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THE publication of this volume of Wells City documents is due to the efforts of Alderman J. C. Davis, who while Mayor of Wells in 1928 was urged by several prominent citizens to take steps to publish an authoritative history of the city as far as it is contained in the series of charters belonging to the Mayor and Corporation.

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Now that the volume is published it is hoped that those citizens who read it will realise that they are "citizens of no mean city."

Only the fringe of a fascinating story has been lifted. The full story may be told in some future volume, but that cannot be till sufficient funds are in hand to pay for the somewhat heavy expenses which such a work would entail.

T. F. PALMER, *Hon. Secretary.*

ERRATUM

Charter No. 1, page 1, line 10. *For* "concerning any such message", *read* "within the ambit of the message of any of them".

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INTRODUCTION

PART I. WELLS CITY CHARTERS

(i) PRINTED AUTHORITIES

A LEARNED and polemical dissertation on the legal effects of the early charters granted to the city of Wells is to be found in the introduction to the *Year Book of 16 Edward III*, vol. 1, pp. xxiv–xcix, edited by the late Mr. L. O. Pike. We are, however, not concerned here with a legal discussion of the exact point of time at which incorporation can be held to have occurred.

The early Wells Charters are also analysed by Mr. A. Ballard in his *British Borough Charters*.

A great amount of valuable material is to be found in the Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission on *Manuscripts of Wells Cathedral*, published in 1885, and in the *Calendar of Manuscripts of the Dean and Chapter of Wells*, in two volumes, published by the same body in 1907 and 1914.

The late Canon C. M. Church dealt with the early borough charters in his *Chapters in the Early History of the Church of Wells* (1894). *Wells and Glastonbury*, by the late Chancellor Holmes (1908), also contains valuable information as to the early chapters of borough history.

(ii) DATE OF EARLIEST CHARTER

It has generally been assumed that Wells was made a borough by charter of bishop Reginald between 1174 and 1180. From the internal evidence of the charters, however,

there is little doubt that the first grant was made by his predecessor bishop Robert, between 1135 and 1166; this view was held by Professor Freeman.

Unfortunately, no original charter of Robert is to be found amongst the city muniments, but in the cathedral library there is a copy of one, by which he ordained that the three fairs, held on the festivals of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3), St. Kalixtus (October 14), and St. Andrew (November 30), should be held in the town, and not in the church or church-porch as in the past; and that persons attending the fairs should be free from toll on those days and their eves.

This charter of Robert was confirmed by Reginald, who, at the same time, granted freedom from toll on the morrows of the three festivals.¹

The next charter of Reginald (No. 1) is extremely interesting, for, while adding further privileges to the borough, he granted *with the tenor of a charter of Robert his predecessor, that the town of Wells should be a borough by the bounds by which it was defined in the same charter.*

In an old manuscript volume containing extracts from the Convocation books of the borough, in the possession of Mr. Sidney Goodall of Wells, there is a somewhat faulty transcript of a third charter of Reginald, the original of which has been lost. A better copy has however been found in the Convocation book, Vol. II, p. 86, a full transcript of which appears later. In this charter it is recited that "considering and diligently noting the honourable and very praiseworthy intention which our venerable predecessor, the late Robert, bishop of Bath, is known to have had concerning the *improvement of the status of the town of Wells and its advance towards freedom, [and] inspired by his authentic examples,* putting aside delay hereon, we have with full consideration appointed the same town with *more ample bounds* of buildings, and with the *same emblems of freedom which it had before.*"

Savaric, between 1199 and 1201, granted, in accordance

¹ See charter No. 2.

with the example of his *predecessors*, to the borough, all the liberties and free customs of burgesses.

Further, on 11 June 1493, the Corporation say they have divers grants of Robert, Reginald and Savaric, copies of which they sent to the Bishop and were prepared to produce the originals if required.

Thus, from the above, it seems obvious that the original charter making Wells a borough was granted by Robert, for in his missing charter, mentioned in Reginald's second charter (No. 1), the bounds of the borough were defined. In Reginald's third charter we find him inspired by Robert's example, granting more ample bounds, and the same emblems of freedom which it had before. Again, if Reginald had created the borough, Savaric would have spoken of his *predecessor*, not of his *predecessors*. And lastly in 1493 a charter or charters of Robert were in the possession of the borough. It is clear, therefore, that the history of Wells as a borough dates back at least to the time of bishop Robert, 1135 to 1166.

(iii) BISHOP REGINALD'S THIRD CHARTER

The third charter of Reginald, already referred to, appears to have escaped the notice of Wells historians, and a full transcript is therefore given :—

BISHOP REGINALD'S GRANT

Universis et fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit, Rainaudus Dei gratia Bathoniensis episcopus salutem a Domino. Considerantes et diligenter attendentes honestam et plurimum laudabilem intentionem quam venerabilis [pre]decessor noster bone memorie Robertus Bathoniensis Episcopus circa statum ville Wellensis meliorandum & in libertatem provehendum habuisse dinoscitur auctenticis ipsius informati exemplis villam eandem amplioribus edificiorum terminis et eisdem libertatis insignibus que prius habuit dilatione posthabita super hoc pleniore deliberacione disposuimus Statuimus ergo ut totum territorium quod inter subscriptos terminos continetur, Burgus sit imperpetuum, scilicet ab angulo virgulti nostri per quoddam vetus fossatum usque ad pratum de Hela, a prato illo per quendam rivulum usque ad pontem de Kiward, a ponte illo sicut aqua de Wellis defluit usque ad pontem qui est in ingressu ville prope capellam Beati Thome Martiris. Concedimus itaque ut omnes qui intra prescriptas metas messuagia

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[MS. masagii] habuerint liberam habeant potestatem commorandi, recedendi, domosque suas impignerandi [et] vendendi, plenamque habeant facultatem eas in quemcunque [modum] eis placuerit transferendi preterquam domibus religiosis, quod non poterunt facere sine licencia nostra aut successorum nostrorum, integro jure reddituum nostrorum retento, scilicet de singulis messuagiis xij^d annuis. Concessimus preterea ut omnes tam mercatores quam alii qui ad anniversarium diem dedicationis capelle Beati Thome Martiris, que dies est Crastina Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, quacumque negotiationis causa convenerint, liberi sint triduo ab omni consuetudine [et] exactione, scilicet die nativitatis Sancti Johannis in crastino [et] tertia die que est dies sanctorum Johannis et Pauli, salva in omnibus justitia nostra. Volumus etiam ut si lis aliqua forte dampnosa inter ambitum messuagii alicujus eorum emergerit, liberam habeant potestatem ut adinvicem concordēs fiant justitia nostra nullam inde exigente consuetudinem vel emendationem donec Burgenses in justitia defecerint nisi mortale vulnus vel dampnum perpetuum corpori inflicturn fuerit vel etiam nisi alteruter litigantium justicie nostre querimoniam faciat, salva in omnibus justitia Regis et dignitate. Inhibemus autem ne aliquis in eodem Burgo pelles crudas aut coria cruda emere presumat nisi fuerit in lima et laga Burgensium Wellensium. Hiis testibus Jocelino Sarisburiensi Episcopo, Savarico Archidiacono North', Ricardo Constanciensi Archidiacono, Waltero Priore de Bokeland, Willelmo Precentore Wellensi, Magistro Radulpho de Lechelade, Jocelino capellano, Willelmo de Sancta Fide, Gervado filio Tebaldi, Willelmo Giffard, Gaufrido de Sancto Georgio, Alano de Sancto Georgio, Reginaldo Ruffo, Ricardo camerario Sarisburiensis Episcopi, Nicholao Pincerna, Galfrido Ruffo, Radulpho Cusin, Petro fratre Jocelini, Petro de Chambeharn, Roberto de Raget, Willelmo Pywyne, Petro et Adelardo camerariis, Petro de Forde, Hugone de Lincoln, &c.

The first three of these witnesses are of great interest. Jocelin, bishop of Salisbury (1142-84), was the father of bishop Reginald. Richard of Coutances, described as archdeacon, was related to Richard de Bohun, who was consecrated bishop of that diocese in 1151 and was brother of Jocelin and uncle of Reginald. Savaric, who succeeded Reginald as bishop of Bath, was a second cousin.¹

It will be seen that Reginald further granted a fair to be held on the anniversary of the dedication of the chapel of St. Thomas the martyr, being the morrow of the nativity of

¹ See Church, *Chapters in Wells History*, pp. 88 ff., 379; also Round, *Documents in France*, p. xlvi.

St. John the Baptist, to be free from toll on that day, its eve and its morrow.

He also willed that if any suit involving damages should arise within the ambit of any of the messuages the burgesses should have power to settle the dispute between themselves, until they made default in justice, unless a mortal wound or permanent harm was inflicted, or one of the litigants made complaint to his justice. The restriction of this privilege to offences committed within the burgess's house would appear to be a survival of the primitive house-peace.¹ From this it is obvious that there was a court, in which the burgesses could themselves settle certain of their own disputes, but its actual constitution is unknown.

(iv) BISHOP SAVARIC'S CHARTER

After the death of Robert in 1166, the see remained vacant until April 1173, when Reginald was consecrated. In 1191 he was translated to Canterbury, but died before receiving the pallium. He secured the succession to the Bishopric of Bath for his kinsman Savaric, who, at the time, was with Richard I at the crusade, and he was consecrated at Rome in 1192. Savaric can have spent but little time at Wells on account of various high offices he held both in this country and on the continent.

Savaric's charter to the borough is practically a confirmation of those of Reginald, containing no additional privileges. In it he is styled Bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, and as the union of the two churches took place in 1199, the charter must have been made between that year and King John's charter dated 7th of September 1201. Savaric's seal is attached to this, the last episcopal grant to the borough.

(v) ROYAL CHARTERS

On 7th of September 1201 Wells received from King John its first royal charter, granting that it should be a free borough, with a weekly market on Sundays as there was then, and the four fairs already mentioned. The king further granted a fair

¹ *British Borough Charters*, p. liii.

on the feast of the translation of St. Andrew, to last for eight days, to be held in the streets of the borough at the same places as the fair of St. Andrew had been held, unless it were to the detriment of neighbouring fairs. There is, however, no reference in the charter to the incorporation of the borough.

In 1290 Edward I confirmed the charter of King John.

Edward III by his charter dated the 17th of July 1341 confirmed the charters of John and Edward, and of his further grace and in consideration of 40*l.*, the burgesses received the following privileges :—

“ That they shall be quit of toll, passage, pontage, lastage, stallage, paiage, quayage, tronage, picage, keuerage, morage, murage, works of castles, houses, walls, dikes, causeways and bridges and of all other aids and royal works throughout the king's realm and power.

“ That they may elect and create there from among themselves a mayor, bailiffs and constables of the peace, for the better governance of the borough and the keeping of the peace, and coroners for the attachment of pleas of the crown, when they occur within the said borough and liberty ; who after making oath according to custom shall discharge the duties of their offices ; and that the coroners shall answer before the justices in eyre for the attachment aforesaid and the other duties of their office.

“ That there shall be a gaol in the said borough and that the burgesses shall have the keeping thereof and of all prisoners taken within their liberty.

“ That they shall have the return of all writs of the king and summonses of the exchequer in all matters touching their said borough or arising therein and the execution of the same by their mayor and other ministers ; so that no sheriff or other bailiff of the king shall meddle therein to make summonses, distrainments, or attachments within their liberty, nor enter their borough to do anything concerning his office save upon default of the said mayor, ministers or burgesses.

“ That no one of them shall plead or be impleaded without the borough concerning lands or tenements within the bounds of the same, or concerning trespasses, contracts or agreements arising within the said borough and liberty, but that all pleas of this kind shall be held within the borough before the mayor and bailiffs thereof and there determined ; and moreover that they shall not, by reason of their lands or tenements within the borough, or without, so long as they stay within the borough, be placed upon any assizes, juries, or inquisitions with any men from without, nor shall such men be so placed with them, by reason of lands or tenements of that kind, or of tres-

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passes, contracts or any other matters within or without the said borough, but that assizes, juries and inquisitions about matters which arise within the same and concern only the said burgesses shall be taken only in the borough ; unless the pleas or the assizes, juries or inquisitions aforesaid touch the king and his heirs or the commonalty of the borough.

" That they may enclose and fortify their said borough according to the ancient bounds thereof with a wall of mortar and stone and with dikes and may crenellate the wall and so hold the same." ¹

This charter, was, however, cancelled after protracted litigation, on the ground that it was prejudicial to the King and bishop. Serious disturbances ensued, the townsmen, under John le King, banding themselves together to resist the bishop's extortions. These disturbances lasted from January 1341/2 to May 1343, when the bishop commenced an action for damages against the rioters and obtained judgment for 3,000*l.*² The proceedings concerning the cancellation are dealt with fully by Mr. Pike.³

It was two hundred and forty-four years before the borough obtained from Queen Elizabeth so wide an extension of their privileges ; during this period there were constant quarrels between the bishops and the burgesses.

Further charters were obtained from Richard II, Henry IV, and Henry VI.

(vi) RENEWED DISPUTES BETWEEN THE BISHOP AND THE BURGESSES

During the reign of Henry VII, disputes between the bishop and the borough again arose, if indeed they had ever ceased, and by an order of the former, four articles of complaint were delivered to the mayor, which were entered in the Convocation book on the 15th April 1493. In the first, the bishop complains that the burgesses hold themselves to be the king's burgesses and not his. Secondly, the bishop claims the sole right to create burgesses. Thirdly, he complains that when his bailiff

¹ Charter Roll, 15 Edward III, m. 3.

² See Charter No. 7, p. 5.

³ See *Year Book*, 16 Edward III, pp. 1-lxix, 108-21.

makes a burgesse, he is not accepted until he has been admitted by the master and commonalty, and lastly, that the burgesses use mills other than his.

To these articles the burgesses replied as follows:— To the first, that the matter had not been in argument; that they intend nothing prejudicial to the bishop's franchise, and that they had divers grants from bishops Robert, Reginald and Savaric, copies of which they sent with these answers. That since then they have received a grant from King John, and confirmations from subsequent monarchs, so that they consider themselves the king's burgesses 'and their said good lord's also.'

To the second article they say, that by virtue of the above grants they have for nearly three hundred years made burgesses as they now do in the lord's guildhall, and also for certain causes removed them from their liberty, without interruption from the bishops. That the bishop's bailiff, marshal and servants have taken the oath as other burgesses, time out of mind. That in 15 Henry VI the executors of bishop Bubwith built a new Hall for the meetings of the burgesses, by the assent of bishop Stafford.

To the third, that the lord's bailiffs have not made more than 23 or 24 burgesses.

To the fourth, that being free burgesses, they cannot think how they can be bound by any custom to the suit of the lord's mill. That they use the other mills for their own ease and no other cause.

Finally, the burgesses say that the matters of the articles would not hurt the bishop 'a penny in a thousand years,' and they trust to find him 'no less good and loving as his predecessors.'

At the same time the following letters passed between the bishop and the burgesses concerning the same matters:—

'Righte Reverende fader in God and our al[toget]her synguler good lorde we recommaunde us unto your good lordeshipp in as humble wyse as we can or may suffice mekely bysechyng yor good lordeshipp not to yeve hasty credence to eny synystere informacon yeven ayenst

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yo^r saide Cyte for unfeynyngely ye shall fynde yo^r saide Cite of as good and feythfull disposicon toward yo^r saide lordeship after their power as they can thenke to be For they thenke in ther mynds that they have as grete a tresour of yo^r lordeshipp as yo^r saide Cyte had of eny lorde Bysshop at eny tyme sith yo^r honorable See biganne there yo^r noble excellent wyshedome and high discrecon remembred. And good lorde wee have made Ansuere under yo^r Correcon accordynge to your Commaundemente unto yo^r Bylle mynystred unto us in yo^r behalf by our good maister the Deane of Welles as symple wytted men w^t oute lernynge prayenge yo^r good lordeship to accepte it w^t favor and to take our entents and good lorde we thenke in our minds that oon of yo^r Articles concernyth the Amovynge of Robert Broke from our company of burgesses. We send you w^t our bill of Ansuere the copy of the Acte made ayenste him in that behalf. By which it appereth, if he wolde have payde the summe of his dutye he nedyd not to have be amoved for he had receyved the saide money and xxs more. As it was sufficiently proved afore us. And we deme that he sterith yo^r lordeshipp for the Mylles also sayenge that he can not bere the Ferme in lesse than yo^r Burgeisses be compelled &c. Good lorde if he and his felawe wull leve the Mylles we shull fynde ij other to take it at the same Rente and fynde good sufficient suertes withoute such maner of Trowble. No more but Almyghty Jhu ever preserve yo^r righte Honorable astate with encrece From yo^r Cite of Welles the xxijth day of Apryll, &c.'

'Where as by yo^r writing sente and delyverd unto me by yo^r comburgeys this berer Ye desyre me to yeve no hasty credence ayenste you Affermynge yo^r disposicon unto me as good as ye can thinke. Neighbours I have yeve you no cause to thenke that I am lighten of credence, for I neyther have condempned ne sued nor Vexed you upon eny matter that I have not first caused you to be Spoke w^t and herde at lengthe nor yet at this tyme am I so disposed to do how be it ye make me suche answeere upon my firste Article that ye yeve me righte good cause to sue you. And as for your good disposicon towarde me I have yeve you no other cause nor shall do w^toute yo^r greate deservynge I know it is my dutye to love and cherisshe you and so wull I do as ferre as I may w^toute doynge my Churche and successors wronge I thenke also it shall be yo^r wysdome to owe me yo^r good herts for I thanke God and the King it lith in my power to do you good and plesour. As so suerly I was determyned to have do. And namely in Such things as some of you have sued in tyme passed. I pray you neighbours sette Aparte all wilfulnesse and haultesse. And be contente to lyve under the righte of the Churche accordynge to your dutye And er ye appoynte to stryve w^t the same loke uppon yo^r neyghbours how they have spedde in case lyke. Loth would I be

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that all the londe shulde mokke bothe you and me to stryve for yo^r name. How be it that it toucheth me moche nere then it doth you. Seynge that it cowde not be litull prejudice to me standing yo^r lorde and lorde of the Burgh to suffre you to calle yo^r selfe the Kings Burgeisses, which claymeth no thyng on you more then the dutye of yo^r Allegennce nor noughte y^e have nor holde of hym within that Burgh nor on non of hys predecessors. Excepte ye wull byde by the graunt of Kinge John. Which I trowe at lengthe ye wull refuse Neighbours yo^r Ansueres specially upon this Article accordith to no lawe nor reason nor they be not those wherw^t ye shulde desyre me to holde me contented for thei be neyther clere certeyne ne resonable And therefore as ye wull that this matter take an ende bitwixe us a parte by mutuell cōicacon w^toute fallng to the sute in the lawe I pray you sende me assone as ye goodely may oon of the beste of yo^r Comburgeisses & a man Lerner in the lawe furnysshed w^t such evydences as ye have. And er they departe fro me I trust either partie shall better knowe the righte of the other. wherew^t of reason he shulde holde hym contente As so ye shall be sure I wull furthwith do when I shall be enfourmed that yo^r righte is better than myne trustyng to fynde Semblable disposicion in you for yo^r partye. And thus fare ye well. At Warrewycke the xxvijth Day of Aprill.'

The disputes, however, were in no way abated, for on 9th June 1540 the burgesses presented to the master the following list of complaints against the bishop :—

Hit is compleyned by the hole burgeys of the Citie of Welles unto the maister of the seide Cite that the privileges fredoms and libertees whiche hath ben graunted by Kyngs & confermed by Bushoppes cannot be usid & enjoyed accordyng to theyre Charters to them graunted for the Bailly of the Bushoppes for certeyn wronges & enjuries by hym dayly don as hereafter foloweth—

Inprimis the seide Burgeys cannot be fre in fayres or merkettes within the seide Towne withoute payng yerely a Certeyn sum of money to the seide Bailly.

Itm the Bakers cannot bake no brede to Sale without payng yerely a certeyn sum of money.

Itm the Bruers there cannot brue withoute payng yerely a certeyn Sum of money.

Itm the Fishers cannot be suffred to sell theyr fishe without that they do pay yerely a Certeyn Sum of Money.

Itm the seide Burgeys & others be grevously amerced in the Bushoppes Courte & never affered by the affuras.

Itm that no Inholder can sett up any Syne but that he paith yerely a certeyn Sum of Money.

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Item that no Burgeys shalbe suffered to sell any ale or sett up any ale stake but that the Bailly do take of them yerely a certeyn Sum of money.

Item that no Fermor of the Bushoppes milles can kepe any of the seide milles but that he do pay yerely a certeyn sum of Money.

Item that no Bouchers can sell any vitalles but that they do pay yerely in lykewyse.

Item that no Burgeys can bryng any manner of grayne or other Smale thyng to the seide merket but the seide Bailly do take Tolle of them which is contry to the liberties of the seide Towne for the Towne of Welles is a fre Borugh for all the burgers to buy and sell without paying any manner of Tolle or Custome.

(vii) QUEEN ELIZABETH'S CHARTERS

The next Charter of importance is that of Queen Elizabeth dated 5th March 1574, by which the burgesses received certain additional privileges, almost identical with those set out in her later charters of 1589.

But in the meantime still further disputes concerning the rights of the burgesses arose between the bishop and the town, the bishop's articles of complaint, entered in the Convocation book on the 11th of March 1566, were as follows :—

“ Fyrst My Lord Bushopp sayeth that we ought nott to kepe anie three weken Courte for the burgesses of anie actions brought betwene burges and Burges accordinge to our old custome.

“ Item that my Lord Bushopp sayeth that we ought nott to take bande of the Taylers that are burgesses within this Towne for the reformacon of Apparell and makeinge of great hoses accordinge to the tenure of the statute and proclemacon.

“ Item more whereas the Maister of the Towne with the residewe of his bretherne hath accustomed heretofore to sytt at the highe Crosse when any Proclemacon shalbe proclaymed there and the baylyfe to reade the same : My Lord Bushopp allegeth that we ought nott to be there at suche tyme accordinge to oure olde custome.”

To these articles it was decided ‘ with the hole asent of the Burgesses that they meane nott to lease anie orders that hath ben heretofore accustomed within this Towne.’

The fact that the Queen granted the additional privileges did not, however, ease matters, as will be seen from various entries in the Convocation books.

On the 20th of March 1574, fifteen days after the date of the charter, it was agreed that if the bishop desired to see the charter, the mayor and certain masters should show him a copy only, and that they shall bring it away with them, and on no account leave it with him, while on the 3rd of August following, it was agreed that the mayor and others should exhibit a supplication to the Queen concerning the misdemeanours of the bishop against the town.

In October of the same year, Sir Maurice Berkeley, Sir George Rogers, Sir Hugh Portman, and Hugh Smith, Esq., justices of the peace for the county, were in Wells, and the matters in dispute were placed before them. The bishop demanded that the mayor should cease to have the maces carried before him within the borough until the dispute had been tried at law or was otherwise determined. The mayor, after consulting his brethren, answered that what they did was by virtue of the Queen's letters patent, which he was bound by oath to put into execution. It was further revealed that by an order of the Lord Treasurer, the case was to be heard at the next term by the Queen's council.

The bishop caused a *scire facias* to be directed to the mayor, who on the 16th of February 1575 put in a plea. The outcome was that the burgesses lost their case, and, for the second time in their history, a newly obtained charter was ordered to be returned and cancelled.

Undeterred by this blow, the burgesses immediately set about obtaining another charter, and on the 10th of November 1577 Henry Newton, Thomas Leigh and Richard Godwyn were given authority to procure it, and this they did in the following year, but it is merely a confirmation of the ancient charters, without the grant of any new privileges.

The burgesses were, however, not satisfied with this, for, in November 1581, letters were directed to the Queen's attorney with a view to obtaining a new charter, and also the fee farm of the borough, promising him, and such others as obtained it, two hundred marks and all costs and charges. On the 12th of the same month, Leonard Cross, one of the constables, and

John Colles, were sent to London to see the Queen's attorney, with instructions that if they could not get the fee farm of the borough, they were to proceed with a new charter of incorporation only. Their journey evidently proved successful, for on the 5th of March following Colles was given a grant of his house in Priston—i.e. Preist's—Row for fifty years and 5*l.*, and Crosse 5*l.*, for their pains in obtaining a concession of their liberties and privileges.

Despite this apparent success, they did not get their charter, for, in November 1586, Colles was sent again to London to confer with the bishop and council concerning the new charter granted to the borough, and at what cost for the whole liberties, according to articles already drawn up, or for a mean charter for the better government of the town.

It would appear that the bishop was the stumbling-block, for on the 1st of March 1588 it was agreed that in consideration of a new charter, 'for the good will of the bishop' (Thomas Godwin), 100*l.* should be given to Mr. Thomas Godwyn at the latter end of May, and 10*l.* a year for three years. There was, however, a condition, viz. that the money was to be returned if the charter was not obtained. To this sum the masters of various crafts and private persons subscribed, on the understanding that they should be repaid out of the revenues of the borough if unsuccessful.

The 'gift' evidently had the desired result, for, on the 20th of April 1588, the bishop assented to the corporation receiving not only a renewal of their ancient liberties, but a new grant of other liberties and franchise (see No. 28A, page 122). These privileges were contained in the two charters of Elizabeth, dated the 19th and 23rd of July 1589 (Nos. 29, 30).¹

(viii) LATER ROYAL CHARTERS

There are only two later royal charters amongst the city archives, those of Charles II and James II. The following

¹ See also *Year Book*, 16 Edward III, pp. xci-xciv.

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interesting extract, relating to the latter, is printed in the *London Gazette* of 21 January 1683 :—

‘ On Monday last was brought hither the New Charter which His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to Grant unto this Corporation. The Mayor, with several Gentlemen of Quality, and the most considerable inhabitants of this place, making together 300 Horse, went several miles out of Town to receive it : And about half a mile from hence the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, being attended with all the Clergy, was pleased to meet this Company in his Coach, and to accompany them to the Town Hall, where the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen were sworn ; after which they returned to their several homes, the People expressing their Joy and Satisfaction, with repeated Shouts and Acclamations, and the whole Corporation manifesting the sense they have of His Majesty’s Grace and Goodness towards them.’

All the charters are in good condition, much care having been taken of them, especially by the present town clerk, Mr. Edward P. Foster, who some years ago had a metal case with shelves specially made so that they could lie flat. They have recently been cleaned and repaired at the Public Record Office.

(ix) TITLE DEEDS

Wells is possessed of a very fine series of title deeds concerning lands belonging to the corporation, dating from the first half of the thirteenth century. The situation of the properties is so clearly defined that, in conjunction with the plan at end of volume, their respective positions can be traced.

From these documents a substantial list of freemen can be compiled, for all parties and witnesses must have been burgesses. They also form an exceptionally good collection of seals of early inhabitants of the city, particulars of which appear at the foot of each extract.

(x) THE BOROUGH SEAL

The earliest impression of the borough seal amongst the documents now in the possession of the city is appended to the quit-claim dated 1335 of Edmund son of John Chamberleyn of Wokychole, ‘ as the seal of the said Edmund to many is

unknown, the seal of the borough of Wells is hereunto set' (see below, p. 48). According to an article in *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries* (Vol. XIII, p. 1) an impression of 1315 was known, but it is not now to be found.¹ The old seal, dating from the early part of the thirteenth century, is still in use. It is thus described in *The Corporate Plate and Insignia of Office of the Cities and Corporate Towns of England and Wales*, Vol. II, pp. 298-9 :—

'The common seal of the city of Wells is a fine double circular one, 2½ inches in diameter, of early thirteenth century date. The matrices are of copper gilt, and are each provided with three keys to insure their fitting properly together. The obverse bears a conventional representation of the front of the cathedral church, with three great gables, and a door at each end, the whole rising above the city. In base is a three arched bridge, and in chief a half-effigy of our Lord in the clouds between the sun and the moon. Legend :—

SIGILLVM : COMMUNE : BVRGI : WELLIE

'The reverse bears a great tree with birds in the branches, and in base the springs of St. Andrew issuing from under the trunk. Other birds are on the ground or flying down and a large stork is dragging a huge pike out of the water. Legend :—

✠ ANDREA : FAMVLOS : MORE : TVERE : TVOS.'

There is another seal of great interest, that of the mayor, and of like antiquity, of which, according to the article in *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, there was in 1913 an impression appended to a grant dated 1316 in the city archives. This document is now missing, or the seal has been lost, for the earliest specimen extant is attached to a charter dated 1398 (No. 195). It is thus described in the same work :—

'The old mayor's seal, contemporary with the common seal, is a round one, 1½ inch in diameter, and of silver, with a chain attached to it. The device represents a large tree with birds in the branches, rising out of a pool. In the water lies a large fish which two crows are busily attacking. On one side is the head of St. Andrew and his cross saltire, and on the other the head of St. Peter and his two keys.

¹ See *Year Book*, 16 Edward III, p. xxxix.

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The legend is :

S' OFFICII SENESCALLI COMVNITATIS BVRGI WELLIE

' The present mayor's seal, which was given by a Mr. Joyce about ten years before it came regularly into use in 1763, is an oval one of silver, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch long. It bears an ornate shield of the city arms, with the legend :—

HOC FONTE DERIVATA COPIA IN PATRIAM POPULUMQUE FLUIT '

In the Convocation book for 1494 there are rough drawings of the two seals, and a note, that by an order the inscription on that of the mayor's was to be as follows :—

SIGILLUM SENESCALLI BURGI WELLIE.

No impression of a seal with this legend has, however, been found.

PART II. FREEMEN OF THE BOROUGH

(i) SOURCE OF THE LIST

The admissions to the freedom of the borough are entered in the convocation or court books, from which all those before 1600 have been extracted. These entries are contained in the first three volumes, the first of which covers the years 1377 to 1450, commencing at page 3 ; the second 1450 to 1553 ; and the third 1553 to 1623.

When the volumes were re-bound some years ago, a number of pages in the first volume were misplaced. The following list may prove of use to those consulting the records :

1377-1380	.	.	pages	35-55
1380	.	.	„	29-33
1381	.	.	„	3-6, 12, 33
1382	.	.	„	8, 9
1383-1384	.	.	„	13-27
1384-1385	.	.	„	57-59
1386 and on	.	.	„	64 and on

(ii) THE EARLIEST FREEMEN

In the answer of the burgesses to certain articles of the bishop in 1493, already referred to, it is stated that freemen

had been made nigh on 300 years. This takes us back to the charter of King John of 1201, which is slightly less than 300 years, and it is probable that the first freemen were made in that year. Previously, the making of a burgess was the prerogative of the bishop.

The first freedom recorded in the Convocation books is that of William Pynchyn, cook, in 1377. The names of a number of earlier burgesses may be obtained, however, from the lists of pledges, all of whom must have been freemen. Also all the parties and witnesses mentioned in the title deeds would have been admitted to the freedom.

(iii) MEANS OF ACQUIRING THE FREEDOM

There were five means by which the freedom could be obtained, viz. patrimony, fine, marriage with the widow of a burgess, marriage with the daughter of a burgess, and apprenticeship or marriage with an apprentice. A burgess, on admittance, had to pay a fine which varied according to the nature of his claim to the freedom, as will be seen by the following examples, which are full translations:—

PATRIMONY

1380. On which day John Thurelewynnd came and gave to the master and commonalty of Wells, drink, gloves and wax for having freedom within the said borough. And nothing for a fine because he is the son of a burgess.

1547. To this hall or convocation came John Gregory the younger and prayed to have and enjoy the freedom of this borough. And gave to the master and burgesses for entry and having the freedom of the city, wine, wax and gloves, and for a fine nothing, because he is the son of John Gregory the elder. And so he is admitted into the freedom aforesaid. Pledges, Morgan Gytto and Edward Neget.

FINE

1379. Thomas Duk comes and gives to the master and commonalty of Wells for having the freedom of the said borough, 10s., 12 pairs of gloves and a pottle of wine, viz. 4 gallons, to be paid on the feasts of the Annunciation of Our Lady and the apostles Philip and James, by pledges Thomas Halyete and Thomas Clu.

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MARRIAGE WITH THE WIDOW OF A BURGESS

1487. To this court came Thomas Bethome and prayed to have the freedom of the borough aforesaid and gave to the master and commonalty, wine, wax and gloves and nothing for a fine, because he married the wife of a burgess, namely Roger Coryngdon, and so he is admitted to the freedom aforesaid, by pledges master Richard Burnell and Nicholas Pole.

MARRIAGE WITH THE DAUGHTER OF A BURGESS

1527. To this court came John Bell and prayed to have and enjoy the freedom of the borough, and gave to the master and commonalty for entry and having the freedom of the city, wine, wax and gloves, and for a fine nothing, because he married the daughter of Richard Knight, burgess. And so he is admitted to the freedom aforesaid. Pledges John Deverell and Richard Knyght.

APPRENTICESHIP

1485. To this convocation came John Wyne and prayed to have the freedom of this place, for having which freedom he gave to the master and commonalty, wine, wax and gloves, and nothing for a fine, because he was apprentice of John Stowell, mason. And so he is admitted to the same freedom, by pledges Thomas Sewarde and John Blacman.

MARRIAGE WITH AN APPRENTICE

1487. To this court came William Selman to have the freedom of this place, and gave to the master and commonalty, wine, wax and gloves and nothing for a fine, because his wife was apprenticed with Richard Burnell. And so he is admitted, by pledges Robert Draper and Thomas Fleminge.

In the Convocation books there are numerous orders concerning the freedom, but generally speaking they merely confirm previous orders. In 1466, however, there is an order as to the admission of apprentices on the same footing as sons of burgesses, that is, by giving wine, wax and gloves.

(iv) FINES PAID UPON ADMISSION

The usual fine for the admission of strangers to the freedom was 10s., wine and gloves. This was subsequently raised to 15s., with wine, gloves and wax. By an order of 30 September 1563, a stranger had to pay 40s. with gloves and wine. Of this sum, half was to be given to the master for diet, and the other

half to the common livelihood. By the same order those marrying the widows or the daughters of burgesses were to pay 10s., gloves and wine, the money being divided as above, in place of two gallons of wine, one dozen gloves and for wax 2s. By another order of 31st of December 1572 the above order was rescinded, and the fine payable was to be the same as before.

As to what became of the wine, there can be little doubt. The question of the gloves, however, is somewhat obscure. There are numerous references to their distribution, but it is difficult to decide to whom they were given.

In 1381 we find 'Here remain two dozen gloves to be distributed, whereof one dozen W. Halyete has from W. Bewill, viz. by surety.' Similar entries to this, with varying numbers, appear throughout the books. From an entry in 1413 it appears that the gloves were in the keeping of the church-wardens.

There is a more helpful entry in 1416—'The same day is delivered by the advice of the master and commonalty one dozen gloves to the works of the council house at . . .' Two years later, 'gloves were delivered to all the commonalty of the borough being there.' In 1424 'distribution of gloves nine dozen and one dozen bought by the wardens.' In the following year, gloves were given to the masons (*latham*) and other workers for labour.

In 1444 we find 'Distribution of gloves this day, at which day there were remaining 14 burgesses not having gloves, because there were no more to distribute.' In 1469 there remained 17 pairs, which were distributed to 'divers men.' Thomas Purfrey, member of parliament for the borough, upon being made a burgess, gave one dozen gloves and no more. By an order of 1562 every burgess was obliged to give pointed gloves on admission to the freedom.

With such disconnected entries, and in the absence of any ordinances governing the distribution of gloves, it is difficult to form any idea as to whom and why they were given. Doubtless one reason was to assist the glove industry, of which Wells

was a centre. Probably they were given to burgesses present at various ceremonies, but at all events to the mayor and commonalty at some, if not all, the convocations. We know, too, that they were given in payment of, or as rewards for, certain labour. Considering that a dozen pairs were given by every freeman, there must have been an enormous quantity at the disposal of the authorities, yet the stock was generally confined to a dozen or two pairs.

