniments concerning the bishop's spiritual courts and all his spiritual jurisdiction and appointing him as registrar, keeper of the registers and clerk of causes (&c); the offices to be held and performed by John for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking the fees and wages used and wont to the said offices, to be paid yearly in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham, along with all other fees, wages, obventions, conveniences, profits, emoluments and advantages used and wont of old thereto, in the same manner as any other has had in the offices before this time; giving plenary power and authority to John and his deputy to carry out everything appertaining to the said offices; and ordering his officers, ministers, tenants and others whom it concerns to be of assistance (&c) to John and his deputy in all things appertaining to the offices.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 24 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.107r 25 October 1508

Written oath by John Batmanson, LL.D., registrar-general and registrar of the bishop of Durham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.107v-108r 28 October 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by indented letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Aldwod', of the manor or grange of Middridge, with the mill, 25 acres of arable lying between Kempleburn and Middridge burn, on the east side of the grange; and 240 acres of land on the west side of the grange, 100 acres of which lie east of the common way called *Aukland way*; also four score five and a half acres of meadow in the grange, of which, to the east of the grange: 29½ acres lie in a meadow called *Kingiskar'* (and a small burn runs between this meadow and another meadow containing 5 acres belonging to the township and demesne of Heighington); 10 acres in *Holmedowe*; 4 acres in *Medoles*; 3 acres in *Burnecrokis*; 4 acres in *le Deane medowe*; 6 acres in *Grenesmedowe*; 6 acres in *Horsmedow*; and to the west of the grange: 11 acres in *le Cowleche*; 3 acres in *Smaleburnes*; 9 acres in *Newclose*; 158 acres of pasture: 128 acres in *le Odlclose*, of which 8 acres were formerly meadow; 20 acres in *le Newclose*, of which 6 acres, called *Toftewelflat* were formerly meadow; 4 acres of former meadow in the field sometime called *le Deanbanke*; 3 acres of former meadow in the field called *le Grenesway*; one acre of former meadow in the field called *Capildeanhede*; one acre of former meadow in the field called *Chesterbusket*; one acre of former meadow in the field called *le Deanflat*; one cotland in Middridge now in fine belonging to Robert Yut by reason of the widowhood of his wife, sometime wife of William Symson, paying 6s to Richard and his assigns and the usual terms; one bovat in fine of John Hunter the younger, of Middridge, paying 16s to Richard and his assigns at the usual terms; one cotland with a barn built thereon in the township of Redworth, now in fine of Mr William Thomson, dean of Auckland, paying 5s 2d to Richard and his assigns at the usual terms of the year;

sixty days' work in the corn, from various tenements: 6 days from the tenement lately held by John Donald' in the township of Middridge; 3 days from the bishop of Durham's tenement, lately in the tenure of John Smyth of the same township; 3 days from the bishop of Durham's tenement, lately in the tenure of John Pege in Killerby; 5 days from the tenement lately held by John Heghington in the township of Redworth; 1½ days from the tenement lately held by John Smale in the township of Redworth; 4 days from the tenement lately held by Henry Redworth in the township of Redworth; and a piece of the half of the arable lying on the east side of the grange, commonly called *Owltowne*, now in fine of the same Richard Oldwod'; to be held by Richard Aldwode and his assigns for the term of sixty years from Michaelmas last before the date of this indenture; paying £26 9s 8d yearly to the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas;

and if this farm should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for forty days after any date on which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to enter and distrain upon the manor or grange or any part thereof and remove and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the farm and its arrears; and if the farm should be in arrears for a quarter of a year and there be insufficient there to distrain for the farm, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the manor or grange and possess it as originally, and to expel Richard Aldwold and his assigns, notwithstanding the present indenture. With warranty.



Richard Aldwod' and his assigns are to repair and maintain the houses and buildings of the manor or grange, likewise the hedges and ditches around the enclosure of the manor or grange, during the term at their own expense, and return them in good order at the end of the term; the bishop and his successors are to provide Richard Aldwod' and his assigns with large timbers for the said buildings during the said term, to be felled and transported at Richard's expense.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.108r 28 October 1508

Written oath by Richard Aldwode, farmer of the manor or grange of Middridge, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.108r-v 29 August 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to John Swynburn' of Chopwell and Thomas Welden of Weldon of all the corn tithes within the parish of Stamfordham and the chapels belonging thereto; to be held by John and Thomas and their assigns from James the apostle last past for the term of ten years; rendering yearly £26 13s 4d therefor to the bishop or his successors at his exchequer of Durham, to be paid in equal portions at Cuthbert in March and in September; and if this sum or any part thereof be in arrears for one month after any feast on which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to take the tithes and any of them back into their hands and possess them as originally, notwithstanding the presents; and John and Thomas and their assigns are to bear all ordinary burdens appertaining to the tithes during the term.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 August, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.108v 29 August 1508

Written oath by John Swynburn', farmer of the corn tithes of Stamfordham par. and the chapels belonging thereto, jointly and severally with Thomas Welden, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.108v-109r 22 September 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights of the church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of his servants John Richerdson and Nicholas Richerdson as parkers of his park of Gateshead and keepers of his tower there, granting and committing to them these offices, to be held for life and for the life of the longer-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors, taking yearly from the bishop and his successors 1½d per day for keeping the park, and also the herbage of the park, and 1d per day for keeping the tower, to be paid equally at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's master forester, along with all other profits, expenses, fees, advantages, and customary rights belonging to the offices and keeperships; also giving them a robe for a *valettus*, or eight shillings in name thereof, to be delivered or paid yearly at Christmas.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.109r 22 September 1508

Written oath by John Richerdson and Nicholas Richerdson, parkers of the park of Gateshead and keepers of the tower there, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.109r-110r 2 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following inspeximus, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights of the church of Durham in all things.

Remission by letters patent by William, bishop of Durham, notifying all his bailiffs, his faithful and others, that although Christopher Brygham, merchant, John Hedworth', squire, John Rakett, Richard Eryington', and Bertram Yonghusbond' had lately acquired for themselves, their heirs and assigns, to the use of the said Christopher, his heirs and assigns, from Robert Brigham of Newcastle upon Tyne, merchant, a tenement in Gateshead par. called *Saltwelsyd'* or *Feldhousez* ; a piece of land called *Whitside* in the territory of Gateshead; a close in the field of Gateshead called *Elmdenlez* between the burns of *Brattleburn* to the south, *Ricroftburn* to the north, land belonging to the prioress and nuns of St Bartholomew, Newcastle, to the east, and the common loaning there to the west; a messuage and adjacent close in the field of Gateshead called *Moreclose*, otherwise called *Bekynclose* or *Chilsid* ; a plot of land called *Crokcroft* in the field of Gateshead, near the dike at the head of the field called Bensham; a close or plot of meadow in the field of Gateshead called *Whekencroft*, between the land lately belonging to John Gilford' to the south, land of the prioress and nuns aforesaid to the north, land belonging to the hospital of St Edmund, Gateshead, to the east, and land belonging to the priest of Farnacres the west; and although Christopher, John, John, Richard and Bertram likewise had acquired for themselves, their heirs and assigns, to the use of the said Christopher, from Richard Baynbrig, gentleman, a close of pasture in the field of Gateshead called *le Horsclose*, next to a tenement lately belonging to Robert Brigham called *Salwelside* ; which are held of the bishop in chief and they entered them having not obtained the bishop's licence or the licence of any of his predecessors; for a certain fine paid to the bishop in his chamber, he has pardoned Christopher, John, John, Richard and Bertram for their transgressions, and has granted that they should hold the aforesaid properties for themselves, their heirs and assigns, to the use aforesaid, of the bishop and his successors by service used and wont therefor; not wishing that they be troubled in any way therefor by him, his successors, or his or his successors' justices, escheators, sheriffs, other bailiffs or ministers; also pardoning them for all alienations, gifts, or perquisitions made by them of or in Saltwelside and the others aforesaid, before the date of the presents, because express mention of the true yearly value of the foregoing, or of any part thereof, does not at present exist, and otherwise notwithstanding any statute or ordinance made to the contrary.

Witness: Robert Chambre, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 March, Transl. 2. [1504]

Inspeximus and remission by Christopher, bishop of Durham, confirming the following remission, to the said Christopher Brigham, John Hedworth', John Rakett, and Bertram Yonghusbonde, for himself and his successors;

and in addition, for a fine paid to him in his chamber beforehand, pardoning and remitting to Christopher, John, John, and Bertram: all gifts, alienations and perquisitions of the said messuage, lands (&c), and of a certain close called *Somerclose*, in the said field [of Gateshead], made by them, any of them or any others before the date of the presents; all transgressions, fines, redemptions, actions, executions, suits, quarrels and demands which the bishop has raised or which he or his successors might raise in future against Christopher, John, John, and Bertram by reason of the foregoing; and all issues, farms and profits from the said properties due or pertaining to the bishop or his successors; and confirming all estate, title, claim and interest which they have in the said messuage,

lands (&c), or any part of them, called *Saltwelsyde*, otherwise *Feldhouse*, *Elmedenlez*, *Morecloce*, *Bekynclose*, *Chilsyde*, *Crukecroft*, *Whykyncroft*, *Horseclose*, and *Somerclose*, or by whatsoever other names they be known, in Gateshead par.; to be held by Christopher, John, John and Bertram, their heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, to the use of the said Christopher, his heirs and assigns, of the bishop and his successors by service used and wont therefor; notwithstanding that express mention of the true yearly value of the foregoing, or part thereof, or of any gifts or grants made by the bishop or his predecessors before this time, has not been made, or mention of any act, ordinance, provision, matter, or cause issued, ordained or provided thereon.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.110r 2 November 1508

Written oath by Christopher Brigham of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, merchant, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.110r-v 2 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to William Bulmer, knight, and William Bulmer, squire, of all the bishop's demesne lands in Sadberge, called *Sadbery demeanez*, of which some lands lie on the east of Sadberge township, from the end of the gardens of the township as far as a *bawke* called *Gosell' bawke* to the east and from the highway as far as a dike called *Ingplace dyke*, to the south and north; others lie to the west of the township from a thorn called *le Gret thorne* at the west end of the township as far as a small thorn to the west, and from the highway as far as a dike called *le Carr' dyke*, to the north and south; other demesne lands lie to the north of the township, adjoining a moor called *le Borowmore* to the south; to the west of the township lie further demesne lands next to a field called *Barmetontfeld'*; others lie to the north of a field called *Litell Stayntonfeld'* and to the east of *Newbigynfeld'*;

to be held by William and William and their assigns from Martinmas next to come for the term of ninety-nine years; rendering £8 yearly therefor to the the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham, through the hands of the bailiff of Sadberge, at the term dates customary in the bishopric; and if the farm should be in arrears in whole or in part for a quarter of a year after any term date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to distrain in the demesne lands, remove goods distrained and keep them until satisfied of the rent; if in arrears for half a year, and insufficient might be found there to distrain for the rent, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the lands, take them back into their own hands, and dispose of them freely to any other, notwithstanding the present letters.

Warranty. Notwithstanding that express mention of the true yearly value of the foregoing, or part thereof, or of any gifts or grants made by the bishop or his predecessors before this time, has not been made, or mention of any act, ordinance, provision, matter, or cause issued, ordained or provided thereon.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.110v [? October 1508]

Certification by Thomas, prior of Durham, archdeacon of churches appropriated to the prior and chapter of Durham within the bishopric of Durham, to Christopher, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities or his official, having received the following Mandate by Christopher, bishop of Durham, "&c ut supra" [see f.112v-113r below] on 16 October, informing him that he has executed his mandate as required and that the names of churches and the vicars, chaplains, churchwardens and laity cited on account of the foregoing are written in an attached schedule.

f.110v-111r 4 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant John Salomon, one of the cantors of Durham cathedral, for his service, faithfully rendered in particular to the church of Durham by singing, of the office of keeper of the garden by the castle of Durham, with the revenues and herbages arising therefrom, but saving these revenues and herbages to the bishop and his successors for the expenses of their household as often as they should be present there [at the castle]; to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking yearly 1d per day as wages from the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham, to be paid by the hands of the receiver-general there, by equal portions, along with all other fees and advantages belonging to the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.111r 4 November 1508

Written oath by John Salamon', keeper of the garden of the bishop of Durham next to the castle of Durham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.111r-v 6 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, although Richard, bishop of Durham, his predecessor, granted to his servant Thomas Haydok the office of door-keeper and keeper of the manor of Darlington, and the office of bailiff of the manor of Coatham Mundeville, (terms as for Nicholas and George Turpyn, below), as more fully contained in his letters patent made to Thomas thereon [f.54v above], Thomas has restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery for cancellation, and has surrendered his estate in the said offices to the bishop in chancery, with the intention that the bishop grant other letters in like form to Nicholas and George Turpyn; of Nicholas Turpyn, squire, and George Turpyn, his son, jointly and severally, as door-keepers and keepers of the manor of Darlington and bailiffs of the manor of Coatham Mundeville, and granting these offices to them, to be held by Nicholas and George for the term of their life and for the life of the longer-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking for their fee 53s 4d yearly from the bishop and his successors, to be paid by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, as much by their hands as by the hands of the farmers and tenants of Coatham; also four quarters of wheat yearly from the bishop's tenants of Blackwell, to be raised from the old custom; along with all other profits, advantages, customary payments and emoluments used and wont to the offices, as taken by any other in the same offices or in either of them before this time; also granting Nicholas and George a gentleman's robe or 10s in name thereof, to be delivered or paid yearly at Christmas; giving Nicholas and George plenary power and authority to do all things belonging to the office, and also ordering all his and his successors' tenants, officers and ministers to assist (&c) Nicholas and George and their deputy or deputies in carrying out the office; with the proviso that Nicholas and George or their deputy or deputies yearly render, to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham, faithful account of all sums of money which should come into their hands by reason of the said offices, and answer to the bishop therefor, as is the custom.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.111v 6 November 1508

Written oath by Nicholas Turpyn, squire, and George Turpyn, jointly and severally keepers of the manor of Darlington and bailiffs of the manor of Coatham Mundeville, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.112r 6 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, although William, bishop of Durham, his predecessor, granted to John Kydd', *valettus* of his chamber, the office of bailiff of the township of Howden (terms [almost] the same as those below) as more fully contained in the letters patent made for John thereon, John has restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, and has surrendered his estate in the said office to the bishop in chancery, with the intention that the bishop grant other letters in like form to him; to John Kydd (in consideration of his long service to the bishop's predecessor, and with the intention that he should render service to him and to his successors) of the office of bailiff of the township of Howden; to be held by John for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors, yearly taking 2d per day as his wages, to be paid by the hands of the receiver of Howden and Howdenshire each year by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with other fees and profits [replaces the "conveniences" of the original grant] used and wont to the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.112r 6 November 1508

Written oath by John Kydd', bailiff of the township of Howden, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.112r-v 8 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, although William, bishop of Durham, his predecessor, granted to his servant Richard Clarvaux' the office of parker or keeper of the new park, newly-made in the great park of Stanhope, and also the office of parker or keeper of the park of Bedburn and the wood of Black Bank, taking 2d daily for keeping the park of Stanhope and 2d daily for keeping the park of Bedburn and the wood of Black Bank, along with the other fees and profits now belonging to the offices, as is more fully contained in the letters patent made for Richard thereon, Richard has restored these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, and has surrendered all that he had in the said offices to the bishop in chancery, with the intention that the bishop grant other letters to him; to Richard, in consideration of his long service to the bishop's predecessor (&c), of the office of parker or keeper of the new park, newly-made in the great park of Stanhope, as enclosed by a wall and the Wear, and the office of one of four foresters of the high forest of Weardale, which William Emerson the younger lately had; to be held by Richard for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; yearly taking from the bishop and his successors 1½d per day for the office of parker of the small park, and ¾d per day for the office of one of the four foresters, to be paid by the hands of the master forester of Weardale each year by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with other fees, profits, emoluments, advantages, and conveniences belonging to the offices.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.112v 8 November 1508

Written oath by Richard Clarvaux', keeper of the new park in the great park of Stanhope in Weardale and one of the four foresters in the high forest there, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.112v-113r 13 October 1508

Mandate by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to the prior and chapter of Durham within the diocese of Durham, or to his official in this regard, informing him that he intends to visit the city and diocese of Durham and the clergy and people thereof, and ordering him to cite all and sundry vicars and chaplains celebrating in the said appropriated churches and their dependent chapels, and the churchwardens or keepers of the goods of these churches and chapels, and other suitable and honest men, or to have them cited, to appear before the bishop or his commissary in the church of Durham St Oswald, on Monday 23 October inst., and undergo visitation; ordering him to warn the vicars and chaplains: the vicars to show titles of incumbency in their vicarages, the chaplains to show their letters of ordination; and requiring the prior to certify the bishop or his commissary at the said date and place of the names and surnames of all those cited and of all that he shall have done in the foregoing.

An abbreviated copy of the certification appears f.110v above.



f.113r-v 2 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to John Clerke, notary, and Henry Herper of the office of apparitor-general in Durham dioc., namely in his bishopric in Durham and Northumberland, and in the jurisdiction of the lordships of Northallerton and Crayke; to be held jointly and severally for the term of their life and the life of the longer-lived, in person or through their deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking yearly the fees and wages used and wont to the office, just as taken by any other in the office before this time; ordering all, spiritual or temporal, dwelling within the said diocese and jurisdiction, to be of assistance (&c) to John and Henry and any deputy of theirs in the execution of their office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.113v 2 November 1508

Written oath by John Clerke and Henry Herper, apparitors-general in Durham dioc., in Northumberland, [North]allerton and Crayke, jointly and severally, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

f.113v-114r 13 November 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Tempest of all demesne lands in the township and territory of Wolsingham, with all houses (&c), profits (&c) and other advantages, in the best manner by which any tenant, farmer or occupier held the demesne before this time, in summer or winter, in the bishop's time or that of any predecessor of his; to be held by Thomas and his assigns from Michaelmas next to come for the term of twenty-one years; rendering yearly £7 13s 8d therefor to the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham at the usual terms; and if the said farm should be in arrears, in whole or in part, by a quarter of a year after any term date on which it ought to be paid, then the bishop and his successors are to be allowed to enter and distrain upon the said lands and to remove and retain goods distrained until satisfied of the farm and arrears; and if the farm should be in arrears for a half year and insufficient distress might be found in the demesne to raise the said farm, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to re-enter, take back, and possess the demesne lands as originally, and lease them at will to any other, notwithstanding the present letters; for the reason that express mention of the true yearly value (&c).

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham

f.114r [1508]

Written oath by Thomas Tempest, farmer of all demesne lands of the township of Wolsingham, in the same terms as the oath on f.100r above.

Sealed.

Dated: (no place of issue, day and month omitted) 1508.

f.114r 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to John Rakett, clerk of the bishop's chancery, of the office of paliser [fence-keeper] of the park of Bishop Auckland, appointing him thereto; to be held by John for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking 1d per day for his wages, to be paid yearly by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham, along with all other profits, customary rights, advantages and emoluments belonging to the office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 September, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham, (day and month omitted) 1508.

f.114r-v 1508

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, to John Rakett, his servant, in consideration of service rendered hitherto, of the office of keeper of the pond and fresh water of *Synnyngmyre* in the lordship of Allerton, and of all the fish in the same pond, appointing him thereto; to be held by John for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking yearly in the office from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the office, to be paid yearly by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the receiver of Allerton, along with all other fees, conveniences, profits, and advantages belonging to the office, as taken by any other in the office before this time; giving John and his deputy [power] to do all things pertaining to the execution of the office, and ordering all officers, ministers and tenants within the lordship to be of assistance to John in performing his office.

Witness: John Withers, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 October, Pont. 1. [1508]

Dated: Durham, (day and month omitted) 1508.

f.114v 3 February 1509

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Alan Percy in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the death of Mr Hugh Wren, LL.B., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.114v 3 February 1509

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Thomson', S.T.B., John Underwode, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, and Robert Cheston', N.P., appointing them as their proctors, giving them general and special power to appear for the prior and chapter in the convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to be held in York minster on 7 February inst., with continuation of days if need be, before Christopher, archbishop of York, or his deputed lieutenant, commissary or commissaries, and to treat with the archbishop or his commissary and with other prelates and clergy upon those things which happen to be set out there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.114v-115r 10 February 1509

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Edmund Dudley, squire, P.C., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they joyously accept from his letters and the trustworthy account of others, such that they should freely pay him that which is of their things the best: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccx-ccccxi.

f.115r 10 February 1509

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Richard Empson, knight, P.C., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they believe, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham, 10 February 1508/9.

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccx

f.115r 10 February 1509

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Henry Wyott, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they believe, paying him the return of goodwill; admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.115r-v 21 February 1509

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Holgyll', chaplain, in a canonry in the collegiate church of Howden and the prebend of Thorpe in the same church, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Blakwall', clerk, last canon prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.115v 20 December 1508

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Withers, M.A., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they firmly believe, giving him in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of his devotion; admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.115v 11 March 1509

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert West, chaplain, in the second vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of John Marynell', chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.115v 11 March 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Cuthbert Billingham, gentleman, and Ellen, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, paying them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.115v-116r 16 March 1509

Quitclaim by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham for themselves and their successors to Robert Gray of Hebburn, his heirs and executors, of all lawsuits and disputes (&c) in which they are, have been, or might in future be engaged against the said Robert and his heirs and executors, by reason of any account, debt, debate, agreement (&c) or other cause, from the beginning of the world until the date of the presents.

f.116r 16 March 24 Henry VII [1509]

Quitclaim by Robert Gray of Hebburn, for himself his heirs and executors, to Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, and their successors, of all lawsuits and disputes (&c) in which he has been, is, or might in future be engaged against the said prior and convent and their successors, by reason of any account, debt, debate, agreement (&c) or other cause, from the beginning of the world until the date of the presents.

f.116r [1509]

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Curwen', M.A., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they believe, paying him the return of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.116r 29 April 1509

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr George Birde, alderman of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, &c, in the same terms as the preceding entry.

Dated: Durham

f.116r-v 21 May 1509

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to John Syntandrew, squire, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, and especially towards their cell of Stamford, as they believe from trustworthy account, giving him in return the reward of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.116v 21 May 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Nicholas Trige, gentleman, and Joan, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, and especially towards their cell of Stamford, as they believe from trustworthy account, giving them in return the reward of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.116v-117r 2 June [1509]

Letter of supplication by Thomas Castell' prior and the chapter of Durham notifying Mr Thomas Rowthall', D.Dec., dean of Salisbury, of the vacancy of the church of Durham by the translation of Christopher, lately bishop of Durham, to the archiepiscopal see of York; and that about 9 a.m. on 29 May 1509, they caused the mass *de sancto spiritu* to be sung in the choir or chancel of Durham cathedral; with those who ought, would and could be present for the election of a bishop assembling in the chapter-house at the sounding of the chapter bell, the grace of the Holy Spirit was invoked and the constitutions of the council-general were read; Thomas Castell, prior, and the monks of Durham, making up the chapter, held a discussion as to the way in which the election should proceed, and that it was at length agreed, with none dissenting, that the election proceed by way of inspiration of the Holy Spirit, if God should see fit to impart grace to them therefor; that at once, with no discussion and as if with one voice, they agreed upon Mr Thomas Rowthall, D.Dec., dean of Salisbury, and nominated and chose him as the next bishop of Durham; they, excepting the prior, gave power to the prior on their behalf to elect in common the said Mr Thomas and to publish the election; the prior made the following

statement in writing whereby he Thomas Castell', prior of Durham, (giving a brief description of the election proceedings and a summary of Mr Thomas's merits) elected Mr Thomas Rowthall as bishop of Durham;

restating that they proceeded in the election by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and emphasizing their unanimity, begging and exhorting Mr Thomas to proffer his assent to his election, and submitting themselves, his humble sons, clergy and people, to his rule. Dated: [Durham]

f.117v 21 May 1509

Petition by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Henry [VIII], king of England, informing him that the church of Durham is vacant by the translation of Christopher, lately bishop of Durham, to the archiepiscopal see of York, and that they are sending Thomas Castell', S.T.B., and Hugh Whitehed', monks of Durham, with the presents to beg licence of him to elect a suitable person as bishop of Durham; and beseeching him to grant such licence.

Dated: Durham

f.117v 11 July 1509

[Memorandum of] petition by Edmund Burton' of Halton (Hawton') near Lancaster, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that at Halton on Sunday 8 July, as a result of an assault upon him, he fatally struck one William Denny with a *dager*, inflicting a mortal wound in the chest, from which, as he asserted, the same William died within a two days.

Witnesses: William Hull', chaplain, John Lumley, gentleman, and Richard Gibson', *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.55 no.cxl.

f.117v-121v 14 June A.R. 1. [1509]

Pardon by letters patent by Henry [VIII], king of England, of Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham for all offences committed before 23 April, A.R. 1 [1509].

Westminster

Original: DCD 3.5.Reg.15.

f.121v 4 August 1509

[Memorandum of] petition by William Hoge, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that in a certain horse close called *Langlandis*, by Wilton, York dioc., as a result of an assault upon him by one John Bolton' on Tuesday 31 July 1509, he fatally struck the same John in the head with a sword, inflicting a mortal wound, from which John died the following day.

Witnesses: Ellis Kelsey, George Scott, and William Burell'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.55 no.cxli.

f.121v-122r 8 August 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to <Mr> John Hall {of London} and Agnes, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, giving back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.122r 3 Id. June [11 June] 1509

Mandate by Pope Julius [II] to the chapter of Durham ordering them to receive Thomas, bishop-elect, as bishop of Durham.

Rome

Original: DCD 1.3.Pap.21.

f.122r 5 September 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas, lord Darcy, and lady Edith his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay them that which is of their things the best, admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.122r-v 5 September 1509

Letters of confraternity to Ralph, earl of Westmorland, by his bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best, admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.122v 19 October 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Thomas, lord Dacre, and lady (blank) his wife, by their bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay them that which is of their things the best: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.122v 31 October 1509

[Memorandum of] petition by George Warkcopp, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, because of an assault upon him on 27 October inst., in a lane by Richmond [N.R.Yorks], called *Saynt Nycholas Lonyng*, in self-defence, he struck one Richard Goldsmyth' of Richmond in the neck with a *hynger*, inflicting a mortal wound, from which Richard died that day.

Witnesses: Ralph Wyclif', squire, Robert Warkcopp, squire, Richard Wyclif', gentleman, and Thomas Hawghton, *literatus*, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.56 no.cxlvi.

f.122v 14 November 1509

[Memorandum of] petition by John Lynsay alias Hakbury, lately a merchant of York, in par. All Saints came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he owed various debts to various creditors and did not have the means by which he might make due satisfaction to any of them, wherefore he feared arrest, indictment and imprisonment.

Witnesses: John Eland, John Hutwhait, and Richard Story.

14 November 1509.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.56 no.cxliii.

f.122v-123r 17 November 1509

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to John Blakeston' [or] {Blaxton}, gentleman, and (blank) his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, giving back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.123r 7 December 1509

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Eluardus Richerdson', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Thomas Lowson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.123r 9 December 1519

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Makerell', M.A., in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the death of Mr William Greveson', last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham

f.123r-v 5 December 1509

Notarial instrument recording that Roger Darley, vicar of Eastrington, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, Roger Darley, vicar of Eastrington, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Thomas Atkynson', chaplain, and Henry Robynson', *literatus*, of York dioc. Notary: John Chapman', clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited, noting that the instrument was written out in another's hand, since the N.P. had been detained elsewhere).

Done: Petergate in the city of York

f.123v 11 December 1509

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Atkynson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Eastrington, vacant by the resignation of Roger Darley, last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham

f.123v 22 November, A.R. 1. [1509]

Appointment by letters patent by Henry [VIII], king of England, to John Dalton' to collect the king's customs of wool, hides and wool-fells in the port of Newcastle upon Tyne and in the sundry places and inlets adjacent to the same port, and to keep the king's seal called *Coket* in the said port; providing that he answer to the king at his exchequer for all moneys arising therefrom; to have the office at the king's pleasure, with the wages, fees and rewards used and wont to the office; and ordering John to attend to the foregoing diligently and to carry these things out in the said manner.

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster

Yong "by bill of the treasurer and of the date aforesaid, by authority of parliament"

For another copy, see DCD Reg. Parv. IV, f.179v.

f.123v 10 February 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by John Baynton', who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, around Michaelmas seven years past, on the highway between Atherstone and Coventry [War.], he struck one John Wylkynson on the forehead with a *halbarke*, from which blow, as he asserted, the said John died at once.

Witnesses: William Heghyngton' and Nicholas Wynter, *literati*, of York and Durham dioc. 10 February 1509/10.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.56 no.cxliv.

f.123v-124r 20 February 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by William Chesman of Bolton, Northumb., who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, around Fabian and Sebastian [20 January] last past, at Forest Burn, near a park called Westpark in Northumberland belonging to the earl of Northumberland, he struck one William Bellyngeham on the right arm with an *hynger*, in consequence of an assault made upon him, cutting off his right hand, from which blow the said William died within three weeks.

Witnesses: Robert Forest, chaplain, and Henry Browne, *literatus*, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.57 no.cxlvi.

f.124r 6 March 1510

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to Roland Tempest, squire, and Ann, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, giving back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.124r 16 March 1510

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to William, lord Conyers, and lady Ann, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay them that which is of their things the best: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.124r 19 March 1510

Letters of confraternity to Mr William Atwater, S.T.P., dean of the Chapel Royal, by his bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best: admitting him as spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.124r-v 17 March 1510

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Metcalf, LL.B., proctor of Mr Philip Metcalf, rector of York All Saints Pavement, having sufficient power as in a public instrument under the sign and name of Mr William Pykerell', N.P., shown before Mr John Carver, D.Dec., vicar-general of Christopher, archbishop of York, and in presence of the notary, and accepted by Mr John, appeared in person and read, made, and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, John Metcalff, LL.B., proctor of Mr Philip Metcalff, rector of York All Saints Pavement, considering that Mr Philip wishes, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the souls of the parishioners thereof, resigns his said church into the hands of Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Mr John Carver, D.Dec., and Mr Henry Machill, commissary of the official of the court of [York], of York and Norwich dioc.

Notary: Robert Cheston, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: St Stephen's chapel, York minster

f.124v 21 March 1510

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute George Richardson, chaplain, in the church of York All Saints Pavement, vacant by the resignation of Mr Philip Metcalff, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.124v-125r 8 April 1510

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr John Underwode, LL.B., advocate of the consistory court of York, and Mr Robert Cheston', N.P., proctor-general of the said court, as their proctors, giving them general power and general and special mandate to act on their behalf and on behalf of their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cells, their parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, in all causes and business initiated or to be initiated by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places, against the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) before whatsoever judges ordinary or delegate, and their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators or others whomsoever, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties; &c, responsibilities listed; and authorizing them to attend and participate on behalf of the prior and chapter, their monastery, college, cells (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations and other convocations whatsoever, before Christopher, archbishop of York, his vicar-general in spiritualities, and whatsoever his commissaries.

Dated: Durham

f.125v 8 April 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Bradfurth' of Derby, Lincoln dioc., who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, around Michaelmas five years past, he entered the house of one Richard Tailyour, pewterer, by Newgate, par. Holy Sepulchre, in the suburbs of London, and, by breaking into a chest there, stole gold and silver to the value of £20; for which felony he feared imprisonment.

Witnesses: William Heggington' and Nicholas Wynter, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.57 no.cxlvi.

f.125v 27 April 1510

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to Mr Hugh Asheton', B.Dec., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best, according to the fondness of his devotion: admitting him as spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.125v 4 June 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Fyffe [given thus twice in the text of the petition, but as Fysshe in the marginal caption], who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, around St Peter's Chains [1 August] eight years past, within the city of Coventry, he struck one Humfrey Corbett with a *dager* in the left side, under the ribs, as a result of an assault made upon him, from which blow the said Humfrey died at once, that same day.

Witnesses: Thomas Tailyour and Ellis Kelsay, of York dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.57 no.cxlvii.

f.125v 7 June 1510

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Graunt, chaplain, in the church of Blyborough vacant by the death of Mr Richard Hynemars, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.125v-126r 6 July 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Ralph Bransby, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, on Monday 1 July inst., within the territory of the township of Kepwick, [N.R.] Yorks., by the stream called *Yngbeke*, he struck one Richard Pynkney on the head and elsewhere upon his body with a staff, as a consequence of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, from which blows the said Richard died within five days.

Witnesses: John Hacfurth, chaplain, John Dalton', one of the collectors of customs of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Robert Langford', cantor of Durham cathedral, of Canterbury and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.58 no.cxlvi.

f.126r 30 August 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry Braderig of Bridlington, [E.R. Yorks.], tanner, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, at Bridlington, under the walls of the abbey [properly priory] there, around Michaelmas last, he struck one Robert Lelome in the right ear with a *dager*, to the effusion of blood, from which blow, along with others, the blows of Roland Hall' and Robert Yong of Bridlington, tanners, the said Robert Lelome died within a fortnight.

Witnesses: William Rakett, John Browne and Peter Steley.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.58 no.cxlix.

f.126r 21 September 1510

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Bentley, B.A., in the vicarage of Bywell St Peter, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Todd', last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham

f.126r 27 September 1510

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham having lately received a mandate from Thomas, bishop of Durham, to induct Thomas Bentley, B.A., into the vicarage of Bywell St Peter (&c, as in the preceding entry), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, to William Fawderley, chaplain, curate of the parish church of Bywell St Peter, authorizing him in his stead to induct Mr William into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.126r-v 1 October 1510

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Henry, earl of Northumberland, and lady Katherine, his consort, by their bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and the completeness of the sincere affection which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should give back to them spiritually the reward of goodwill, according to merits and the fondness of their devotion: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sorority of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.126v 4 October 1510

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, to John, abbot of ?Reading [ *Ryding* / *Riding*] prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, as they are fully informed by report of their fellow monks dwelling there, such that they should give back to him spiritually the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of his devotion: admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.126v 21 October 1510

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Richard, lord Latimer, and lady Ann, his consort, by their bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and the completeness of the sincere affection which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should give back to them spiritually the reward of goodwill, according to merits and the fondness of their devotion: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sorority of the chapter and granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

{another letter was subsequently issued to "Richard Nevil, knight, lord Latimer &c", dated 10 October 1513.}

f.126v-127r 20 October 1510

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Geoffrey Wren, B.A., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Fysheir, D.Dec., last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham

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f.127r 23 October 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Gy of Wistow, near Selby, [W.R. Yorks.], who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that, on 12 October inst., at Womersley [W.R. Yorks.], he struck one William Pynchebek in the chest with a *dager*, from which blow the said William died within ten [days].

Witnesses: William Howlet, Thomas Hawghton' and John Atthe.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.58 no.cl.

f.127r-128r [c.1510]

Table of kings of England listing: kings of Kent from Ethelbert I to Baldred; Egbert and Anulphus [? Ethelwulf], kings of the West Saxons; kings of England from Alfred ( "primus omnium regum Anglie" ) to Richard III. Some additional details are generally supplied, restricted in most cases to the length of the king's reign, the place of his anointing, the name of the prelate by whom he was anointed, and the place of his burial.

f.128r-129v [c.1510]

Table of archbishops of Canterbury from Augustine to John Morton (d. 1500), with some biographical information, generally including mention of any previous see, the length of pontificate, and the place of burial.

f.129v-130r [c.1510]

[Table of priors of Christ Church, Canterbury] from Henry to William Selling [d. 1494], giving length of priorate and, for those dying in office, the place of burial.

f.130r-v 24 October 1510

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Dubber, M.A., rector of Kirkby on Bain, as he claimed, appeared in person and publicly read the following

Resignation, in writing, whereby he, Mr William Dubber, M.A., rector of Kirkby on Bain, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said parish church, resigns the same church into the hands of William, bishop of Lincoln, or another whomsoever having power in the bishop's absence to accept his resignation; begging the bishop to accept his resignation and that he should see fit to discharge him of the cure of the said church.

Witnesses: Thomas, abbot of Revesby, and Richard Yong, B.A., priests.

Notary: William Herte, LL.B., clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, noting that he has been otherwise occupied with difficult business and so has had the instrument written by another).

Done: in a parlour in a wing of the house of one John Borughe of Kirkby on Bain

f.130v 7 November 1510

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Rawlynson', abbot of Kirkstead, in the church of Kirby on Bain, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Dubber, M.A., last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham.

Dated: Durham

f.130v 17 December 1510

Letters of confraternity by John prior and the convent of Guisborough to Thomas prior, S.T.P., and the convent of Durham, noting their particular obligation to those who have great affection for their monastery, "with the merits of the pious devotion, which they know the prior and convent of Durham have for their monastery of Guisborough and which they experience more and more each day, compelling them" granting all of them, present and to come, in life as in death, full participation in all masses, orisons, vigils (&c) performed by them and their successors in their monastery for all time, and receiving them into their brotherhood, such that, when the death of any of them or of any of their successors should be made known to the prior and convent of Guisborough, there will be carried out in their monastery that which they have been accustomed to do for such brethren of theirs.

Dated: Guisborough

f.131r-138v 15 November, A.R. 2. [1510]

Inspeximus by letters patent by Henry [VIII], king of England, exemplifying the following record of King's Bench proceedings.

Witness: J[ohn] Fyneux'.

Dated: Westminster "R Pynfold"

f.131r-138v [4 July 1510]

Record of King's Bench proceedings Westminster, Trinity term, 2 Henry VIII Roll XV, among the pleas of the king, memorandum that W[illiam Warham], archbishop of Canterbury, the king's chancellor, on Thursday after the octave of John the Baptist [4 July 1510], by his own hands delivered into the court the following record of King's Bench proceedings;

(f.136v) and, on the octave of John the Baptist [1 July 1510], William Bulmer, through his attorney Thomas Blake, came to the King's Bench at Westminster and the sheriff returned the names of twenty-four jurors (&c) and was ordered to bring them to the King's Bench on the octave of Michaelmas [6 October (a Sunday) 1510] &c or before the king's justices in assize &c if before the Tuesday next before Lammas [30 July 1510], at York castle, by form of statute &c; and the same date was given to John Ernley, acting for the king, and William Bulmer; and on the octave of Michaelmas William Bulmer, knight, came to the King's Bench in Westminster by means of his said attorney and showed the following, which had been sent by the said justices, [abstract] of record of [assize] proceedings

(f.138v) With the foregoing things understood by the court and with the serjeants-at-law and the king's attorney present and assembled for that purpose, it was agreed that the king's hands be removed from possession of all and sundry properties specified in the said inquisitions, excepting the said manors of Stotfold and Keverstone, and the 2 messuages, 2 bovates of land in Hunwick; and that William Bulmer, knight, be restored to possession of the said properties, the exceptions being excepted, along with the issues and profits thereof taken from the time of the inquisition held at Gainford until the present; saving the king's right.



f.131r-136v 28 January [1510]

Record of King's Bench proceedings in chancery at Westminster, 28 January, 1 Henry VIII, reciting the following [first] abstract return of an inquisition (f.131v) as more fully contained in the said inquisition, returned to the chancery of the said late king and remaining there on record in the files of the present king's chancery;

and stating that now, this Hilary term, 28 January, 1 Henry VIII [1510], William Bulmer, through his attorney John Studde, has come to the King's Bench, in chancery at Westminster, and pleads:

that all the aforesaid properties (reciting the names of the manors and townships given above, adding Wynton [probably an error for Swainston] and omitting Stotfold and Keverstone; then rehearsing the names of all places where the earl had land, pasture &c, thereby giving the names of manors and townships once again (though omitting Cockfield, Bolam, Wackerfield, Ingleton, Houghton, Langton, Elwick and *West Bordon*' on this occasion), as well as other properties (to which Elswick is added and Hunwick omitted); and listing again the forest, mill, collieries, advowsons, annual rents and reversions) in Durham, have been taken into the hands of the said late king by reason of the inquisition taken by Michael de Wharton', lately escheator in the bishopric and county of Durham *sede vacante*, and remain in the hands of the present king by reason of the said inquisition; and that he, William Bulmer, knight, has been expelled unjustly from possession of the castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements &c aforesaid; because the earl died seized in his lordship as of fee in such an estate, and after his death all of these properties aforesaid and the manors of Stotfold and Keverstone and the messuages and land in Hunwick, were taken into the hands of Richard, bishop of Durham, by reason of the following [second] abstract return of inquisition,

(f.133v) as more fully contained in the inquisition returned to the said former bishop's chancery at Durham and remaining there on record in the chancery files of Thomas, now bishop of Durham; and William Bulmer, knight, through his attorney, says:

that the properties named and specified in the inquisitions taken at Gainford, 23 September [1502], and at Durham on 16 June [1498], (reciting the names of the properties as listed in the two inquisitions) are the same castles, lordships, manors or townships, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, cow-pastures, advowsons of churches and other advowsons, and reversions; (f.134v) that the late earl, on the day he died, held of the said former bishop by knight service in right of his bishopric the aforesaid castles, lordships, manors or townships (names recited) and that the aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures and cow-pasture (locations listed) and the watermill, dovecote, coalmines, reversions, advowsons, and annual rents (specified) were held of the said former bishop and are still held of Thomas, present bishop of Durham; that the said manor or lordship of Staindrop and the messuages, lands (&c) there, the annual rent of 26s 8d from the lands of the late Alexander Lylburn' in Shildon, and the patronage of the collegiate church of Staindrop (&c) were held at the earl's death and are held still of the prior of Durham, by right of his church of Durham, in socage for service of one stag yearly to be paid to the prior and his successors; that the reversions of the five tofts (&c) in Gilesgate are held of the master of the hospital of Kepier, by service

of fealty only; that all the above are, and have been time out of mind, in the bishopric and county of Durham and within the regalian jurisdiction of the bishopric and county between Tyne and Tees; that Richard, lately bishop of Durham, and all his predecessors, bishops of Durham, time out of mind, in right of their bishopric and regality, have been (f.135r) accustomed to have the wardship of all hereditaments whatsoever within the county and bishopric descending, after the death of any persons or person, or otherwise belonging by rights to any heir or heirs under the age of twenty-one, until the full age of the heir or heirs, so long as the lands and tenements, or any part thereof, should be held of the said former bishop or his predecessors by knight service; and that Richard, lately bishop of Durham, gave the wardship of all the said castles, lordships, manors (&c, listed) to Roger Layborne, clerk, and the said William Bulmer', knight, and their assigns, by his letters patent dated at Durham, 21 July, 16 Henry VII [1501], Pont. (Trans.) 4 [1498] [ sic, which the said William produces here in court, to be held for their own uses during the minority of Ralph Nevill, heir to the late earl, paying and causing to be paid therefor all manner of annual rents to be had and raised in the said castles, lordships, manors (&c) howsoever granted or assigned by the said bishop by his letters patent before; and if Ralph Nevyle the heir should die before reaching full age and his heir or heirs should be under age, then they are to have the same wardship until the full age of such an heir or heirs, and thus from heir to heir until any heir should reach full age and so long as the aforesaid [Westmorland estates] should remain in the hands of the said former bishop or his successors or assigns (f.135v) by reason of minority or otherwise, without rendering, doing or paying any composition or anything else to the said former bishop or his successors in name of all and sundry the hereditaments once belonging to Ralph, late earl of Westmorland, within the county and bishopric of Durham; that by the death of the late earl the said estates fell into the hands of the said former bishop by reason of the minority of the earl's heir; and the late earl's estates were in the bishop's hands, excepting only his lands and tenements in Stotfold, Keverstone and Hunwick, as more fully appears by the said letters patent shown here in court; that by virtue of the said letters patent Roger Layborn' and William Bulmer were possessed of the said estates, barring those excepted, until they were seized into the late king's hands by reason of the said inquisition taken at Gainford before Michael de Wharton', by reason of which the estates are in the present king's hands at this time; that Roger Layborne later died in London and William Bulmer' has outlived him; that Ralph Nevile, kinsman and heir of the late earl, lives and is twelve years old; such that the said estates (listed by name) or any part thereof, are neither held of the present king nor were ever held of Henry VII or any of his (f.136r) predecessors, either by knight service or otherwise, and that the late earl, on the day when he died, did not hold the estates of the late king, either by knight service or otherwise, as supposed by the inquisition taken at Gainford; that there was no record prior to the record of the inquisition at Gainford showing that the estates are held of the present king or were ever held of the late king or his progenitors, by knight service or otherwise;

all of which William Bulmer is ready to verify, wherefore he asks judgment and that the hand of the king be removed from possession of these same estates, and that he be restored to possession thereof, the exceptions excepted, along with the revenues and profits taken in the meantime;

and John Ernley, the king's attorney, not recognizing that Richard, bishop of Durham, and all his predecessors, time out of mind, had wardships between Tyne and Tees, so long as the lands and tenements, or any part thereof, were held of the bishop by knight service, says on the king's behalf that Ralph, late earl of Westmorland, the day on which he died, held his estates throughout the county, amongst others, of the late king in right of his crown of England by reason of his prerogative, as supposed by the inquisition taken at Gainford; all of which is he, John Ernley, ready to verify, and he asks that it be inquired into by a jury, likewise William Bulmer;

therefore William Bulmer was given the date the octave of John the Baptist [1 July 1510] *Coram Rege*, to do and receive what were just in the foregoing, upon which he says: that the castles, manors, lordships, lands and tenements &c specified in the said inquests and traverses have been time out of mind in the bishopric and county palatine of Durham, where the king's writ does not run and has not been accustomed to run; that the same possessions are held of Thomas, bishop of Durham, in right of his church of St Cuthbert of Durham, in chief or mediately, and are within the jurisdiction of the same bishop; likewise that all free tenants holding their lands of the said castles, manors or lordships, and all other free tenants holding any lands or tenements within the bishopric and county aforesaid are within the bishop's jurisdiction; and that he claims to have the wardship of the said estates during the minority of the present earl, by grant of Richard, formerly bishop of Durham, and in right of the said present bishop; that he is the present bishop's sheriff of the bishopric and county of Durham, appointed by the bishop's letters patent, and that both he and the coroners and ministers (f.136v) of Durham are appointed in their offices by the bishop's letters patent and are of the bishop's fee, whereby he and the coroners support the said bishop in the said suit;

and he asks for a writ of *venire facias* from the king, to be directed to the sheriff of Yorkshire, being adjacent to co. Durham, for a jury to try the issue, since John Ernley, acting for the king is unable to be impartial (?);

upon which the sheriff of York has been ordered to impanel *Coram Rege* on that day twenty-four knights and other good and law-worthy men of co. York, on oath, unrelated to William Bulmer, to examine more fully the truth of the foregoing.

f.131r-v 23 September [1502]

