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## Preface

### Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

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## Documents relating to wood supply

LP8/1 26 May 1580

Copy of royal mandate forbidding the unnecessary felling of trees on Dean and Chapter property

LP8/2 14 February 1635

Royal mandate restricting the felling of trees on Dean and Chapter property

LP8/3-4 1654, 2 February 1664

Summary of details of the purchase of Aycliffe Wood. 1654. Enclosed: Account of trees in Aycliffe Wood

LP8/5 (undated)

John Farrer's petition to Dean and Chapter for removing undergrowth and some trees in Aycliffe Wood

LP8/6 30 January 1664

Note from Robert Brasse to John Farrer re trees felled in Aycliffe Wood

LP8/7 8 December 1682

Articles of agreement for the sale by Canon Knightley on behalf of Dean and Chapter to Cuthbert Proctor of wood at Muggleswick Park

LP8/8 14 November 1685

Note of timber and firewood brought in for use of Dean and Chapter since Nov. 1684

LP8/9 15 March 1686

Order to the petty constables of Muggleswick to search for wood stolen from Dean and Chapter property

LP8/10 9 May 1688

Note of trees to be felled

LP8/11 10 December 1688

Thomas Reed's receipt for payment for 200 deals

LP8/12 22 December 1688

Note of expenses and disbursements in prosecution of persons stealing wood from Bearpark and Muggleswick

LP8/13 24 December 1688

Order to bailiffs, constables and officers to search houses and apprehend persons suspected of unlawfully felling trees from Bearpark

LP8/14 28 December 1688

Information re wood from Bearpark

LP8/15 21 January 1689

Information given by Thomas Raw re oak trees from Muggleswick Park

LP8/16 28 January 1689

Order from the justices of the peace to constables, sheriffs and bailiffs to present persons who have unlawfully felled, removed or bought wood from Bearpark

LP8/16b 14 February 1689

Order for distraint on the goods of John Aire the younger, Richard Aire, Edward Clayton and Joseph Coulson, convicted of unlawfully buying and selling wood from Bearpark

- LP8/16c 1689  
Account of expenses in case re wood thieves
- LP8/17 23 September 1689  
Receipted account for wood
- LP8/18 16 November 1689  
Note of firewood measured in College yard for Dean and Chapter
- LP8/19 1689  
Note of trees felled at Bearpark
- LP8/20 27 November 1690  
Letter from Anthony Wharton re wood sales at Muggleswick
- LP8/21-22 9 December 1690  
Note of trees felled at Bearpark
- LP8/23 13 November 1691  
Robert Meabourne's account for cutting and leading firewood for Dean and Chapter
- LP8/24 1691  
Note of wood required for Canon Morton's house in The College
- LP8/25 1691  
Account of expenses re wood
- LP8/26 1691  
A note of trees felled at Bearpark
- LP8/27 1691  
Account for leading timber and firewood for Dean and Chapter
- LP8/28 9 May 1692  
Agreement between the dean and Dennis Hayford for felling and removing trees
- LP8/29 13 June 1692  
Dean's order to the bailiff of Muggleswick to deliver trees from Muggleswick Park to Dennis Hayford and John Browne
- LP8/30 20 August 1692  
Account for hewing and cutting 59 trees at Bearpark
- LP8/31 22 September 1692  
John Rudston's account for deals
- LP8/32 23 September 1692  
George Richardson's account for deals
- LP8/33 18 November 1692  
Robert Meabourne's account for cutting firewood in College yard
- LP8/34-36 8 December 1692  
Account of expenditure of money received for new plantation
- LP8/37 1692  
Petition of inhabitants of Cornsay and Butsfield to Dean and Chapter for timber to repair a bridge

LP8/38 26 May 1693

Note of timber needed for buildings on Canon Morton's land at Bewley Grange

LP8/39-40 20 November 1693

Note of trees felled at Bearpark, 20 Nov. 1692 - 20 Nov. 1693

LP8/41-42 24 November 1693

Dean and Chapter order for the better management and preservation of wood and timber belonging to the church

LP8/43 1694

Account for carriage and cutting of wood

LP8/44 1694

Petition of inhabitants of St Margaret's chapelry, Durham, to Dean and Chapter for wood re repairs to the chapel

LP8/45 (undated)

Account of payment due from Dean and Chapter for tops in 1694-5

LP8/46 14 May 1695

Mr Heyford's account for Muggleswick wood

LP8/47 22 June 1695

John Pickering's receipt for payment for carriage from Newcastle of 450 deals

LP8/48 24 June 1695

Michael Taylor's receipt for payment for carriage of 150 deals

LP8/49 15 July 1695

Francis Johnson's receipt for payment for deals and balks

LP8/50 28 September 1695

Canon Morton's receipt for payment for wood bought for farmer at Bewley Grange

LP8/51 16 November 1695

Robert Perkin's account for cutting firewood

LP8/52 20 November 1695

Account for payment due from Dean and Chapter for tops in 1694-5

LP8/53 (undated)

Another copy of above, signed by John Proud, to whom payment is due

LP8/54-56 1693-1696

Plantation accounts:

1693-5

1694-5

1696

LP8/57 1696

Account for carriage and cutting of wood.