(v) SUSPENSION OR LOSS OF THE FREEDOM

There are numerous cases of freemen being discommoned for various causes, especially in the sixteenth century. Suing another burgess in any other court than the mayor's court, refusing office, disrespect to the mayor, and similar offences were reasons for which a burgess might forfeit his freedom. A few examples may prove of interest.

In 1414, John Romesy was discommoned because he had caused John Galwey and John Shephard to be indicted of felony in Kent. John Colson prosecuted Richard Welyknow by the king's writ without licence of the master, and thereupon forfeited his freedom. In 1425 he prayed to be readmitted, and 'at the great instance of the venerable burgesses he was restored' thereto, paying the master 'what he wished to receive from him, viz. six gallons of wine.' Thomas Tuggell was discommoned in 1564, because of his illbearing towards the master, by exhibiting a bill of defamation to the dean against William Butler, burgess. Tuggell denied the charge, saying 'they loved him not because they were not of his religion.' He afterwards acknowledged his fault and prayed to be readmitted into the freedom, which was allowed, on payment of 6s. 8d.

William Goodman was chosen mayor in 1573, but 'contemptuously refused the same office,' for which offence he was discommoned, and 'drevyn to leape out at A little dore in the one Syde of the Haule, which may be an ensample for ever.'

By an order of 1548 it was agreed that if a burgess dwelt out of the city for more than a year, bearing no skot or lot,

he should lose his freedom unless he obtained the licence of the mayor.

By another order of 1544, it appears that burgesses had to subscribe 1*d.* a quarter, or 4*d.* at the end of each year to the wardens of the Trinity Guild, towards the maintenance of a priest to sing daily for their good estates and the souls of their departed friends. Any one refusing to pay, except 'he be suche a fallowe in suche povertie that he is not able to pay,' was also discommoned. In the burgess's oath in the reign of Philip and Mary provision is made for this payment.

The burgess's oath in 1450 reads as follows:—

'I shal helde bere to the Kynge of Ingelond And trewe be to the Maister and to alle the Burgeyses and to alle the Communes of the sayde toun of Welles. And the Toun helpe with my body, god, and catel be my powere. And trewli the usage of this place, kepe, holde, meyntene, and susteyne, and my brothir wurshippi as he is wurthi And to the semele come whan I am sompnid and may come And also the conseyle of this place keveri and hele And also alle othir usages of Burgeyses that may come to me of knowelech here aftir susteyne and m . . . teyne be my powere and buxum and obedient be to the Maister in word and in dede at alle tymes, And trewli my fyn pay at my dayes. So helpe me God and holidome.'

From 1520, the entries generally state the parentage of those admitted by patrimony, the names of widows, and the names and parentage of daughters. Also, in the case of admittance by apprenticeship, the master's name. Unfortunately room would not permit the full information to be printed.

(vi) EXAMPLES OF FURTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONVOCATION BOOKS

The Convocation books are full of the most interesting information concerning the government of the town, and events taking place therein. A few examples will not be out of place.

In 1569, William Everat, one of the vicars-choral of the Close, was condemned at the assizes to be hanged in chains, the execution to be in Wells, where the crime was committed. On the 28th of February an order was given for making the chains, and for the execution to take place on the 2nd of March,

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at which the constables and other officers of the town were directed to be present.

At a convocation held on the 2nd of December 1540, the following schedule of the mayor's allowance was set out:—

Inprimis he that shall hereafter occupy the office of the
Mr of the seide Citie of Welles shall be alowed yerely } xls.
for his Fee
Itm yf he kepe a dynner ons in the yere for the Burges }
wyffes he to be allowed for the seide dynner by the } xls.
Comon Renter of the seide Citie
Also the seide Mr for the tyme beyng kepe a Breakefast }
at Cristmas for the Burges of the seide Citie he to be } xxxs.
allowed for the same xxxs.
It also the seide Mr for the tyme beyng shalbe allowed for }
his charge at the Recreation made to his Broders & } xiijs. iiij*d*.
others in his howse in vigill of the Nativity of Seynt }
John Baptist
It also yf the seid Mr for the tyme beyng kepe any potation }
in the som^r before his goyng forth out of his office he } xs.
to be allowed for his charges

Sum *vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*.*

By an order of the mayor dated the 25th of February 1555, a list of the masters of all the crafts in the town was to be prepared for the next convocation, and the following list was supplied on the 11th of March:—

THE PRESENTMENT OF ALL THE CRAFTS WITHIN THE CITIE OF WELLES

Hammermen	George Wilmot & Thomas Hagat Maisters of the saide Crafte.
Cordyners	Tristram Merche & Robert ? Reve Maisters of the saide Crafte.
Bouchers	Richard Cary & Robert Heth Maisters of the Crafte of Glovers, Tanners, Chaundlers, & Bouchers.
Wevers	Mathew Stevyns & William Webbe Maisters of the seide Crafte of Wevers, Dyers & Barbour.
Towkers	Thomas Medycrafte & John Burges Maisters of the seide [Craft] of Towkers, Shermen & Cappers. Robert Avery, & John Bushop Wardens.
Mersers	William Butler & John Body Maisters of the seide Crafte of Mercers, Bakers, Bruers & Innholders.
Taillours	Morgan Gytto Maister, James Syllye & John Morgan Wardens of the seide Crafte.

At a convocation held on the 8th of July 1561, it is reported that there had been a consultation between the mayor and others and the bishop concerning the opening of the gates of the palace to the burgesses. The bishop agreed to open them on condition 'that no man being a Burges shall suffer any of his howse to carrye any kind of Rubble or other enoyance within the seid gates or eate upe his Grasse or distroy & turne upe any of his ground there Upon this payne to be amersed at this Halle to all the Brothers & to the rest that be not Burgesses to be punyshed according to ther offences By Imprysonment.'

In 1571, a house had lately fallen into the town's hands, and at a convocation held on the 21st of October, it was agreed that this house should be made a Linen Hall, and that Edward Beavell should hold it for his life at a rent of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and also the rent due to the vicars of the Close, on condition that he should treat merchants resorting there reasonably, and should set up a 'signe at the Streat doore of the Quenes Armes and the Armes of the towne on every side and wryte under the arms, This is A Haule for Linnen Cloth.'

Such entries as the foregoing bring the past vividly before our eyes. The history of the lives of our people in the towns and villages throughout the country forms the background of our national history, and it is to be hoped that one day these Convocation books will be transcribed and printed. They certainly form one of the most interesting series of such records in existence, not lessened by the references to constant disputes with the bishops, who, until after the end of the sixteenth century, maintained rigorously their privileges as lords of the borough.

The history of Wells has still to be written. There is an immense amount of material available locally and in the Public Record Office, and it is hoped that this volume may encourage someone to undertake this interesting and valuable work.

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CHARTERS AND PATENTS

1. Between 1174 and 1180. Charter of Reynald, bishop of Bath, granting with the tenor of a charter of Robert, his predecessor, that the town of Wells should be a borough by the bounds by which it was defined in the same charter, that every person then, or afterwards possessing a messuage within those bounds shall have freedom of abiding, departing from and returning to it, and likewise of pledging, selling and giving it at his will, save to houses of religion, the bishop's right to a yearly rent of 12*d.* of each messuage being retained. If a lawsuit should arise concerning any such messuage, the litigants may agree with each other without the bishop's Justice demanding any custom or correction until the burgesses fail in justice, unless a mortal wound or bodily injury should have been inflicted or unless one of the parties make complaint to the bishop's Justice. Prohibition of the purchase of raw skins or raw hides in the town unless it be in the lima and lagha of the burgesses of Wells.

Witnesses: Richard, dean of Wells; Ilbert, the precentor of Wells; Henry, of Exeter and Richard, of Bath, archdeacons; Robert, the sub-dean; John de Cumba; Master Eustace; Godfrey de Hectredeñ; William and Jocelin, chaplains; Ernisius the clerk, son of Theobald; Peter de Wint'; Thomas de Dinan, canon of Wells; William, canon of Haselberg; Adam de Ludtone; William de Spinevall; Master Ralph de Lechelad; Geoffrey de St. George; Robert son of Hamo; Walter Giffard; Godfrey de Dinř; Walerand; Walcelin de Well and Geoffrey Franč.

Wells City Charters.

Seal—A pointed oval, with figure of a bishop fully robed, right hand raised in benediction, left hand holding a crozier. Inscription—REGINAUDUS DEI GRATIA BATHONIENSIS EPISCOPUS. Size $3\frac{7}{8}$ by 2 inches.

Counter-seal, similar figure. Inscription—RAINAUD' DEI GRATIA BATHONIENSIS EPISCOPUS. Size $1\frac{1}{8}$ by 1 inch.

2. **Between 1174 and 1192.** Charter of inspeximus by Reynald, bishop of Bath, of a charter of Robert, bishop of Bath, [1135 to 1174] his predecessor, ordaining that those who come to Wells for business on the three festivals, viz.—the Invention of the Holy Cross, St. Kalixtus and St. Andrew shall conduct their business in the places of that vill and shall not presume to violate the church or church porch, and that such traders shall be free of toll on those days and their vigils.

Witnesses to the charter of Robert—Ivo, dean of Wells; Reginald, the precentor; Robert and Thomas archdeacons; Edward; Master Eustace; William de St. Faith; Ralph Martre; William de Atebā; Peter de Chiu; Walter the baker and many others.

In confirming this charter Bishop Reynald adds freedom from tolls on the morrows of the three festivals.

Witnesses: Master William, the treasurer of Wells; Robert, the sub-dean of Wells; Master Ralph de Lichelade; Jocelyn, the chaplain; William de Meleburn; John de Cumḡ; Thomas de Dinant; Geoffrey, the clerk; Master Roger, the doctor; Michael, the clerk; Hugh, the clerk; Henry de Armentiis; William de Erleḡ; Philip de Wika; Richard de Keñ; Waland de Welesleg; William de Maulesḡ; Reginald de Wdeford; Edward de Wells; Godfrey de Cnoñ; Jocelyn de Wells; William Hept'; Henry, the beadle; Hugh, the smith; William, the forester; Ralph Cade; Hubert son of Goce; Alfred the Merchant; Raynald Ruffus; Geoffrey Ruffus; Ralph Cusin; William, the cook and many others.

Seal—Small piece of green wax on red cord only remaining.

3. **Between 1192 and 1205.** Charter of Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, granting, in accordance with the example of his predecessors, to the borough of Wells and to

all the burgesses dwelling within the under-mentioned bounds, all the liberties and free customs of burgesses and boroughs which have full liberties, and decreeing that the under-mentioned territory may be a free borough and enjoy full liberties :—on the south side, where the water runs down from the mill and from the corner of the thicket by a certain old ditch to the meadow of Hela, from that meadow by a certain stream to the bridge of Kiward, from that bridge as the water of Wells flows down to the bridge which is at the entry of the town near the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr ; on the west side, where the cross formerly stood in the way by which one goes to Axebrugg ; on the north side, where the cross formerly stood where one goes to Bristol ; on the east side, from the road which stretches from the stone quarry to the hill towards Tidesput through the bishop's orchard. Also grant of liberties and prohibition of the purchase of raw hides as in No. 1, and grant to persons coming to Wells for business at the four festivals, the Invention of the Holy Cross, St. Calixtus, St. Andrew and the Anniversary of the dedication of St. Thomas the Martyr, which is the morrow of St. John the Baptist, that they may freely conduct their business in the places of that borough, but shall not presume to enter or violate the church of Wells, or the porch of the church, in order to conduct their business. All such persons coming to Wells shall be quit from toll in all the said festivals and their vigils and their morrows, so that for 3 days they shall enjoy that liberty at each of the said festivals.

Witnesses : Alexander, dean of Wells ; Geoffrey, arch-deacon of Berkshire ; Thomas, sub-dean of Wells ; Master Ralph de Lichelade ; Master Roger de Doueliz, chancellor of Wells ; John Caunel, Robert de Esseio, Hugh de Wells, the bishop's clerks ; Ralph sine Averio, the Bishop's steward ; William son of Richard ; Alan de St. George ; Ralph Teissun ; Gilbert Gimel ; Ellis son of Richard ; Hugh de Fontibus and William de Banewell.

Two seals—1. A pointed oval, The figure of a bishop fully vested. Inscription—sav . . . Size $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches. 2. Seal in a red silk bag.

4. **1201.** Charter of King John granting and confirming that Welles in Somerset may be a free borough, and that the men of the same and their heirs may be free burgesses, and that there may be a weekly market on Sundays as there is, and free fairs as there are wont to be yearly on the feasts of St. Andrew, St. Calixtus, the Invention of the Holy Cross, the morrow of St. John the Baptist, and in addition, of the King's gift, of a fair on the feast of the translation of St. Andrew to last for eight days within the streets of the same borough in the places where the said fair of St. Andrew has been wont to be held.

Witnesses : William Marshall, earl of Pembroke ; William, earl of Salisbury ; William de Rupibus, steward of Anjou ; Stephen de Pertico ; Gerard de Fornival ; Warin son of Gerold ; Peter de Stok ; Fulk de Cantilupo ; Robert de Plesseto.

Given by the hand of Simon, archdeacon of Wells, at Chinon, 7 September the 3rd year of our reign. [1201.]

Seal entirely gone, but green silk braid remains.

5. **1231.** Charter of King Henry III. granting and confirming to the churches of St. Peter, Bath ; St. Andrew, Wells, and to Jocelin, bishop of the same churches, and to the prior and monks of Bath and the dean and canons of Wells, all their possessions, liberties and customs which they had had granted to them by the King or his ancestors.

Witnesses : The lords Walter, bishop of Carlisle, treasurer ; Thomas, bishop of Norwich ; Hubert de Burgh, earl of Kent ; Godfrey de Crawcumb, steward ; Hugh the dispenser ; Henry de Capll' and others.

Given by the hand of the venerable father R., bishop of Chichester, chancellor, at Oxford, 14 July 15 Henry III. [1231]. Sealed also by Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells and W., bishop of Llandaff.

Seals—Of the three, only a portion of that of the bishop of Bath and Wells remains—the figure of a bishop, one hand raised in benediction and the other holding a crozier ; the inscription is gone. The approximate size of the green wax seal is 2½ by 1¾ inches.

6. 1290. Charter of inspeximus and confirmation by King Edward I. of a charter of King John [see No. 4].

Witnesses : The venerable fathers R., bishop of Bath and Wells ; A., bishop of Durham ; J., bishop of Winchester and Thomas bishop of St. Davids ; Edmund, the King's brother ; William de Valencia, the King's uncle ; Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford ; John de Warren, earl of Surrey ; Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln ; Otto de Grandisone ; Robert Tibbotot ; Peter de Chaumpuent ; Richard de Bosco and others.

Dated at Westminster 10 June in the 18th year of King Edward I.

Seal in white leather stitched bag on a green silk cord.

7. 1343. Letters Patent of an exemplification of the tenor of the record and process of a suit before special Justices heard at Batheneston on Thursday, next after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 17 Edward III., between Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, complainant, and John le Kyng, Thomas le Saltere, Stephen de Wedmor, John Markaunt, Hugh de Somerton, Richard atte More, William Wynd, John Bradewell, John Orum, Stephen le Somenour, Walter de Middleton, John F . . . , William de Chelworth, Henry Martel, Walter de Compton, Richard le Eyr, Walter Braseyeter, John Gunnyld, William Jordan, junior, Robert le Lovyngton, John de Cote, John le Ropere, William de Excestre, skynner, John le Eyr, Adam le Nywemayster, John le Lange, dyer, John Frankeleyn, John le Lange, barber, and Thomas le Chaloner, defendants, concerning the bishop's right to the profits of the view of frank-pledge at Wells, and assault on the bishop's servants.

Dated at Westminster 18 November 17 Edward III.

[Copy.]

8. 1343. Exemplification under the Great Seal of King Edward III. of the record and process of a suit before the

King in Chancery at Westminster in the quinzime of St. Hilary, 15 Edward III., reciting :—

- (1) A writ of *scire facias* directed to the sheriff of Somerset, commanding the burgesses of Wells, to appear before the King in Chancery to show cause why a charter recently granted by King Edward III. should not be revoked.
- (2) Errors in the charter alledged by the Council for the Crown.
- (3) Answer of the burgesses.
- (4) At a further hearing was produced an inquisition by which it was found that the bishop of Bath and Wells is lord of the town of Wells and holds it of the King in chief.

The decision of the court—That the charter in question is invalid and should be cancelled.

Dated at Westminster 20 November 17 Edward III.

Seal in white leather bag suspended by a red and green silk braid.

9. **1345.** Letters Patent of Exemplification of a confirmation by King Edward III. of a charter of King John to the dean and canons of Wells, and to the prior and monks of Bath, and Jocelin, then bishop of those churches, and of a further grant by Edward III. to Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, and to the dean and chapter of Wells and to the prior and monks of Wells, that they and their men, burgesses of Wells, Axebrige Welyngton and Cherde and others be quit of toll, pickage, pavage and keiage throughout the King's dominions.

Dated at the Tower of London, 2 May in the 19th year of the reign of Edward III. over England and over France the 6th.

Seal broken, in a white leather bag, suspended by red and blue silk cord.

10. **1365.** Charter of Queen Philippa confirming the charter of King Edward III. [see No. 9] granting that the present bishop, dean and canons, prior and monks and their successors and the burgesses of Wells, Axebrigg, Welyngton

and Chard may be quit of toll, pickage, pavage and keiage throughout the king's dominions, notwithstanding that his charter was made after the queen had been dowered.

Dated at Windsor 10 November the 39th year.

Seal—red wax oval, imperfect, depicting a female figure wearing a crown and carrying a sceptre, on one side of the figure is a shield with the 3 lions of England and on the other 4 lions rampant. Inscription—
PHI . . . A DEI G.A . . . INA .N . . . DNA . . . DUCHISSA AQUIT.
Size $3\frac{1}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Counter-seal—On a shield, quarterly, 1 and 4, grand quarters, England; 2 and 3, 4 lions rampant, Hainault.

[Philippa, the Queen of Edward III., on her secretum, quarters her paternal arms of Hainault with those of her husband; thus, this seal is an early example of compound quartering. It is thus blazoned: quarterly, 1 and 4, grand quarters, England; 2 and 3, grand quarters—1 and 4, or, a lion rampant sable, for Flanders; 2 and 3, or, a lion rampant gules, for Holland.]

II. 1377. Letters Patent of inspeximus and confirmation by King Richard II. of—

- (1) The charters of King John making Wells a borough, and granting the market and fairs.
- (2) Charter of inspeximus by King Edward I. of the above charters of King John.

Dated at Westminster, 6 December 1 Richard II.

This charter was proclaimed and enrolled before the King at Salisbury, in Easter Term, 7 Richard II.

Great seal in green wax, broken at the base, suspended by red and green silk cord.

12. 1377. A copy of No. 11.

13. 1394. Letters Patent of King Richard II. granting licence (for 20*l.* paid in the hanaper by Nicholas Cristisham) for the alienation in mortmain by the said Nicholas of fourteen messuages, three tofts and 22*s.* of rent in Welles, which were not held in chief, to Thomas Hore, master or warden of the guild of the borough of Welles, and the commonalty of the said borough, in relief of the commonalty and in aid of the support of the charges incumbent on it, according to the order of the said master and his successors.

Witnessed by Edmund, duke of York, keeper of England.
Dated at Westminster 17 November 18 Richard II.

Great Seal, portion only.

Fine illuminated portrait of the King, unusual on a charter of this date.

14. **1399.** Letters Patent of King Henry IV, inspecting the charter of King Richard II, which inspected the charter of King John ; inspecting also the charter of King Edward I. and confirming them.

Witnesses : The venerable fathers Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England ; R., archbishop of York, primate of England ; R., bishop of London ; W., bishop of Winchester ; J., bishop of Ely ; Edmund, duke of York, the King's uncle ; John, duke of Somerset, the King's chamberlain ; Henry de Percy, earl of Northumberland, constable of England ; Ralph de Nevill, earl of Westmorland, marshall of England ; John Searle, clerk, chancellor ; John Norbury, treasurer ; Thomas Rempston, steward of the King's household ; Master Richard Clyfford, keeper of the Privy Seal.

Dated at Westminster, 1 November 1 Henry IV.

Great Seal in white leather bag, suspended by red and green silk.

15. **1402.** Letters patent of King Henry IV. of a licence (for 50 marks paid in the hanaper by John Wykyng) for the said John Wykyng and John Broun and John Welyngton, chaplain, to grant in mortmain three messuages and two shops in Welles, not held of the King, to the master and commonalty of the city, to find certain works of piety yearly for the good estate of Isabel, late the wife of Thomas Tannere, for her soul after death and for the souls of Thomas Tannere, John his father and Agnes his mother and Walter the father and Cristina the mother of the said Isabel and of their benefactors and all the faithful departed ; and for the master and commonalty to grant in mortmain a yearly rent of 8 marks issuing out of the said premises to a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the church of St. Cuthbert in the said city for the said estate and souls at the ordinance of

the said John Wykyng, John Broun and John Welyngton.

Dated at Westminster 12 October 4 Henry IV.

Great Seal in green wax, much damaged.

16. 1404. Charter quadripartite of John Wykyng and John Broun and John Welyngton, chaplain, reciting the licence granted by King Henry IV. on the 12th October in the 4th year of his reign, and granting to Richard Groos the master or warden, and the commonalty of Wells 2 messuages and 2 shops in Wells, whereof one messuage is situated in the south part of the High Street between the messuage of Edward Draycote on the east, and the messuage which John Tanner and Isabel his wife now hold for the term of their lives on the west ; and the other messuage is situated between the said messuage of John Tanner on the east, and a messuage of the vicars of the New Close which John Stokes, taverner, holds on the west ; and the said 2 shops are situated together in the north part of the High Street between the messuage of Agnes Kinges next to Grope Lane on the east, and the messuage of William Draycote of Bristol on the west, and also 4 marks annual rent, issuing out of the said messuage, which the said John Tanner and Isabel now hold, together with the reversion, to have and to hold the said messuages and shops so that the said master and commonalty and their successors may find one secular chaplain to celebrate daily at a certain chantry intended to be founded in the parish church of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, at the altar of St. Mary, for the soul of the said King, and Isabel, late the wife of Thomas Tannere of Wells, and for the said Thomas and for John and Agnes the parents of the said Thomas, and for the souls of Walter and Cristine parents of the said Isabel and their ancestors and all the faithful departed for ever and other works of charity ; the master and commonalty paying to the said chaplain 8 marks of silver at the four usual terms for his sustenance and (after the first foundation) providing missals and vestments &c., and upon the anniversary of the said Thomas Tanner and Isabel his wife distributing 60s. in bread to the poor of the said parish ;

and to the vicar of the said church 6*d.*; and every other chaplain in the same church 4*d.*; to three clerks of the same church for a peal of bells 2*d.* each; to the bedeman 2*d.*; and to the said master and commonalty for supervising the same 6*s.* 8*d.* Sundry provisions for securing the performance of this charter.

Dated at Wells, 25 September 5 Henry IV.

Seals—three in red wax—one armorial, A fess between 3 squirrels, sejant.

17. **1406.** Letters Patent under the Great Seal of King Henry IV. granting to Richard Groos, Thomas Hore, John Broun and John Horewood of Wells (for 20 marks paid in the hanaper by the first named) that they may give to the master and commonalty of Wells four messuages and four shops in that vill notwithstanding the statute of mortmain.

Dated at Westminster, 26 March, the 7th year of King Henry IV.

Great Seal in green wax, broken.

18. **1415.** Letters Patent of a general pardon granted by King Henry V. to the master and commonalty of the city of Wells.

Dated at Westminster 20 April, 3 Henry V.

Great Seal in green wax suspended by red and green silk braid. Broken at the edge.

[There is no indication which King Henry granted this pardon, but it has been dated through the name of the clerk—Gabriel—appearing on the document.]

19. **1424.** Letters Patent of King Henry VI. inspecting a charter of Henry IV, which in turn inspects a charter of King Richard II, which inspects :—

(1) A charter of John.

(2) A charter of Edward I. confirming that of John.

Dated 20 January 2 Henry VI.

Great Seal in green wax suspended by a red and white silk cord.

20. **1451.** Letters Patent tripartite of Thomas de Bekyngton, bishop of Bath and Wells, granting to William

Vouell, then master, and to the burgesses of Wells the water conduit issuing from St. Andrew's well within the precincts of the bishop's Palace, with description and conditions for use. Of these letters tripartite, one part is in the custody of the abovesaid bishop Thomas, a second with the dean and chapter of Wells and the third part with the master and burgesses.

Dated 20 September, 1451.

Ratified and confirmed by Thomas Lacok, prior of the cathedral church of Bath and the chapter of the same, in the chapter house at Bath, 27 September, 1451, and by Nicholas Carent, dean of the cathedral of Wells and the chapter of the same in the chapter house at Wells, 27 September, 1451.

Tags for four seals but only portions of those of the bishop, approximate size $2\frac{7}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and the city remain, the other two are entirely gone.

21. 1484. Letters Patent under the Great Seal of a general pardon granted by King Richard III. to the burgesses of Wells for all transgressions committed before 1st February in the 1st year of his reign.

Dated at Westminster, 4 February, 1 Richard III.

Great Seal, in white leather bag.

22. 1487. Letters Patent of a general pardon under the Great Seal granted to John Usthwayt, the mayor or master of Wells, and the burgesses and others for all murders, felonies &c. committed in the late rebellion before the 23rd April in the 1st year of the reign of King Henry VII. [1486].

Dated at Westminster 24 August 3 Henry VII.

Great Seal, portion of the figure only remaining.

23. 1549. Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Court of Augmentation exemplifying a decree of the Court of Augmentation dated 12 November 3 Edward VI. by which the mayor and commonalty of Wells and their successors are discharged against the King of two sums of 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each, formerly paid by them to two stipendary priests in the parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for which the latter have no

foundation, but the payments were made out of devotion. A further ground for discharge is that the lands of the corporation of cities were exempted from the statute dissolving chantries &c.

Dated 14 November 3 Edward VI.

Great Seal of the Court of Augmentation in a white leather bag.

24. 1554. Letters Patent of Queen Mary granting, at the petition of the burgesses and inhabitants of Wells, to Maurice Luellen, master of the city, and the burgesses, all that annual rent or pension of 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, issuing out of the messuages and tenements belonging to the master and burgesses, which rent was formerly given for the perpetual maintenance of a priest and anniversaries in the parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells; also an annual pension of 16*d.* issuing out of a tenement belonging to the vicar of the parish church in Wells, in Chamberlain Street, which rent was formerly given for the maintenance of an anniversary; the said master and burgesses to find a sufficient priest in aid of the vicar in the church aforesaid.

Dated at Westminster, 17 May, 1 Mary.

Remains of the Great Seal with green and white silk cord. Poor pen and ink portrait of queen Mary, decorated at the top with national emblems.

25. 1578. Letters Patent of inspeximus by Queen Elizabeth under the Great Seal confirming Letters Patent of inspeximus by Henry VI. of a charter of Henry IV. inspecting letters Patent of Richard II, which in turn inspect :—

- (1) A charter of King John making Wells a free borough and granting the market and fairs.
- (2) A charter of King Edward I. which itself confirms the charter of King John.

Dated at Gorhambury, 23 May, 20 Elizabeth.

[Note in different hand] The fine is assessed at nothing, because there was paid 8*l.* 9*s.* for the Seal.

Great Seal—imperfect, suspended by a white cord. Poor pen and ink portrait of queen Elizabeth, and decorative initial letters on the first line.

26. **1582.** Letters Patent of Exemplification under the Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth, inspecting the record of a plea heard at Westminster in Hilary Term, 24 Elizabeth, against the master and commonalty of the city of Wells, at the instance of John Popham, attorney general.

Decision in favour of the city.

Dated at Westminster, 12 February 24 Elizabeth.

Good wash portrait of the queen, and an elaborate heading, depicting the royal arms in a garter, the lion, fleur-de-lis and harp.

27. **1584.** Indenture of agreement made between the dean and chapter of Wells and the master and commonalty of Wells concerning the disposition of a bequest of 20*l.* delivered by Master William Austyn, canon resident of the cathedral of Wells, which was left by the will of Richard Smythe alias Brampston to train people in the clothmaking trade in Wells.

Dated 30 September 26 Elizabeth.

Remains of the Seal of the dean and chapter—a figure in robes with the following Inscription ATI. ANDREE. DE. WELL . . . On the reverse, impressions of three signets placed vertically 1, a gem ; 2, an elephant's head ; 3, initials, imperfect.

28. **1586.** Pardon under the Great Seal, to Thomas Stone, gentleman, for acquiring without licence to himself and his heirs, by indenture dated 3 July 1579, from Thomas Gresham, knight, a pasture called Barrowes Ham, lying in Pulmedmore alias Wedmore More, next to the manor of Wedmore, within the parish of Wedmore co. Somerset, and all fisheries, water-courses, &c. between Hawkwere and Blacke Bussher, and 20 acres of land with appurtenances lying upon Redlinche and then in four separate closes ; also all that messuage and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of land in Stoughton in the parish of Wedmore, and 22 acres of arable land in the north field of Wedmore, and all the rents, remainders, &c. in the parish of Wedmore, sometime parcel of the possessions of the late dissolved chantry of St. Anne there ; also all that wind-mill and parcel of land where the said mill stands in Wedmore which were held in chief.

Dated 20 November 29 Elizabeth.

Great Seal, perfect.

[Note on back] "Now belonging to Llewellyn's Almshouse, Wells."

29. **1589.** Letters Patent of Queen Elizabeth ordaining and granting that the city of Wells may be a free city or borough and that the burgesses may be a body corporate by the name of the mayor, masters and burgesses of the city or borough of Wells, and that they may have a mayor and 23 discreet burgesses as a common council to assist the mayor and that there shall be seven masters chosen from the common council; appointing John Ashe to be the first mayor and William Bowerman, Esq., and six others (named) to be the first masters, and that the mayor, recorder and masters shall choose 16 other burgesses who, with the mayor and masters shall complete the number of 24 capital burgesses or councillors, and that there shall be a recorder to be chosen by the common council, and a common clerk also to be chosen by the common council; appointing John Colles to be the first common clerk, and that there shall be two serjeants-at-mace, they also to be appointed by the common council. The mayor, recorder and one of the masters (to be appointed by the common council) to be the Queen's Justices of the Peace.

Further reciting and confirming Letters Patent of Queen Mary dated 17 May, 1 Mary (see No. 24) and letters patent of Philip and Mary dated 16 February 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, granting to Anthony Denton, master, and to the burgesses, an annual rent of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing out of lands belonging to the vicars of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, to the use of the almshouse founded in the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells.

Dated at Westminster, 19 July 31 Elizabeth.

Great Seal, perfect, suspended by a white cord.

Wash portrait of Queen Elizabeth and a decorative heading with national emblems.

30. **1589.** Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth granting to the mayor, masters and burgesses of Wells that they may have a court of Record, each Thursday each third week throughout the year before the mayor, re-

corder and twenty-three of the chief burgesses, being the common council, or before any two or more of them, the mayor or recorder to be one ; also of a prison and gaol ; and the serjeant-at-mace for the time being to be the warden of the gaol ; also that no burgess shall be put on any jury outside the city ; and granting that the boundaries of the borough shall be as follows—on the south, from the water running from the mill and from the corner of the thicket by a certain old ditch to the meadow of Hela, and from that meadow by a certain rivulet to the bridge of Kywarde, and from that bridge as the water of Wells flows down to the bridge which is on the entry of the vill near the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr ; and on the west side where the cross formerly stood in the road to Axebrugg ; and on the north side where the cross formerly stood in the road to Bristol ; and on the east side the road extending into the stone-quarries as far as the hill towards Tiddesput through the orchard of the bishop of Bath and Wells. Also granting two fairs or markets to be held on Monday next before the feast of the Ascension for 3 days duration, and on the 21st June for 3 days. All which shall be held together with their other ancient liberties and privileges.

Dated at Westminster, 23 July, 31 Elizabeth.

Great Seal, perfect.

Fine pen and wash portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

31. **1615.** Decree in the Court of Chancery reciting the Bill of Complaint, dated 8 February 1612, between Richard Crosse, gentleman, bailiff to the bishop of Bath and Wells, against John Davis of Brewton co. Somerset, John Mogge of Brewton, John Glover of Somerton and James Plimpton of Brewton, concerning the toll on grain sold in the market.

Dated at Westminster, 20 February, 12 James I.

Seal, portion only.

32. **1674.** Letters Patent of Charles II. constituting the city of Wells a free city or borough, and incorporating the burgesses of that city a body corporate by the name of mayor, aldermen and burgesses, granting a common council, and

appointing a mayor, seven aldermen and sixteen capital burgesses (Richard Hole, gentleman, to be the first mayor). Also granting that the mayor, aldermen and burgesses may have a recorder, deputy-recorder and common clerk. Further granting that they may have a fair on the Thursday in mid-Lent to last for two days in place of that on Ascension day, and two markets the first on the Wednesday in every second week, and on the first Wednesday in every month, the one for wool and the other for horses ; and a court of Pie-powder.

Dated 10 January, 25 Charles II.

Great Seal gone, red and white silk cord only remaining.

Fine engraved portrait of King Charles II, and an elaborately engraved border all round both skins, slightly stained.

33. 1688. Letters Patent of James II. reciting that the several charters heretofore granted to the city of Wells by his predecessors have been determined and are void, and upon the petition of the inhabitants, constituting and ordaining that the city or borough of Wells shall henceforth be a free city or borough in itself and a body politic by the name of the mayor, alderman and burgesses of the city or borough of Wells with regulations concerning the mayor and the aldermen. Nominating Thomas Muttelbery to be first mayor, and John Evans, Esq., Nicholas Douthwaite, Richard Rock, Hodges Cooke, Nicholas Painter, George Andrewes and Thomas Cooper, gentlemen, to be the first aldermen, also regulations concerning chief burgesses, recorder and deputy-recorder. Nominating William Coward as first recorder and Richard Rocke as common clerk.

Dated 1 September the 4th year of King James II.

By fine in the Hanaper 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Jeffreys C.

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Jeffreys C.

Great Seal, a few pieces in green wax only remain suspended by a silken cord.

Fine engraved portrait of the King.

[The signatures " Jeffreys C", are of the notorious Judge of that name.]

TITLE DEEDS

1. **Between 1237 and 1242.** To all to whom this present writing shall come, Thomas the prior, and the convent of Bath greeting in our Lord. We have inspected the charter of the venerable father in God, Joscelin, our bishop, in these words. To all the faithfull in Christ to whom this present writing shall come, Joscelin, by the grace of God, bishop of Bath, greeting in our Lord. Know ye that we have granted to our beloved son in Christ, Joscelin son of Hubert, chaplain, of whose faithfulness we have had experience, all that place with the buildings and other appurtenances which lie between the house which belonged to Master Hugh our cook (*coci nři*) and Anne his wife in the town of Wells on the one part, and a certain burgage of the same Joscelin on the other, willing and granting for us and our successors that as the ancestors of the said Joscelin, chaplain, and he, have held the said place with the buildings and their other appurtenances, arable land in the fields and meadows, by the service of carrying the writs of the bishops of Bath to his manor beyond the Perret, so the same Joscelin and his heirs or his assigns may hold all the aforesaid by the service of rendering 2s. yearly to us and our successors for ever, to wit, at Easter 6*d.*, at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 6*d.*, at the feast of St. Michael 6*d.*, and at Christmas 6*d.* And so the said Joscelin and his heirs or his assigns by the said service of 2s. yearly is to be quit against us and our successors from the said service of carrying the writs, as is said, for all services, saving the enclosing of our park of Westbury, so much as belongs to

a tenement of that size. In witness whereof to this present charter we have caused our seal to be set. Dated at Bane-well, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan, on the morrow of the Annunciation of our Lady, the 32nd year of our Pontificate [1237]. And so we to the aforesaid Joscelin, our bishop, give our assent and by this our present writing attest it.