Abstract return of an inquisition taken at Gainford, 23 September, 18 Henry VII [1502], before Michael de Wharton', then the king's escheator in the bishopric and county of Durham and Sadberge, *sede vacante*, by virtue of his office; the jurors (not named) saying that: Ralph, lately earl of Westmorland, on the day he died, through the whole of co. Durham amongst other places, held of the late king in right of his crown: the castle of Brancepeth and the manor and townships of Brancepeth, Stockley, and Willington, the patronage of the church of Brancepeth; 20 messuages, 400 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of moor, 1,000 acres of pasture, and 200 acres of wood in Brancepeth, Willington, (East) Brandon, and Stockley; a tenement called *Cok*, a water-mill in Brancepeth; the manor of *Holmeland'*: 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture; 2 messuages and 2 bovates of land in Hunwick; the manor and township of Tudhoe; 10 messuages in Sunderland(-by-the-Sea); 2 messuages, 100 acres of land and a coalmine in *Wodfeld'* [? Woodifield]; the manor of Holywell and the manor and township of Birtley: 12 messuages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow in Holywell, Birtley and *Fyshborn'*; the manor of Oxenhall, 3 bovates of land in Cockerton, the manor and township of Stanley and Billy Row, the manor of *Wellehall'* [? Woolley Hill]: 12 messuages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow and 50 acres of pasture in Oxenhall, Cockerton, Billy Row, and *Wellehall'*; a messuage called *Coksydhowse* by Hedleyhope, 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 300 acres of pasture adjacent thereto; 7 messuages, 12 cotlands, 6 bovates of land, 6½ acres of land, and 6 acres of meadow in Darlington; a close and a dovecote there, and a messuage; 10 acres of land in Haughton [le Skerne]; a close called *Mawdefeld'*, a coalmine there and a close called *Coltparke*; the manor and township of Winlaton: 20 messuages, 1,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture therein; the manor of Binchester: ten messuages, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture therein; the manors and townships of West Brandon, Ivesley, *Rawley*, Hedley, and Cornsay: 20 messuages, 500 acres of land, 500 acres of pasture, 100 acres of meadow therein; four messuages, 100 acres of land, 200 acres of pasture, 100 acres of cow-pasture in Hedleyhope; the manors of Thornley and Greenwell, Helme Park and its coalmine: 16 messuages, 500 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture therein; the manors of Byers *Geffrey* and Whitworth: 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture therein; the manor of *West Borden'*, a third part of the township of Pelton: 6 messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow in *West Borden'* and Pelton; the manor[s] of Cambois [and] Choppington: 10 messuages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of 131v meadow, in Cambois, Choppington (f.131v) and West Sleekburn; 20s annual rent from the lands and tenements of the late John Heron' in *Hotop'*; 20s annual rent from the lands and tenements of the late Thomas Claxton' in West Murton by Embleton; the manor and township of Eldon: 12 messuages, 500 acres of land, 500 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture; the patronage of the churches of Cockfield, Durham St Mary in South Bailey, of the collegiate church of Staindrop, with the nomination of the master or warden, of all the priests, and of all the poor men of the said collegiate

church; 26s 8d annual rent from the lands and tenements of Alexander Lilborn' in Shildon; the manor, township and lordship of Staindrop: 40 messuages, 2,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture therein; the manor of Summerhouse: 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow therein; the castle and manor of Raby, and the forest of Langley, the manors and townships of Raby, Shotton, *Wedland'*, Cockfield, Bolam, Keverstone, Wackerfield, Ingleton, Houghton [? le Side] and Langton: 100 messuages, 2,000 acres of pasture, 1,000 acres of heath therein; the manor and township of Elwick: 20 messuages, 500 acres of land, 51 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture therein; the manors and townships of Swainston, Stotfold, Newton Hanzard, Close and Dalton Piercy: 40 messuages, 2,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture therein; Durham: a messuage by the church of St Nicholas {Durham Marketplace}; the reversion of 2 messuages in Owengate in North Bailey, within the castle of Durham, 5 tofts, 5 gardens, and 8 acres [later given as 8½ acres] of land in Gilesgate, to be had after the death of John Gibson', who holds them for the term of his life; the reversion of 2s annual rent from the same tenement, to be had after the death of John Gibson (&c); and that the earl died 7 June, 13 Henry VII [1498] seized of all the aforesaid in his lordship as of fee; that Ralph Nevill' was then the earl's nearest kinsman and heir, and was then four and a half years old, and more.

f.132r-133v 16 June, Trans. Bp Richard 4, 13 Henry VII. [1498]  
 Abstract (indented) return of inquisition before John Perkynson, the bishop's escheator in county of Durham, by virtue of the bishop's writ of *diem clausit extremum*, directed to the escheator after the death of Ralph, sometime earl of Westmorland; the jurors saying that: Ralph, earl of Westmorland, died seized as of fee, in his demesne, of: the castle or manor of Brancepeth and the manors and townships of Brancepeth, Stockley and Willington, and of the patronage of the church of Brancepeth, all held of the bishop in chief by service of two knights' fees and performing common suit at any court held at Durham, and worth yearly in all issues, over and above reprise, as in parks and other profits, £60; the manor and township of (East) Brandon, held of the bishop in chief and worth yearly, over and above reprise, £20; 20 messuages, 500 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of moor, 1,000 acres of pasture, 200 acres of woodland in Brancepeth, Willington, (East) Brandon, and Stockley, a tenement called *Croke* [? Crook] and a watermill in Brancepeth, all held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, and worth yearly, over and above reprise, £8; the manor of *Holmeland'*, and of 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 300 acres of (f.132v) pasture therein, held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) 20 marks; two messuages and two bovates of land in Hunwick, held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, worth yearly (&c) 6s 8d; the manor and township of Tudhoe, held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, worth yearly (&c) 20 marks; 10 burgages in Sunderland (by the Sea), held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, worth yearly (&c) 24s 8d; two messuages, 100 acres of land, and a coalmine in *Wodefeld'* [? Woodifield], held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, worth yearly (&c) 40s; the manor of Holywell, the manor and township of Birtley, and 12 messuages, 400 acres of land, and 100 acres of meadow in Holywell, Birtley and *Fisshburn'*, worth yearly (&c) £15; the manor of Oxenhall, 3 bovates of land in Cockerton, the manor and township of Stanley and Billy Row, the manor of *Wylleyhall'* [? Woolley Hill], and 12 messuages, 300 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture in Oxenhall, Cockerton, Billy Row and *Welleyhall'*, worth yearly (&c) £14; a messuage called *Coksidhous* by Hedleyhope, and 100 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow and 300 acres of pasture adjacent to the messuage, 7 messuages, 12 cotlands, 24 burgages, 6½ bovates of land, 6 acres of meadow in Darlington, and a close and a dovecote there, worth yearly (&c) £15; one messuage and 10 acres of land in Haughton [le Skerne], a close called *Mawdefeld'* and a coalmine there, a close called *Coltparke*, worth yearly (&c) 8s; all of these [from the manor of Holywell onwards] being held in chief of the bishop by knight service; the manor and township of Winlaton and 20 messuages, 1,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture there, held in chief of the bishop by service of paying £20 yearly to the bishop, at the usual terms at the exchequer of Durham, and worth yearly (&c) four score marks; the manor of Binchester, and 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres (f.133r) of pasture therein, held in chief of the bishop by knight service and by service of rendering £8 yearly to the bishop (&c), and worth yearly (&c) £8; the manors and townships of West Brandon, Ivesley, *Rowley*, Hedley, and Cornsay, and 20 messuages, 500 acres of

land, 500 acres of pasture, and 100 acres of meadow therein; four messuages, 100 acres of land, 200 acres of pasture, 100 acres of cow-pasture in Hedleyhope; the manors of Thornley and Greenwell, Helme Park; all held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) £29; the manors of Byers *Geffrey* and Whitworth, and 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow and 300 acres of pasture therein, held of the bishop by service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) £16; the manor of *West Burden'*, and a third part of the township of Pelton, and 6 messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow therein, held in chief of the bishop by service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) 7 marks; the manors of Cambois and Choppington, and 10 messuages, 300 acres of land and 100 acres of meadow in Cambois, Choppington and West Sleekburn, held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) £4; an annual rent of 20s from the lands and tenements of the late John Heyron' in Houghton, to be paid at the usual terms; a certain annual rent from the lands and tenements lately belonging to Thomas Claxton in West Murton by Embleton, to be paid yearly at the usual terms; the manor and township of Eldon, and 12 messuages, 500 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, held in chief of the bishop, service unknown, and worth yearly (&c) £30; the patronage of the churches of Cockfield, Durham St Mary in South Bailey, and the collegiate church of Staindrop with the nomination of the master or warden, of all the priests, and of all the poor men of the said collegiate church; an annual rent of 26s 8d from the lands and tenements of Alexander Lilburn' in Shildon, to be paid yearly at the usual terms; the manor, lordship and township of Staindrop, and 40 messuages, 2,000 acres of land, 300 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture therein, held of the prior of Durham in socage, (f. 133v) by service of rendering £6 yearly to the prior at the usual terms and one stag yearly for all services, and worth yearly (&c) 100 marks; the castle or manor of Raby, the forest of Langley, the manors and townships of Raby, Shotton, *Wedland'*, Cockfield, Keverstone, Wackerfield, Ingleton, and Langton, 4 score messuages, 2,000 acres of moor, 1,500 acres of pasture, 1,000 acres of heath therein, held in chief of the bishop by knight service, and worth £140 13s 4d yearly (the castle, manor and lands of Raby worth £34, the forest of Langley worth £50, the manors, townships, lands and tenements respectively of Shotton worth 100s, *Wedland'* worth 100s, Cockfield worth £20, Keverstone, Wackerfield, Ingleton and Langton worth £26 13s 4d); a messuage in Durham by the church of St Nicholas, held of the bishop in burgage and worth yearly (&c) 20s; the reversion of 2 messuages in Owengate, in North Bailey, Durham, within Durham castle, of 5 tofts, 5 gardens and 8 acres of land in Gilesgate, Durham, and of an annual rent of 2s from a tenement in Gilesgate, sometime belonging to Robert Walker' and to be had after the death of John Gibson', who holds them for life by grant of the late Ralph, earl of Westmorland; the messuages in Owengate being held in chief of the bishop by service of *castelgarde* and a rent of 10d yearly to be paid at the usual terms, and being worth yearly (&c) 3s 4d; the tofts, gardens and land being held of the master of Kepier hospital by a rent of 7s 9d yearly to be paid at the usual terms, and by common suit at his court of Gilesgate; the jurors further saying that the earl held no other lands or tenements in chief of the bishop or of any other in

co. Durham on 7 June last past [1498], the day that he died, and that Ralph Nevyle is his next of kin and heir, namely the son of Ralph, son of the said late earl, and is 16 weeks old and more. Jurors: William Bulmer, knight, Robert Tempest, squire, John Hedworth', squire, Thomas Suerteys, squire, William Elmeden', squire, Thomas Lambton', squire, Richard Bothe, squire, William Bothe, squire, John Trollop', squire, Hugh Forster', Richard Hardyng, Richard Hoton', John Claxton', and Ralph Gyllow the younger.

Taken: at Durham



f.136v-138v [30 July 1510]

[Abstract of] record of proceedings before William Fairfax and Thomas Strey, justices in assize at York, associated by virtue of the king's writ of *si non omnes*, assigned to William Bulmer and John Ernley; the said John being not expected and William Bulmer being present in person; it was proclaimed on the king's behalf that if anyone should wish to inform the justices or the king's serjeants-at-law or the king's attorney concerning the undermentioned matters, he should come and be heard, concerning which Brian Palmes and William Gleston' appeared for the king; the jurors (not named) saying on oath: that Ralph, late earl of Westmorland, on the day he died did not hold his possessions in co. Durham (listed as in the inquisition taken at Gainford) or any part of them of Henry VII, (f.137v) late king of England, by knight service or otherwise, nor were these possessions ever held thus; that rather the said late earl held the [majority of the] aforesaid castles, lordships, manors and townships, the third part of a manor, forest, messuages, lands, tenements, coalmines, meadow, pasture and vachery, and the watermill, dovecote, reversions, advowsons, and annual rents (listed by name) of Richard, formerly bishop of Durham, by knight service, in right of his bishopric of Durham, and these possessions have been held of the bishop and his predecessors time out of mind by the same service, just as William Bulmer alleged; that the earl held the manor or lordship of Staindrop with its said messuages, lands, tenements, meadow and pasture, the said annual rent of 26s 8d from the lands and tenements of the late Alexander Lylborn' in Shildon, and the patronage of the collegiate church of Staindrop, of the prior of Durham in right of his church of Durham, the manor or lordship having been held of the prior and his predecessors time out of mind by service unknown; that the earl held the reversions of the said 5 tofts, 5 gardens, 8½ acres of land in Gilesgate, of the master of the hospital of Kepier, by service of fealty only, these reversions having been held of the master and his predecessors time out of mind, by this service; that all the aforesaid have been within the bishopric and county of Durham and the jurisdiction and regality thereof between Tyne and Tees time out of mind; that Richard, formerly bishop of Durham, and all his predecessors, in right of their bishopric and regality, have had the wardship of lands, tenements and other hereditaments within the county and bishopric time out of (f.138r) mind, so long as these properties or part thereof are held by knight service; that Richard, formerly bishop of Durham, by his letters patent shown in evidence here in court, granted to William Bulmer, the deceased Roger Laybourn' and their assigns, the wardship of the said properties (listed by name, as above) to their own uses (paying and causing to be paid therefor for their uses all manner of annual rents being held and raised in the said estates, granted or assigned by the said former bishop before the making of the said letters patent) during the minority of Ralph Nevile, kinsman and heir of the said late earl, or until the full age of any other heir should Ralph die before reaching full age, so long as the estates were to remain in the hands of the former bishop or his successors or assigns by reason of minority or otherwise, without any paying any composition or rendering anything else to the said former bishop or his successors, under the description of all and sundry castles, lordships, lands, tenements, rents, services, reversions, knights' fees, advowsons, (f.138v) and all other hereditaments lately belonging to Ralph, earl of Westmorland, deceased, in the

bishopric and county of Durham, which have come or ought to [have] come into the hands of the former bishop after the earl's death by reason of the minority of his heir, and were or ought then to [have] be[en] in the hands of the former bishop, excepting the late earl's lands and tenements in Stotfold, Keverstone and Hunwick, as shown in the said letters patent; that Roger Layborne and William Bulmer were possessed of the foregoing until the same estates were taken into the late king's hands by reason of the inquisition taken at Gainford and are in the present king's hands by reason of the same inquisition; that Roger Laybourn' died in London and William Bulmer outlived him and was possessed of the foregoing until unjustly expelled therefrom by reason of the said inquisition; that Ralph Nevile, now earl of Westmorland, kinsman and heir of the late earl, lives and is twelve years old and more.

[Date: York castle, on or before 30 July 1510]

?Original: DCD 1.11.Spec.55.

f.139r 27 December 1510

[Memorandum of] petition by Peter Swake and Roland Dale, both of Catton, York dioc., who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that they were present when one Richard Horsley of Catton was seized around the feast of St Catherine last before the date of the presents [25 November] and led from his mother's house in Catton to the field of the said township where he received divers wounds in divers parts of his body, to the effusion of blood, from which blows he died within a month following, because of which they are fearful of submitting to the law and being indicted for the said felony.

Witnesses: Cuthbert Marshall', master of the grammar school of the abbey of Durham, and Thomas Hawghton', *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.59 no.cli.

f.139r 5 January 1511

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to John prior and the canons of Guisborough prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which, to their certain knowledge, they have towards their monastery of Durham, as they have long known, giving them in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of their devotion: granting them special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for all of them, present and to come, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after their deaths, once they or their successors have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.139r 5 January 1511

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Richard Stowe, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Marshall', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.139r-v 12 January 1511

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Gye of Westow, by Selby, who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that on 17 May last he stole twenty head of cattle, bullocks and heifers, from the forest of Galtres [N.R. Yorks.] near *Esington'* [ *recte* Easingwold ?], and drove them to the monastery of Bridlington where he sold eighteen of them to the prior, and sold the other two along the way to persons unknown, as he claimed; also for the reason that on 29 November 1509 he stole four heifers in the forest of Galtres and drove them to a township called *Walton' subter le Wald'* [par. Kirkdale, lost ?], York dioc., where he sold them to one Gilbert Gye, he claimed.

Witnesses: John Browne, Thomas Hawghton' and William Bell', *literati* of Durham dioc.  
Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.59 no.clii.

f.139v 19 February 1511

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Geoffrey Wren, B.A., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Fysher', last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.139v 19 February 1511

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Burden', chaplain, in the vicarage of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Patonson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

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f.139v 19 February 1511

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Patenson, M.A., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the death of Mr James Heryson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.139v-140r 18 February 1511

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Thomas Patonson', M.A., vicar of Pittington, appeared in person and made and read the following written

Resignation whereby he, Thomas Patonson', M.A., vicar of Pittington, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; upon which things he asked the notary to produce a public instrument.

Witnesses: John Trollop', gentleman, William Hegehington', and Nicholas Wynter, *literati*, of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: prior's registry, monastery of Durham

f.140r 19 March 1511

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Jakson', B.A., in the vicarage of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Pattonson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.140r 27 May 1511

Letters of institution by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Robert Jakeson', B.A., admitting him to the vicarage of the church of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Pattenson', last vicar thereof, on presentation by the prior and chapter of Durham [the preceding entry], and instituting him therein, with the burden of continual and personal residence, to which Thomas has given the bishop his oath; saving his episcopal dignity and that of his church of Durham.

Under the seal of his consistory court of Durham.

f.140r 27 May 1511

Mandate to induct by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches within Durham dioc. appropriated to him and the convent of Durham, having instituted Robert Jakeson, B.A., in the vicarage of Pittington (as in the preceding entry), instructing him to induct Robert or his proctor, or to cause either to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage.

Under the seal of the consistory court of Durham.

f.140r-v 27 May 1511

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham having lately received a mandate from Thomas, bishop of Durham, to induct Robert Jakeson, B.A., into the vicarage of Pittington (&c, as in the preceding three entries), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, to John Thomson', chaplain, giving him full power in his stead to induct Robert into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.140v 1511

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Batmanson', LL.D., and his wife Margaret, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, as they know more and more each day by experience of their deeds and in particular in difficult business concerning the state and utility of their monastery, such that they should gladly pay them, according to the fondness of their devotion, that which is of their things the best: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.140v 5 July 1511

[Memorandum of] petition by William Ratclyf of Catton, York dioc., who came to the church of Durham and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary of the said church, for the reason that he was present around the feast of St Catherine last before the date of the presents [25 November] when one Richard Horsley of Catton was seized and led from his mother's house in Catton to the field of the said township where he received divers wounds in divers parts of his body, to the effusion of blood, from which blows he died within a month following, because of which he is fearful of submitting to the law.

Witnesses: Peter Swake and Thomas Haughton', *literati*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.60 no.cliv.

f.140v-141r August 1511

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Lancelot Claxton B.Dec., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, giving him in return the reward of goodwill according to the fondness of his devotion: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.141r 12 November 1511

Letters of consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to lady Ann, widow of Richard Lomley, lately lord of Lumley, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which she has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay her that which is of their things the best: admitting her to the spiritual consorority of the chapter and granting her special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for her, just as for their other spiritual sisters, every year for all time after her death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.141r 12 November 1511

Letters of consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Elizabeth, wife of John Rakett, squire, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which she has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to her the return of goodwill: admitting her to the spiritual consorority of the chapter and granting her special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for her, just as for their other spiritual sisters, every year for all time after her death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.141r-v 2 January 1512

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, of his friend and brother Richard Rowthall', for service rendered and to come, as constable of the castle of Durham, to be held by Richard for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking for his fee twenty marks yearly, to be paid at the exchequer of Durham in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter, by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general; along with all other profits, conveniences, customary payments and emoluments belonging to the same office; also granting Richard a gentleman's robe or 13s 4d in name thereof, to be paid or delivered yearly at Christmas; with plenary power and authority to Richard to do all things belonging to the office; also ordering all his officers, ministers, servants and tenants, to assist (&c) Richard and his deputy in the exercise of the office.

Witness: Hugh Asshton', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 August, Pont. 3. [1511]

Dated: Durham

f.141v January 1512

Written oath by Richard Rowthall', constable of the castle of Durham, 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.

Sealed.

f.141v 7 February 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Ralph Wiclyff', squire, and his wife (blank) prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.141v 2 March 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Richard Phillipp' and his wife Agnes, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, fasts, vigils, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.142r 24 March 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by John Bulman' of Blakwell', who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, in the house of one William Bulman' in Ripon, thirteen years previously, he struck one N. Wallez in the chest, on *le wythbone*, with a *le dager*, from which blow the same N. Wallez died within two days.

Witnesses: John Florence, Nicholas Wynter, *literati*, and Thomas Byrez.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.60 no.clv.

f.142r 22 March 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by John Smeton alias Shaw of Bowes, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on the penultimate day of February last, at Bowes, he struck one Richard Cooke on the head with a *le pykstaff* from which blow the same Richard died within two days.

Witnesses: Richard Wyclif' and John Warde, gentlemen, and Thomas Walker'.

22 March 1511/12.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.61 no.clvi.

f.142r 21 April 1512

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, appointing Mr John Underwode, LL.B., advocate of the court of York, Mr Thomas Farne, B.C.&Cn.L., and Robert Chestone, N.P., proctor-general of the court of York, as their proctors, giving them general and special power to appear on behalf of the prior and chapter in the convocation or congregation of clergy [of the province of York] to be held in York minster on Monday, 26 April with continuation of days if need be, before Christopher, cardinal priest of S Praxedis, archbishop of York, or his lieutenant or commissaries, &c, summarizing the proctors' responsibilities.

Dated: Durham

f.142r 26 April 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Robert Athy and his wife Elizabeth, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, fasts, vigils, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.142r-v 28 April 1512

Chirograph contract between Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, and Robert Porret, cantor, witnessing that Robert Porret has been retained and sworn to serve the prior and his successors for the term of his life as follows: to instruct those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputies should assign to him, in playing the organ and singing plain chant and with organ accompaniment, namely *playnsong*, *priknott*, *faburdon*, *dischaunt*, and *countre*; to be present in person, barring legitimate excuse, from beginning to end of the singing at all masses and vespers to be celebrated in the cathedral choir with *priknott*, *faburdon*, and organ-accompanied singing, excepting only commemorations of SS Mary and Cuthbert, at which he will be bound to be present as often as asked when any reasonable cause intervenes, playing the organ if need be and singing the tenor or any other vocal part most suited to him for the aforementioned chants; to be present in person daily, from beginning to end at the masses of St Mary the Virgin to be celebrated *cum nota* in the galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time, unless legitimately excused; each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass, in honour of St Mary and St Cuthbert; although he will be present in person in the choir for the *Salve* every Saturday and at principal feasts and their vigils, on other days and feasts he is not bound to come, except when duly asked to do so by the precentor or his vicegerent for a necessary, reasonable cause; and that the prior and chapter, for themselves and their successors, have granted to Robert Porret for rendering these services £10 to be paid for the term of his life yearly at Lady Day and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks of the prior and chapter and their successors, to be received every Christmas; with Robert having the £10 and cloth from the prior and chapter and their successors at the monastery of Durham for life.

Sealed alternately.

Dated: Durham

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f.142v 2 May 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry Slake, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, at Shoreditch, by London, around the Invention of the Cross twenty-six years before [c. 3 May 1487 by inclusive reckoning], he struck a certain stranger lethally upon the head with a staff called a *pychynstaf*, from which blow the stranger died that day, as he asserted.

Witnesses: Henry Bailye, Thomas Haughton', and James Forster.

2 May 1512.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.61 no.clvii.



f.142v 25 May 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Hilton', squire, and his wife Sibyl prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.143r 15 June 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by William Culyng of Richmond, Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, outwardly with seeming sorrow, for the reason that, because of an assault made upon him by one William Sawthouse of Richmond, as he asserted, he struck the said William lethally in the leg with a *dager*, in self-defence, on Gatherley Moor near *Skebek'* [Skeeby or Skeeby Beck, N.R.Yorks.] on 14 June 1512, from which blow William died that day.

Witnesses: John Nycholson', Robert Bell', masons, and John Rayner.

15 June 1512.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.61 no.clviii.

f.143r 16 August 1512

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, cardinal priest of S Praxedis, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Denys, clerk, in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Wythers, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.143r 15 July 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by Richard Hogeson' {'Atkynson'} of Kyrkby [Kirkby Malzeard ?] par. near Ripon [W.R.Yorks.], who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he owes divers debts to various creditors and, not having the means wherewith he might duly satisfy any of them, he fears arrest, indictment and being put in prison.

Witnesses: Thomas Haughton and Thomas Byrez, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.61-62 no.clix.

f.143r 24 July 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Gybson of Masongill, Thornton in Lonsdale par., [W.R.Yorks.], who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 2 July [1512], because of an assault made upon him by one John Whittington, as he claimed, he struck the said John lethally in the neck with a *daggar*, at a place called *Mortstane* within Thornton par., from which blow John died that day.

Witnesses: Thomas Haughton and Alan Gibson' of York and Durham dioc..

Eve of James the Apostle, namely 24 July 1512.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.62 no.clx.

f.143r-v 10 August, 4 Henry VIII [1512]

Quitclaim by Thomas prior and the convent of the monastery of St Cuthbert, Durham, whereas they have and hold, for themselves and their successors, an annual rent of 20s from a messuage, a garden and three shops in Over Ousegate, York, in which messuage, garden and shops one John Lyncoln', lately a merchant in York, was seized in fee, releasing, for themselves and their successors, for a certain sum of money paid to them by Alice Lyncoln', widow of the said John, in relief of their house, to the said Alice Lyncoln' and to John Lyncoln', son and heir of the said John, their heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, all right and title which they have, had or might have in the said messuage, garden, shops, and annual rent.

Dated: [Durham]

f.143v 16 August 1512

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Hobson, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebendal church of Skipwith [in the collegiate church of Howden], vacant by the resignation of Thomas Clerk', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.143v 16 August 1512

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Lyndley, M.A., prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should give him in return the reward of goodwill according to the fondness of his devotion: admitting him as a brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.143v 1 October 1512

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Marshall, chaplain, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to him the return of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.144r 9 October 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Edward Ratclyff', knight, and (blank) his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill according to the fondness of their devotion: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.144r 11 October 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Lee, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he was present in person on 9 [October 1512], along with others, between the walls of Newcastle upon Tyne and the R. Tyne, below the Tyne bridge, when one John Fresill' struck one William Wright lethally in the back with a *daggar*, between the shoulder blades, from which blow the said William died that day; and because he aided and abetted the said John, the killer, to evade "the hands of circumstances".

Witnesses: John Watson', *literatus*, and James Johnson', layman.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.62 no.clxi.

f.144r-v 17 October 1512

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Burgh', D.Dec., canon and prebendary in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, appeared in person and made, read and carried out everything in the following

Paper schedule whereby he, William Burgh', D.Dec., canon and prebendary in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, wishing to be discharged of the burden and rule of his canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Christopher, cardinal priest of the title of S Praxedis in the Holy Roman Church, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation;

which he held in his hands; upon which things he asked the notary to produce one or more public instruments.

Witnesses: Mr Henry Machell', LL.D., and John Caill', chaplain, of Carlisle dioc.

Notary: Richard Bowier, alias Strelleye, clerk of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in a lower parlour in the dwelling-house of Mr Henry Machell', LL.D., facing York minster.

f.144v 21 October 1512

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Stokesley, chaplain, in the canonry and prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the resignation of Mr William Burgh', D.Dec., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.145r 2 November 1512

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Thomas, earl of Derby, and lady Margaret his consort, by their bedesmen, Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should spiritually give them in return the reward of goodwill according to merits and the fondness of their devotion: admitting them to the spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.145r 13 November 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by John Todd', who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary from John Swalwell', sacrist of Durham, for the reason that on 6 [November 1512], at Richmond, Yorks., he struck one John Raw on the head with a *hallbark*, from which blow and others inflicted there and then on him by other persons the said John Raw died immediately.

Witnesses: Thomas Hawghton', *literatus*, and Thomas Byrez, layman.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.62-63 no.clxii.

f.145r 14 December 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by John Stonez, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on 2 September last, because of an assault made upon him near Pontefract, Yorks., by one Christopher Laver, he lethally struck the said Christopher and nearly cut his head from his body, with the result that Christopher died immediately.

Witnesses: Thomas Fareheir and John Browne.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.63 no.clxiii.

f.145r 17 [?] 1512

[Memorandum of] petition by William Crag, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he, along with others, feloniously stole twenty-five horses and mares near Cave, [E.R.]Yorks., about Midsummer last [24 June 1512]; also that he stole three horses in a certain park near Owreton, by York; for which and for other felonies perpetrated by him he sought immunity.

Witnesses: John Clerk', N.P., and John Heryson'

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.63 no.clxiv.

f.145v 8 January 1513

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Maxson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Ellingham vacant by the death of Richard Davyson, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.145v 11 January 1513

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham having lately received a mandate from Thomas, bishop of Durham, to induct Thomas Maxson', chaplain, into the vicarage of Ellingham (&c, as in and following upon the previous entry), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, to Richard Clerc, vicar of Edlingham, giving him full power in his stead to induct Robert into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.145v 27 January 1513

[Memorandum of] petition by Gerard Pattenson' and Edmund Pattenson', of Barrasford, Chollerton par., Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that Gerard <and Edmund>, because of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, lethally struck one Norman Heron' in the left breast with a lance at Barrasford, in which felony the said Edmund aided and abetted, and from which blow the said Norman died directly.

Witnesses: Archibald Ridley, William Bell' and Thomas Byres.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.63 no.clxv.

f.145v ?1513

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Bulmer the elder, squire, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to him the return of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.145v 4 April 1513

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was granted to Richard, abbot of Winchcombe [Gloucs], Worcester dioc., S.T.P., and to his fellow monks there, in the form of the letter of confraternity to the prior and chapter of Guisborough, as on folio 134 [apparently an error for 143, a folio now numbered 139] preceding.

f.146r 4 April 1513

[Memorandum of] petition by William Gelsthorp' of Leeds, shearman, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, in presence of the notary and witnesses asked John Swalwell', sacrist, for sanctuary, for the reason that, as he claimed: he is in debt to various creditors for certain sums of money and particularly to one Isabel Staynsfelde of *Lotheley* [? Leathley] Otley par.; Isabel has impleaded him in the *curia regis* at Westminster, called the court of Common Pleas, in an action for debt; he does not have the means wherewith he might duly pay his creditors, in particular the said Isabel; and he fears imprisonment for his debts.

Witnesses: John Clerc, N.P., George Rutter and John Snawe, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.64 no.clxvi.

f.146r 8 April 1513

[Memorandum of] petition by Cuthbert Wyn of Garriston, Hauxwell par., [N.R.Yorks.], who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked John Swalwell', sacrist, for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 2 April *inst.*, in the house of one Richard Huchenson, sadler, in Richmond, he struck one Thomas Langedale lethally in the left side of the neck with a dagger, in self-defence, from which blow the said Thomas died within two days.

Witnesses: Nicholas Wynter, William Willy, *literati*, and Richard Garde, layman, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.64 no.clxvii.

f.146r 9 May 1513

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Burgh', D.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the death of Robert Stokysley, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.146r 4 June 1513

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Richardson, M.A., in the vicarage of Heighington, vacant by the death of Mr William Tong, last vicar thereof; saving to them a yearly pension of 53s 4d due of old therefrom to the office of their sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham

f.146r-v 5 June 1513

Collation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Reyde, chaplain, of the chantries of the chapels of St James at the end of the New [i.e. Elvet] bridge, Durham, and of St Andrew upon the said bridge, vacant by the resignation of William Swalwell', chaplain, last warden thereof, on condition that he duly bear the incumbent burdens thereof, in person or through another suitable chaplain, if he be obstructed by legitimate impediment.

Dated: Durham

f.146v 8 July 1513

[Memorandum of] petition by Ralph Gayll' of Redmire, Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked John Swalwell', sacrist, for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 30 June [1513], at the moor commonly called *Smalegill[is]* in Swaledale side, because of an assault made upon him, and in self-defence, he feloniously struck one James Alderson on the head with a sword, inflicting a mortal wound from which the same James died within two days.

Witnesses: Robert Smethers, Henry Paynt[er] and William Dutton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.64-65 no.clxviii.

f.146v 10 August 1513

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Edward Baxter and Alice, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.146v 12 January 1514

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Wensley, M.A., in the vicarage of Merrington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Christopher Werdale, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.147r-148v 7 September 1512

Commission by Thomas Key, LL.B, 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 in the following award: 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 abovewritten 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. [1512]

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.

Under the seal of the bishop of Durham.

Original: DCD Loc.XVIII:90.

f.148v-149r 4 May 1513

Commission and mandate by Thomas Key, LL.B, 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 [VIII], king of England, the prelates and clergy of the province of York, subject to Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, gathered in the chapter-house of York minster in a convocation begun on 26 April 1512 and continued from day to day until 17 January [1513], with unanimous assent granted two whole tenths to the same prince (&c, described in general terms, as in the preceding entry), according to the tenor of the words in the decree or appointment for the collection of the first tenth, lately sent to the prior and convent, and beginning: "We the prelates and clergy" &c ordering them, on pain of canonical distrain, to collect the second of the two tenths in the archdeaconry of Durham and the cathedral church of Durham, according to the form and effect of the said grant of a subsidy, and to keep it at their own risk; with the provision that they pay the whole of the second tenth by Lammas next after the date of the presents [1 August] 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 tenth in the said archdeaconry and cathedral church.

Under the seal of the bishop of Durham.

Dated: Durham

f.149r-150r 2 August 1513

Commission and mandate by Hugh Asheton', B.Dec., vicar-general in spiritualities of Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior and chapter of Durham, since the prelates and clergy of the province of York, lately gathered in a convocation or provincial council held in the chapter-house of York minster between 26 April 1512 and the following 4 February, with unanimous assent granted a subsidy, under certain conditions, to Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, for the use of Henry [VIII], king of England, as in the following award:

Award by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, gathered in York minster in a convocation or provincial council opened on Monday, 26 April 1512 and continued until 4 February [1513], in the chapter house of York minster, with unanimous assent, granting to Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, to the glory of God and for the defence of the English Church, of a subsidy, due at Lammas [1 August] next to come and to be collected, raised and paid to the archbishop or his commissary or commissaries at York minster by Martinmas [11 November] thereafter, for the use of Henry [VIII], king of England, as below:

[1] from all chaplains, regular and secular, exempt and non-exempt, of whatsoever order, status or condition, having annual or trental stipends under 26s 8d per annum, in money, food and drink, or other equivalent things: 12d from those originating under the lordship and obedience of the said king (native) and 2s 6d from others not so originating (non-native); for a stipend of 26s 8d or more, but less than six marks, paying 20d (native) or 3s 6d (non-native); for a stipend of six marks or more, but less than seven marks, paying 2s (native) or 4d 6d (non-native); for a stipend of seven marks or more, but less than eight marks, paying 5s (native) or 12s 6d (non-native); for a stipend of eight marks or more, but less than ten marks, paying 6s 8d (native) or 16s 8d (non-native); for a stipend of ten marks or more, but less than £10, paying 13s 4d (native) or 33s 4d (non-native); and thus increasing *pro rata*, as more fully contained in the grant of this subsidy;

[2] from all churchmen of whatsoever status, rank, order, condition or pre-eminence (non-native), having benefices or dignities of any value and charged with payment of the tenths granted to the king by this convocation: a fourth part of the annual value of their benefices or dignities, over and above the tenths to be paid to the king.

Ordaining: that the collectors of the subsidy have plenary power to give quittance for moneys received to those paying the subsidy and that the collectors be bound to render account of such sums and faithfully to pay these moneys to the archbishop or his commissary in York minster; and that the collectors are to be given quittance for sums paid by the archbishop or his commissary, who should have full power by authority of the present synod or convocation so to do;

also that any collector deputed by any ordinary is to have full authority to coerce, by means of suspension, excommunication, interdict, sequestration, and other remedies of law, those refusing or delaying payment after due warning; exempting from payment of the subsidy: all chaplains and churchmen, regular and secular, exempt and non-exempt, of whatsoever order, status or condition, originating within the lordship and obedience of the king, receiving non-assessed stipends, pensions, annuities, or apportionments ( *assignationes* ) or holding non-assessed chantries, hospitals, free chapels or benefices in the dioceses of Durham and Carlisle, of whatsoever value they be, not charged with payment of the tenths, or any part thereof, granted in this kindly provincial convocation; for which exemption from payment of the subsidy in Durham dioc., the prelates and clergy have granted a half of a tenth to the archdeacon of Durham

for the use of the king, in name of the said subsidy, to be raised and paid according to the manner and dates delimited above, with the undernoted exceptions, from whatsoever benefices and ecclesiastical possessions, spiritual and temporal, temporalities annexed to spiritualities, pensions, and portions, accustomed to pay the tenth, within the archdeaconry of Durham, according to the new extent, or the old extent where the new has not been assessed, excluding entirely the collegiate churches of Lanchester and Chester le Street, and the possessions of the the nunnery of Neasham, because of their well-known impoverishment, from the payment of this half tenth, and likewise excluding the portions in the collegiate church of Auckland. [1512]

enjoining them to collect, raise and receive the said half tenth in name of the subsidy and the said subsidy within the archdeaconry of Durham and in the cathedral church of Durham, according to the force and effect of the aforesaid award; with the provision that they pay the half tenth and subsidy to the archdeacon of Durham or his official or commissary, for the use of the king, by Martinmas next to come in Durham cathedral; committing to them all things in his stead for carrying out the foregoing, with whatsoever power of canonical coercion, and appointing the prior and chapter as collectors of the half tenth and subsidy in the archdeaconry of Durham and the cathedral church of Durham.

Under the seal of his office.

Dated: Northallerton

Another copy of the latter part: DCD Loc.XVIII:58.

f.150r-151v 12 October 1513

Mandate by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham, having, on 10 October 1513 at his manor of Auckland, received 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 in the following award:

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 Sigglesothorne, 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; (&c: the remaining provisions correspond to those copied on f.147v-148v, in the award of tenths incorporated in the commission by Thomas Key to the prior and convent, dated 7 September 1512. The only provision showing a notable difference is that dealing with the invalidity of the award in the event that the prelates and clergy were obliged to defend the kingdom or pay for its defence. The clause is expressed rather more clearly on f.151v than on f.148r.)

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.

Dated: Westminster 11 July, A.R. 5. [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.

Dated: manor of Auckland, 12 October 1513.

Original: DCD Loc.XVIII:89.

f.152r 24 December 1513

Chirograph contract between Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, and Thomas Hashewell', cantor, 24 December 1513.

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccxiii-ccccxiv.

Also (calendared) f.153r below, giving the cantor's name as Ashewell', and with an interlineation concerning the mass of the name of Jesus.

f.152r 27 March 1514

[Memorandum of] petition by John Cloce of Grinton in Swaledale, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, as he claimed, he owes divers sums of money to various creditors and, not having the means wherewith he might readily satisfy any of them, he fears being put in prison and being kept there for non-payment of these sums.

Witnesses: Richard Fairhare and Thomas Hawghton', *literati*, of Durham dioc..

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.65 no.clxix.

f.152r-v 5 May 1514

[Memorandum of] petition by John Apleton of Langthorne in Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 4 May *inst.*, he feloniously struck one Robert Uthwhaite with a dagger, in front of the door of one William Tenaunde, residing in Bedale, Richmondshire, inflicting a mortal wound in the chest, from which the same Robert died at once.

Witnesses: Cuthbert Billyngham, gentleman, and John Turnour, of Durham dioc..

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.65 no.clxx.

f.152v 22 May 1514

[Memorandum of] petition by James Horsley of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 10 December 1510, at Sandhill in Newcastle, because of an assault upon him, as he claimed, by one John Taytte, he feloniously struck the said John Taytte in the right side of his chest with a dagger, inflicting a mortal wound, from which John died at once; for which felony James was seized and arrested by the king's officers or ministers in the town and put in Newgate gaol, from which prison James broke out and escaped; and he asks immunity for the felony and for escaping from gaol.

Witnesses: John Gower, Ellis Kelsay and Thomas Byrez, of Durham dioc..

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.65 no.clxxi.

f.152v 9 June 1514

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Bulmer, knight, and Ann, his wife, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.152v [9 June 1514]

Memorandum that a like letters of confraternity was issued on the same date for Robert Baxter of Newcastle upon Tyne, merchant.

f.152v 23 June 1514

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Christopher, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Heryson', chaplain, in the first vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Thomas Baker', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.153r 24 December 1513

Chirograph contract between Thomas prior and the convent of Durham, and Thomas Ashewell', cantor, witnessing that Thomas Ashewell' has been retained and sworn to serve the prior and his successors for the term of his life as follows: to instruct those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputies should assign to him, in playing the organ and singing plain chant and with organ accompaniment, namely *planesong*, *priknott*, *faburdon'*, *dischant*, *swarenote*, and *countre*, teaching them four times every weekday, namely twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon, unless legitimately impeded; to be present in person, barring legitimate excuse, from beginning to end of the singing at all masses, vespers and *Salve regina* {with masses of the name of Jesus to be celebrated every Friday} to be celebrated in the cathedral choir with *priknote*, *dischaunte*, *faburdon'*, and organ-accompanied singing, playing the organ if need be and singing the tenor or any other vocal part most suited to him for the aforementioned chants, as assigned to him by the precentor or his vicegerent; to be present in person daily, at the masses of St Mary, to be celebrated *cum nota* in the galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time, unless a legitimate and significant matter should impede him; and if such a thing arose, because he would not be able to attend on alternative occasions, to depute in his place another suitable expert; to provide singing [as often as] he should be [forewarned for this purpose] upon the summons of the cathedral precentor or his lieutenant; each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass, or another equivalent work as should seem fit to the prior and precentor, in honour of God, St Mary and St Cuthbert; and that the prior, for himself and his successors, has granted to Thomas Ashewell' for rendering these services £10 to be paid for the term of his life, yearly at Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks to be received every Christmas; with Thomas holding the £10 and the cloth from the prior and his successors at the monastery of Durham for life, to be paid at the said terms so long as Thomas should put the foregoing things into effect in the manner aforesaid; and if he should be debilitated by disease or infirmity such that he might not carry out the foregoing, then he will be content to take five marks yearly from the prior and his successors for the time of his incumbency.

Dated: Durham

Also f.152r above, omitting the interlineation concerning the mass of the name of Jesus and giving the cantor's name as Hashewell'.

The copy on f.152r is printed in: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccxiii-ccccxiv.



f.153r 12 September 1514

[Memorandum of] petition by Arthur Ayray of the town of Kendal, York dioc., shearman, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, about the Decollation of John the Baptist last past [29 August], he entered a fulling mill called *Shept milne*, *Heyrsome* par., York dioc., and took away three pieces of wollen cloth worth 20s; and also for all the debts which he owes to any persons, because he does not have the means wherewith he might satisfy [them] at present, as he claims.

Witnesses: Henry Fatherstanhalgh and Nicholas Swynburn', *literati*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.66 no.clxxii.

f.153r-v 14 September 1514

Appointment by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Robert Strother, monk of Durham, creating him warden, prior and their proctor of the priory or cell of Lytham in Amounderness, vacant by the removal of Richard Tanfeld', monk of Durham, lately warden of Lytham priory, the prior and chapter completely revoking, for a number of reasons, all power granted to Richard therefor; Robert being removable at the will of the prior and chapter and their successors; committing to him the spiritual and temporal custody, stewardship, rule and administration thereof; on condition that the prior and chapter of Durham and their successors be permitted to remove him therefrom at will, with or without cause, and that he be bound yearly to render faithful account to the prior and chapter of the receipts and expenses administered by him; wherefor ordering all over whom they have authority to answer to and obey him as warden and prior of the cell and as their proctor there in respect of all things pertaining to the said cell.

Dated: Durham

f.153v 14 September 1514

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to the archdeacon of Richmond or his vicar in distant parts, of Robert Strother, monk of Durham, since they have appointed him as prior of their cell of Lytham; to be performed for the archdeacon what has hitherto customarily been performed for his predecessors by priors thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.153v 20 September 1514

Proxy by Robert Strother, monk of Durham, appointing Mr John Underwode, B.C.&Cn.L., Mr Robert Cheston', N.P., and Mr George Evers, N.P., as his proctors giving them plenary power to appear on his behalf before the archdeacon of Richmond, his official, his vicar-general in spiritualities, or whomsoever his lieutenant, and excuse and give the cause of his absence, to ask that he be inducted into bodily possession of the priory and to receive induction and possession in his name; to swear upon his soul canonical obedience due to whatsoever person by reason of the cell, and also any other lawful oath due in that regard; to attend synods and other convocations of clergy, and to do all other things necessary to the foregoing or customary therefor; promising to take as approved anything done in the foregoing by his proctors or by any of them.

Under the seal of the office of official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, because his own seal is unknown to many, with subscription in the official's name to this effect.

Dated: Durham

f.153v-154r 9 October 1514

[Notarized] written oath by Robert Strother, monk of Durham, lawfully preferred to the cell of Lytham by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham swearing: that he will not sell, alienate, mortgage, or enfeof the possessions, rights and liberties belonging to the cell, nor give or bind them in any way that might tend to the prejudice of the cell or priory, or to the prior and chapter of Durham; that he will not obtain or attempt anything in person or through another that might tend to be contrary to the liberties, statutes, constitutions, rights or privileges of the cathedral church of Durham or the cell of Lytham; that he will not knowingly contravene or act against, in person or through another, the foundation, ordinances or any other disposition hitherto had, exercised and used by the prior and chapter concerning the said cell.

[With memorandum stating that:] the present schedule was read by Robert Stroder in the chapter house of Durham in presence of Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham. Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., John Forster, chaplain, and Henry Kelinghall', the prior's marshall.

f.154r-v [1494 x 1509]

Letters by Thomas prior and the convent of Durham to Henry VII, king of England, urged by the fervour of the singular devotion, which they perceive he has (&c), such that they should contrive that prayers be poured forth in their church for his success and good fortune (&c) granting him communion and perpetual participation in all masses, orisons, fasts, vigils (&c) which the mercy of the Saviour will deem worthy to be held and carried out by them, their fellow monks to come, and their ministers in the church of Durham; also granting that in any high mass celebrated at the high altar of the church of Durham by any of them or their successors, or any monk, brother, priest or minister, every day during his life, the celebrant will recite and chant *cum nota*, a prayer for the health and safety, prosperity and success of the king, along with a secret and a post-communion (all three prayers recited in full); and that after the king's death the celebrant in any high mass at the high altar of the church of Durham, every day for all time, will recite and say a prayer for the king's soul, along with a secret and a post-communion (all three prayers recited in full); also granting, in any chapter mass held at any altar of the church of Durham by any of them or their successors, or any monk, brother, priest or minister whomsoever, at once after breaking the bread, and then after singing or reading *Per omnia secula seculorum* and before beginning *Pax Domini*, that the celebrant and his assistant ministers and the prostrate choir likewise will say and recite the following psalms and prayers for the health and safety, prosperity and success of the king so long as he might live: namely the psalms *Exaudiat te dominus in die tribulacionis*, &c. and *Domine in virtute tua letabitur rex*, &c with the versicle *Gloria patri*, &c., *Sicut erat*, and with *Kyrie eleeson*, *Christe eleison*, *Kyrie eleison*, *Pater noster*, and *Ave Maria*; the celebrant will next say and the choir will answer, as the custom is, the following (prayers summarized); and granting that after the king's death, in any chapter mass (&c, as during the king's life) the celebrant and his assistant ministers and the prostrate choir likewise will say and recite the following psalms and prayers: namely the psalms *Voce mea* and *De profundis clamavi*, with the versicle *Gloria patri*, *Sicut erat* &c at the end of either psalm, along with *Kyrie eleison* (&c, as above); the celebrant will next say and the choir will answer, as the custom is, the following prayers (summarized);

[Incomplete]

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.cccxci-cccxiii.

f.155r-v 24 November 1514

Mandate by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having received on 23 November the following mandate

Mandate by Thomas, archbishop of York, to Thomas, bishop of Durham, having determined because of certain pressing business (&c) to convene the prelates and clergy of his city, diocese and province, summoning the bishop to attend and ordering him to cite the prior and chapter of Durham, all abbots and priors and others elected, exempt and non-exempt, archdeacons, deans, chapters, convents and colleges, and the whole clergy of the city and diocese of Durham to attend before the archbishop or his lieutenants or commissaries, one or more, in York minster on Monday 22 January next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, the bishop and prelates attending in person, the convents, chapters and colleges attending through single proctors and the clergy of each archdeaconry and jurisdiction attending through two proctors; to discuss, give advice and come to an agreement upon these matters concerning the church of York (&c); intimating to the bishop and, through him, to the said prelates that he does not intend to treat him or them as excused from personal attendance on this occasion, but that he will punish them for contumacy if they should happen to be absent; and requiring the bishop to certify him or his lieutenant or commissaries at the said date and place, in letters patent incorporating the text of the presents, of the date of receipt of the presents, and of what he shall have done in the foregoing, with an attached schedule of the names of those cited.