LP8/58 16 July 1697

Note re stolen wood



LP8/59 3 September 1697

Certificate of Robert Stephenson and Thomas Barrow that Thomas Oliver of Edmondbyers stated that Dean and Chapter could not make a good end for selling Muggleswick Park wood

LP8/60 1698

Copy of Thomas Dod's evidence re stolen wood, 21 Jan. 1697/8.

Reverse: further particulars re stolen wood

LP8/61 27 May 1698

Account of trees cut at Muggleswick Park

LP8/62 16 November 1698

Account of wood from Muggleswick Park delivered to tenants

LP8/63 16 November 1698

Account of wood sold from Muggleswick Park

LP8/64 16 November 1698

Account of wood left unaccounted for and wood delivered from Muggleswick Park..

LP8/65 29 April 1699

Dean and Chapter order for collection of fines from thieves of wood from Muggleswick Park

LP8/66 20 November 1705

John Proud's account for firewood for the keeper [of Bearpark wood]

LP8/67 4 May 1706

Petition of Thomas Taylor and others to Dean and Chapter for repair of bridge

LP8/68 1708

Proposal re the sale of Bearpark wood

LP8/69 1713

Proposal by the keeper for felling trees in Bearpark wood

LP8/70-75 1717

Extract of Dean and Chapter orders re wood since 20 Nov. 1690

LP8/76 - 117 1719

Sworn statements re the theft of oak trees from Muggleswick Park

LP8/76. 16 February 1719

John Harrison, William Rutledge & Jonathan Jopling (Muggleswick Park)

LP8/77 16 February 1719

John Wilson and Samuel Ramshaw (Lanchester)

LP8/78-86 22 February 1719

Thomas Eggleston (Satley). John Dryden (Wharnleyburn). Thomas Labourne the elder (Healeyfield). James Layburn (Lanchester). Two versions, one undated. William Jopling (Widdy Close). Thomas Labourne (Healeyfield) Edward Ward (Carnefield House). Two versions

LP8/87-95 9 March 1719

John Jopling (Foxholes). John Bell (Healeyfield). Jane Johnson (Horsleyhope). John Richardson (Healeyfield). Rowland Harrison (Healeyfield). Thomas Dryden (Whitehall). Thomas March (Wilks). John Raw (Goldhill). Joseph Dryden (Wharnleyburn).

LP8/96-103 9 March 1719

Cuthbert Ramshaw (Foxholes). Thomas Harrison (Cushatt Leazes). John Hopper (Cropp Sheil). George Readshaw (Healeyfield). George Richardson (Healeyfield). Samuel Henderson (Wallish Walls). Thomas Raw (Wharnleyburn). Thomas Readshaw (Fell Close).

LP8/104-105 9 March 1719

John Ramshaw (Healeyfield). Thomas Marshall (Moss Wood).

LP8/106-108 10 March 1719

William Wrenn (Wolsingham). Thomas Hopper (Muggleswick Park). John Harrison (The Sheel).

LP8/109-113 11 May 1719

William Rutledge (Muggleswick Park). Thomas Pattison and Thomas Rippon (Muggleswick Park). Thomas Pattison (Middleheads). Ralph Byerley (Newbiggin). Thomas Grimdon (Horsleyhope).  
Last document needs repair.

LP8/114 July 1719

Samuel Ramshaw (Healeyfield)

LP8/115-117 (undated)

Robert Hunter (Medomsley). Samuel March (Wilks House). Robert Hopper (Muggleswick Park)

LP8/118-122 1720

Summary of above information. Two versions, one incomplete and undated.

LP8/123 26 June 1719

Copy of letter from D.&C. registrar to the Dean re a chapter order for proceedings against Muggleswick wood thieves at the next Assizes and the conduct of Jacob R. and John Bierley who have taken upon themselves to act as bailiffs of Muggleswick.

LP8/124 21 July 1719

Draft of letter from Dean and Chapter registrar to the dean re proceedings against wood thieves

LP8/125 30 July 1719

Letter from the Dean to Dean and Chapter registrar re proceedings against wood thieves

LP8/126 7 February 1721

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter registrar to the Dean proposing the appointment of Richard Hornsby as bailiff of Muggleswick.