2. *c.* 1240. Charter of Hugh Giwold granting to John de la Sonde one place of land with a curtilage and appurtenances in Suthovere in Wells, which lies between the messuages of the said Hugh and Richard de Bristol; and the curtilage extends on the north to the curtilage of Richard de Bruges, and contains from the corner of one house to the corner of the other 58 feet, in the middle 33½ feet and at the end 38 feet. Annual rent 12*d.*

Witnesses: William Buche, Symon the painter (*pictore*) William de Ermington, Walter Huberd, Richard de London, William le Carpenter, Thomas de Wudeford, Richard de Bristoll.

Circular seal in green wax. A crescent moon enclosing a star.
s' HUGONIS GIWILD.

3. *c.* 1245. Charter of Walter the chamberlain (*camerius*), in free power while without a wife, granting to John de Winton a burgage with appurtenances in Wells which sometime belonged to Robert Prat, rendering yearly 9*s.*, to wit, 2*s.* 3*d.* at the feast of St. Michael, 2*s.* 3*d.* at Christmas, 2*s.* 3*d.* at Hockday and 2*s.* 3*d.* at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Witnesses: Philip de Wike, Geoffrey de Bridiport, William Buch, Laurence the reeve (*prepositus*), Osbert Buch, Adam Canun, James Drugeman, John the dispenser.

4. *c.* 1260. Charter of Richard Dykedale, with the assent of Sabine his wife, granting to Henry de Blakeforde two messuages in Toukares Street, Wells, between the tenement of one Peter de la Wol on the west, and the croft of the same

Peter on the east. Rendering 3s. yearly. In consideration of 22s.

Witnesses : Richard de London, Richard de Dultyngcote, Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William Fellard, David de Modbury, William le Mareschal, John le Palmare, John de Bergh, William called the cook and Nicholas de Stocton.

Circular seal in green wax, varnished, damaged. On a shield, a lion rampant, sinister. + s' RICHARD . . .

5. c. 1260. Charter of Margery Luueline, in her free and liege widowhood, granting to William Fellard one messuage with a curtilage in Suthover in Wells, between the house of the said Margery and the house of Robert Gingelot, and the curtilage extends in length to the wall of the garden of the prior of the hospital of St. John, Wells, and in width across, 20 feet. Rendering one halfpenny yearly for all services. In consideration of 9s., with warranty.

Witnesses : Richard London, Roger Eustace, Master Symon the painter, Eli Fellard, Geoffrey Buche, Adam Canun, John Spcer [sic], William Cardigan, William Blundel, John Mogg, Philip Canun, Robert Gingelot.

Circular seal in green wax, broken. A trefoiled ornament. + s' MARGERIE L . . . INE.

6. c. 1270. Charter of Agatha, daughter of Thomas de Woky, relict of Thomas Malherbe of Loxton, in her liege widowhood, granting to David de Modbury and Alice his wife one acre of land with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Master Thomas de Merkysbury on the north and the tenement of Sir Richard de Enneburgh on the south, which same land with appurtenances she had by bequest from the said Thomas de Woky her father. Rendering one rose yearly at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. In consideration of 25s.

Witnesses : Richard de London, Richard de Dultyngcote, John de Garselad, John le Specir, William de Legh, William Fellar, John Fot, John Gylemayde, Henry de Cammel.

Circular seal in brown wax, slightly damaged. A double quatrefoil. + s' AGA . . . DE WOKY.

7. *c.* 1270. Charter of John, prior of the Hospital of St. John, Wells, and the brethren of the same, granting to Richard de Milton called Cruz a certain tenement with appurtenances in Gropecuntelane, between the tenement of William de Prestwode on the south, and the tenement of Ralph Randulf on the north. Rendering yearly 5s. 4*d.* In consideration of 40s.

Witnesses : Richard de London, Adam Canun, Nicholas called the baker, John de Garselade, William de Legh, Geoffrey de la Hokerston, John le Markaunt, John le Veysye, Geoffrey Chaumberleyn, William the miller, Richard de Wymburn.

8. *c.* 1270. Charter of Richard le Kyng granting to Nicholas Strongboge one messuage with a curtilage and one croft adjoining to the same with the appurtenances in the Mill Street, Wells, between the messuage of Sabine Coch and the path to the bishop's mill. Rendering yearly 1*d.* at the feast of St. Michael. In consideration of 3 marks 3s.

Witnesses : Philip de Button, Roger de Modesleger, Richard de Dultyncote, Robert Gyngelot, Jordan de Elme, Richard the fuller and Ralph de Mercete.

9. *c.* 1280. Charter of Ralph son of William Luvel granting to Richard Humfrey half one bench (*scamellum*) in the Great Street in Wells, between the other half of the same bench which the said Richard has on the west and the bench of Nicholas the baker on the east. Rendering to the bishop yearly 2*d.* In consideration of 3s.

Witnesses : Richard de Dultyncote, Jordan de Ulmo, Richard Imme, John le Spyce, Nicholas called le Priest, William Fellard, Nicholas de Stoctune.

10. *c.* 1285. Charter, in the form of a chirograph, of William Fellard granting to Gervase called le Hunte and Alice his wife a house with a curtilage adjoining in Wetelane, Wells, between the tenement of the said Gervase on the south, and the tenement of Walter de Andevere on the north. Rendering yearly 3s. 4*d.* In consideration of half a mark.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Legh, William de la Wythegeh, Nicholas called the baker, John le Markaunt, Walter de Andevere, John Gylemayde, Robert Buche, clerk.

Small piece of white wax seal only remaining.

II. c. 1290. Charter of Christian de Winton, relict of Henry Brogean, in her pure and liege widowhood, granting to Robert de Scaleria and Margery his wife one messuage with a curtilage in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Gregory le Parkere on the west and the tenement of the said Robert on the east. Rendering yearly 3s. In consideration of 20s.

Witnesses : Richard de Dultecote, John de Garselad, Nicholas called the baker, William Fellard, David le Motbury, Henry de Cammel, John Gilemeyde, William called the cook, Robert Bouche, clerk.

Circular seal in brown wax. A star with dotted rays. s' CRISTI
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12. c. 1290. Charter of Jordan son of Nicholas the fuller, granting to William Fellard one acre of land in the Great Street in Wells, between the tenement of the said Jordan on the west, and the tenement of Agnes le Heyr on the east and containing in length 11 feet and in width 13 feet. In consideration of one mark.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, William de Leghe, William de la Wytheg, John le Markaunt, William Curteys, John de Palton, William de Quenyngton, John Gylemayde, Robert Bouche, clerk.

Circular seal in green wax. A cross pattée. s' JORDANI. FULLONIS.

13. c. 1300. Charter of Nicholas Dians, the priest, granting to John called le Veysy and Joan his wife, 2 stalls (*selde*) in the Great Street of Wells, between the stall of the dean and chapter of Wells on the east, and the entrance to the house of the said Nicholas on the west. In consideration of 8 marks.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Leghe, William de la Wytheghe, John le Markaunt, Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, John de Palton, Nicholas his brother, Walter de Sutton, John Poleyn, John Gylemayde, Robert Bouche, clerk.

14. *c.* 1300. Charter of John de Ho, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, granting to Edward de la Stone and Royse his wife, one croft with appurtenances in Wells and one *recka* built thereon, which same croft lies in the Mill Street on the north of the same street next the king's highway leading to Woky ; also granting one halfpenny annual rent issuing out of a certain half acre of the land which Nicholas Dians, the priest, holds on the north of the curtilage of William Thedrich. Rendering therefor yearly service at the altar of St. Edmund in the church of St. Andrew half a mark and to the bishop 12*d.* at the four usual terms. In consideration of 20*s.*

Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Leghe, William de la Wytheghe, William Fellard, Robert de Scalera, senior, Roger Neste, Henry de Blakeforde and William de Bromfelde.

Circular seal in green wax. An eight foil within a circle of pellets.
+ JOHANNIS. DE. HO.

15. *c.* 1300. Charter of Thomas de Kelmscote, vicar of Wells, granting to William Saverey and Agatha his wife one messuage with the curtilage adjoining in the Mill Street in Wells, between the messuage of Nicholas Strongbowe on the west and the path leading to the bishop's mill on the east. In consideration of three marks and a half.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Leghe, William de la Wytheghe, Gilbert de Soleham, John le Hoyr, William de Bromfelde, Ralph Lovel, Richard Curteys, John Gylemayde, Robert Bouche, clerk.

Circular seal in green wax, broken. A cross pattée. s' . . OME
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16. *c.* 1300. Charter of Richard de Quenington granting to William de Quenington his brother and Alice his sister, one messuage in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the cemetery of St. Cuthbert's, and the house sometime of William Develeys and sometime inhabited by Walter James. In consideration of two marks.

Witnesses : Richard de London, Thomas de Merkesburi, Nicholas the baker, Nicholas Prest, Robert Gingelot, William Fellard and Gervase le Hunte.

17. *c.* 1300. Charter of John son and heir of Richard Hor' granting to John called le Kyng of Wotton and Alice his wife, one corner house with a small curtilage adjoining in the Great Street in Wells, between the tenement formerly of Richard de Wormystorr' on the east and the tenement of the said John on the south, at the head of Wetelane next Jacobeswelle. In consideration of 40s.

Witnesses : John de Garselade, Nicholas called the baker, William de Leghe, William de la Wytheghe, John le Markaunt, Robert le Norreys, Robert Bonere, William Scot, John Gylemayde, John Henekyng, Robert Bouch, clerk.

Circular seal in brown wax, broken in half. (?) A seine net pole.
s' JOHRUM.

18. *c.* 1300. Quit-claim by Richard Rugge of Strete uppe Vosse in the parish of Pulle next Pulton, brother of Robert Boye, to William Fellard, burgess of Wells, of all his right in a tenement in Wells, between the tenement of Gervase le Hunte on the south, next the bridge of St. John's Wells, and the tenement of Walter de Andevere on the north, which he had of the gift of Roger Boye, uncle of the said Robert Boye.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, Benedict de Pullesbury, clerk, William de la Wythegh, Gervase le Hunte, Walter de Andevere, Gilbert le Tanner, Robert Bonere, Robert le Norreys, Geoffrey de la More, William Curteys and Robert Buche, clerk.

Circular seal in green wax, slightly broken. A grotesque monster.
s' ALIC

19. c. 1310. Charter of Agnes de Dudesdene, relict of Henry de Dudesdene, in right of her widowhood, granting to John the smith de Wokyhole one house in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the house of the said Agnes on the south and the house of John Fraunkeleyn her brother on the north, with the curtilage adjoining, which extends in length from the said house on the west to the tenement of William de Westbury on the east. In consideration of two marks.

Witnesses : William de la Wythie, Roger de Middeltone, Adam de Cheleworth, Nicholas de Paltone and William le Markaunt.

Circular seal in brown wax. A star within a hexagon. Legend indecipherable.

20. 1279. Quit-claim by Henry le Holare of Wells to Richard Curteys of Wells, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in a house with a curtilage adjoining in the south part of St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement formerly of Richard le Glover on the west, and the tenement formerly of Alexander de Welyngton on the east.

Witnesses : William de la Wyghie, William Hokerston, John de Welyngton, Edward de Kyngton and Robert le Lagge.

Dated at Wells, 20 June, 7 Edward I.

Circular seal in green wax, broken in half. An eight foil. s' . . NRICI. HOL

21. 1280. Charter of John Welifed, chaplain, son and heir of Roger Welifed, granting an annual rent of 6*d.* issuing out of his house in Grope Lane, between the tenement that Thomas le Fraunks holds on the north, and the house of the said John on the south, to maintain a light in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for the health of his soul and the souls of his ancestors.

Witnesses : Richard de Dultingcote, Nicholas called the baker, William Fellard, Henry de Cammel and John Gylemayde.

Dated on Saturday, in the feast of St. Peter in cathedra, 1280.

22. 1283. Charter of William son of Richard Higecok of Wells granting to Thomas le Devoneys, burgess of Wells, and Margery de Ludeford two messuages and one acre of land with appurtenances in Wells, which he had of the gift of the said Thomas, whereof one messuage is situated on the east of Gropecountelane at the south end of the same street, between Chepestret on the south and the tenement of the lord bishop of Bath and Wells on the north; the other messuage is situated in Wetelane at the end of the same street on the south of the tenement of Roger de Middelton; and the acre of land lies between the land of Sir William de Bathonia on the south, and the land of Alice Orum on the north.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Adam de Chelewourth, William le Markant, Nicholas de Palton, William de Aysshton, Henry le Bakere and John de Merk.

Dated at Wells on Friday next before the feast of St. Margaret the virgin, 11 Edward I.

Circular seal in brown wax, edge broken. A seeded fleur-de-lys.
+ S' WILL . . . FIL RICHARD.

23. 1290. Charter of John Henkyng of Wells granting to John le Kyng of Wottone one messuage with a curtilage in Wetelane in Wells, between the tenement sometime of Geofrey Drogeman on the north, and the tenement of Augustine the shoemaker (*sutor*) on the south; the grantee to render one candle to the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, at the altar of St. Leonard for burning every Sunday at mass and at the double feasts and at the mass of St. Mary when it is celebrated at the altar of St. Cuthbert. Consideration 10*l*.

Witnesses : Adam Canon, William de Legh, William Fel-lard, John le Marcant, John le Spēß, Robert Bonere, John Fot, Thomas de Sureye.

Dated at Wells on Wednesday in the feast of All Saints, 18 Edward I.

Circular seal in brown wax, varnished. An elephant. s' JOHIS HENKYNG. Impression from a finger ring.

24. **1290.** Charter of John Henkyng of Wells granting to John le Kyng of Wooton one messuage with a curtilage in Wetelane, Wells, between the tenement sometime of Geoffrey Drogeman on the north and the tenement of Augustine the shoemaker (*sutor*), on the south. Consideration 10*l*.

Witnesses : Adam Canon, William de Legh, William Fellard, John le Marcant, John le Spēȝ, Robert Bonere, John Fot.

Dated at Wells on Wednesday, in the feast of All Saints, 18 Edward I.

A small piece of seal only remaining.

25. **1291.** Charter of Henry son and heir of William Thedrich, fuller, granting to Alice, the relict of Randolph le Parker of Westbury a messuage with a curtilage in the Mill Street in Wells, between the tenement sometime of Jordan de Ulmo on the west, and the tenement of the said Henry on the east. In consideration of 4 marks.

Witnesses : John de Garselade, Richard called the baker, Alexander de Welyngton, William —, William de la Wythie, William Fellard, Robert —, senior, David de Modbury, John Gylemayde, Nicholas de Stocton, Robert Bouch, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 26 September, 19 Edward I.

26. **1298.** Quit-claim by Walter de Cammel to Henry son of Geoffrey de Wynton of all his right in a tenement with appurtenances sometime of John Boye, in Wetelane, between the tenement of Walter de Andevere and the tenement sometime of Thomas de Mizelstok.

Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Legh, William de la Wythege, Thomas de Mertok, John Gylemayde and Robert Bouche, clerk.

Dated on Thursday next before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 26 Edward I.

Small circular seal in black wax. An estoile. s' WALTERI DE CAMMEL.

27. **1299.** Quit-claim by Lucy, the relict of Thomas de Mizelstoke, to Henry de Wynton her grandson, of all her right in a tenement in Wetelane, in Wells, between the tenement of Walter de Andevere on the south and the tenement of Adam le Teynturer on the north, also of all her brass and wooden vessells and other goods.

Witnesses: Thomas de Mertok, Thomas de Bradeleye, William de Mertok, Robert de Sow, John Pope, Thomas le Chaloner, Walter de Andevere, John Gylemayde and Robert Bouche, clerk.

Dated on Saturday next after the feast of St. Dunstan, 27 Edward I.

Small circular seal in green wax. A fleur-de-lys. s' LUCIE WINTONIA.

28. **1303.** Charter of Thomas de Merkesbury granting to David le Maszun of Dultyng one messuage with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Henry de Cammel on the north, and the tenement of Nicholas le Touker on the south.

Witnesses: Adam Canon, Geoffrey de la More, William de la Wythygh, Robert Bouche, Henry le Pycke, William Fellard and Thomas de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells—*Quarto Idus Julii* [12 July], 31 Edward I.

Small circular seal in green wax. Within a frame formed of a square and a lozenge interlaced, a spur beneath four letters, indecipherable; in the exterior angles to the frame V S. Impression from a ring.

29. **1304.** Feoffment by Henry le Eyr of Welles and Sabina his wife to Adam de Waltecombe of an acre of land with appurtenances in the south part of the Mill Street, Wells, which he had of the gift of the said Adam, lying between the tenement sometime of John called the cook (*cocus*) on the east, and the tenement of Walter le Rede of Bristol on the west, saving to the said Henry and his heirs one *recka* built thereon, which *recka* contains in length 115 feet.

Witnesses: Robert Bouche, William de la Wythyeghe,

William Corteys, Richard Corteys, Edward de Kyngtone, William de Brompfeld and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next after the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 32 Edward I.

A pointed oval seal in brown wax. A pair of shears. Legend gone.

30. **1306.** Charter of Richard de Rodeneye granting to Henry called le Heyr a tenement with appurtenances in Wete-lane, Wells, between the tenement of John de Ivelcester on the south and the tenement of Richard Wyoth on the north. Consideration 14 marks.

Witnesses: William de la Wytheg, Geoffrey de la More, Robert Bouche, Thomas de Mertok, John Pope, Henry Tannator, John Seman.

Dated at Pridye, on Wednesday, in the feast of St. Laurence the Martyr, 34 Edward I.

An obtuse oval seal in brown wax. An archer shooting a deer in a forest, within a cusped border. SIGILLUM RICHARDI DE (?)RODEN.

31. **1306.** Quit-claim by Alice atte Mulle, relict of Laurence de Glastoñ, to John the smith (*faber*) of Wokyhole of all her right in the third part of one tenement with a curtilage adjoining in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, on the south of the said street, between the tenement of Alexander de Wellyngton on the west and the tenement sometime of Nicholas de Stoc-tone on the east, which sometime belonged to Laurence her late husband.

Witnesses: William de la Wythie, Robert Bouch, John de Palton, Richard Courteys, Edward de Kyngton, William de Bromfelde and Robert le Lange, clerk.

Dated at Wells on Sunday, next before the feast of St. Margaret the virgin, 34 Edward I.

Small circular seal in brown wax, broken. An estoile of five rays with pellets between. + s' A . . . ATTE MULLE.

32. **1309.** Grant by William Fellard, burgess of Wells, to John Lullok, fuller, *comburgensis*, of Wells of 12*d.* of annual rent issuing out of a certain messuage on the north

of the Great Street in Wells, between the tenement of William Damold on the east and the tenement of Thomas de Mertok, senior, on the west.

Witnesses : William atte Wythye, Richard Curteys, senior, Nicholas de Palton, Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas de Mertok, senior, Thomas Testewode and Robert Bouche.

Dated at Wells on Monday next after the feast of St. Peter ad vincula, 3 Edward II.

Small circular seal in red wax. A man's head facing to the left. Legend indecipherable.

33. **1310.** Quit-claim by Henry Bouche, son and heir of Alice, daughter and heir of Henry Bouche, to John de Surreye, clerk, son of Muriel, daughter of Osbert Bouche, brother of the said Henry the grandfather, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in one messuage with the appurtenances in Wells on the west of Gropecontelane, between the tenement which Thomas de Surreye, father of the said John, holds for the term of his life by the law of England, on the south, and the tenement of William de Modesleygh, the baker, on the north, which same messuage with appurtenances descended to the said Alice his mother after the death of the said Henry Bouche, the grandfather, in right of inheritance.

Witnesses : Sir Maurice de Aisshe, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, Robert Bouche, Master John de Farndone, William le Ferur, John le Bowyare, John son of Robert le Norreys of Wells ; Robert le Lange, Adam de Cheleworthe and John de Merk', burgesses of Wells.

Dated at Wells, 10 October, 4 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax, varnished. A cross radiant. + s' HENRICI. BOUCHE.

34. **1310.** Charter of Stephen Storel granting to Richard le Chaloner and Alice who was the wife of John le Kyng of Wottone, for a certain sum of money, one messuage with the appurtenances in Wetelane, Wells, between the tenement of John son of Robert le Norreys on the south, and the stall (*selda*) of the said Alice, opposite Jacobes Welle, on the north,

which same messuage the said Stephen had of the gift and feoffment of the said Alice.

Witnesses : Robert Bouch, Thomas de Surreye, Thomas de Mertok, John son of Robert le Norreys, John Pope, Robert le Langge and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of St. Calixtus, 4 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax, slightly broken. A fleur-de-lys. + s' STEPHANI STOREL.

35. **1312.** Confirmation by John Mogge, of a grant dated 2 May, by William Baudry and Isabel his wife to William Damold of Compton for a certain sum of money, of one messuage with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Simon de Donnsterre on the south, and the tenement of David de Dultyng on the north, rendering therefore yearly one rose at Christmas and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the usual services.

Witnesses : Robert Bouche, William de la Wythye, William Corteys, Richard Courteys, William Vellard, William de Brompfelde and William de Shepton.

Dated at Wells, 5 May, 5 Edward II.

Small circular seal in green wax. A quatrefoil. s' JOHIS MOGGE.

36. **1313.** Charter of Alice who was the wife of John le Langge, late burgess of Wells, granting to Robert le Langg her son, a house with the appurtenances on the north of the Mill Street, bounded by the tenement of the said Robert on each part.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Nicholas de Palton, William de la Hocurstone, Richard Curteis, Edward de Kyngton, Walter de Strete, Walter Miles, William atte Watere and Nicholas Bake.

Dated at Wells, 8 May, 6 Edward II.

Small circular seal in brown wax. A cross fleury within a circle of pellets. + s' ALICIE LA LANG.

37. **1313.** Quit-claim by William de la Wythye, burgess of Wells, to Robert le Langge of Wells of all his right in one

house with appurtenances in the north part of the Mill Street in Wells, bounded by the tenement of the same Robert on each side.

Witnesses : Richard Courteys, William Damolde of Compton, William de la Hokerstone, John de Welyngtone, William de Quenyngton, Gilbert de Inglescombe and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 5 August, 7 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax, bad impression. A six-pointed star on a field crusily. S' WILL (?)DE LA WYTHYE.

38. **1314.** Grant by David de Dultyng to William Damolde of Compton and his heirs, that he and they may place ladders upon his ground in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, to roof and repair the houses of the said William whenever it is necessary.

Witnesses : Nicholas de Palton, John Smert, Gilbert de Inglescombe, Robert le Langge and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday next before the feast of All Saints, 8 Edward II.

Small circular seal in green wax, broken. A cross between four quatrefoils. DAVID DULT[YNG].

39. **1314.** Charter of David de Dultyng granting to William Damolde of Compton, burgess of Wells, one place of land containing in length 18 feet and in width 15 feet with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement which belonged to Adam atte Bughe on the east and the tenement of the said David on the west, which same place is parcel of the tenement of the said David, between the tenement which belonged to the said Adam on the north and the tenement which belonged to John Mogge on the south.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Richard Courteys, William Courteys, Nicholas de Palton, John de Palton, William le Markant, John Smert, Robert le Langge, Gilbert de Inglescomb, Thomas de Testwode, John le Norreys and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday next before All Saints, 8 Edward II.

Seal as No. 38.

40. **1315.** Quit-claim by William Baudry and Isabel his wife to William Damolde of Compton, burgess of Wells, for a certain sum of money, of all their right in one messuage with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement which belonged to Jordan Mogge on the south and the tenement of David de Dulting on the north.

Witnesses: William de la Wythye, Nicholas de Palton, Richard Courteys, John de Palton, Gilbert de Inglescombe, Edward de Kyngton, John Smert, William de Quenyngton, William atte Watere, Robert le Langge and John de Surreye.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next before St. Margaret the virgin, 9 Edward II.

Two seals. (1) Small circular, in green wax, three shields in tierce [1] Barry wavy in pale, a fish, on a chief several letters. [2] In base a covered cup (?), on a chief several letters. [3] Barry wavy, a fish (?), on a chief several letters. SI: JOHIS: DE: URRE(?).

(2) A pointed oval, in green wax. A winged figure(?). Inscription indecipherable.

41. **1316.** Quit-claim by David de Dultyng to William Damolde of Compton, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in one messuage with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Adam atte Bughe on the north and the tenement of John Mogge on the south.

Witnesses: William de la Wythye, William de la Hokers-ton, William le Markaunt, Richard Courteys, William de Ais-stone, John Smert, Gilbert de Inglescomb, Robert le Langge and John de Surreye.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday next before the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 9 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax. A cross ragulée between four pellets. *s' DAVID. DE. DULTYNG. (Different seal from Nos. 38 and 39.)

42. **1316.** Quit-claim by Robert, called le Lange of Wells, clerk, to William, called le Skynnere, of Wells, of all his right in half an acre of arable land with the appurtenances in Wells, lying on the north part of the Mill Street, between the land formerly of Ralph Lovel on the east, and the land of Valentine de Northom on the west.

Witnesses : William de la Wytheghe, Thomas de Mertok, Adam de Cheleworthe, Edward de Kyngtone and Thomas le Devenische.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the Annunciation of St. Mary, 1316.

Seal—a small piece of wax only remaining.

43. **1317.** Charter of William de Bourne, canon of the church of St. Andrew, Wells, granting to Thomas le Deveneys a tenement with the appurtenances in Gropecotelane in Wells which John de Langport, baker, sometime held of Sir Hugh Canon, knt., at the annual rent of 24s.

Witnesses : Edmond de Welleslegh, John de Paltone, Nicholas de Paltone, William le Markaunt, William Scot, Walter de Paltone and Thomas de Mertok.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday in the feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian, 10 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax. A head couped at the neck, within a cusped circle, with field diapered, border of ornamental scroll work.

44. **1317.** Quit-claim by John Mogge of Welles to William Damolde of Compton, burgess of Wells, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in one messuage with the appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Jordan Mogge on the south and the tenement of David de Dultyng on the north.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Edmund de Welleslegh, Nicholas de Palton, Thomas de Mertok, Richard Courteys, John de Palton, Edward Kyngton, John Smert, William de Quenyngton, William atte Watere, Robert le Langge and John de Surreye.

Dated at Wells, 6 June, 10 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax. An eight foil. †s' JOHIS. MOGGE.

45. **1317.** Quit-claim by William de Bourne, canon of St. Andrew, Wells, to Thomas le Devenysh, burgess of Wells, of all his right in a messuage with the appurtenances on the east of Gropecuntelane at the south end of the same, between

the place of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the north and Chepstret on the south, which John de Langport, baker, formerly inhabited and in which messuage the same Thomas now lives ; also all his right in that messuage with appurtenances on the north of Chepestrete, between the said messuage of the same Thomas on the west, and the tenement of Richard Toly, formerly of William Fellard, on the east ; and which same two messuages the said William de Bourne lately had with other lands and tenements by the gift and feoffment of Sir Hugh Canun, knt.

Witnesses : William atte Wythye, Edmund de Welleslegh, Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas de Mertok, Nicholas de Palton, John de Palton, William le Ferrur, John de Merk and William de Ayhston.

Dated at Wells, 16 July, 11 Edward II.

Seal as No. 43.

46. **1317.** Charter of William de Sheptone, burgess of Wells, granting to Sir Richard de Pencryz, then vicar of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for 4*l.* one messuage with the appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement formerly of Master Thomas de Merkesbury on the north, and the tenement of Richard de Enneburgh on the south.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Edmund de Welleslegh, William le Markaunt, Adam de Chelewourth, Richard Courteys, William Damolde of Compton, John de la Churchestighele and John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday next before Christmas, 11 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax, broken. A sexfoil. + . . . RI COLGRUM.

47. **1318.** Covenant between Thomas Devenysssh on the one part and Richard Toly and Maud his wife on the other part, that the said Thomas grants unto the said Richard and Maud part of his side wall which belongs to his tenement at the south end of Gropecountelane, on the east of the same street, which he had of the gift of Sir William de Bourne, to place thereupon the timber of the said Richard and Maud.

Which same wall contains in length from south to north 44 feet and in width from east to west 6 inches. As soon as they place their timber upon the said part of the same wall they shall put upon the same part of the same wall a gutter of wood 44 feet long and of suitable breadth, well covered with lead to receive the rainwater as well from the houses of the said Thomas as from those of the said Richard and Maud. Which same gutter the same Richard and Maud their heirs and assigns, into whosoever hands the messuage of the said Richard and Maud on the west side of Chepestret to the west of the tenement of Ellis de la Forde shall come, are bound to maintain at their own expense.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Adam de Chelewourth, William le Markant, William le Feror, John de Merk, Henry le Bakere and John de Surreye.

Dated 20 March, 12 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax. A monkey riding on a dog. Legend indistinct.

48. **1319.** Charter of Alice, who was the wife of Gervase called le Huntte, late burgess of Wells, in her liege widowhood and full power, granting to William de Hamme and Agnes his wife one house with a curtilage adjoining with the appurtenances in Wetelane in Wells, between the tenement of Walter Andevere on the north and the tenement of Gervase called le Hountte on the south.

Witnesses : Roger de Middleton, Thomas de Mertok, John de Mercke, Thomas le Deveneys, Henry de Wynton, Henry le Heyr, William de Puryton, John le Teler, Robert le Lange, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Monday next after the feast of St. Augustine bishop, 12 Edward II.

A pointed oval seal in light brown wax, imperfect. An eight-pointed star. S' ALICIE GERVAS.

49. **1320.** Charter of Walter de Strete, burgess of Wells, granting to Hugh de Somerton for a certain sum of money, one messuage with the appurtenances on the south part of

Toukerestret, between the tenement which Humfrey de Lan-
sherlegh holds on the west, and the tenement of William de
la Wythye on the east, and containing in width at the north
end 35 feet, at the south end 29 feet and in length from the
said street to the south 308 feet.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Adam de Chelewourth,
Thomas de Mertok, Edward de Kyngtone, Thomas de Toft-
wode, John de Merk, William atte Watere, Robert le Langge,
John de Surreye, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 5 January, 13 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax, imperfect. A cross patonce. s' . . . ERI
DE STRET.

50. 1321. Sale by Walter de Bristelton, chaplain, John
atte Churchestyele of Wells and Hugh le Barbur, executors
of the will of William de Schepton, deceased, sometime bur-
gess of Wells, to Robert Fenel and Julian his wife, of one
tenement with appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells,
situated between the tenement of the perpetual vicar of the
church of St. Cuthbert on the west and the tenement some-
time of William Vollard on the east ; which tenement the
said William de Schepton acquired in fee simple, and accord-
ing to the custom of the city of Wells may bequeath the same
as if it were a chattel.

Witnesses : Edmond de Welleslegh, Nicholas de Palton.
John de Merk, Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Devenysh, William
Damolde, Thomas le Salter, John Lullok, Hugh de Somerton.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of St.
Dunstan, 14 Edward II.

Three seals in red wax, perfect.

(1) Obtuse oval, a phoenix. (?)DEUM TIME ET . . .

(2) Circular, a squirrel. Legend gone.

(3) Obtuse oval, in base, an animal supporting a tree, surmounted
by a peacock ; on the sinister a dog and on the dexter a rabbit.

51. 1322. Charter of John, son of Richard Corteys, grant-
ing to Gilbert le Boghiere and Agnes sister of the said John,
one place of land with the appurtenances, in the south part

of St. Cuthbert's Street, containing in width between the tenement of the said John on the east and the tenement of Thomas le Saltare on the west (?) 25 feet, and extending in length from the said street at the north end to the lane called La Mede.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Adam de Chelewourth, William le Markaunt, Edward de Kyngton, William atte Watere, Walter de Strete, John de Surrey.

Dated at Wells, 10 January, 15 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax. An eight foil. s' JOHANN'S CORTEYS

52. **1322.** Charter of John Courteys, son of Richard Courteys, burgess of Wells, granting to Gilbert le Boghiere of Wells and Agnes his wife, sister of the said John, one shop and one cellar with the appurtenances in the south of the Great Street, Wells, which he had of the gift and feoffment of the said Gilbert.

Witnesses : Adam de Chelewourth, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas de Mertok, Robert de Mertok, Thomas le Saltare, Master William le Ferour, John de Surrey.

Dated at Wells, 5 February, 15 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax. A seven foil (space for eight). s' JOHIS CORTEYS. (Not the same seal as No. 51.)

53. **1322.** Charter of John Courteys, son of Richard Courteys, burgess of Wells, granting to Gilbert le Boghiere of Wells and Agnes his wife, sister of the said John, a place of land with the appurtenances in the south part of St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Thomas le Saltare on the west and the tenement of Richard Courteys, the father of the said John, on the east, which same place of land he had of the gift and feoffment of the said Richard Courteys his father.

Witnesses : Adam de Chelewourth, Edmond de Welleslegh, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas de Mertok, Thomas le Saltare, Master William le Ferour, John de Surrey.

Dated 20 February, 15 Edward II.

Seal as No. 52.

54. **1322.** Charter of William atte Watere, burgess of Wells, granting to Henry, son of Elene Uppehulle of Ebbewourth for a certain sum of money, the west half of that messuage with the appurtenances on the north of St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of Walter de Strete on the west and the tenement of John atte Wode of Baltesburgh on the east.

Witnesses : William de la Wythye, Adam de Chelewourth, Thomas de Testwode, William Damold of Compton, John de Merk, William de Quenyngton, Thomas le Saltare, Thomas le Bole, Walter de Strete, Adam atte Watere, Richard Pope, William Basset, Alexander de (?)Redynges, John de Surreye.

Dated at Wells, 5 August, 16 Edward II.

55. **1322.** Charter of Henry son of Elene Uppehulle of Ebbewourth granting to William atte Watere, burgess of Wells, 20s. rent with appurtenances in Wells, payable yearly at the four principal terms, out of that west half of a certain messuage in Wells, which the said Henry had of the gift of the said William, which is situated on the north side of St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenement of Walter de Strete on the west and the tenement of John atte Wode of Baltonsbergh on the east.

Witnesses : Adam de Chelewourth, Thomas de Testwode, William Damolde of Compton, John de Merk, William de Quenyngton, Walter de Strete, Adam atte Watere, Richard Pope, William Basset.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next after St. Bartholomew the apostle, 16 Edward II.

56. **1323.** Quit-claim by Thomas, son and heir of Clarice de Waltecombe, who was the wife of Hugh de Ievele [?Juele] to Walter Milis and Agnes his wife, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in one messuage with the appurtenances on the north side of Toukerestrete, between the tenement of Robert de Mertok on the east and the tenement which the same Walter and Agnes had by the demise of Richard de Rodeneye on the west, containing in length from the south

end of the said street to the north 171 feet and in width 45 feet.

Witnesses: Adam de Chelewourth, Richard Courteys, Edward de Kyngton, William atte Watere, Walter de Strete, Nicholas de Baak, John Smert, Robert le Langge, John de Surreye.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax, edge broken. An eight foil. s' TOME
D' WALTCOM.

57. **1324.** Charter of Thomas Canun, son and heir of Sir Hugh Canun, knt., granting to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, 7s. annual rent with the appurtenances issuing out of two messuages sometime of William atte More in the Great Street in Wells, opposite the messuages formerly of Geoffrey atte More, between the messuage which William Damold formerly had by the demise of Maud Gylemay on the east and the messuage of Roger de Middleton on the west.

Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworth, Roger de Middleton, William atte Withighe, Edmond de Welleslegh, Thomas de Mertok, Richard Curteys, Robert de Mertok, William Damold, William de Quenyngtone, Philip de Wedmore, Robert Longe.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday next after the feast of St. George the martyr, 17 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax, armorial. Impression from an antique gem. A chevron engrailed between 3 mullets pierced. SIGILLUM THOME CANUN.

58. **1324.** Charter of William Damold of Compton, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, the west part of his messuage with the west part of the curtilage adjoining, which he had by the gift and feoffment of Maud, who was the wife of John Gilemaide, in the Great Street of Wells, opposite the messuage sometime of John Fot, and which contains in length from the messuage sometime of William atte More on the west, eastward 31½ feet

and 3 inches towards the Great Street in Wells, for a certain sum of money.

Witnesses : Adam de Cheleworth, William atte Withighe, Edmond de Welleslegh, Thomas de Mertok, Nicholas de Pal-tone, Richard Curteis, senior, Edward de Kyngton, William Ferrur, William Markaunt, John de Merke, Thomas le Devenys, William de Quenyngton, Walter de Strete, Hugh de Somerton, Robert de Mertok, William atte Watere, Robert de Lovyngton, Nicholas Bake.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next after the feast of St. George the martyr, 17 Edward II.

Circular seal in green wax. Double cut foil of plain leaves and palm branches. S' WILL . . . DAMOLD.

59. **1324.** Grant by Thomas, son and heir of Hugh Canun, knt., to Thomas Devenyss, burgess of Wells, of his tenement with appurtenances in the Great Street of Wells, between the tenement of Richard Toly, which sometime belonged to William Fellard, from the corner opposite the forge of William le Ferrur on the east, and the corner in a line as one goes towards Gropelane, opposite the tenement of Roger de Middleton, on the west, and from the same corner in a line towards a certain place of a messuage not built on towards the north, which same place the said Thomas le Devenyss holds by the demise of the bishop of Bath and Wells in Gropelane. To have and to hold the same of the grantor his heirs and assigns for a term of 40s. at the four usual terms.

Witnesses : Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas Testwode, William de Quenyngton, Edward de Kyngton, William le Ferrur, John de Merke, William le Markaunt, Henry atte Berne, Hugh de Heonton, Richard le Parker of Westbury, Richard de Martineseye, Stephen de Wedmor, Richard Toly, Robert de Lovyngton.

Dated at Wells, 6 May, 17 Edward II.

Seal as No. 57.

60. **1324.** Quit-claim by Thomas Canun, son and heir of Sir Hugh Canun, knt., to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of

Wells, of all his right in 7s. annual rent with appurtenances in Wells, issuing out of two messuages with the appurtenances, sometime of William atte More, situated in the Great Street opposite the messuages sometime of Geoffrey atte More, between the messuage which William Damold sometime had by the demise of Maud Gylemayde on the east and the messuage of Roger de Middelton on the west.

Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworth, Roger de Middelton, William atte Wythyghe, Edmund de Welleslegh, Thomas de Mertok, Richard Curteys, William le Ferrur, John Merke, William de Quenyngton, Edward de Kyngton, Thomas le Devenyssh, Robert de Mertok, William le Markaunt, Hugh de Somerton, William Damold, Roger Pope, John Lullok, Robert Longe.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next after the feast of St. Dunstan bishop and confessor, 17 Edward II.

61. **1324.** Charter of Thomas Squyrel, son and heir of Richard Squyrel, late burgess of Wells, granting to Peter le Boytoyre, for the sum of 6½ marks, one place of land with appurtenances in the Great Street of Wells, between the tenement of William Vellard on the west and the tenement of Geoffrey de la More on the east, which same place of land descended to the said Thomas by the death of Cristine Pody his mother, daughter and heir of Walter Pody.

Witnesses: Adam de Chelewourth, Richard Courteys, Edmund de Welleslegh, Roger Pope, Edward de Kyngton, William atte Watere, Thomas de Mertok, Robert de Mertok, Hugh de Somerton, Thomas de Testwode, Nicholas de Palton, John de Surrey.

Dated at Wells, 5 September, 18 Edward II.

Circular seal in red wax. A fleur-de-lys. s' TOME SQUIREL.

62. **1325.** Charter of William de Bath (*Bathonia*), rector of the church of Bageburgh, granting to Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, son of Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, deceased, one tenement with a curtilage adjoining to the same in Southovere Street in Wells, between the tenement formerly of Edith de

Welyngtone on the east, and the tenement of John de Dychesgate on the west; also one piece of arable land extending in length from the said curtilage to the water-course running to the mill of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and in width between the land of William de Dounkervyll on the east and the land of William de la Wythie on the west, for which the said Geoffrey gave 8 marks.

Witnesses: Roger de Middleton, Nicholas de Palton, Edmund de Welleslegh, Thomas Testwode, Thomas de Mertock, John Dychesgate, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday next after St. Hilary, 18 Edward II.

Circular seal in brown wax. In a cusped 8 foil, a full-length figure of St. Andrew, on the left an ecclesiastic kneeling.

63. 1325. Quit-claim by William Damold of Compton, burgess of Wells, to Peter le Boyteyre of all his right in the west half of one messuage with the appurtenances on the south side of Chepestrete in Wells, on the east of the tenement which William Vellard inhabited while he lived.

Witnesses: Adam de Chelewourth, Richard Courteys, Thomas de Mertok, Richard de Folebrok, Hugh de Somertone, William atte Watere, Walter de Strete.

Dated at Wells, 5 April, 18 Edward II.

Circular seal in red wax. A bird. Legend indistinct.

64. 1327. Grant by Gilbert Le Boghiere to Thomas le Saltare, burgess of Wells, and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of one toft with the appurtenances in the south part of St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenement of Richard Courteys on the east and the tenement of the said Thomas and Agnes on the west, for the yearly rent of eight shillings at the usual terms for all services, with reversion to the said Gilbert.

Witnesses: Adam de Chelewourth, Robert de Mertok, William atte Watere, Edward de Kyngtone, John de Markant.

Dated at Wells, 5 June, 1 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax, imperfect. A fleur-de-lys. S' THOME LE SALTAR.

65. **1327.** Quit-claim by Thomas Canun, son and heir of Hugh Canun, knt., to Thomas le Devenyssch, burgess of Wells, of all his right in 24s. annual rent which the same Thomas used to pay to Sir William de Bourne, canon in the church of Wells, for a certain tenement in Gropecountelane in Wells.

Witnesses : Adam de Cheleworthe, Thomas de Testwode, William de Quenyngton, William le Ferour, John Merk, William le Merkaunt, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells on Sunday, next after St. John the Baptist, 1 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, poor impression. Armorial. A chevron engrailed, between three mullets. Inscription indecipherable.

66. **1327.** Quit-claim by Thomas Canun, son and heir of Sir Hugh Canun, knt., to Thomas Devenyssch, burgess of Wells, and Cristine his wife, for 25*l*, of all his right in a tenement in Wells, situated in breadth between Gropecontelane on the west and the tenement of Richard Toly on the east, and extending in length on its west side from Chepestret at its south end towards the north to the tenement which Thomas Devenyssch had by the demise of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and on its east side from Chepestrete on the north to the tenement of Richard son of William de Modeslegh.

Witnesses : Adam de Chelewourth, Thomas de Testwode, William de Quenyngton, William le Ferur, John de Merk, William le Markaunt, Henry atte Berne, Hugh de Hentone, Richard le Parker, Richard de Martyneseye

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Armorial. A chevron engrailed, between three mullets pierced. SIGILLUM THOME CANUN.

67. **1327.** Charter of William de Chestre granting to John Hologod, burgess of Wells, for a certain sum of money, 4s. annual rent with appurtenances in Wells which he had of the gift and feoffment of Thomas Canun, son and heir of Sir Hugh Canun, knt., issuing out of a tenement which formerly belonged to Walter Cammelon the north of the Great Street of Wells,

between the tenement of Eustace de Mertok on the east and the tenement formerly of John Henekyng on the west.

Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworthe, Thomas de Testwode, William le Ferrur, Stephen de Wedmore, Robert de Lovyngton, Nicholas Bake, John de Mertok.

Dated at Wells on Wednesday, next after the feast of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 1 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A sexfoil. S' WILL DE CHESTER.

68. 1329. Charter of William de Cheleworth granting to John le Boghyare, burgess of Wells, an annual rent of 4s., issuing out of a certain tenement in which John Gille now lives in Gropecountelane in Wells.

Witnesses: Peter le Momer, John le Roper, Thomas Saltre, Walter Compton, Thomas Draycote.

Dated at Wells on Monday, next after the Purification of St. Mary, 3 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax, diapered with sprays of flowers. The Blessed Virgin and Child sitting, on the right a figure kneeling.

69. 1330. Charter of Walter de Mulverton granting to Sir Thomas de Mulverton, chaplain, his uncle, (in exchange for one tenement with appurtenances in Chamberleynestret, Wells, situated between the tenement of John Smert, burgess of Wells, on the south and the tenement of Sir John de Fordham, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, on the north) two messuages with curtilages adjoining, which are situated in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of William de Pencrihe on the south and the tenement of Hugh atte Chapele on the north.

Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Edmund de Weleslegh, Adam de Cheleworthe, Thomas de Testwode, Richard atte More, Robert Long, clerk.

Dated at Wells, in the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, 4 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. Poor impression. A quatrefoil between two heads couped. LOVE MENE (?)

70. 1331. Charter of Thomas son of Richard de Well granting to Richard Courteys, junior, one messuage with two stalls (*celdis*) annexed and two covered benches for meat, (*scabellis tectis*) opposite the said tenement, and two cottages in the Newwestret, also four acres of land to the said messuage adjoining, which same messuage is situated in the Market Street, Wells, between the tenement of Robert le Baker on the one side, and the tenement of Alexander le Baker on the other side.

Witnesses: Richard Courteys, senior, Richard Toly, William Basset, Robert Mertok, Gilbert le Bowyer.

Dated at Wells on Sunday next after the feast of St. Andrew, 5 Edward III.

Not sealed.

71. 1332. Charter of Henry le Eyr, burgess of Wells, granting to Agnes, daughter of John le Markaunt and Edith his wife, one messuage with a certain *reckkam* and piece of land adjoining at the south end of Toukerstrete, between the tenement of Roger atte Walle on the east and the land which Robert de Mertock and Margery his wife hold on the west, and the said messuage &c. extends from Toukerstrete on the north to the meadow which Thomas le Devenyssh holds on the south. Rendering therefor yearly to the said Henry one rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. With remainder to the next heirs of the said Agnes.

Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas Testwode, Thomas le Salter, Thomas le Devenyssh, John de Merk, Richard le Eyr, Richard atte More, Walter atte Putte, Walter de Brymghampton, Walter de Strete, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells 14 April, 6 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A star of six points. S' HEN . . .
LE. ER.

72. 1332. Charter of John Faber of Wokyhole granting to John his son, for his homage and service, one house with the curtilage adjoining in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, which

is situated between the house of Hugh atte Chapele of Henton on the south and the house sometime of John Chamberleyn of Wokyhole on the north.

Witnesses : Roger de Myddelton, Adam de Cheleworthe, Thomas de Testwode, Robert de Mertok, Richard de la More, John Kyng.

Dated at Wells on Sunday, next after the feast of St. Dunstan the archbishop, 6 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A hammer. Inscription indecipherable.

73. 1332. Quit-claim by Edmund son of John le Chamberleyn, sometime of Wokyhole to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, of all his right in a certain tenement in Wetelane, Wells, between the tenement of Richard atte More on the north and the tenement of Thomas de Testwode on the south, which same tenement the said Thomas granted as in a charter of feoffment is more fully contained.

Witnesses : John de Wyke, Walkeline Tonere, Thomas de Wodeforde, Richard le Parker, Hugh atte Chapele, Richard de Martynseye, Henry de Dynre.

Dated at Wells in the feast of St. Michael, 6 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. An eight foil. EDMU'DI-LE-CHAMBERLAIN.

74. 1333. Quit-claim by John de Ludeforde, brother and heir of Margery de Ludeforde, who was formerly the wife of William de Modeslegh, baker, of Wells, to Thomas le Devenysh, burgess of Wells, for a certain sum of money, of all his right in one messuage with appurtenances, situated on the east side of Gropelane between the tenement of the said Thomas on the south and the tenement of John Hychecok on the north; and also two acres of arable land which lie together in the said town of Wells on the west part which is called Toukerestret, between the land of the prior and brethren of St. John's hospital, Wells, on each side; and in and upon one piece of enclosed meadow lying on the south of the water running from the bishop's mill, between the garden of the prior and brethren of the hospital of St. John's, Wells, on the east, and a certain

pasture which lies next to the said mill on the west, all which premises the same Thomas formerly had by the demise and grant of the said Margery.

Witnesses: Walkeline Tonere, Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas de Wodefod, John de Merk, Gilbert le Bowzare, Robert de Lovyngton, Master William Scot, Robert de Bergh, baker, Robert atte More, John Hyge-coke, Walter de Strete, Richard le Porkere of Westburi, Hugh atte Chapele of Henton, Geoffrey le Carpunter of Wedmore, Richard de Morton.

Dated at Wedmore 3 February, 7 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. An eightfoil of fancy design. s' JOHIS DE LUDFORD.

75. 1333. Another copy of No. 74.

Circular seal in green wax. The Blessed Virgin Mary standing, with a penitent kneeling on the left. On the field, a crescent. s' JOHIS DE LUDFORD.

76. 1333. Similar deed to No. 74—the only difference being, that the following witnesses are omitted—John de Merk, Gilbert le Bowzare, Robert de Bergh, Walter le Strete, and the following added—Richard atte More, Richard de Martynsyne.

Seal gone.

77. 1333. Grant by John le Gockes to William de Puryton, junior, son of William de Puryton and Alice his wife, for a certain sum of money paid, of one plot of land of the curtilage of the said John lying on the south side of Toukerestret, between the lane which leads to the bishop's mill on the east and the *rekkam* of Hugh de Somerton on the west, and the said plot extends in length from the land of Walter de Strete on the south to the curtilage of the said John on the north 139½ feet, and in width at the north end 50 feet and at the south end 45 feet, for their lives and the survivor of them at the annual rent of 2s., payable at the four principle terms.

Witnesses: John le Merkaunt, Richard Everard, Walter le Brasghetere, Thomas Pope, John Davy.

Dated at Wells on Thursday, in the feast of St. Katherine the Virgin, 7 Edward III.

Seal, only a piece of wax remaining.

78. 1335. Quit-claim by Edmund son of John Chaumberleyn, of Wokyhole, deceased, to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, of all his right in one tenement with the appurtenances in Wetelane in Wells, between the tenement of the said Thomas on the south and the tenement of Richard atte More on the north.

As the seal of the said Edmund to many is unknown, the seal of the borough of Wells is hereunto set.

Witnesses: Walkeline Tonere, Adam de Cheleworth, Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltere, John le Marcaunt.

Dated at Wells on Wednesday, next after the feast of St. Valentine, 9 Edward III.

Two large circular seals in red wax. (1) No device. S' EDMU'DI FIL JOHS' CHAUMB'L' DE WOK'H'. (2) The Borough of Wells.

79. 1336. Charter of William de Sottone, called de Palton, and Christine his wife, granting to Thomas le Saltere, burgess of Wells, one curtilage with the appurtenances in Isackesmede in Wells, lying between the curtilage of Thomas le Bole on the east and the curtilage of Richard de la Mor on the west.

Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, Hugh de Somerton, Walter de Strete, John Markaunt, Walter de Compton, Walter atte Putte, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 14 May, 10 Edward III.

Two small seals on one tab, unbroken, but poor impressions. (1) Circular in brown wax. Device and legend. (2) Oval in brown wax. A figure beneath a canopy, with a legend.

80. 1336. Charter of Brian Daubervill, burgess of Wells, granting to Master Thomas de Haselshaghe, canon in the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, one messuage with a curtilage adjoining with the appurtenances, situated on the south side of the street called Southovere, between the tenement of Julian la Kynges on the west and the tenement of

Adam de Cheleworth, son of John de Cheleworth, on the east. With warranty.

Witnesses: Walkeline Tonere, Thomas de Testwode, Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltare, Richard de Bradewelle, Robert de Lovyngton, John le Kyng, John Hygecok, Richard de Harpetre.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 10 Edward III.

Small circular seal in brown wax. A head on either side of a tree. Legend indecipherable.

81. **1336.** Charter of William Damolde of Comptone granting to Hugh de Somertone and Maud his wife a messuage which he had of the gift and feoffment of David de Doultynge, situated in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of the said Hugh on the north and the tenement of the said William on the south. With warranty.

Witnesses: Walkeline Tonere, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltere, John le Markaunt, Henry Martel, John le Kyng, John Hygecok, Richard atte More, John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells on Tuesday, next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 10 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A falcon trussing a rabbit. Legend indecipherable.

82. **1336.** Charter of Richard Curteys, senior, burgess of Wells, granting to Margery his youngest daughter for her laudable service, one messuage with a curtilage adjoining in Wells, at the west end of St. Cuthbert's Street, opposite the tenement formerly of Edward de Kyngton, between the croft of the said Richard on the north and the tenement of Walter de Strete on the south, with all the services belonging, that is, with half a wall and half a gutter of lead which covers the wall in width and length between the said Walter Strete on the one part and the said Richard Corneys on the other part, to have and to hold the same to the said Margery and the heirs of her body, of the said Richard Curteys and his heirs by Alice his wife for ever. Rendering therefore yearly to the said Richard

one rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, with reversion to the right heirs of the said Richard and Alice his wife.

Witnesses : Richard le Eyre, Thomas le Salter, Richard Bradewelle, Walter de Strete, Hugh de Somurton, John de Bromfeld called Markaunt, Walter ate Putte, Richard Everarde.

Dated at Wells on Thursday in the feast of St. Peter ad vincula, 10 Edward III.

Unsealed.

83. 1336. Quit-claim by John Strode, burgess of Wells, to Alexander de Merkesbury of all his right in two and a half acres of arable land, lying in a croft called Colvyrcrofte, of which one acre lies between the land of Walter de Palton on the south and the land of the said John on the north, and one acre and a half lies in the same croft between the land of the said Walter de Palton on the north and the land of Thomas de Draycote on the south.

Witnesses : Richard le Eyr, Thomas Testwode, Thomas le Devenyssch, Hugh de Somerton, William Scot, William Loder, Richard de la More, John Hychekok, Stephen le Somenour, Stephen Gay, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 27 September, 10 Edward III.

Seal, broken.

84. 1336. Charter of John de Cheleworth, senior, and Cristine his wife, and Adam their son, granting to Walter de Middeltone and Agnes his wife, for the term of their lives or one of them, one messuage with the appurtenances in the street called Southovere in Wells, between the tenement of Julian la Kyngges on the east and the tenement of Bryan Daubervyle on the west. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, John le Markant, John Kyng, John Hygecok, John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 3 December 11 Edward III.

Three seals. (1) Circular, in brown wax. Two hands clasped in saltaire. Legend indistinct.

(2) Circular, in brown wax. A stag.

(3) Circular, in red wax. A crouching lion, within a carved and cusped eightfoil with letters in the angles.

85. **1337.** Quit-claim by Thomas de Cammel, son and heir of Walter de Cammel, sometime burgess of Wells, to John Holegod, burgess of Wells, of all his right in one messuage with the appurtenances on the north side of Chepstret, Wells, between the tenement of Eustace de Mertok and Gilbert le Bowyare on the east and the tenement that John de Mertok holds on the west, which same messuage the said John Holegod had, and holds for the term of his life, by the bequest of Emma, the mother of the said Thomas. With warranty.

Witnesses: Thomas de Testwode, Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltare, Hugh de Somerton, William le Lodare, John Hichecok, Henry Martel, Richard atte More, John le Kyng, Robert de Mertok, Robert de Lovyngton.

Dated at Wells, 13 April, 11 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. An eightfoil. + THOME CAMMELL.

86. **1337.** Quit-claim by Thomas Gyngelot and Alice his wife, to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, of all their right in one place of land of their curtilage, containing in length from south to north six feet and in width two and a half feet, and the said place of land lies in Wells, on the east of the curtilage of the said Thomas Gyngelot, between the tenement of the said Thomas de Testwode and Wetelane. With warranty.

Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltare, John le Merkaunt, Hugh de Somerton, Richard atte More, John le Kyng, Richard de Bradewelle, John Hycheok, Henry Martel.

Dated at Wells, 25 May, 11 Edward III.

Two circular seals in red wax, broken and illegible.

87. **1337.** Quit-claim by Thomas de Cammel, son and heir of Walter de Cammel, sometime burgess of Wells, to John Holegod of all his right in a messuage with the appurtenances situated on the east part of Gropecuntelane, between the

tenement of John Hychecok on the south and the tenement that Alice, who was the wife of John le Potager, junior, holds from Thomas Gyngetot on the north.

Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltare, Richard le Eyr, William le Ferrur, John Hychecok, Jurdan le Bakere.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, 11 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. (?) An urn. Legend indistinct.

88. 1337. Charter of Henry le Eyr of Wells granting to Walter de Middelton and Agnes his wife one messuage with a certain *rekka* and *area* of land adjoining, situated in Toukarestret, Wells, between the tenement of Roger atte Walle on the east and the land which Robert de Mertok and Margery his wife hold on the west, and extending in length from north to south to the meadow which Thomas le Devenyssh holds.

Witnesses : Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltere, William de Cheleworthe, Hugh de Somertone, John Kyng, John Hygecok, Richard atte More, John Mount', John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the feast of St. Leonard, 11 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A star of six points within a circle of drops. Legend indistinct.

89. 1338. Charter of Nicholas Baake of Wells granting to John Bromfelde, called le Markaunt, a messuage with the appurtenances, in Toukarestrete, Wells, between the tenement of the said Nicholas on the east and the tenement of Thomas Pope on the west. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, Richard de Bradewelle, Walter de Strete, Philip le Webbe, John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 9 February, 12 Edward III.

Circular seal in green wax. A stag. Legend indistinct.

90. **1338.** Agreement indented made between Isolde, the relict of Geoffrey Scote, daughter of Simon le Kyng, on the one part, and Adam de Bynneworthe and Lettice his wife, on the other part, witnesseth, that the said Isolde in her liege widowhood and pure and full power, for the term of her life, grants to the said Adam and Lettice one hall with the cellar and upper room (*solaria*) adjoining, situated in Southovere, Wells, between the tenement wherein the said Adam and Lettice live on the north and the tenement which John de Kydenore has and holds of the said Isold on the south, rendering therefor to the prior and brethren of the hospital of St. John, Wells, 2s. yearly at the four usual terms, and to the said Isolde 4s. yearly at the same terms by equal portions, for all services. For which same grant the said Adam and Lettice paid to the said Isolde the rent for the two years following after the day of making this agreement, for which rent the said Isold acknowledges full payment.

Witnesses: Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltare, Hugh de Somerton, William de Hamme, William le Degher.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the feast of the Annunciation of St. Mary, 12 Edward III.

Circular seal in yellow wax. Armorial. Within an ornamental border, a shield, on a bend three . . . (indistinct).

91. **1338.** Charter of John de Haurhull, chaplain, granting to Roger Godesblessyng and Joan his wife one messuage and a curtilage adjoining with the appurtenances in Southover in Wells, between the messuage formerly of John Smert on the west and the messuage of William Donkervyle on the east. With warranty.

Witnesses: Thomas de Testewode, Thomas le Salter, Henry Martel, John Kyng, Robert Chaumbyrleyn, William de Westbury, boucher, William de Hamme, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday, next after the feast of St. Laurence the martyr, 12 Edward III.

92. **1339.** Charter of John le Gock of Wells granting to Hugh de Somertone, burgess of Wells, 2s. annual rent issuing out of a certain *area* of land of the curtilage of the said John, which William de Purytone, junior, and Alice his wife hold of the said John for the term of their lives, which land lies on the south of Toukerestrete, between the lane which leads to the bishop's mill on the east and the *rekka* of the said Hugh de Somerton on the west : and the said *area* of land extends from the land of Walter de Strete on the south to the curtilage of the said John on the north, in length 139½ feet and in width at the north end 50 feet, and at the south end 45 feet. To have and to hold the said annual rent, together with the reversion of the *area* of land after the death of the said William and Alice, to the said Hugh and his heirs for ever.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Walter de Strete, John Markaunt, Walter de Comptone, Philip le Webbe.

Dated at Wells, in the vigil of the Apostles SS. Philip and James, 13 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A grotesque beast playing a harp. Legend indecipherable.

93. **1339.** Charter of John Bromfelde, called le Markaunt, of Wells, granting to Philip le Webbe of Wells and Alice his wife one messuage with the appurtenances in Toukerestrete, Wells, between the tenement of Nicholas Baak on the east and the tenement of Robert de Mertok on the west. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Richard le Eyr, Hugh de Somerton, Richard de Bradewelle, John Kyng, John Hygecok, John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday the morrow of St. Dunstan, 13 Edward III.

Two circular seals in brown wax. (1) The borough of Wells. (2) An animal with a bird in chief. Legend indistinct.

94. **1339.** Charter of Thomas Gyngelot and Alice his wife granting to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, one *place*

of land of the curtilage of the said Thomas in Wells, on the south of the tenement in which he now lives, containing in length from the said tenement on the north to the close of the tenement of Philip Sturel on the south, 54 feet, and stretching in breadth between the tenement of the said Thomas de Testwode on the east and the tenement of Richard de Bradewelle on the west. Rendering therefor yearly to the said Thomas and Alice at the feast of the Annunciation one pound of wax.

Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, Thomas le Saltare, Richard le Eyr, Richard de Bradewelle, John le Kyng, Hugh de Somerton, Richard atte More, Henry Martel, John Hyhecok, John le Monus, Philip Sturel.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, in the feast of St. James the Apostle, 13 Edward III.

Two circular seals on one split tab, in brown wax. (1) A six-pointed star. S' ALIS . . . GYLEMAY . . . (2) An Agnus Dei. Legend indistinct.

95. 1340. Charter of John Bromfeld, called Markaunt, burgess of Wells, granting to Walter de Middelton and Agnes his wife one messuage with a curtilage adjoining on the north of Toukerestrete, whereof the south end of the said messuage is situated between the tenement of Thomas le Salter, which was sometime of Alice la Parkere on the west, and the tenement of Robert de Mertok, formerly of Peter de Wodeclogh, on the east : and the said curtilage lies between the curtilage of the said Thomas le Saltere on the west, and the curtilage of Thomas, called le Pope, on the east.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Thomas Testwode, Richard le Eyr, Hugh de Somerton, Robert de Lovyngton, Walter de Strete, Walter de Compton, Henry Martel, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Friday next after the feast of the Annunciation, 14 Edward III.

96. 1340. Grant by Walter de Middilton, burgess of Wells, to Robert Roussel and Maud his wife of one house with a curtilage adjoining with the appurtenances in Wells, situated

next to the bishop's mill, outside the borough, for their lives. Rendering therefor yearly 5s. at the four principal terms for all services. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, John Markant, Richard Everard, Walter de Cumpston, Walter de Strete, Walter Braszettare.

Dated at Wells, 11 April, 14 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Male and female figures standing facing, with a spray of berries hanging over. Legend indecipherable.

97. 1340. Demise by Adam de Carleton to John de Holegod, burgess of Wells, of one messuage with a curtilage adjoining, on the east of Gropelane, between the tenement of the said John on the south, and the tenement of Mathew the cook on the north, for the life of Alice the wife of the said Adam. Rendering therefor yearly to Thomas Gyngelot and Alice his wife and their heirs 8s., and also to the wardens of the fabric of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, yearly in the feast of St. Dunstan 5*d.*, and making there one new suitable house, and the said messuage with the said house to sustain and repair the roof and all other necessities. The said Adam warrants the premises to the said John and his heirs during the life of the said Alice against Hugh le Barbere his heirs and assigns.

Witnesses : Robert de Lovyngton, Nicholas de Baak, John Gylle, weaver, Jurdan le Bakere, John Hychecok, John de Cote, John de Mertok.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday, in the feast of St. Alphege the archbishop, 14 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Fancy device. Legend indecipherable.

98. 1340. Charter of William Damolde, burgess of Wells, granting to Hugh de Somertone one messuage with the appurtenances and one *place* of a stable within the tenement of the said William in which he now lives, containing 17 feet in length, which messuage is situated in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of the said Hugh and the tenement of Robert de Mertok.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Thomas de Testwode, John Markant, Henry Martel, Philip le Webbe, Richard atte More, John Kyng, John Hygecok, John Pycher, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday in the feast of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 14 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A human mask between a sword and dagger. Legend indecipherable. Counter seal of the same device.

99. **1340.** Charter of William de la Lede granting to Philip Sturel one house on the east of St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the tenement of the said William on the south and the tenement of Thomas le Saltare on the north. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltare, Richard le Eyr, Walter de Compton, Hugh de Somerton, Richard de la More, Henry Martel, Philip le Webbe.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Armorial. Three charges on a bend. Indistinct.

100. **1341.** Charter of John de Fyfyhyde, vicar in the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, granting to Margaret his sister, one corner stall next to Jacobswelle, between the tenement of William de Cheleworth on the east and the tenement of Edith le Chaloner on the south, at the end of Wetelane. To have and to hold the said stall with the curtilage adjoining [*sic*] to the said Margaret and the heirs of her body, with reversion to the grantor and his heirs.

Witnesses : Walter de Middleton, mayor of Wells, John Markant, Richard le Eyr, William de Cheleworth, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 4 December, 15 Edward III.

Circular seal in yellow wax, much defaced. (?) The Virgin and a penitent kneeling.

101. **1343.** Charter of John Bromfelde, called Markant, burgess of Wells, granting to Walter atte Putte, junior, of

Wells, in free marriage with Margery, daughter of the said John, one tenement with the appurtenances in Toukerstret, Wells, between the tenement of the said John and the tenement of William Langeforde. Rendering therefore yearly to the cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Wells, at Easter, 6s. 8*d.* for all services, with reversion to the said John in default of heirs of the said Walter and Margery.

Witnesses : William Cheleworth, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, John Kyng, Henry le Colyer, Richard atte More, Robert Mertok.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 17 Edward III.

102. 1343. Power of attorney by John le Kyng, burgess of Wells, to Thomas Mertok and Henry Martel, burgesses of Wells, to deliver seisin to Hugh de Somerton, burgess of Wells, and Maud his wife, of one messuage with a curtilage in Southover in Wells, between the tenement of the prior of St. John on the east, and the tenement of Sir John Strete, rector of the church of Wethulle, on the west.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next before the feast of SS. Simon and Jude, 17 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. In a cusped quatrefoil the initial 'I', between four emblems of saints, a crown, an eagle, an Agnus Dei and a Catherine wheel.

103. 1343. Charter of John le Kyng, burgess of Wells, granting to Hugh de Somerton, burgess of Wells, and Maud his wife, two cottages with curtilages adjoining in Southovere in Wells, between the tenement of the prior of the hospital of St. John, Wells, on the east, and the tenement of Sir John Strete, rector of the church of Wethulle, on the west : and one piece of arable land next to the said curtilages, extending from the said curtilages to the water-course of the bishop's mill called Outmulle, which piece lies between the land of Sir John Strete on the west and the land of Richard atte More on the east.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Walter de Compton, Thomas

Mertok, John Markaunt, Henry Martel, Richard atte More, Robert de Lovyngton.

Dated at Wells, on the day of SS. Simon and Jude, 17 Edward III.

Seal—As No. 102.

104. **1345.** Charter of John le Boghyere, burgess of Wells, granting to Walter Compton of the same, 4s. annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement in which John Gille, webbe, formerly lived in Gropelane, Wells.

Witnesses : Thomas Draycote, John le Ropere, Walter de Miltone, John Bromfelde, John Hamme.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the Epiphany, 18 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. A shield within a quatrefoil cusped at the angles. Charges indecipherable.

105. **1346.** Grant by John le Boyar and Richard de Harpetre, executors of the will of Sir William de Bath, deceased, to Adam de Carleton, burgess of Wells, of one bench (*scabellum*) with the appurtenances in the High Street, Wells, on the west of the benches there : which same bench John, called le Markaunt, held of the said Sir William while he lived.

Witnesses : Hugh de Somerton, Thomas de Draycote, Robert de Lovyngton, John le Ropere, John Orum, John de Mertok, John Hologod, John Cote, Richard de Souwey,¹ William Wynd.

Dated at Wells, 12 May, 20 Edward III.

106. **1346.** Charter of John Lytelwyne, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere one tenement with appurtenances in Isakesmede in Froggelane on the east of the tenement of Henry Martel. With warranty.

Witnesses : Hugh de Somerton, Richard de la More, Philip le Webbe, John Smogiere, John Slye.

¹ Probably a mis-spelling of Stouwey.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday, next after the feast of St. Dunstan, 20 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax, poor impression. A device within an ornate border.

107. 1346. Charter of John Strete, rector of Whethulle, granting to John le Ropere and William Wynd one tenement with a curtilage and the appurtenances in Toukerstret, Wells, in which Peter Toukere now dwells, also one grange with a curtilage croft adjoining, which lie together on the east of the way which leads towards Woky : and also two acres of arable land lying upon *la Ruggis* next to the way which leads towards Woky : also the reversion of a certain tenement in Toukerstret in which Walter Strete, father of the said John, formerly dwelt, which same tenement Thomas Heggis holds for the term of his life : also the reversion of a certain messuage next the said tenement which Agnes Malmesbury holds for the term of her life, which same messuage is situated opposite the cross in the same street. With warranty.

Witnesses : John Bromfelde, Walter de Mylton, William Faukys, Thomas Phelpis, John Smogiere, John Hamme, William Wynd.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of St. Laurence, 20 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Poor impression. Within a double tabernacle, the blessed Virgin and child standing before a kneeling figure.

108. 1346. Charter of Thomas son and heir of Thomas le Devenyssche, formerly burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas le Saltere and Walter de Compton, burgesses of the same town, the tenement in which Thomas, the father of the Thomas of this charter, lived in Gropelane : and also five shops in the High Street, between the tenement which was formerly of Richard Toly on the east, and Gropelane on the west. With warranty.

Witnesses : Walter Temedebury, John le Ropere, John

Bromfelde, Walter de Miltone, Guy de Astyngton, Richard Everard, John Hychecok.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 20 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax, poor impression. A fancy device.

109. 1347. Quit-claim by Robert Geele, mason, and Christian his wife, daughter of Richard le Chaloner, late burgess of Wells, to Thomas le Saltar, burgess of Wells, of all his right in one messuage with a curtilage in Isakesmede in Wells, between the tenement which formerly belonged to Eadmund de Weleslegh on the west and the tenement of Thomas le Bole on the east. With warranty.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Walter de Compton, John Orum, John Hichcok, Stephen Gay.

Dated at Wells, 25 January, 21 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Fancy device.

110. 1347. Charter of William Lode, burgess of Wells, granting to master William de Bere, clerk, one messuage with a curtilage to the same adjoining with the appurtenances in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, between the messuage of Thomas le Salter on the north, and the messuage of the said William on the south, the said curtilage containing in length to the east 30 feet and in width 17 feet. With warranty.

Witnesses : Henry Martel, Philip le Webbe, John Hychecok, Richard atte Mor, William le Porter, Robert Salter, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, 17 March, 21 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, broken. An animal within a carved and cusped eightfoil.

111. 1347. Quit-claim by John, son and heir of Adam Canoun to Christian le Devenyssch, formerly the wife of Thomas le Devenyssch, burgess of Wells, of all his right in a messuage with the appurtenances on the east of Gropecon-telane, at the south end of the street, between the tenement

which the said Thomas le Devenyssh, deceased, had of the gift and feoffment of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the north and Chepestret on the south, and the tenement formerly of Richard Toly, while he lived, and Chepestret on the east, which same messuage the said John Canoun lately had with other tenements of the gift and feoffment of Sir William de Bourne, canon of the church of St. Andrew, Wells. With warranty.