Dated: Westminster, the archbishop's lodging, 12 November 1514.

summoning the prior to attend the convocation (&c, as set out in the archbishop's mandate) in person and ordering him to cite the chapter to attend through one sufficient proctor; and requiring certification by 14 December, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, of the date of receipt of the presents and of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.155v 2 December 1514

Certification by Thomas, prior of Durham, to Thomas, bishop of Durham, having received on 26 November the mandate by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having received on 23 November the mandate by Thomas, archbishop of York, to Thomas, bishop of Durham, &c [the preceding entry] stating that he has cited the chapter of Durham to attend the convocation (&c, as in the preceding entry) through their proctor, and has thus put his mandate into effect.

Dated: Durham.

f.155v 12 December 1514

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Thystiltwhait of Dent par., York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he, at the persuasion of others, as he claimed, and along with others, under silence of night broke into and entered the house of one John Metkalf at Birk Rigg in Wensleydale about Martinmas last, and seized and took away goods and chattels of the same John Metkalf to the value of 10 marks.

Witnesses: Nicholas Swynburn' and John Jakson', *literati*, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.66 no.clxxiii.

f.155v [12 December 1514]

[Memorandum of] petition by James Emerson', who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he, because of an assault made upon him in the house of one William Ray of Lowick, Northumb., on Monday before St Nicholas last past [4 December] struck one Henry Walker' on the head with a bastard sword, from which blow the said Henry died at once.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and Nicholas Swynburn', *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.66-67 no.clxxiv.

f.156r 26 December 1514

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Henry Laxton' and his wife Joan, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham and their cell of St Leonard, by Stamford, such that they should gladly pay them in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of their devotion, that which is of their things the best: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.156r [26 December 1514]

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity [and consorority] was issued in favour of Richard Aldewodd' and his wife Margaret, in the form preceding, except for the clause "our cell of St Leonard by Stamford", on the aforesaid date.

f.156r 16 January 1515

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Thomas Pattenson, S.T.B., Mr John Underwod, B.C.&Cn.L. and advocate of the court of York, and Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., as their proctors, giving them general and special power to appear and be present on their behalf at the convocation or congregation of clergy to be held in York minster on Monday 22 January (&c, as in the entry on f.155r-v) and to treat with the archbishop of York, his lieutenant or commissaries, and the other prelates and the proctors of clergy of York prov., upon those things which should happen to be set out there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.156r-v 16 January 1515

Proxy by Richard subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Thomas Patenson, S.T.B., Mr John Underwod, advocate of the court of York, Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., and Mr Robert Cheston', proctor-general of the court of York and N.P., as their proctors, giving them general and special power to appear and be present on their behalf at the convocation or congregation of clergy to be held in York minster on Monday 22 January (&c, as in the entry on f.155r-v) and to treat with the archbishop of York, his lieutenant or commissaries, and the other prelates and the proctors of clergy of York prov., upon those things which should happen to be set out there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.156v [January 1515]

Memorandum that on 26 November 1514 a citation to attend the convocation of clergy in York on 22 January, along with the chapter of Durham, was directed to the prior of Durham by the bishop of Durham; this having been received, the prior and chapter appointed proctors according to the tenor of the citation, as appears here in the register and also in Reg.Parv. f.197; these proctors, having been appointed and appearing in the convocation showed the proxy made for the prior and chapter together, which was admitted; but they did not grant anything because the prelates and clergy, as below, asked nothing outside York dioc., &c.; therefore the proxies made severally for the prior and chapter are void.

f.156v-157r [January 1515]

Award by the prelates and clergy of the city, diocese and province of York, gathered in convocation begun on Monday 22 January 1514/15 and continued to 25 January, held by authority of Thomas, archbishop of York (&c) in the chapter house of York minster, of a whole tenth, by way of subsidy, granted unanimously and with a gladsome mind, to be paid as follows: the first half of the tenth to be raised at Lady Day next to come, or at least at the Easter synod thereafter, the second half to be raised at Lammas next to come, or at least at the Michaelmas synod thereafter, and to be collected and paid to the archbishop; making up for the great expenses and various extremely weighty burdens which the archbishop has thus far sustained for the honour of God and the church of York in his translation to the see of York and is soon likely to sustain, in some alleviation of such expenses and burdens from the goods, possessions, benefices, pensions, portions, spiritual and temporal, and from temporalities attached to spiritualities within the city and diocese of York, assessed at the rate of the royal tenth according to the new extent, or to the old where the new has not been assessed, according to the true value of the same possessions and benefices, excepting the possessions and benefices of nuns established within the diocese of York and excluding from this exemption those benefices appropriated to such nuns within the last fifty years; authorizing the archbishop's commissaries in this convocation, in person or through their deputies, to enquire in the city and diocese of York concerning the true value of all benefices not assessed at the royal tenth nor accustomed to pay towards a subsidy for the archbishop, and to assess them for payment of this subsidy alone, according to the effect of this award and the true value of the benefices, of which the extent to be made in this regard will be observed without further inquisition; also granting that any collector of the subsidy or any part thereof, deputed by authority of the archbishop, be able to force, by means of interdict, sequestration or other ecclesiastical censure and penalties, those not paying within a suitable time, refusing to pay or unduly deferring payment, to pay the subsidy or any part thereof.

f.157r 7 March 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by George Robynson' of Berwick upon Tweed, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he, on the last day [28] of February [1515], upon the walls of the town of Berwick, in self-defence, because of an assault made upon him, struck one N. Lynacres in the chest with a dagger, from which blow the said N. Lynacres died that day.

Witnesses: John Wright and George Blythe.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.67 no.clxxv.

f.157r 10 March [?1515]

[Memorandum of] petition by John Hall', who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he, at Lynthalgh', within the territory of Twizell on the water of Blyth, Morpeth par., Northumb., around the Invention of the Cross one year past [c. 3 May 1515 or 1514], because of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, struck one John Waillez on the head with a staff, from which blow the said John died at once.

Witnesses: George Davyson', Antony Thomson', William Hart, and Richard Thomson', of Durham dioc..

10 March 1515/16 [? 1514/15: petitions from March 1515 precede and follow this entry]

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.71 no.cxc.

f.157r 31 March 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by Lionel Robynson' of Barden, Hauxwell par., Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, because of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, and in self-defence, on the penultimate day of March *inst.*, within the territory of Constable Burton, he struck one Edmund Rowthe on the forehead with a *pykitstaff*', from which blow the same Edmund died at once.

Witnesses: Geoffrey Fatherstonhalgh', Henry Fetherstonhalgh', Thomas Prior, mason.

31 March 1515.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.72 no.cxc.

f.157r-v 14 April 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following ordinance, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Ordinance by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Boerius, clerk, since John, wishing, for certain just causes prompting him in this regard, explained by himself and by others on his behalf to the bishop and considered by the bishop, to resign the cure and rule of the hospital of Kepier, has resigned the same hospital into the bishop's hands, the bishop, with the power of assigning to John a pension from the revenues of the hospital having been reserved to him, has accepted his resignation;

and considering John's merits, virtues and learning, and lest, to the disgrace of clerical orders, destitute he be forced to beg or else be in need, with the consent of Mr William Frankeleyn', now warden or master of Kepier, and of the prior and convent of Durham, assigning a yearly pension of £90 from the revenues of Kepier hospital, to be paid by the warden or master of Kepier and his successors to John while he should live, or to his undoubted assign, in equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day, at St Paul's cathedral, London, by the font; with the first payment of £45 to be made at Michaelmas next to come and the second at Lady Day next thereafter; imposing the burden of this pension upon the said hospital during John's life and obliging and ordering William Frankeleyn', master thereof, and through him his successors to pay the £90 to John or his assigns;

and, that the foregoing be inviolably observed, ordaining that William Frankeleyn' and his successors to be instituted in and admitted to the hospital in future swear before the [individual] instituting or admitting, at the time of their institution or admission, that they acknowledge the burden of paying the pension while John should live;

and, lest this ordinance and decree be contravened, willing that express mention of this oath be made in the letters of institution or admission of any future master of the hospital, and that otherwise such admission, collation or institution be invalid; moreover ordaining that if the pension be in arrears in part or in whole, all the revenues of the hospital are to be sequestrated until John or his assigns be satisfied of the sum, along with expenses incurred by him by reason of delay or non-payment; and the bishop deposes his principal official of the time as keeper of the sequestered goods; ordaining that, lest the pension be diminished by a tenth or subsidy for the king, also to be paid out of pensions, that the whole pension be paid by the present master and his successors, notwithstanding the imposition, and that the burden of payment will pertain to the master of the time; and ordaining that, during John's life, any keeper should be obliged, straight away after his admission and before his induction, before the bishop or his successors or whatsoever other admitting him, and in presence of a notary and witnesses, to renounce all remedy, aid and support of plea of exception, supplication, privilege, protection or liberty of law, common or special, canon, civil or of the kingdom, and especially the right to say that [this] general or special renunciation is invalid by which general or special rights the bishop's ordinance might be impeded.

Witnesses: Mr Robert Poyntz, the queen's chancellor, Mr John Sextino, D.C.&Cn.L., and Mr Henry Knyght', gentleman of co. Gloucester.

Dated: his manor-house by Charing Cross, London 29 March 1515

Dated: Durham

f.158r-v 14 April 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following ordinance, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Ordinance by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Boerius, clerk, since John, wishing, for certain just causes prompting him in this regard, explained by himself and by others on his behalf to the bishop and considered by the bishop, to resign the cure and rule of the archdeaconry of Durham, has resigned the same archdeaconry into the bishop's hands, the bishop, with the power of assigning to John a pension from the revenues of the archdeaconry having been reserved to him, has accepted his resignation; (&c, as in the preceding entry) with the consent of Mr William Frankleyn', now archdeacon of Durham, and of the prior and convent of Durham, assigning a yearly pension of £50 from the revenues of the archdeaconry, to be paid by the archdeacon and his successors (&c, under the terms and provisions used in assigning the pension from Kepier hospital, as given in the preceding entry).

Witnesses: Mr Robert Poyntz, the queen's chancellor, Mr John Sextimo, D.C.&Cn.L., and Mr Henry Knyght', gentleman in co. Gloucester.

Dated: his manor-house by Charing Cross, London 29 March 1515

Dated: Durham.

f.158v 14 April 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Robert, abbot of Selby, granting his manor of Wheel Hall by Riccall, Yorks., with all the demesne lands pertaining thereto and his demesne lands, windmill and fishery in Riccall, along with all waifs, strays, warrens, fisheries and other advantages, profits and liberties belonging to the manor; to be held by the abbot and his assigns from Michaelmas last past for the term of forty years; rendering yearly, in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, 106s 8d for the demesne in Riccall, 20s for the mill, and 16s 8d for the fishery, to the bishop and his successors, as paid by Ralph Barton', lately farmer there; and the bishop and his successors will repair and maintain all buildings of the manor, also the dikes, banks, sewers, weirs, sluices and other things belonging to the manor, and the mill, as often as need be and at their own expense during the said term; also granting sufficient trees and wood growing within the precincts of the manor, to be taken for making fencing, enclosures and other necessities within the precincts of the manor as often as need be; providing that the lease will expire if the abbot should die within the term; further providing that, as often as the bishop and his successors pass to the manor during the term and stay there, they will have and occupy all buildings of the manor except for a chamber over the gate leading to the Ouse, and another lower chamber under the said chamber, without rendering anything to the abbot therefor; these chambers will the abbot occupy continuously at will, notwithstanding the presence of the bishop, by reason of this lease.

Sealed alternately, with the bishop appending his great seal to the part retained by the abbot.

Dated: Durham 25 November 1514.

Dated: Durham



f.159r 14 April 1515

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Marshall', M.A., in the provostry of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the natural death of Mr Thomas Bapthorp, last provost thereof, according to the ordinance made thereon { "R. [III] fo. 121" }

Dated: Durham

*Related material in other DUL collections:* Related letter: DCD Loc.XXV:100.

f.159r 14 April 1515

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to John Tyndale, chaplain, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay him in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of his devotion: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.159r-v 29 April 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Ralph Browne, Robert Warke, William Gardyner, Robert Laverok', Leonard Morton', George Thomson', Thomas Bradye, and John Burrell', merchants of the town of Berwick, of the fisheries in the water of Tweed belonging to Norham castle, namely: *Halowe steyll'*, *Tweedmouth steill'*, *Gardo*, *Blakewell'*, *Yareford'*, *Newe water*, *Waltham*, *Wildford'*, *Grenehill'*, and *Pedwell'*; to be held by Ralph, Robert (&c) and John, and their assigns from St Andrew last past for the term of fifteen years; rendering £62 yearly therefor at the exchequer of Durham to the bishop and his successors, to be paid by equal portions at Midsummer (John the Baptist) and Michaelmas; and if the said farm should be in arrears in whole or in part by one month after any feast on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to take the fisheries, or any of them, back into their hands, possess them as originally, dispose of them at will and lease them to others, notwithstanding the present letters.

Witness: William Frankleyn', clerk, keeper of the bishop's great seal.

Dated: Durham 26 April, Pont. 6. [1515]

Dated: Durham

f.159v 29 April 1515

Written oath by Ralph Browne, Robert Warke, William Gardyner, Robert Laveroke, Leonard Morton, George Thomson', Thomas Brady, and John Burrell', merchants of the town of Berwick upon Tweed and farmers of the fisheries in the Tweed belonging to the castle of Norham, 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 unjustly in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through others whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way.

Sealed.

f.159v-160r 26 April 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Thomas Strangweshe, esquire, master porter of Berwick, and William Gardyner of Berwick, merchant, and to their heirs, executors and assigns, granting them his coalmines and pits of Tweedmouth, to be held from Martinmas last past for the term of thirty years, paying yearly therefor to the bishop, his executors or successors in the chancery of Durham, into the hands of his receiver there, £6 13s 4d, by equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas; and Thomas Strangwyshe, William and their heirs, executors and assigns are to work in the said mines and pits after the measure that is worked in the bishop's pits in Gateshead; also granting licence to them to build two salt pans on the Tweed within the bounds of Tweedmouth, not hurting any other person's right or interest in the water or ground; also granting them sufficient wayleave for the carriage of coals, both with wains and with horses, yearly during the term; and Thomas, William, their heirs, executors and assigns, are to work in the said mines and pits after the custom in which such mines and pits have been and ought to be worked.

Sealed alternately, the bishop appending his great seal to the part retained by Thomas, William, their heirs (&c). In English.

Dated: Durham

Dated: Durham

*Language:* Latin; English

f.160r 2 May 1515

Letters of confraternity by John prior and the convent of Mount Grace to Thomas, prior of Durham, and his fellow monks, present and to come, in perpetuity although bound in chains of charity towards all men by an indissoluble knot, they are, however, made debtors to those, above others, whom they find bear them and their order the grace of pious devotion and the confidence of spiritual support; considering, [? repaying] and approving, with a most thankful heart, the singular fondness of the affection with which the prior and monks of Durham favour them, and the fervour of the sincere devotion with which they want piously to be made partners in the prayers of the congregation of Mount Grace; granting them, in life as in death, participation in all masses, orisons, lessons, meditation, contemplation, fasts, abstinences, vigils, disciplines, alms, and other spiritual goods which are to be undertaken by them and their successors in their house henceforward; and adding that, when the death of any monk of Durham should be intimated to the prior and convent of Mount Grace or their successors, an office will be performed for them, with prayers, customary for such participants of theirs.

Dated: Mount Grace

f.160r 16 May 1515

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to John, prior of Mount Grace, and his fellow monks there, although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it however binds them most particularly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; with the merits of their pious devotion, which they know they have towards St Cuthbert and their monastery of Durham, pressing them, granting all of them, present and in perpetuity to come, in life as in death, full participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, and receiving them into their fraternity; with [prayers] for the salvation of their and their successors' souls in the monastery and its cells, just as for their other spiritual brethren, when the death of any of them or of their successors has been notified to the prior and chapter of Durham.

Dated: Durham

f.160r 16 May 1515

Collation by Richard Caly, S.T.P., subprior of Durham, with the consent and will of the convent of Durham, to John Thomson', chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Pitlington, vacant by the death of John Huchenson', last chaplain thereof, and because of impoverishment of the revenues of the said chantry, Thomas, prior of Durham, has granted an annual rent of 40s from certain lands and tenements of Hawthorn assigned to a chaplain at the altar of St Katherine in the church of Pitlington, until the revenues of St Mary's chantry should so grow that they suffice for the maintenance of a chaplain; willing therefore that he celebrate for the souls of the founders of the chantries for four days in the week at St Mary's altar and for three days in the week at St Katherine's altar; and besides, should he be found not to have fulfilled the foregoing, that the subprior and his successors are to be allowed to remove John without judicial formality and replace him at will.

Dated: Durham

f.160v 2 June 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by Francis Warde, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 26 May last past, at West Rayns in the territory of Nappa, Richmondshire, because of an assault made upon him, he struck one William Walker of Nappa on various parts of his body with a staff called a *pyket staff*, from which beating the same William died within ten days.

Witnesses: John Alenson of Durham, Thomas Milner of Brompton (by Northallerton), and John Staynforth' of [North]allerton.

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f.160v 8 August 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by William Erington', who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he took away a horse from the goods and chattels (blank) at (blank) on (blank) two years past.

Witnesses: William Rawe of Durham and Richard Stobb[es].

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.67 no.clxxvii.

f.160v 9 August 1515

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Antony Heron', chaplain, in the church of Meldon, vacant by the resignation of John Lambe, chaplain, last rector thereof. Dated: Durham

f.160v-161r 2 August 1515

Notarial instrument recording that John Lambe, chaplain, rector of Meldon, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, John Lambe, chaplain, rector of Meldon, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: William Walshe, curate of the chapel of St Hilda the Virgin, Robert Elyson', curate of the parish church of Jarrow, and Edward Eltringeham, chaplains of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the great [? chamber] of the cell of Jarrow

f.161r 11 August 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Waldegrave of the office of bailiff of the borough of Darlington, also appointing him thereto, the office to be held by Richard for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, in the same manner as any other held the office before this time, taking 100s yearly by the hands of the receiver of the bishop's farmers and tenants of Darlington, in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, wages, profits, advantages, and easements belonging to the same office, as taken by any other in the office before this time; ordering all and sundry his officers, tenants, and other persons whomsoever in the county and bishopric of Durham ministers to be of assistance (&c) to Richard or his deputy or deputies in all things concerning the exercise of his office.

Witness: Hugh Assheton', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 July, Pont. 4. [1512]

Dated: Durham

f.161r 12 August 1515

Written oath by Richard Waldegrave, bailiff 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 unjustly in their liberties, jurisdictions, customs, goods or possessions, nor to say or do anything in person or through others whereby they might sustain damage or be losers in any way. Sealed.

f.161v 11 August 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Christopher, bishop of Durham, of his servant Thomas Banke as coroner of the ward of Stockton, the office to be held by Thomas for the term of his life; provided that Thomas render reasonable yearly account to the bishop in his exchequer of Durham, before his auditors, of all the moneys and receipts coming into his hands by reason of the office aforesaid, and answer to the bishop therefor; taking from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages used and wont to the office, to be paid by the hands of the receiver of the exchequer of Durham or by his own hands yearly at Michaelmas and to be allowed to him, along with all other profits, advantages and emoluments belonging to the office; giving Thomas plenary power and authority to do all things appertaining to the office; and ordering all his bailiffs, officers and tenants of the said ward to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas in the execution of the office.

Witness: Hugh Assheton', the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 December, Pont. 5. [1513]

Dated: Durham

f.161v 12 August 1515

Written oath by Thomas Banke, coroner of Stockton ward 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 unjustly 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. Sealed.

f.161v 14 August 1515

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Frankeleyn', archdeacon of Durham, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay him the return of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, for all times to come after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.162r 14 August 1515

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Tempest, squire, and his wife Elizabeth, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay them in return the reward of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.162r 19 August 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Huchenson' of Haydon Bridge, Northumb., husbandman, and Robert Huchenson', his son, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that Thomas, as accessory, and Robert, as principal, struck one Matthew Heryson' at Haydon Bridge, and Robert gave Matthew a mortal wound in the right breast with a lance, commonly called a *lancestaf*, from which blow Matthew died at once; for which felony, with great sadness of heart, they asked immunity.

Witnesses: John Hacforth', rector of Durham South Bailey, John Huchenson', master of the abbey grammar school, John Clerke, N.P.

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f.162r 5 September 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by (blank) Colt of Alnwick, Northumb., *shemaker*, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on (blank) 1515, he broke out of Newgate gaol *in opido* of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, along with others incarcerated there, and escaped; and he asks immunity since he fears facing temporal law for escaping from gaol.

Witnesses: Thomas Byres, Thomas Haughton', Thomas Martyn.

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f.162r 9 September [1515]

[Memorandum of] petition by Roland Hall' of Marley (on the Hill), Whickham par., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, because of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, he struck one Thomas Heryson' of Whickham with a sword, on the feast of St Mary's Nativity [8 September] in *Clace Yate* in the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, inflicting a fatal wound in the belly, from which blow Thomas died that day; for which felony, with great sadness of heart, they asked immunity.

Witnesses: John Halle of Durham, draper, William Raw, and Thomas Byres, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.68-69 no.clxxx.

f.162v 10 September 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by William Barker of York, *flesher*, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he owes divers debts to various persons, not having the means wherewith he might readily satisfy any of them as he ought, and fearing being put in prison for these debts.

Witnesses: John Marneduke, chaplain, and John Clerk, N.P.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.69 no.clxxxi.

f.162v 11 September 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by William Bukton' of Ayton in Pickering Lythe, [N.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 26 August [1515], at Hackness, near Scarborough, he struck one John Colson' in the head with a dagger commonly called a *hynger*, from which the same John died within four days following.

Witnesses: Antony Smyth', gentleman, John Clerk, N.P., and George Davyson', layman, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.69 no.clxxxii.

f.162v 28 September 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by John Richardson' of Kendal, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, as he claimed, he owes divers sums of money to various persons, not having the means wherewith he might readily satisfy any of them as he ought and fearing being put in prison for these debts.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and John Adthe.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.69 no.clxxxiii.

f.162v 10 September 1515

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr John Bryme, clerk, in the canonry and prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Mr Robert Kentt, last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: Durham

*Related material in other DUL collections:* Related letter: DCD Loc.XXV:151.

f.163r 3 October 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by James Cook of Kirby (on the) Hill in Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 8 September [1515], at *Crakberylez* in the lordship of Ravensworth, he struck one Oliver Messenger on the head with a staff commonly called a *pyket staff*, from which blow the same Oliver died within four days following; for which felony, with great sadness of heart, he asked immunity.

Witnesses: Christopher Scoyne, master of masons, Henry Fetherstonhauigh, *literatus*, and Thomas Martyn, layman, of Durham dioc.

3 October 1515.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.69-70 no.clxxxiv.

f.163r 5 October 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Hellard' of Ruston' on the Wold [? Ruston Parva, E.R.Yorks.] who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on the eve of John the Baptist [23 June] last past, he struck one Nicholas Daniell' with an arrow, but he does not know for certain in which part of the body; from which felony the same Nicholas died.

Witnesses: Thomas Ashwell', cantor of the monastery, Thomas Haughton' and Hugh Robynson'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.70 no.clxxxv.

f.163r 5 November 1515

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry Thirlekelt of Lazonby, Cumberland, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 21 October last past, at Lazonby, he struck one William Nyxson' in the chest with a *dager*, from which blow the same William died at once.

Witnesses: Richard Bellacis, gentleman, Henry Fetherstonhalgh', *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.70 no.clxxxvi.

f.163r 8 November 1515

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Edward Kellet, D.Dec., Mr John Chepman', Mr Robert Cheston', Mr William Wright' the elder, and Brian Werysdale, N.P.s and proctors-general of the consistory court of York, [as their proctors] "as shown in the form of proxy on folio 83 [now fol. 81] of this book" and "with all clauses contained in the same proxy".

f.163r-v 10 December 1515

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, of his servant Christopher Broune as clerk of the bishop's steward at all halmote courts in the bishopric of Durham and in Bedlingtonshire, committing to him all things to be done which appertain to the office of clerk of the halmote courts of the bishopric; holding the office for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking 66s 8d yearly in the office, to be paid to him by the hands of the receiver-general of the exchequer of Durham at the terms of Easter and Michaelmas, by equal portions, along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the office, in such form as taken by any other occupying the office before this time.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', clerk, keeper of the bishop's great seal.

Dated: Durham 16 January, Pont. 5. [1514]

Dated: Durham

f.163v 24 December 1515

Written oath by Christopher Broune, clerk of the steward of the bishopric of Durham, in the same terms as the oath on f.161v.

Sealed.

Dated: Durham

f.163v-164r 19 December 1515

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Richard Caly, M.A., in the vicarage of Ruddington, vacant by the death of Robert Cawmbell', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.164r

{*folium vacans inter folium 167 et folium 168* (cancelled) 164}

(This appears in the top right-hand corner of f.164 (formerly 167). There is no blank folio here.)



f.164r 22 December 1515

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Godson', clerk, rector of Holtby, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, Richard Godson', clerk, rector of Holtby, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure and rule of his church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

written in a paper schedule.

Witnesses: Mr Thomas Watir, N.P., and Brian Lewty, N.P., of Lincoln and Durham dioc.

Notary: George Evers, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in a certain lower chamber belonging to Mr John Milde within the college of parsons of York minster, within the close thereof

f.164v 1515

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Clay, chaplain, in the church of Holtby, vacant by the resignation of William [Richard in the preceding entry] Godson', last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.164v 8 February 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Grymeshaw of Bispham in Amounderness, All Saints par., York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 24 January [1515/16] in the township of Poulton[-le-Fylde] in Amounderness, near Kirkham, he struck one George Sandyforth' upon the head with a staff called a *pyket staff*, from which blow the same George died within four days.

Witnesses: Leo Elmeden', Richard Catlynson', *literatus*, John Clerk, N.P., of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.70-71 no.clxxxvii.

f.164v 11 February 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by John Collyn of Reeth, Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that, on 3 February [1515/16], he struck one Thomas Busser in the neck with a *dager*, from which blow the same Thomas died within five days.

Witnesses: Christopher Smyth', John Flecher and Thomas Haughton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.71 no.clxxxviii.

f.164v-165r 16 February 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by William Beke of the town of Kendal, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he owes divers sums of money to various persons and does not at present have the means wherewith he might readily satisfy any of them as he ought, and fears being put in prison for these debts; nevertheless, William gave his oath to repay the debts if God should furnish him with worldly goods.

Witnesses: William March, resident in Darlington, and William Bell', [N.]P.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.71 no.clxxxix.

f.165r-v 4 March 1516

Mandate by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the prior of Durham having lately received the following citation

Citation by Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, to Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, having most lately received the following writ Writ by Henry [VIII], king of England, to Thomas, archbishop of York, because of difficult and pressing business concerning the king, the security and defence of the English Church, the peace (&c) of his kingdom and his subjects, instructing the archbishop to cause the bishops, deans and priors of cathedral churches, abbots, priors and others elected, exempt and non-exempt, archdeacons, chapters, convents, colleges and the whole of the clergy of his province to be convened, with all convenient speed, to appear before the archbishop in York minster or elsewhere and discuss the foregoing and other matters which will be set before them.

[Approximately one line of text has been omitted by the copyist between *exponentur* and *omittatis*, f.165r line 22; cf. Reg. V f.35r lines 44-45.]

Witness: the king.

Dated: Westminster 4 January, A.R. 7. [1516]

summoning the bishop to attend and ordering him to cite the prior and chapter of Durham, all abbots and priors and others elected, exempt and non-exempt, archdeacons, deans, chapters, convents and colleges, and the whole clergy of the city and diocese of Durham to attend before the archbishop or his lieutenants or commissaries, one or more, in York minster on Wednesday 9 April next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, the bishop and prelates attending in person, the convents, chapters and colleges attending through sundry single proctors and the clergy of each archdeaconry attending through two proctors; to discuss, give advice and come to an agreement upon the business set before them; intimating to the bishop and, through him, to the said prelates that he does not intend to treat him or them as excused from personal attendance on this occasion, but that he will punish them for contumacy if they should happen to be absent; and requiring certification, directed to himself or to his commissaries at the said date and place, from the bishop in letters patent incorporating the text of the presents, of the date of receipt of the presents, and of what he shall have done in the foregoing, with an attached schedule of the names of those cited.

Dated: his lodging near Westminster 24 January 1516

summoning the prior to attend the convocation (&c, as set out in the archbishop's mandate) in person and ordering him to cite the chapter to attend through one sufficient proctor; and requiring certification by 1 April, in letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents, of the date of receipt of the presents and of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.165v 5 April 1516

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Edward Kellett, D.Dec., Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., Mr John Chepman' and Mr Robert Cheston', N.P.s, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate on their behalf in the coming convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to be held in York minster on 9 April, with continuation of days and places if need be, before Thomas, archbishop of York, or his deputed commissaries, one or more, to treat with the other prelates and clergy of the province upon those things to be ordained there (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.165v 17 May 1516

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Philip Underwode, monk of the London Charterhouse, although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it binds them nevertheless more particularly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; with the merits of his pious devotion, which, as they accept from letters and trustworthy report, they know he has towards St Cuthbert and their monastery of Durham, pressing them, granting him, in life as in death, full participation in all masses, orisons, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, and receiving him into their fraternity; with prayers in the monastery and its cells for the salvation of his soul, every year for all time, just as for their other spiritual brethren, when his death (when his soul will have been freed from the prison of his body) should be notified to the prior and chapter.

Dated: Durham

f.166r 18 May 1516

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Compton', knight, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best: admitting him to the spiritual brotherhood of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.166r 11 June 1516

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Geoffrey Wren', chaplain of King Henry VIII and clerk of the king's closet, &c, in the same terms as the preceding entry.

Dated: Durham

f.166r 8 July 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by George Watson of Belsay, Northumb., husbandman, and his sons Robert Watson and John Watson, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, all asked for sanctuary, with Robert seeking sanctuary as principal [in the following], for the reason that, on Wednesday before Midsummer Day (John the Baptist) last [18 June 1516], George and John were present at Ingoe Crag within the territory of the township of Ingoe, Northumb., and gave assistance to Robert Watson when he struck one John Story in the head with a spear, from which blow the said John Story died within sixteen days.

Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., William Robynson of Durham, fletcher, and John Harberhouse of Durham, armourer.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.72 no.cxcii.

f.166r-v 5 September 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by Edward Arandale, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on Midsummer Day (John the Baptist) [24 June] two years past, within the territory of the township of Grinton in Swaledale, he struck one Thomas Galloway with a dagger, commonly called a *dagger*, in the left leg, from which blow the same Thomas died within one day thereafter. Witnesses: Mr Thomas Cottes, clerk, John Clerk, N.P., and George Cottes, layman. Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.72-73 no.cxciii.

f.166v 8 September 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by John Couper and James Couper of Angerton, Hartburn par., Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that John Couper, on the feast of Oswine last past [20 August], by and outside the cemetery of the church of Hartburn, as a result of an assault made upon them by one John Lambe, struck John Lambe in the chest, on the right side of his body, with a spear, from which blow the same John Lambe died within one day thereafter; with John Couper seeking sanctuary as perpetrator and James seeking sanctuary as accessory.

Witnesses: William Raw, Thomas Sanderson, William Eleson, and William Langton of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.73 no.cxciv.

f.166v 15 November 1516

[Memorandum of] petition by George Machell' of Torpenhow, Carlisle dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that at two years past, in the township of Torpenhow aforesaid, by reason of an assault made upon him, and in self-defence, struck one Richard Smyth' in the leg with a spear, commonly called a *lancesta'*, from which blow the same Richard died the next day.

Witnesses: William Spynke, William Hogeson, and Hugh Knekstob', of Durham and Carlisle dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.73 no.cxcv.

f.166v-167r 11 December 1516

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Aston' of the office or keepership of the park of Franklin, by Durham, with *Midilwode* and *Ryton'* and its other appurtenances, appointing him warden or parker thereof, to be held by Thomas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking from the bishop and his successors the wages and fees used and wont to the said office, to be paid by the hands of the receiver-general of the bishop's exchequer of Durham, yearly at the terms of Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with all other fees, profits, advantages, customary payments, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the said office, in the same form and as freely and wholly as taken by John Rakett, last parker thereof, or by any other in the said office before this time.

Dated: London, in his manor-house by Charing Cross 12 May, Pont. (consecration) 7. [1516]

Dated: Durham

f.167r 20 January 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Edward Fenwek, chaplain, in the church of Meldon, vacant by the death of Antony Heron', chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.167r 2 March 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by George Yong' of Angerton, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on 6 February [1517] he struck one Robert Cooke of Bolam, Northumb., with an instrument called a *dager*, from which blow the same Robert died that day.

Witnesses: John Jakeson', chaplain, John Atkynson, *literatus*, and Roger Mayre, layman, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.73-74 no.cxcvi.

f.167r-v 22 March 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Cole, chaplain, in the vicarage of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Robert Clerk, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.167v 6 February 1517

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Clerk, vicar of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and made and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, Robert Clerk, vicar of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to produce one or more public instruments upon the foregoing.

Witnesses: Henry Gedlyng, chaplain, and Robert Rich', clerk, of York dioc.

Notary: Thomas Lililow, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (opening of eschatocol recited).

Done: in a certain chapel of St Nicholas situated within Lincoln cathedral

f.167v-168r 30 March 1517

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Swynburn' of Chopwell of the corn tithes within the parishes and chapels ( *capellellas* ) of Stamfordham, to be held by John and his assigns from St Cuthbert in March last past for the term of ten years; rendering £26 13s 4d yearly therefor to the bishop or his successors at the exchequer of Durham, to be paid at the feasts of Cuthbert in September and Cuthbert in March by equal portions; and if this sum or any part thereof should be in arrears in whole or in part for one month after any feast on which it ought to be paid, then it is to be allowed to the bishop or his successors to take the tithes back into their hands and have them as originally, notwithstanding the aforesaid things; and John and his assigns are to bear all ordinary burdens appertaining to the tithes during the said term.

Witness: William Franklyn, clerk, the bishop's treasurer.

Dated: Durham 28 March 1517

Dated: Durham

f.168r 10 April 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Edward Horsley of Scrainwood, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on 2 April [1517], at Gorfen [Letch], between the townships of Morpeth and [Long]horsley, he struck one Christopher Claveryng of *Calyle* [Callaly ?] upon the head and other parts of his body with a sword, from which blows the same Christopher died that day.

Witnesses: Ralph Ratclyff, William Rakett, and William Raw, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.74 no.cxcvii.

f.168r 10 April 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Horsley of [Long]horsley, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on 2 April [1517], at Gorfen [Letch] aforesaid, he struck one John Carr' of Hetton, Northumb., {in various parts of his body} with divers instruments, namely a sword and a *dager*, from which blows the same John Carr' died on the said 10 [April].

"Witnesses abovesaid" [Ralph Ratclyff, William Rakett, and William Raw, of York and Durham dioc.]

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.74 no.cxcviii.

f.168r-v 8 March 1517

Letters of confraternity by Elizabeth abbess, John confessor-general, and the congregation of sisters and brethren of the monastery of Syon, London dioc., to Thomas, S.T.P., prior of Durham, and his fellow monks.

Monastery of Syon, 8 March 1516/7.

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccxv-ccccxvi.

Original DCD Loc.I:27.

f.168v 10 May 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Cokrell' of Westerdale near the forest of Danby, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked Robert Heryngton, cathedral sacrist, for sanctuary: for the reason that on 2 May inst., on the moor of Westerdale called Shaw, because of an assault upon him, as he asserted, by one Christopher Richardson, alias Rowland', he struck the said Christopher in the left side of his neck with a dagger, from which blow the same Christopher died within ten days; and sanctuary was granted to him by the sacrist.

Witnesses: Thomas Dawson, rector of Durham St Mary in North Bailey, Ralph Gray and Andrew Rewilley, *literati*, and William Burrell' of Durham, shoemaker.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.74-75 no.cxcix.

f.168v 24 May 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by John Heron' and Clement Ledyll' of Warkworth, who came in person to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, as a result of an assault made upon them on 22 May inst., by Robert Wylson, Henry Wylson, Robert Smyth', and Edward Arnald', at Warkworth aforesaid, by the castle there, John Heron' struck the said Robert Wylson in the belly and other parts of the body with a dagger, from which blows Robert died on the same day; John Heron' seeking sanctuary as principal perpetrator and Clement seeking sanctuary for abetting in this homicide, even though he inflicted no wound, as he claimed.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., William Heron' and Henry Fetherstonhalgh', *literati*, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.75 no.cc.

f.168v 7 June 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Braythwayt of Preston, Wensley par., York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that on 1 June [1517], by the park of Middleham, Yorks., as a result of an assault made upon him, as he claimed, he struck one Robert Hillery of Preston on the head with a staff called a *pyktstaff*, from which blow the same Robert died within a short space of time.

Witnesses: William Meryngton, William Langton' and Thomas Merton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.75 no.cci.

f.168v 7 June 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by John Smyth' of Stanton, [Long]horsley par., Northumb., and Robert Smyth' of the same place, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on Thursday, 4 June inst., John Smyth', as principal, as a result of an assault made upon him, and in self-defence, struck one William Lawson of Stanton in the upper right arm with a dagger, and Robert, as accessory, struck the same William, though without inflicting a wound, as he claimed; from which blow with a dagger William died on the following Saturday.

Witnesses: Simon Eleson, James Turnbull and John Scott.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.75-76 no.cci.

f.169r 13 June 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Henry Dey, alias Johnson', who came to Durham cathedral and asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes certain moneys to various creditors and does not have the means wherewith he might readily satisfy them; also he received and gave lodging in his residence ( *hospitium* ) in the township of *Knoll* [? Knowle], Hampton [? in Arden, or another] par., Warwicks., to certain persons who broke into a house, belonging to a man unknown to him, in the township of Elfford [or Elsford], Warwicks., around All Saints, five years ago [c. 1 November 1512 or perhaps 1513 by inclusive reckoning]; and fearing being put in prison and undergoing the law for the unpaid debts and the felony.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and William Marche of Darlington, *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.75-76 no.cci.

f.169r 14 June 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Richardson', who came to Durham cathedral and asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes divers debts to various creditors, and in particular to one Richard Gybson of Pontefract, tanner; believing that he does not have the means wherewith he might satisfy them as he ought and fearing that he might be put in prison for these debts.

(Witnesses' names omitted)

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.76 no.cci.



f.169r-v 10 June 1517

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Seton', vicar-choral of York minster, sufficiently-empowered proctor, as was clear to the notary, of Mr Alan Percy, vicar of Giggleswick, appeared in person and made, read and carried out the following written Resignation whereby he, Thomas Seton', vicar-choral of York minster and lawfully-constituted proctor of Mr Alan Percy, vicar of Giggleswick, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, contained in a paper schedule which he held in his hands;

Witnesses: John Luinnesdaill' and Michael Stavlay, chaplains of York dioc., specially called to the foregoing on the part of the aforesaid proctor.

Notary: William Wright'. clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority (eschatocol recited, recording that the instrument was written by another and approving an erasure).

Done: in York minster, by the tomb of St William

f.169v 19 June 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Newton', M.A., in the vicarage of Giggleswick, vacant by the resignation of Mr Alan Percy, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.169v-170r 17 June 1517

Proxy by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Cauthorne, S.T.P., Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., and Mr Hugh Whithede, S.T.P., Mr Edward Kellett, D.Dec., Henry Thew, S.T.B., Richard Denand', S.T.B., Edward Hynemars, S.T.B., and Christopher Willye, S.T.B., Richard Heryngton' and John Halywell', monks of Durham, Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., and Mr Thomas Farne, B.C.&Cn.L.; Mr Robert Cheston', N.P., Mr John Chepman', N.P., and Mr Brian Werydale, N.P., proctors-general of the court of York, as their proctors, short of cancelling the appointment of existing proctors; giving them special power and special and general mandate to appear and act (responsibilities listed) for the prior and chapter in all causes, pleas, controversies, lawsuits, and business, concerning the prior and chapter, their monastery, college in the university of Oxford, cells, appropriated churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, initiated or to be initiated by whomsoever their adversaries against the prior and chapter, their monastery, college (&c) before whatsoever judges, ordinary, delegate or subdelegate, and their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, at whatsoever dates and places; and to appear on behalf of the prior and chapter (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations, and other convocations.

Dated: Durham

f.170r-v 9 July 1517

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Robert Wensley, M.A., as he claimed, and vicar of Merrington, as he also claimed, appeared in person and read the following written Resignation whereby he, Robert Wensley, M.A., vicar of Merrington, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; by reason of a yearly pension of twenty marks to be assigned to him from the revenues of the vicarage by the bishop or his vicar-general, as contained in a sheet of paper which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to produce one or more public instruments upon the foregoing.

Witnesses: Thomas Manne, chaplain, and Thomas Payse.

Notary: William Blythman', clerk of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, noting that the instrument is in his own handwriting).

Done: in the choir of the chapel of St Thomas the Martyr upon the bridge of Newcastle upon Tyne

f.170v 11 July 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Christopher Barnes, M.A., in the vicarage of Merrington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Wensley, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.170v 14 July 1517

Mandate to induct by Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., vicar-general in spiritualities and chief official to Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Thomas, prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches within Durham dioc. appropriated to him and the convent of Durham, or to whomsoever his official, having instituted Mr Christopher Barnes, M.A., in the vicarage of Kirk Merrington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Robert Wensley, last incumbent thereof, as appears more fully in his letters drawn up thereon, instructing the prior to induct Mr Christopher or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage; requiring certification, if [? when] asked, as to what he shall have done in the foregoing, when the presents are returned.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.171r 4 August 1517

Memorandum that Mr Jocelyn Percy, Mr Robert Brudenell', and Geoffrey Proctour the elder were admitted to the confraternity of the chapter, according to the form of a like letter granted to William Bulmer, squire, as appears on f.149 [now 145] of this book.

f.171r 23 August 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Lyon, chaplain, in the church of Biscathorpe vacant by the resignation of John Walesby, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.171r 6 August 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Edward Browne, M.A., in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Makerell, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.171r 6 August [1517]

Memorandum that Robert Jakson', B.A., was admitted to the confraternity of the chapter, according to the form of a like letter granted to John Tyndall, as appears on f.[159r] of this [book].

f.171r 4 August 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Simon Lumbert of Kilburn, [N.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on Friday, 31 July [1517], in the field of Kilburn, as a result of an assault made upon [him], he struck one Robert Fuster with a dagger under the right breast, from which blow Robert died at once.

Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., and Nicholas Bulloke, of York dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.77 no.ccvi.

f.171r 4 August 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Archibald Reveley of Fowberry, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was present when Lawrence Beill', George Reveley, John Reveley, and William Reveley, slew Thomas Reveley and Thomas Boynde at Wandon, in the territory of Fowberry, on St James, 25 July 1517; also for aiding and abetting the killers.

Witnesses: Henry Kelynghall', Lionel Elmelden' and Ralph Byllingham, gentlemen.

4 August 1517.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.77 no.ccvii.

f.171v 16 August 1517

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Edward Kelett, D.Dec., in a canonry in the collegiate church of Howden, and in the prebend of Skipwith therein, vacant by the death of John Hyon, last canon and prebendary thereof; saving a yearly pension of 13s 4d due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: Durham.

f.171v 18 August 1517

Notarial instrument recording that John Walisby, rector of Biscathorpe, as he claimed, present in person, wishing, on account of old age and bodily feebleness, and a restriction of his tongue, to the extent that he cannot pronounce words comprehensible to the understanding of anyone else, he cannot administer the sacraments in due form, say the canonical hours, or read the protocol of his resignation, and for certain other reasons manifoldly moving his heart and his conscience, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his said church, in the best manner he could, resigned his church of Biscathorpe into the hands of William, bishop of Lincoln, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, by uttering an oral statement; not led by fraud or guile or any manner of trickery but in hope of a yearly pension, to be assigned by the ordinary for John's maintenance in his old age.

Witnesses: John Lyon and Robert Benson', chaplains, and Robert Walisby, *literatus*.

Notary: Henry Sappcottes, clerk of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the parish church of *Biscathorpe*

f.171v 27 September 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Helme of Northwich, Ches., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, at Tranmere, Ches., on the eve of the Assumption last [14 August 1517], as a result of an assault made upon him by one Griffith Anvell and in self-defence, as he claimed, he struck the same Griffith, inflicting a mortal wound in the belly with a dagger, from which blow Griffith died within seven days following; also for debts which Robert owes to various persons, not having the means wherewith he might satisfy them as obliged.

Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., and William Langton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.77 no.ccviii.

f.171v 29 September 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by John Kechyng of Wanwood, Alston par., [Cumb.] Durham dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, around St Leonard the year past [6 November 1516], he took away a cow and a calf from the goods and chattels of Ambrose Crakynthropp', gentleman in Westmorland.

Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., "&c".

29 September 1517.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.78 no.ccix.

f.172-173

[The next two folios appear to have been bound out of sequence, although neither the current nor the former foliation suggest that this is so.]

f.172r 2 June 1519

(The last eight lines, crossed out, of an entry begun on a missing folio. It is a copy of an inspeximus by the prior and chapter confirming letters by Richard Fox, bishop of Durham. The full text is given on f.179v.)

< [Date] Durham, 21 August, Trans. 7 [1501]. for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham and the free farm of 12d from the lands and tenements of Lintz, used and wont of old to the prior and chapter and their monastery, in all things.