LP8/127 14 February 1721

The Dean's appointment of Richard Hornsby as bailiff of Muggleswick

LP8/128 18 June 1726

Elianor Hall's petition to Dean and Chapter for timber to repair a stable and byre

LP8/129 1726

Dean's note for wood for the roof of his great hall

LP8/130-131 8 April 1732

Articles of agreement for the sale by Richard Hornsby on behalf of Dean and Chapter to John Snawdon of 168 oak trees at Bearpark

LP8/132 May 1740

Ralph Vardy's account for dressing trees

LP8/133 26 July 1740

The Dean's consent to the grant of wood to Canon Dolben for repairs to his prebendal house

LP8/134 29 January 1741

The Dean's consent to the cutting of wood for repairs to mill-dam at Durham

LP8/135 18 April 1741

Dean and Chapter registrar's request to Dean for consent to the cutting of further wood for repairs to mill-dam.

With: Dean's consent.

LP8/136 17 January 1745

The Dean's consent to the cutting of wood for the church fabric and repairs to Canon Leslie's prebendal house and re the persons to be employed for the felling of wood at Rainton

LP8/137 20 April 1746

Chapter's request for the Dean's consent to the cutting of wood for church fabric.

With: Dean's consent, 25 April 1746

LP8/138 6 December 1746

Note of decision to weed and spring Rainton wood and build a wall

LP8/139-140 7 February 1747

Draft Dean and Chapter order re the sale of wood at Rainton Park

Wrapper: marked 'Mr Tempest's Letters and Copys of letters ... about the Cutting Wood in Rainton park ...' (1746).

LP8/141 10 February 1747

Copy of letter from Dean and Chapter registrar to Canon Stillingfleet re cutting and fencing of Rainton wood

LP8/142-143 14 February 1747

Letter from John Tempest to Dean and Chapter registrar re non-receipt of letter about Rainton park.

With wrapper.

LP8/144 14 February 1747

Letter from Canon Stillingfleet to Dean and Chapter registrar re non-receipt of a letter by Mr Tempest

LP8/145 24 February 1747

Draft letter from Dean and Chapter registrar to keeper of Rainton Park, John Tempest, re compensation for loss of herbage by fencing the wood

LP8/146-147 28 February 1747

Letter from John Tempest to Dean and Chapter registrar accepting D.&C. offer of payment to him as keeper of Rainton Park.

With wrapper.

LP8/148 7 March 1747

John Legg's proposal to Dean and Chapter for the purchase of wood from Rainton Park

LP8/149 (undated)

Proposal by Lancelot Ayre and William Head for the purchase of wood from Rainton Park

LP8/150 7 March 1747

Dean and Chapter agreement to sell wood at Rainton Park to Lancelot Ayre and William Head.

LP8/151 8 March 1747

Copy of letter informing the Dean of the above sale

LP8/152 12 June 1748

The Dean's consent to Canon Mangey's having wood for repairs

LP8/153 22 July 1748

Dean Cowper's letter to Canon Leslie re appointment of woodman

LP8/154 30 July 1748

Copy of letter from Canon Leslie to the Dean re appointment of woodman

LP8/155 7 August 1748

The Dean's letter to Canon Leslie re appointment of woodman

LP8/156 - 164 1748-1755

Dean's consents (various)

LP8/156. 21 August 1748

Canon Bland's request for wood

LP8/157 28 December 1748

Canon Dolben's having deals

LP8/158 18 April 1751

The felling of wood for the use of the church

LP8/159 19 May 1751

Canon Leslie's having wood for repairs to his farm

LP8/160 26 May 1752

The felling of wood for repairs and the sale of decayed wood at Muggleswick, at foot of Dean and Chapter registrar's request, dated 17 May 1752

LP8/161 13 June 1754

The grant of wood to tenants at Muggleswick for repairs

LP8/162-163 22 April 1755

The weeding of Finchale wood and the cutting of wood for the use of the church.

Enclosed: Dean and Chapter registrar's request for consent, 12 April 1755

LP8/164 25 July 1755

Canon Dolben and Canon Gisburne having timber for repairs to their prebendal houses

LP8/165 18 November 1758

William Webster's account for timber

LP8/166 23 November 1758

Thomas Pye's receipt for money paid for wood

LP8/167 27 March 1760

The Dean's letter to Dean and Chapter auditor re an appeal lodged over his conduct as *custos nemorum*

LP8/168 - 170 1761-1766

Dean's consents (various)

LP8/168. 26 August 1761

The grant of timber for a foot-bridge over the Derwent at Muggleswick

LP8/169 2 April 1763

The felling and sale of trees at Framwellgate

LP8/170 5 May 1766

The felling of wood at Underside.