Witnesses: John le Bowzare, Richard de Bradewell, Thomas de Dreycote, Richard Harpetre, John Hichcok, William Wynd, Jurdan le Baker.

Dated at Wells, 21 May, 21 Edward III.

Seal as No. 110.

112. 1347. Charter of Robert de Lovynton, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere, burgess of Wells, 4s. annual rent issuing out of a certain shop and upper chamber (*solarium*) adjoining, opposite Jacobbeswelle, on the east of the tenement of Thomas Hyhecok. With warranty.

Witnesses: Walter Temedebury, Walter de Miltone, Richard Everard, William Faukes, Nicholas Fykeys, John Smogger, John Hamme.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after Holy Trinity, 21 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. Impression from a gem. A merchant's mark.

113. 1347. Charter of Roger atte Walle, senior, granting to William de la Churchestyele, son and heir of John de la Churchestyele, deceased, ten and a half acres of arable land, lying in Wells in divers fields and divers places, of which one acre called Dedemanesacre lies in Cnapfeld between the land of Jordan Bodde on the south and the land of Julian Bagarel on the north: and one acre lies in the same field on the north of the High Street, between the land of Thomas de Draycote on the west and the land of Henry atte Berne on the east; and one acre lies next the High Street in the same field, be-

tween the land of Thomas de Draycote on the east and the land of John Prentiz on the west ; and one acre lies near the High Street, between the land sometime of master Thomas de Heselschawe on the east and the land of Richard Manywrenche on the west ; and one acre lies in la Cumbe, between the land of the lord of Doultcote on the south and the land of Thomas le Salter on the north ; and one acre lies at Torre, between the land of John le Frye of Horyngdone on the east and the said land on the west. Also in Wykesfeld, which is called Tydesbury, lies one half acre between the land of John Gok on the north and the land of William le Ray of Kokkeslegh on the south ; and two acres lie in the same field between the land of the prior of St. John's on the north and the land of Richard atte Wyk on the south ; and two acres lie upon Tydesbury, between the land of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the south and the land of Henry Swet of Wyk on the north ; and 12*d.* annual rent taken of Hugh de Somerton in the feast of St. John the Baptist for five acres of land which he holds in fee simple ; and 12*d.* annual rent taken yearly of Stephen Mey at the same feast for two and a half acres of land which he holds for the term of his life, with reversion to the said Roger. And one messuage with appurtenances containing in length 18 feet and in width 18 feet, situated in St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenement in which William le Porter dwells on the east and the tenement of Alice Curteys on the west, to have and to hold the said premises as aforesaid, with reversion to Roger de la Walle, junior. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, Walter de Comptone, Richard atte Mor, John le Langedighe, John Hychekok, John de Hamme, Nicholas Garselad, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday in the vigil of St. Andrew the Apostle 21 Edward III.

114. 1348. Acknowledgement by Philip le Webbe of Wells, that a wall commonly called *puygnon*, which he had recently built upon the soil of Master Walter de Hulle, arch-

deacon of Bath, between the tenement of the said Philip in St. Cuthbert's Street, Wells, and the tenement of the said Master Walter, belongs and ought to belong by hereditary right to the said Master Walter de Hulle ; and lest any question should arise, the said Philip grants the said wall to the said Master Walter. The grantor to maintain a gutter on the east side of the wall.

As the seal of the said Philip le Webbe is to many unknown, the seal of the exchequer of the bishop of Bath and Wells is also set.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Water de Compton, Hugh de Somerton, John le Boghiare, John le Ropere.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the Conversion of St. Paul, 22 Edward III.

Two circular seals in red wax, broken.

(1) A lion crouching, within an ornamental border.

(2) The exchequer of the bishop.

115. 1348. Bond of John, called le Ropere of Wells, steward of the borough of Wells, Peter le Moyner, Thomas le Salter, Thomas Testwode, Hugh de Somertone, Walter de Compton, John le Boyar, Walter de Milton, Philip le Webbe, Henry Martel, Richard le Eyr, Richard atte More, Richard de Bradewell, Gilbert le Boyar, Robert de Lovyngton, Robert le Boyar, Thomas de Draycote, John Hycheckok, William Wynd, John Orum, John Mounzs, John de Bradewell, Adam de Carleton, Adam de Bynneworthe, Robert le Baker, Robert de Mertok, burgesses of Wells and all and singular the burgesses of the same borough, to acquit from any tallage (royal or otherwise running in the borough of Wells) Cristian, the relict of Thomas le Devenyssh, so long as she shall live, the said Thomas having bequeathed to them one tenement, with five shops to the same adjoining, on the east side of Gropecountelane, and the said five shops are situated in the Great Street on the east side of Gropecountlane towards the tenement sometime of Richard Toly while he lived, for the lives of the said Cristian and Thomas her son. And after their death the

said Thomas le Devenyssch willed and ordained that the said tenement and five shops should remain to the steward of the borough and the wardens of the goods of the church of St. Cuthbert for the time being and to their successors, to find a chaplain to celebrate in the church of St. Cuthbert each year for ever for the souls of those named in the will of the said Thomas. With condition that in case of their default, the dean of Wells, or his deputy or their official, for the time being, may enforce this obligation by ecclesiastical censure.

Dated 7 April, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax, broken. The borough of Wells.

116. 1348. Charter of Cristine la Devenyssch, in her pure widowhood and full power, granting to John, called le Ropere, steward of the borough of Wells, Adam de Schepton and William Koksone, wardens of the goods of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, and the commonalty of the said borough, one tenement with five shops to the same adjoining with their appurtenances, on the east side of Gropecountelane, Wells, near the tenement which was of Richard Toly while he lived, according to the will of Thomas le Devenyssche, deceased.

Witnesses : John de Wyk, lord of Milton, Thomas Pany, Henry Toner, Roger le Boteler, Hugh atte Chapell, William de Aston, John atte Stone, Walter de Somertone, William le Touker of Wokyhole.

Dated at Wells, 9 April, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A beast, within an ornamental border.

117. 1348. Charter of Thomas Testewode, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere and Adam de Carleton 9s. annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement in Wells, on the west side of Wetelane, between the tenement formerly of Richard de la More on the north, and the tenement of the said Thomas on the south, which tenement Robert le Englissche formerly held.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Thomas Draycote, Walter

de Milton, Richard Everard, William Faukys, William Lodere, Richard Harpetree.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the feast of St. Bartholomew, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A shield charged with a saltire, the arms ending in annulets, an upright object in the centre, within a carved and cusped rosace.

118. 1348. Charter of Hugh de Somerton, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas le Saltere and Walter Compton all his lands &c. in Wells and Somerton.

Witnesses: John le Ropere, Walter de Milton, Thomas Draycote, William Faukys, Nicholas Fykeys.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Michael, 22 Edward III.

Seal as No. 117 with the addition of an inscription SIGILLU- NICOLAI FYKEYS.

119. 1348. Charter of Richard le Eyr, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere, burgess of Wells, one curtilage in Wells upon La Pole, on the west of the tenement of Gilbert le Boghyere; also the reversion of one acre of land in Wells in Middelforlong, lying between the land of Thomas Cheleworth on the east, and the land of the Blessed Mary on the west, which same acre John, son of the said Richard, holds for the term of his life; also the reversion of one half acre of land lying in a certain furlong called Olde Hull under the benches next the land which Walter de Compton now holds from the prior of St. John, Wells.

Witnesses: Richard de la More, Henry Martel, John Hyhecok, John Bradewell, Nicholas Fykeys.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Leonard the Abbot, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Within a double tabernacle the Blessed Virgin and infant, standing before a kneeling figure.

120. 1348. Charter of Walter atte Putte, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Roper a tenement with a curtilage adjoining in Toukerstret, between the tenement of Thomas le

Saltere on the east and the lane which leads towards the mead on the west ; also two messuages with the appurtenances called le Bakhous and le Bern.

Witnesses : Walter de Milton, Richard Everard, John Bradewell, Nicholas Fykeys, Richard Harpetree, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Katherine the Virgin, 22 Edward III.

121. **1348.** Charter of Roger de Fordham, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere and John Hamme one tenement with appurtenances in Gropelane in Wells, opposite the tenement of John Vyncent.

Witnesses : Henry Martel, Walter Compton, Adam Carlton, William Lodere, Stephen Gay.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A quatrefoil. Legend indistinct.

122. **1348.** Charter of Alice, the relict of John Lytelwyn deceased, in her pure widowhood and full power, granting to John le Ropere, steward of the borough of Wells and warden of the goods of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, one tenement with appurtenances in a lane called Isackesmed in the corner on the north of the said lane and on the east of the tenement sometime of Henry Martel. Rendering therefor yearly the services due and customary, and to the honour and service of Our Lady every year for ever 5s., for the souls of herself and her husband and all the faithful departed.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, William de Comptone, Thomas de Draycote, Richard atte More, William Wynd, Robert le Boyar, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Saturday, in the feast of St. Nicholas the bishop and confessor, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in green wax. An animal, within a border.

123. **1348.** Charter of Isabel, relict and executrix of William de Excestre, skinner and burgess of Wells, granting peaceful possession to Peter de Postbury of three perches of

arable land with appurtenances in Wells, in the fields of Swanynghill, between the lands of Richard atte More, sometime burgess of Wells, on the north, and the land of Hugh de Langebrigge, sometime burgess of Bristol, on the south, according to the will of the said William.

Witnesses : Robert de Alresford, Thomas le Saltere, Thomas de Draicote, William Faukes, John Mogge, Walter Forest, Adam Totteborn, Stephen le Foulere.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday, next after the feast of St. Thomas, 22 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, broken. A merchant's mark.

124. 1349. Probate of the will of John Scryvayn. To John le Ropere and his fellow wardens of St. Cuthbert's church my tenement in Chaumberlaynestrete, Wells, between the tenement of John le Ropere on the east, and the tenement of Thomas le Bole on the west, to maintain the light of Corpus Christi in the said church. To the fabric of the said church nineteen sheep, one mare and the moiety of two mares. One leaden vessel to the fabric of the church of St. Andrew. All my timber to the fabric of St. Cuthbert's church. To two men willing to go on a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Thomas, Canterbury, on behalf of myself and my wife Edith, 10s. To Isabel de Hokerstone one bed of the best sort, one napkin, one towel of the best sort, one gold ring, one silver ring, one pan and one little pitcher. To the hospital of St. John, Wells, one feather-bed, one brazen jar of the best quality. To brother Philip one bow and one half of my arrows, and the other half to brother Thomas. To brother Henry one round bow and my arrows. To Walter Forest one feather-bed and another *lectum vestilem*. To Richard Cammel one bed. To Isabel Hokerston one cask, one vat, one trendle of the better sort and one table with two trestles. To brother Henry one table with two trestles. To Emmot Rouburuwe one little pitcher. To Stephen Gay one dish. To Lettice Hokerston one *forsetum* with one pannier. To Isabel de Hokerston one coffer. To the hospital of St. John one iron gridiron. To Stephen Gay one

iron broach. To William de Rowbourghe one iron broach. To the sons of John Lene one bed ; and one pewter pitcher to Isabel de Hokerstone, and two pewter pitchers to William de Rouburgh and Stephen Gay. To John de Fyfhude one silver seal with one bag of silk. To Alice Sautri one pair of beads, one belt and one knife. The sons of John Lene shall take out of the residue of my goods according to the disposition of my executors ; and part to be applied in pious uses in celebrating masses and doing alms for my soul, and the souls of Edith my wife and all the faithful departed. I constitute and ordain as my executors John le Ropere and Stephen Gay.

Dated on Thursday in the feast of St. Vincent 1348.
Proved in the court of the dean of Wells 6 February, 1348/9.

125. 1349. Quit-claim by Alice, relict of William Pyrton, junior, deceased, in her full and pure widowhood, to John le Ropere, steward of the borough of Wells, of all her right in one plot of land and one *rekka* built on the same, which plot lies on the south of Toukerestrete, between the lane which leads to the bishop's mill on the east and the *rekka* of Hugh de Somerton on the west.

Witnesses : Thomas le Salter, Walter de Compton, William Wynd, Thomas Hegge, John de Hamme.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, 23 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, poor impression. An animal and legend.

126. 1349. Charter of William Coksone, burgess of Wells, granting to John le Ropere, one tenement with the appurtenances in Beggerestret, above Lorteborne, between the tenement of the said William on the east and the tenement of John his brother on the west, at the annual rent of 6*d.* for all services.

Witnesses : Thomas Draycote, William Faukes, Adam Carleton, Nicholas Fykeys, William Wynd.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after St. Michael the Archangel, 23 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. Letter R.

127. **1349.** Charter of Edith Chaloners, granting to William Wynd and Adam Carlton her tenement in Wetelane, opposite the tenement sometime of Richard de la More in Wells.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Walter Compton, William Lodere, Nicholas Fykeys, John Bradewell.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Apostles SS. Simon and Jude, 23 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A merchant's mark.

128. **1351.** Charter of Peter de Possebury, burgess of Wells, granting to Walter Sparke and Alice his wife three perches of arable land with appurtenances, lying in a certain furlong called Swanyngnam in the fields of Wells, between the land of Thomas atte More, burgess of Wells on the north, and the land of Thomas Rycheman of Bristol on the south.

Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Walter de Compton, William Style, John Manschippe, William Faukes.

Dated at Wells on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, 25 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark. Legend indistinct.

129. **1352.** Charter of William de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath and canon of Wells, granting to Walter de Compton, steward of Wells, and the commonalty of the same borough and their successors, one messuage with a curtilage in St. Cuthbert's Street, which the said William had of the gift and feoffment of Philip de Wydecumbe ; and one messuage with a curtilage in the same street, which he had of the gift and feoffment of Thomas de Milverton, to cause six masses to be celebrated yearly for ever, at their charge, by the vicar of St. Cuthbert's and by the chaplain of St. Mary the Virgin in the same church, in the feast of St. Katherine the Virgin and the two days next following, for the health of the grantor during his life and after his death and the souls of all the faithful departed, and also to cause special prayers to be offered by the vicar aforesaid each Sunday during high mass in the pres-

ence of the parishioners, and by the crier of the dead of the borough aforesaid each week as has been accustomed to be done for the parishioners of the said church ; and also to cause special memories to be made by all the chaplains whom the same steward and commonalty shall find in the said church celebrating divine service every day at suitable times during the canon of the mass ; granting also to the steward and commonalty and their successors the reversion of one tenement with a curtilage situated in the same street, and which one William Lullock, chaplain, holds of the grantor for the term of his life, and which after his death should revert to the grantor and his heirs, but nevertheless after the death of the said William the same shall remain to the steward and commonalty and their successors for ever in form abovesaid. With power of the dean and chapter of Wells to enter therein in case of default.

Witnesses : Sir Walter de Rodeneye, John de Cumbe, bailiff of the liberty of Wells, Ralph de Tydderlegh, Hugh of the chapel, Guy de Astyngton, Richard Everard, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after St. James the Apostle, 26 Edward III.

130. **1352.** Quit-claim by William Jurdan and Edith his wife to Alan le Lodere and Agnes his wife, of all their right in a tenement with appurtenances in Gropelane, between the tenement which was of Nicholas de Bath, clerk, on the north, and the tenement of John le Ropere on the south.

Witnesses : Walter de Compton, Thomas le Saltere, John le Ropere, Thomas de Draycote, William Wynd, William Faukes, John de Hamme, John Smoggere, John Jurdan, Richard de Harpetre, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday in the feast of St. James the Apostle, 26 Edward III.

Two circular seals in brown wax.

(1) A bird within interlaced triangles.

(2) A figure (?) Apollo, standing beneath branches. Legend indecipherable. Impression from an intaglio gem.

131. **1354.** Quit-claim by John de Bruggewater to John Frysel of Wells, of all his right in one messuage with appurtenances in Southovere, which he had of the gift of the said John de Frysel.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, John Smoggere, John Hamme, Adam Byneworth, Thomas Saltere.

Dated at Wells, on Saturday, next after the feast of St. Ambrose, 28 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. On a small shield a chevron, the point of the shield resting on the back of a crouching lion. Legend indecipherable.

132. **1354.** Charter of Walter de Compton, burgess of Wells, granting to Richard Staweye and Nicholas Cristesham an annual rent of 4s., issuing out of a certain tenement in which John Gille sometime lived in Gropelane, on the north part of a certain messuage called le Bakhous.

Witnesses : John Ropere, Thomas Draycote, John Smoggere, Nicholas Fykeys, John Chestre.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 28 Edward III.

Seal as No. 118.

133. **1356.** Charter of William Wynd and Adam de Carleton, burgesses of Wells, granting to Richard Stoweye and Nicholas Cristesham the tenement which they had by the gift and feoffment of Edith Challonere in Wetelane, opposite a tenement formerly of Thomas de Testwode and Richard de la More.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Thomas Draycote, John Bouedych, Henry Bouedych, John Broun, William Churchstile, Richard Ferour.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 30 Edward III.

Two circular seals in red wax.

(1) Interlaced triangles, device in centre gone (broken).

(2) A hawk trussing a bird. Legend indecipherable.

134. **1357.** Release and quit-claim by Richard de Waltham, called Penicrych, and Margaret his daughter, to Edith, relict of Thomas le Saltere, from every kind of trespass done in their tenement in St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenement sometime of Walter atte Putte on the one part, and the tenement sometime of Gilbert le Bowyzar on the other part.

Witnesses: John de Coumbe, Richard Everard, Alan Lodar, William Faukes, Nicholas Fykeys.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday, next before the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle, 31 Edward III.

Two circular seal in red wax.

(1) A merchant's mark.

(2) A penitent kneeling before the Blessed Virgin. Legend broken away.

135. **1357.** Charter of Thomas Larder of Mertok granting to Roger de Ievelton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, two messuages with appurtenances in Wetlane, between the tenement of Thomas Tholy on the one part, and the tenement sometime of Philip Storel on the other part, for the term of his life, rendering one rose yearly at the feast of St. John the Baptist for all services.

Witnesses: John le Ropere, Thomas de Dreycote, Adam de Thettebourn, William Wynde, Adam de Carleton.

Dated at Wells, on Friday in the feast of the Nativity of St. Mary the Virgin, 31 Edward III.

Circular seal in black wax, broken. A human mask within a double eightfoil.

136. **1357.** Charter of Thomas Lardere of Martock granting to Guy, son of Guy de Astyngton, one rose yearly rent issuing out of two messuages with appurtenances in Wetelane, situated between the tenement of Thomas Tholy on the one part, and the tenement sometime of Philip Storel on the other part, which Roger de Ievelton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, holds of the said Thomas Lardere for the term of his life. To have and to hold the said rose, together

with the reversion of the said messuages when it shall fall in, after the decease of the said Roger, to the said Guy and his heirs for ever.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Thomas Dreycote, William de Churstyle, Adam de Carleton, William Wynde.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the Nativity of St. Mary the Virgin, 31 Edward III.

Seal as No. 135, in red wax.

137. **1358.** Charter of Thomas Hegge and Maud his wife granting to Walter de Middelton, burgess of Wells, and Agnes his wife, one messuage with one small shop in Toukerstret, between the tenement of John atte Brugge on the south, and the land which was formerly of Richard de Welles, called Riche-man, which is called Jacobiscroft on the north.

Witnesses : John le Ropere then steward, Robert Wayfer, Walter de Compton, John atte Brugge, William Faukes.

Dated on Tuesday, in the feast of St. Cuthbert, 32 Edward III.

Two circular seals in black wax.

(1) A female head within a double triangle.

(2) Two hands clasped in saltire. Legends indecipherable.

138. **1358.** Grant by William Storel and Christian his wife, and Margery, daughter of Gilbert le Boweare, to John Bosard, tucker, and Cecily his wife, of one messuage with a curtilage in St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenements sometime of Thomas le Saltare on both sides, at the yearly rent of 10s.

Witnesses : Richard Everard, William Compton, John Bouedich, William atte Wode, Richard Tannare.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next before the Nativity of St. Mary the Virgin, 32 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, broken. Two hands clasped in saltaire.

139. **1359.** Charter of William de Wokyhole, tucker, granting to Richard de Stoweys and Alice his wife and the

heirs of the said Richard, two messuages with a curtilage adjoining in St. Cuthbert's Street, between the tenement of William Chaumberleyn on the north and the messuage of the said Richard on the south.

Witnesses : Guy de Astyngton, Walter de Temedebury, John le Ropere, Nicholas Fikeys, Adam Tettebourne, Peter Possebury, Adam de Carleton.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the Conversion of St. Paul, 33 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. A penitent kneeling before the Blessed Virgin and child, seated. Legend gone.

140. **1361.** Quit-claim by Walter de Temedebury, burgess of Wells, to Thomas de Oxenford and Maud his wife and the heirs of Thomas, of one messuage on the south of the Great Street of Wells, between the tenement of William Fellard, while he lived, on the west, and the tenement sometime of Geoffrey de La More on the east.

Witnesses : Walter de Compton, Thomas de Draycote, John le Ropere, Richard de Stoweie, William Faukes, Nicholas Fikeys, Peter Possebury.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next before the feast of St. George, 35 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. On a shield a griffin between three crosses, within an elaborate rosace carved and cusped. There is an outer protective coat of brown wax.

141. **1363.** Will of Walter de Compton, burgess of Wells, merchant. Dated on Sunday, next after the feast of St. Martin, 1362. To be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, before the altar of the apostles SS. Peter and Paul. I bequeath for my funeral expenses on the day of my burial and to be distributed amongst poor Christians 10*li.*, and thereof I will that every chaplain who is present late at night in my house at *placebo* and *dirige* 3*d.*, and on the morrow at mass 3*d.* I bequeath 20*s.* to be distributed amongst the canons and vicars of the church of St. Andrew, Wells, chanting in the choir of the said church late at night at *placebo* and *dirige*

and on the day of my burial one chapter mass for my soul. For tolling my knell in the belfry of St. Andrew, Wells, 2s. For three clerks of St. Cuthbert, Wells, 6*d.* I bequeath 20s. for bread and 8s. for repairing shoes, to be distributed to the poor for my soul. I bequeath for holding my obit in the first month, as well in the church of St. Andrew as St. Cuthbert, Wells, 100s. To the vicar of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for my tithes forgotten 6*li.* I bequeath 10*li.* for celebrating yearly in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for my soul, my parents, benefactors and all the faithful departed. I give and bequeath 6s. 8*d.* annual rent issuing every year out of my tenement situated in the High Street, Wells, between my tenement which I had by the feoffment of John le Prest on the east, and the tenement of the prior of the hospital of St. John, Wells, on the west, to Nicholas de Cristesham and his fellow wardens of the goods of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, to have and to hold to him and his successors in the same office for ever in form as follows, viz.—that they render and pay yearly 2s. to the fraternity of the Blessed Mary and 2s. to the fraternity of Holy Trinity in the church of St. Cuthbert for ever, to hold a memorial for me and Margery my wife, and to participate in all the prayers of the fraternity; and I will and ordain that with the 2s. 8*d.* residue of the said annual rent, the said wardens shall hold yearly my obit in the church aforesaid, and that the vicar there shall take thereof on that day each year, 6*d.*; to the said wardens for their labours, 6*d.*; to the clerk for tolling, 2*d.*; extra for his office 1*d.*, and all the residue of the said 2s. 8*d.* shall be applied in pious uses, celebrating masses, and alms for the poor. I bequeath all that tenement which I had of the gift and feoffment of Robert Noreys with the rent of 6s. 8*d.* to Margery my daughter, the wife of Ralph Coker and the heirs of Margery for ever, and if the said Margery should die without heirs of her body, then the said tenement with appurtenances shall wholly revert and remain to my next heirs for ever, and if no heirs of my blood remain, then the same shall revert and remain to the fraternities of Holy Trinity and St. Mary in the church of

St. Cuthbert for ever. I bequeath and grant all that tenement which I had of the gift and feoffment of John le Prest, situated in the High Street, Wells, to Margery my wife for the term of her life, and after her death to Maud my daughter, the wife of Thomas Hegge and the heirs of the said Maud for ever, and if the said Maud should die without heirs of her body, then the said tenement shall revert to the next heirs of my blood for ever, and in default to the abovesaid fraternities for ever. I bequeath and grant 5s. annual rent, issuing yearly out of the tenement in which I dwell in the High Street, between the tenement of Thomas Draycote on the east, and my tenement, formerly of John le Prest, on the west, to the wardens of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for ever, to hold every year a solemn anniversary for my soul and for Margery my wife as well while living as after her death, and that from the said rent the vicar of the church for the time being shall take 6*d.*, the chaplain of St. Mary 3*d.* and every other chaplain in the same church 2*d.*, the said wardens 6*d.* and the steward of the guild of Wells 12*d.* yearly for ever, so that the said steward may see the said works are observed. I give and grant all that said tenement in which I dwell, charged with the said rent of 5s., and the moiety of one cellar for wine, the other moiety of which John le Ropere holds of me for 7 years, with a certain burgage, situated in the High Street, Wells, which I had by feoffment of William Byngham and a certain croft situated next to the cemetery of St. Cuthbert, Wells, with a certain *rixede fixa* to Margery my wife, and after her decease the same tenement wherein I dwell shall revert and remain to Ralph Coker and Margery my daughter, the wife of the said Ralph, and the heirs of my said daughter Margery, and in default of heirs of the body of the said Margery, the reversion to the next heirs of my blood, and in default to the abovesaid two fraternities; to the same fraternities the reversion of the said croft with the *rixede* for ever after the death of my said wife, to pray for my soul and the soul of my wife. To Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, and the chapter of the same, six marks yearly rent issuing out of a certain burgage on the south of

the High Street, Wells, between the tenement, sometime of John le Boghiar, and the stalls of Thomas Draycote on the east, and the shop which Thomas Scherston inhabits on the west, which same burgage, (except one stall and one wine cellar of the said burgage), Henry Bouedich and Joan his wife hold of me for the said rent of six marks for the term of their lives, together with the reversion of the said burgage and one stall to the same adjoining after the death of the said Henry and Joan when it shall happen ; also to the said dean and chapter one stall likewise adjoining to the said burgage, facing the high road, and 1*d.* annual rent which John le Ropere renders to me for the moiety of the wine-cellar belonging to the said burgage, which he holds of me for seven years, together with the reversion thereof after the end of the said seven years, and the reversion of the other half of the same cellar, above bequeathed, after the death of Margery my wife. To the said dean and chapter 10*s.* annual rent arising yearly from a certain burgage in the High Street, opposite Jacobbeswelle, between the shop of William atte Wode on the west, and the shop of Christian Combehawey on the east, which same burgage Alice Crouters holds of me for the term of her life, together with the reversion of the said burgage after the death of the said Alice, to have and to hold the said rents of six marks, 1*d.*, and 10*s.*, the said stall, together with the reversions of the said burgage and all the said wine cellar, when they shall fall, to the said dean and chapter and their successors, freely and in peace for ever, by the services therefor due and customary, and which after the death of the said Henry and Joan Bouedich, Margery my wife, and Alice Crouters, and after the end of the said seven years ought to revert to me and my heirs, shall wholly revert and remain to the said dean and chapter and their successors for ever, so that the said dean and chapter shall find a suitable chaplain, who is to be a vicar in the said church, to celebrate a perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Stephen in the same church, using the office which usually was used for the departed, for my soul and the souls of Margery my wife, my benefactors

and all the faithful departed, and who shall take from the rents arising from the said burgage four marks sterling yearly for his stipend by the hand of the communar of the said church at the customary terms. I will that 26s. 8*d.* of the rent of the said burgage, beyond the said four marks, be distributed every year for my obit and likewise for Margery my wife on the same day in the said church, the canons and vicars being present late at night at *placebo* and *dirige* and on the morrow at the chapter mass for our souls and the others aforesaid. To the holy church for tolling the knell yearly with the great bell 8*d.*, and what remains of the said six marks the said dean and chapter shall have to their own use to find books, lights and vestments and other necessities for the same chantry; and I will that the said chantry shall be collated or assigned each year to such suitable chaplain on the morrow of St. Michael, together with the other chantries by the dean if he be present, or by the sub-dean, and in their absence by the more worthy below the dean then present. I will that the charter and muniments of the said burgage touching and concerning this my will, without fraud, be freely given by my executors to the said dean and chapter within a month from the time of my death, to remain in the archives of the treasury of the church of Wells, and at the same time I will that the said dean and chapter make security to my executors under their seal, which is to remain in the treasury of St. Cuthbert, Wells, under the custody of the steward of the guild and the commonalty of the said town. I give 20s. for the repair of the house of the prior of St. John, Wells, which was formerly of William atte Wythie. To the friars minor of Bridgwater 20s. To the four orders of friars in Bristoll 4*li.* To the bretheren of St. John, Bath, 20s., upon condition that they celebrate and cause to be celebrated within one year from the time of my death all the masses which are above named for my soul and for all the faithful departed. I bequeath 20s. for eight trentals to be celebrated in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells. To my daughter Margery and Ralph Coker her husband, in the name of marriage, and no other manner, 20*li.*, one piece of

silver and six spoons. I bequeath to the same by mere bequest 100s. and two beds. To my daughter Maud, wife of Thomas Hegge, 6*li.* in silver, one piece of silver and six silver spoons. To the same Thomas Hegge 20s. and my best girdle. For psalters 40*d.* To Richard de Horsforde 40*d.* To Margery Moniers 40s. To Sir William Lullok, chaplain, 40s. My executors to make a true inventory of all my goods, and I will that Margery my wife shall have one half of all the same goods, also one bed and the linen belonging. The rest of my goods to be dispensed and applied in pious uses within the diocese of Bath and Wells, according to the ordination of the said Margery Moniers, and Sir William Lullok.

Witnesses : Margery my wife, Margery Moniers, Sir William Lullok.

Proved before the dean of Wells, 6 January, 1362/3.

142. 1364. Charter of Margery Moniers, daughter and executrix of Thomas Testwode, late burgess of Wells, deceased, granting to William Cossch of Waltecombe, one acre of arable land lying upon the Hywyssch next the furlong of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the north, and the land of John atte Brok on the south, which same acre was the said Thomas Testwode's while he lived.

Witnesses : John Hamme, Richard Prentys, Walter Baker, Nicholas Fykeys, John Gurdel.

Dated at Wells, on Saturday, next after All Saints, 38 Edward III.

Seal broken.

143. 1366. Quit-claim by Henry Bouedicgh and John Hethfeld, burgesses of Wells, to Thomas Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife of a certain tenement in the High Street, Wells, and also of two butcher's benches to the same tenement belonging, situated in the south part of the street, between the tenement sometime of Robert le Bakere on the east and the tenement which Luke Cortey holds on the west.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Richard Sto . . . , Nicholas

de Cristesham, Thomas Phelippes, Robert Coumpe, John Broun, Richard Ferror.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the Invention of the Holy Cross, 40 Edward III.

Two circular seals in red wax. (1) ? The vernicle. (2) A trefoil over an object. Legends indecipherable.

144. **1366.** Charter of John Saucer and Christian his wife granting to John Broun of the Leyghe, John Crau of Thacham, Roger Berd of the same, Thomas Saucer of Amberbury, Roger Broun and Thomas Jervays a burgage in Wells called the Leden Porche with the appurtenances, which sometime belonged to William atte More, and lies between the burgage of the prior of St. John's on the one part, and the burgage sometime of Walter Douzate on the other part.

Witnesses : Richard Stoweie, Thomas Felippes, William Cherstile, Thomas atte Chambre of Thacham, Richard atte Berne.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday next after the feast of St. Denys, 40 Edward III.

145. **1367.** Charter of Walter Sparke called Foreste granting to William Mertok of Wells and Alice his wife three perches of arable land in Swanyngnam furlong in the fields of Wells, between the land of Thomas atte More on the north and the land of Thomas Rycheman of Bristol on the south.

Witnesses : Walter Temedebury, John le Ropere, John Gurdel, Nicholas Fykeys, Nicholas Cristeham.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the Purification of the blessed Mary, 41 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, broken. A head. Legend indistinct.

146. **1369.** Charter of John Jacob of Herford and Joan his wife and Christian Richeman, daughter of Thomas Rycheman, late burgess of Bristol, granting to Philip del Chambre of Henle in Ardern a tenement with appurtenances in the Great Street of Wells in which Richard Corteys, junior, sometime lived, between the tenement sometime of Alexander Baker on the west and the tenement of Robert le Baker on

the east, and extending from the said street to the stream from St. Andrew's well ; also another tenement in the same street sometime of Robert Dygdale, between the tenement sometime of Stephen de Wedmor and Alice his wife on the west, and a shop called St. Andrew's shop on the east, and extending from the said street to the land late of Adam de Cheleworth ; also one other tenement in Gropecontelane which Thomas le Mason and Agnes his wife formerly held for the term of their lives, between the tenement which Ralph Randolf lately held on the north and the tenement which John atte More sometime inhabited on the south ; also 40*d.* of annual rent of assize issuing from a certain tenement which John de Cheleworth, senior, lately held in the same town opposite the church of St. Thomas.

Witnesses : Walter Derby, then mayor of Bristol, William Bacon and John Bout, bailiffs of the said town, Geoffrey Wermynstere and Walter Mulleward, then stewards, Walter Frompton, Edward Blanket, Ellis Spelly, Richard Brompton.

Dated at Bristoll, 23 April, 43 Edward III.

Three circular seals in red wax. (1) A shield—defaced. Legend indistinct. (2) A fancy device. (3) A fancy device. Legend indistinct.

147. 1369. Charter of John Saucer of Thacham and Christian his wife, daughter of William atte More of Wells, granting to William Coumbe, burgess of Bristol, an annual rent of 30*s.* issuing out of a tenement sometime of William atte More, called the Ledeneporche.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristusham, Henry Bouedich, Walter Temptebury, John Stonhard, John Bakere.

Dated at Wells, 5 July, 43 Edward III.

Small circular seal in red wax, poor impression.

148. 1370. Quit-claim by Philip de la Chambre of Henlegh in Arderne to Walter Halyete, burgess of Wells, and Christian his wife, of all his right in 2*s.* annual rent issuing out of a certain shop with a curtilage in the High Street, Wells, opposite the tenement of Richard Stoweys, which rent the said Philip

acquired from Joan and Christian the daughters and heirs of Thomas Rycheman, late burgess of Bristol.

Witnesses : Thomas Phelippes, Richard Staweye, Nicholas Cristesham, Henry Bouedich, Walter Bakere, Nicholas Fikeys, Robert Compe.

Dated at Wells on Thursday, next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 44 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax, impression from a ring. On a shield, a boar passant.

149. 1370. Quit-claim by Philip de la Chambre of Heenlegh in Arderne to Walter de Halegate, burgess of Wells, of the premises as in No. 148.

Witnesses : Thomas Phelippes, Richard Stoweye, Nicholas de Cristesham, Henry Bouedych, John Smoggere, Walter Bakere, John Hampme.

Date and seal as No. 148.

150. 1371. Charter of John Hethfeld and Agnes his wife granting to Henry Bouedicgh the tenement which they inhabit in the High Street, Wells, between the tenement sometime of Robert Bergh on the east and the tenement sometime of Petronell Northorn on the west, with two butcher's benches opposite the said tenement, for the term of their lives.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Richard Stouweie, Nicholas de Cristesham, John Smoggere, Henry Bereford, John Hamme, Richard Prentic.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, in the feast of the apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 45 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. A squirrel amidst foliage.