Dated: Durham, 2 June 1519.> {'Void'}

f.172r 2 June 1519

Letters of confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Richard [Fox], bishop of Winchester, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay him that which is of their things the best: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, fasts, orisons, preaching (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for him, just as for their other spiritual brethren, every year for all time after his death, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.172r 1 July 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Ingram Colson, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was present in person in the township of Haltwhistle about Candlemas [2 February 1517 or, by inclusive reckoning, perhaps 1518] two years past, when one George Craw was struck in the belly with a spear called a *lancestaff* by a man unknown to Ingram, as he claimed, from which blow the same George died within ten days following; fearing, although he was not the culprit, that he would be put in prison due to the ill-will of his enemies.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and Peter Steley, *litteratus*, of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.82 no.ccxxi.

f.172r 7 July 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by George Byrkett of Staindrop, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, due to an assault upon him around St Bartholomew, fifteen years past [24 August 1504 or 1505] at Gressingham near Hornby Castle, Lancs, he struck one John Hogeson', son of Robert Hogeson' of Eskrigge by Gressingham, with a staff upon the head, from which blow the same John Hogeson' died within three days following.

Witnesses: Lawrence Tolleur, Richard Blountt, and Henry Colynwod'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.82 no.ccxxii.

f.172r 8 July 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Edward Donne of Heugh, Stamfordham par., Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, on the eve of Peter and Paul last past [28 June 1519], in the township of Heugh aforesaid, due to an assault made upon him, he struck one John Cooke in the body with a spear, from which blow the same John Hogeson' died within eight days following.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and William Langton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.82 no.ccxxiii.

f.172r-v 22 July 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by William Ridley of Coastley in the franchise of Hexham, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was present in person in the town of Hexham, on the Translation of Thomas the Martyr [7 July 1518] one year past, when one Robert Eryngton of Fallowfield, in the franchise of Hexham, was struck in the body near the heart with a spear, from which blow the same Robert died at once; and, moreover, the same William Ridley struck the same Robert in the left side of his chest with an arrow called a *brode arrowe*, by reason of which blood issued, though not resulting in Robert's death.

Witnesses: John Ogle, squire, John Mylner and Nicholas Wardell'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.83 no.ccxxiv. Also f.179r below.

f.172v 3 August 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by John Hogeson', John Man [whose name, as originally entered in the text, though not in the caption, appears to have been shortened by the erasure of two or three letters] and Robert Hoton of Rock, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, around St Benedict [? 21 March] 1519, between Embleton and Newton[-by-the-Sea], they slew one Edward Weytman with two spears.

Witnesses: Christopher Skoyne, mason, and Cuthbert Hoppyn, *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.84-85 no.ccxxx.

f.172v 14 August 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Ley, chaplain, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was collecting certain money rents of the earl of Derby, instead of and by authority of one Henry Shereman, chaplain, one of the earl's receivers of rents, of which rents he collected £58 which, after receipt and collection of the sum and on his journey to the earl, he lost by reason of a misfortune; because of this the same Thomas Ley fears being put in gaol and being kept there until [the earl] should be satisfied of the £58, and he asked for sanctuary until he might readily satisfy the earl, or any receiver of his in his name, of the sum.

Witnesses: John Pewter, chaplain, John Clerk, N.P., and John Forster, chaplain.

In addition the said Thomas sought sanctuary because he took away twenty marks of the goods of the said earl of Derby.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.85 no.ccxxxi.

f.172v 17 August 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Calvert of [North] Stainley, Ripon par., York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, by reason of an assault made upon him on 7 August 1519, in a street in Ripon by the monastery, he struck one John Luter, servant of one Mr Malyerye, knight, in the left breast with a *dager*, from which blow the said John died at once.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., Lawrence Tollez.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.85-86 no.ccxxxii.

f.172v-173r 28 August 1519

[Memorandum] of petition by Robert Tenaunt, who came to Durham cathedral on 28 August 1519 and asked for sanctuary: to safeguard his life and safeguard his body from imprisonment, in view of the danger he is in from the earl of Northumberland, for declaration of accounts, for which he answered to Mr Palmys, master stable surveyor of the earl of Northumberland, Walter Wadland, auditor, William Worme, gentleman usher, and other servants of the earl of Northumberland, who had been sent to Ripon to examine him in the presence of Mr Newman', president of the chapter of Ripon, that if the earl of Northumberland would have the [account] books delivered to him in the sanctuary [? of Ripon] he would complete them as quickly as possible and declare account within the sanctuary; and if he were then found to be in debt to the earl he would either pay the same or find surety, or, if unable to find surety, he would submit to the earl; to which the master surveyor asked how long he would need for this, and Robert said that he could set no day, but that it would be as soon as possible.

Witnesses: Mr Cuthbert Conyers, Thomas Dowson' and John Clerke.

*Language:* English

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.86 no.ccxxxiii.

f.173r 31 August 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Watson' of Bassington, near Hulne Park, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he received and harboured certain cattle or beasts which had been stolen in that district, for which he feared facing the law, and to safeguard himself from imprisonment for this felony.

Witnesses: George Watson', chaplain, and Richard Robynson'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.86-87 no.ccxxxiv.

f.173r-v 1 September 1519

Mandate by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia across the Tiber, archbishop of York, papal legate, chancellor of England, and legate *a latere* of pope Leo X, to the prior of Durham ordering him to appear in person on the morrow of Martinmas [12 November] at the archbishop's house near Westminster to discuss the reform of religious houses with the archbishop or his commissary and with other heads of houses; pope Leo X having empowered first the archbishop and Laurence Campeggio, cardinals and legates *a latere* by a bull dated at St Peter's, Rome, 11 Kal. September [22 August] 1518, and then the archbishop alone, by a bull dated at St Peter's, Rome, 4 Id. June [10 June] 1519, to hold visitations of all religious houses in England, either in person or by deputies; requiring certification to the archbishop or his commissary by SS Simon and Jude [28 October] of the date of receipt of the presents and as to what he has ordered to be done in the foregoing.

Dated: Westminster, the archbishop's house

f.174r 10 November 1517

[Memorandum of] petition by George Reweley, John Reweley, and William Reweley, of Horton, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, at Wandon in the territory of Fowberry, Northumb., about James the Apostle [25 July] 1517, they slew Thomas Reweley and Thomas Bonde, with spears, swords and other weapons.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., Richard Kay, *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.78 no.ccx.

f.174r-v 1 December 1517

Notarial instrument recording that Christopher Willye, S.T.B., monk of Durham, lawfully-constituted proctor-general of the prior and chapter of Durham, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written

Appeal whereby he, Christopher Willye, 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, archiepiscopal, episcopal, or any other, 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, on behalf of the prior and chapter (&c), 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 appeal anew in the event of a new grievance, and to notify those concerned regarding a suitable time and place therefor, which he held in his hands; and that Christopher asked the notary to reduce the foregoing into a public instrument for him, one or more copies as need be.

Witnesses: Henry Kelynghall' and Lionel Elmeden', gentlemen *literati* of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the registry within the monastery of Durham.

f.174v 17 December 1517

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Blaxton', squire, and his consort Ann, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham



f.174v-175r 17 December 1517

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Swynburn' of Chopwell of all corn tithes within the parish and chapels of Stamfordham, to be held by John and his assigns from Cuthbert in March [20 March] for the term of twenty-one years, rendering yearly therefor £26 13s 4d to the bishop and his successors at their exchequer of Durham, to be paid in equal portions at Cuthbert in September [4 September] and Cuthbert in March; and if it should happen that the said sum or part thereof be in arrears for one month after any feast on which it ought to be paid, it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to take the tithes back into their hands and possess them as originally, notwithstanding the presents; and John and his assigns are to bear all ordinary burdens belonging to the said tithes during the said term.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 14 December, Pont. 9. [1517]

Dated: Durham.

f.175r-v 6 March 1518

Letters of consorority and confraternity by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to Elizabeth, abbess, John, confessor-general, and the whole congregation of sisters and brethren of the monastery of Syon, (extensive preamble explaining why they're being admitted), gladly receiving them, both present and to come, into the embraces of the confraternity and consorority of the chapter of Durham; also, of one accord, granting that Elizabeth, John and the congregation become participants in all spiritual resources, namely masses, orisons, vigils, alms (&c) which divine benevolence will see fit to bring about through the prior and chapter in their monastery and its dependent houses; and, when they should be informed that any of the brethren or sisters of Syon has died, they will bestow upon the deceased the same spiritual benefits which they are accustomed to give to their own fellow monks.

Dated: Durham

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccxvii-ccccxviii.

f.175v 6 March 1518

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Edmund Skarlett, bailiff of [North]allerton, of five bovates of the *Newlande*, three and a half bovates of the *Oldeland*, the *Wyndmylneflat*, the *Northlees*, the *Mothilcloce*, the *Mylneflat*, the *Ryeflat* and the *Frerecloce*, all in the town and fields of [North]allerton; to be held by Edmund and his assigns from Martinmas next for the term of forty years; paying therefor yearly to the bishop and his successors, to the receiver or his deputy at the exchequer of [North]allerton, at the accustomed terms, as follows: the five bovates of *Newland'* @ 10s 4½d = 51s 10½d; the three and a half bovates of the *Old' land'* @ 7s 10½d = 27s 6¾d; 8s for the *Wyndmylneflat*; 22s for the *Ryeflat*; 20s for the *Frerecloce*; [other payments omitted:] = £9 3s 9¼d; also of the reversion of two bovates of the half land within the township and field of Brompton after the death or *leyfyng* [? leaving] of William Artes, the present farmer thereof, for the same term, paying yearly therefor to the bishop as aforesaid what is now paid by the said William Artes; and if the farm of £9 3s 9¼d or the farm of the two bovates, once Edmund should have possession thereof, be unpaid in whole or part for forty days after any date on which it ought to be paid, it shall be lawful to the bishop and his successors to distrain in the said lands and to lead, drive and carry away distresses taken there and keep them until satisfied of the arrears. In English. Sealed alternately, with the bishop using his great seal.

Dated: Durham 20 September 1517

Dated: Durham

Language: Latin; English

f.176r 8 May 1518

[Memorandum of] petition by John Matson' of Swineshead ( *Swynsyd* ), Lincoln dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, in self-defence, because of an assault made upon him on 26 April 1518 at *Stayngate* near the town of Stamford, Lincoln dioc., by two men unknown to him, as he claimed, he wounded the men in various parts of their bodies with a sword and left them there in peril of death; on account of which, although in self-defence, he fears facing the law; also (added after the names of the witnesses) asking sanctuary because he has a horse and 40s cash from the goods of one Blaise Holande, gentleman, of Swineshead par.

Witnesses: Thomas Hawghton, *literatus*, John Nicholson and Peter Sceley, masons, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.78 no.ccxi.

f.176r 25 May 1518

[Memorandum of] petition by George Osmotherlaw of Holme Cultram, Cumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, as he claimed, at Wheyrigg in Bromfield par., Carlisle dioc., on Thursday 13 May inst., he struck one John Watson' with a *dager* in the left side of his body, under the arm, from which blow the said John died at once.

Witnesses: John Clerke, N.P., and William Heron', gentleman.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.79 no.ccxi.

f.176r 27 May [1518]

[Memorandum of] petition by John Stokow of Nunbush, par. Newbrough [? Newburn] in Tynedale, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, on the Invention of the Cross in the year past [3 May 1517], at Nunbush aforesaid, he struck one Robert Ordeley with a *dager* in his right shoulder, inflicting a mortal wound from which Robert died at once.

Witnesses: Richard Gibson' and Thomas Hawghton'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.79 no.ccxiii.

f.176r 15 June 1518

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Massy of Waverton, Lichfield dioc., Nicholas Leythfoyte of Bromell', par. [Great] Barrow, Randal Flecher alias Richardson of Tarvin and Richard Keyrfote of Hatton', par. Warton', in the same dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, around SS Peter and Paul four years past, at Huntington Park, Ches., they were present and aided and abetted one Thomas Mulnesse when he struck one Thomas Huchen' alias Parkar, parker of the park of Huntington, on the head with a staff called a *crabtrestaff*, from which blow the said Thomas Huchen alias Parkar died within three weeks; seeking sanctuary because they fear facing the law as accessories.

Witnesses: John Nicholson' and William Huchenson', masons.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.79-80 no.ccxiv.

f.176r-v 10 July 1518

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham to William Euere, knight, and his consort Isabel, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should pay back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.176v 4 August 1518

[Memorandum of] petition by Miles Brodley, of Bradford, [W.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary (with great sadness of heart): for the reason that, at the town of Bradford on 28 May 1518, he struck one William Smyth' of Manningham, par. Bradford, on the head with a staff, in self-defence as he claims, from which blow William Smyth' died the next day.

Witnesses: John Forster, chaplain, John Johnson', William Leygh', and William Gallon', of York and Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.80 no.ccxv.

f.176v 4 October 1518

Notarial instrument recording that John Denys, canon of Howden collegiate church and prebendary of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the said church, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, John Denys, canon of Howden collegiate church and prebendary of Saltmarshe, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of his canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. in paper schedule.

Witnesses: Mr Thomas Farne, B.C.&Cn.L., Thomas Frankleyn and John Jakson, of Lincoln and Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: registry of the prior of Durham

f.177r 5 October 1518

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Frankleyn, B.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of John Denys, last canon and prebendary thereof; {and offering their consent that a suitable yearly pension from the revenues of the canonry and prebend be assigned by the archbishop's ordinary authority for the maintenance of the said John Denys during his life}.

Dated: Durham

f.177r 20 September 1518

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Atkynson of Tynemouth, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, around the Exaltation of the Holy Rood last past [14 September 1518], within the territory of the township of Tynemouth, he struck one Roland Den on the head with a staff, from which blow the same Roland died within ten days.

Witnesses: John Browne, Alexander Loksmyth' and Robert Wilkynson', of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.80 no.ccxvi.

f.177r 11 February 1518

Memorandum that Thomas Dawson, chaplain, was admitted to the confraternity of the chapter of Durham, in common form: 11 February 1518.

f.177r 21 October 1522

[Memorandum of] petition by Roger Tempest of Bradford par., [W.R.] Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, at Brighouse on 21 April 1518, he struck one Thomas Longley, of [? Kirk] Heaton par., on the shin with a sword, from which blow the same Thomas died the next day.

Witnesses: Thomas Sanderson', chaplain, Henry Fetherstonhalgh', and John Bukley.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.89, no. ccxliii

f.177r 18 December 1523

[Memorandum of] petition by Ellis Awston' of *Mitton* par., York dioc., [? Great Mitton, W.R., ? Myton on Swale, N.R.Yorks.] who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, on 14 December in the previous year, in the par. of Mitton aforesaid, he struck on Edmund Swynherst' in the thigh with a daker, from which blow the same Edmund died within two days.

Witnesses: William Bernard' and Robert Whitehed, of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.90 no.ccxlvii.

f.177v 21 February 1519

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Isabel Claxton', widow, and her son Ralph Claxton of a messuage called Woodhouse or Woodhouse *cloce*, lying near North [Bishop] Auckland; a close there called Woodhouse *cloce*; another close there called *lez Brakkes*, containing an estimated sixty acres of land, with meadow, lying near West Auckland; a close called *Bisshopcloce*, lying near the township of Byers [Green], by North Auckland; with all common pastures and other advantages and profits belonging thereto of old, to as great an extent as any farmer or tenant has had the said messuage and closes before this time; to be held by Isabel, Ralph and their assigns from the Invention of the Holy Rood next to come [3 May 1519] for the term of forty years; rendering eight pounds yearly for the messuage, Woodhouse *cloce* and *Brakkez*, and eight pounds for *Bisshopcloce*, to be paid in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham; and, if this farm of sixteen pounds should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for forty days after any date on which it ought to be paid, it shall be lawful to the bishop and his successors to enter and distrain upon the messuage and closes, and take away and retain distresses until satisfied of the farm and arrears thereof; and, if the farm of sixteen pounds should be in arrears, in whole or in part, for a quarter of a year after any date on which it ought to be paid, and insufficient distress for the farm might be found in the messuage and closes, then it shall be lawful to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the messuage and closes, to possess them as originally, and to remove Isabel, Ralph and their assigns therefrom, notwithstanding the present indenture.

With warranty clause.

And Isabel, Ralph and their assigns will repair and maintain all houses and buildings of the messuage and closes, and the hedges and dikes around the closes of the same messuage at their own expense during the said term, and leave them in good repair at the end of the term; except that the bishop and his successors will supply large timber during the said term to Isabel, Ralph and their assigns for the buildings, the timber to be felled and carried at the expense of Isabel and Ralph.

Sealed alternately.

Dated: Durham 10 December, Pont. 10, 10 Henry VIII. [1518]

Dated: Durham

f.178r 21 February 1519

Written oath by Ralph Claxton', gentleman, farmer of a messuage called Woodhouse Close near North [Bishop] Auckland, swearing to be of good will and faithful to the prior and chapter of Durham, to bring them no injury, annoyance or harm, never to disturb them unjustly 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.

Sealed.

f.178r 19 November 1518

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Roland Tempest, squire, in consideration of his good and acceptable service, rendered and to be rendered, of the manor or grange of Coundon, near Bishop Auckland, and also all the lands and tenements, meadows, woods and pastures in Coundon formerly in the tenure of James Yote; to be held by Roland and his assigns from the Invention of the Holy Rood next to come [3 May 1518] for the term of sixty years;

rendering £24 yearly therefor, to be paid in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham; also doing, paying and meeting all other burdens and customs of old used and wont from the same manor, as James Yote was accustomed to do before this time; and, if there be a failure in payment of the said £24 or any part thereof for two months after any feast on which it ought to be paid, and if insufficient distress for the arrears might be found in the manor or grange (&c), then it shall be lawful to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the manor and grange (&c), to remove Roland and his assigns therefrom, and to possess the manor and grange (&c) and keep them as originally, notwithstanding the present letters patent; and Roland and his assigns will maintain all existing houses and buildings of the manor or grange at their own expense during the said term, and leave them in good repair at the end of the term; since express mention of the true yearly value of the same lands, tenements or any of them, or certainty thereof, is not made, or notwithstanding any statute, act, ordinance, case, cause or matter.

Witness: William Frankeleyne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 April, Pont. 9. [1518]

Dated: Durham

f.178r-v 26 February 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Antony Savage of *Hanley*, Worcester dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was present in person along with others at a place called *Croselande*, Gloucs, about Easter two years past [c.12 April 1517], with one John Savage the younger, knight, aiding and abetting, when one John Pawnsfoitt was slain by the servants of the said John Savage.

Witnesses: Peter Barnard' and Thomas Hawghton', *literati*, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.80 no.ccxvii.

f.178v 22 March 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Antony Heron of Warkworth, gentleman, and Robert Gray of Warkworth, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that they were present in person at a place {called Bilton Moor}, Lesbury par., 5 March inst., when one George Mayll of Warkworth, because of an assault made upon him, struck one Alan Elder upon the left arm and the left shin with a sword, from which blow[s] the said Alan died within twenty-five days. Witnesses: Lionel Elmeden', Robert Selby and Robert Emerson, of Durham dioc. Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.81 no.ccxviii.

f.178v 31 March 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by George Mayll' of Warkworth, Northumb., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, at Bilton Moor, Lesbury par., on 5 March inst., because of an assault made upon him, he struck one Alan Elder upon the left arm and the left shin with a sword, from which blow[s] the said Alan died within twenty-three days. Witnesses: William Heron' and William Langton', of Durham dioc. Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.81 no.ccxix.

f.178v-179r 20 April 1519

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Stevynson', chaplain, proctor, as it appeared, of John Yonge, rector of Kimblesworth, as he claimed, appeared in person, showed his proxy, evidently fortified with the sign and subscription of one Thomas Read, N.P., and made, read and interposed, and carried out the other things contained in the following written

Resignation whereby he, Robert Stevynson, chaplain, sufficiently-constituted proctor of John Yonge, chaplain, rector of the church of Kimblesworth, having general power and special mandate to resign the said church, understanding that John Yonge wished, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the same church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving a suitable pension from the revenues of the said church, to be assigned by authority of the bishop, as in a sheet of paper schedule which he was holding in his hands.

Witnesses: John Swayne, William Powter and John Milnason', chaplains.

Notary: William Blythman', of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: the dwelling-house of one James Blunt, par. Durham St Nicholas

f.179r 21 April 1519

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Christopher Bluntte, chaplain, in the church of Kimblesworth vacant by the resignation of John Yonge, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.179r 30 May 1519

Presentation by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Farehare, LL.D., in the church of [Kirby] Sigston vacant by the resignation of Ralph Snyder, last rector thereof; saving the yearly pension due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: Durham

f.179r 30 May 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Matthew Sadler of par. Aysgarth in Bishopdale [N.R.Yorks.] who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he was present in person within the territory of [West] Burton, par. Aysgarth, during Lent four years past, when one Michael Sadler struck one Henry Sadler on the head with a stone, from which blow the same Henry died within two days; and seeking immunity for his presence there and for the assistance given by him.

Witnesses: John Clerk, N.P., and Robert Burges, *literatus*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.81 no.ccxx.

f.179r 22 July 1519

[Memorandum] of sanctuary petition of William Ridley, 22 July 1519.

Also (fully calendared) f.172r-v above.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.83 no.ccxxv.



f.179v 2 June 1519

Inspeximus by Thomas prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following ordinance and grant

Ordinance by Richard, bishop of Durham, to enhance the rendering of divine service to God, wishing six boys, under the title of choristers, to serve God in divine service in perpetuity in the collegiate church of Bishop Auckland, with the other ministers there, the boys to be maintained in victuals and clothing by the the dean there, and having been notified that the revenues [appertaining] to the decanal dignity of Auckland collegiate church and the dean thereof do not now suffice for the burdens incumbent thereon and will, most likely, be unable to suffice in future, and that the prebendaries dwelling in places outside the collegiate church, seeking not what is Christ's but what is their own, are not resident in the collegiate church, he suppresses, by his ordinary authority, the vacant canonry and prebend of Escomb in Auckland collegiate church, its offices, dependencies, names, qualities, and statutes and ordinances whatsoever, applying, assigning and appropriating all structures, buildings and goods thereof and liberties attached thereto, sometime granted by Antony and Thomas, bishops of Durham, or others in whatsoever manner, (wishing the tenor of which [grants] to be taken as sufficiently expressed here as if they were inserted word for word in the presents) to the deanery of the collegiate church and to Mr William Thomson, S.T.B., present dean thereof, on his petition, and to his successors as dean, for all time, for the maintenance of the six choristers in food, clothing and other necessities by the said present dean and his successors; providing that the number of vicars in the collegiate church and their stipends are in no wise reduced by reason of the suppression of the said canonry and prebend, but that Mr William and his successors, deans of Auckland, maintain a suitable vicar in the stall of old belonging to the said canonry and prebend, [that] he be present to sing the daily hours, processions and masses, in habit of the appearance of the other vicars or deacons, 6 November 1500

Grant by letters patent by Richard, bishop of Durham, to William Thomson, dean of the collegiate church of Auckland, and his successors, of those lands, tenements, rents, reversions, and services in Fishburn which came or ought to come into the bishop's hands, by reason of royal prerogative, because one Walter Laurence, born in the kingdom of Scotland outside the fealty of the king of England, acquired them for himself and his heirs from William Fysheburn', as appears by an inquisition taken before the bishop's escheator and returned to the bishop in his chancery; to be held by William Thomson, dean, and his successors in perpetuity, in increase of the support of six boy choristers resident and celebrating in the said college, for all time; also those lands, tenements, rents and services in Lintz which came or ought to come into the bishop's hands as escheat, because one Robert Sotheron', who held them of the bishop in chief was outlawed on a charge concerning the death of one John Pacok, as appears by another inquisition taken before the bishop's escheator and likewise returned to the bishop in his chancery; to be held by William, dean, and his successors in pure and perpetual alms, in increase of the support of six boy choristers, resident and celebrating in the said college, for all time; also of all and sundry those lands and tenements in Beal, in the liberty of Norham and Norhamshire, which the bishop lately acquired from John Todd', to be held by William, dean, and his successors in pure and perpetual alms, in increase of the support of six boy choristers, resident and celebrating in the said college, for all time; notwithstanding either the Statute of Mortmain or any other statute, act, ordinance or restriction issued to the contrary, since express mention of the true yearly

value or any certainty of the lands and tenements and others aforesaid is not made at present.

Witness: Roger Layburn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 21 August, Trans. 7. [1501]

for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham, and a free farm of 12d issuing from the lands and tenements in Lintz, used and wont to the prior and chapter of old.

Dated: Durham

f.180r 28 October 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Miles Wryghtson' [Wright in the margin] of *Homescales* [? Holmescales, Westmorland] of par. Burton-in-Kendal [Westmorland] and William Grenehode [later given as Greynehed] of the same township, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on St Wilfrid's eve last [11 October 1519, or possibly 23 April, the eve of Wilfrid's translation], at a place called Preston', par. Burton aforesaid, because of an assault made upon them, Miles, as principal, and William, as accessory, struck one Oliver Syll on the head with a staff called a *swarestaffe*, from which blow the same Oliver died within nine days.

Witnesses: John Clarke and Cuthbert Strother.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.83-84 no.ccxxvi.

f.180r 27 October 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by William Mullens of Bellesforth, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, having been put in prison in the city of York for stealing a horse of the goods of one Robert Lache of Bellesforth, Lincs, about Whitsun in the year past [c.23 May 1518], he escaped from the same prison; seeking immunity for the escape and the felony.

Witnesses: John Clarke, N.P., and Cuthbert Strother.

27 October 1509 [ *recte* 1519].

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.84 no.ccxxvii.

f.180r 31 October 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by William Milner of Leeds, [W.R.]Yorks., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that, at Leeds on 21 October inst., he stole £5 10s of the goods of one William Tottey of Leeds.

Witnesses: Henry Fetherstonehaugh' and Cuthbert Strother, *literati*.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.84 no.ccxxviii.

f.180r 20 November 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Dampport of par. St Mary, Beverley, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on St Bartholomew last [24 August], in a street in Beverley, because of an assault made upon him, he struck one Hugh Westow in the left side of his body with a sword, from which blow the same Hugh died at once.

Witnesses: John Howytson and Peter Bernarde, of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.84 no.ccxxix.

f.180r 8 December 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Humfrey Watson of par. [Great] Ayton, in Cleveland, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on St Leonard's eve last [5 November], in the township of ( *Caud* [i.e. Cold]) Ingleby [Barwick], because of an assault made upon him, he struck one William Thornton' in the right side of his neck with a *dager*, from which blow the same William died at once.

Witnesses: John Blewit, John Couper and William Borow, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.87 no.ccxxxv.

f.180r 14 December 1419

[Memorandum of] petition by Robert Jackson' of Topcliffe [N.R.Yorks.], York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes various debts to divers persons and, not having the means wherewith he might make satisfaction, he fears being indicted or put in prison for non payment or for other offences or felonies perpetrated by him.

Witnesses: Richard Coumyn' and Robert Bell, of Durham dioc.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.87 no.ccxxxvi.

f.180r 25 August 1521

[Memorandum of] petition by Christopher Gibson of Gilling, Richmondshire, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that about St Mary's Assumption last [15 August], at Gilling, because of an assault made upon him, he struck one Henry Jhonson on the head with a certain staff, from which blow the same Henry died within five days.

Witnesses: Thomas Harper and John Huchynson.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.88 no.ccxxxix.

f.180v 22 December 1519

[Memorandum of] petition by Miles Stubs of Ripon, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes various debts to divers persons and, not having the means wherewith he might make satisfaction, he fears being indicted or put in prison for non payment or for other offences or felonies perpetrated by him.

Witnesses: James Hyen' [? Hynde, as in the next entry] and Cuthbert Stroher.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.87 no.ccxxxvii.

f.180v 19 August 1521

[Memorandum of] petition by John Wilkynson of Beverley, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes various debts to divers persons in London and York and, not having the means wherewith he might make satisfaction, he fears being indicted or put in prison for non payment.

Witnesses: James Hynde and Bernard Holyn.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.87-88 no.ccxxxviii.

f.180v 30 June 1522

[Memorandum of] petition by James Knols of Ripon, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that he owes a certain debt to John Middilton of Ripon and, not having the means wherewith he might make satisfaction, he fears being indicted or put in prison for non payment.

Witnesses: John Clerke, M.Med. ( *in medicis magister* ), and William Bernard'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.88 no.ccxl.

f.180v 10 September 1522

[Memorandum of] petition by George Hogsone, of par. *Thissilworth* [? Isleworth], Middlesex, who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that on 28 July [1522], he stole £40 of the goods of one Richard Sutton of par. *Thissilworth*.

Witnesses: Richard Commyng', Matthew Spark and George Davyson.

(with the next below)

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.88 no.ccxli.

f.180v [10 September 1522]

[Memorandum of] notarized oath by the aforesaid George [Hogsone] who, touching the gospels, acknowledged in presence of the notary and witness that he had privily had £200 of the goods of the abovementioned Richard Sutton' and promised to satisfy Richard or his executors or assigns when he could.

Witness: Henry Fatherstonhalgh', *literatus*.

Notary: John Clerke, N.P.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.88-89 no.ccxlii.

f.180v 23 July 1523

[Memorandum of] petition by Thomas Hexham of Topcliffe, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that about St Margaret the virgin six years past [c.20 July 1517 or 1518], in a meadow belonging to John Grene, gentleman, by the mill of Topcliffe, because of an assault made upon him, he struck one John Smyth' in the left shoulder with a dagger, from which blow the same John died at once.

Witnesses: Thomas Byres and John Blyth'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.89-90 no.ccxliv.

f.180v 10 September 1524

[Memorandum of] petition by Randolf Chylders of par. Mitton, Lancs., York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary: for the reason that about St Peter's Chains [1 August] in a certain meadow near Morton, because of an assault made upon him, he struck one James Rede on the head with a staff called a *pykestaff*, from which blow the same James died at once.

Witnesses: Richard Comyng and Robert Werdall'.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.90 no.ccxlvii.

f.181r-v 28 November 1519

Proxy by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, the priorate being vacant, appointing Mr William Cawthorne, S.T.P., prior of Finchale, Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., almoner, and Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., terrar, Robert Stroder', prior of Holy Island, Edmund More, third prior, Richard Heryngton, communar, John Swalwell', sacrist, Thomas Barnes, bursar, John Haliwell', chancellor, Christopher Wylly, S.T.B., chamberlain, Mr Christopher Werdall', B.C.&Cn.L., all monks of Durham, as their proctors, short of cancelling the appointment of existing proctors; giving them special power and special and general mandate to appear and act, responsibilities listed, for the prior and chapter in all causes, pleas, controversies, lawsuits, and business, concerning any of them, their monastery, college in the university of Oxford, cells, appropriated churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, initiated or to be initiated by whomsoever their adversaries against the prior and chapter, their monastery, college (&c) before whatsoever judges, ordinary or delegate, having whatsoever jurisdiction, or their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others, having whatsoever jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, at whatsoever dates and places; and to appear on behalf of the prior and chapter (&c) in synods, consistories, councils, visitations, elections, chapters, congregations, and other convocations.

Dated: Durham

f.181v St Andrew's eve [29 November 1519]

Letter {to the bishop of Durham} from his bedesmen, Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, since they have been left without a head and ruler by the death of their late prior, and lest the bishop's cathedral and regular church should suffer because of this vacancy, informing him that they have sent him letters of petition [the following entry] under their common seal, with Thomas Swalwell' and Hugh Whythede, doctors, asking him for licence to elect a new prior, according to the customary manner used in like cases, in which letters they beseech him to perform all things necessary for the election, as his predecessors have done, and that he might grant his letters commissial containing his power and licence for the election.

Dated: Durham.

*Language:* English

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839), p.ccccxix-ccccxx.

f.181v 29 November 1519

Petition by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas, bishop of Durham, informing him that they have sent Mr Thomas Swallowell', S.T.P., and Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., monks of Durham, to him to ask him for licence to elect a suitable person as prior of Durham, beseeching him to see fit to bestow such a licence upon them.

Dated: [Durham]

f.182r 9 December [1519]

Letter by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the subprior and convent of Durham acknowledging receipt of their letters [the previous entry] delivered by their fellow monks, and considering their desire for licence to elect a prior to govern their affairs spiritual and temporal (&c); expressing his confidence that the late prior will soon be brought to eternal glory and that, since the priory contains many meet and capable persons to succeed in his place, the subprior and chapter will, with God before their eyes and setting affection and corrupt ways aside, choose a virtuous and able person as their prior; following their desires and the precedents of his predecessors, granting them licence for their free election, in the form which his chancellor and vicar-general will show to them, and committing authority to his chancellor and vicar-general to do all things appertaining to the bishop's pastoral cure in completing the election; begging God and St Cuthbert for a fortunate outcome to the election and for the inspiration given by God's providence in the election of Matthias to the Apostles, so that the lot may fall upon the most worthy.

Written: his house at Charing Cross, [ London]

Language: English

Printed: *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres* (Surtees Society 9, 1839),

p.ccccx-ccccxi.

f.182v 2 January 1520

Proxy by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, their monastery being vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Castell', last prior thereof, appointing Christopher Willye, S.T.B., monk of Durham, as their proctor, giving him plenary power and general and special mandate on their behalf to read, declare, notify and intimate publicly, at the date, time and place appointed for the election of their future prior, and from beginning to end of the election (with regard to suitable times and places) in presence of the subprior and chapter and their counsel, the letters, public instruments, citations, certifications, proxies and other necessary writings given and granted to the chapter for expediting the said election; to warn those suspended, excommunicate, under interdict and others having no voice or interest in the election, with the mandate of the subprior thereon intervening, to withdraw from the chapter-house and, if need be, to expel them; to denounce the absence of monks lawfully summoned and not caring to appear and to accuse them on pain of their contumacy; to proceed with every action of the said election; to ask for public instruments to be drawn up on the process of the election; to call upon a notary and witnesses; and to do everything else pertaining by custom and law to the office of such a proctor, excepting the election of the future prior, which they reserve to themselves and to him, and other things known to belong to the office of subprior.

Dated: [Durham]

f.182v 12 December 1519

Presentation by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Christopher Werdall', LL.B., in the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Farne, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.182v-183r 18 December 1519

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Werdall, subprior of Durham, appeared in person before his fellow monks, gathered in chapter, and made, read and interposed the following written

{Paper} schedule wherein Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, state that they have unanimously appointed 3 January, 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, which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Mr <John Clerk> and Mr William Blytheman, N.P.s by apostolic authority, Thomas Dawson, rector of Durham St Mary in North Bailey, John Acforth', rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, Henry Kelyngar', Lionel Elmeden, and Ralph Belingham, gentlemen, of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerke, clerk of <Durham> [York] dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: Durham, chapter-house, about 4 pm..

f.183r 18 December 1519

Citation and mandate by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the venerable Mr William Cathorn', S.T.P., prior of the cell of Finchale, informing him that, because of the vacancy of their monastery by the death of Mr Thomas Castell', last prior thereof, they have appointed 3 January [1520] for the election of their future prior, with the licence and agreement of those whom it concerns; summoning him and ordering him to cite his fellow monks dwelling with him to be present in person, if he and they consider their interest, in the chapter-house of Durham, at the customary capitular hour on the said date, with continuation of days if need be, along with the subprior and chapter, 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 prior and monks of Finchale; 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.

Under the other part of the common seal.

Dated: [Durham]

f.183r [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the learned Edward Hynemers, warden of Durham College, Oxford, "&c as above".

f.183r [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the circumspect Robert Strother', prior of the cell of Holy Island, "and the rest as above".

f.183r [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the venerable Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., prior of the cell of Lytham, "and the rest as above".

f.183r [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the learned Henry Thew, prior of the cell of St Leonard's, Stamford, "and the rest as above".

f.183r [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the honoured William Hawkewell', master or warden of the cell of Jarrow, "and the rest as above".

f.183v [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the discreet Richard Evynwod', master or warden of the cell of Wearmouth, "and the rest as above".

f.183v [18 December 1519]

[Citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to the benign Ralph Blakeston, master or warden of the cell of Farne, "and the rest as above".

f.183v [? December 1519]

Certification by Mr William Cathorn', S.T.P., prior of Finchale, to Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following citation and mandate

Citation and mandate by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to Mr William Cathorn', prior of Finchale. As on f.183r, repeated here in full.

by authority whereof he has forewarned Thomas Howburn', subprior, Richard Lowson, John Thirkill', William Buclay, Robert Eland, and Thomas Carr', his fellow monks dwelling with him in the cell, to be present with the subprior and chapter at the said date, place and hour, to proceed with the business of election si suum viderint interesse???, notifying them that the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the election whether they attend or not.

Under the seal which he uses in the said cell.

f.183v [? December 1519]

Certification by Edward Hynemers, warden of Durham College, Oxford, to Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following [citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to Edward Hynemers, warden of Durham College, Oxford, since their monastery is vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Castell', last prior thereof, "and the rest, incorporating the whole citation... as in the certification... next preceding" by authority whereof he has cited Peter Lee, Christopher Bluntt, Richard Whelden, William Wylom, Stephen Marle, Roger Bell', and John Todde, his fellow monks dwelling with him, to be present with the subprior and chapter at the said date, place and hour, to proceed with the business of election si sua viderint interesse???, notifying them that the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the election whether they attend or not; and stating that the mandate is thus duly executed to the extent that he has been able.

"In witness whereof I have procured our common seal to be affixed".

Dated: Oxford.

f.183v-184r [? December 1519]

Certification by Robert Strother', prior of Holy Island, to Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham having lately received the following [citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to Robert Strother', prior of Holy Island, since their monastery is vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Castell', last prior thereof, "and the rest" by authority whereof he has forewarned John Castell' and Henry Strother', his fellow monks dwelling with him, that present at the said date, place and hour, or not, the subprior and chapter intend to proceed with the said business notwithstanding their absence.

Under the seal which he uses in the said cell.



f.184r [? December 1519]

[Certification] by Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., prior of Lytham, to Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, having lately received the following [citation and mandate] by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham "&c, just as in the preceding letters certificatory".

f.184r [? December 1519]

[Memorandum] that the certification of the prior of Stamford was issued in like form to the preceding certifications; also the certifications of the masters of Jarrow, Wearmouth and Farne, having the same date and form in all respects, just as written above.

f.184r 8 December 1519

Licence by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the subprior and convent of Durham, having been besought by them for licence to elect another prior, following the natural death of Thomas Castell, last prior, following in the footsteps of his predecessors, founders of the priory, and being favourably inclined to their entreaties in this respect, he has seen fit to grant such a licence to them; asking and, so far as pertains to him, ordering them to elect a prior who should be found suitable (qualities summarized).

Dated: the bishop's dwelling-house by Charing Cross, London

f.184r 3 January 1520

Authorization by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, and all monks of Durham who ought, want and are able to be present on this day in their chapter-house to hold the election of their future prior, and wishing to proceed to the election rightly and lawfully, to Christopher Willye, S.T.B., monk of Durham, unanimously giving him full, free, general, and special power to require all those who are suspended, excommunicate or under interdict, and others who by right or custom ought not to be present, if such there be, to withdraw from the chapter and allow the election to take place; also to declare that they do not intend to admit such persons as having a right in the election or to proceed with them in the election, nor to depend upon their votes, but that their votes, if such persons be discovered in future to have been present, should offer support to no-one, nor bring harm to anyone, but be taken as not received and not accepted.

Dated: Durham

f.184r 22 December 1519

Commission to induct to John Hacforth', chaplain, by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham, the priorate being vacant, having lately received a mandate from Mr Robert Davill, D.C.&Cn.L., vicar-general in spiritualities and principal official of Thomas, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., or his proctor into the vicarage of Durham St Oswald (&c, as in, and following upon, the presentation on f.182v) in which he has been instituted by Mr Robert by authority of the said bishop, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving him full power to induct Mr Christopher into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in this regard.

Under the seal with which he acts in this office.

Dated: Durham

f.184v-186r 5 January 1520

Notarized letters testimonial and supplication by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, commissary or commissaries, having sufficient power for the following, stating that the founders of canon laws enacted that cathedral and regular churches ought not to be vacant for more than three months, since churches might suffer serious losses because of a long vacancy, recounting:

that, with the vacancy of their priory by the death of Mr Thomas Castell, once his body had been committed to its burial-place and after having sought and obtained licence from the bishop to elect a new prior, they entered their chapter-house on 18 December and appointed 3 January, with continuation, for the election of their future prior, to be held in their chapter-house at the capitular hour customary for this purpose, decreeing that all absent monks of Durham, who ought, would and could attend and have a voice in the election by custom or right, be summoned to proceed with them in the election, and intimating that they would proceed with the election whether they appeared or not, without waiting for them and notwithstanding their contumacy; that on 3 January, after the celebration of the mass *de spiritu sancto* at the high altar of Durham cathedral, and with these monks of Durham, who by right and custom could or ought to be present, namely: Robert Werdall', subprior; Mr William Cathorne, S.T.P., prior of Finchale; Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., almoner, for himself and as proctor for the absent Henry Thew, prior of Stamford, and Edward Hyenmers, S.T.B., warden of Durham college, Oxford; Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., terrar and hostiller; Richard Tanfeld'; William Hawkewell', for himself and as proctor of the absent Thomas Lax; Edmund More, third prior; Robert Heryngton', cellarer, for himself and as proctor of the absent James Dukett and John Todd; Robert Strother, prior of Holy Island, for himself and as proctor of the absent Mr Richard Caly, S.T.P., prior of Lytham, John Thirkyl', John Castell', Peter Lee, Christopher Blountt, Henry Strother, John Baiyle, and Richard Crosby; Thomas Holborne; Richard Lowson'; Richard Heryngton', communar, for himself and as proctor of the absent John Browne; John Lawson'; John Swalwell', sacrist; William Wermouth', granger; Thomas Barnes, bursar, for himself and as proctor for the absent Richard Evynwod, master of Wearmouth, Robert Todd, master of the infirmary, William Wylome and Roger Bell; Richard Polle, steward; Robert Keyth, refectorer; John Halywell', chancellor, for himself and as proctor for the absent Richard Denande, S.T.B., and William Bukley; William Kendall', precentor; William Hartilpole; Henry Beyke, dean of the order; Ralph Blaxton, master of Farne; Christopher Willye, S.T.B., chamberlain; Robert Elande; Thomas Carr'; John Babyngton'; John Erysden'; John Porter, the other dean of the order, for himself and as proctor of the absent Richard Whelden' and Stephen Marley; Cuthbert Heghington'; Robert Benett; John Hamsterley; Henry Browne; Henry Wylome; William Browne; Alexander Durham; John Maynard'; Nicholas Wynter; John Dukett; Richard Hyenmers; William Forster; Cuthbert Doyff; William Hacforth'; John Bell'; Thomas Spark; John Elvett; John Blount; John Burgh'; Edward Hardyng; William Chilton'; William Benett; George Cornforth' assembling at the appointed time and place, at the sounding of the chapter bell, as is the custom, and after Richard Heryngton had preached on the theme *Eligite ex vobis virum primo regn'* &c, and certain monitions and protestations had been publicly set out by Christopher Willye, proctor of the subprior and chapter, at the doors of the chapter-house and at a certain place in the cloister, against those having no voice in the election [as in the letters of authorization on f.184r above], the subprior and chapter sang the hymn *Veni creator spiritus* on bended knee for the grace of the Holy Ghost;

when this had been done, the versicle and collect *Deus qui corda fidelium* followed, the bishop's licence for the election and the citations and certifications of absent monks were read out and, when the proxies sent by absent monks, for approved reasons, had been accepted by the named proctors, other absent monks were pronounced contumacious, those who ought not to be present at the election were expelled by word and, whilst certain jurists, notaries and witnesses remained, the chapter-house and cloister doors were firmly closed and placed under guard, the constitution *Quia propter* of the council-general, was read out, and everything else required by right and custom was observed;

that the subprior and monks chose Mr Hugh Whitehede as their prior, without debate in or out of chapter, but rather by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, unanimously (excepting only Mr Hugh himself) and suddenly;

that they had the election published by Robert, the subprior (declaration of the election of Hugh Whitehede recited) and straight away, escorting Hugh to the high altar, they sang the psalm *Te Deum laudamus*, while their bells were solemnly rung; that, with the singing finished and the customary oration read through, their proctor published the election to the clergy and people gathered before the high altar in presence of the chapter (*Est vir perfectus in omnibus &c*), expounded it in the common tongue and declared the name of the elect by means of a writ of collation;

whereafter the subprior and monks, excepting their prior-elect, entered their chapter-house again and appointed Mr William Cathorne, S.T.P., Mr Thomas Swalwell, S.T.P., and the said Christopher Willye, S.T.B., as their proctors, giving them plenary power on their behalf to inform Mr Hugh Whitehede, their prior-elect, of their election and to ask his consent, and to do all other things necessary or useful for the completion of the election;

and that the proctors, accepting the power accorded them, on many occasions that day, in presence of the elect residing in a chamber within the infirmary of the monastery, exhorted him to give his assent to his election, and that although he put off giving his agreement many times, at length, not daring to resist the divine will and to the honour of the Holy Trinity and the glory of SS Mary and Cuthbert, "with a fearful spirit, a heavy heart and tearful eyes" he clearly and publicly offered a written

Statement whereby he, Hugh Whitehede, monk and prior-elect of the monastery of Durham, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Castell, last prior thereof, gives his consent to his election having been manifoldly asked on behalf of the subprior and chapter to accept the same;

and begging: that the bishop confirm the election, commit the administration of the priory, in both spiritualities and temporalities, to their prior-elect and decree his installation.

Under the common seal of the chapter and the subscription of the notary.

Witnesses: Thomas Dawson, rector of Durham St Mary in North Bailey, and John Hacforth', rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, of Durham dioc..

Notaries: John Clerk, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority, taken on as scribe to the subprior and chapter in the business of this election; William Blythman', of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocols recited).