LP8/171-173 1767

Part of draft of articles of agreement for the sale by Thomas Hogg on behalf of Dean and Chapter to John and William Hudson of a parcel of wood and underwood at Sacriston. Consideration: £130

LP8/173 needs repair

LP8/174 17 March 1776

The Dean's consent to the grant of wood to Canon Egerton

LP8/175 3 March 1778

The Dean's consent to wood order

LP8/176 4 March 1778

The Dean's note to Dean and Chapter registrar enclosing consent to Canon Egerton's tenants having wood

LP8/177 16 December 1780

Note of wood required for Canon Cooper's stables. With: The Dean's consent, 22 Dec. 1780

LP8/178 19 July 1784

Note of wood required by Mr Deason for a stable at Pittington

LP8/179 16 December 1786

Note of wood required for gates for the tenants of corps lands. With: Dean's consent

LP8/180 1788

Details of sale of timber on 22 Feb

Torn in centre

LP8/181-182 1794

Details of sale of timber on 8 March

LP8/183 November 1794

Note of wood stolen from Rainton Park

LP8/184 - 189 1794-1795

Documents pinned together re a sale of wood, as per following list

LP8/184. 20 December 1794

Notice of sale in Moorhouse and Newby East Woods, West Rainton

Torn slightly

LP8/185 24 January 1795

Note of Charles Smith's bid for timber offered for sale

LP8/186 26 January 1795

Note re sale at Rainton and draft of letter to Charles Smith

LP8/187 28 January 1795

Letter from Charles Smith refusing Dean and Chapter terms for sale.

Also: Notes from Canon Weston, dated 31 Jan. and 2 Feb. 1795

LP8/188 7 February 1795

Note from Canon Weston re terms of sale

LP8/189 10 February 1795

Draft of notice of sale of wood

LP8/190 31 October 1795

Details of terms of sale of wood

LP8/191 1795

Details of sale of timber on 24 Jan. 1795

Edge torn off

LP8/192 1796

Details of sale of timber

LP8/193-197 1 November 1796-1 November 1800

Record of timber used in the church, The College and corps lands

LP8/198 5 March 1799

Cover of letter from The Dean to Dean and Chapter registrar re woods

LP8/199 9 April 1799

Letter from the Dean re wood

LP8/200-202 1798-1805

Account of trees planted from D.& C. nursery

LP8/203 5 April 1800

Valuation of wood

LP8/204 15 October 1803

Account for the purchase of timber for The College

LP8/205 (undated)

Estimate of the wood fund's receipts and expenditure, 1803-4

LP8/206-207 16 November 1805

Plan of Great High Wood, Durham, and details of cost of planting

- LP8/208-209 17 March 1807  
Details of sale of wood 4 April 1807.
- LP8/210-211 16 January 1824  
Letter from John Robson, Dean and Chapter registrar, enclosing report on Muggleswick woods
- LP8/212-219 16 November 1824  
R.Fenwick's report on various Dean and Chapter woods
- LP8/220 25 September 1825  
Record of work in Dean and Chapter woods and of wood sold
- LP8/221 28 September 1825  
Proposals for work in Dean and Chapter woods and plantations
- LP8/222-226 1826  
Woodman Fenwick's report of work done and expenses and receipts in Dean and Chapter woods and plantations, since Sept. 1825
- LP8/227-228 21 September 1827  
Woodman Fenwick's account of expenses and receipts in Dean and Chapter woods and plantations,  
27 Sept. 1826 - 27 Sept. 1827
- LP8/229-230 30 November 1827  
Copy of R. Fenwick's report on Dean and Chapter woods
- LP8/231-234 (undated)  
Woodman's report of expenses and receipts in Dean and Chapter woods and plantations,  
Sept. 1827 - Sept. 1828
- LP8/235 26 September 1828  
Ralph Fenwick's report on Dean and Chapter woods and plantations
- LP8/236 (undated)  
Unidentified figures
- LP8/237 (undated)  
Thomas Herrison's petition to Dean and Chapter for a tree for repairs to his house.
- LP8/238 (undated)  
D.&C. order for the preservation of wood
- LP8/239 (undated)  
Account for firewood
- LP8/240 (undated)  
Note of green timber cut
- LP8/241 (undated)  
Joseph Newton's defence against Dean and Chapter charge of trespass
- LP8/242 (undated)  
Cover of an order about firewood
- LP8/243 (undated)  
Clement Wilkinson's petition to Dean and Chapter for timber for repairs to his house

LP8/244 (undated)

Michael Moses' petition to Dean and Chapter for timber for the repair of outhouses

LP8/245 (undated)

John Hutchinson's petition to Dean and Chapter for wood for repair of houses on their property

LP8/246 (undated)

William Dobson's petition to Dean and Chapter for two small trees for repairs