151. 1371. Charter of William Coker granting to Thomas Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife and the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, one tenement in Wells, which John Hethfelde and Agnes his wife lately held in the High Street, between the tenement of Alexander Bakere on the west and the tenement of Robert Bakere on the east ; also

one other tenement in Gropelane which Thomas le Masson and Agnes his wife hold, between the tenement formerly of Ralph Randolf on the north and the tenement formerly of John atte More on the south ; also 40*d.* annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement which John Cheleworth, senior, lately held, opposite the church of St. Thomas ; also 4*s.* 8*d.* annual rent issuing out of five acres of land, sometime of Thomas Rycheman, and which John Hethfelde and Agnes his wife held ; also 4*s.* 8*d.* of rents issuing out of two parts of all the lands which were Thomas Rycheman's, that Robert Truyt and Margery his wife held ; also 2*s.* of rent issuing out of one cottage which Nicholas Gardyner holds in New Street ; also one toft lying on the east part of New Street in Wells. To have and to hold the said two tenements and all the said rents together with the reversion of all the said lands and tenements after the deaths of the said Robert, Margery and Nicholas when they shall happen.

Witnesses : John Roper, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Phelpes, John Gurdel, Nicholas Fykeys.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 45 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. Figure of St. Laurence and the gridiron. Legend indecipherable.

152. 1371. Quit-claim by Sir William Forde, chaplain, to William Coker of all his right in those lands, tenements, rents &c. which were formerly Thomas Rycheman's in Wells and which Philip de la Chambre of Henlegh in Ardern gave to William Richeman.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Nicholas de Cristesham, Thomas Phelippes, Richard de Stouweye, John Smoggere, John Broun, Richard Ferroure.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 45 Edward III.

Circular seal in black wax, impression from a ring. A male head in an oval frame. Long legend, indecipherable.

153. 1371. Charter of William Coker granting to Thomas

Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife a tenement in Wells which John Hethfelde and Agnes his wife lately held, with two butcher's benches in the High Street, (remainder of deed as No. 151).

Witnesses : as in 151, except Thomas Phelippes instead of Phelpes.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next before the feast of the Ascension, 45 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. The vernicle within a carved border. Legend too small to decipher.

154. 1371. Quit-claim by Henry Bouedich and John Hethfelde, burgesses of Wells, to Thomas Tannere and Isabel his wife of all their right in one tenement in the High Street, Wells, sometime inhabited by John Hethfelde.

Witnesses : John Roper, Richard Stoweys, Nicholas Cristesham, Nicholas Fikeys, John Gurdel.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, the feast of Pentecost, 45 Edward III.

Two circular seals in red wax on one tab. (1) A shield, charges indecipherable. (2) A merchant's mark. RICHARDUM . . . STO . . .

155. 1372. Quit-claim by Margery le Moniers, sometime wife of Peter le Monier, of Wells, to William Couk, son and heir of Mathew le Couk, of Wells, of all her right in a tenement in Wetelane, which same tenement Richard le English lately held, situated between the tenement which John le Rede now inhabits on the south, and the tenement of Henry Broun on the north.

Witnesses : John Roper, Richard Stoweys, John Gurdel, Nicholas Fykeys, Richard Ferroure, William Churchstile, John Chestre.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, 45 Edward III.

Seal broken.

156. 1372. Quit-claim by Richard Purs, executor of the will of Hugh de Langebrigg, sometime burgess of Bristol, to

Thomas Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife of all his right in five acres of arable land, one tenement, two shops and two benches adjoining the said tenement, which formerly were Thomas Rycheman's.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, then steward of Wells, John le Ropere, Henry Bouedych, Richard Stoweye, John Gurdel, Thomas Phelpes, Richard Ferroure.

Dated at Wells, on Wednesday the vigil of SS. Simon and Jude, 46 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. A squirrel. Legend indecipherable.

157. 1372. As No. 156, with the following addition,—As the seal of the above Richard Purs is unknown to many, the common seal of the borough of Wells is also affixed. The names of Thomas Phelpes and Richard Ferroure do not appear as witnesses in this version.

Two circular seals in red wax. (1) On a shield? three covered cups. Legend indecipherable. (2) Borough of Wells.

158. 1372. Charter of Walter Compton, burgess of Wells, granting to Richard Staweye, burgess, the reversion of a croft with a *recka* built upon the same croft, after the death of Margery Loriones, which croft lies between the churchyard of St. Cuthbert on the south, and Beggerstret on the north.

Witnesses : John Ropere, Thomas Draycote, William Churchstighele, John Smoggere, Nicholas Fykys.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after All Saints, 46 Edward III.

Circular seal in brown wax. The Blessed Virgin sitting holding the Child, a penitent kneeling on her right.

159. 1373. John le Ropere, burgess of Wells, granting to William Churchstighele and Stephen le Skynnere, wardens of the goods of the fraternity of Holy Trinity of the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, 2s. annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement which Benedict Bakere and Alice his wife hold of him in Toukerstret, Wells, between the tenement which John Medway now holds on the east, and the tenement which Philip Wylmot now holds on the west.

Witnesses: Nicholas de Cristesham, Henry Bouedich, Thomas de Mertok, Richard Stoweye, Thomas Phelpes, John Smoggere, Richard Ferroure.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of the Epiphany, 46 Edward III.

Seal broken.

160. 1373. Quit-claim by Christian, daughter and heir of William atte More, sometime burgess of Wells, to Nicholas de Crystesham and Maud his wife of all her right in 34s. annual rent, issuing out of a certain tenement which John Oldeman, baker, and Alice his wife hold of the said Christian for the term of their lives, on the south of the High Street, Wells, between the tenement which the said John holds of William Couk on the east, and the tenement of John Hotale on the west, together with the reversion of the same tenement after the deaths of the said John and Alice.

Witnesses: Henry Bouedych, Richard Stoweye, John Gurdel, Richard Ferroure, John Smoggere, William Churchstighele, John Skybard.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of St. George the martyr, 47 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. ? A figure of St. Laurence holding a gridiron. Legend indecipherable.

161. 1374. Quit-claim by John Chestre of Wells to Nicholas de Cristesham and Maud his wife of all his right in a shop with a chamber adjoining, in the High Street, Wells, between the shop sometime of John Salman on the north and the shop of the said Nicholas de Cristesham on the south, which same shop and chamber the said John Chestre lately had of the gift and grant of Robert Truyt for the term of his life.

Witnesses: John Ropere, Henry Bouedych, Robert Compe, Nicholas Fykeys, Adam Carlton, John Splot, William Hert.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of the translation of St. Paul, 48 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. A squirrel.

162. 1375. Quit-claim by John Gy, son and heir of Guy de Astyngton, deceased, to John Gurdal alias Standych and Agnes his wife, of all his right in two tenements on the west of Wetelane, between the tenement of William Modeforde on the south and the tenement of William Sturel on the north.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, then steward, Henry Bouedych, Richard Staweye, Thomas Phelippes, John Smoggere, Richard Ferroure, Walter Halyete.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of St. Matthew, 49 Edward III.

Small circular seal in green wax. A fancy device.

163. 1375. Quit-claim by William Coker to Thomas Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife and the heirs of the said Thomas of all his right in one tenement and two butchers' benches in Wells which John Hethfeld and Agnes his wife held ; also in 26s. 8d. of annual rent issuing out of the said premises ; also in 40d. of annual rent issuing out of a tenement in Wells which John de Cheleworthe, senior, lately held, opposite the church of St. Thomas ; also in 4s. 8d. of annual rent issuing out of five acres of land in the fields of Wells which John Hethfeld and Agnes his wife lately held, and also in the reversion thereof after their death ; also in 4s. 8d. of annual rent issuing out of two parts of all the lands which were Thomas Richeman's, which Robert Truit and Margery his wife hold for the term of their lives, and in the reversion thereof after their death ; also in 2s. of annual rent issuing out of a cottage which Nicholas Gardiner holds in New Street, also in the reversion thereof ; also in one toft on the east of New Street.

Witnesses : John le Ropere, Richard Stouweie, Nicholas de Cristesham, John Smoggere, Thomas Phelippes, John Broun, Richard Ferroure.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next before Holy Trinity, 49 Edward III.

Circular seal in red wax. The vernicle in a cusped panel and carved sexfoil.

164. **1377.** Charter of John Smoggere and John Hamme granting to Richard Stowey and Nicholas de Cristesham 3s. annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement in Wells, sometime of John de Wells, late servant of Hugh de Somerton, on the east of Gropelane, opposite the tenement of Jordan le Bakere.

Witnesses : Henry Bouedich, Thomas Phelpes, William Churchstile, John Brown, John Gurdel.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the Nativity of the Blessed Mary the Virgin, 1 Richard II.

Two circular seals in red wax. (1) A man's head. (2) On a shield, a cross, each arm ending in a roundel.

165. **1379.** Quit-claim by Thomas Lodere, chaplain, son and heir of Alan Lodere, sometime burgess of Wells, deceased, to Sir Thomas Saltere, canon of Wells, of all his right in a certain tenement in Gropelane, between the tenement sometime of John le Ropere, burgess of Wells, on the south, and the tenement sometime of Thomas Draycote on the north, on the east of the said street ; also in a messuage in the High Street, on the west side, between the messuage of the prior of St. John's on the south, and the messuage in which Adam le Ferroure dwells on the north ; also in a tenement or messuage in Bystewall, in the suburbs of Wells, between the messuage in which John Cok dwells on the west and the succentory of the cathedral church of Wells on the east ; also in all the lands, tenements and rents, together with the reversions of the same, which the said Alan Lodere his father had, while he lived, in the said town, and which right and inheritance ought to descend to the said Thomas by the death of the said Alan his father.

Witnesses : Nicholas Crystesham, Henry Bouedych, Thomas Tanner, John Gurdel, Richard Ferroure, William Churchstyle, Richard Laundei, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary the Virgin, 2 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A fancy device.

166. **1380.** Quit-claim by William Rycheman to Sir William de Camel, precentor of the church of St. Andrew, Wells, and to his successors there for ever, of all his right in a certain shop on the south of the High Street, between the messuage in which John Richard now dwells on the east and the shop formerly of Gilbert le Boghyare on the west ; and one messuage built against the kitchen of Henry Bouedych, with the waste place lying on the west side of the tenement of the said Henry.

Witnesses : Henry Bouedych, Thomas Tannere, Nicholas de Cristesham, Richard de Stoweys, Thomas de Mertok, William Churchestyle, Robert Compe.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the Epiphany, 3 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A fancy device.

167. **1380.** Charter of John Gurdel *alias* Standych, burgess of Wells, and Agnes his wife granting to Thomas Halyete, burgess of Wells, and Margery his wife and Joan their daughter a messuage with a curtilage in Southovere, between the tenement of John Waryn, canon of the cathedral church of Wells, on the west and the messuage of the prior of the hospital of St. John, Wells, on the east, which same messuage with the curtilage John Smoggere and Joan his wife held together while they lived of the said John and Agnes. Rendering therefor yearly 7s.

Witnesses : Nicholas Crystesham, Henry Bouedich, Thomas Tannere, Thomas Phelpis, Walter Halyate, John Wode, Richard Launde, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after St. Hilary, 3 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A letter T.

168. **1380.** Charter of William Churchstighele and John Churchstighele, wardens of the goods of Holy Trinity in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, with the assent and consent of William Bullok, chaplain, and Henry Bouedych, conservator,

and all the brethren of the said fraternity, granting to Sir John Fitzpayn, knt., and Eleanor his wife a tenement with a curtilage on the west of Nywestet in Wells, between the messuage which Nicholas Hethe holds of the said wardens on the north, and the waste place sometime of Roger Brekebek on the south, for the term of their lives. Rendering therefor 20s. yearly.

Witnesses : Nicholas Crystesham, Richard Staweye, Thomas Tanner, Thomas Philippes, John Broun, Richard Ferroure, Philip Don.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 4 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax, broken. On a shield, within a carved border, a pair of wings (?)

169. **1380.** Charter of William Mertok, burgess of Wells, and Alice his wife granting to Henry Oldeweie, butcher, three perches of arable land lying in a certain parcel of arable land called Swanyngham in the fields of Wells, between the land sometime of Thomas More on the north and the land formerly of Thomas Rycheman of Bristol on the south.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, Richard Staweye, Thomas Phelpes, Richard Ferroure, Robert Webbe, Thomas Halyete, John Clochere (*sic*).

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after All Saints, 4 Richard II.

Two seals, broken.

170. **1381.** Charter of Thomas le Saltere, chaplain, son and heir of Thomas le Saltere, late burgess of Wells, granting to Stephen Lucas, chaplain, all that messuage with a curtilage which John atte Stokes lately held and inhabited in Cuthberdestret (except a certain lower chamber on the south of the said messuage), situated between the messuage which John Goldsmyth holds of the said Thomas on the north, and the messuage which John Nevyle, chaplain, holds of the said Thomas on the south, for the term of the life of the said Stephen

and for one year by the executors of his will after his death, rendering therefor yearly 10s.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Thomas Phelippes, Richard Ferroure, John Brown, Thomas Halyete, Robert Webbe, Richard Launde, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday, next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 4 Richard II.

Circular seal in brown wax, poor impression. On a shield, a chevron [or two chevrons] between three mullets. Legend indecipherable.

171. 1382. Quit-claim by Thomas, son of Robert de Mertok, executor of the will of Gilbert le Boghyare to Walter Halyete of all his right in a certain stall and upper chamber built above it, on the south of the High Street, Wells, between the shop of Nicholas de Cristesham, which Roger Chepman now holds, on the east and the shop of Gilbert le Carpenter on the west ; also all his right in 16s. annual rent issuing out of the said stall and upper chamber, also the reversion of the same stall after the death of Joan in the Hurne.

Witnesses : Richard Stouweie, Henry Bouedicgh, Nicholas Cristesham, William Churchestille, John Blythe, Thomas Halyete, John Broun.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after St. Barnabas the Apostle, 5 Richard II.

Circular seal in brown wax. As No. 143 (1).

172. Incomplete copy of No. 171.

Seal as No. 171.

173. 1382. Grant by William Lydyerd, carpenter, burghess of Wells, and Joan his wife to John Tracy and his heirs for ever, of the estate for the life of the said Joan, which they have by grant from Margery, daughter and heir of the late Gilbert le Boghyere, burghess of Wells, in one shop with an upper room on the south of the High Street, Wells, situated between the shop of Nicholas de Crystesham on the east and the shop of Gilbert le Carpenter on the west.

Witnesses : Nicholas de Cristesham, Henry Bouedych, Thomas Tannere, Thomas Phelps, Richard Ferroure.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, in the feast of St. Margaret the virgin, 6 Richard II.

Two circular seals in red wax. (1) As No. 170. (2) A merchant's mark.

174. **1382 (?)**. Charter of Walter Halegate, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas Tannere all his estate in a certain small shop on the south of the High Street, Wells, between the shop sometime of Gilbert le Boghyere on the west, and the shop sometime of John le Boghyere on the east, which same shop John Coumbehawe and Christian his wife jointly purchased of Master William de Lytelton, late precentor in the church of St. Andrew, Wells. The said shop contains in length from the said High Street to the south twenty-three feet and in width five feet.

Witnesses : William Banastre, John Panes of Pyrigge, Nicholas Cristesham, Richard Stoweie, Henry Bouedich, John Broun, Richard Ferour.

No date.

Circular seal in red wax. The letter T.

On a strip of parchment, attached, is the following :—

Present at the seisin made to Thomas Tannere of a small shop on the south part of the High Street by Walter Halyzete on Wednesday next after Holy Trinity.

Witnesses : Thomas Hore, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Mertok, John Broun, Richard Ferour, Henry Sparkeford, William Greynton, Henry Sherston, Nicholas More.

175. **1383**. Charter of Thomas Salter, vicar of Congresbury, son and heir of Thomas Salter, sometime burgess of Wells, granting to John Knygth of Chywton and Henry Brikebek a certain burgage in Gropelane in Wells, formerly of Adam Loder ; also 20s. issuing out of a certain burgage in Wells which Petronel Roper holds for the term of her life, together with the reversion of the same burgage ; also 19s. 8d.

issuing out of a certain burgage which Richard Whytfoth holds for the term of his life, together with the reversion of the said burgage ; also a certain burgage built in Wells, between the plot of ground of John Compton on the north and the plot of ground of Laurence Clerk on the south, in New Street, Wells, which Thomas Martell sometime held there ; also all the lands, meadows and pastures in the parish of Wells which sometime belonged to Thomas Salter his father, deceased.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, Henry Bouedych, Thomas Tanner, Richard Ferour, John Brown.

Dated at Wells, 5 June, 6 Richard II.

Seal too defaced to decipher.

176. 1383. Charter of Walter Power, burgess of Bristol, and Alice Palton his wife, granting to Henry Bouedych, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Tannere and Richard Troweye, chaplain, one shop with an upper chamber on the north part of the High Street, between the tenement which John Andrew now holds on the west, and the shop in which Walter Compton, shoemaker, and Edith his wife now dwell on the east.

Witnesses : John Blythe, Thomas Phelpis, John Broun, John Nywmaistre, Thomas Jay, Richard Laundey, clerk.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday in the vigil of St. John the Baptist, 7 Richard II.

Two circular seals in red wax. Fancy devices.

177. 1386. Charter of Richard Stoweye, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas Tannere and Nicholas Cristesham one tenement with two shops adjoining in which William Belle now dwells in Gropelane, Wells ; also two shops with a curtilage adjoining in St. Cuthbert's street, Wells, opposite the messuage of John Myles ; also one messuage with a curtilage adjoining in Chamberleynstret, opposite ' la Juyhalle ' ; also all other his lands and tenements, &c., whatsoever in Wells.

Witnesses : Thomas Hore, John Broun, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, Walter Halegate, John Niwemaister, Thomas Jay.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after All Saints, 10 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax, bad condition.

178. **1387.** Charter of Margery Moniers, in her pure and liege widowhood and full power, granting to Thomas Tannere and Isabel his wife 20s. annual rent issuing out of certain tenements which John Couk, webbe, and Agnes his wife hold of the said Margery in Chepstret, Wells, between the tenement in which Richard Deyere now dwells on the north and the tenement of William Laurans, called the Heighyn, on the south, together with the reversion of the said tenement, which same tenement after the death of the said John and Agnes ought to revert to the said Margery.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas de Mertok, Thomas Phelippis, Thomas Hore, William Churchstighele, Richard Ferroure, John Broun.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

179. **1389.** Grant by Nicholas Cristesham, master of the commonalty of the borough of Wells, to John Brackele, butcher, of two butchers' benches in the High Street, Wells, whereof one bench is situated between the bench which John Kyngesbury now holds on the east, and the bench which William Bouchere now holds on the west, and the other bench is situated in the same strip of land on the east of the other bench of the said commonalty. To have and to hold the said two benches for the term of the life of the said John from the said Nicholas and his successors in the same office, rendering yearly 12s. to the said master.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, Richard Ferroure, Walter Halyete, John Broun.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. George the Martyr, 12 Richard II.

Seal. A piece of red wax only remaining.

180. **1391.** Charter of Joan, who was the wife of Henry Bouedich, in her pure and liege widowhood and full power, granting to John Tintenhull, perpetual vicar in the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, and John Nevyle, chaplain, four marks of annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement, which John atte Wode and Cristian his wife now hold of the said Joan for the term of their lives, on the south of the High Street, between the tenement of John le Taverner on the east and the tenement in which John Hyndale now dwells on the west, which same tenement after the death of the said John and Cristian ought to revert to the said Joan, shall remain to the said John Tyntenhal and John Nevyle and their heirs and assigns for ever.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, John Broun, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, Walter Halegate, John Niwemaister.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 15 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax, impression from a ring. The letters BHI surmounted by a crown.

181. **1391.** Charter of Joan, who was the wife of Henry Bouedich, in her pure and liege widowhood and full power, granting to John Broun, burgess of Wells, 4 marks and 8s. annual rent issuing out of a certain tenement in which John Bailly, butcher, and Edith his wife now dwell, which same tenement is situated on the south of the High Street, between the tenement of Edward Draycote on the east and the tenement of John Tavernere on the west, which tenement after the death of John and Edith ought to revert to the said Joan, shall remain to the said John Broun and his heirs or assigns for ever.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, Walter Halegate, Thomas Jay.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 15 Richard II.

Seal as No. 180.

182. **1391.** Appointment by Joan, sometime wife of Henry Bouedich, burgess of Wells, in her pure and liege widowhood and full power, of Thomas de Mertok and Nicholas More, clerk, of Wells, as her attorneys, jointly and severally to deliver seisin to John Tyntenhull, perpetual vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, and John Nevyle, chaplain, of two shops situated together with a curtilage on the north of the High Street, as by charter thereof made is more fully mentioned.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, in the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 15 Richard II.

Small circular seal in red wax. (?) Letters I M with an indistinct device above.

183. **1392.** Quit-claim by John Nevyle, chaplain, to John Tintenhull, perpetual vicar in the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, of all his right in an annual rent of 4 marks issuing out of a certain tenement which John atte Wode and Cristian his wife hold for the term of their lives, together with the reversion of the said tenement after the death of the said John and Cristian, which said tenement is situated in the south part of the High Street, between the tenement of John Taverner on the east and the tenement of John Hyndale on the west; also of two shops with a curtilage adjoining, which same shops likewise are situated together on the north of the High Street, between the messuage of Agnes Kynges on the east and the messuage which Roger Pute, butcher, now holds on the west.

Witnesses: John Broun, Thomas Hore, Richard Ferour, John Niwemaister, Thomas Jay, Richard Groos, John Pistor.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday, next after the feast of St. Hilary, 15 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. The Letters TP surmounted by a crown.

184. **1392.** Charter of John Tyntenhull, perpetual vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, granting to Thomas Tanner, burgess of Wells, one annual rent of 4 marks issuing out of a certain tenement in which John atte Wode and Cristian his

wife now dwell and hold of the said John Tyntenhull on the south of the High Street, between the tenement in which John Taverner now dwells on the east and the tenement which John Hyndale now holds on the west, together with the reversion of the said tenement ; which same tenement, after the death of the said John atte Wode and Cristian ought to revert to the said John Tyntenhull, shall remain to the said Thomas. Granting also two shops situated together on the north of the High Street, between the tenement of Agnes Kynges on the east and the tenement which Roger Pute, butcher, now holds on the west, with the curtilage to the same shops adjoining.

Witnesses : Nicholas de Cristesham, Thomas de Mertok, Thomas Hore, John Broun, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, John Niwemaister.

Dated at Wells, on Sunday, next after the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 15 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. Armorial, on a shield a saltire (?). Legend indecipherable.

185. 1392. Conveyance by John Broun, steward of the guild of the burgesses of Wells, with the assent and consent of all the commonalty, to William Verve and Alice his wife of one tenement with a curtilage in the west of Gropelane, between the tenement of the prioress of Munchenebarwe on the north and the tenement of Nicholas Keyfester, chaplain, on the south, for the term of their lives or the longer liver of them, rendering therefor yearly 10s., and keeping the said tenement in repair.

Witnesses : Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, John Niwemaister, Thomas Jay, Thomas Manndeware.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 16 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A hawk preying on a bird. Legend indistinct.

186. 1392. Quit-claim by John Broun, steward of the borough of Wells, with the assent and consent of all the com-

monalty, to Nicholas Cristisham of all his right in all those lands and tenements, rents and services, &c. whatsoever which Thomas Tannere and the said Nicholas had by the gift and grant of Richard Stoweye, sometime burgess of Wells.

Witnesses : John de Rodeneye, knt., William Banastre, John Panes of Pirigg', John Knyght of Chiwton, John Cokhull, Laurence Batyn, John Pynchard.

Dated at Wells, on Thursday, next after the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 16 Richard II.

Circular seal in black wax. The borough of Wells.

187. 1393. Quit-claim by John Knyght of Chieuton-sub-Menedep to Nicholas Cristesham, burgess of Wells, of all his right in two acres of arable land lying together in Wells, above Keward, opposite the Parkeswalle, between the land of Roger Pute, bowyere, on the east and the land of the prior of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, on the west.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, John Blythe, John Broun, Richard Ferroure, John Newemayster, Stephen Wyndelyssore.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday, next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate, 16 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax, poor impression. Fancy device.

188. 1395. Charter of Nicholas Cristesham, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas Hore, master, and the wardens of the guild of the commonalty of Wells, a certain rent of 20s. issuing out of the tenement of the said Nicholas in the High Street, between the tenement of the prior of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, on the east and the tenement of John Broun on the west.

Witnesses : John Pederton, John Panes, John Toner, William Richeman, John Pynchard.

Dated at Wells, 27 March, 18 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

189. 1397. Charter of John Broun, burgess of Wells, granting to Thomas Tannere, burgess of the same, one tene-

ment with a curtilage adjoining on the south of the High Street, between the tenement of Edward Draycote on the east, and the tenement of the said Thomas, which John Taverner now holds on the west, and which same tenement the said John Broun had by the gift and feoffment of Joan, who was the wife of Henry Bouedich, sometime burgess of Wells.

As the seal of the said John Broun to many is unknown the common seal of the borough is also set.

Witnesses: John Panes of Purrygg, Richard Vyrgo, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, John Blyth, Richard Ferour, Richard Groos.

Dated at Wells, 8 January, 20 Richard II.

Two circular seals in red wax. (1) The letter M surmounted by a crown. (2) The borough of Wells.

190. **1397.** Indenture dated 13 January, 20 Richard II. made between John Broun, burgess of Wells, of the one part, and Thomas Tannere, of the same, of the other part, witnessing that the said John Broun grants to the said Thomas Tanner 20s. annual rent, payable at the four usual terms to the said Thomas and his heirs forever, and if it happen that the said yearly rent be in arrear it shall be lawful for the said Thomas to distrain on the tenement in which the said John now inhabits in Wells, situated on the south part of the High Street on the east of Mulle Lane, until the rent so in arrear and the damages are satisfied. And thereupon the said John paid 12*d.* in the name of seisin of the rent aforesaid to the said Thomas, in the presence of Nicholas Cristisham, Thomas Hore, Richard Ferour and others. And thereupon the said Thomas has granted so long as he and his heirs shall hold one tenement with a curtilage situated on the south of the High Street, between the tenement of Edward Draycote on the east and the tenement of the said Thomas, which John Taverner holds on the west, and which the said John Broun granted to the said Thomas in fee by his charter dated 8 January, 20 Richard II, the said rent of 20s. shall not be leviabie. And if the same Thomas or his heirs or assigns should be ejected from

the said tenement with the curtilage by Alice, the wife of the said John Broun, by reason of any claim in the name of dower or by anyone else having any right, that then the said rent, together with the arrearages, shall be leviable by distraint as is abovesaid from the day of the making of these presents.

And as their seals to many are unknown the common seal of the borough of Wells is set.

Witnesses : John Panes of Purrigg, Richard Vyrgo, John Babyngton, John Pynchard, John Blythe, Thomas Jay, Richard Groos.

Seal (1) Gone. (2) Borough of Wells.

191. 1397. Counterpart of No. 190.

192. 1397. Charter of Nicholas Cristisham, burgess of Wells, granting to Sir John Alampton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, Richard Trewey and William Plumstoke called Clothere, chaplain, two tenements with curtilages adjoining, which Richard Wodeford and John Dwely hold by demise of the said Nicholas, and which tenements are situated together on the south of the High Street, between the tenement of Thomas Tannere, which John Niwton, baker, sometime held, on the east and the tenement in which John Pistor *alias* Pestel dwells on the west ; also 10s. annual rent issuing out of a certain shop on the anterior part of that tenement which the said John Dwely holds, and which same shop Andrew Bowyere of Bristol holds for the term of his life, with the reversion of the same after the death of the said Andrew ; also one messuage with a curtilage adjoining on the north part of the same street, on a certain corner, between the tenement which Richard Webb holds on the east and the messuage which Roger Tolvyn holds on the west ; also two and a half acres of arable land lying in the north fields of Wells, of which two acres lie together on the north part of the way which leads from Sare orchard to Purymulle, the land of John Broun of Wells being on every side ; and the said half acre of land lies in the lower furlong there next the land of the said

Nicholas, all of which came to the said Nicholas in right of inheritance by the death of John Cristesham his father.

Witnesses : John Broun, master of the commonalty of the borough of Wells, Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, John Blythe, Richard Ferour, Richard Groos, John Niwemaister.

Dated 16 September, 21 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

193. **1397.** Power of attorney by Nicholas Cristesham, burgess of Wells, to John Blythe, burgess of Wells, and Nicholas More, clerk, to deliver seisin to Sir John Alampton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, Richard Trewey and William Plumstoke *alias* Clothere, chaplains, of and in two tenements with curtilages, which Richard Wodeford and John Dwely hold in Wells ; also of and in one messuage with a curtilage on the north part of the same street, between the tenement which Richard Webb holds on the east and the messuage which [*hole*] Tolvyn holds on the west ; and in two and a half acres of arable land lying in the north fields of Wells, all which came to the said Nicholas in right of inheritance by the death of John Cristisham his father.

Dated 16 September, 21 Richard II.

Two seals : (1) gone. (2) A merchant's mark as in No. 188.

194. **1398.** Charter of Stephen Wyndylsore, burgess of Wells, granting to John Alston and Agnes his wife three perches of arable land lying in a certain furlong called Swanyngham in the fields of Wells, situated between the land of William More on the north and the land of Thomas Tannere on the south.

Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, John Blythe, Thomas Hore, Nicholas Crystesham, Richard Gros, Richard Ferour.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, next after the feast of St. Ambrose the bishop, 21 Richard II.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

195. **1398.** Charter of John Alampton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, Richard Trewey and William

Plumstoke called Clothere, chaplains, granting to Nicholas Cristisham, burgess of Wells and Maud his wife two tenements with curtilages adjoining, which Richard Wodeford and John Dwely hold in Wells, which same tenements are situated together on the south part of the High Street, between the tenement of Thomas Tanner, which John Niwton, baker, sometime held, on the east and the tenement which John Pistor *alias* Pestel inhabits on the west ; also 10s. annual rent issuing out of a certain shop on the anterior part of that tenement, which the said John Dwely holds, which same shop Andrew Bowyere holds for the term of his life, together with the reversion of the said shop ; also one messuage with a curtilage adjoining on the north part of the same street, on a certain corner between the tenement which Richard Webbe holds on the east and the messuage which Roger Tolvyn holds on the west ; also two and a half acres of arable land lying in the north fields of Wells, of which two acres lie together on the north of the way which leads from Sare Orchard to Purymulle, the land of John Broun of Wells being on every side ; and the said half acre of land lies in lower furlong there, next the land of the said Nicholas ; which all and singular they had of the gift and feoffment of the said Nicholas.

As the seals of the grantors to many are unknown the seal of the office of steward of the guild of the borough of Wells is also set.

Witnesses : John Blythe, steward of the guild of the borough of Wells, Thomas Tanner, Thomas Hore, John Broun, Thomas Jay, Roger Chapman, Richard Groos.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 22 Richard II.

Four circular seals in red wax. (1) Armorial, on a shield, three annulets. Legend indecipherable. (2) The office of steward. (3) A rabbit. Legend indistinct. (4) A fancy device.

196. 1398. Power of attorney by John Alampton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, Richard Trewey and William Plumstoke called Clothere, chaplains, to Henry Sperkeford,

burgess of Wells, and Nicholas More, clerk, jointly and severally to deliver seisin to Nicholas Cristisham, burgess of Wells, and Maud his wife, of all the lands, tenements, rents and reversions which they had by the gift and feoffment of the said Nicholas according to the form and effect of a charter made between them.

As the seals of the grantors to many are unknown the seal of the office of steward of the guild of the borough of Wells is also set.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 22 Richard II.

Four seals as No. 195.

197. **1398.** Quit-claim by John Alampton, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, Richard Trewy and William Plumstoke called Clothere, chaplains, to Nicholas Cristisham, burgess of Wells, and Maud his wife of all their right in the premises described in No. 195.

Witnesses as No. 195, with Walter Dyer in addition.

Dated at Wells, on Saturday, in the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 22 Richard II.

Four seals as in No. 195.

198. **1400.** Charter of John Niwemaister, burgess of Wells, granting to John Nevyle and Stephen Lucas, chaplains, one acre of arable land in Wells, lying in a certain furlong called Culvercroft, between a certain place called Rakheyes on the south, and the land which John Blythe holds on the north, which same acre of land the said John Niwemaister lately purchased of John Knyght of Chiwton-under-Menedep, called Shetyngacre. With warranty.

Witnesses : Thomas Hore, John Blythe, John Broun, Richard Ferour, Richard Groos, burgesses of Wells.

Dated at Wells, 20 April, 1 Henry IV.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

199. **1401.** Charter of Edward Boteler of Wandestrow

granting to Thomas Tannere of Wells two acres of arable land in Wells, lying together in a certain field called Kuward, opposite the Parkwalle, between the land of Roger Puyte on the east, and the land of the prior and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, on the west, which same two acres the said Edward lately had by the gift and feoffment of John Bockyng, clerk, senior, and Nicholas Cristesham, burgess of Wells. With warranty.

Witnesses : John Panes of Purrygg, John Russell, John Broun, Richard Ferour, Richard Groos.

Dated at Wells, on Monday, next after the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary the Virgin, 2 Henry IV.

Circular seal in red wax. Indecipherable.

200. **1413.** Charter of Agnes Halston, who was the wife of John Halston of Wells, deceased, granting to John Godwyn, glazier, of Wells, three perches of arable land lying in a certain furlong called Swanyngham in the fields of Wells, between the land of William Stephnes [*sic*] of Bristol on the north, and the land of Isabel Tannere on the south.

Witnesses : John Horewode, Walter Dyere, John Wycombe, Henry Maundeware, John Cutte.

Dated at Wells, on the day of St. Margaret the Virgin, 1 Henry V.

Circular seal in red wax. A paschal lamb, surrounded by letters partly broken off.

201. **1423.** Charter of Richard Milers *alias* Settere, burgess of Wells, and Christian his wife, granting to John Pedewell, Richard Halle, John Godwyn, John Cutte, senior, Simon Bailly and John Rocke, burgesses of Wells, all their mansion in Wells in which they now dwell, viz. from the High Street in front to the ground of the prior of St. John the Baptist, Wells, behind, and all the buildings now there; and two cottages with their curtilages likewise adjoining in Newestrete in Wells, all which the said Christian had by the gift and bequest of John Blithe, sometime burgess there, her husband. With warranty.

As their seal is unknown to many, the common seal of the borough is also set.

Witnesses : Robert Elwell, John Collys, cutler, constables, Richard Goderygg, Philip Portere, Robert Polglas.

Dated at Wells, on Tuesday, in the feast of St. Laurence the Martyr, 1 Henry VI.

Three circular seals in red wax. (1 and 2 on the same tab, both from rings.) (1) A monogram. (2) The letter W. (3) Borough of Wells (broken).

202. **1427.** Charter of John atte Wode, burgess of Wells, granting to Richard Rypon, burgess of Wells, dyer, a messuage with a garden adjoining on the west side of Southover, between the messuage in which Simon Jolyff now dwells on the south and the messuage that John Lymnor, weaver, now holds on the north, and extends from the street front to a certain wall of the prior of the hospital of St. John behind. With warranty.

Witnesses : Simon Baylli, then master of the borough of Wells, John Rocke, Richard Halle, John Godwyn, John Pedewell.

Dated at Wells, on the day of SS. Philip and James the Apostles, 5 Henry VI.

Circular seal in red wax. A merchant's mark.

203. **1434.** Charter of John Godwyn, master of the city of Wells, by the common assent and consent of the commonalty of the said city, granting to John Austill, John Rocke, Richard Halle and Stephen Merston an annual rent of 4s. issuing out of a tenement on the east of Gropelane, between the tenement of the master and commonalty of Wells on the south, and the tenement of William Warner on the north. With warranty.

Witnesses : Nicholas Rodeney, esq., John Fulbrok, John Pedewell, Richard Godrigge, John Colles, cutler.