Done: successively, in the abovenoted places, 18 December 1519 and 3 January 1519/20. Date of sealing: 5 January 1519/20.

f.186r-189v 7 January 1520

Notarial instrument recording that in presence of Mr Robert Davell', D.C.&Cn.L., archdeacon of Northumberland, vicar-general of Thomas, bishop of Durham, in spiritualities in distant parts, also principal official to examine and confirm the election of Mr Hugh Whitehed, S.T.P., as prior of the monastery or priory of the cathedral church of Durham, and deputed commissary along with Mr William Frankelen, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor, seated in judgment in the nave of Durham cathedral, before the image of the cross there, directly after the ninth hour in the morning, appeared in person Christopher Willye, proctor, as he claimed, of the subprior and chapter of Durham, and presented certain letters of commission by the bishop of Durham, apparently under the bishop's seal, to the said Mr Robert, humbly beseeching him that he might see fit to take on the execution of the commission; that Mr Robert received the letters and asked the notary to read through them, the following commission

Commission by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to Mr Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., archdeacon of Northumberland, the bishop's vicar-general in spiritualities and principal official, and William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor, because, with the priorate of Durham vacant by the natural death of Thomas Castell, S.T.P., last prior thereof (&c) the subprior and chapter set a date for the election of a new prior, and whereas the confirmation or invalidation of the elected prior are known to pertain to the bishop by reason of his regalian prerogative, considering the distances and the dangers of the roads, and because the bishop is prevented by varied and difficult business from being present in person for the confirmation of the new prior, and wishing to save the subprior and chapter from labours and expenses authorizing him in his stead and giving him power of canonical coercion: to receive and accept the presentation of the said prior-elect of Durham, and the notification of his election; to grant the bishop's favour to the prior-elect; to enquire into, examine and investigate the cause and business of the election, with all things arising therein; to make good any defects, if he might do so by rights; to summon opponents of the election, if any there be, to make their objection, whether to the form of the election or the person of the elect; to confirm or invalidate [the election]; to ask and receive canonical obedience from the prior-elect; to have the prior-elect inducted into bodily possession of the priorate and installed; to demand that the monks of Durham offer canonical obedience to the prior-elect; and to do, exercise and expedite all other things to be done, written and ordered which should be necessary, opportune and required in the foregoing; saving the rights (&c) of the bishop and of the said cathedral church; and ordering him to certify him at a suitable time and place of what he shall have done in the foregoing, [in letters] with the tenor of the presents. 12 December 1519

and that, when this commission had been read out, Mr Robert took the execution thereof upon himself and decreed that it be proceeded with;

and with Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., prior-elect appearing before him, in monk's habit and wearing a doctor's cap, sitting on a stool in the midst of his fellow monks seated about him as the chapter, to undergo examination and other incumbent things concerning confirmation of his election, Christopher Bluntte, chaplain, rector of Kimblesworth, as he claimed, appeared and showed a mandate of the commissary directed to him, and certified on oath that he had executed, in the chapter-house, at the doors of the cathedral church of Durham, and in other suitable places the said following mandate

Mandate by Mr Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., archdeacon of Northumberland, vicar-general of Thomas, bishop of Durham, in spiritualities in distant parts, also principal official to examine and confirm the lately-completed election of Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., and deputed by letters patent of the bishop as commissary along with Mr William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham, the bishop's chancellor, to Christopher Blunte, chaplain, rector of Kimblesworth, having set Saturday, 7 January inst., about eight o'clock in the morning, for examination and confirmation or invalidation of the said election, to be done in the nave of Durham cathedral, ordering him to summon publicly all opponents and gainsayers of the election, and others whom it concerns, as he, the commissary summons them by the presents, to appear before him at the said date and place if they should wish or be able by rights to propose anything against the election or its form, or the person of the prior-elect, intimating to them that he will preclude them in perpetuity from making any objection if they do not appear, and proceed to the examination of the election notwithstanding their contumacy; also assigning and ordering the chaplain to assign the same date and place to the prior-elect to appear for examination and to undergo all else concerning the confirmation of his election. requiring certification at the said date and place concerning all that he shall have done in the foregoing. Under the seal which he uses in his office. 4 January 1520

and that, with this mandate read out by the notary and with those persons who were by rights to be summoned having been summoned by Richard Gybeson', an apparitor-general of the bishop, as follows (form of words recited), Christopher Willye, proctor of the subprior and chapter and convent of Durham, appeared in person, showing there, before the judge aforesaid, the following proxy

Proxy by Robert subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Cathorne, S.T.P., and Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., and Christopher Willye, S.T.B., monks of Durham, as their proctors, giving them general power and special mandate on their and their priory's behalf to present their unanimous election of Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., by means of inspiration, held in their chapter-house on 3 January, to Thomas, bishop of Durham, or whomsoever his vicegerent, and to beg and obtain confirmation of the election from the bishop or his vicegerent, showing any proof needed therefor and effectually pursuing the business of confirmation of the election; to appear on behalf of the prior-elect and excuse, explain and, if need be, prove the cause of his absence; to object to those wishing to oppose, to answer accusations, swear oaths and claim interest; and generally to do all else which should be necessary or suitable in the foregoing, even if [f.187v] they be such that by their nature demand more special mandate.

Dated: Durham 6 January 1520

and that, after the notary had publicly read through this proxy by order of the said judge, Christopher Willy, for himself and in name of the subprior and chapter, publicly read and interposed the following written petition

Petition wherein he, Christopher Willy, proctor of the prior and chapter of Durham, in presence of Mr Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., commissary of Thomas, bishop of Durham, begs him to confirm the unanimous election by inspiration (&c) on 3 January, of Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., who is of lawful age, in holy orders, properly having execution of orders, born of lawful wedlock, most prudent and circumspect in spiritualities and temporalities, and ratified the election by his consent, to make good any defects in the election, to impose perpetual silence upon those wishing further to oppose [the election], to deliver the administration of the prior to the prior-elect, to grant a mandate for his installation, and to do for him in the foregoing what holy canons, the constitutions of the holy fathers, and the privileges, liberties and customs of the priory demand. [January 1520]

and that after the petition had been read out the proctor showed the following, extracted from and concerning the petition:

Articles which the proctor of the subprior and chapter of Durham, shows before the commissary and intends to prove

[1] that Mr Thomas Castell, late prior of Durham, died on Sunday, 27 November 1519, and his body was buried in the monastery about 11 a.m. on the Monday following.

[2] that on 18 December the subprior and chapter of Durham unanimously appointed Tuesday, 3 January for the election of their future prior, and decreed that those who were absent and who ought, wished or could be present on that day, were to be summoned to proceed with them in the business of election.

[3] that on 3 January, when the mass *de Sancto Spiritu* had been celebrated at the high altar in the cathedral choir, (f.188r) all the monks of Durham having a voice in the election by right or custom, assembled as a chapter, unanimously elected Mr Hugh Whitehede as prior, suddenly, without discussion beforehand or gainsaying.

[4] that Mr Hugh had been a professed monk of the Benedictine order in the said priory long before his election.

[5] that Mr Hugh had been of lawful age and in priestly orders at the time of the election and long before and that he is free, legitimate and suitable for the rule and cure of the priory, in spiritualities and temporalities;

upon which he produced trustworthy witnesses, honest men whose names are given below; wherefore, having made faith, which is required in this regard, the proctor asks that the election be declared to have been held canonically and be duly confirmed; that the administration of the priory's spiritual and temporal goods be committed by the judge to Mr Hugh, the prior-elect; that he be inducted and installed in the the priorate, and further that that which were of law and that the rules of canon law dictate in the foregoing be adjudged to him; and asks that it be brought summarily to a conclusion, without judicial formality or form of words, according to the new enactments;

that with these things done the proctor, by way of proving the above articles, showed the following licence:

Licence, by the bishop of Durham, to the subprior and convent, to elect a new prior, 8 December 1519. As entered on f.184r above.

and when the licence had been read through the proctor showed, before the said judge and commissary, the notification of the election, under the signs and subscriptions of John Clerke and William Blythman', N.P.s, and the common seal of the priory [as entered on f.184v-186r above];

since he had read the notification at another time the commissary did not want to read it further, due both to shortage of time and the length of the document, but he did accept the notification there and then;

that, after some disputations by jurists there, both against the form of the election and against the person of the prior-elect, and notably denied by Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., specially assumed as counsel by the elect, and again vouched and declared [i.e. his defence of the election and the prior-elect ?] to objectors in general;

and when the prior-elect had been found and proved, by the statements of trustworthy witnesses produced and examined for this purpose, to be sufficient in status and merits to undertake the governing and rule of the priory, the commissary and judge, with the advice of jurists and having invoked the grace of the Holy Ghost, proceeded to the sentence of confirmation, as in the following decree

Decree by Robert Davell', D.C.&Cn.L., commissary, along with William Frankeleyne, B.Dec., of Thomas, bishop of Durham, to confirm or invalidate the election of Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., as prior of Durham, lawfully deputed thereto by the bishop's letters patent, seated in judgment, and proceeding in this business by the power committed to them; with whatsoever gainsayers, if any there be, and all others whom it might concern having been summoned and, none such having appeared, pronouncing these non-attenders contumacious and barring them from objecting further; with the grace of the Holy Ghost invoked, proceeding to the confirmation of the election (addressing Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., and stating that he has examined the business of the election and, with none protesting or gainsaying, found the election to be valid and to be manifoldly distinguished with the necessary qualifications and merits) and, having taken the advice of jurists and observed the order of law in all things and on the petition of Christopher Willye, sufficiently-constituted proctor of the subprior and chapter of Durham, pronouncing the election lawful and confirming the same, making good any defects in the election in so far as law and the authority committed to him allow; by the presents committing the cure and rule of the priory, so far as it is known to belong to the dignity of the prior, to Mr Hugh and decreeing that he or his proctor be inducted into bodily possession of the priory and assigned and inducted into the choir stall and place in the chapter-house of old used and wont to the prior of Durham; always saving the rights of the bishop of Durham by reason of his regalian prerogative, and the liberties, privileges and dignity of the cathedral church of Durham.

and after this sentence had been borne, read and interposed in presence of the venerable men Mr George Byrde, LL.B., master of the hospital commonly called the West Spital [St Mary's Hospital, Westgate], Newcastle upon Tyne, Roland Lee, B.C.&Cn.L., prebendary in Norton collegiate church, Durham dioc., Thomas Dawson', rector of Durham St Mary in North Bailey, John Hacforth', rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, Mr John Clerk, N.P., William Blythman', notary as given below, and of other trustworthy men in a copious multitude there present, the prior-elect publicly read and interposed the following

Schedule of oath wherein he, Hugh Whithede, S.T.P., prior of Durham, swears canonical fealty and obedience to the bishop of Durham and his successors from this hour onward; written in his own hand, and handed it to the said commissary, who received it protesting that it was not nor would be his intention by receiving this obedience to prejudice the rights, privileges or dignity of the bishop, but that he had reserved the exaction of further obedience used and wont to the bishop;

with which done, the commissary wrote and had delivered his following (f.189r) mandate Mandate by him, Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., archdeacon of Northumberland, vicar-general and principal official of the bishop of Durham in the underwritten business, to Mr William Frankeleyne, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham, or his official, deputy or lieutenant whomsoever, since he has confirmed the election of Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., as prior of Durham, ordering him to induct the said prior-elect or his proctor into bodily possession of the priorate and its rights and to assign him the stall in the choir and place in the chapter-house of the church of Durham of old used and wont; to do all else necessary or suitable in the foregoing; and to certify him as to what he shall have done in the foregoing [in letters] with the tenor of the presents and authentically sealed.

Under the seal which he uses in the office of official.

Dated: [Durham] 7 January 1520

and that the mandate was handed over to the notary and presented by the notary to Mr William Frankeleyn, the said archdeacon; and because he, Mr William, would be going to London for various reasons [concerning] the advantage and honour of the bishop of Durham, and because his official, Mr Thomas Farne, had lately died, he committed the performing of the installation in his stead to the said Mr Robert Davell by the following commission

Commission by William Frankeyne, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham, to Mr Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., archdeacon of Northumberland, having lately received a mandate to install Mr Hugh Whitehede, S.T.P., as prior of Durham, and, being prevented by various and difficult business, unable to be present in person for the installation, giving him full power in his place to induct the said prior-elect into bodily possession of the said priory, to assign him the seat in the choir and the place in the chapter-house of old used and wont to the priors of the said cathedral church, and to do all else necessary therefor.

Under the seal of the office of official of his archdeaconry, 7 January 1520



and that next the commissary deferred the installation, with consent of the said prior-confirmed, to the following day, Sunday 8 January, on which day the commissary, standing by the doors of Durham cathedral with the prior-confirmed and having been presented with the said commission, took on the burden of executing the commission and then entered the choir along with the prior-confirmed; he assigned the said prior-confirmed the stall on the north side of the choir of old used and went to the prior of Durham, and with [ *sub* ] these words *Sta in justicia et sanctitatis et retine locum a Deo tibi datum sive delegatum potens enim est Dominus ut tibi augeat gratiam* he duly installed him therein, solemnly beginning *Te Deum laudamus*, with the choir continuing and the organs harmonizing with the singing until the end of the psalm, and the bells having been rung, not good and probably wrong; and that after the psalm was finished Mr Robert Davell', deputed commissary uttered certain versicles with a following prayer (written on a schedule which he held in his hands) for the prior-elect, confirmed and installed, and seated in his stall, with choral response, (the versicles, responses and prayer recited); whereafter the commissary assigned the place in the chapter-house used and wont of old to the prior of the said monastery, and introduced him thereto, repeating the said versicles and prayer, with the chapter responding; and that the commissary, withdrawing from the chapter house when the foregoing things had been done, gave to the subprior his written and sealed mandate to obey the prior-elect and confirmed, and ordered him to execute the mandate; and the commissary left the prior-elect, confirmed and installed, sitting in peace. Witnesses: Thomas Dawson, rector of [Durham] North Bailey, John Hacforth', rector of [Durham] South Bailey, Christopher Bluntt, rector of Kimblesworth, and John Clerke, N.P..

Notary: William Blythman', of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited), [and, as stated on f.186r] the bishop of Durham's registrar and clerk of acts throughout his diocese.

Done: nave of Durham cathedral and elsewhere as aforesaid, 7 January 1519/20.

f.189v 22 December 1519

Mandate to induct by Robert Davell, D.C.&Cn.L., vicar-general in spiritualities and chief official to Thomas, bishop of Durham, to the subprior and chapter of Durham, *prioratu vacante*, archdeacon in churches appropriated to them, having, on presentation by them, instituted Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., in the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the death of Mr Thomas Farne, last incumbent thereof, instructing them to induct Mr Christopher or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.189v 9 January 1520

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Powlter, chaplain, in the church of [West] Rounton, vacant by the death of Roland Barton', chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.190r 15 April 1520

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Tyndale, chaplain, in the church of Kimblesworth, vacant by the death of Christopher Bluntt, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.190r 10 May 1520

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Pattenson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.190r 15 May 1520

Mandate to induct by Thomas [bishop of Durham] to the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to him [and the monastery of Durham], or to his official for this purpose, having, on presentation by the prior and chapter of Durham, instituted Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the resignation made and admitted into the bishop's hands of Mr Thomas Patenson, last incumbent thereof, by reason of exchange for the vicarage of Woodhorn, which Mr Christopher formerly held, collated the vicarage to Mr Christopher and admitted him thereto, instructing him to induct Mr Christopher or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage; and requiring certification of what he shall have done in the foregoing.

f.190r 16 May 1520

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, to John Cotesforth' and Robert Maltby, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from Thomas, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Christopher Werdale, B.C.&Cn.L., or his proctor into the church of Aycliffe, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Patonson', last vicar thereof, in which he has been instituted by the said bishop, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power, jointly and severally, to induct Mr Christopher into bodily possession of the said church or vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

f.190r-v 11 August 1520

Collation by Robert Werdale, subprior of Durham, to William Marshall', priest, of the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret, in the Old Borough of Durham, vacant by the death of Thomas Marnduke, last chaplain thereof; providing that he serve the chantry in a laudable manner and bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry, in particular those things appertaining to the salvation of souls, namely that he should celebrate mass for the dead in general, except on Saturdays, Sundays and solemn feast days, and say *Placebo* and *Dirige* every day, unless lawfully impeded, for the souls of the prior and convent of Durham, Ranulf, founder of the chantry, their benefactors and ancestors, and all faithful deceased; and letting William know that if he be found to have ceased from the services of the chantry without reasonable cause, or if he behave dishonestly, the subprior with consent of the convent will proceed with his removal from the chantry.

Under the other side of the chapter seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: Durham

f.190v-191v 20 November 1520

Quittance by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Boerius, clerk of Geneva, who held the archdeaconry of Durham and the hospital of Kepier, collated to him by the bishop's predecessors, and had resigned them into the bishop's hands, and subsequently had been called and compelled by the bishop as patron of these benefices to give a reckoning of the revenues and the administration of all goods, rights and the rest of the things belonging to these benefices, administered by him when he held the same, since he has shown such a reckoning, which has been approved, and has handed on the revenues and all other assets of the benefices to Mr William Frankelin, his successor there, for which [Frankelin] has absolved him in an instrument by the notary Robert Cressy of 19 November, for which reckoning, with the assent of the prior and chapter of Durham, he is absolved by the bishop.

Dated: the bishop's palace by Westminster, in the suburbs of the city of London

f.191v 12 December 1520

Confirmation by Hugh prior and the convent or chapter of Durham having notice of a certain instrument or letters of quittance by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Boerius, clerk of Geneva dioc., lately archdeacon of Durham and master or warden of Kepier hospital, dated 20 November last past, to which appropriate reference should be made, acknowledging that they have had full notice and certain knowledge thereof and hold the said quittance and all contained therein as approved, ratifying the said instrument or letters, in all things as contained therein at more length, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Dated: [Durham]

f.191v 27 March 1521

Memorandum that Mr Cuthbert Conyers, squire, was admitted to the confraternity of the chapter of Durham, according to the form of the like letters granted to Mr Thomas Tempest, as shown in common form.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

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f.192r-265v

f.192r 9 April 1521

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Strangways, chaplain, in the church of [West] Rounton, vacant by the death of John Powlter, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.192r 9 April 1521

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, of his servant Henry Swynhow, in consideration of service rendered by him for the defence and safe keeping of the castle of Norham, as constable of the castle of Norham, granting him this office by the presents, to be held by Henry in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop, for the term of his life; taking £10 yearly therefor, to be paid to him at the usual terms by the hands of the bishop's receivers, bailiffs or farmers of the townships and lordships of Scremerston, Cheswick and Haggerston, in Norhamshire, along with all other fees, profits, emoluments, advantages, and conveniences howsoever belonging to the office, in as great a form as had by any constable before this time; ordering all his officers, ministers, farmers, and tenants to assist Henry in the exercise of his office in all things.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 July, Pont. 12. [1520]

Dated: Durham

f.192v 1521

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas "&c" [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Robert Strangways, chaplain, in the church of [West] Rounton, vacant by the death of John Powter, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.192v 10 May 1521

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking [Thomas, cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Thomas Baynes, chaplain, according to the ordinances made thereon, in the fourth vicarage of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of William Andrew, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.192v 26 June 1521

Collation by Richard Caly, S.T.P., subprior and the convent of Durham to Robert Whitehede, chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the death of Cuthbert Elyson', last chaplain thereof, providing that he bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry.

Under the other side of the common seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: [Durham].

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.192v 26 October 1521

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Oliver Lokwodd, chaplain, in the church of Stamford St Mary at the bridge, vacant by the death of John Byrden', chaplain, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of five marks due of old to the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.193r 4 November 1521

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Edward Stevynson', scholar, in the canonry and second prebend of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Clayburgh', last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.193r 16 November 1521

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Mr William Atkynson', clerk, in a canonry in the collegiate church of Howden and the prebend of Thorpe therein, vacant by the resignation of William Holgyll', last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.193r 19 November 1521

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Robert Webster, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Thomas Blakett, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.193r-v 12 February 1522

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute George Trewhyt, chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of Richard Clerk, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.193v 9 February 1522

Notarial instrument recording that Richard Clerke, vicar of Edlingham, as he claimed, appeared in person and read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, Richard Clerke, vicar of Edlingham, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure and rule of his vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation,

contained in a paper sheet which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing.

Witnesses: George Swynburn' and John Claveryng, squires, and Percival Gallone, N.P. of Durham dioc.

Notary: William Blythman', of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: an upper chamber on the east side of the customary dwelling-house of the vicar of Edlingham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.193v 12 February 1522

Letters of institution by Robert Davell, D.Cn.&C.L., vicar-general in spiritualities and principal official of Thomas, bishop of Durham, to George Trewhyt, chaplain, admitting him to the vicarage of the church of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of Richard Clerke, last incumbent thereof, on presentation by the prior and chapter of Durham [the next-but-one entry preceding], instituting him therein, George having first given his oath of canonical obedience to the bishop, his successors and officers, and of personal and continuous residence, and committing to him the cure of souls of all the parishioners there; always saving the episcopal rights of the bishop of Durham and the dignity of the church of Durham.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.194r 12 February 1522

Mandate to induct by the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches &c [within Durham dioc. appropriated to him and the convent of Durham], or his official, having instituted George Trewhyte, chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham (as in the preceding entry), instructing him to induct George or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.194r 14 February 1522

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to William Farelame, John Gylbert and John Yong, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from Mr Robert Davell', official of the episcopal consistory of Durham, to induct George Trewhit, chaplain, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Edlingham (&c, as in the preceding four entries), and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power to induct George into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham.

f.194r 22 March 1522

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking [Thomas cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute John Hykson', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Skipwith in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Hobson', last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.194r 25 April 1522

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Clyfton, D.Dec., in the church of Kirkby on Bain vacant by the death of John Rawlyngson, last rector thereof; saving a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.194v 28 June 1522

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Leonard Huchonson, S.T.P., in the vicarage of Northallerton, vacant by the death of Robert Clay, chaplain, last vicar thereof; saving a yearly pension of £20 due of old to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.194v 1522

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Thomas, [cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c)] to institute Mr John Stakehouse, S.T.P., in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Farehare, LL.D., last rector thereof; saving the yearly pension due of old therefrom to the prior and chapter and their monastery.

Dated: [Durham].

[More than usually abridged]

f.194v 1 December 1522

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Ralph, earl of Westmorland, and Katherine, his wife, by their bedesmen, Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham], "&c sub forma in folio 126".

Dated: [Durham]

f.195r 3 December 1522

[Memorandum of] petition by Edmund Akhede of Leeds, York dioc., who came to Durham cathedral and, after the bell had been tolled, asked for sanctuary, for the reason that he owes various debts to certain creditors in the city of London, the county of York, and in other places, and in particular to one Mr Walwen' of the city of London; and since he fears he will be put in prison because he does not have the means wherewith he might satisfy his creditors as he ought, he asked immunity for the safe custody of his body and that he should not be imprisoned; promising on oath to satisfy his creditors to the best of his ability when able so to do.

Witnesses: Adam Johnson' of Sedgefield and Richard Commyng of Durham.

Printed: *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, (Surtees Society [5], [1837]), p.89 no.ccxliv.

f.195r 31 December [1522]

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was granted to Mr William Farehaire, LL.D., in the usual form.

f.195r 15 February 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Roland Emerson' in consideration of service previously rendered by him of the office of one of the parkers of the park of Wolsingham, appointing him as warden or parker there by the presents, the office to be held by Roland in person or through his sufficient deputy, for the term of his life; with the wages and fees of 2d per day, to be taken yearly at the receipt of the exchequer by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general, at the terms usual there, along with all other fees, profits, emoluments, and advantages, used and wont of old to the office, in as great a form as George Emerson' or any other held the office before this time, and took in and for the exercise of the same.

Dated: the bishop's lodging by Charing Cross, in the suburbs of the city of London 26 January 1523.

Dated: Durham.

f.195v-196v 22 December 1454

Notarized letters by John, abbot of Newminster, specially delegated by the apostolic see as judge and sole executor for the following matters, giving notice that he has received apparently genuine letters of Pope Nicholas V on behalf of John Neville, knight, and his wife Ann, daughter of the late John Holland, duke of Exeter, as in the following bull

Bull by Nicholas [V, pope] to the abbot of Newminster informing him that the contents of a petition presented to him on the part of John Neville, knight, and Ann, daughter of the late John Holland, duke of Exeter, stated that: notwithstanding the occurrence of an impediment of the justice of public honesty between them, for the reason that, after the death of the said John's nephew, John, son of Ralph, son of the earl of Westmorland, with whom, while he lived, the said Ann had lawfully contracted marriage *per verba de presenti* but without subsequent carnal union, John and Ann had contracted marriage between themselves, *per verba de presenti* and with subsequent carnal union and issue; there has been dispensation to them that they may continue with the last marriage thus contracted by force of certain others of the pope's letters, in which letters the pope has deputed the abbot as judge and executor, and which same letters the abbot has sent for execution; [? from which] it comes to their notice that they, John and Ann, are also joined in the third degree of consanguinity; since John and Ann may not remain in the marriage thus contracted between them because an impediment arises from this hindering consanguinity, unless they obtain apostolic dispensation thereon and, as the same petition added, if they were divorced, dissensions and grave scandals might arise, it has been besought of the pope on the part of John and Ann that he provide them with suitable dispensation thereon; therefore, wishing peace to flourish among all Christians (&c), being inclined to this supplication by reason of the foregoing and from other causes shown to him (&c) ordering the abbot, notwithstanding the impediment arising from consanguinity and other contrary apostolic constitutions and ordinances, to dispense that John and Ann may lawfully remain in the marriage contracted between them as if mention had been made of the degree of consanguinity in the said letters of the first dispensation, declaring legitimate the offspring begotten or to be begotten of this marriage. Dated: Rome, St Peter's 6 Kal. August [27 July] 1454.

and that after receipt and inspection of these letters he was asked by John and Ann that he might see fit to dispense that they be able to remain lawfully married, notwithstanding the impediment of consanguinity; and that, wishing to execute the papal mandate as he ought, caused an inquisition to be held, from which he learnt that John and Ann were in the third degree of consanguinity and there was no other canonical obstruction in this regard other than the impediment of the justice of public honesty; upon which, notwithstanding papal constitutions and ordinances and the said impediment arising from consanguinity and whatsoever else to the contrary, he dispenses by the apostolic authority committed to him that they may remain in the marriage contracted by them, as if mention were made of the degree of consanguinity in the said first dispensation obtained upon the impediment of public honesty and duly executed by him, he declaring legitimate the offspring begotten or to be begotten of the marriage; wishing to give notice [hereof] to all to whom the presents are directed, in particular those whom the present business concerns or might concern in future, lest they claim ignorance of the foregoing. Instructing that the present letters be subscribed and published by the notaries underwritten, and fortified with his own seal and the seal of the office of official of the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Witnesses: Roger Thornton', James Buk, and Henry (surname omitted), squires.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

Subscribed and sealed, with the seal used in his office, by William Newton, official of the archdeacon of Northumberland (attesting to his presence by means of a form of eschatocol).

Subscribing notaries: Robert Beer, clerk of St Andrews dioc., N.P. by imperial authority, John Hexham, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority, Robert Bartram, clerk of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P., by apostolic authority (eschatocols recited). Other notaries: William Wallez [mentioned in the letters as responsible, along with those above, for publishing and subscribing the dispensation] and John Berehalgh', clerk, N.P. by apostolic and imperial authority [mentioned in the eschatocols of Beer and Hexham].  
Dated: monastery of Newminster.

f.197r 15 February 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Robert Smethers of the office of gaoler and gatekeeper of the outer part of the castle of Durham, to be held by Robert for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking 66s 8d yearly in the office from the bishop and his successors, to be paid at the exchequer of Durham, by the hands of the bishop's receiver there, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, profits, advantages, entitlements, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office; with the proviso that he take nothing from the bishop's tenants when they should happen to be committed to his gaol for the bishop's dues and rents, nor of the bishop's tenants' beasts when impounded for the bishop's dues and rents; he will nevertheless take all fees by rights used and wont to the gaoler of the said gaol from all others committed to the bishop's gaol; Robert is also to be obedient to the bishop and his ministers and successors in all things appertaining to the offices of gaoler and gatekeeper, when and as often as need be during his life, and to keep the gaol and all prisoners, clerks and others committed thereto by the bishop, his successors and ministers, well and faithfully, likewise all equipment made and to be made for safe-keeping of the said prisoners, for which he will answer to the bishop and his successors; he is also to keep the bishop and his successors indemnified, during his life, against the king of England and his successors for the escape of any prisoners from the gaol, once an award has been made by the bishop's justices or his successors.

Dated: manor of Charing Cross in the suburbs of London 26 January, 14 Henry VIII.

[1523]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.197r-v 15 February 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servants John Hall' and Nicholas Hall' in consideration of their service hitherto rendered of the office of bailiff of the lordship of [Bishop] Middleham, and by the presents creating them bailiffs of the said lordship; to be held by John and Nicholas in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for life and for the life of the longer-lived of them, in as complete a manner as any other held the office before this time; John and Nicholas and the longer-lived of them taking 20s yearly for performing the office, by the hands of the farmers of the receipt, bailiffs, tenants and occupiers of the said lordship, to be paid by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, wages, profits, advantages, conveniences and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office, in as complete a manner as any other in the office had and took before this time; ordering all officers, tenants and whatsoever others within the county and bishopric of Durham to be of assistance (&c) to John and Nicholas or their deputies in the execution of the office.

Dated: his lodging by Charing Cross in the suburbs of London 27 January 1523

Dated: Durham

f.197v-198r 15 February 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, always saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Hause, in consideration of his service rendered hitherto of the office of bailiff of Norhamshire and Islandshire, and by the presents creating him bailiff thereof; to be held by Thomas in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors, for life; with the wages and fees used and wont to the offices, to be taken yearly in the manner customary hitherto, along with all fees, profits and advantages, howsoever belonging to the offices, as freely and wholly as any other previously occupying the office had and took; providing that Thomas or his deputy duly answer to the bishop yearly for all profits of his offices and render faithful account therefor; ordering all his bailiffs, officers and tenants to be of assistance and obey Thomas or his deputies concerning the execution of his offices.

Witness: William Fraynkelayn', the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: his lodging by Charing Cross in the suburbs of London 26 January, Pont. 14. [1523]

Dated: Durham

f.198v [?1523]

Proxy by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr John Shaffeld', LL.B., advocate of the consistory court of York, and Mr Reynold ( *Ranaldus* ) Beyslay, N.P., and Mr Christopher Beyslay, N.P., proctors-general of the said court, as their proctors, giving them general and special power to appear for the prior and chapter in the convocation or congregation of clergy in York minster.

[Incomplete; n.d.; perhaps intended for the convocation of 23 March 1523 and superseded by the proxy on f.199r-v]

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.198v 15 February 1523

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Edward Swynborne and his wife Janet, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay them in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of their devotion, that which is of their things the best: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; with prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.199r 22 February 1523

Citation by William Clyfton, D.Dec., succentor of the canons of York minster, vicar-general in spiritualities of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, to the prior and chapter or convent of Durham notifying them that on Thursday, 5 March next to come, with continuation of days if need be, he intends to carry out the office of visitation in the chapter-house of Durham, by authority specially committed to him in this regard, and ordering them, with all summoned who are to be summoned, to appear in person before him at the said date and place to receive his visitation and his most beneficial corrections (&c); requiring certification by the said Thursday of the date of receipt of the presents and as to what they shall have done in the foregoing, by letters patent incorporating the contents of the presents.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

Dated: York

f.199r 3 March 1523

Certification by Hugh, prior of Durham, to William Clyfton, D.Dec., succentor of the canons of York minster, vicar-general in spiritualities of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, having received on 26 February 1522/3 his citation by William Clifton', D.Dec., "as above" informing him that he has, does and will obey his letters, by authority whereof he has caused all his fellow monks who ought to be present to be cited to appear at the said date and place and undergo visitation, that he has had the names of these, his fellow monks, written in a schedule attached to the presents, and had all else incumbent on him in this office carried out.

Dated: Durham.

f.199r-v 10 March 1523

Proxy by the prior of Durham appointing Mr William Clifton', D.Dec., Mr Edward Kellett, D.Dec., Mr William Fairehare, D.Cn.&C.L., Mr Christopher Werdale, B.Cn.&C.L., Mr John Chapman, N.P., and Mr Robert Cheston, N.P., proctors-general of the court of York, and John Clerke, N.P., deputing them as his proctors, short of recalling any other proctors, giving them general and special power to appear on the prior's behalf at the convocation of clergy to be held in York minster on Monday 23 March inst., with continuation of days and places if need be, before Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, chancellor of England, or his lieutenant, commissary or commissaries, and treat with him or them and the other prelates and proctors of clergy of the province of York upon those things which should happen to be set before them there (&c).

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.199v 10 March 1523

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Clyfton' "&c, as above in the prior's proxy".

Dated: Durham

f.199v [10 March 1523]

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was granted to Mr William Clyfton, dated 10 March 1522/3, and a like letter was granted to Mr John Chapman' "as above".

f.199v 12 May 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Thomas Halle', chaplain, in the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the consecration of Richard, bishop of St David's, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.199v 4 April 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking William Clyfton, D.Dec., succentor of the canons of York minster, vicar-general in spiritualities of Thomas, cardinal (&c) and archbishop of York (&c), and keeper of the spirituality of the city and diocese of Durham *sede vacante*, to institute John West, vicar of Brantingham, in the vicarage of Bishop Middleham, to effect an exchange of benefices with Thomas Chenyson', vicar of Bishop Middleham; saving to the prior and chapter a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom, to be paid to the sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.199v-200r 4 April 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York, &c] to institute Thomas Chenyson, vicar of Bishop Middleham, in the vicarage of Brantingham, to effect an exchange of benefices with John West, vicar of Brantingham.

Dated: Durham.

f.200r 9 August 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [bishop of Durham, &c] to institute Thomas Clyfton', chaplain, in the vicarage of Bishop Middleham, vacant by the resignation of John West, last vicar thereof; saving to the prior and chapter a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom, to be paid to the sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.200r-v 12 February 1520

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham, confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to John Halle of Middleham, his servant, of all his demesne lands and tenements in [Bishop] Middleham, commonly called *le demesnez* of Middleham, with all meadows and pastures belonging thereto, and of the bishop's park there with a certain enclosing wall, and a certain acre of land there called *Depewell'*; the messuage [not previously mentioned], lands (&c) to be held by John Halle and his assigns, of the bishop and his successors, bishops of Durham, for the term of 31 years; rendering therefor to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham yearly, in equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, £6 for *lez demesnez* of Middleham, 53s 4d for the park, and 12d for the acre called *Depewell'*; also granting that John and his assigns be able to possess the foregoing with all emoluments and advantages for the said term as freely and fully as did his father, William Halle, or as did any other holder of the foregoing or any part thereof before this time, because there is no express mention of the true yearly value of the foregoing things or of any of them, or certainty of them, notwithstanding any statute, act, ordinance, case, lawsuit or matter.

Witness: William Frankelen, clerk, the bishop's treasurer.

Dated: Durham

Dated: Durham 4 March, Pont. 7. [1516]

f.200v 12 August 1523

Letters of confraternity by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr John Porte, serjeant-at-law of King Henry VIII, although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it however binds them most particularly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; with the merits of his pious devotion, which they know he has towards them and their monastery of Durham, pressing them, granting him, in life as in death, full participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, and receiving him into their fraternity; and when his death has been notified to them or their successors they will perform prayers for him each year for all time to come, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.200v-201r 8 August 1523

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Clerke, N.P. by apostolic authority, sufficiently constituted proctor of John West, chaplain, vicar of Bishop Middleham, as appeared to the undermentioned notary, appeared in person and read and interposed, on behalf of his said lord, the following

Resignation whereby he, John Clerke, N.P., proctor of John West, chaplain, vicar of Bishop Middleham, having general power and special mandate to resign the church of Bishop Middleham, considering that his lord wanted, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the cure and rule of the said church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving a suitable pension from the revenues of the said church, to be assigned to John West by authority of the said bishop,

in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing and the witnesses to give attestation thereto.

Witnesses: Richard Wright, chaplain, and George Geffrason, of Durham dioc.

Notary: William Blythman', of Durham dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: Durham cathedral, at the altar of SS Mary and Andrew, by the south side of the church, in a place commonly called the nine altars, at the east end.

f.201r 25 August 1523

[Memorandum] that Mr Edward Ryngeley, knight, was admitted to the spiritual confraternity of the chapter of Durham, and letters were issued therefor in the customary form.

f.201r 14 September 1523

Notarized resignation read by Robert Strangweys, rector of the church of [West] Rounton, who, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure and rule of the said church, resigns his said church into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another having power to accept his resignation; by reason of an exchange of the same church for and with the chantry of St Nicholas in the parish church of York St Saviour in the Marsh.

Witnesses: William Foux and Geoffrey Hawdewyn, N.P.s of York dioc.

Notary: John Chapman', N.P. of York dioc.

Done: in a certain low hall in the notary's dwelling-house in Petergate, York

f.201r-v 17 September 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Faceby, chantry priest of St Nicholas in the church of York St Saviour in the Marsh, in the church of [West] Rounton to effect an exchange of benefices with Robert Strangweys, rector of [West] Rounton.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.201v-202r 16 September 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham, confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things always.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, and bishop of Durham, to his servant Miles Forest, gentleman, appointing him to the office of keeper of the wood called *Birtley woodes*, to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; with a fee of 1d per day for the office, to be taken at Martinmas yearly for life, by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general, with all other profits, easements, advantages, and regards, of old used and wont, belonging to the office, just as taken by Nicholas Hunter or any others having the office; without rendering account or paying or doing anything else to or for the archbishop or his successors, because express mention is not made in the presents of the true yearly value of the foregoing, or of other gifts and grants previously made to Miles by the bishop or his predecessors, notwithstanding any other concern, cause or matter.

Dated: his house by Westminster 29 June 1523

Dated: Durham

f. 202r 1 October 1523

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things always.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to his servant Miles Forest, one of the *garciones* of his chamber, appointing him to the office of keeper of the manor of Bishop Auckland, to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop or his successors; taking as his fee for the office 40s yearly by the hands of the receiver-general of the bishop's exchequer of Durham, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all profits and easements belonging to the said office.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 27 August, Pont. 1. [1523]

Dated: Durham

f.202v 2 November 1523

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Podesay, squire, and his wife Margaret prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards them and their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly pay them in return the reward of goodwill, according to the fondness of their devotion: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; and they will perform prayers for them, just as for their other brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.202v-203r 21 December 1523

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Farehere, LL.D., rector of [Kirby] Sigston, as he claimed, appeared in person and wrote, made, read and interposed the following Resignation whereby he, William Farehare, LL.D., rector of [Kirby] Sigston in the jurisdiction of Allerton and Allertonshire, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his said church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; in order that a yearly pension be assigned to him by the ordinary of the place out of the revenues of the said church, for his maintenance during his life,

in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Mr William Burgh', D.Dec., and Thomas Forne, *persona* in York minster.

Notary: Brian Lewty, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, also an undated endorsement by the N.P. recording the admission of the resignation by the vicar-general in spiritualities "et pro vacatione eiusdem decret' presente me Briano Lewty notario retroscripto").

Done: in a lower parlour in the usual dwelling-house of Mr Brian Higden', LL.D., dean of York

f.203r 29 December 1523

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, (&c) or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Stakehouse, S.T.P., in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Farehare, last rector thereof; giving their consent by the presents that a suitable yearly pension from the revenues of the said church for the maintenance of the said Mr William during his life be assigned and determined by the archbishop's ordinary authority; saving to themselves and their monastery the yearly pension due of old therefrom.

Dated: Durham.

f.203r 22 February 1524

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking William, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Christopher Smyrke, in the vicarage of Frampton, vacant by the death of Mr Edward Browne, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.203v 16 February 1524

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Bryme, canon and prebendary of Howden, in the collegiate church of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, John Bryme, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Howden, in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the same canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in spiritualities or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; in order that a pension be assigned to him by ordinary authority out of the revenues of the said canonry and prebend, for the term of his life,

and asked the notary to produce one or more instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Thomas Thorney, chaplain, and Roger Stott, *literatus*, of York dioc.

Notary: John Copland alias Johnson, clerk-exorcist of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, in which the notary records that the instrument was written by another because he was impeded by other business)

Done: in a chamber in the Savoy hospital, in the suburbs of London.

f.203v-204r 27 February 1524

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute Mr William Clayburgh', D.Cn.&C.L. in the canonry in the collegiate church of Howden and the prebend of Howden therein, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Bryme, last canon and prebendary thereof; giving their consent by the presents that a suitable yearly pension from the revenues of the said canonry and prebend for the maintenance of the said Mr John during his life be assigned and determined by the archbishop's ordinary authority.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.204r-v 12 March 1524

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and [the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, for himself and his successors, bishops of Durham, to his servant John Wulsey, appointing him to the office of keeper of his lodging or townhouse in the parish of St Martin in the suburbs of London, commonly called Durham place {near Charing Cross}, for life, and granting him a suitable house, to be assigned by the bishop within the said lodging for his dwelling, as enjoyed by previous keepers of the lodging; the keepership and dwelling to be held by John from Easter last, in person or through his sufficient deputy;

granting that John or his assigns be paid wages of 4d per day from the revenues of all the bishop's lands and tenements in the said parish, lying close to and belonging to the said lodging, by the hand of the collector of the said revenues, yearly in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter; and, if the wages be in arrears in whole or part, John or his assigns are to be allowed to enter all the said lands and tenements and distrain for the arrears, and remove and retain goods distrained until satisfied of the arrears; granting John a woollen cloth gown for a bishop's gentleman ( *generosus* ) each year during his life, whenever the livery should happen to be made to the other servants of the bishop and his successors; and granting him an allowance, to be handed over twice daily by the bishop's officers of the kitchen, pantry and store-room, of a forcer of foodstuffs, two loaves and a gallon of beer, and in the same way as enjoyed by previous keepers, whenever the bishop or his successors should happen to be in residence in the lodging with their household, with sufficient coal and firewood daily for his or his deputy's hearth, such as ought to be had for his livery at his chambers by any gentleman servant of the bishop or his successors in the said lodging;

and ordering his and his successors' collectors of rents, keepers of the wardrobe and other officers to pay John his wages, gown and allowances of food, and his and his successors' auditors of accounts to allow the payments and liveries to the collectors of rents yearly during John's life.

Dated: his lodging called *Yorke place*, near Westminster 5 June, 15 Henry VIII. [1523]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.204v-205r 12 March 1524

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Redeman', *valettus*, usher of the bishop's chamber, appointing him to the office of keeper or parker of the park of Frankland, near Durham, with Middlewood and Ryton and its other appurtenances; to be held for life by Richard, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; with the wages and fees of old used and wont to the office, to be taken yearly by the hands of the receiver-general of the bishop's exchequer at the usual terms, and with all other fees and profits as had by Thomas Aston', last parker thereof, or any other holder of the said office.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: his manor of *Moore* 19 September 1523.

Dated: Durham.

f.205r 12 March 1524

[Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to his servant Miles Forest, one of the *garcones* of his chamber, appointing him to the office of keeper of the manor of Bishop Auckland, with the gardens and other appurtenances thereof, to be held by Miles for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, with all the fees, wages and profits of old used and wont to the office, as received by any other previously holding the office, taking them at the usual terms, in equal portions, by the hands of the chancellor, in the exchequer of Durham.

Dated: his house near Westminster 27 August 1523

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.205r-v 16 March 1524

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to his servants Robert Symson' and Richard Bellasys appointing them to the offices of bailiff of the borough of Stockton and keeper of the manor of Stockton to be held by Robert and Richard for life and the life of the longer-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputies, taking an annual rent of £6 13s 4d in equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas, by their own hands and by the hands of their farmers and tenants, along with the other profits, fees, wages, easements and advantages belonging of old to the said offices, or to either of them, just as taken by any others having the offices; ordering all his tenants, officers and ministers to submit and be helpful to the said Robert and Richard and their deputies, as is fitting; providing that Robert and Richard or their deputies render yearly account to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham of everything which should come into their hands by reason of their offices, and answer therefor to the bishop.

Dated: his house near Westminster 10 February 1524

Dated: Durham

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f.205v 3 August 1524

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Charles Lowson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the death of George Trewhyt, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.205v 2 September 1524

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to (blank) having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct Charles Lowson', chaplain, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the death of George Trewhyt, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them and either of them full power to induct Charles into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham.

f.206r 5 September 1524

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity and consorority was issued in the customary form for Mr William Yngleby, squire, and Cicely, his wife.

f.206r 5 September 1524

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity was issued in the customary form for Robert Lound', chaplain.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.206r-v September 1524

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to William Ascugh', knight, of the wardship of all lordships, manors, lands, tenements, rents, services, reversions, and whatsoever other hereditaments within the bishopric of Durham, along with advowsons of benefices, which belonged to the late William Hansart, squire, or to anyone else to his use, on the day he died, and which he held in chief of Thomas, lately bishop of Durham, the bishop's predecessor, as of his bishopric, by knight service, and which have come or ought to have come or ought in future to come to the said late bishop and to the present bishop by reason of the minority of Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of the late William;

to be held by William Ascugh', his executors and assigns, with the revenues of the said properties from Michaelmas last past, until Elizabeth's full age and until livery of the foregoing out of the hands of the bishop or his successors;

and to be held without rendering account therefor or paying or doing anything else to or for the bishop or his successors, bishops of Durham, for any of the foregoing;

also of the reversion of all other properties within the bishopric which ought, by the death of any person or persons, to descend, revert or remain to Elizabeth during her minority or that of any heirs of hers, and which might happen to pass to the bishop or his successors during the minority of Elizabeth or her heirs;

and the wardship of the same properties which have belonged to William Hansart or to anyone else to his or Elizabeth's use, and which ought to pass to the bishop by reason of the minority;

the wardship of all the foregoing to be held by William and his assigns for the said minority, until sued out of the hands of the bishop or his successors, without rendering account for the revenues thereof, or paying or doing anything else to or for the bishop or his successors, bishops of Durham;

and granting, for himself and his successors, if Elizabeth should happen to die before her full age and her heir or heirs be minors, to William Ascugh' the wardship of the same properties during the minority of such an heir or heirs (on the same terms as above); [without rendering account?] because express mention is not made in the presents of the true yearly value or of a true statement of the foregoing, or of any other value or statement thereof.

Dated: his house called *Yorke place*, near London 4 April, 15 Henry VIII. 1524

Dated: Durham.

f.206v 2 December 1524

Memorandum that a letter of confraternity and consorority was issued in the customary form for Nicholas Tempest and (blank) his wife.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.206v 18 December 1524

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Ralph Aldwodd', M.A., in the vicarage of Heighington, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Richardson', M.A., last vicar thereof; saving to the prior and chapter a yearly pension of 53s 4d due of old therefrom, to be paid to the office of the sacristy of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.206v-207r 14 November 1524

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Richardson, vicar of Heighington, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, William Richardson, vicar of the church of Heighington (St Peter's), for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden and rule of the same church, resigns his vicarage into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c) and bishop or commendator of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, official, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving a suitable yearly pension to be assigned to him by ordinary authority out of the revenues of the said vicarage, for life,

and asked the notary to compile one or more instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Thomas Armiger and John Rodys, *literati*, of Norwich and London dioc.

Notary: Simon Long, clerk of Winchester dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, with the notary recording that the instrument was written by another because he was impeded by other business).

Done: in the notary's dwelling-house, par. London St Faith.

f.207r 19 December 1524

Mandate to induct by William Clyfton, D.Dec., official of the episcopal consistory of Durham, to Hugh, prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to him and his monastery, or to whomsoever his official, having, on presentation by the prior, admitted and instituted one Ralph Aldewoode, clerk, to and in the vicarage of Heighington, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Richardson, last incumbent thereof, as appears more clearly by his letters made thereon, instructing him to induct Ralph or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.207r-v 18 December 1524

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to Richard Bellasys, gentleman, of the manor and township of Morton near Houghton[-le-Spring], with all the houses, buildings, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, closes, profits and easements belonging thereto; to be held by Richard, his heirs and assigns, from the Invention of the Cross [3 May] next to come for the term of sixty years;

rendering yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors £6 at All Saints [1 November] and the Invention of the Holy Rood by equal portions; and, if the rent of £6 should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part by half a year after any feast day on which it ought to have been paid, and insufficient can be found in the said lands (&c) to distrain for the arrears, it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the manor (&c) and have the property as originally, the present lease notwithstanding;

and during the said term Richard and his assigns will repair and maintain all houses, buildings, hedges and ditches within the said manor and township at their own expense, with the sole exception of the timber, by view of four trustworthy men impartially chosen for this purpose from among the tenants of the bishop or his successors.