Dated at Wells, on the vigil of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 12 Henry VI.

Seal. John Godwyn's seal of office.

204. **1434.** Appointment by John Godwyn, master of

the city of Wells, with the assent and consent of the commonalty, of John Parys and Richard Bockyng as their attorneys jointly and severally to deliver seisin to John Austill, John Roche, Richard Halle and Stephen Merston of and in 4s. annual rent [as in No. 203].

Dated at Wells, on the vigil of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, 12 Henry VI.

Seal. John Godwyn's seal of office.

205. **1438.** Demise by Richard Dyere, master, with the assent and consent of the commonalty, to John Eeverhard, burgess of Wells, of a messuage in Gropelane, between the messuage of the commonalty on the north and the messuage of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, on the south, and extending from the front to the garden of John Frome at the back, with a bench adjoining in the High Street, between the bench of the vicars of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, on the east and the bench of Ralph . . . on the west for the term of his life, rendering yearly therefor 15s. for all services, saving royal services. The said John Everhard keeping the same in repair during his life. With warranty.

In witness whereof as well the seal of the office of master as the seal of the said John Everhard is alternately set.

Witnesses: John Austill, John Godwyn, John Colles, William Vouell.

Dated at Wells, 20 March, 16 Henry VI.

Circular seal in red wax, a merchant's mark.

206. **1454.** Charter of Thomas Bussard granting to Henry Sholer, clerk, John Sholer of Milverton and Richard Sholer one tenement with a garden adjoining on the south part of the High Street, Wells, upon the corner opposite Jacobeswell, between the tenement of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, on the east, and the tenement of the commonalty of Wells on the west, and extending from the King's highway in front to the garden of the commonalty aforesaid

behind, which he lately had by the gift and grant of Richard Wodeford and Alice his wife. With warranty.

Witnesses : John atte Water, then master of the city of Wells, William Vowell, John Godwyn, Thomas Nabbe, Richard Dyer, William Cutte, John Parys.

Dated at Wells, on Friday, in the feast of St. Anne the mother of Mary, 32 Henry VI.

Circular seal in red wax. The letter 'W'?

207. **1457.** Quit-claim by Modilda Torner, relict of William Torner of Waltecome, to John Torner of Waltecome of all her right in one acre of arable land, lying upon the Hywyssch, next the furlong of the lord bishop of Bath and Wells on the north, and the land of John Marchiant on the south, which same acre of land belonged to William Cossh while he lived.

Witnesses : William Vouell, Walter Baker, William Cutte, Thomas Tapper, John Alam [*sic*].

Dated at Wells, 20 January, 35 Henry VI.

Circular seal in red wax. Fancy device.

208. **1458.** Quit-claim by Modilda Turnour, widow, to John Turnour of Walcome (being in possession of the same John) of all her right in the premises as in No. 207.

Witnesses : William Vowell, then master of Wells, John Godwyne, William Cutte.

Dated 10 January, 36 Henry VI.

Circular seal in red wax, broken and poor impression. A shield, divided into four quarters with a different object in each quarter. Crest an animal (?). Legend indecipherable.

209. **1487.** Quit-claim by John Turner, son and heir of William Turner, late of Westebury-under-the-plain, co. Wilts, to Richard Vowell, John Atte Water, Richard Burnell, John Draper, John Tyler, John Adam, Thomas Seward and William Brigger, for the use of the guild or chantry of Holy Trinity, founded and erected in the parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, of all his right in one acre of land or pasture in

Walcombe within the parish of Wells, lying upon the Hywyssh next the furlong of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the north, and the land of John Marchaunte on the south, which same acre of land lately descended to the said John Turner after the death of William Turner his father.

Witnesses : John Chocke, John Botelere, John Sewarde, esq., John Standerwyke, John Trenche, John Marchaunte.

Dated at Wells, 10 May, 2 Henry VII.

Circular seal in red wax. A head on either side of a tree.

210. **1506.** Bond of William Chamburlayne of Wells, innholder, to Richard Burnell, John Tylar, Nicholas Trappe and Robert Grantham for the payment of 40s. to the said Richard, John, Nicholas and Robert or their attorney on the feast of St. Michael 1515.

Dated 20 January, 21 Henry VII.

Endorsed with condition for the payment of 20s. by the said William to the master of the city of Wells on the said feast of St. Michael.

Circular seal in red wax. The letter 'W'.

211. **1506.** Bond of William Chamburlayne of Wells, innholder, to Richard Burnell, John Tylar, Nicholas Trappe and Robert Grantham for the payment of 40s. to the said Richard, John, Nicholas and Robert or their attorney on the feast of St. Michael 1512.

Dated 20 January, 21 Henry VII.

Endorsed with condition for the payment of 13s. 4d. by the said William to the master of the city of Wells on the said feast of St. Michael.

Seal as No. 210.

212. **1507.** Indenture of agreement made between Sir John Marler, prior of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, and the brethren of the same, of the one part, and John Tyler, master of the town and borough of Wells, of the other part, witnessing that there had been in the past various

controversies between the said prior and convent, and the said master and commonalty, concerning lands and quit-rents, and reciting an agreement made 10 March, 5 Edward IV. [1465] between John " Bisshopp-Tenens " *, prior of the said hospital, of the one part, and Walter Smyth, master of the said town and the commonalty of the same, of the other part, whereby the payments of all rents &c. reserved always to the said master and commonalty and their successors in perpetuity, and their common pasture in some places of the said prior and convent, which common pasture the said master and commonalty were in peaceable possession of at the making thereof, should be void, unless the said master and commonalty and their successors should pay yearly to the said prior and his successors 26s. 8d. at the four usual terms, with power to distrain on all the lands and tenements belonging to the said master and commonalty in Wells in case of non-payment. Sealed with the seals of the convent, and of the master and commonalty, interchangeably. Witnesses: Walter Rodenay, knt., Robert Stawell, William Seward, esquires, William Vowell, John Atwater, William Runyon, William Edmondcs.

And whereas variances have lately arisen between the said Sir John Marler and the said John Tyler, concerning part of a close of pasture on the north part of Southover, which close, and a house belonging to it, one John Smythe, tanner, lately held, paying therefor yearly to the said master and commonalty 11s., and also concerning the said common pasture of the said prior in divers places, as it appears by the old compositions. Now it is agreed between them that the said prior and convent shall have and enjoy the said close and house, paying therefor yearly to the said master and commonalty 11s., which said rent of 11s. shall be deducted from the said 26s. 8d. so that from henceforth the said prior shall receive only 15s. 8d.

Witnesses: John Rodnay, knt., Nicholas Saintlo, Edmond Saintlo, esquires, Nicholas Trapps, John Ustwayte, John Welshot, John Mawdelyn.

Dated at Wells, 1 August, 22 Henry VII.

Seal. A small piece of red wax only remaining.

[* John Valens, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, Bishop of Tenos (Tinen), Augustinian Canon, rector of Lideard St. Lawrence. *Calendar of Papal Registers*, Papal Letters, Vol. II., pp. 624-5.]

213. 1524. Quit-claim by John Wyse, late of Wells, yeoman, to John Mawdeley of Wells, clothmaker, of all his right in a tenement in Chamberleyn Street, Wells, between the land of the prior of St. John the Baptist, Wells, on the one part, and the land of the prioress of Barow on the other part.

Dated, 13 October, 16 Henry VIII.

214. 1569. Assignment of lease by Henry Hussy of Wells, vintner, reciting that whereas Thomas Lewes, gent., late master of the city of Wells, and the burgesses or commonalty of the same, by indenture under their common seal dated 8 May, 1 Elizabeth [1559], did grant to William Northeron of Wells, glover, and his assigns one tenement situate in the High Street, Wells, between a tenement of the Queen on the east, and a tenement late of William Vowell, gent., on the west, all which premises were late in the tenure of Henry Fayrebrother, deceased, to have and to hold the said tenement from the day of the date of the said indenture for forty years, at the yearly rent of 26s. 8d. payable at the four usual terms. And whereas also the said William Northeron by his writing dated 17 November, 11 Elizabeth [1568], in consideration of the sum of 20*l.*, paid by the said Henry Hussey, did assign to the said Henry Hussey all his right and term of years yet to come in the said premises. And whereas also John Smythe and John Hyll, clerks, late principals of the New Close of Wells and the vicars thereof, by their writing indented dated 12 March, 5 Edward VI. [1551], in consideration of the sum of 10*s.* paid by John Clyves of Wells, yeoman, did grant to the said John Clyves a parcel of ground called Monerslane, on the north part of a tenement belonging to the said master and burgesses of Wells, which one Elizabeth Fayrebrother, widow, then, or late held at will, which ground adjoins to the wall of the back stable of the said tenement, and extends from thence

northward to the King's highway, called Chamberlayne Street, to have and to hold the said parcel of ground with appurtenances to the said John Clyves his executors and assigns from the feast of St. Katherine the Virgin, viz.—the 25th. November next ensuing the date of the said indenture, for the term of twenty-nine years then next following, paying therefor yearly 20s. at the four usual terms, which said lease the said Henry Hussy now has obtained to him, his executors and assigns by good assurance in law. Now the said Henry Hussy in consideration of 20*li*. to him paid by Thomas Buttermere of Wells, cordwainer, absolutely grants and assigns to the said Thomas Buttermere his executors and assigns the said tenement and parcel of ground with appurtenances and all his right and term of years therein, to have and to hold the same premises, with the original leases, from the day of the date hereof, yielding and paying the several rents comprised in the said indentures.

Signed by Henry Hussey.

Dated 31 December, 12 Elizabeth.

Circular seal in red wax. On a shield between two bones, a crown, a . . . and in base a helmet, in chief the letters HAL.

215. 1572. Bond of John Brocke of Burcotte, husbandman, to John Palmer of Dynder, husbandman, in 40s.

The condition being, that whereas the said John Brocke hath demised and granted one half acre of meadow lying in a certain close called Brode meade, within the village of Dulcotte, to the said John Palmer for ten years, if therefore the said John Palmer may peaceably occupy the same during the said term without vexation, and also discharge the said John Palmer concerning the occupation of the same and suffer him to convert the herbage and grass to his own use, then this obligation shall be void.

Dated 14 April, 14 Elizabeth.

216. 1576. Bond of John Boddie of Glastonbury, innholder, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 40*l*.

The condition being that whereas the said John Boddie received into his house one John Modie, late of Wells, and all

his goods, if therefore the said John Boddie shall acquit the said mayor and burgesses of the maintenance of the said John Modie, that then this obligation shall be void.

Dated 17 March, 18 Elizabeth.

217. **1583.** Bond of John Jones of Estwelles, within the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells, surgeon, John Scrypter of the same, grovier, and John Blynman, senior, of Whytnell, within the parish of Enborough, grovier, to the master and burgesses of Wells in 10*l*.

The condition being that if the said John Jones shall acquit the said master and burgesses of the maintenance of Marie Burnard, servant to John Michell *alias* Marchant of Estwelles, grovier, and her child, that then this present obligation shall be void.

Dated 27 October, 25 Elizabeth.

218. **1585.** Bond of James Mott of Wells, feltmaker, and Ralph Furber of Wells, carpenter, to the master and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said James Mott shall acquit the said master and burgesses of the maintenance of the child of Thomasin Meryfeilde, late servant of Richard Frenche of Wells, feltmaker, that then this present obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : Andrew Bowrman, John Colles, John Horler.

Dated 26 April, 27 Elizabeth.

219. **1585.** Bond of John Godfrey, senior, of Wells, miller, and Richard Morres of Wells, weaver, to the master and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that whereas the said John Godfrey hath received into his house and custody Alice Gilberte, daughter of James Gilberte late of Wells, cobbler, deceased, and all the goods of the said James Gilberte, if therefore the said John Godfrey shall acquit the said master and burgesses of the maintenance of the said Alice, then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : Leonard Crosse, Thomas Norres [*sic*], John Baker.

Dated 1 May, 27 Elizabeth.

220. 1585. Bond of Richard Horler of Wells, cutler, and Edward Horler of Stratton-upon-the-Forst to the master and burgesses of Wells in 5*l*.

The condition being that if the said Richard Horler shall well and truly contribute and pay unto the said master and burgesses weekly during the term of one year next ensuing six pence towards the maintenance of one [blank] the child of Isabel Pratt *alias* Pynn of Wells, spinster, and also at the end of the said year enter into a new bond, with sureties, to acquit the said master and burgesses of the maintenance of the said child until it shall be able to serve as apprentice, then this present obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : Leonard Crosse, John Colles.

Dated 8 June, 27 Elizabeth.

221. 1585. Bond of William Backwell of Banwell, husbandman, to the master and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said William Backwell shall acquit the said master and burgesses of the maintenance of George, a base born child of Anne Dare late of Dorchester, co. Dorset, spinster, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : William Bowreman, John Colles, Richard Crosse, William Parker.

Dated 19 October, 27 Elizabeth.

222. 1589. Bond of Henry Palmer of Langporte, baker, and Christopher Kerbie of Langporte, woollen-draper, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said Henry Palmer and Christopher Kerbie shall acquit the said mayor, masters and burgesses of the maintenance of Anne Ayleworthe, the wife of John Ayleworth, late of Evercryche, butcher, and of Marie Ayleworth their daughter or any other children, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : William Gorway, John Colles.

Dated 8 September, 31 Elizabeth.

223. 1590. Bond of Robert Combe of Wells, miller, Thomas Applegate of Wells, weaver, and John Watts of Wells, miller, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said Robert Combe shall acquit the said mayor, masters and burgesses of the maintenance of the unborn child of Sara Bulman of Wells, spinster, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : William Watkins, William Gorway, John Colles.

Dated 18 April, 1590.

224. 1590. Bond of Nicholas Greene of Shepton Mallett, tinker, William Pennyne of Brewton, smith, and Walter Whiler of Wells, cordwainer, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said Nicholas Greene shall acquit the said mayor, masters and burgesses of the maintenance of the unborn child of Katherine Yong of Wells, spinster, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : John Wade of Polsham, John Colles.

Dated 27 April, 1590.

225. 1590. Indenture of apprenticeship of Timothy Jones *alias* Amery, son of Maud Jones, late of Wells, spinster, deceased, to Richard Gough of Wells, cobbler, from the feast of St. James the apostle last past before the date of these presents until the end of eight years then next following.

Witnesses : Leonard Cross, mayor, William Watkins and James Godwyn, gentlemen, constables.

Dated 28 September, 32 Elizabeth.

226. 1591. Bond of James Sutton of Catcott, petty-chapman, and Richard Dale of Wells, petty-chapman, to the mayor, master and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that if the said James Sutton and Richard Dale shall acquit the said mayor, masters and bur-

gesses of the maintenance of Richard Sutton, son of the said James Sutton, then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses: John Wade, John Colles.

Dated 21 April, 33 Elizabeth.

227. 1591. Bond of John Smythe of Winscombe, husbandman, John Chislatt of Dulcott, within the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells, miller, and John Sympson, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20l.

The condition being that whereas the said John Sympson hath received and taken into his custody of the above John Smythe, one Marie Smyth *alias* Weight, a base child of Edith Weight, the daughter of John Weight, late of Staunton Drewe, husbandman, deceased, of which said child John Smythe is the reputed father, if therefore the said John, John and John keep harmless the said mayor and burgesses for eleven years from the maintaining and bringing up of the said Mary Smythe *alias* Weight, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses: Richard Corfield, John Colles, Andrew Bowerman.

Dated 2 November, 33 Elizabeth.

228. 1592. Indenture of apprenticeship of Margery Potter, daughter of Henry Potter late of Wells, deceased, to William Shergoll of Wells, miner, and Agnes his wife, to learn the art of knitting, from the day of the date of these presents for the term of nine years.

Witnesses: William Watkyns, gent., mayor, John Gallington and John Yarde, constables, Richard Whittinge, John Colles.

Dated 24 June, 34 Elizabeth.

229. 1592. Indenture of apprenticeship of Robert Mullens, son of William Mullens late of Wells, labourer, deceased, to George Johnston of Wells, mercer, and Mary his wife, from the date of these presents for the term of eleven years.

Witnesses: William Godwyn, mayor, John Yarde and Peter Lane, constables, William Watkins, Osmond Vernon, John Colles.

Dated 25 November, 35 Elizabeth.

230. 1593. Indenture of apprenticeship of Robert Thompson, son of Thomas Thompson late of Wells, glover, deceased, to John Baylye of Wells, glover, and Jane his wife, for the term of seven years from the date of these presents.

Witnesses : William Godwyn, gent., mayor, John Yarde, and Peter Lane, constables, Thomas Gybbons, John Colles.

Dated 14 March, 35 Elizabeth.

231. 1593. Bond of Thomas Grene of the parish of St. Peter in Marlborough, co. Wilts, joiner, and Thomas Stafforde of Eastwelles, within the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells, tiler, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition being that whereas the said Thomas Grene intends to take to wife one Anne Stafford, daughter of Thomas Stafford, if therefore the said Thomas Grene and Anne Stafford, whom he intends to take to wife at or before Michaelmas next, shall remove themselves out of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells ; and also if Thomas Grene and Thomas Stafford shall exonerate, acquit and discharge the said mayor and burgesses from maintaining the said Thomas Grene and Anne Stafford and their children, that then this obligation shall be void.

Dated 16 April, 35 Elizabeth.

232. 1594. Acquittance by Adryan Bower *alias* Hawthorne of Shepton Mallett, yeoman, to the mayor, masters and burgesses of Wells for the receipt of a deed dated 12 March, 24 Elizabeth [1582], whereby John Elliott, late of Shepton Mallett, yeoman, William Dorvall, late of Dychyatt, yeoman, deceased, and Thomas Ellyott of Brewton, tanner, stand bound unto the late master and commonalty of Wells in 300*l*., with condition for the payment of 120*l*., and for the delivery of certain plate, goods, household stuff etc. contained in a schedule unto the said deed annexed, unto the said Adryan Bower *alias* Hawthorne at a certain day in the deed specified.

Witnesses : Edmund Bower, Robert Brodbear, William Sherborne, John Colles.

Dated 9 January, 36 Elizabeth.

233. **1594.** Indenture of apprenticeship of Edward Grafton, son of John Grafton, late of Overegleton, co. Hereford, husbandman, to William Gorwaye of Wells, cordwainer, and Joan his wife, from the date of these presents to the end of seven years next following.

Witnesses: James Godwyn, gent., mayor, William Gorwaye and Edward Smythe, constables, Richard Rocke, John Wade.

Dated 31 January, 36 Elizabeth.

234. **1595.** Indenture of apprenticeship of Jeremiah Chester, son of Robert Chester, late of Wells, miller, to John Gorwaye of Wells, cordwainer, from the date of these presents to the end of eight years.

Witnesses: William Williams, mayor, William Bull and Thomas Owen, constables, Edmond Tucker, John Colles.

Dated 29 September, 37 Elizabeth.

235. **1596.** Indenture of apprenticeship of George Anstice, son of Richard Anstice, late of Wells, tailor, with the assent of Henry Welles, his father-in-law, to Thomas Vylve of Wells, barber, and Alice his wife, from the date of these presents to the end of ten years next following.

Witnesses: Edward Smythe, mayor, William Bull and Thomas Owen, constables, Maurice Robynson, John Colles.

Dated 14 April, 38 Elizabeth.

236. **1596.** Indenture of apprenticeship of James Welles, son of Henry Welles of Wells, yeoman, with the assent of the said Henry his father, to Philip Hamlyn of Glastonbury, from the date of these presents to the end of ten years.

Witnesses: Edward Smythe, mayor, William Bull and Thomas Owen, constables, John Colles.

Dated 14 April, 38 Elizabeth.

237. **1596.** Bond of Philip Hamlyn of Glastonbury, cordwainer, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 20*l*.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Phillipp Hamlyn hath received into his house one James

Welles, son of Henry Welles of Wells, yeoman, apprentice for the term of ten years next ensuing and hath received 3*l.* towards his maintenance, if therefore the said Philip Hamlyn shall acquit the said mayor and burgesses of maintaining and keeping the said James Wells, then this obligation shall be void.

Dated 14 April, 38 Elizabeth.

238. 1596. Bond of Richard Corfeild of Wells, tailor, John Ayshe of Wells, chandler, and William Taylor of Wyvelscombe, yeoman, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 24*l.*

The condition of this obligation being that whereas the said Richard Corfeild hath received of the mayor and burgesses 12*l.*, parcel of the stock for the provision of coal for the better relief of the poor of Wells, if therefore the said Richard Corfeild shall procure sufficient good coal so far as the same money will extend, to serve all such poor people of Wells for the two years next ensuing as shall buy the same from him, not to be sold above the rate of 3*d.* the bushell by heap, and also if the said Richard on the 3rd of May, 1598, shall well and truly pay the said master and burgesses in the checkerhouse of the mayor and burgesses in Wells the said 12*l.*, then this obligation shall be void.

Dated 23 April, 38 Elizabeth.

239. 1597. Bond of John Pyrre [*signs Perry*] of Ilmyster, baker, William Pyrre of Ilmyster, baker, and Henry Foster of Wells, tanner, to the mayor and burgesses of Wells in 40*l.*

The condition of this obligation being that if the said John Pyrre, William Pyrre and Henry Foster shall acquit the said mayor and burgesses of the maintenance of John Pyrre and one Marie Bondge, whom the said John intends to marry, and their children, that then this obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : William Gorway, John Colles.

Dated 30 March, 39 Elizabeth.

240. 1602. Indenture of apprenticeship of Robert Upton, son of Richard Upton late of Wells, miller, deceased, to

Thomas Reade of Wells, tiler, and Joan his wife for the term of seven years from the date of these presents.

Witnesses : David Sarney, gent., mayor, Peter Lane and Edward Whytt, constables, John Colles, Hugh Webbe, John Wood, Robert Fox.

Dated 15 April, 44 Elizabeth.

241. 1610. Bond of Peter Morgan of W . . ., yeoman, to the master and burgesses of Wells in 3*l*.

The condition of this obligation being that if the said Peter Morgan will pay unto the said master and burgesses the sum of 33*s*. 4*d*. upon the 22nd. October next in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, that then this present obligation shall be void.

Witnesses : Barnard Atkins, William Hipsly.

Dated 23 October, 8 James I.

[Note—written at foot of document]—"This is for the church of St. Cuthberts for a cow."

242. 1648. Fine between Hercules Whitinge, plaintiff, and John Balch and Rebecca his wife, deforcients, of eight acres of meadow in Shepton Mallett.

Dated on the morrow of All Souls, 24 Charles I.

243. 1648. Duplicate of above.

244. 1649. Resignation of John Neblett of Wells of his place as one of the second company and common council of Wells, according to two several ordinances of Parliament of the 9th. September and 4th. October, 1647.

Dated 19 January, 1648/9.

Small red seal, a bird rising.

245. 1668. Counterpart of lease by the mayor, masters and burgesses of Wells to Francis Rowden of Wells, yeoman, of two tenements with a garden lying together in the south part of Southover, between the tenement of John Aileworth, esq., deceased on the east, and the tenement of the vicars choral of Wells on the south and extending backwards from the street towards a garden of the vicars, sometime in the tenure

of John Wilmot, deceased, for the term of 99 years, if Alice Rowden and Thomas Rowden his children, and John Rowden, son of Joseph Rowden or either or any of them shall so long live, yielding and paying therefor 10s. at the four usual feasts by equal portions and doing suit at the mayor's court twice a year.

Witnesses : Richard Hippisley, Emanuel Long.

Dated 3 September, 20 Charles II.

246. **1681.** Resignation of Edmund Lovell of Wells, gent., of his place as one of the eight masters of the corporation, and also of the common council.

Witnesses : David Tryme, Robert Taylor.

Dated 2 January, 1680/1.

Signature and small black seal, fancy device.

247. **1681.** Agreement whereby the mayor and common council of Wells have accepted two gowns belonging to Edmund Lovell, one black and one scarlet, at the price of 12*l.*, in part of a debt due from him to the corporation of 20*l.*, with promise that in case they shall not dispose of or sell the said gowns at the said price, that he, the said Edmund Lovell, will pay the difference.

Witnesses : David Tryme, Hodges Cooke.

Dated 5 January, 1680/1.

248. **1696.** Order signed by J. Granville that the clerk of the assize for the western circuit attend the committee of priviledges and elections in the House of Commons at Westminster, on Wednesday next at 3 p.m. with the several convictions of Harry Bridges, esq.

The Hon. Colonel Granville in the chair.

Dated on Monday, 10 February, 1695/6.

ADDENDA

28A. **1588.** Assent by Thomas [Godwin] bishop of Bath and Wells to the master and corporation to obtain from the Queen not only a renewal of their ancient liberties, but also a new grant of such other liberties, franchises and authorities as may be for the better government and ordering of the town of Wells and the people thereof, saving unto himself and his successors and the dean and chapter of the cathedral all such liberties, franchises and jurisdictions within the precinct of Wells, as heretofore have or at any time hereafter shall of right belong or appertain to them.

Dated 20 April, 30 Elizabeth.

Signature of the bishop.

Seal of the bishopric in red wax, broken. On the reverse two impressions from the same signet ring of the bishop's personal seal, viz. two lions passant, on a canton three roundels.

28B. The end portion of a document on paper which appears to relate to No. 28A.

It is apparently a document connected with the citizens' petition for a new charter, the top of which has been torn away and only clauses 5 and 6 remain. The following is a copy :—

5. " Itm the said Justice Manwood thereuppon, moved the said L Busshoppe & wysshed his L no longer to protract tyme, but at that present he wolde agree, or ell^r this last Michaelmas terme by counsell lerned to attend and fall to agreem^t before the said Three Judg^r The L Busshoppe answered, that at that p^rsent he colde not, because his counsell lerned were not there p^rsent, but did faythfullie

promyse, for due accomplishm^t of yo^r L Līes, that wthout fayle this last Michaelmas terme, his Sollicyto^{rs} wth his lerned Counsell shold attend the Three Judg^{er} appoynted by the subscribed articles, And sholde growe to some reasonable conclusyon for suche newe Lib[er]ties as by the said Three Judg^{er} sholde be thought meete and not hurtfull to her mat^{ie} nor to his Busshopricke And this his L did promyse faythfullie in September last As by the Līes of the said Justice Manwood directed to yo^r L dated the xxjth of November 1577 maye appeere.

6. Itm althoughe yo^r Orato^{rs} accordinge to the said subscribed Articles have gyven & delyvered upp the said Ch^{re} of incorpora^ōn into the Chauncery Cancelled And have procured the Cha^{res} of Sarū, Wynton, & Bathe and all other thing^{er} concerninge their tytyle, And havinge her Mat^{es} consent for A newe Ch^{re}, gyvinge also from terme to terme their dyligent attendaunce Uppon the said Judg^{er} for the Articles of liberties to be sett downe by them (to their great charg^{er}) Nowe the said L Bushoppe deferreth the tyme, and will not come to any order for Articles to be sett downe by them.

The p^rmysses tenderlie considered Maye yt please yo^r hono^{rs} at the humble suyte of yo^r orato^{rs} To direct yo^r Līes to the said three appoynted Judg^{er} to sett downe Articles for A newe Ch^{re} by her Mat^{ie} to be graunted accordinge to the said Articles of agreement, Or some other order as to yo^r hono^{rs} shal be thought meete, And yo^r said Orato^{rs} shall daylie praye for yo^r honorable estat^{er} longe to contynue."

FREEMEN OF WELLS

(1377 to 1602/3)

Full extracts, showing the various forms of entry in the Court Books, and other material concerning the freedom of the borough, will be found in the preface to this volume.

The four means by which the freedom could be obtained were :
1. By Fine. 2. By Patrimony. 3. By marriage with the widow of a burgess. 4. By marriage with the daughter of a burgess. 5. By apprenticeship.

The following abbreviations have been used :

Pl. = Pledges.

Mar. wid. = By marriage with the widow of a burgess

Mar. dau. = By marriage with the daughter of a burgess.

App. = Apprentice.

COURT BOOK, VOLUME I

1377

William Pynchyn, cook. Pl. —, —.

John Coterel. Pl. John Pestel, Philip Don.

John Grampsom, goldsmith. Pl. John Pustel, Henry Ferroure.

— Fageler (?), chalonere. Pl. Richard Ferroure, John Pestel.

— —, goldsmith. Pl. John Clothier, Philip Don.

1378

William Parchymyner. Pl. T. Tannere, Edward Gylelot.

1379

Richard Davy. Gives drink, gloves and whether he is to pay wax or 10s. is put back because he says he is the son of a burgess, and it is alleged that the father of Richard was

not a burgess at the time of the birth of the said Richard.
 Mainperners to pay the wax or money when decided,
 John Clothier and Philip Don.
 John Herries. Pl. —, John Kene.
 John Cossam, cutler. Pl. —, —.
 Richard Gros. Pl. John Broun, Philip Don.
 Thomas Duk. Pl. —, —.
 Walter Dodesdene. Pl. T. Tanner, John Blythe.
 Henry Sparkeford. Pl. Henry Bouedych, W. Halyete.
 John Douning, barbour. Pl. J. Clothier, John Pestel.
 Hugh atte Crois. Pl. John Clothier, John —.
 John Bucke, sadler. Pl. R. Ferroure, W. Churchstile.
 Robert Tyler. Mar. wid. of John Leche, burgess.
 John Rose, tucker. Pl. John Clothier, John Churchs[tile].
 John Trystram. Pl. John Clothier, Geoffrey Rosard.
 John Thomas, tailor. Pl. John Clothier, Ralph Touker.
 Hugh atte Chapele. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Thomas Hore.
 Henry Spertegrove. [No pledges named.]
 Edward Forbour. Pl. John Bouedych, John Pestel.

1380

John Taverner. Pl. Nicholas Cristesham, John C——.
 Geoffrey le Hoper. Mar. dau.
 William Welyknowe. By patrimony.
 John Skynner. Pl. W. Bakere, Stephen Skynnere.
 Thomas Grysel, tailor. Pl. John Nywemaistre, John Toukere.
 William Vesye, tucker. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Thomas Hore.
 John Thurelewynnd. By patrimony.
 Thomas Paradys, tailor. Pl. W——, Ralph Taillour.
 John Mulborn, tucker. Pl. J. Blythe, T. Hore.
 William Stephenes, butcher. Pl. John Bron, Philip Don.
 John Stanlegh. Mar. dau.
 Robert Avice, baker. Pl. Nicholas Cristesham, Robert Compe.
 William Pedewell, "webbe". Pl. W. Halyete, Laurence
 Iforde.
 John Chas. Pl. Richard Ferror, John Richard.
 Geoffrey Colesgrove, butcher. Pl. —, Walter Halyete.

John Broke. Pl. Thomas Jay, —.

Richard Sende, tailor. To enquire before Christmas if he married the daughter of a burgess. Pl. John Pestel, Thomas Jay. Afterwards proved that she was the daughter of a burgess, by William Churchstyle, Roger Harpetre, Adam Boucher.

Gilbert Tyler called Boucher. Pl. Walter Halyete, John Waryn, Henry Boucher.

John Hendyman, labourer. Pl. John —, John Pest.

John Pygan. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Nicholas Hethe.

1381

William Tracy, "ostiler." Pl. John Taillour, John Pestel.

Thomas Pygesle, tailor. Pl. T. Jay, John Nywton.

John Stoke, baker. Pl. Nicholas Bakere, Richard —.

1382

Richard Pert, "webb". Pl. Nicholas Cristesham, William Churchstyle.

William son of William Bewylle. Pl. Walter Halyote, Thomas Hore.

1383

John King, currier. Pl. R. Ferroure, John Cloth—.

John Kene, hooper. [Entry unfinished, but was elected by patrimony, or by marriage with a widow or daughter of a burgess, as he gave drink, gloves and wax only and no money.]

Edward Goudrom. Pl. Richard Ferroure, John Nywmaistre.

William Lauranz called Chamberleyn. [No pledges named.]

Henry Maundewar, brewer. Mar. dau.

William Corbyn. Pl. Thomas Jay, Mathew Glovere.

John Carleton, cook. Pl. John Blithe, R— —.

William atte Watre. Mar. dau.

Thomas Rockyngg, layman. [No pledges named because he paid his fine.]

Henry Pomerey, ferrier. Pl. Walter —, Henry —.

Richard White, goldsmith. Pl. Walter Halyote, Thomas Halyote.

Thomas Goldsmyth. Mar. wid. of an "ancient burgess".

William Cornwall. By patrimony.

1384

Thomas Smart.¹ By patrimony.

Richard Everard.¹ Pl. J. Churchstile, William Colston.

Adam Topit called Taillour. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Walter Halyote.

Richard Barbour. Mar. dau.

Walter Baron, dyer. Pl. Walter Halyote, R. Tailour.

William Chaumbre. Pl. Roger Chapman, Hugh Yarnemouth.

William Greynton. Pl. Robert Rale [? Rabe], John Churchstile.

John Wylles, "webbe". Pl. Thomas Halyete, Thomas Jay.

Nicholas Gome, tucker. Pl. Walter Halyete, Thomas Halyete.

Roger Gerard called Tyler. Pl. John Churchstile, Walter Trote.

Ja—— Forbour. Pl. Walter Halyete, Thomas Halyete.

John Barstaple. Pl. Richard Ferror, Robert Baker.

John Type. Pl. Nicholas Hethe, John Vosard.

John Skynner, baker. Pl. Stephen Skynner, John Stoke.

1385

Hugh Webbe. Pl. ———, ——— (? 1384).

John Warde, "webbe". Pl. W. Halyete, T. Halyete.

John Bakere, cordwainer. Pl. W. Halyete, T. Halyete.

Henry Yevelton. Pl. W. Hal——.

William Cloke, sadler. Pl. Richard Ferroure, William Sadeler.

1386

Nicholas H-le, dyer wringer. Mar. dau.

Walter Lode. Mar. dau.

John Brakle, butcher. Pl. R. Staweye, W. Shorthose.

Richard White, baker. Pl. John Stoke, R. Gros.

¹ These entries are dated 3 Richard II, but it is obviously an error, as the previous and following entries on the same page are dated the 7th year.

1387

Henry Cardmakyere. Mar. wid.
John Burgh. Mar. wid.
Thomas Bakere. Pl. John Stoke.
Reginald Parys. Pl. T. Pygesle, William Lauranz.
Robert Spenser, butcher. Pl. T. Jay, John Baker, "byest-wall".¹
Richard Masson. Mar. wid.
Robert Hyntes, clerk. Pl. Richard Whitefot, John Stoke.
William Buggeworth. Pl. John Clothere, John Stoke.
? Elsa Gyllymor, late wife of John Halwetreo. Pl. T. Halyete, R. Whitfot. Paid 5s.
John Brude, wringer. Pl. Walter Halyete, Thomas Halyete, paid 5s.

1388

John Royt [? Boyt], wringer. Pl. Walter Halyete, Nicholas Wryngre.
Walter Bakere son of Robert Bakere. By patrimony.
Thomas Reynold, butcher. Mar. wid.

1389

Richard Puryton, cordwainer. Pl. Walter Halyete, Robert Wade.
Walter Wardegate, currier. Pl. R. Ferroure, Walter Halyete.
Michael Jon. Pl. John Splot, John Stoke.
Martin Gregory, skinner. Mar. dau.
John Morys, tailor. Pl. R. Ferroure, John Pestel.
Richard Edward, shoemaker. Pl. R. Ferroure, John Nywmaistre.
John Esmond, dyer. Pl. Walter Halyete, Walter Baron.
Henry Palmere. Mar. dau.
Matthew Shokelyng. Pl. R. Chepman, James Masson.
"Memorandum that the same Matthew was made a burgess in the time of T. Hore."

¹ i.e. By Eastwall.

William Brighthampton, chapman. Pl. John Splot.
Richard Parkere, fisher. Mar. dau.
William Blyw, tailor. Pl. —.