Sealed alternately. 3 December, 16 Henry VIII. [1524]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.207v-208r 13 April 1525

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to Humfrey Cooke of the tenement with shop, cellar, solar and garden in the parish of St Martin in the Field, near Charing Cross, Middlesex, lately inhabited and occupied by Gerard Gombell', smith, lying between a vennel called *Ivelane* to the east and a tenement now in the tenure of Giles Melman, cooper, to the west, the highway on the north and the stone wall of the bishop's garden to the south; the tenement being (standard measure) five score and five feet long north to south, 35ft 8in wide at the northern end and 36ft wide at the southern end; to be held by Humfrey, his executors and assigns, from Michaelmas last past for the term of sixty years;

rendering yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors 20s at Lady Day and Michaelmas by equal portions, to be paid into the hands of the bishop's or his successors' receiver of rents near Charing Cross, London; and, if the rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for a quarter of a year after any feast on which it be due, it shall be allowed to the bishop, his successors and his receiver to enter the tenement and distrain there, and to remove goods distrained and retain them until the bishop or his successors be satisfied of the rent and arrears thereof; if the rent be in arrears in whole or in part for a half year and insufficient can be found in the said tenement to distrain for the arrears, or if there be damage to the tenement during the term and it should go unrepaired within a year and a day after being caused, it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to enter the tenement and to lease it to another or others, the present letters notwithstanding;

Humfrey and his executors and assigns will repair and maintain the tenement inside and out, and have it protected against the wind and rain, as much and as often as need be during the term; with clause of warranty.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 13 December, Pont. 2. [1524]

Dated: Durham

f.208r-v 13 April 1525

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal &c [archbishop of York &c] to institute Robert Strey, chaplain, in the canonry and prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the death of Mr William Burgh, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.208v 23 May 1525

Notarial instrument recording that Henry Thewe, monk of Durham and prior of Stamford, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, Henry Thewe, monk of Durham and prior of the cell or prior of St Leonard, Stamford, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said cell, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln, or of another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Robert Adthey and Oswald Ogle, *literati*, of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, in which the notary records that the instrument was written by another because he was occupied elsewhere).

Done: in the registry of the priory of Durham, next to the prior's residence

f.208v-209r 24 May 1525

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to admit Christopher Wyllye, S.T.B., to the keeping and rule of the cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the resignation of Henry Thewe, last prior thereof.

Dated: Durham

f. 209r-v 11 June 1525

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to Thomas Frankeleyn, gentleman, of the watermill of Haughton[-le-Skerne], with its suits and sequels and a pasture or meadow called *Fyton* in Darlington; and also the whole pasture, meadow and woods commonly called the park of Darlington; to be held by Thomas and his assigns from Whitsun next to come for the term of forty years; rendering yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors £14 13s 4d at Martinmas and Whitsun by equal portions, namely £4 for the mill, £4 13s 4d for *Fyton*, and £6 for the said park; and if the rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part for a quarter of a year after any feast day on which it should be paid, the present lease is to be broken and invalid, and it is to be allowed to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the foregoing properties, to expel the said Thomas Frankeleyn and to lease the mill and the other properties at their will, the present letters notwithstanding;

and during the term the said Thomas and his assigns are to supply *cokk* [ *es* ] and *rungg* [ *es* ] at their own expense, and the bishop and his successors are to supply large *macromium* [timber ?], iron and millstones for maintenance of the mill as often as need be, at their own expense, and Thomas and his assigns are to maintain all ditches and hedges of the said pasture and park at their own expense, and to leave them in sufficient repair at the end of the term; notwithstanding any limitation, statute, act, ordinance or provision made thereon to the contrary, for the reason that mention is not made here of the true yearly value, of any other value or of a certain assessment of the foregoing.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 May, Pont. 3. [1525]

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.209v ?27 September 1526

Grant by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, for themselves and their successors, on account of certain reasons specially prompting them, to William Frankeleyn, clerk, archdeacon of Durham, John Bentley of Tursdale, Thomas Bentley, clerk, and Christopher Browne, of an annual rent or annuity of 60s from their lands and tenements in Castle Eden; to be held and taken by William, John, Thomas, Christopher, their heirs and assigns in perpetuity, in order to fulfil the last will of John Jakson of Easington; to be paid at Martinmas and Whitsun by equal portions; and if the said annual rent should be unpaid in whole or in part for twenty days after any date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to William, John, Thomas, Christopher, their heirs and assigns to enter and distrain on the said lands and tenements, and to take away and retain the goods distrained until satisfied of the said annual rent, with arrears if any there be.

Dated: [Durham] ? 27 September <19> {18} Henry VIII, <1527> 1526.

{ "not issued" }

[Evidently superseded by the version on f.218v, below. A face has been drawn in profile to the left of the "O" of the opening "Omnibus".]

f.209v-210r 1525

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, of his servant Richard Hedworth' as bailiff of the township and lordship of Whickham, the office to be held by Richard for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; taking 40s yearly for his fee in the office, to be paid by equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun, by his own hands or those of the bishop's farmers there, along with all profits, easements, customary rights and emoluments of old used and wont to the office; granting him full power to carry out all things pertaining to the office; ordering all his officers, ministers and tenants to submit and be helpful to the said Richard and his deputies.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 23 May, Pont. 3. [1525]

Dated: Durham

f. 210r 12 December 1525

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Colyn, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Buterfeld, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.210r-v 27 February 1526

Notarized resignation read by Robert Colyn, priest, vicar of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, who, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said church, resigns his said vicarage into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Witnesses: Robert Cole, chaplain, William Toyas, *literatus*, of Durham and York dioc. Notary: John Chapman', N.P. of the Count Palatine of the Lateran Palace and by apostolic and imperial authority.

Done: in the notary's dwelling-house in Petergate, York

f.210v 2 March 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Cole, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Robert Colyn, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.210v 7 May 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Forrest, chaplain, in the vicarage of Dalton-le-Dale vacant by the death of Thomas Fell, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.211r 8 May 1526

Collation by John Halywell', subprior and the convent of Durham to Richard Benet, chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the resignation of John Robynson, last chaplain thereof, providing that he bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry.

Under the other side of the common seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: [Durham]

f.211r 23 May 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Forster, chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the death of Charles Lowson, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.211r 25 May 1526

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to George Baytis and W. Bell, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct John Forster, chaplain, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the death of Charles Lowson, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them and either of them full power to induct the said John into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.211r-v 20 June 1526

Notarized resignation read by Oliver Lokwood, rector of the church of Stamford St Mary by the Bridge, who, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said church, resigns the same into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln.

Under signature, subscribed with his own pen.

Witnesses: Evan Machell, proctor-general of the episcopal consistory of Lincoln, John Richard, chaplain.

Notary: Thomas Wytham, clerk of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Dated: the church of Great Casterton (St Peter) by Stamford.

f.211v 25 June 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Henrison, chaplain, in the church of Stamford St Mary at the Bridge, vacant by the resignation of Oliver Lokwood, last rector thereof; saving to the prior and chapter and their monastery a yearly pension of five marks due of old therefrom.

Dated: Durham.

f.212r 10 August 1526

Letters of confraternity by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Richard Lystere, legist and attorney of King Henry VIII, although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it however binds them most particularly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; with the merits of his pious devotion, which they know he has towards them and their monastery of Durham, pressing them, granting him, in life as in death, full participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, and receiving him into their fraternity, so that when his death has been notified to them or their successors they will perform prayers for him each year for all time to come, just as for their other spiritual brethren and sisters.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.212r-v 14 August 1526

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, to his servant Robert Rawe of the office of bailiff of his city of Durham to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking from the bishop and his successors ten marks yearly in the office, by his own hands, from the revenues of the office, along with all other profits and advantages pertaining to the office; providing that Robert answer to the bishop yearly and render faithful account concerning all monies coming into his hands by reason of his office; granting him full power to carry out all things pertaining to the office; ordering all his tenants and subjects of his city of Durham to be helpful and submit to the said Robert in carrying out the office. Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: the bishop's house by Charing Cross in the suburbs of London 22 July, Pont. 4. [1526]

Dated: Durham.

f.212v 3 November 1525

Appointment by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Edward Hynmers, S.T.P., monk of Durham, recalling that when Durham College in the university of Oxford was founded by Thomas Hatfelde, sometime bishop of Durham, and endowed by him in spiritualities and temporalities for the perpetual maintenance of sixteen persons, namely eight brethren of the chapter of Durham and eight secular scholars to be chosen by the prior and chapter, studying there and praying for the souls of the said bishop and all the faithful, he ordained, for the governing of the college and the monks and scholars there, that one of the monks be chosen by the prior and chapter as keeper, rector or warden of the college, having freedom and faculty to administer everything, both within and without, howsoever belonging to the college, for the honour of God and the use of the monks and scholars studying there;

not wishing that the college be cheated of its rights, therefore, having full assurance of his diligence, creating Edward warden or prior of Durham College, Oxford, committing plenary power to him to govern the monks and scholars there, to chastise the secular scholars if they should offend in any way and expel them from the college for their exigent faults, according to his sound judgment and the statutes of the place, with the counsel of the monks studying there;

granting special licence to him to administer the college's goods movable and immovable and to lease all lands, possessions and rectories belonging to the college for the common use and profit thereof; ordering that all monks and secular scholars residing in the college be obedient to Edward as prior or warden thereof in all and sundry the foregoing, as is fitting, and in other respects they hold as accepted all things to be done which will be to the honour of God and the use of the college, whatever Edward might do in the foregoing; with the proviso that if the prior and convent should lease the rectory of Brantingham to any person, they will that such a lease be always firm and sure, notwithstanding the aforesaid licence to let allowed to the aforesaid Edward; saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham and the statutes and ordinances of their said college in all things always.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.213r 4 October 1526

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham, appointing Thomas Casson of Houghton[-le-Spring] as coroner of the ward of Easington to be held for life, carrying out whatsoever pertains to the office in person or through his sufficient deputy; providing that he answer to the bishop therefor and render account of all monies, revenues and receipts coming into his hands by reason of his office before the bishop's auditors in Durham; taking from the bishop and his successors the fees and wages and all profits and other advantages used and wont to the office, just as taken by others occupying the office before this time; ordering all his bailiffs, officers and other ministers of the ward duly to obey, help and support the said Thomas in carrying out the office.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 24 May, Pont. 3. [1525]

Dated: Durham

f.213r-v 2 October 1526

Letters of confraternity by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Kay, LL.B., dean of Chester le Street collegiate church, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should gladly furnish him with that which is of their things the best: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; and when his death has been intimated to them they will perform prayers for him each year for all time to come, just as for their other deceased spiritual brethren.

Dated: Durham

f.213v 5 November 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas &c [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c, and bishop of Durham] or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Hartbourn, chaplain, in the church of Kimblesworth, vacant by the death of John Tyndale, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.213v-214r 16 December 1526

Notarial instrument recording that Thomas Bentley, B.A., vicar of Bywell St Peter, as he claimed, appeared in person and read, interposed, made and carried out the following Resignation whereby he, Thomas Bentley, B.A., vicar of the church of Bywell St Peter, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c) and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. as was contained in a paper schedule which he held in his hands, and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Mr Christopher Wardall, B.Cn.&C.L., and Henry Pyerson, draper, of Durham dioc.

Notary: Edmund Stote, of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, with note of an interlineation).

Done: in the dwelling-house of one Maud Byellis, widow, par. Durham St Nicholas, near the conduit in the market-place, on the eastern side, namely in a small upper room (*cenaculum*) or parlour built on the east side of the house, 16 December 1526.

{ "Thomas Bentley's resignation of the vicarage of Billingham" }

f.214r 17 December 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Bentley, B.A., in the vicarage of Billingham, vacant by the death of Thomas Dobson, priest, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.214r-v 2 October 1526

Notarial instrument recording that John Forster, chaplain and vicar of Edlingham, as he claimed, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following Resignation whereby he, John Forster, chaplain, vicar of the church of Edlingham, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c) and bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation,

in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: George Bayttis, chaplain, rector of Durham St Mary in North Bailey, and John Hunter, *literatus*, of Durham dioc.

Notary: John Clerk, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, with the notary recording that the instrument was written by another because he was occupied elsewhere).

Done: in a garden, within the holding on the north side of the notary's dwelling, par. Durham St Mary in North Bailey.

f.214v 18 December 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Forster, chaplain, in the vicarage of Bywell St Peter, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Bentley, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.215r 8 December 1526

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Ralph Watson, M.A., in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of John Foster, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.215r 1 April 1527

Mandate to induct by William Clyfton, D.Dec., official of the episcopal consistory of Durham, to Hugh, prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to him and his monastery, or to whomsoever his official, having admitted one Mr Ralph Watsoune, M.A., to the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of the last incumbent thereof, to which he has been lawfully presented, and thinking fit that he be inducted therein, instructing him to induct Mr Ralph or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and to defend the inducted to the extent that it concerns him.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.215r 1 April 1527

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to (blank) having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct Mr Ralph Watson, M.A., {or his proctor} into bodily possession of the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of John Forster, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them and either of them full power to induct the said John into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they shall have done in this regard.

Dated: Durham

f.215r-v 11 April 1527

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., archdeacon of Durham and prebendary (as he claimed) of the prebend and canonry of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., prebendary of the prebend and canonry of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his said canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, written in a paper schedule which he held in his hands, and asked the notary to draw up a public instrument for him on the foregoing, and called on the undernamed witnesses to give their attestation to this resignation.

Witnesses: Mr William Strangwayes, dean of Auckland collegiate church, John Gretehed, chaplain, and Robert Rawe, bailiff of the city of Durham, of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: Edmund Stote, of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, noting an interlineation and erasures).

Done: in the registry of the prior of Durham, in the monastery thereof.

{ "void because of the intervention of Thomas, cardinal and bishop" }



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.215v-216r 11 April 1527

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Geoffrey Wrenne', B.A., last prebendary and canon thereof.

Dated: [Durham].

{ "void" }

f.216r [1527]

Presentation [incomplete] by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, (blank) in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of (blank).

{ "void" }

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.216r-v 13 June 1527

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

(Chirograph) lease by Thomas, cardinal of England, archbishop of York, papal legate *a latere*, primate and chancellor of England, and bishop of Durham, to Margaret Tymson' of Henknowl, widow, Richard Bellasys of Walworth, and Bartholomew Harwood of Barnard Castle, of the coal mines and pits of Grewburn and Railey, to be held by them, their executors and assigns from Martinmas last past for the term of thirty years, paying therefor nine score pounds [£180] yearly to the bishop and his successors, to the receiver or his deputy at the chancery of Durham, by equal portions at St Peter's Chains [1 August] or within ten days thereafter, and at St Nicholas [6 December, or perhaps St Nicholas of the Studium, 4 February, which, being six months after Lammas, is rather more suitable as a term date] or within ten days thereafter, until Margaret, Richard and Bartholomew, at their expense, find a field where enough coal may be extracted to serve the district without the expense of *ordinaunces keping and water casting*, by the sight of the bishop's viewer [colliery overseer], or when the viewer shall find ground where enough coal may be obtained to serve the district, when Margaret, Richard and Bartholomew, their executors and assigns are to pay thenceforth nine score and ten pounds at the said feasts; granting that he and his successors shall appoint, by the oversight of the said viewer, sufficient mines at Grewburn and Railey, to be won, sunk and worked at the expense of Margaret, Richard and Bartholomew, and that he will find sufficient timber for shafts, *loges* and *wyndesses* [hoists] and also *wandes* suitable for their *corves* [baskets], the timber and *wandes* to be obtained and carved at the expense of the lessees;

granting that the lessees be able to work, win and lay up daily as much coal as they think advantageous, without interference from the bishop or his successors, and that, if the viewer cannot agree with the lessees on the assigning of mines, the lessees, or any of them, be able to choose another viewer, at their own expense;

providing that coals left above ground at the end of the term should remain to the profit of the bishop, without allowance to the lessees;

granting that he or his successors will pay the viewer's yearly fee during the term;

discharging the lessees of all wayleaves paid to the earl of Westmorland or to any other claiming such wayleaves;

granting that the pits of the earl of Westmorland and other pits near the lessees' mines should not be occupied to their prejudice during the term, or else the lessees should have reasonable allowance of their farm by advice of the chancellor of Durham and the viewer of the said pits;

with the lessees covenanting to leave the ground bare at the end of the lease and to leave all ropes, *wyndesses*, barrows, *sholes*, tubes, pikes and other equipment belonging to the mines in as good condition as they receive them, or better, all parties agreeing that the viewer make an inventory of the equipment, to be lodged in the chancery of Durham until the end of the lease. In English.

Sealed interchangeably. 10 December, 17 Henry VIII. [1525]

Dated: Durham

Language: Latin; English

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.217r-v 1 June 1527

Proxy by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Edward Kellet, D.Dec., and Mr John Sheffield, LL.B., advocates of the court of York, Mr Reynold Beisley and Mr Christopher Beisley, N.P.s, proctors-general of the said court of York, as their proctors in all causes, pleas, disputes, suits and business concerning the prior and chapter, their monastery, their college in the university of Oxford, their cell of Lytham, their other cells, their appropriated parish churches and the chapels dependent therefrom, their interests, jurisdictions, liberties, tithes, pensions, portions, and rights, before whatsoever judges ordinary, delegate, or subdelegate, and their commissaries, executors, collectors, provisors, arbiters, conservators and others, having any kind of jurisdiction or cognizance, *ex officio* or at the instance of parties, brought or to be brought against the prior and chapter, their monastery, college (&c, as above), by whatsoever adversaries, at whatsoever dates and places, giving them general power and general and special mandate to act on behalf of the prior and chapter, their monastery, college (&c); responsibilities listed; also to attend and act on behalf of the prior and chapter, their monastery, college (&c), at synods, consistories, councils, visitations, chapters, congregations, and other convocations whatsoever.

Dated: Durham.

f.217v 20 July 1527

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute John Johnson, chaplain, in the third vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the death of Henry Jacson, last chaplain and vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

{ "reg[ist]r[at]o i[n] magno fo[li]o 40" }

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.217v-218r 26 September 1527

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following exemplification, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Exemplification by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham of the following record of suit

Record of suit (common recovery) in the bishop's court before Antony Fitzherbert, knight, one of the king's justices of the court of Common Pleas, and Richard Lister, the king's attorney-general, the bishop's justices in eyre in the county of Durham:

Thomas Barkeley, son and heir apparent of Thomas Barkley, knight, lord Berkeley, through John Haxby his guardian, who was admitted by the court to prosecute for Thomas as a close friend of his, and John Constable, squire, Robert Constable, squire, William Babthorp, squire, Nicholas Rudston, squire, Thomas Malyverey, squire, Thomas Slyngisby, squire, and John Swale, gentleman, through Humfrey Cottom', their attorney, claimed against Antony Rosse, squire, six messuages, seven cottages, thirty-one bovates of land and seven acres of meadow in Hurworth-on-Tees, as their right and inheritance, into which they said Antony did not have entry except after the disseizin unlawfully made by Hugh Hunt after king Henry III's first crossing to Gascony; saying that they were seized of the said tenements in their lordship as of fee and right in time of peace and in the time of Thomas Rowthall, lately bishop of Durham, taking the profits thereof; Antony Rosse, coming in person to defend his right, vouched William Ingilby, squire, to warranty, and William, present in court in person, freely warranted the said tenements to him &c;

the plaintiffs claimed in manner aforesaid against William Ingilby, defendant by his warranty, saying that they were seized (&c), and brought suit therefor;

William Ingilby defended his right and vouched Thomas Brikilbank to warranty, and Thomas, present in court in person, freely warranted the said tenements to him;

the plaintiffs claimed in manner aforesaid against Thomas Brikilbank, defendant by his warranty, saying that they were seized (&c), and brought suit therefor;

Thomas Brikilbank defended his right and said that Hugh Hunt had not disseized the plaintiffs, as submitted in their said writ and statement, and submitted himself to the jury concerning this matter;

the plaintiffs asked leave to imparl [with Thomas], whereafter Thomas Barkeley the son [represented] by John Haxby and the others [represented] by their attorney returned to the court, and Thomas Brikilbank, though solemnly called upon, did not return, but withdrew in contempt of the court and defaulted;

for this reason it was judged that the plaintiffs recover their seizin of the said tenements against Antony Rosse, Anthony Rosse have from the lands of William Ingilby to the value of &c, William Ingilby have from the lands of Thomas Brikilbanke to the value of &c, and Thomas Brikilbanke be in mercy.

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made at the request of the said Thomas Barkeley the son, John and Robert Constable, William Babthorp, Nicholas [Rudston], Thomas Malyverey, Thomas Slyngisby and John Swale.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 7 September, Pont. 5. [1527]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.218r 26 September, 18 Henry VIII 1526

Grant by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, for themselves and their successors, to William Frankeleyn, clerk, archdeacon of Durham, John Bentley of Tursdale, Thomas Bentley, clerk, and Christopher Browne, of an annual rent or annuity of 60s from their lands and tenements in Castle Eden; to be held and taken by William, John, Thomas, Christopher, their heirs and assigns in perpetuity, in order to fulfil the last will of John Jakson of Easington; to be paid at Martinmas and Whitsun by equal portions; and if the said annual rent should be unpaid in whole or in part for twenty days after any date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to William, John, Thomas, Christopher, their heirs and assigns to enter and distrain on the said lands and tenements, and to take away and retain the goods distrained until satisfied of the said annual rent, with arrears if any there be.

Dated: [Durham]

See also f.209v above.

f.218r-219v 17 November 1526

Will and testament (indented) by John Jakeson of Easington, whereas William Frankeleyn, clerk, archdeacon of Durham, John Bentley and their cofeoffees, and their heirs are seized of a messuage and nine acres of land in Easington and in half of a messuage and sixteen acres of land in Easington, and of all other lands and tenements in Easington lately belonging to Christopher Conyers of Horden and granted and given by him; John Bentley and his cofeoffees and their heirs are seized of a messuage and thirty acres of land in Easington, lately belonging to Ralph Garry of Darlington; William Frankeleyn, clerk, John Bentley and their cofeoffees are seized of an annual rent of £3 from the lands and tenements of the prior and convent of Durham and their successors in Castle Eden, granted by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, with a clause of distress for non-payment thereof; as shown at length in the documentation of all the premisses, by force of which William Frankeleyn, clerk, and his cofeoffees, and John Bentley and his cofeoffees and their heirs are seized in the premisses for the use of John Jakeson and his heirs for ever;

in order to perform his last will of the same, which he does by these present writings, he notifies his feoffees and all seeing or hearing his will in future that he wills that [1] he be allowed to have and receive the yearly revenues of all the said lands, tenements and rents, during his life; and that after his death his feoffees and their heirs be seized of the said premisses, with the revenues thereof, and the £3 rent, which, immediately after receipt thereof, they shall pay to a priest to be appointed by John Jakeson to sing at the altar of Our Lady in the church of Easington, for John Jakeson's soul and the souls of his wife Janet, his father and mother, Henry Dalton and Mr Thomas Hobbes, clerk, late archdeacon of Durham, and, after their deaths, of Hugh, prior of Durham, William Frankeleyn, clerk, archdeacon of Durham, and John Bentley, and the souls of his benefactors and all Christians; subsequent priests serving there are to be appointed by the prior of Durham and his successors; priests serving there are to sing at the altar for life, are to be continually resident in Easington, and are to be in attendance in the church on all festival days and solemn days, helping to sing mattins, mass, evensong and other divers services; they are to have forty days' liberty yearly, to be taken at once or severally, to go on pilgrimage or to visit friends; upon the death of the priest appointed by him, John Jakeson, he wills that Hugh, prior of Durham, and his successors should appoint another suitable priest to replace him within twenty days, on the same terms, likewise after the death or removal of subsequent priests serving there;

[2] his feoffees and, when seized of the said lands and rent, their heirs shall receive the said revenues yearly and pay them to the priest and his successors for ever, in equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas;

[3] when only two of his feoffees remain alive, then these survivors, within half a year of the death of [the third remaining of] their cofeoffees, at the request of the priest appointed by the prior and his successors, are to enfeoff four or six honest persons to be nominated by the prior and his successors in the said lands, tenements and rent, and grant the same to them in fee simple; these feoffees and their heirs are to be seized therein for such use and intent as the said William Frankeleyn, clerk, John Bentley and their cofeoffees are seized by force of this present will; and from time to time, whenever there be only two living feoffees, similar enfeoffment is to be made without delay, with a schedule to be attached to these letters, explaining the cause and intent of the enfeoffment; the enfeoffment is to be made at the cost of the then priest and is to be renewed as aforesaid until the time when licence to amortize the said lands and rent may be obtained from the bishop of Durham; in the mean time it is his will that every

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priest successively named and appointed by the prior and his successors be called chantry priest of John Jakeson of Easington;

[4] if the prior of Durham or any of his successors should be negligent in naming and appointing an able and honest priest within twenty days of the death, removal or resignation of any priest of the said chantry, the archdeacon of Durham and his successors are to appoint a priest;

[5] the priest is to observe all the articles of this will and be paid the said revenues as aforesaid; and if any priest appointed to the chantry should be a *nowlter*, farmer or a usual buyer and seller of corn, cattle, or any other thing, whereby he shall no longer serve God according to his duties, John Jakeson's warning to relinquish his misdemeanours is to be given to him by the prior or his assign; if the priest continue in his misdemeanours, then, within a quarter of a year after the said warning, the prior should name another priest to perform the things contained in these presents, notwithstanding any article or word contained in the presents to the contrary. Under his seal on every part of the indenture.

*Language:* English

f.219v January 1528

Letters of confraternity and consorority to Henry, earl of Northumberland, warden of the East and Middle Marches against Scotland, and Mary his wife, by his bedesmen Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it however binds them most greatly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; on account of the singular affection of their charity, also the fervour of a sincere heart and their devotion, which it is evident they have towards them and their monastery of Durham, and by [their] favours they know from experience daily more and more, granting them full participation, in life and in death, in all spiritual aids, namely masses, vigils, alms, fasts, (&c) which the clemency of the Saviour will think worthy to be performed by the prior and chapter in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells henceforward, for the perpetual revolutions of time; and when their deaths have been made known to the prior and chapter they will afford [them] in perpetuity the same spiritual benefits wherein they are accustomed to let their brethren share.

Dated: Durham.

f.219v-220r 8 February 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal, archbishop of York, &c and] bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Davell', LL.D., in the vicarage of Bedlington, vacant by the death Thomas Lee, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham, 8 February 1527/8.

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f.220r 8 February 1528

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to (blank) chaplain, having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct Mr Robert Davell, LL.D., or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Bedlington, vacant by the natural death of Thomas Lee, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and, in the person of Mr William Blythman', his proctor, instituted by the bishop of Durham; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving him full power to induct the said Mr Robert into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

f.220r 13 February 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Whytehed, chaplain, in the vicarage of Hesleden vacant by the death Thomas Lynns [or Lymis ?], chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.220r 13 February 1528

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to George Baytis, rector of Durham St Mary in South Bailey, William Cokey and Thomas Dawson', chaplains, having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct Robert Whitehed, chaplain, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Hesleden, vacant by the natural death of Thomas Lynns [or Lymis ?], last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them or any of them full power to induct the said Robert into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they or any of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

f.220v 25 February 1528

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Robert Cole, vicar of the prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, Robert Cole, vicar of the prebend of Howden, in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in spiritualities or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, written in a paper schedule which he held in his hands, and asked the notary to produce one or more instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Henry Pereson, *literatus*, and Antony Clerke, chaplain, of York dioc.

Notary: Thomas Knollis, clerk of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in an upper chamber or parlour in the dwelling-house of Henry Pereson, in Howden.



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f.220v 5 March 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Wawen, chaplain, in the vicarage of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Robert Cole, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.221r 5 March 1528

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Chamberleyn, canon and prebendary of Barmby de Bowe in the collegiate church of Howden (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written

Resignation whereby he, William Chamberleyn, canon and prebendary of the canonry and prebend of Barmby de Bowe in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in spiritualities or chancellor or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation,

and asked the notary to produce a public instrument for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: William Radwell and Hugh Cortynge, *literati*, of Lincoln dioc.

Notary: Thomas Asheley, LL.B., clerk of Lincoln dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, recording that the instrument was written by another, because the notary was occupied elsewhere).

Done: in the wonted residence of the said cardinal (&c) near Westminster.

f.221r-v 24 March 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute Mr George Wylfet, D.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Chamberlayne, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.221v-222r 14 April 1528

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Edward Stephonson, N.P., prebendary of the second prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read, declared and executed the following written

Resignation whereby he, Edward Stephonson, prebendary of the second prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the dignity and rule of the said canonry and prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; declaring that it is not his intention to resign the prebend unless the prior and convent of Durham present William Startwhaite, priest, to the same, and he will return to his prebend and use all remedy of law in that regard if William is not presented thereto, notwithstanding the resignation made by him as aforesaid,

and asked the notary to produce a public instrument for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Christopher Hampton and John Rysing, *literati*.

Notary: William Beynham, LL.B., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the wonted residence of Mr Thomas Godsalue, N.P. of the count Palatine of the apostolic palace and the Lateran hall, in Newgate, par. *Norwich* St Stephen.

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f.222r 21 April 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute William Startwhaite, priest, in the canonry and second prebend in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough vacant by the resignation of Edward Stephonson', last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.222r 16 May 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c and bishop of Durham] to institute Mr Ralph Whitehed', B.Dec., in the vicarage of Pittington vacant by the death of Robert Jakson, B.A., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.222r-v 9 May 1528

Collation by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, to Robert Cole, priest, of the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Hall, priest, last prebendary thereof, and pertaining to the archbishop's collation by virtue of his prerogative as legate *a latere* ; investing Robert therewith and ordering that he or his proctor be lawfully inducted and installed therein; saving the archiepiscopal rights and customs of York and the dignity and prerogative of the church of York.

Dated: the archbishop's house commonly called *Dorome place* [London]

f.222v 25 May 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute Robert Cole, priest, in the canonry and prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr Thomas Hall, priest, last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.222v 7 June 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c] to institute Henry Holland, chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Richard Stowe, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

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f.222v-223v 26 May 1528

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Ralph Watson', M.A., vicar of Edlingham (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, Ralph Watson', M.A., vicar of the church of Edlingham, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage and the cure of souls of the parishioners there, in the hope of a yearly pension from the revenues of the said vicarage, to be assigned by ordinary authority for his maintenance so long as he live, and not otherwise, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, contained in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and at once, without interval, he appointed Mr William Blytheman and Mr John Clerke, N.P.s, as his proctors and gave them general power and special mandate to show the present instrument of resignation before the archbishop, or anyone having power (as above), to ask that it be accepted, that the vicarage be declared vacant, and that a yearly pension (as above) be assigned, to obtain decrees, sentences and other necessary cautions and securities to be interposed, to swear necessary oaths (to bring the business of resignation to a conclusion, appoint substitutes &c); and he promised to regard with favour what were done by the proctors in the foregoing, under pledge of all his goods, and for this purpose he put up security then and there; and asked the notary to produce one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing, and the witnesses to give their attestation to the truth of the foregoing.

Witnesses: Ralph Acrod, M.A., and Christopher Lythum, chaplain.

Notary: John Daken', LL.B., of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the house of Thomas Wardall, goldsmith, par. Hull Holy Trinity.

f.223v 17 July 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c and bishop of Durham] or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Milne, chaplain, in the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph {Watson} M.A., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

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f.223v-224v 28 July 1528

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, bishop of Durham, abbot *in commendam* of St Albans, chancellor of England, appointing his servant Thomas Aluarde, gentleman, as keeper of his lodging or manse in the parish of St Martin the bishop [St Martin's in the Fields] in the suburbs of London, commonly called *Duresme place*, and as keeper of the garden or orchard lying adjacent thereto; giving him a suitable dwelling-place within the said lodging, to be assigned by the bishop for the term of Thomas's life, and as had by earlier keepers of the lodging;

the keepership to be held by Thomas from Lady Day last past for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; the bishop, for himself and his successors, granting him 7d per day in wages for the keepership, namely 4d for keeping the house and 3d for keeping the garden, to be paid [yearly] to Thomas or his assigns from the revenues of all the bishop's lands and tenements in the said parish, by the hands of the receiver and collector of rents and farms there, at Michaelmas and Lady Day by equal portions; and, if the wages be in arrears in whole or part, Thomas or his assigns are to be allowed to enter all the said lands and tenements and distrain for the arrears, and remove and retain goods distrained until satisfied of the arrears; granting John a bishop's gentleman's woollen cloth gown each year during his life, whenever the bishop and his successors should happen to give a livery to their other servants; and granting him an allowance, to be handed over twice daily by the bishop's officers of the kitchen, pantry and store-room, of a forcer of foodstuffs, two loaves and a gallon of beer, and in the same way as enjoyed by previous keepers, whenever the bishop or his successors should happen to be in residence in the lodging with their household, with sufficient coal and firewood daily for his or his deputy's hearth, such as ought to be had for his livery at his chambers by any gentleman servant of the bishop or his successors in the said lodging; and ordering his and his successors' collectors of rents, keepers of the wardrobe and other officers to pay John his wages, gown and allowances of food, and his and his successors' auditors of accounts to allow the payments and liveries to the collectors of rents yearly during John's life.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 May, Pont. 6. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

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f.224v-225r 28 July 1528

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England and bishop of Durham to his servant Michael Whyting, *valettus* usher of the bishop's chamber, appointing him to the office of keeper or parker of the park of Frankland, near Durham, with Middlewood and Ryton and its other appurtenances; to be held for life by Michael, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; with the wages and fees of old used and wont to the office, to be taken yearly by the hands of the receiver-general of the bishop's exchequer at the usual terms, and with all other fees and profits as had by Richard Reidman', last parker thereof, or any other holder of the said office.

Witness: William Frankeleyn', the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 24 April, Pont. 5. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

f.225r 15 August 1528

Inspeximus by Hugh prior [and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, chancellor of England, papal legate and legate *a latere*, and bishop of Durham, to his servant Richard Bellosys appointing him to the office of constable of his castle of Durham, to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom he would answer to the bishop; taking as his fee in the office twenty marks yearly, to be paid by the hands of the receiver-general there at Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with all other profits, advantages and emoluments belonging to the office, and a gentleman's robe or 13s 4d in name of the robe, to be delivered or paid at Christmas each year, for life; giving him full power to carry out all and sundry things pertaining to the office, and ordering all his officers, ministers, servants and tenants to obey and support Richard and his deputy performing the said office.

Witness: William Franklyn', clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: his house near Westminster 4 March, 19 Henry VIII. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

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f.225v 15 August 1528

Notarial instrument recording that John Facebey, chaplain, rector of West Rounton (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, John Facebey, chaplain, rector of the church of West Rounton, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the cure, burden and rule of his said church and the parishioners thereof, resigns the same church into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c) archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving to himself a suitable pension from the revenues of the said church, for his maintenance so long as he might live, to be assigned by authority of the ordinary of the place, contained in a certain paper schedule which he held in his hands, and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: Mr John Metcalf<sup>r</sup>, LL.B., Christopher Dodgeson<sup>r</sup> and Robert Bothomley, *literati*, of York dioc.

Notary: William Wright, *literatus*, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in an upper chamber on the west side of the hall of the notary's main dwelling, in Coney Street, York.

f.225v-226r 17 August 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute John Routwhaye, chaplain, in the church of [West] Rounton, vacant by the resignation of John Faceby, chaplain, last rector thereof; {saving to the prior and chapter and their monastery a yearly pension of 10s due of old therefrom}.

Dated: Durham

f.226r 21 August 1528

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to Cuthbert Ogle and John (blank), having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct Thomas Milne, chaplain, into bodily possession of the vicarage of Edlingham, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph Watson<sup>r</sup>, M.A., last incumbent thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them or either of them full power to induct the said Thomas into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they or either of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

f.226r 2 September 1528

Commission to induct by Hugh, prior of Durham, ordinary of the liberty of St Cuthbert in the churches and chapels appropriated to him and his monastery in Allerton and Allertonshire, to Roland Hakforth, chaplain, having lately received a mandate from Brian Hygdon, LL.D., dean of York and vicar-general of Thomas, cardinal (&c) and archbishop of York (&c), in distant parts, to induct John Rowngthwaite, priest, admitted and instituted rector of [West] Rounton by authority of the same, or his proctor, into bodily possession of the church of [West] Rounton, or to have him inducted by another; giving him full power to induct the said John or his proctor into bodily possession of the said church, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

Dated: Durham.

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f.226v 22 September 1528

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Clerke, N.P. by apostolic authority, sufficiently constituted proctor of Mr Ralph Whitehed, B.Dec., vicar of Pitlington, as was evident to the undermentioned notary, appeared in person and read and interposed, on behalf of his said lord, and made and carried out the following

Resignation whereby he, John Clerke, N.P., proctor of Mr Ralph Whitehed, B.Dec., vicar of Pitlington, having general power and special mandate to resign the church of Pitlington, considering that his lord wanted, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said church, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), and bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation,

as in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing and the witnesses to give attestation thereto.

Witnesses: Robert Whitehed and William Denand, *literati*, of York and Durham dioc.

Notary: Edmund Stote of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the prior's registry, the monastery of Durham.

f.226v-227r 26 September 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c) [archbishop of York &c, bishop of Durham] or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Whitehed, B.A., in the vicarage of Pitlington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph Whitehed, B.Dec., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.227r 25 September 1528

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, [cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c, bishop of Durham] to institute Ralph Fowlbery, chaplain, in the vicarage of Branxton, vacant by the natural death of Thomas Goderygill, last vicar thereof; saving to the prior and chapter a yearly pension of 13s 4d due of old from the vicarage, to be paid to the office of bursar of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.227r 1 October 1528

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to John Thompson' and George Thompson', chaplains, having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct William Whitehed, B.A., or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Pitlington, vacant by the resignation of Mr Ralph Whitehed, B.Dec., last vicar thereof, to which William stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them or either of them full power to induct the said William into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what they or either of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.227r-v 30 November 1528

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, bishop of Durham, abbot *in commendam* of St Albans, to his servant Thomas Barton, gentleman, of the office of bailiff and receiver of the manor of Allerton, and keeper thereof and of the woods of Crayke and Cotcliffe in Allertonshire, and appointment thereto, after the natural death of Ed[mund] Skarlet, now bailiff thereof; to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, taking yearly for the office such wages and fees as taken by Ed[mund] Skarlet or any other for carrying out the office, with all and sundry advantages, profits, conveniences and emoluments used and wont of old to the office.

Witness: William Frankeleyn, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 21 November, Pont. 6. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

f.227v-228r 4 December, 20 Henry VIII. [1528]

Chirograph agreement between Hugh prior and the convent of Durham and Thomas Meteham, esquire, of Metham [E.R.] Yorks., witnessing that since there have been differences between them over the amount of relief claimed by the prior from Thomas Meteham after the death of the latter's father, Thomas Meteham, knight, [for properties] in Yokefleet and elsewhere in co. York, held of the prior of Durham by the said father at the time of his death and now held by the said son, through the mediation of the councillors of the duke of Richmond and Somerset the parties have agreed before the said councillors as follows:

that before Christmas next to come Thomas Meteham shall pay or cause to be paid to the prior or his successors £3 6s 8d for all reliefs which are due from earlier times following the deaths of any of the ancestors of Thomas Meteham, for all their lands in Yokefleet; the prior agrees to accept this sum in full satisfaction thereof; in all times to come the heir or heirs of Thomas Meteham, after the death of any of them, shall pay 5 marks to the prior and his successors for all reliefs due to the prior or his successors for all lands, tenements and other hereditaments now held by Thomas of the prior in Yokefleet; the parties are not agreed as to whether the said lands are held by Thomas Meteham of the prior by knight service or socage, but the quantity of the relief may in time to come be more surely known; therefore they agree that the present indenture shall not bind them, their heirs or successors, except as long as it shall please the prior and his successors to accept the sum and as long as the said Thomas and his heirs are happy to pay the same; otherwise they are to be at liberty, this indenture notwithstanding. Sealed alternately.

*Language:* English



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.228r 9 January 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Lease by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Ed[mund] Scarlet of [North]allerton and Thomas, Ed[mund]'s son, in consideration of the good service rendered by Ed[mund] to the bishop, of his borough of [North]allerton and a certain house called *le Tolboth* with the profits and farms of the shops below the same house, and all and sundry rents and farms, called *le burgh* rent and *towne ferme*, in the town of [North]allerton, belonging to the bishop; also all issues, profits and amercements of all courts there called *le burgh courte*, along with tolls, tallage, stallage, pickage, passage, both on market-days and during fairs there, and at other times of the year, with dye-stuff [*? tinctur'*] and the profit thereof, and all other profits, easements, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the foregoing; and the whole of the right, title and interest which the bishop has in the foregoing;

to be held, taken and occupied by Ed[mund], Thomas and their assigns from Michaelmas last past for the term of thirty years; rendering therefor to the bishop and his successors £7 at the usual terms, into the hands of the bishop's receiver there, just as previously used to be paid; and Ed[mund], Thomas and their assigns will repair and maintain the *Tolboth* at their own expense as often as need be, and they will have allowance in payment of the said rent before the bishop's auditors for expenses so incurred; and if there be a failure in payment of the said rent of £7 for a year after any term date on which it ought to be paid, then this lease is to be broken and invalid.

Witness: William Frankeleyne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 April, Pont. 13. [1523]

Dated: Durham

f. 228r-v 7 January 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham of the following lease.

(Chirograph) lease by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, bishop of Durham to William Frankeleyne, clerk, rector of Houghton[-le-Spring], of three closes called *Sheipcloce*, *Lushcloce* and *Braidcloce*, in the township and territory of Houghton[-le-Spring], along with another plot of land enclosed in *Braidcloce*, called *Greve acre*, lately belonging to the reeve of the said township, all of which were lately in the tenure of the said William Frankeleyne, to be held by William Frankeleyne, his successors or assigns, from the Invention of the Cross [3 May] last past for the term of ninety-nine years;

rendering yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors 40s for the three closes, although he used to render 33s 4d, and 6s 8d for *Greve acre*, to be paid at Martinmas and Whitsun by equal portions; and if the rent of 46s 8d should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part 40 days after any feast day on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to the bishop and his successors to enter the said closes and plot of land and distrain there, and to remove and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the said rent and arrears; with warranty clause.

Sealed alternately (the bishop's great seal specified). 14 May 1528

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.228v 16 January 1529

Letters of confraternity by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Johnson', chaplain, prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which he has towards their monastery of Durham, such that they should give back to him the return of goodwill: admitting him as a spiritual brother of the chapter and granting him special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; and when his death has been intimated to them they will perform prayers for him every year for all time to come, just as for their other deceased brethren.

Dated: Durham.

f.228v 11 February 1529

Letters of confraternity and consorority by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Henry Lacy and his wife Katherine prompted by the devotion of mind and affection of a sincere heart which they have towards them and their monastery of Durham, such that they should give back to them the return of goodwill: admitting them as spiritual brother and sister of the chapter, granting them special participation in all masses, vigils, fasts, (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity; and they will perform prayers for them, just as for their other deceased brethren and sisters, every year for all time after their deaths, once they have certain knowledge thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.228v [11 February 1529]

[Memorandum] that a like letter of confraternity and consorority was issued for John Ley and Elizabeth his wife, using the same words, *mutatis mutandis*, except for the use of *sue* instead of *eius* following *uxori*.

f.229r

(One or more folios immediately preceding f.229 are wanting; this folio begins with the last eleven lines of a copy of an inspeximus. It is unlikely to be a coincidence that after f.228, formerly 231, there is no sign of an earlier foliation.)

f.229r 1529

[Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following ?lease], for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

[? Lease] by letters patent [by Thomas, cardinal &c, archbishop of York &c, bishop of Durham] ... there is no [valuation] given in the presents, notwithstanding any statute, act, provision or restriction made to the contrary, or any other matter or cause.

Witness: William Frankeleyne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 30 June, Pont. 6. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.229r-v 7 May 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, bishop of Durham, abbot *in commendam* of St Albans, since Thomas [Ruthall], lately bishop of Durham, granted by letters patent the office of bailiff of the borough of Darlington to his servant Richard Waldegrave, to be held, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for the term of his life, and in the same manner as any other previously occupying the said office; taking 100s yearly at Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions, by the hands of the bishop's receivers, farmers and tenants of Darlington, along with all fees, wages and advantages howsoever belonging to the office, as more fully contained in letters patent made thereon for Richard, and Richard has now left the said letters to the bishop in his chancery for cancellation, and surrendered his office to the bishop with the intention that the bishop should see fit to grant letters patent in the same form to a certain William Wytham; appointing William Wytham as bailiff of the borough of Darlington (on the terms as above, receiving all the fees, wages and advantages as taken by Richard Waldegrave or any other previously in the office); ordering all his officers, tenants and ministers within the county and bishopric of Durham to support and obey the said William or his deputies in the exercise of the office.

Dated: his house near Westminster 10 February, 20 Henry VIII. [1529]

Dated: Durham.

f.229v 12 May 1529

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute George Reyde, chaplain, in the church of Dinsdale vacant by the natural death of John Surteys, clerk, B.A., last rector thereof; saving to the prior and chapter a pension of 40s due of old therefrom, to be paid each year to the office of sacrist of Durham.

Dated: Durham.

f.229v 14 May 1529

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham to Thomas Cavert and Giles Parker chaplains, having lately received a mandate from the official of the episcopal consistory of Durham to induct George Reyde, chaplain, or his proctor into bodily possession of the rectory of Dinsdale, vacant by the death of John Surteys, clerk, B.A., last rector thereof, to which George stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them or either of them full power to induct the said George into bodily possession of the said rectory, and requiring certification as to what they or either of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

f.229v 15 May 1529

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Wilkinson, chaplain, in the chantry of Cliffe at St Mary's altar in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the natural death of John West, last chaplain thereof.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.230r 17 May 1529

Appointment by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham, to Ralph Blaxton, monk of Durham, creating him warden, prior and their proctor of the priory or cell of Lytham, since, for certain causes, they have removed Edmund Moore, lately warden of Lytham priory and their proctor there, from the custody, management, rule and administration of the said priory, completely revoking all power granted to him in that respect; Ralph being removable at the will of the prior and chapter and their successors; committing to him custody, management, rule and administration thereof, in spiritualities and temporalities; on condition that the prior and chapter of Durham and their successors be permitted to remove him therefrom at will, with or without cause, and that he be bound yearly to render faithful account to the prior and chapter of the receipts and expenses administered by him; wherefor ordering all over whom they have authority to answer to and obey him as warden and prior of the cell and as their proctor there in respect of all things pertaining to the said cell.

Dated: Durham.

f.230r 17 May 1529

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to the archdeacon of Richmond or whomsoever his vicar-general in distant parts since they have appointed Ralph Blaxton as prior of their cell of Lytham; to be performed for the archdeacon what has hitherto customarily been performed for his predecessors by priors thereof.

Dated: Durham, 17 May 1529.

f.230r 17 May 1529

[Memorandum] of proxy in which Ralph Blaxton, presentee [to Lytham priory], appointed Mr John Sheffield, LL.B., Mr Reynold Beisley and Mr Christopher Beisley, N.P.s, and which was issued under the seal of the official of the archdeaconry of the prior of Durham, in the form as shown in Register V, f.157 [now 153v]; Durham.

f.230r-v 18 May 1529

[Notarized] written oath by Ralph Blaxton, monk of Durham, lawfully preferred to the cell of Lytham by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham swearing: that he will not sell, alienate, mortgage, or enfeof the possessions, rights and liberties belonging to the cell, nor give or bind them in any way that might tend to the prejudice of the cell or priory, or to the prior and chapter of Durham; that he will not obtain or attempt anything in person or through another that might tend to be contrary to the liberties, statutes, constitutions, rights or privileges of the cathedral church of Durham or the cell of Lytham; that he will not knowingly contravene or act against, in person or through another, the foundation, ordinances or any other disposition hitherto had, exercised and used by the prior and chapter concerning the said cell.

[With memorandum stating that:] the present schedule was read by Ralph Blaxton in the chapel of St Nicholas in the monastery of Durham in presence of Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham.

Witnesses: John Clerke and Edmund Stote, N.P.s by apostolic authority, of York and London dioc.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.230v-231r 29 April 1529

Citation and mandate by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York and papal legate, chancellor of England, and legate *a latere*, to the prior of Durham, or to whomsoever the president of the said place, since the archbishop has, by special indults, common law and papal letters, the faculty to hold visitations in all churches within the kingdom of England, summoning him to be present, and through him requiring that the clerks and ministers of the priory be cited to be present, on Friday 11 June next in the chapter house, choir or other suitable place in the priory, before Mr William Clyfton', D. Dec., auditor of causes in the archbishop's court of audience of his province of York, and Mr Thomas Donnyngton, B. Dec., canon of York, chaplains and counsellors of the archbishop and his commissaries-general for the province of York, lawfully deputed for this purpose, and undergo visitation, and in particular to show evidence of title to their rights and possessions; ordering him to execute the things asked of him and to implement everything pertaining to the act of visitation as far as it concerns him; prohibiting him from attempting or allowing anything in prejudice of the visitation; ordering him to have ready the procuration and other entitlements due to the archbishop for such a visitation; and requiring him at the said date and place to certify the archbishop or his commissaries of the dates of receipt and execution of the presents, and of what he shall have done in the foregoing, in letters patent attached to the presents and containing the names of those cited by him.

Dated: his house near Westminster

f.231r-v 5 June 1529

Certification by Hugh Whitehed, prior of Durham, to Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York and papal legate, chancellor of England, and legate *a latere*, bringing to his or his commissaries' notice that he received his letters of monition on 15 May 1529, by force and authority whereof he has cited Richard Harrington', subprior, Mr Thomas Swalwell', S.T.P., Robert Harrington', Thomas Holbourne, Robert Keythe, William Hartilpole, John Browne, Christopher Blunt, John Erisden', John Porter, Henry Strother, Cuthbert Heghington', Robert Bennet, Richard Whelden', Henry Browne, Alexander Duresme, John Maynard, William Wylome, John Dukket, Stephen Marley, Roger Bell', William Hacfourthe, John Bell', Thomas Sparke, John Elvet, William Bennet, George Cornefourthe, Christopher Reysley, William Todde, John Duresme, Christopher Bourne, William Forster, Roger Middelham, Simon Middelham, John Browne, John Forster, Giles Preston', Thomas Swanne, Richard Best, Robert Dalton', John Tutyng, John Byndley, George Cuthbert, Christopher Egleston', William Maurice, Nicholas Marley, and Thomas Walle to appear before the archbishop or his retrospect commissaries in the chapter house of Durham on 11 June, with continuation and prorogation, both in anticipation and postponement, of one to seven days following or preceding, and to undergo his visitation; and he has implemented all else that he has been commanded to do by the archbishop's said infrascript letters of monition.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f. 231v 12 July 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham [confirming] the following grant, &c.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, papal legate and legate *a latere*, archbishop of York, bishop of Durham, abbot *in commendam* of St Albans, chancellor of England, to his servant John Walker of the office of bailiff of Stanhope, and appointment of him thereto to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; taking yearly the wages and fees of old used and wont to the said office, along with all other profits and advantages belonging to the office, in such a way as enjoyed by John Fetherston' or any others having the office.

Witness: William Frankeleyne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 23 December, Pont. 6. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

f.232r 1 September, 18 Henry VIII. [1526]

Bond by Richard abbot and the convent of Kirkstead, Lincs, to William Clifton, clerk, rector of Kirkby on Bain, with condition of defeasance (English), invalidating the bond if the abbot and convent abide by the judgment of the arbitrators in the action pending between them [and others, as in the following entry] and William Clifton, if delivered by Christmas; failing which they are to abide by the judgment of Mr John Pryn', D.Cn.L., to be delivered by Candlemas following.

Kirkstead

Original: DCD 3.3.Ebor.45.

f.232r-233r 23 December, 18 Henry VIII. [1526]

Chirograph award by Robert Newton', B.Cn.L., and Henry Litherland, B.Cn.L., arbitrators in the legal action pending between [1] Richard abbot and convent of Kirkstead, (and also William Curteys, monk of Kirkstead, John Barker, John Tyler, Robert Magotson', Richard Magotson', and Robert More) and [2] William Clyfton.

*Language:* English

Original: DCD 3.3.Ebor.46.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.233r-v 9 October 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, bishop of Durham, since Richard [Fox], lately bishop of Durham, granted by letters patent the office of bailiff of the borough of Gateshead to his servant John Richardson', one of his *valetti*, to be held for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the said sometime bishop and his successors; taking 100s as his fee in the office, to be paid by his own hands from the revenues of the said office, yearly at Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with all profits and advantages howsoever belonging to the office, as more fully contained in the letters patent made thereon for the said John;

and since Christopher [Bainbridge], lately bishop of Durham, by his letters patent appointed his servants John Richardson' and Nicholas Richardson', jointly and severally, as parkers of the park of Gateshead, keepers of the tower there, the offices to be held by John and Nicholas for life and the life of the longer living of them, in person or by their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the said sometime bishop and his successors; taking yearly from the said late bishop and his successors 1½d per day for keeping the park, and also pasturage [payments] of the said park, and 1d per day for keeping the tower, to be paid equally to them at the terms of Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the head forester, along with all other profits, costs, fees, advantages and customary rights howsoever pertaining to the same offices, as more fully contained in the letters patent made thereon;

and since Nicholas Richardson' has died and John Richardson' has outlived him, the said John has returned the said several letters to the bishop in his chancery for cancellation, and surrendered the whole of his title to the said offices to the bishop with the intention that the bishop should see fit to grant letters patent in the same form to William Tomlynson' of Gateshead and Antony Thomplynson' of Gateshead; appointing the said William Tomlynson' and Antony Thomplynson' jointly and severally as bailiff or bailiffs of the borough of Gateshead, parkers of the park of Gateshead and keepers of the tower of Gateshead, to be held by them for life and the life of the longer living of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies &c, on the terms as above and, as parkers and keepers of the tower, having all fees, profits and advantages appertaining to the offices, in the same form as taken by any others previously holding the offices; ordering all his tenants, officers and ministers within the county and bishopric of Durham to obey, assist and support the said William and Antony or their deputies in the exercise of the office; and providing that William and Antony and either of them render yearly account of the revenues of the office of their borough of Gateshead to the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham before his and their auditors, and that they answer therefor.

Witness: William Frankelayne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 10 December, Pont. 6. [1528]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.234r 9 October 1529

Inspeximus by Hugh, prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York, papal legate and legate *a latere*, chancellor of England, bishop of Durham appointing his servant William Thomlyngsone of Gateshead and William's bastard son Thomas Thomlyngsone to the office of clerk of the bishop's mines, of lead and iron ore as well as of coal, in whatsoever places within his bishopric of Durham; to be held in person or through their sufficient deputy, for whom they would answer to the bishop and his successors, for life and the life of the longer living of them; taking ten marks yearly in the office at Michaelmas from the bishop and his successors at the exchequer of Durham by the hands of their receiver-general; and also granting them one chaldron of coal from any of the bishop's coalmines of Gateshead, Whickham and *Lynnedean* to be paid and delivered daily, along with all other profits and advantages of old used and wont to the said office, in as large a form as any other clerk used previously to take in that office; ordering all his and his successors' bailiffs, farmers and ministers to submit to, obey and assist William and Thomas in the exercise of their office.

Witness: William Frankeleyne, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 October, Pont. 6 [1528]

Dated: Durham.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.234r-v 29 October 1529

Chirograph (tripartite) grant by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas Salvayn', gentleman, and Thomas Andrewe, their heirs and assigns of all the lands, tenements, meadows and pasture in the townships of Hemingbrough and Brackenholme which John West, clerk, deceased, lately held of the prior and convent according to the custom of the manor of Hemingbrough, and which the prior and convent lately had by the surrender and quitclaim of the said John West; which lands (&c) are itemized in an indented schedule [the following entry] attached to the presents; to be held by Thomas Salvayn' and Thomas Andrewe, their heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, of the chief lords of the fee by service used and wont therefor, to the use specified in a tripartite indenture made by the said Thomas and Thomas, bearing the date 30 October 1529;

rendering 46s 8d yearly therefor to the prior and convent and their successors, to be paid in equal portions at the usual terms, namely All Saints, Candlemas, the Invention of the Holy Rood and Lammas, also doing suit of court at the courts of the prior and convent in their lordship of Hemingbrough; and if the rent be unpaid in part or whole after any feast on which it ought to be paid, or if the suit of court be undone at any court (if asked), then it shall be permitted to the prior and convent and their successors to enter the said lands and distrain, remove goods distrained and retain the goods until satisfied of the rent and arrears, likewise until satisfied of a fine for suit of court unperformed; if the rent be unpaid for half a year after any feast on which it ought to be paid (if asked), then it shall be allowed to the prior and convent and their successors to re-enter the said lands and take the revenues thereof to their own use until satisfied of the rent and arrears, if any there be;

also giving notice that by the presents they have deputed James Salvayn', Richard Thewersby and Richard Aschley, gentlemen, in their place to enter the said lands and tenements and remove any occupants, to take possession of the lands and tenements for the prior and convent, and, on their behalf, to give seizin of the same to Thomas Salvayn' and Thomas Andrewe, their heirs and assigns; taking as accepted anything which the attorneys or any of them should do in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.234v-235r [29 October 1529]

Schedule of properties [conveyed by the foregoing charter] a messuage, one acre of land in *Waterfeld* ; a half acre in *Cowinges* ; half an acre in the *Nerr' Waterfeld* ; one acre, one rood in the *Chapell' felde* ; one acre and a half in *Hall' Reding* ; three roods in *Croismarch* ; half a rood in *Leffettes* ; a rood and a half in *Londe landes* ; one acre and another acre and a half rood in *Milnfeld'* ; three roods in *Worshorp'* ; one acre, one rood in *Somerganges* ; in *Northe felde* three roods, in *Harstones* one rood and half a rood in *Garscroftes* ; two acres in *Hemingbrough woode* ; in *Uttermore Waterfeld* two acres and a rood ; one acre and a rood in *Narr' Waterfeld* ; three roods in *Chapell' felde* ; three roods in *Hall' Redding* ; two roods in *Milnfeld'* ; two and a half roods in *Somerganges* ; one rood in *Sandwathe* ; one and a half roods in *Mortilcrofte* ; one half acre in *Burlandes* within *Northe Felde* ; three roods in *Garcroftes* ; eight lands of meadow between dikes ; half a rood in *Best plat* ; three roods in *Grantacres* ; three roods in *Karr'* ; one acre of land in *Worshorp'* with amendment in *Bullandes* ; one acre and a half of land in *Perock* ; half an acre in the south end of *Leffettes* ; an acre in *Burlandes* ; half an acre in *Hemingbrough woode* ; one acre of meadow in the east end of *Carr'* and a rood in *Best plat* ; three roods of meadow in *Carr'* ; one rood and a half in *Mortilcrofte* ; one rood at the south end of the town ; four [? roods in] *Hilgate landes* ; twelve acres of enclosed pasture ; two roods at the *Garthe endes*, both together ; three roods in *Long Carr' landes* ; half an acre in *Lang Somer ganges*, abutting at *Pulleyn' Sike steile* ; in *Grantacre* three roods, one rood between dikes ; in *Brackenholme* ten acres of land, whereof two are in the *Busshe felde*, one and a half are in the *Cowe close*, one and a half are in the *Wrang landes* and *Moweres*, five acres in *Stainesby* and four cottages in *Hemingbrough*.

*Language:* English

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.235r-v 30 October 1529

Chirograph (tripartite) ordinance by Thomas Salvayn' and Thomas Andrewe, feoffees and executors of the testament and last will of John West of Hemingbrough, clerk, deceased, since John West, for the health of his soul and for the increase of God's service in the parish and collegiate church of Hemingbrough, willed that all his feoffees and all other persons seized of and in the lands purchased by him, to be itemized in an attached schedule, should be appointed to the finding and maintenance of a priest to be established in the church of Hemingbrough; therefore the executors will, ordain and grant that all the feoffees and their heirs and all others seized or to be seized in future in the lands purchased by John West shall be seized therein to the uses following: the said feoffees, their heirs and assigns shall suffer Thomas Haliwell', priest, appointed by John West during his life, to celebrate and perform divine service for as long as he should be of honest demeanour and conduct and behave himself in all things; that is, that Thomas shall sing and celebrate yearly at the secondary altar of Our Lady in Hemingbrough church a *Morowe* mass for the souls of John West, his father and mother, and his benefactors, for the good estate of Hugh prior and convent of Durham while they live, and for their souls after their decease, similarly for their successors; Thomas and his successors in the chantry are to be called the *Morowe* mass priest; Thomas and his successors are to sing the mass of Jesu on Fridays, the mass of Our Lady every Saturday as often as the parishioners of Hemingbrough assist in maintaining the same, without taking anything from the inhabitants of the parish for the execution thereof; neither Thomas nor his successors are to take a salary or stipend from any person for any divine service, through which the praying for the souls of John West and the others might be diminished; after the death of Thomas, or his removal from occupation of the chantry or his refusal to occupy the same, the feoffees, their heirs and assigns are to have a priest, appointed by the prior and convent of Durham, to take the revenues of the said lands and tenements to his own use, so long as he behave himself as aforesaid; the executors also will that whenever a priest of the chantry should die, or commit a notorious crime, or be a common merchant, buyer or seller, or a farmer, or make waste of and upon the said lands, or leave of his own will and no longer keep the chantry, the prior and convent shall name and appoint another suitable priest within one month of the voidance, to serve the chantry as aforesaid; the executors further grant that whenever only two of the feoffees should survive, then the feoffees outliving their cofeoffees or the heirs of the survivors if all the feoffees happen to die, shall within three months of the cofeoffees' death, at the request and expense of the chantry priest or priests for the time being and their successors, make another lawful enfeoffment in fee simple to another eight persons, at the behest of the most honest and substantial persons of the parish, so that the new feoffees and their heirs be seized of the said lands and tenements to the intent described above. The three parts of the indenture to remain variously with the prior of Durham and his successors, the churchwardens of Hemingbrough collegiate church, and the incumbent of the chantry, each part being under the seals of Thomas Salvayne and Thomas Andrewe.

*Language:* English

*Original:* DCD 3.2.Ebor.46.

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The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.236v 29 October 1529

Notarial instrument recording that John Andrewe, vicar of the fifth vicarage, as he claimed, at the altar of St Margaret in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following

Resignation whereby he, John Andrewe, vicar of the fifth vicarage at the altar of St Margaret in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, in the jurisdiction of Howden and Howdenshire, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation,

written in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Thomas Baynys and Robert West, chaplains, of York dioc.

Notary: Christopher Beisley, of York dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in John Andrewe's upper chamber in the vicarage of Hemingbrough.

f.236v 2 November 1529

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute James Blanscherd, chaplain, in the fifth vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the resignation of John Andrewe, last chaplain and vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.236v 2 November 1529

[Memorandum] that a presentation in the form of the last presentation was issued for John Andrewe, to the Cliffe chantry in Hemingbrough collegiate church, vacant by the natural death of John West, last chaplain thereof: Durham.

f.237r 30 December 1529

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, (&c) to institute Mr Ralph Whytehed, B.Dec., in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the natural death of Mr John Stakehouse, {S.T.P.}, last rector thereof; {saving to themselves and their monastery the yearly pension due of old therefrom}.

Dated: Durham.

f.237r 23 February 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Mr William Strangwayes, D.Dec., dean of Auckland collegiate church, and vicar-general in spiritualities and keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. Durham, *sede vacante*, of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), to institute William Whitehed, B.A., in the vicarage of Heighington, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Aldwood, M.A., last vicar thereof; saving to themselves a yearly pension of 53s 4d due of old therefrom, to be paid to the office of their sacrist of Durham each year.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.237r-v 24 February 1530

Letters of institution by William Strangwayes, D.Dec., dean of Auckland collegiate church, and vicar-general in spiritualities and keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York (&c), to William Whitehed, B.A., admitting him in the person of his proctor, Edmund Stote, N.P., to the vicarage of the church of Heighington, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Aldwood, last incumbent thereof, on presentation by the prior and chapter of Durham [the entry preceding], instituting him therein, William Whitehed having first, in the person of his proctor, Edmund Stote, given his oath of canonical obedience to the bishop, his successors and officers, and of personal and continuous residence, and committing to him the cure of souls of all the parishioners there; always saving the episcopal rights of the bishop of Durham and the dignity of the church of Durham; saving also a yearly pension of 53s 4d due of old therefrom, to be paid to the office of their sacrist of Durham each year.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.237v 24 February 1530

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconate of the prior of Durham to William Humfray, chaplain, having lately received a mandate from Mr William Strangwayes, D.Dec., keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, to induct William Whitehed, B.A., or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Heighington, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Aldewood, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said official [or rather the said keeper of the spirituality]; being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving him full power to induct the said William Whitehed or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

f.237v 11 March 1530

[Memorandum] that a letter of confraternity was issued for Mr William Strangwaies, D.Dec., dean of Auckland collegiate church and keeper of the spirituality of the city and dioc. of Durham, *sede vacante*, in the form of a like letter granted to Mr Thomas Key, B.Dec., dean of Chester le Street collegiate church:

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.237v-238r [?1530]

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham [confirming] the following grant. Grant by letters patent by Thomas, bishop of Durham, to his servant Robert Smethers, for service rendered, of the office of gaoler and gatekeeper of the outer part of the castle of Durham; to be held by Robert for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, taking 66s 8d yearly in the office from the bishop and his successors, to be paid to him at the exchequer of Durham by the hands of the bishop's receiver there, by equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, along with all other fees, profits, easements, customary rights and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office; with the proviso that he take nothing from the bishop's tenants whenever they should be committed to gaol for the bishop's dues and rents, nor from the bishop's tenants' beasts when impounded for the bishop's dues and rents; he shall have, however, all other fees by rights used and wont to the gaoler of the bishop's gaol from all others committed thereto; Robert will be obedient to the bishop, his ministers and his successors in all things appertaining to the office of gaoler and gatekeeper, during his life, as and when need be; faithfully keeping the gaol and all prisoners there, clerks and others committed and to be committed to gaol by the bishop, his successors and ministers; faithfully keeping all instruments made and to be made for the safe keeping of prisoners, and answering to the bishop and his successors therefor; he will also during his life keep the bishop and his successors indemnified for all escapes of any prisoners from the gaol, if any there be, and indemnified against the king and his heirs and successors, kings of England, if the prisoners should be condemned by the justices of the bishop or his successors. Dated: his manor house by Charing Cross in the suburbs of London 26 January, 14 Henry VIII, Pont. 14. [1523]

f.238r 17 June 1530

Notarial instrument recording that Mr John Clerke, N.P. by apostolic authority, sufficiently constituted proctor of William Whitehed, B.A., vicar of Pitlington, as was evident to the undermentioned notary, appeared in person and read and interposed, on behalf of his said lord, and made and carried out the following

Resignation whereby he, John Clerke, N.P., proctor of William Whitehed, B.A., vicar of Pitlington, having general power and special mandate to resign the church of Pitlington, considering that his lord wanted, for certain legitimate reasons, to be discharged of the burden, cure and rule of the said church, resigns the same into the hands of Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving to his said lord a suitable pension from the revenues of the said church, to be assigned by authority of the ordinary for the maintenance of his said lord for as long as he should live,

as in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing and the witnesses to give attestation thereto.

Witnesses: John Buckeley and Thomas Conyngham, *literati*, of Durham dioc.

Notary: Edmund Stote of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the prior's registry, the monastery of Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.238r-v 18 June 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Forrest, chaplain, in the vicarage of Pittington, vacant by the resignation of William Whitehed, B.A., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.238v 17 June 1530

Notarial instrument recording that Robert Forrest, vicar of Dalton[-le-Dale] (as he claimed), appeared in person and read and interposed, made and carried out the following written Resignation whereby he, Robert Forrest, vicar of Dalton[-le-Dale], for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, as contained in a certain paper schedule which he held in his hands, and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing.

Witnesses: John Bukley and Thomas Conyngham, *literati*, of Durham dioc.

Notary: Edmund Stote of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the registry of the prior of Durham.

f.238v 30 June 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, to institute Thomas Fawell' chaplain, in the vicarage of Dalton-le-Dale vacant by the resignation of Robert Forrest, last incumbent thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.239r 31 August 1530

Collation by William Hartilpole, subprior of Durham, to James Duket, priest, of the chantry of St Mary in the chapel of St Margaret, in the Old Borough of Durham, vacant by the death of William Marshall', last chaplain thereof; instituting him therein providing that he serve the chantry in a laudable manner and bear the burdens incumbent upon the chantry, in particular those things appertaining to the salvation of souls, namely that he should celebrate mass for the dead in general every day except on Saturdays, Sundays and solemn feast days, and say *Placebo* and *Dirige*, unless lawfully impeded, for the souls of the prior and convent of Durham, Ranulf, founder of the chantry, their benefactors and ancestors, and all faithful deceased; and letting William know that if he be found to have ceased from the services of the chantry without reasonable cause, or if he behave dishonestly, the subprior with consent of the convent will proceed with his removal from the chantry.

Under the other side of the chapter seal, namely the head of St Oswald.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.239r 1 June 1530

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Thomas, duke of Norfolk, of an annuity or annual rent of 40 marks from the lordship or manor of Howden, to be held, raised and taken by the duke and his assigns for the term of his life yearly on 1 January, with the first term of payment beginning on 1 January next to come after the date of the presents; and if the annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part, not paid at any term date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be allowed to the duke and his assigns to enter the manor and any part thereof and distrain, remove goods distrained and retain them until satisfied of the rent and arrears, if any there be; he has placed the duke in full possession by payment of 4d, which he has delivered in name of seizin on the date of the presents.

Under his subscription and seal 14 May, 22 Henry VIII. [1530]

Dated: Durham

f.239v [1529]

Proxy by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham appointing Mr William Clifton', D.Dec., Mr John Sheffield, B.Dec., and Mr Thomas Tashe, LL.B., Tristram Testhe, N.P., and Reynold Beysley, N.P., as their proctors, giving them special and general power and special and general mandate to appear on their behalf before Thomas, cardinal priest of the title of S Cecilia, archbishop of York (&c), or his lieutenant, commissary or commissaries, in the convocation of prelates and clergy of the diocese and province of York, to be opened and held in the chapter house of York minster on Monday 7 November [1529] next to come, with continuation of days and places if need be, to treat with the archbishop, his lieutenant or commissaries, and the clergy, prelates and proctors there present, and give sound counsel (&c) upon matters concerning the province of York and upon certain pressing business concerning the king, the defence of the English Church, and the peace (&c) of the kingdom of England and the subjects thereof, and upon other things, to be set out there on behalf of the king.

Dated: Durham

f.239v 4 October 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, (&c) to institute Peter Wilberfosse, clerk, in the vicarage of Bossall vacant by the natural death of Simon Balland, B.A., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.239v-240r 1 October 1530

Notarized resignation read by John Hixson', vicar of the church of Skipwith, who, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage and of the souls of the parishioners there, resigns his said vicarage into the hands of Thomas, cardinal (&c), archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Notary: Richard Farley, N.P.

Witnesses: Robert Wilson' and Robert Pereson', of York dioc.

Done: in the consistory of York.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.240r 5 October 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Thomas [cardinal &c, archbishop of York] to institute Edward Pierson', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebendal church of Skipwith, vacant by the resignation of John Hykson', chaplain, last vicar thereof. Dated: Durham.

f.240r 5 October 1530

[Memorandum] that a letter of confraternity granted to John Bentley, gentleman, was issued in the customary form.

f.240r 17 December 1530

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to admit Stephen Marley, S.T.B., monk of Durham, to the keeping and rule of their cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the natural death of Christopher Willie, S.T.B., last prior thereof. Dated: Durham.

f.240r-v 1 December 1530

Notarial instrument recording that Mr George Wilfet, D.Dec., prebendary of the prebend of Barmby in Howden collegiate church, appeared in person and surrendered his prebend as follows

Resignation whereby he, George Waylfette, D.Dec., prebendary of the prebend of Barmby in Howden collegiate church, for certain legitimate reasons wishing [to be discharged of the cure of the said prebend] resigns the same into the hands of Thomas, cardinal, archbishop of York, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, by reason of exchange [of benefices] and not otherwise, and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing, and the witnesses to give their attestation thereto.

Witnesses: William Cleyton', D.Dec., and Christopher Draggeley.

Notary: William Burscogh, of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by [apostolic] authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: a certain house of Mr William Cleyton', D.Dec., par. London St Gregory, by St Paul's cathedral.

f.240v [?1530]

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of the metropolitan church of York, keepers thereof *sede vacante*, to institute (blank) in the canonry and prebend of Barmby in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr George Wilfet, D.Dec., last prior thereof.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.241r 9 January 1531

Proxy by Hugh, prior of Durham, appointing Mr William Clyfton', D.Dec., Mr William Fayerhare, D.Cn.&C.L., and Mr John Sheffeld, LL.B., as his proctors, short of revoking the powers of other proctors, giving them general and special power to appear on his behalf in the convocation of clergy to be held in York minster on Thursday 12 January inst., with continuation of days and places if need be, before the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the spirituality of the archbishopric of York, *sede vacante*, or their lieutenants or commissaries, to treat with the dean and chapter, their lieutenant or commissaries, and the other prelates and proctors of clergy of York prov., and give sound counsel concerning those matters which should be set before them there, and to give consent to those things which happen to be ordained unanimously there (&c).

Dated: Durham.

"not issued, except under another form which follows"

f.241r 9 January 1531

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham, appointing Mr William Fayerhare, D.Cn.&C.L., Mr John Sheffeld, LL.B., Mr Reynold Beysley, N.P., and Mr John Clerke, N.P. "as above in the lord prior's proxy"

Dated: Durham

"not issued, except under that form which is written below"

f.241r-v 9 January 1531

Proxy by Hugh, prior of Durham, appointing Mr Robert Hyendmer, D.Cn.&C.L., Mr William Clifton', D.Dec., and Mr John Sheffeld, B.Dec., as his proctors, giving them special and general power and general and special mandate to appear on his behalf before the dean and chapter of York, keepers of the spirituality of the archbishopric of York, *sede vacante*, or their lieutenant, commissary or commissaries, in the convocation of prelates and clergy of the diocese and province of York, to be opened and held in York minster on Thursday 12 January inst., with continuation of days and places if need be, to treat with the said dean and chapter, their lieutenant or commissaries, and other prelates and proctors of clergy there present, and give sound counsel (&c) upon matters concerning the province of York and upon certain pressing business concerning the king, the defence of the English Church, and the peace (&c) of the kingdom of England and the subjects thereof, and upon other things, to be set out there on behalf of the king.

Dated: Durham.

f.241v 9 January 1531

Proxy by William subprior [and the chapter] of Durham appointing Mr William Fayerhare, LL.D., Mr John Sheffeld, B.Dec., Mr Reynold Beysley, N.P., and Mr John Clerke, N.P., "&c, as above in the lord prior's proxy".

Dated: Durham.

f.241v 27 April 1531

Presentation by William Hilton', knight, lord of Hylton, to Hugh, prior of Durham, of Thomas Stevenson, priest, to the chapel of Hylton, whereof the presentation is known to pertain to William by reason of an agreement between his and the prior's predecessors; notifying the prior that William Fabiane, who last served the chapel, has gone the way of all flesh.

Dated: Hylton.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.241v-242r 29 April 1531

Written oath by Thomas Stevinson, newly-admitted chaplain of the chapel of Hylton in Monkwearmouth par., stating that he has sworn to the prior and convent of Durham, rectors of Monkwearmouth: that he will obey all lawful and honest mandates of the Church, and observe all the contents of a certain composition made by Hugh, sometime bishop of Durham, between Germane sometime prior and the convent of Durham, on the one side, and Alexander Hylton on the other side, concerning the chapel and the chaplain to serve there, and that he will cause others who are to reside there to observe the same; that he will preserve the church of Wearmouth, as the mother church from which the said chapel depends, indemnified in all its rights, to the extent of his power; and renouncing any appeals and their processes interposed at the Roman *curia* or elsewhere by Robert Staynton, once chaplain of the said chapel, and any apostolic letters obtained or to be obtained in that regard, such that in future they neither lend assistance to him nor bring harm to the prior and convent.

Under his signet.

Witnesses: Robert Hartbourne, rector of Kimblesworth, Thomas Marley, chaplain, and Edmund Stote, N.P.

Dated: Durham.

f.242r-v 29 April 1531

Letters of admission by Hugh, prior of Durham, to Thomas Stevinson', priest, having lately received the following letters of William, baron of Hylton:

Presentation by William Hilton, knight, lord of Hylton, (recited in full, as on f.241v) being confident of his merits thereby and by the testimony of trustworthy men, admitting him to serve the chapel of Hylton according to the form and effect of an agreement made of old between his predecessors and the lords of Hylton; Thomas having first sworn before Robert Hartbourne, chaplain, rector of Kimblesworth, Thomas Marley, chaplain, and Edmund Stote, N.P., assigned in the prior's stead for this purpose, to abide by the terms of the agreement in so far as it concerns him and to cause others to observe the same to the extent of his power, and made a renunciation of whatsoever appeals and apostolic letters made or obtained by Robert Staynton, a predecessor of Thomas's; so long as he serve the chapel of Hylton honestly and bear the burdens incumbent upon him, and keep the mother church of Monkwearmouth, from which the chapel depends, indemnified in all things.

Dated: Durham

f.242v 16 May 1531

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of the metropolitan church of York, keepers thereof *sede vacante*, to admit Mr William Whitehed, M.A., to the provosty of the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the natural death of Mr Robert Marshall', M.A., last provost thereof, according to the ordinance made thereon, and to institute him therein.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.242v 5 September 1531

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking the dean and chapter of the metropolitan church of York, [keepers thereof *sede vacante*] to institute Robert Davy, chaplain, in the vicarage of Bossall, vacant by the resignation of Peter Wilberfosse, clerk, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

{ "This presentation went forward later (because of refusal at York) under the aforesaid style and form with these following words added and united, namely "or keepers of the spirituality thereof, with the archiepiscopal see there vacant" [and] dated 15 September 1531." }

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.242v-244r 19 August 1531

Notarized notification by John Cotisford, S.T.P., commissary-general of William, archbishop of Canterbury and chancellor of the university of Oxford, stating that Mr Leonard Howchynson', S.T.P., vicar of Northallerton (as he claimed), appeared in person before him and presented to him, being seated on the bench in judgment, certain apostolic letters of Pope Clement VII, and asked that the commissary examine the letters and, if he should find them beyond suspicion, order them to be published, copied and brought into public form since he might be forced to present and show the duplicated letters, which he did not then have, as he affirmed, in the Roman *curia* and in divers other widely-separated parts of the world and use them for the preservation of his rights, and the letters might very well be lost while they were being carried for showing on account of the perils of the roads and various accidents which often happen, and asked that the commissary see fit to interpose his authority so that as much trust might henceforward be placed in the transumed letters as in the originals

Bull by Clement [VII], pope, to Leonard Howchynson', vicar of Northallerton, whose merits (&c) induce him to honour Leonard with favours, (&c) absolving Leonard, who claims to be S.T.P., and has the vicarage of Northallerton amongst others, from any ecclesiastical sentences, censures and penalties incurred, also taking as expressed all other benefices, which he has without cure, those with and without cure which he awaits, and those in and to which the right pertains to him, and the yearly value of the vicarage revenue; being inclined to his supplications, giving him dispensation to receive and hold so long as he should live one benefice along with the said vicarage or, without these, two other cures or otherwise incompatible benefices (types listed) of any value, together or successively, simply or by reason of exchange, resigning them as often as it might please him and replacing them with others, alike or different; and when residing at the Roman *curia* or in the other of the benefices held by him at the time, or entering upon the study of letters in a place where it flourishes, he is not to be bound to reside in other benefices held by him at the same time, the constitutions and ordinances of the council-general (&c), contrary statutes and customs (&c) notwithstanding; provided that the vicarage and other benefices obtained be not cheated of their due services and cure of souls, rather that the burdens of those benefices in which he does not reside are to be suitably borne.

Dated: Rome, St Peter's 4 Kal. September [29 August] 1530

stating that he, the commissary, took the said apostolic letters into his hands and read and examined them, and found them wanting in suspicion (reasons given) wherefore, lest the aforesaid copy of proof be removed subsequently through misfortunes, he has published the letters, by his authority and decree when seated in judgment, ordered them to be exemplified and brought into public form by Mr Robert Warmyngton', LL.B., N.P., and decreed that as much faith be placed in the transumpt of the letters as to the originals, as in the following bull;

and stating that he, John Cottisford, ordered the present letters or public instrument, containing a copy of the said apostolic letters, to be drawn up and to be published and subscribed by Mr Robert Wermington, the notary.

Under the seal which he uses in his office.

Witnesses: James Edmundis and John Sprayghen, *literati* of Salisbury and Durham dioc. respectively.

Notary: Robert Warmington, LL.B., of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Dated: the chapel of St Mildred, within Lincoln College, Oxford.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.244r 3 October 1531

[Memorandum] that a letter of confraternity was granted to Henry Farington, under the description of Mr Henry Farington, squire, and (blank) his wife, issued in the customary form.

f.244r-245v 28 April, 19 Henry VIII. [1527]

Chirograph award and agreement by John, lord Lumley, Hugh, prior of Durham, and Roger Lomley, Cuthbert Conyers, Richard Bothe, and John Bentley, esquires of co. Durham, since there has been dispute between lord Lumley and the prior over various lands, rents and other debts and demands claimed by the prior, to settle these matters and to increase amity between the said lord and his heirs on one side and the prior and his successors on the other, the said lord and prior have agreed to abide by the award and arbitration of the said Roger Lomley, Cuthbert Conyers, Richard Bothe, and John Bentley; the arbitrators, having seen the evidences and titles of lord Lumley and the prior, make the following awards and the said lord for himself and his heirs and the prior for himself and his successors covenant and grant as follows [respectively, where applicable]:

the prior grants in exchange to lord Lumley a messuage and tenement in *Mekyll'* [Great Lumley, now occupied by Thomas Plumbton], yearly rent 44s over all charges; also 3s of rent going out of lord Lumley's lands in Woodstone ( *Wooddisend* ), co. Durham; to be held by lord Lumley from the date of the presents for the term of three score years; lord Lumley grants in exchange to the prior all his lands, tenements and hereditaments in Cocken which he or any other has to his use or is seized of; to be held by the prior and his successors from the date of the presents for the term of 60 years; and whereas the prior and his predecessors have been seized time out of mind of two tofts, two crofts and 14 acres of land in Woodstone, with common in the same township, and these properties are not now exactly known by the prior, lord Lumley shall define and assign to the prior the two tofts, two crofts and 14 acres aforesaid, with common, before St Matthew next, or else another two tofts, two crofts and 14 acres in Woodstone to be appointed in places deemed convenient by the arbitrators or three of them, with reasonable common belonging thereto;

lord Lumley grants that he will make these properties sure to the prior and his successors by Easter next to come;

within three weeks of this making sure, the prior, under the common seal and with the assent of the convent, shall lease to lord Lumley and his assigns the same two tofts, two crofts and 14 acres of land for the term of fifty years following the date of the same letters, for 16s rent to be paid yearly therefor to the prior and his successors by equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsun;

and, if it is thought that the advantages and profits of the lands and woods of Cocken which the prior has by this exchange are of greater value than those of the lands and woods of Great Lumley which Lord Lumley has by this exchange, Lord Lumley and his heirs are to be discharged of all rents claimed by the prior from him in Ludworth, and also of £31 13s out of the £61 13s owed by lord Lumley to the prior;

as to the £30 residue, lord Lumley grants all coals lying on his said land of Cocken to the prior and that the prior shall sell and carry away the same coals at his pleasure and take the money coming in therefrom as recompense for £10, the prior admits that he has been paid another £10, and the other £10 is to be paid to the prior at Martinmas next to come;

lord Lumley shall have all the wood and bark now felled and remaining in Cocken, to dispose of at will to his own use;

lord Lumley and his heirs shall henceforward yearly pay to the prior and his successors an annual rent of 4s going out of his lands in Hawthorn, according to the old evidence of the prior;

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the prior and his successors shall have and keep in severalty yearly all lands, tenements and grounds called *Brakeleys* in Bradbury, without vexation by lord Lumley, his heirs and their tenants of Bradbury or by any other procured by any of them;

for all lands and tenements in Lumley lately Janet Pireson's the two parties abide by the award of Thomas {Tempest} knight, and John Bentley concerning their right therein, as the abitratours shall think reasonable, or to be done on examination of the title and evidence of either of the said parties concerning the same lands and tenements; the parties are to make representations to Thomas, cardinal, bishop of Durham, or his successors, if need be, to obtain at the prior's expense a licence for mortmain for the foregoing exchange, assurance and alienation; and before or after obtaining licence, to do or cause to be done by fine, recovery, release, with warranty or otherwise, all things advised by the counsel of lord Lumley or of the prior for carrying out this award; to endure for ever at the costs and charges in law of the lord or the prior; with the proviso which lord Lumley grants, for himself and his heirs, to the prior and his successors, that if his heir or heirs during the said term and after his death lawfully disagree with the lease to the prior and his successors, or remove the prior and his successors from the said lands in Cocken, or these lands be divested from the possession of the prior and his successors, then immediately thereafter it shall be lawful to the prior and his successors to enter the said properties in Great Lumley and keep them in their possession as before, in right of their monastery, and the covenants, awards and agreements on the part of the prior and his successors are to be void at their will, contrary articles in the presents notwithstanding; also providing that, so long as the prior and the lord have the aforesaid lands severally in Great Lumley and Cocken, it shall be lawful to them to take the advantages and profits of the lands leased one to the other as aforesaid without impeachment of waste; the arbitrators also award and the parties agree that if there arise any doubt or variance about the meaning and intent of the arbitrators or of the agreements, then the doubt and variance is to be decided by the arbitrators or two of them; either party is to be bound to the other for the observance of these awards, grants and agreements in the sum of £200.

Under the seals of the arbitrators and the contracting parties interchangeably.

*Language:* English

f.245v 28 April, 19 Henry VIII. [1527]

Bond by John Lomley, knight, lord Lumley, for himself his heirs and executors, to Hugh prior and the convent of Durham for £200 to be paid to the prior and convent or their undoubted attorney or their successors at Easter next to come.

(with)

Condition of defeasance (English) that if John, lord Lumley, keep, perform and fulfil all the grants, covenants, awards, ordinances, and judgments made in a pair of indentures of award dated 28 April, 19 Henry VIII, and sealed by him and by Roger Lomley, Cuthbert Conyers, Richard Bouthe, and John Bentley, esquires, arbitrators appointed by lord Lumley and the prior of Durham, then the bond will be null and void.



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f.245v-246r 3 February 1532

Proxy by Hugh, prior of Durham, appointing Mr Cuthbert Marshall', S.T.P., Mr Robert Hyendmer, D.Cn.&C.L., and Mr John Sheffeld, B.Dec., as his proctors, giving them special and general power and general and special mandate to appear on his behalf before Edward, archbishop of York, or his deputed lieutenant, commissary or commissaries, in the convocation of prelates and clergy of the diocese and province of York, to be opened and held in York minster on Wednesday 7 February inst., with continuation of days and places if need be, to treat with the said archbishop, his lieutenant or commissaries, and other prelates and proctors of clergy there present, and give sound counsel (&c) upon matters concerning York dioc. and prov. and upon certain pressing business concerning the king, the defence of the English Church, and the peace (&c) of the kingdom of England and the subjects thereof, and upon other things, to be set out there on behalf of the king.

Dated: Durham.

f.246r 3 February 1532

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr William Clifton', D.Dec., Mr John Sheffeld, B.Dec., and Mr Reynold Beysley, N.P., "&c, as above, *verbatim*".

Dated: Durham.

f.246r-v 25 November, A.R. 23. [1531]

Inspeximus by letters patent by Henry VIII, king of England, exemplifying the following act or decree, from among the records and files of the duchy of Lancaster in the duchy chamber at Westminster, at the instance of the prior of Lytham.

Act or decree by the chancellor and council of the duchy of Lancaster recording that whereas a complaint has been made before them by Ralph, prior of Lytham, against Margaret Butler, lately wife of Thomas Butler, knight, deceased, and Thomas Butler, esquire, son and heir of the said Sir Thomas, for the riotous entering, pulling down and destruction of a house of the said prior, and for cutting down and carrying away at sundry times certain loads of rushes within the several ground and pasture of the prior in Lytham, and for other injuries done by Margaret and Thomas, their servants and tenants, before that time to the prior and his predecessors, as set out in the prior's complaint; Thomas has given an answer for himself and Margaret, the prior has responded to this, and contention has arisen upon the foregoing between the parties concerning the boundaries of the lordship and demesne of the prior of Durham and of Margaret's and Thomas's lordships of Layton and Marton, Lancs, in particular of a common ground or waste of Margaret and Thomas Butler called the *Hawes* or *Northawes*, adjoining the prior's common ground or waste, belonging as he said to his lordship of Lytham; with the assent of the parties a commission was directed by the king, under the seal of the duchy, to Richard Houghton', knight, Alexander Osbalderstone, knight, and others, commanding them: to go to the disputed common grounds or wastes and warn the parties to attend with them; to examine by any convenient means, by evidences, boundaries, witnesses or otherwise, the matter of the limits of the same common grounds and wastes and the use thereof; to make a plan of the ground and waste and set out the bounds thereon; and to certify the plan and other foregoing things at a date fixed in the commission.

At the appointed date, before the chancellor and council of the duchy, the commissioners certified certain depositions taken upon the foregoing, and also that both parties had brought before them, when they were at the common grounds and wastes, several varied plans, which the commissioners found very doubtful; on the quindene of Michaelmas term [13 October 1531], in the duchy chamber, they certified the plans, with certain depositions taken by them, and gave the parties the same day to appear before the chancellor and council in the duchy chamber; Margaret was represented by Roger Ogles, her chaplain, and Thomas Butler and the prior appeared in person; the chancellor and council proceeded to the hearing and further examined the differences and the rest of the premisses, and also the plans made by the prior and by Margaret and Thomas, by means of the said certified depositions and by various evidences shown by the two parties; the prior, by divers ancient deeds, whereof copies remain in the duchy chamber, proved that the bounds set out on his plan were those dividing his ground or lordship of Lytham from Margaret's and Thomas's lordship of Layton and Marton, namely: from a ditch at the west side of *Kilgremollis* churchyard, now said to be covered over with sand, upon which a cross is erected, westward to the sea, and from the same ditch and cross backward to the east, following next to the *Cursed Mere* over the great moss and river as far as Ballam, which river runs towards *Swin' brig*, and from Ballam straight over the moss, which John, earl of Mortain ( *Moret* ), divided between himself and the lordship of Lytham, to the north side of Eastham carr; and Margaret and Thomas Butler showed nothing by way of deeds, evidences or provable witness in proof of the plan made by them, contrary to the prior's plan.

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It is ordered therefore that the prior, his successors and their tenants shall peacefully occupy the waste ground according to the aforesaid boundaries, without let or disturbance by Margaret and Thomas Butler, their tenants or servants, or any in their name; and that neither Margaret nor Thomas, nor their tenants shall meddle within the said boundaries until such time as Margaret or Thomas shall show sufficient proof of their plan and prove their title to common with their cattle within the said boundaries. In English. Michaelmas term 23 Henry VIII [1531]

Under the seal of his duchy of Lancaster.

Dated: London

*Language:* Latin; English

Original, now missing, was DCD 4.5.Reg.4.

f.246v-247v 25 November 1532

Chirograph lease by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham to Marmaduke Lambton', gentleman, his heirs and assigns, of the manor or grange called Belasis grange in Billingham par., with all its lands, tenements (&c), along with a certain piece of meadow called *Lammedowe* and all tithes in Belasis belonging to the prior and convent; to be held by Marmaduke Lambton', his heirs and assigns, from Martinmas before the date of the presents for the term of eighty years;

rendering therefor £10 6s 8d at Martinmas yearly to the prior and convent and their successors or assigns, namely 10 marks for the bursar of the cathedral church of Durham for the manor or grange (&c), 4 marks for the tithes, and 13s 4d farm called *terrur sylver* for the terrar of the said church, and 6s 8d for the overseer of the stock of the said church for the piece of meadow called *Lammedowe*; also rendering to the prior and convent, their successors and assigns, during the said term 6qrs 3bs wheat of strike measure, namely 6qrs of the measure used in the market of Durham, and 40s besides at Martinmas yearly for another 6qrs 3bs of wheat, delivery of the wheat to begin at Martinmas last before the date of the presents; and, as often as the rent of £10 6s 8d, the wheat or the 40s should be in arrears forty days after the due date, it shall be lawful for the prior and convent and their successors to enter the manor or grange and distrain upon the lands and tithes, remove and sell the goods so taken, and take the money [raised] thereby for the rent and arrears, keep it and turn it to their own use; if the rent should be in arrears in part or in whole for half a year and insufficient might be found for the said rent in the manor or grange (&c), then it shall be lawful to the prior and convent and their successors to re-enter the manor or grange (&c) and tithes and to have them again as originally, the present indenture notwithstanding;

and Marmaduke, for himself and his heirs and assigns, grants that each year during the said term he will take care to carry all the hay from a close in *le Holme* aforesaid [first mention of *le Holme*, now Saltholme, but cf. f.50v] called *le Bill close*, next to the sheepfold there, up to the sheepfold for feeding the sheep there; he will also, each year during the said term, carry *lez heckis* to the location of the sheep there, fifteen cart-loads of rushes from *le Holme* to the said sheepfold for roofing thereof, one wagon-load of *stoweres* from the park of the prior and convent called Aycliffe park, to the said sheepfold, when duly warned, and also provide sufficient litter at the sheepfold for the sheep of the prior and convent and their successors within *le Holme* during the said term; and the prior and convent grant, for themselves and their successors, that Marmaduke, his heirs and assigns, have pasture for sixteen oxen and five cows yearly during the said term, from the Invention of the Cross [3 May] to St Peter's Chains [1 August], in *le Holme*, also all the dung of the lord's beasts at *le Holme*, along with free ingress and egress for carrying the same whenever it should seem fit;

and Marmaduke and his heirs and assigns are to repair and maintain with large timber the said manor or grange in all its existing buildings and those to be built except' *solo*, and returning them at the end of the term sufficiently repaired, at their own expense; and if the manor or grange should happen to be unroofed or unrepaired in any way in whole or in part for forty days during the said term by default of the said Marmaduke, the prior and convent and their successors are to be allowed to enter the said manor or grange (&c), to remove and sell goods distrained, and to roof and repair the manor or grange as need be;

and, for the implementation of the above conditions on the part of Marmaduke, his heirs and assigns, the same Marmaduke Lambton', William Lambton' and Ralph Dalton' bind themselves, their heirs and executors to the prior and convent and their successors, in

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100s to be paid to the prior and convent and their successors if and when Marmaduke, his heirs or assigns should fail in any of the foregoing.

Sealed alternately, the part remaining with the prior and convent sealed with the seals of Marmaduke Lambton', William Lambton' and Ralph Dalton'.

f.247v-248r 24 April 1532

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Nicholas Holme, chaplain, in the vicarage of Fishlake, vacant by the natural death of John Redeman, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.248r 14 May 1532

[Memorandum] that a letter of confraternity granted to Henry Garnard, gentleman, was issued.

f.248r June 1532

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Johnson', clerk, in the church of Normanton on Soar, vacant by the natural death of Ralph Hedwourth, B.A., last rector thereof; saving to the prior and chapter a yearly pension of one mark due of old therefrom to them and their church of Durham.

Dated: Durham

f.248r 22 June 1532

Citation by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to the prior and chapter of Durham proposing to visit them in the chapter house of his cathedral church on Tuesday 16 July next to come, with continuation of days as need be, according to the manner handed down concerning this; therefore citing the prior and chapter to appear in person before him at the said date and place and undergo visitation (&c); requiring that they take care to certify him, by letters patent incorporating the contents of these letters, of the date of receipt of the presents, of what they shall have done in the foregoing, and of the names of all those cited on account of the foregoing.

Dated: manor of Auckland

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f.248v 5 February 1533

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, since Thomas, cardinal (&c), bishop of Durham, (&c), his predecessor, granted the office of bailiff of Stanhope to his servant John Walker [see f.231v above] (&c, terms as below), and the said John Walker has surrendered these letters to the bishop in his chancery of Durham for cancellation, with the intention that the bishop should have letters patent made to one of his servants, at his pleasure; to his servant John Vaux', in consideration of good service rendered, of the office of bailiff of Stanhope, and appointment of him thereto to be held for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; taking yearly the wages and fees of old used and wont to the said office, along with all other profits, easements, advantages and emoluments belonging to the office, in such a way as enjoyed by the said John Walker or any others having the office.

Witness: Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 20 November, Pont. (Trans.) 3. [1532]

Dated: Durham

f.248v-249r 12 February 1533

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Appointment by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, of his servant Thomas Marche, yeoman, for service rendered, as one of the keepers and parkers of the park of Stanhope, granting him the office of keeper or parker of the park of Stanhope, to be held by Thomas for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors; taking yearly in the office the wages and fees used and wont of old to the same office, along with all other profits, conveniences, advantages, and emoluments belonging thereto, as freely and entirely as had by any other previously holding the office.

Witness: Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 25 January, Pont. (Trans.) 3. [1533]

Dated: Durham

f.249r 3 March 1533

Collation by William Hartypole, subprior of Durham, with the consent and will of the convent of Durham, to John Kyrkeman, chaplain, of the chantry of St Mary in the church of Pitlington, vacant by the death of John Thompson', last chaplain thereof, and because of impoverishment of the revenues of the said chantry, Hugh, prior of Durham, has granted an annual rent of 40s from certain lands and tenements of Hawthorn assigned to a chaplain at the altar of St Katherine in the church of Pitlington, until the revenues of St Mary's chantry should so grow that they suffice for the maintenance of a chaplain; willing therefore that he celebrate for the souls of the founders of the chantries for four days in the week at St Mary's altar and for three days in the week at St Katherine's altar; and besides, should he be found not to have fulfilled the foregoing, that the subprior and his successors are to be allowed to remove John without judicial formality and replace him at will.

Under the other side of the common seal, namely St Oswald's head.

Dated: Durham

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f.249r-v 25 March 1533

Notarial instrument recording that William Cole, vicar of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, as he claimed, appeared in person and read the following Resignation whereby he, William Cole, vicar of Saltmarshe, in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of his vicarage, and the cure of souls of the parishioners thereof, resigns the same into the hands of the ordinary of the place, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, and asks the notary to produce one or more public instruments for him and for all those having an interest on the foregoing, and asks the witnesses to give their attestation to the foregoing, as in a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Witnesses: Robert Webster and Henry Holland, vicars in the said collegiate church, John Alen', priest.

Notary: Thomas Standevyn', of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: at the altar of St Lawrence in the collegiate church of Howden

f.249v 30 March 1533

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Lawrence Henryson', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of William Cole, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.249v [30 May 1533]

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to admit Richard Whelden', S.T.[B.], monk of Durham, to the keeping and rule of their cell or house of St Leonard's, Stamford, vacant by the resignation of Stephen Marley, S.T.B., last prior thereof. "&c, as in the earlier presentation of Stephen Marley to the same cell".

[n.d., the next-but-one entry supplies the date.]

f.250r 29 May 1533

Notarized resignation read by Stephen Marley, monk of Durham and prior of the cell or priory of St Leonard's, Stamford, who, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said cell or priory, resigns the same cell or priory into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation.

Notary: Edmund Stote, of London dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority.

Witnesses: Lionel Elmeden' gentleman, and Robert Whitehed, *literatus*, of Durham and York dioc.

Done: in the registry of the monastery of Durham, by the prior's house.

f.250r 30 May 1533

Memorandum that a presentation to the cell [of Stamford, vacant] by the resignation of Stephen Marley, was made in the common form for Richard Whelden, S.T.B.

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f.250r-v 8 February 1533

Notarial instrument recording that Mr Leonard Huchynson', S.T.P., vicar of Northallerton (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read, and interposed the following Resignation whereby he, Leonard Huchinson', S.T.P., vicar of the church of Northallerton, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure, and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Edward, archbishop of York, the ordinary and diocesan, or his vicar-general in distant parts, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving to himself a suitable yearly pension from the revenues of the said vicarage, for life, to be assigned by ordinary authority of the said archbishop,

drawn up in writing; and he asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments for him on the foregoing, and the witnesses to give their attestation.

Witnesses: William Arkey, of York dioc., and William Glessope, of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., *literati*.

Notary: John Clerk, of Bath & Wells dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited, recording that the instrument was written by another, since the N.P. was detained elsewhere in the meantime).

Done: in the normal dwelling-house of the notary, par. St Gregory the Pope, close to St Paul's cathedral on the south side, [London]

f.250v 4 July 1533

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Askewe, priest, in the vicarage of Northallerton, vacant by the resignation of Mr Leonard Huchynson', S.T.P., last vicar thereof; saving to the prior and chapter and their successors a yearly pension of £20, accustomed of old to be paid therefrom to them and their monastery.

Dated: Durham

f.250v 8 August 1533

Commission to induct by the official of the spiritual jurisdiction of the liberty of St Cuthbert in [North]allerton and Allertonshire, to William Lambe, chaplain, having lately received a mandate from Mr William Strangwaies, D.Dec., vicar-general in spiritualities of Edward, archbishop of York, to induct Robert Askewe, priest, or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Northallerton, vacant by the resignation of Mr Leonard Huchenson, S.T.P., last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said William Strangwaies, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving him full power to induct the said Robert Askewe, or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Under the seal which he uses in this office.

f.250v-251r 25 August 1533

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Skelton', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Skelton in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the death of Robert Webster, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.



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f.251r-v 20 August 1533

Chirograph lease by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham to Alexander Bell' of Blaydon and his assigns of a parcel of ground, now waste, lying on the south side of the Tyne, between the watermill belonging to the prior and convent on the east and the saltpans belonging to the cell of Jarrow to the west; which parcel (a reasonable and convenient distance from the saltpans) contains 44 yds in length towards the said mill, and (blank) yds in breadth, and abuts the top of the hill there to the south, and the ground ebb in the Tyne to the north; to the intent that Alexander shall build two saltpans thereon; to be held by Alexander, his executors and assigns, from Martinmas next after the date of the presents for the term of three score years;

paying 6s 8d therefor yearly to the prior and convent and their successors at the prior's exchequer within the said monastery, by equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas, the first term of payment beginning at Whitsun next following;

and Alexander agrees and obliges himself and his executors and assigns that by the said Martinmas next to come he will at his own expense build two saltpans on the said parcel of ground (a reasonable distance from the said cell's pans), with all and sundry buildings, houses and edifices appertaining to the said pans; and he and his assigns will maintain and repair these same saltpans and structures, with a water course into the saltpans and the staithe and all other necessities, during the said term, at their own expense, and leave and yield them up at the end of the term so maintained; the prior and convent grant that Alexander and his assigns shall have free wayleave and passage to and from the saltpans and the other premisses, with all manner of carriage except for wains or carts; and it shall be lawful to Alexander and his assigns at the end of the said term to take away any saltpans made of iron as should be left on the ground;

Alexander binds himself, his executors and heirs, that if he or they do any hurt or prejudice to the tenants of the townships of Westoe and Harton in carrying or driving by or through the herbage grass or cornfields belonging to these townships, then they shall make sufficient amends to the tenants, as estimated by the officers of the prior and his successors, be subject to any ordinances made by the officers of the prior of the time, and do everything during the term to the prior and his officers, and to the tenants, as appertains to good neighbourhood'.

Sealed alternately.

{ "void" }

*Language:* English

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f.251v 5 November 1533

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Frankeleyn', residentiary canon of York and prebendary (as he claimed) of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, appeared in person and read and interposed, made and carried out the following

Resignation whereby he, William Frankeleyn', prebendary of the prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, residentiary canon of York, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure, and rule of his said prebend, resigns the same into the hands of Edward, archbishop of York, the ordinary and diocesan, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving to himself a suitable yearly pension for his maintenance from the revenues of the said prebend, for life, to be assigned by ordinary authority of the said archbishop,

drawn up in writing; and he asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing, for himself and for others having an interest, and asked the witnesses to give their attestation to the foregoing.

Witnesses: Nicholas Holme, priest of York, and George Tweyng and Robert Dawtrie of Over [Upper] Helmsley, gentlemen.

Notary: William Chettyll', of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in an upper chamber or bedroom of the usual dwelling-house of Mr William Frankeleyn', residentiary canon of York, within the close of York minster

f.251v-252r 8 November 1533

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Franke, B.Dec., in the canonry and prebend of Saltmarshe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Frankeleyn, B.Dec., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.252r 10 December 1533

Notarial instrument recording that Nicholas Holme, vicar of Fishlake, (as he claimed) appeared in person and read and interposed, made and carried out the following

Resignation whereby he, Nicholas Holme, vicar of the church of Fishlake, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure, and rule of his said vicarage, resigns the same into the hands of Edward, archbishop of York, the ordinary and diocesan, or his vicar-general in spiritualities, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation; saving to himself a suitable yearly pension for his maintenance from the revenues of the said vicarage, for life, to be assigned by ordinary authority of the said archbishop,

drawn up in writing; and he asked the notary to draw up for him one or more public instruments upon the foregoing, and asked the witnesses to give their attestation to the foregoing.

Witnesses: William Phellipson, Robert Turner, chaplains of the city of York, and Thomas Felde, *literatus* of the same city.

Notary: William Chettyll', of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. by apostolic authority (eschatocol recited).

Done: in the place of the consistory within York minster.

f.252r-v 15 December 1533

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Henry Johnson', chaplain, in the vicarage of Fishlake, vacant by the resignation of Nicholas Holme, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.252v 5 February 1534

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Cuthbert Marshall', S.T.P., in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardall', B.Cn.&C.L., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.252v 5 February 1534

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Anthony Bellasis, D.Cn.&C.L., in the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardall', B.Cn.&C.L., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.252v 21 February 1534

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Robert Holle, chaplain, in the church of Blyborough vacant by the natural death of Richard Graunt, chaplain, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.253r 12 February 1534

Mandate to induct by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to the prior and chapter of Durham, having archidiaconal jurisdiction in their appropriated churches within Durham dioc., having, on presentation by them, instituted Mr Cuthbert Marshall', S.T.P., in the person of Leonard Melmerbie, chaplain, his proctor, in the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardal, last vicar thereof, instructing them to induct Mr Cuthbert or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage; requiring them to certify him or his principal official as to what they shall have done in the foregoing when asked on the part of the said Mr Cuthbert.

Dated: manor of Auckland.

f.253r 13 February 1534

Commission to induct by the official of the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to him and his chapter, to (blank) Erington, chaplain, having lately received a mandate from Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Cuthbert Marshal, S.T.P., or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Aycliffe, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardall', last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the bishop, being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving him full power to induct the said Mr Cuthbert Marshall' or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring certification as to what he shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

f.253r 3 November 1534

Chirograph lease by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham to Thomas Bathowes of Myerscough, Lancs, of all their land in Bilsborrow, Lancs, belonging to their cell of Lytham, within the bounds given in the charter which the prior and convent have of the township of Bilsborrow; to be held by Thomas and his assigns from Thomas the Apostle next before the coming Christmas [21 December 1534] for the term of 39 years; rendering 5s yearly therefor to the prior and convent and their successors or their undoubted attorney, to be paid at Thomas the Apostle before Christmas; if the rent should be in arrears in part or in whole for 40 days after the said feast, then it shall be lawful to the prior and convent, their successors and their attorney to re-enter the said lands or any part thereof and possess as originally, the present indenture notwithstanding. Sealed alternately.

f.253v 15 May 1534

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Anthony Bellicis, D.Cn.&C.L., in the canonry and prebend of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the natural death of Mr William Clayburgh', D.Cn.&C.L., last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.253v 6 June 1534

Letters of confraternity by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Stephen Walley, abbot of Hailes, John Ranton, prior of Hailes, and their fellow monks of the same monastery, although the law of divine charity obliges them generally to, and makes them debtors of, all the faithful in Christ, it however binds them most particularly and straitly to those who, it is evident, have greater fondness of goodwill and devotion for them and their monastery; on account of the singular affection of their charity, also the fervour of a sincere heart and their devotion, which it is evident they have towards them and their monastery of Durham, and by their favours they know more and more from experience, receiving them, present and to come, into the embraces of the confraternity of their chapter of Durham, granting that they freely become participants, in life as in death, in all spiritual aids, namely masses, orisons, vigils, alms (&c) in the monastery of Durham and its dependent cells, in perpetuity, so that when they should become certain of the death of any monks of Hailes they will furnish them with the same spiritual benefits in which they are accustomed to have their other brethren share.

Dated: Durham.

f.253v [February 1534]

Mandate to induct by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to the official or keeper of the spirituality of the peculiar jurisdiction of the monastery of St Cuthbert, having, on presentation by the prior and convent of Durham, instituted Mr Anthony Bellices, D.Cn.&C.L., in the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the natural death of the last incumbent, instructing him to induct Mr Anthony or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage; requiring the official to certify him or his principal official as to what he shall have done in the foregoing when asked on the part of the said Mr Anthony.

Dated: (blank; the presentation (f.252v) is dated 5 February 1534) .

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.254r 18 July 1534

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Lancelot Thwaites, deacon, LL.B. in the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardall', B.Cn.&C.L., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.254r 2 August 1534

Mandate to induct by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the monastery of Durham, or his sufficient deputy, having, on presentation by the prior and convent of Durham, instituted Lancelot Thwaites, deacon, LL.B., in the vacant vicarage of Durham St Oswald, instructing him to induct Lancelot or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage.

Dated: Stockton.

f.254r 3 August 1534

Commission to induct by the official of the prior of Durham, archdeacon in churches appropriated to him and his chapter, to George Baites, William Cokey, Christopher Watersfourth, Richard Watson, and Richard Bennet, chaplains, and Edmund Stote, N.P., and Richard Johnson', *literatus*, having lately received a mandate from Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Lancelot Thwaites, deacon, LL.B., or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Durham St Oswald, vacant by the natural death of Mr Christopher Wardall', last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the bishop, being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power to induct the said Mr Lancelot Thwaites or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring them, or him among them by whom this mandate shall have been executed, to certify him as to what they or one of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.254v 10 September 1534

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following lease, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Chirograph lease by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Henry Romyngge and William Hebilthwayt of that whole vacant land, or that whole garden of the bishop's in par. Westminster St Margaret, Middx, opposite the bishop's tenement, namely on the other side of the highway there, lying next to the tenement belonging to the par. church of London St Botolph extra Aldrichegate, abutting the lately paved highway from Strand Cross to Charing Cross on the southern side; which vacant land or garden is 162ft in length from the said tenement of St Botolph's church on the east and [? as far as] the conduit there and another garden of the bishop's on the west, and 114 ft between the highway and a garden of the abbot and convent of Westminster to the north; to be held by Henry and William and their assigns from Michaelmas next to come for the term of seventy years;

rendering 10s yearly therefor to the bishop and his successors or his or his successors' collector or receiver of rents, by equal portions at Lady Day and Michaelmas; and Henry and William agree and grant to the bishop and his successors that they, their executors or assigns will, at their own expense and within ten years of the date of the presents, build anew a messuage and houses for dwelling and other necessities on the long side of the vacant land opposite the highway, from the tenement belonging to the church of St Botolph as far as the head of the conduit, and will, at their own expense, repair and pave the highway with good stone, or cause it to be repaired and paved, according to the form of a statute lately enacted for paving there, as often as need be during the said term; and if the said rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part three months after any feast on which it ought to be paid, or within ten years they have not built the messuage and houses, or not repaired and paved the highway according to statute, and they have not kept the bishop and his successors indemnified therefor, then it shall be lawful to the bishop and his successors to re-enter the said vacant land or garden and the messuage and houses to be built there, to take back and hold the same as originally, and to expel Henry and William, their executors and assigns therefrom, notwithstanding the present lease.

Sealed alternately. 22 August, 26 Henry VIII. [1534]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.255r 14 October 1534

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Mr Thomas Cromwell', councillor and principal secretary of Henry VIII, king of England, of an annuity or annual rent of £20 to be taken from and issuing from the lordship or manor of Howden, and from all messuages, lands (&c) belonging thereto; to be held and taken by Mr Thomas and his assigns for the term of his life, being paid on 1 January each year, beginning on 1 January next to come; and if the said annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part at any term-date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful to Mr Thomas and his assigns to enter and distrain in the said lordship or manor, and take away and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the rent and arrears; and the bishop has put Mr Thomas in full possession by payment of 6s 8d, delivered to Mr Thomas in name of seizin on the date of the presents.

Under his seal and subscribed with his own hand. 1 October, 26 Henry VIII. [1534]

Dated: Durham.

f.255r-v 14 October 1534

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham confirming] the following appointment, "&c".

Appointment by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, of his servant Thomas Dolman as clerk of the receipt at the bishop's exchequer of Durham; to be held by Thomas for life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop or his successors, providing always that Thomas render reasonable yearly account of all moneys, issues, profits and receipts coming to the bishop in his exchequer; granting that Thomas be not burdened with any other moneys, issues, profits, and receipts of his office in his account than those which happen to come into his hands; taking £5 yearly in the office during his life from the bishop and his successors, to be paid to Thomas by the hands of the receiver-general at the said exchequer at the terms of Michaelmas and Easter, along with all other profits, advantages, customary entitlements, and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office; giving Thomas full power and authority to do all things appertaining to the office; ordering all his bailiffs, officers, ministers, and tenants within the bishopric of Durham to be of assistance (&c) to Thomas in the exercise of his office.

By the hands of Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 15 July, Pont. (Trans.) 5. [1534]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.255v-256r 10 November 1534

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to John prior and the convent of the house of Mount Grace and their successors both the watercourse running from the bishop's land or moor of Osmotherley, [N.R.] Yorks., then into the township of Osmotherley and so through the land of Osmotherley up to the land of the said prior and convent, whence to the prior's mill, near and below the said house, and the watercourse newly running from the bishop's land or moor of Osmotherley so far as the moor extends up to the land of the prior and convent, whence as far as the said house of Mount Grace; with the condition that it shall be lawful to the prior and convent and their successors to break, block and improve the bishop's land or moor over which the waters' course now runs as often and when needed for their greater convenience and profit; also granting to them certain liberty and easement in all places in the whole of the said land, moor and pasture, when and where they might want and be able, with free ingress and egress, to expose, break, dig out, take and carry slate stones for the house of Mount Grace, at all times of the year, without impediment or gainsaying of the bishop, his successors or officers.

Under his seal and subscription. 1 October 1534

Dated: Durham.

f.256r 20 August 1534

Grant by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Thomas Cromwell', principal secretary of the king, of an annuity or annual rent of £5 to be taken from and issuing from the lordship of Hemingbrough, and from all messuages, lands (&c) belonging thereto; to be held and taken by Thomas and his assigns of the prior and chapter and their successors for the term of his life, being paid at Michaelmas each year; and if the said annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part at any term-date on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful to Thomas and his assigns to enter and distrain in the said lordship and take away and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the rent and arrears; and they have put Thomas in full possession by payment of 6d, which they have delivered to Mr Thomas in name of seizin.

f.256r-v 15 March 1535

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Lancelot Thornteton, chaplain, in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Whitehed, B.Dec., last rector thereof; saving to themselves and their monastery the yearly pension due of old therefrom.

Dated: Durham.

f.256v 30 March 1535

Mandate to induct by Edward, archbishop of York, to the keeper of the spirituality of the jurisdiction of Allerton and Allertonshire having, on presentation by the prior and convent of Durham, instituted Lancelot Thornton', chaplain, in the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Whitehed, last rector thereof, and taken Lancelot's oath of canonical obedience to him and his successors, committing the cure of parishioners' souls and the rule of the church to him, instructing him to induct Lancelot or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said church.

Dated: manor of [Bishop]thorpe by York.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.256v 2 April 1535

Commission to induct by the official of the jurisdiction of the liberty of St Cuthbert in Allerton and Allertonshire, to Robert Askewe, clerk, vicar of Northallerton, Henry Gambell and John Robinson, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from Edward, archbishop of York, to induct Lancelot Thornton, chaplain, or his proctor into bodily possession of the church of [Kirby] Sigston, vacant by the natural death of Mr Ralph Whitehed, last rector thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the bishop, being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power to induct the said Lancelot Thornton or his proctor into bodily possession of the said church, and requiring them, or him among them by whom this mandate shall have been executed, to certify him as to what they or any of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

f.257r 14 May 1535

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant], "&c, in the customary form".

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Mr Thomas Cromwell, principal secretary to the king, of the first and next presentation to the hospital of St James, Northallerton, in the bishop's patronage and jurisdiction, to be held by Mr Thomas and his heirs, executors or assigns, for the sole and next vacancy only, with the provision that it shall be lawful to Mr Thomas, his heirs, executors and assigns, when the hospital should next be vacant by death, resignation, deprivation or in any other way, to nominate and present a suitable person and have him inducted and instituted and to do all else that were necessary in the foregoing, as freely as the bishop might have done if the present grant had not been made.

Dated: manor of Auckland 13 May 1535.

Dated: Durham.

f.257r-v 14 May 1535

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant], "&c".

Grant by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to his servant Nicholas Tunstall, one of the *valetti* of the bishop's chamber, for his service rendered, of the office of keeper of the park of Auckland, appointing him keeper or parker thereof whensoever that office should happen to become vacant by the death of the present occupant, or in some other way; to be held by Nicholas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop or his successors; taking 3d daily from the bishop and his successors for the office, to be paid yearly in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general, along with all other profits, customary payments, conveniences and advantages howsoever belonging to the same office.

Witness: Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 April, Pont. (Trans.) 6. [1535]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.257v-258r 11 August 1535

Inspeximus by Hugh prior [and the chapter] of Durham confirming the following grant, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, for himself and his successors, in consideration of service rendered, to William Hebylthwaite, his servant, and Robert Belwarde, and the longer lived of them, of the keeping of his lodging or manse commonly called *Duresm' place*, par. St Martin the bishop [St Martin's in the Fields], in the suburbs of London, and the keeping of the garden or orchard lying adjacent thereto, and appointing them as keepers of the said lodging and garden; giving them a suitable dwelling-place within the said lodging, to be assigned by the bishop for the term of their life, and as had by earlier keepers of the lodging; the keepership of the lodging and garden, with the dwelling-place, to be held by William and Robert and the longer-lived from Lady Day last past for life, in person or through their sufficient deputy; the bishop, for himself and his successors, granting them 7d per day in wages for the keepership, namely 4d for keeping the lodging and 3d for keeping the garden, to be paid [yearly] to William and Robert and the longer-lived, or to their assigns, from the revenues of all the bishop's lands and tenements in the said parish, lying adjacent to the said lodging, by the hands of the receiver and collector of rents and farms [there], at Michaelmas and Lady Day by equal portions; granting William and Robert a woollen cloth gown for a bishop's *valettus* each year during their life, whenever the bishop and his successors should happen to give a livery to their other servants.

Under his seal and subscription.

Dated: manor of Auckland 1 April 1535

Dated: Durham

f.258r-v 29 August 1535

Notarial instrument recording that John Wawen, vicar-choral in the collegiate church of Howden, appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following written Resignation whereby he, John Wawen, clerk, vicar of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said vicarage and of the cure of the parishioners there, resigns the same vicarage into the hands of the diocesan of the place or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation. and asked the notary to draw up one or more public instruments upon the foregoing, for himself and for others having an interest, and asked the witnesses to give their attestation to the foregoing.

Witnesses: Ralph Standevyn and James Kepax, *literati*.

Notary: Thomas Standevyn, of Coventry & Lichfield dioc., N.P. (eschatocol recited).

Done: in an upper chamber in the notary's dwelling-house, in St Andrewgate, in the city of York.

f.258v 6 September 1535

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Miles Whitfeld', chaplain, in vicarage of Howden in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the resignation of John Wawen', chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.258v 8 December 1535

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute William Turpyn, chaplain, in the vicarage of Ellingham, vacant by the natural death of Thomas Maxson, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.258v-259r 21 December 1535

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following appointment, "&c".

Appointment by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, of Brian Tunstall' as coroner of the ward of Darlington, the office to be held for life, carrying out whatsoever pertains to the office in person or through his sufficient deputy; providing that he render yearly account to the bishop of all moneys and receipts coming into his hands by reason of his office, in the exchequer of Durham before the bishop's auditors; granting that Brian be not charged with any revenues of the ward in his account other than those which come into his hands, but that, by handing over the names or persons of the bishop's debtors of the said ward, he be discharged upon his account in perpetuity without claim by the bishop or his successors; taking from the bishop and his successors £6 13s 4d yearly in the office during his life, namely 66s 8d for his office and another 66s 8d for his diligent labour in the carrying out of the office, to be paid yearly and allowed to him from the revenues of his office of coroner of the ward at Michaelmas, along with all profits and emolument howsoever belonging to the office; giving Brian full power and authority to do all and sundry things appertaining to the office and ordering all his bailiffs, officers and tenants of the ward duly to help, submit to and support the said Brian in carrying out the office.

By the hands of Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 June, Pont. (Trans.) 6. [1535]

Dated: Durham.

f.259r-v 21 December 1535

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following appointment, for themselves and their successors, [saving] the rights "&c".

Appointment by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, of Brian Tunstall, squire, as auditor to hear and determine all accounts of the receivers, bailiffs, reeves, collectors, farmers, occupiers or other officers and ministers within the bishopric of Durham and the liberties of Allertonshire and Howdenshire, accountable to the bishop, with grant of the office to him, whenever the office should happen to become vacant by death, resignation or by any other means following the date of the presents; to be held and carried out by Brian, in person or through his sufficient deputy, during his life, taking £20 yearly for holding the office, by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general of his exchequer of Durham, along with all other profits, rewards and conveniences used and wont to the said office; giving Brian full power and authority to do all things which the nature of the account demands, and ordering all receivers, bailiffs, reeves, collectors and all others, his officers and tenants, to assist (&c) Brian in his execution of the foregoing.

Witness: Robert Hyndmer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 4 June, Pont. (Trans.) 6. [1535]

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.259v

{ "Missing here is a grant of an annuity granted to Lord Cromwell, which was issued when I was in London. I have often asked for a copy and have not been able to have one." }

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f.260r 10 June 1534

Grant by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Robert Smethers and Thomas Whitehed, in consideration of good service rendered, of the office of porter or gatekeeper of the monastery or abbey of Durham; to be held by Robert and Thomas and the longer-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for the term of their life and the life of the longer-lived of them; taking yearly for the exercise of the office such wages, fees and liveries as Robert Adthe, deceased, lately had for holding the office, along with all other advantages, profits, conveniences, and emoluments belonging to the office, as enjoyed by the said Robert Adthe.

Dated: Durham

f.260r 24 April 1536

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Thomas Thompsone, clerk, in the vicarage of Berwick upon Tweed, vacant by the natural death of Mr William Marshall', B.Dec., last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.260r 3 May 1536

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior of Durham, supported by royal authority, to Thomas Right and James Archer, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to induct Mr Thomas Thompsone, clerk, or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Berwick, vacant by the natural death of Mr William Marshall', B.Dec., last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the bishop, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power to induct the said Mr Thomas Thompson', or Cuthbert Yong', his lawful substitute, into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring them to certify him as to what they or any of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham

f.260v 27 April, A.R. 28 [1536]

Writ by Henry VIII, king of England, to Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, whereas, with advice and consent of his council, concerning certain pressing and difficult business (&c), he has commanded a parliament to be held at Westminster on 8 June next to come, to treat there with the bishop, the rest of the prelates, the magnates and leading men, he orders that the bishop, in view of the difficulty of the business and the imminent dangers, leaving excuses aside, be present in person at the said date and place, to treat with the king, magnates and leading men and to render counsel upon this business, warning the dean and chapter of Durham, the archdeacon, and the whole clergy of the dioc. to be present at the said date and place, the dean and archdeacon to be present in person, and the chapter and clergy to be represented by one and two suitable proctors respectively.

Witness the king.

Dated: Westminster, "Crumwell" .

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.260v 29 May 1536

Proxy by Hugh, prior of Durham, having been forewarned by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, by force of a royal writ directed to him, to attend a parliament to be held at Westminster on 8 June next to come, appointing the same Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, as his proctor and excusator, to act to the effect underwritten, giving him special and general power to appear on his behalf before Henry VIII, king of England, in the said parliament and, along with the prelates, magnates and leading men there present, to discuss those things concerning the state and defence of the kingdom of England and the English Church, and the difficult and pressing business concerning the said king (&c).

Dated: Durham

f.260v May 1536

Proxy by William subprior and the chapter of Durham appointing Mr Thomas Tempest, knight, Edward Hyenmers, S.T.P., and Robert Davell, LL.D., "&c, as in the preceding proxy, with the necessary changes being made".

Dated: Durham.

f.261r 30 June 1536

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, &c, to institute William Swynnedden, chaplain, in the fourth vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the natural death of Thomas Baynes, chaplain, last vicar thereof, according to the ordinance made therefor.

Dated: Durham

f.261r 7 February 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Mr Robert Babthorpe [Bapthorpe when mentioned a second time], S.T.B., in the canonry and the prebend of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the natural death of Mr William Atkinson', last canon and prebendary thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.261r-v 1536

Appointment by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham of Mr Thomas Tempest, knight, and Robert Tempest, son of George Tempest, in consideration of the faithful counsel given by Mr Thomas Tempest, jointly and severally as steward of the temporal and Halmote courts of the prior and chapter, of all and sundry their townships, lands and tenements within the bishopric of Durham, appertaining to their exchequer of Durham, granting the said office of steward to them; to be held and occupied by Mr Thomas and Robert, and either of them, for the term of their life and of the longer-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the prior and convent and their successors, in as abundant a form and manner as Mr Thomas Tempest held the same office before this time; taking £6 13s 4d from the prior and convent and their successors, for their fee yearly in the same office, by equal portions at Whitsun and Martinmas, along with all other profits and emoluments howsoever belonging to the office; providing that neither Mr Thomas and Robert nor the longer-lived of them make any demission by fine or by term of years to any person by reason of the said office; ordering all their tenants and ministers to assist and support Mr Thomas and Robert in all things appertaining to the office.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.261v 1536

Appointment by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham of Mr Thomas Tempest, knight, Nicholas Tempest and Robert Tempest, son of George Tempest, in consideration of the faithful counsel given by Mr Thomas Tempest, jointly and severally as keeper of the park of Bearpark, granting the same office of keeper or parker to them; to be held by Mr Thomas, Nicholas and Robert and any of them for the term of their life and the life of the longest-lived of them, in person or through their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they would answer to the prior and convent and their successors; taking yearly in the same office, and by reason thereof, the same fees and wages as Mr Thomas Tempest was accustomed to have when occupying the office in times past and in the same manner as he took and enjoyed them.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.261v-262r 17 February 1537

Chirograph contract between Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, and John Brymley, cantor, witnessing that John promises and binds himself to serve the prior and his successors for the term of his life as follows:

to instruct those monks of Durham and eight lay boys, whom the prior or his deputies should assign to him, in singing plain chant and singing with organ accompaniment, namely *plainsong*, *pricknote*, *faburdon*, *descant*, *square note*, and *countre*; to teach organ-playing as well as plain and accompanied chant to the monks and one or two of the boys whom he (the said John), the prior and the precentor judge capable; and to teach the said monks and eight boys diligently (&c) every usual day; to be present in person, barring legitimate excuse, from beginning to end, at all masses, vespers and *Salve regina* to be celebrated in the cathedral choir or elsewhere in the monastery's precincts with *priknote*, *descant*, *faburdon*, and organ-accompanied singing, playing the organ if need be and singing the vocal part most suited to him, assigned by the precentor or his vicegerent; to be present in person daily at St Mary's masses to be celebrated *cum nota* in the Galilee, singing plainsong or with organ accompaniment, just as others should happen to be singing at the time, unless a legitimate and significant matter should impede him; and, if such a thing arose, to depute in his place another suitable expert; to make provision for singing on the summons of the precentor or his lieutenant; to be present in person at the masses of the name of Jesus, to be celebrated in the nave of the cathedral church every Friday, and to play or sing the anthem on Friday afternoons in the same mass, also the anthem accustomed to be performed in times past in God's honour; each year during his life, so long as able, to compose a new four or five part mass, or another equivalent work as should seem fit to the prior and precentor, in honour of God, St Mary and St Cuthbert;

and that the prior, for himself and his successors, has granted to John Brymley, for rendering these services well and faithfully, £6 to be paid yearly at the Invention of the Holy Rood, Lammas, All Saints, and Christmas, by equal portions, along with three ells of cloth of the livery of gentlemen-clerks to be received every Christmas; also that for his sustenance John will have food and drink with the prior's fellow monks where they should happen to be sitting, and in the hall of the monastery's lodging, called *le gheste hall*, in the absence of the prior from the monastery; with John holding the £6, the cloth, and the food and drink in the foregoing manner, from the prior and his successors at the monastery of Durham for life, to be paid at the said terms, so long as John should put the foregoing things into effect in the manner aforesaid; and if he should be debilitated by disease or infirmity such that he might not carry out the foregoing, then, unless he recover speedily, he will take four marks yearly from the prior and his successors for the term of his life; and if John should happen to be bound in any other service, or any other impediment except infirmity should happen to intervene, or he be absent such that he could not perform the office duly or in person, then the grant of this fee is to be void, notwithstanding the present indenture.

Sealed alternately.

Dated: Durham.

f.262r-v 23 February 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Gabriel Morland, chaplain, in the sixth vicarage in the collegiate church of Hemingbrough, vacant by the natural death of Henry Pulleyn, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.262v 2 March 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, "&c", to institute Robert Selbie, chaplain, in the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the natural death of Robert Turpyn, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.262v 20 May 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the convent of Durham asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his "&c", to institute Mr Polydore Warmyngton', clerk, M.A., in the rectory of the church of Normanton upon Soar, vacant by the natural death of Mr Thomas Johnson', last incumbent thereof.

Dated: Durham

{“A clause concerning a yearly pension of one mark would be inserted here but, on account of non-inspection of this register, and the ignorance and sudden departure of the messenger, it was omitted.”}

f.262v-263r 23 May 1537

Notarial instrument recording that Mr William Clifton', rector of Kirkby on Bain (as he claimed), appeared in person and made, read and interposed the following Resignation whereby he, William Clifton', rector of the church Kirkby on Bain, for certain legitimate reasons wishing to be discharged from the burden, cure and rule of the said church, on condition that a suitable yearly pension from the revenues of the said church, to be paid yearly for his maintenance, be assigned for him by the ordinary of that place, resigns his said church into the hands of John, bishop of Lincoln, or another whomsoever having power to accept his resignation, drawn up in a paper schedule which he held in his hands; and asked the notary to draw up for him one or more public instruments upon the foregoing, and asked the witnesses to give their attestation to the foregoing.

Witnesses: John Cornay and John Levet, priests dwelling in York.

Notary: Brian Lewtye, clerk of York dioc., N.P. (eschatocol recited).

Done: in an upper chamber of the usual dwelling-house of the same Mr William Clyfton', D.Dec., subdean of York minster, in the close of York minster.

f. 263r 25 May 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Thomas Olyffe, chaplain, in the church of Kirkby on Bain, vacant by the resignation of Mr William Clifton', D.Dec., last rector thereof; saving to themselves and their monastery of Durham a yearly pension of 40s due of old therefrom.

Dated: Durham

f.263r-v 25 May 1537

Bond by Thomas Olyffe, clerk, presented to the church of Kirkby on Bain by the prior and convent of Durham, to Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, for 100 marks, to be paid to them and their successors at John the Baptist [24 June] next to come; binding himself, his heirs and executors to carry out payment thereof.

(with)

Condition (English) that if Thomas Olyffe pay or cause to be paid without delay to Hugh prior and the convent of Durham, and their successors, or the prior of the cell of St Leonard, Stamford, and the brethren there, as assigned by the said prior and convent of Durham, a pension of 40s yearly at Michaelmas, during the time that Thomas is parson and incumbent of the same benefice, then the bond is to be void.



The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.263v 9 June 1537

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, saving the rights and liberties of their church of Durham in all things.

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, for himself and his successors, to William Hebylthwayte, his servant, and Robert Belwarde, of an annual rent of £6 20d, since he granted them and the longer-lived of them, for life, the office of warden, or the keepership, of the house called Durham Place and all the gardens there, by Charing Cross, Middx, lately his and now in the king's hands, in recompense for the office, the annual rent coming from all his messuages, lands and tenements in the city and suburbs of London; to be held, raised and taken for the term of their life, and the life of the longer-lived, by William and Robert and their assigns, to be paid yearly by the hands of the receiver of rents and revenues of the said messuages, lands and tenements, by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day; and, if the said annual rent should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part after any feast on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful to William and Robert, the longer-lived of them and their assigns, to enter and distrain in the said messuages, lands and tenements, to remove goods distrained and to keep them until satisfied of the rent and arrears. 26 May, 29 Henry VIII. [1537]

Dated: Durham

f.263v 9 June 1537

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] confirming the following grant, for themselves and their successors, [saving] the rights "&c".

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to his servant William Hebilthwayte, since the king has, by way of exchange, and by act of the parliament held at Westminster A.R. 28 [8 June to 18 July 1536], given him and his successors, in perpetuity, that messuage called *Coldharbarrowe*, situated in Thames Street, par. London All Hallows the Less, with all houses, buildings, lands, gardens, orchards, and profits belonging thereto immediately after the death of George, earl of Shrewsbury [d. 26 July 1538], of the keepership or office of warden of the said messuage and the rest of the premisses immediately after the death of the said earl, also of the office of collector or receiver of all rents and revenues of all the bishop's lands and tenements within the city of London and its suburbs; with appointment to these offices; to be held and exercised by William Hebylthwayt for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy or deputies; also granting William for the exercise of the office the wage and fee of 3d per day, to be had, raised and taken yearly by William and his assigns from the revenues of the said lands and tenements, to be paid as much by his own hands as by those of the tenants and occupiers of these lands and tenements, at the terms of Michaelmas and Lady Day by equal portions. 26 May, 29 Henry VIII. [1537]

Dated: Durham

f.264r 28 June 1537

Presentation by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham asking John, bishop of Lincoln, or his "&c", to institute (blank) in the church of Biscathorpe vacant by the natural death of John Lyon, last rector thereof.

Dated: Durham.

f.264r 28 June 1537

[Memorandum] that a letter of confraternity was issued in the customary form for John Forster, chaplain, vicar of Bywell St Peter.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.264r 2 July 1537

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, "&c".

Grant by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Thomas, suffragan bishop of Berwick, whom he has created suffragan bishop in his dioc. and, since "the labourer is worthy of his hire", according to the gospel [Luke 10:7], wishing to furnish him with maintenance appropriate to his rank, of a yearly pension of £40 from his manor of Auckland, to be paid by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general in his exchequer of Durham, by equal portions at Christmas and John the Baptist [24 June], so long as his office of suffragan be diligently executed, until provided by the bishop or his successors with benefices, from their own or others' patronage, to the value of £50; and, if the pension be in arrears for a month after either of the said terms, it should be lawful to the suffragan to enter the said manor of Auckland and distrain there, and remove and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the arrears of the pension, providing that: whenever he might be provided by the bishop or his successors with benefices, in their own patronage or that of others, to the value of £20, then a third of the pension of £40 would cease; when likewise provided with benefices worth £40, two-thirds of the pension would cease; and when provided with benefices worth £50, the whole pension would cease, notwithstanding the present grant.

Dated: Durham 1 July 1537

Dated: Durham

f.264v 12 June 1537

Mandate to induct by Robert Hyndemer, LL.D., vicar-general of Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, in spiritualities in distant parts, to Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham, having archidiaconal jurisdiction in their appropriated churches within Durham dioc., since he has instituted Robert Selbie, chaplain, as shown in his letters patent made for Robert thereon, in the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the natural death of John Turpyn, chaplain, last vicar thereof, on presentation by the prior and convent of Durham, instructing them to induct Robert Selbye or his proctor, or to cause him to be inducted into bodily possession of the said vicarage, to do all else incumbent upon them in this regard, and to certify him as to what they shall have done in the foregoing when asked on the part of the said Robert.

f.264v 3 July 1537

Commission to induct by the official of the archidiaconal jurisdiction of the prior and convent of Durham to John Johnson, Richard Atkinson and Roland Prat, chaplains, having lately received a mandate from Robert Hyndemer, LL.D., vicar-general of Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to induct Robert Selbie, chaplain, or his proctor into bodily possession of the vicarage of Norham, vacant by the natural death of John Turpyn, chaplain, last vicar thereof, to which he stands presented by the prior and chapter of Durham, and admitted and instituted by the said vicar-general, and being unable to attend to this induction at present, giving them full power to induct the said Robert Selbie or his proctor into bodily possession of the said vicarage, and requiring them or any of them to certify him as to what they or any of them shall have done in the foregoing.

Dated: Durham.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.264v-265r 21 July 1537

Inspeximus by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant] "&c".

Grant by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to Thomas Cromwell', lord Cromwell, keeper of the Privy Seal, of the office of steward of the manor or lordship of Howden and Howdenshire, to be held and exercised by Thomas for the term of his life, in person or through his sufficient deputy; granting him for his wages and fee in the office an annual rent of 11 marks, to be raised and taken for Thomas from and in the said manor or lordship by the hands of the receiver, bailiffs, farmers or occupiers thereof, to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions, along with all other profits, conveniences and emoluments belonging to the said office; and, if the annual rent should happen to be in arrears in part or in whole after any feast on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful to Thomas to enter the said manor or lordship and distrain there, and to remove and keep the goods distrained until satisfied of the annual rent and any arrears; ordering all his reeves, bailiffs, farmers, tenants, and ministers within the said manor or lordship to assist and support Thomas in the exercise of the said office.

Witness: Robert Hyndemer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 June, Pont. (Trans.) 8. [1537]

Dated: Durham.

f.265r 27 October 1537

Presentation by Hugh [prior and the chapter of Durham] asking Edward, archbishop of York, or his vicar-general in distant parts, to institute Peter Batell', chaplain, in the vicarage of the prebend of Thorpe in the collegiate church of Howden, vacant by the natural death of Aluardus [Alfred ?] Richardson, chaplain, last vicar thereof.

Dated: Durham

f.265r-v 2 November 1537

Grant by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham to Mr Thomas Wrythesley, of an annuity or annual rent of £5, to be taken and issuing from and in all and sundry their lands and tenements in the township and manor of Wingate, to be held by Thomas Wrythesley for the term of his life, to be paid to him at Michaelmas; and, if the annuity should happen to be in arrears in whole or in part at any term when it ought to be paid, then it is to be lawful to Thomas to enter and distrain upon the said manor and township, and all messuages, lands and tenements belonging thereto, and remove and keep goods distrained until satisfied of the annual rent and any arrears; putting Thomas in full possession of the annual rent by payment of 4d, which they delivered to him in name of seizin on the date of the presents.

Dated: Durham

f.265v 3 November 1537

Memorandum that the next vacancy of the vicarage of Billingham was granted to Mr Robert Hyndemer, LL.D., such that whenever this vicarage should become vacant by death or resignation of the incumbent, or in any other way, the prior and convent will present Mr Robert thereto.

The register of the time of Christopher Blunt, S.T.B., and chancellor of the church of Durham, who entered the said office at Whitsun, 1520, begins

f.265v 23 February 1538

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham confirming the following grant, "&c".

Grant by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, to his servant Thomas Ducket, one of the *valetti* of his wine cellar, for service rendered, of the office of keeper of the park of Auckland, appointing him thereto whenever the office should become vacant by the death of the present holder or in any other wise; to be held by Thomas in person or through his sufficient deputy, for whom he would answer to the bishop and his successors, for the term of his life; taking from the bishop and his successors 3d daily for the office, to be paid to him yearly in equal portions at the terms of Michaelmas and Easter by the hands of the bishop's receiver-general, with all other profits, customary rights, conveniences and advantages howsoever belonging to the office.

Witness: Robert Hyndemer, clerk, the bishop's chancellor.

Dated: Durham 1 June, Pont. (Trans.) 8. [1537]

Dated: Durham.

f.265v [?1538]

Inspeximus by Hugh prior and the chapter of Durham [confirming the following appointment]

Appointment by letters patent by Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, of Brian Tunstall, squire, for good and acceptable service rendered, as head forester of the forest of Weardale and overseer of the parks of Stanhope and Wolsingham, and of all coalmines and iron forges within the said forest, granting the said office of head forester and overseer to him to be held [incomplete] [n.d.]

## f.266r-267v

f.266r-267v 1291-1318

{ "See Reg.Parv.II, fol. 86"} [whose relevance to the following is unclear]

Old and new extents;

the old, of the city and diocese of Durham, made by three juries under their seals at Newcastle upon Tyne, and delivered to O. and J., the vicars of Hartburn and Aycliffe, 13 Kal. January [20 December] 1291;

the new, of the goods temporal and spiritual of the clergy of the bishopric of Durham, made 11 Edward II [1317-1318], by writ of the king:

[in table form, showing valuations for:]

f.266r-v the churches of the deanery of Durham;

f.266v portions of Auckland [collegiate church]; portions of Lanchester [collegiate church];

f.266v-267r portions of Chester-le-Street [collegiate church];

f.267r churches of the deanery of Darlington; portions of the [collegiate] church of Norton;

f.267v portions of the [collegiate] church of Darlington; temporalities of the bishop, prior and others;

also an extent of the temporal goods of the bishop of Durham and of all religious in Durham dioc., made in 1292 by Mr Peter de Insula, archdeacon of Oxford, and Adam de Haston, rector of Beckingham, acting in this regard in York, Durham and Carlisle dioc., on behalf of John, bishop of Winchester, and William bishop of Lincoln, deputed executors of the business of the Holy Land by the apostolic see, for the tenth granted to Edward, king of England.

Another [original] version: DCD Loc.V:77.