1390

Osbert Personys. [No pledges named.]
John atte Fenne. Mar. dau.
John Taverner. Pl. R. Ferroure, R. Gros.
John Reyny. Pl. W. Halyete, Roger Chapman.
John Boghyere. Pl. John Blythe, John Pyggesle.
William Aleys, "webbe". Pl. Walter Halyete, Ralph Touker.
John Miles, "webb". By patrimony.
John Pedwell, "webb". Mar. dau.

1391

Richard Shene. Pl. —, Richard Pomerey, ferrier.
— Waltris. Pl. John Blythe, John Clothere.
Walter Chepman. Pl. John Clothere, John Pestel.
John Wilforde. Pl. John Blythe, H. Sparkeforde.
John Sare, glover. Pl. John Nywmaister, John Pestel.
William Sylvester, butcher. Pl. John Nywmaister, John
Brackele.
Henry atte Wode, "milward". Mar. wid.
Thomas Belknap, carpenter. Pl. John Stoke, Laurence Iforde.
John Trappere, smith, called Chad. Pl. John Stoke, Martin
Baker.
Adam Dodesdone. Mar. dau.

1392

William Peyntour. Pl. John Clothere, John Roubergh.
Richard Wodeford. Pl. T. Piggeslegh, R. Groos.
John Selewode. Admitted without a fine upon condition it
can be found that he was the son of a burgess. Pl. John
Selewod, Henry Maundewar.
Thomas Groos. Mar. dau. Pl. W. Halyete, Richard Groos.
Davy Overton. Pl. W. Halyete, R. Groos.
Thomas Knight, smith. Mar. dau.

1393

John Daundy, tiler. Pl. N. Cristesham, Richard Ferroure.
John Pope. Pl. Thomas Hore, Richard Groos.
Richard Cook, tucker. Pl. Robert Webb, William Greynton.
Richard Cokyr. Pl. Roger Chapman, Thomas Piggeslegh.
James Tannere. Pl. John Nywemaister, Walter Dyer.
William Trewe, butcher. Mar. wid.
Thomas Goold, butcher. Mar. dau.

1394

John Sprot, glazier. Pl. T. Jay, John Vykers.
Ralph Brys. Mar. wid.
John Scryven, chandler. Pl. Thomas Jay, Richard Groos.
William Bury, malster. Pl. Richard Groos, Henry Maundewar.
John Stoke, butcher. Mar. wid.
John Hore. Mar. dau.
William Glovere. Pl. J. Niwemaister, John Clothere.
John Kake, cordwainer. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Thomas Jay.
Ralph Loder. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Richard Groos.
John Bakere. Pl. John Niwemaister, Richard Groos.
John Barbour, dyer. Pl. Roger Chapman, John Nywemaister.

1395

Gilbert Walton. Gives drink, gloves and ros. which he paid
there in full convocation, therefore he is quit.
John Hertlond, cook. Mar. wid.
Thomas Leste. Mar. dau.
Thomas Sholere. Mar. dau.
John Romesy, "webb". Pl. Richard Ferroure, William
Fishere.

[This entry is deleted and a note in the margin states
—Because he falsely and maliciously caused Thomas
Galwey and John Shephard to be indicted of felony in
the county of Kent, upon which indictment they were
outlawed before the coroner of the said county. 9 April.
2 Henry V.]

1396

John Donmowe, fisher. Pl. John Nywemaister, John Forest.
John Wycomb. Pl. R. Ferroure, J. Forest.
James Mareys. Mar. dau.
William Benet, goldsmith, paid in full convocation and so is quit.
William Baker. By patrimony.
John Hareward called Wodehewere. Pl. Richard Ferroure, John Forest.
William Carleton. Mar. dau.
Richard Lucas. Pl. Richard Groos, Luke Fisher.
John Crotere. By patrimony.
John Dwely. Pl. N. Cristisham, Richard Wodeford.
John Ray. Mar. wid.
William Taillour. Pl. Roger Chepman, Walter Deighere.
John Andrew, junior. Pl. Roger Chepman, Ralph Toukere.

1397

Robert Syvyere. By patrimony.
Walter Coterell. Mar. dau.
William Yhonton, cordwainer. Mar. wid.
Ralph Brew, butcher. Pl. Thomas Jay, Richard Wodeford.
Robert Scott. Mar. dau.
William Manger. Pl. T. Piggesleigh, J. Forest.

1398

John Annger. Pl. Richard Groos, Richard Wodeford.
Richard Peres. Mar. wid.
John Mulverton, carpenter. Pl. John Roubergh, John Clothere.
William Bensham, tiler. Pl. John Tyler, baker, Thomas Bockyng.
Thomas Weye, tailor. Mar. wid.
John Peek. Pl. John Broun, John Niwemaister.
Henry London, tailor. Pl. T. Pyggesleigh, John Morys, tailor.
John Frankeleyn. Mar. dau.

1400

Richard Moddry. Pl. Richard Groos, John Forest.
Ralph Avery "webb". Pl. Richard Groos, Henry Maundewar.
William Wynchester, limner. Mar. wid.
Walter atte Elme, smith. Mar. wid.
Richard Busard. By patrimony, mar. dau.
John Bray, "webb". Pl. Robert Bakere, John Roubergh.
William Gore, sadler. Pl. Henry Sparkeford, Robert Bakere,
paid in full and so is quit.
Robert Hamme, cordwainer. Pl. Robert Baker, John Robergh.
Robert Asseby. Mar. dau.
Thomas Galeweye, tucker. Pl. Richard Ferroure, Thomas
Weye.
Thomas Jene, baker. Paid in full and so is quit.
William Tannere, glover. Mar. wid.
William Ryden. Mar. dau.
John Cutt. Paid in full and so is quit.
Edward Godtyd, glover. Paid in full and so is quit.
Roger Fletchere. Pl. J. Nywemaister, Robert Baker.
John Lieve. Pl. Richard Groos, Walter Deighere. And in
case it can be proved by the order book [*ordinale*] that
a daughter of a burgess born before her father was made
a burgess is to have freedom in the borough aforesaid by
the freedom of her father, then let him go quit of the
said fine, if not let him pay as above. Therefore he pays
in wax 2*lb.* worth 12*d.*

1401

John Spey. Pl. Richard Groos, John Mede.
Laurence Lock, tucker. Pl. Richard Ferour, John Mede.
William Helston. By patrimony.
Nicholas Veel, "webb". Pl. Richard Groos, John Forest.
Vasco Peres. Fine paid in full and so is quit.

1402

Richard Trote, "webbe". Pl. W. Deighere, Richard Groos.
Thomas Type. By patrimony.

John Horwode. Fine paid in full and so is quit.
John James, smith. Pl. John Forest, John Bowyer.
Gregory Pynchon, skinner. Pl. Walter Dyer, John Forest.
John Clement, carpenter. Pl. William Dyer, John Mulward.
Walter Creyse, clerk. Fine paid in full and so is quit.
John Pykworth. Fine paid in full and so is quit.
John Freman. Pl. Roger Chepman, Richard Touker.
John Bykhull, baker. Pl. Richard Groos, John Forest.
William Selewode. By patrimony.
John Covry, baker. Pl. William Dyer, Thomas Weye.

1403

William Molton, tanner. Fine paid in full and so is quit.
Roger Lupeyete. By patrimony.
John Hull, merchant. (No pledges.)
Thomas Skypere. In respite, to enquire whether he was the son of a burgess.
Edward Curteys, mercer. Fine paid in full, and so is quit.
Roger Spellesbury. Fine paid in full, and so is quit.
John Cogan. Fine paid in full, and so is quit.
John Southcomb called Sadeler. Fine paid in full, and so is quit.

1404

John Clerk, baker. Mar. wid.
John Stokes, hosteller. Fine paid in full, and so is quit.
John Clerk, mason. Pl. Robert Baker, John Clerk, baker.
William Wyx, dyer. Mar. dau.
John Morton, carpenter. Pl. Thomas Sholere, John Touker.
William Yeman. Pl. T. Sholer, Ralph Brys.
John atte Wode. By patrimony.
John Cogan. By patrimony.
Philip Porter. Pl. Roger Chepman, Thomas Weye.
Roger Galmyngton *alias* Leicestre, cordwainer. Pl. Thomas Sholer, Ralph Brys.

1405

John Horewode *alias* Schephurd. Mar. wid.
Thomas Hendery, shoemaker. Pl. Robert Baker, Thomas
Sholer.
Edward Weylde. Pl. Robert Baker.
Walter Pery. Pl. John Daundy, Richard Towker.
John Gonne *alias* Skryvener. Paid in full, and so is quit.
William Laly. Mar. dau. of a burgess. In respite to enquire
whether she was the daughter of a burgess.

1406

John Godwyn, glasier. Mar. dau.
Robert Polglas. Pl. Robert Baker, John Pedewelle.
Edward Barbour. Pl. Roger Chepman, Henry Ferour.
Richard Gylet. Pl. John Pedewelle, Richard Trote.
John Golde, butcher. Mar. dau. of John Towker.
Richard Stone, butcher. Pl. Thomas Scholer, John Pope.
John Groos, son of Richard Groos. By patrimony.

1407

John Downe, carpenter. Mar. dau.
John Forde, tucker. Pl. Thomas Weye, John Bray.
William Helyere. Pl. John Cutte, John Pope.
Luke Wylton. Mar. Agnes Groos. [dau. of a burgess.]
Henry Boltyng. [No pledges named.]
John Braunche, carpenter. Pl. John Cutte, John Dandy.
John Harpere of Corscumbe. Pl. Thomas Weye, Luke Fyscher.
John Colls, cutler. Mar. wid. of William Greynton.
Thomas Cook. Mar. dau.
John Tavener. Mar. Felicia, wid. of Thomas Bocking.
William Cory, carpenter. Pl. John Cooke, baker, John
Glasiere.

1408

William Stuyll. Mar. wid.
John Swayn. Pl. John Schephurd, Edward Goodtyd.
John Yve, glover. Mar. dau.

David Barry, goldsmith. Pl. Ralph Avery, John Bray.
Walter Northwych, cordwainer. Pl. Ralph Averey, John
Cutte.
John Yeman, "milward". Pl. John Dandy, John Cutte.
John Port, tanner. Pl. John Kyng, Thomas Scholer.
John Viltere, Dutchman. Gives wine, gloves and ros., which
he is to pay immediately they are demanded.
Richard Hulle called Plasterer. Pl. Thomas Rede, William
Peyntour.
William Greycoppe, tailor. Pl. John Stokes, bakere, Edward
Wilde.
Walter Peyteyvyn. Pl. William Selewode, Edward Wylde.

1409

William Croftere. Pl. John Bray, Edward Goodtyd.
John Collys, tucker. Pl. John Cutte, John Barbour, dyer.
John Kenyngton. Pl. Thomas Scholer, John Daundy.
John Lycestre. Pl. Luke Fyscher, Edward Wylde.
Thomas Walsyngham. Pl. John Horewode, John Glasyer.

1410

Richard Melers *alias* Setter. Pl. Roger Chapman, Edward
Curteys. No fine because he married the widow of John
Blithe.
Walter Geneys, tailor. Pl. Thomas Piggesley, John Screveyn.
William Weye. Pl. Thomas Weye, Edward Curteys. No fine
because he married the widow of Robert Asscheby.
John Hawe. Pl. Richard Trote, William Selwode.
William Tolner, chandler. Pl. John Glasyer, Robert Hampne.
William Laly, son of John Laly *alias* Hawe. By patrimony.
John Red. Pl. John Pedwell, Thomas Rede. If it is found
that he is the son of a burgess.
Thomas Blandon. Pl. Roger Boucher, Richard Bokkyng.
John Glew. Pl. Roger Chapman, Walter Dyer.
Robert Pyke *alias* Portour. Mar. dau. Pl. Philip Porter,
Roger Boucher.
John Northne. Pl. William Selwode, William Rydone.

1411

John Williams. Mar. wid.

John Brian. Mar. dau.

John Hulet. Mar. dau.

John Welifedde, glover. 10s. for a fine if it is found that he did not marry the daughter of a burgess. Pl. for payment John Bower, William Trewe.

William Philippis. Mar. dau.

John Lane, fisherman. Mar. dau.

Stephen Merston. Mar. dau. of John Baker of Estwalles.

John Hontele, plumber. Pl. John Horewode, Richard Bokkyng.

Thomas Dynte. Pl. John Wycombe, Robert Baker.

John Cutte, junior. By patrimony.

1412

Roger Wix, tucker. Pl. Ralph Avery, Richard Bokkyng.

John Clyn, tucker. Mar. wid.

John Stones *alias* Loder. Pl. John Cutte, John Barbour, dyer.

1413

Richard William, tailor. Pl. William Weye, Gilbert Walton.

John Parker, barber. Mar. dau.

John Hyndon. Pl. Philip Porte, John Hulet.

Richard Goderygge. Mar. wid.

John Parys, fisher. Pl. Luke Fysscher, P. Porter.

John Mulleward *alias* Steynour. Mar. dau.

William Broun, tailor. Mar. dau.

John Doniet. Mar. dau.

1414

Walter Pryskylli. Pl. John Pedewell, William Lymnour.

William Smyth, weaver. Pl. John Pedewell, Ralph Avery.

John Shyrton. Pl. Henry Maundeware, Richard Bokkyng.

Thomas Hull. Pl. T. Galewey, John Rouburgh.

Thomas Williams *alias* Syvier. Pl. William Weye, Edward Wylde.

Philip Haket, carpenter. Pl. John Cutte, Thomas Galeweye.
Thomas Stokes, baker. Pl. Richard Pyers, John Pedewell.
John Greye, skinner. Pl. William Ryden, John Daundy.
John Hervy, tailor. Pl. William Rydon, John Daundy.
John Taunton, dyer. Mar. wid.
John Calf. Pl. W. Weye, John Barbour.
John Denys. Mar. dau.
William Kentesbere, carpenter. Mar. dau.
John Mayn, vintner. Pl. Richard Pyers, John Pedewell.
Richard Alampton, mason. Mar. dau.
Richard Golde, butcher. Pl. Edward Wylde, Edward Gotyde.
Hilbrand Elwelle. Mar. wid.
Simon Bayliffe. Mar. wid.
Ralph Dun, tucker. Pl. Luke Wylton, John Cutte.
Nicholas Tayllour, weaver. Pl. Edward Wylde, Edward
Godtyde.
John Trente. Mar. wid.
Walter Rysseby. Pl. Thomas Sholer, Edward Wylde.

1416

John Parys. Pl. John Godwyn, glasier, Edward Wylde.
Thomas White. Pl. John Pope, tiler, John Daundy.
Roger Edmunds, baker. Pl. John Pedewell, John Godwyn.
Thomas Chynok, weaver. Mar. dau.
John Hopere. Mar. wid.

1417

Richard Langeford, goldsmith. Pl. Hildebrand Elwell, John
Morys.
Richard Umfray, mason. Pl. John Barbour, Richard Alamp-
ton, mason.
Richard Halle. Mar. wid.
John Bradeford. Pl. Walter Dyere, Simon Baylly.
Peter Gosselyn called Brewer. Mar. wid.

1418

Richard Welsknowe. By patrimony.
Robert Joye, malster. Pl. John Cutte, James Mareys.

John Frome. Mar. wid.
John Weryng, hooper. Pl. John Pedewell, John Plomer.
John White, tailor. Pl. Richard Pyers, John Pedewell.
John Curteys. Mar. dau.
John Bekyngton, weaver. Pl. William Weye, Thomas Walsingham.
John Stokes. —.
John Swan *alias* Spicer. Pl. S. Baylly, John —.
John Hull called Catour. Pl. J. Boughyere, James Mareys.
Henry Hogges. Pl. William Weye, Thomas Sholere.
Thomas Weylond, tailor. Pl. William Weye, James Mareys.
John Frampton, butcher. Pl. John Heyne, John Doniat.

1419

Walter Perrot. Mar. wid.
Richard Vykers, "webb". By patrimony.
John Olyver, tailor. Mar. dau.

1420

William Frampton. Pl. John Trent, John Steynour.
John Foster, glover. Mar. wid.
Richard Wrighte *alias* Dyere. Pl. William Rydon, John Wilbam.
John White, tucker of Wells. Pl. John Bradeford, Robert Polglas.
John Colles, cordwainer. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Mower.
Walter Dylverton. By patrimony.
Edmund Bocher, waxmaker. Pl. William Lymnour, William Chaundelor.
Thomas Bernard, sadler. Pl. William Wey, John Barbour.
Ralph Gosselyn. Pl. Thomas Wey, John Swayn.
Simon Wylde, sherman. Pl. William Weye, James Mareys.
John Lupyrate, butcher. Mar. wid.

1421

Henry Pomerey, butcher. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Mowere.
Peter Braynesford. Pl. John Cutte, senior, Stephen Merston.

John Wyche. Mar. dau.
Robert Elwell. Pl. Richard Settere, Simon Baylly.
John Clyns, mason. Pl. Stephen Merston, James Mareys.
John Norman, senior, mason. Pl. Stephen Merston, Gilbert Walton.
John Norman, junior. Mar. wid.
Thomas Goldesmyth. Mar. dau.
John Colston. By patrimony.
William Somerham. Pl. John Cutt, senior, John Calf.
Thomas Pyke. Mar. wid.

1422

Thomas Nabbe. Mar. dau.
Nicholas Todde. [No pledges given.]
Geoffrey Hurt. Pl. John Leef, William Smyth, weaver.
John Albord. Mar. dau. Pl. John Leef, William Smyth, weaver.
John Loty.¹ Mar. wid. Pl. Hildebrand Elwell, Stephen Merston.
John Rocke.¹ Mar. wid. Pl. S. Bayly, R. Setter.

1423

Thomas Cornwall.¹ Pl. John Cutt, senior, John Plomer, senior.
John Byllyng.¹ Mar. dau. Pl. John Cutt, senior, John Plomer, senior, "antecessores suos".
William Cutte. By patrimony.
Walter Hanham. Mar. dau.
John Trappe. Mar. wid. Pl. Stephen Mersschton, Philip Porter.
John Cornish. Mar. dau. Pl. Stephen Mersschton, William Wey.

¹ These entries appear under date 14 October to 24 February 10 Henry V, but he died 31 August. Therefore they have been taken as belonging to the first year of Henry VI.

Henry Selwode, son of William Selwode. By patrimony.
Pl. W. Selwode, John Cutte.
John Pury. Mar. wid.
Nicholas Elyot. Pl. —, John Cutte, senior.

1424

John Sprott, smith. Mar. dau.
Richard Wyly, weaver. Pl. Jo———.
John Halys, tailor. Mar. dau. Pl. John Halle, Robert Tay-
lour.
John Chelsham, dyer. Mar. dau. Pl. Walter Dulverton,
Walter Peres.
Robert Yonge, butcher. Mar. dau. Pl. William Crofter,
Robert Tailour.
John Hardying *alias* Devenyssch, tailor. Pl. John Rooke,
Richard Goderygg.
John Hampton, glasier. Mar. dau. Pl. John Glasiere and
Walter Dulverton.

1425

Thomas, son of John Horewode. By patrimony. Pl. Richard
Halle and John Collys, cutler.
William Langeford, mercer, son of Richard Langeford. By
patrimony. Pl. Robert Elwell and Richard Langeford
aforesaid.
Robert Chiselden. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Setter and Philip
Porter.
Robert Bullok, freemason. Pl. John Calf, John Norman.
John Cady *alias* Cadhey, carpenter. Pl. Richard Goderygg,
Philip Porter.
John Colston. This day came John Colston & prayed the
grace of the master for his freedom, to be annulled because
he prosecuted Richard Welyknow by the king's writ with-
out the licence of the said master against the statutes
and ordinances of the burgesses of the said town, and at
the great instance of the venerable burgesses he was
restored to the freedom aforesaid paying to the said

master what he wished to receive from him according to the ordinance on paper, viz, 6 gallons of wine.

Richard, son of John Pedewell. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Setter, Thomas Horewode.

Peter Boghyar *alias* Tankard comes and gives to the master and commonalty for having his freedom wine, wax, gloves and 10s. for a fine. And if it can be found in the ancient muniments that the bastard daughter of a burgess, Walter Dyere, had freedom in the borough, the said Peter shall have the fine and wax refunded. Paying the fine at the next [hearing] of accounts, by pledges John Godewyn and Richard Bockyng, unless by the grace of the master and commonalty, at the prayer of Agnes Dyer, late the wife of Walter Dyere, the suppliant, it be pardoned.

Robert Yonge, mason. Pl. John Pedewell, John Cutte, senior.

1426

Peter Boughyere *alias* Tankard has a day at the next court to prove if he had the freedom of the borough or not, because he married the bastard daughter of Walter Dyghere.

William Hales. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Godrigge, Thomas Sholere.

Richard Burdeux, smith. Pl. Philip Porter, John Forde.
Thomas Shete, freemason. Pl. John Calff, John Norman.

1427

John Huchonus *alias* Chapell. By patrimony.

Henry Gryme, mason. Mar. dau.

John Dolle. Mar. wid.

1428

William Sampson, clothier. Mar. wid.

John Plommere called Hunteley. By patrimony.

John Pelly, carpenter. Pl. John Parys, Stephen Merston.

William Porte, tanner, called Pyers. By patrimony.
John Whetelee. Mar. wid.
William Tylli, vintner. Pl. John Pedewell, John Cutt, senior.

1429

John Sholere, tanner. By patrimony.
William Northerne. By patrimony.
Nicholas Frye, tucker. Mar. dau.
William Hunte, butcher. Pl. John Hervy, Henry Selwode.
William Vouell. Pl. John Godwyn, John Colles.
Robert Fyle. Pl. Stephen Merston, Walter Dylverton.
William Beaufitz, tailor. Pl. Robert Tayllour, John Mowere.
John Coton. Pl. John Hervy, Walter Dylverton.
William Hymbury, butcher. Pl. John Godwyn, Stephen Merston.
William Ayleford. Pl. Richard Bokkyng, Thomas Sholere.
William Ryvel, carpenter. Pl. Walter Dylverton, John Hervy.
John Everhard, fisher. Pl. Richard Bokkyngg, John Hervy.
Richard Horrygge, chapman. Mar. dau.
John Pecher, carpenter. Pl. Walter Dylverton, Thomas Sholere.
William Penylader. Pl. Ralph Avery, Thomas Sholere.

1430

John Hunte, butcher. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Mowere.
John Cok called Bispanne. Pl. Stephen Merston, Henry Hogges.
Henry Smyth *alias* Simon. Pl. Stephen Merston, Henry Hogges.
Thomas Baylton. Pl. Stephen Merston, Henry Hogges.

1431

John son of Robert Syvier. By patrimony.
Henry Umfrey, mason. Mar. dau.
John Walter *alias* Laye, mercer. Mar. dau.
John Nichol, tiler. Pl. Richard Bokkyng, John Steynour.

1432

John Austyll, armiger. Pl. John Godwyn, Richard Settere.
John Marche, dyer. Pl. Richard Goderygge, Thomas Sholere.
Thomas Tannere, butcher. Pl. John Hervy, Thomas Galewey.
John Borton, junior, tucker. Mar. wid.

1433

Thomas Godgrome gives 10s. for a fine upon condition that
if it shall be found that he ought not to be received into
the freedom because Edward Godgrome his father was
convicted in the time and year Richard Groos was master
5 Henry IV [he shall not be received]. Pl. Ralph Averey,
Richard Dyere. [Possibly 1432.]
John Bole, weaver. Pl. Robert Joye, John Bruys.
John Heylesdon. Mar. wid.
Edward Devyet, tailor. Pl. Robert Joye, Richard Burdeux.
Laurence Edward, tucker. Pl. Thomas Halle, William Cutte.

1434

Thomas Blithe. By patrimony.
William Donn, brewer. Pl. Richard Burdeux, Edward Tail-
lour.
Richard Cogan. By patrimony.
William Canyngton, tailor. Pl. Richard Halle, John Hervy.
William Galeweye, tucker. Mar. dau.

1435

Robert Machoun, pewterer. Pl. Walter Dylverton, John
Norman, junior.
William Wynter, tailor. Pl. John Dolle, Thomas Walsingham.
John Broun, goldsmith. Pl. Thomas Halle, John Frome.
Robert Artho, skinner. Pl. Thomas Galewey, John Norman,
junior.
Henry Gybbys called Dyere. Pl. Thomas Sholere, William
Cutte.
Thomas Broun, dyer. Pl. William Cutte, Robert Jaye.

John, son of William Wyx, weaver. By patrimony.
William Gillam, baker. Pl. John Frome, Walter Dylverton.
William Galewey. By patrimony.
John French, weaver. Mar. dau.
John Clerk, chandler. By patrimony.
John Corker, cordwainer. Pl. Thomas Sholere, Henry Selwode.

1436

John Rogger, cordwainer. Mar. dau.
John Nassch, tucker. Pl. Thomas Horewode, Henry Selwode.
Roger Felde, barber. Pl. Richard Halle, John Hervy.
Peter Shetford. Pl. Henry Selwode, William Hunte.
William Folyot. Pl. John Cady, John Cornyssh.
John Wyot, barber. Pl. Thomas Walsingham, John Cady.
John Parys, barber. Pl. Thomas Sholere, John Coton.
Thomas Northlode, baker. Mar. dau.

1437

John White, "milward". Pl. Stephen Merston, William Crosier.
John Savery, weaver. Mar. dau.
Thomas Bussard. By patrimony.
Thomas Colston. Pl. John Cornyssh, John Dolle.
Peter Boughyere has a day at the next convocation to prove whether he married the daughter of a burgess, because he did not pay his fine on the day he was made a burgess, and it is ordered that he appear within the day next following.
Thomas Saverey, weaver. Mar. dau.
Robert Crowethorne, butcher. Mar. wid.

1438

Nicholas Purveour. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Byllyng.
John Bridde, glover. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Byllyng.
Geoffrey White. Mar. wid.
Roger Martyn. Mar. dau.

Freemen of Wells.

John Powere, carpenter. Pl. Henry Selwood, Richard Vikery.
Edward Howell, weaver. Pl. Thomas Goldesmyth, John
Cornyssch.

1439

John Waryn, butcher. Pl. Stephen Merston, John Frampton.
Walter Smyth. Pl. Stephen Merston, Richard Welsknowe.
John Pounce, cordwainer. Pl. Nicholas Elyet, John Roger.
John Hymbury, tucker. Mar. wid.
William Northill. Pl. Stephen Merston, Richard Viker-
Oliver Dygon, butcher. Mar. wid.

1440

William Mody, dyer. Pl. Richard Vykers, John Byllyng.
[? 1439.]
Walter Halstoli, glasier. By patrimony, and mar. dau.

1441

John Chew, hosier. Pl. Stephen Merston, Richard Burdeaux.
John Cole. Mar. dau.
Nicholas Crosseman. Pl. William Vouell, William Cutte.
Ralph Lye, baker. Mar. wid.
John Cantelough, tanner. Pl. Thomas Halle, John Byllyng.
Edward Plomer. By patrimony.
John Gerrard, goldsmith. Pl. John Cady, John Bridde,
glover.

1442

Walter Wedmore, tucker. Pl. Robert Joye, Nicholas Pur-
veour.
Henry Adekyns, hooper. Pl. Richard Burdeaux, John Cady.
John Gele, tucker. Pl. John Byllyng, John Curteys.
Thomas Randolff, tailor. Mar. dau.
John Michel, cordwainer. Pl. John Sholere, Richard Wylli.
Henry Hunte, lockier. Pl. Edward Waxemaker, William
Hunte.
Thomas Smyth, tucker. Pl. William Don, William Galewey.

Thomas Peryssone, mercer. Pl. Thomas Nabbe, John Hervy.
Hugh Pypeseyn, butcher. Pl. John Godwyn, Nicholas Elyet.
Roger Byton, tucker. Pl. John Byllyng, Nicholas Elye.
William Mayne, tucker. Pl. Richard Horerigge, William
Galewey.
William Priour, weaver. Pl. John Sholere, John Hervy.

1443

Henry Umfray. By patrimony.
John Hillman. Mar. wid.
Robert Thornebury. Mar. wid.
Richard Baker. Pl. Henry Selwode, Richard Burdeaux.
Thomas Pope. Pl. Nicholas Purveour, Richard Burdeaux.
Walter Clerke. Mar. wid.

1444

William Gascoigne, gentleman. Pl. John Godwyn, William
Vouell.
John atte Water. Pl. John Godwyn, William Vouell.
Richard Sewer, draper. Pl. Thomas Nabbe, John Hervy.
Thomas Yadewyke. Mar. wid.
Roger Kyte, weaver. Mar. dau.
John Huchonus, weaver. By patrimony.
Robert Syviere, junior. By patrimony.
Thomas Stone. By patrimony.
John Frampton. By patrimony.
John Hopkins. By patrimony.
John Fot. Pl. John Godwyn, William Vouell.
Nicholas Deye. Mar. dau.
Richard Parkere, barber. By patrimony.
John Smyth of Chaumberleynstrete. Pl. William Canyngton,
John Sadelere.

1445

John Bulron, tanner. Pl. John Godwyn, Stephen Merston.
Thomas Skeynoure *alias* Mulleward. By patrimony.
Thomas Pykot, tucker. Pl. John Frome, John Frenssh.

John Curteys, junior. By patrimony.
John Reke. Mar. wid.
John Brewere. Mar. dau.

1446

Richard Swayn, weaver. By patrimony.

1447

John Grype, brewer. Pl. Stephen Merston, Henry Selwode.
Nicholas Pole, chapman. Pl. John Godwyn, Henry Selwode.
John Skypere, chapman. Pl. John Godwyn, Henry Selwode.
John Dannewell, skinner. Mar. dau.
William Saunder, weaver. Mar. wid.

1448

Edward John. Pl. John Curteys, John Cady.
Nicholas James, tailor. Pl. John Cady, John Delphe.
John Hille, freemason. Pl. John Syvier, J—— ———.
Thomas Mundy. Pl. Henry Bayllie, John Sadeler.
William Carpenter. Pl. Henry Clerke, William Assch.
Sconerad [*sic*], barbour. Pl. John Cady, John Delphe.
John Grene, hosteller. Pl. Henry Clerke, John Cornyssh.
Thomas Welles, tailor. Mar. wid.

1449

Richard atte Hey. Pl. John Parys, Stephen Merston.
John Mayheu, tucker. By patrimony.
John Herberde, weaver. By patrimony.
Edward Tayllour, weaver. [Unfinished, but by patrimony or marriage.]
Robert Bonour, chapman. Pl. Henry Seyntclere, Richard Horerigge.

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1451

Edward Kyng, weaver. Pl. John Godwyn, John Frome.
Robert Kyng. Pl. Thomas Nabbe, John Grype.
John Adam. Fine paid the same day.
William Deonys, tucker. [By patrimony or marriage.]
John Jaye, tucker. Fine paid the same day.
Richard Dollyng, barber. Fine paid the same day.

1452

Thomas Yong, waxmaker. [No pledges named.]
John Beaufizth. By patrimony.
George Dytye, tailor. By patrimony.
William Chewe. By patrimony.
Thomas Felde *alias* Barbour. By patrimony.
Nowell Symonde. Pl. William Cutte, Henry Boucher.
John Bons, junior. Pl. John Bohon, John Bons, senior.
Robert Chyke. Pl. Richard Burdeaux, John Grype.

1453

John Broke. [No pledges named.]
John Davy. Mar. dau.
Thomas Cleve. Pl. Walter Baker, John Sadeler.
Robert Walbefe. Pl. William Cutte, John Curteys, senior
Thomas Touker. Pl. John Gele, Walter Clerke.
John Boughan. Pl. John Hervy, John Curteys.
Henry Cornyssh. Mar. dau.
Thomas Corset. Mar. dau.
John Lenge, brasier. Pl. John Bons, senior, William Northe
brasier.

1455

Thomas Nabbe, junior. By patrimony.
Henry Fystemore. [By patrimony or marriage.]

Freemen of Wells.

John Bylston. Pl. John Sadeler, Richard Willy.
David Lewys. Pl. Richard Seward, Henry Cornyssh.
Richard Selwode. By patrimony.
John Felpot. [No pledges named.]
Walter Parys. By patrimony.
John Stoner. Mar. dau.
William Bury. Pl. Roger Kyte, Edward Howell.
Thomas Fowlys. Pl. John Chewe, Roger Kyte.
Robert Morys, chapman. Pl. Richard Horerygge, Walte:
Clerke.
Thomas in the Feld, weaver. Mar. dau.

1456

John Powle, junior. Fine paid the same day.
Willaim Lang, brasier. Mar. dau.
William Wodehele. Pl. John Godwyn, Henry Clerke.
John Chewe, junior. By patrimony.
John Sylcok, tailor. Pl. John Sadeler, John Chewe, senior

1457

Maurice Goldsmyth. Pl. John Attewater, Thomas Horewode
John Came, butcher. Mar. wid.

1458

John Stowell, freemason. Pl. John Sadeler, William Wodehele
Thomas Hone. Pl. Thomas Horewode, John Sadeler.
John Hows, tailor. Pl. John Attewater, John Grype.

1460

Edward Hogges *alias* Hancok. By patrimony.
Thomas Heywode. Mar. dau.
John Gully *alias* Forber. Pl. Walter Toker, John Grene.

1461

John Halstone. By patrimony.
Walter Noore, stainer. Mar. dau.

Thomas Rowdon. Pl. John Chew, senior, John Huchyns.
John Asshewyke. Pl. Richard Horygge, Richard Wylde.
John Attekyns. Mar. dau.
John Salmon. Mar. dau.
Walter Priour. By patrimony.
John Blakeman. Mar. dau.
John Pomerey, butcher. By patrimony.
John Long, baker. Mar. wid.
Richard Coward, butcher. By patrimony.
William Pope. Pl. John Bons, senior, John Bons, junior.
David Spencer, cordwainer. Pl. John Grene, John Bons,
junior.
John Venycombe, baker. Pl. John Grype, Richard Baker.

1462

Nicholas Alewynne, cordwainer. Mar. dau.
Robert Warter, tailor. Pl. John Bons, junior, Henry Cornyssh.
William Attewylle, tanner. Mar. dau.
John Smyth, tanner. Mar. wid.

1463

Nicholas Morys *alias* Pelly, carpenter. Fine paid the same
day.
John Bernard. Mar. wid.
William Ketyll. Pl. John Grene, Thomas Perysson.
John Russell, glasier. Pl. Henry Seyntcler, Thomas Perysson.
John Seward. By patrimony.
Richard Morys, tailor. Mar. dau.
Thomas Hampton. By patrimony.
Stephen Courteman. Mar. wid.
Ralph Gardyner. Pl. Thomas Horewode, Henry Seyntclere.
Richard Knolles, tucker. Pl. Hughes Bowcher, Thomas
Corset.
Otho More, barber. Mar. dau.
William Abury, pewterer. Pl. John Grene, John Bons.

1464

John Brown, weaver. Pl. John Salmon, John Bons.
William Savery, weaver. By patrimony.
Robert Broke, tanner. By patrimony.
Thomas Wylly, weaver. By patrimony.
Thomas Morys, weaver. Pl. John Attewater, Walter Towker.
John Burdeaux, smith. By patrimony.
Richard Wether. Pl. John Asshewyke, John Atkyns.
John Lacy. Pl. Richard Burdeaux, John Bons.
Robert Baker, smith. Pl. John Selcok, John Herberd.
Geoffrey Clerke, tucker. Pl. Richard Wylde, John Herberd.
William Braddon. Pl. John Byrd, Richard Wylde.
Robert Emay, brasier. Pl. John Grype, John Herberd.
Edmund Wyseman. Pl. Richard Wylde, John Herberd.
Richard Edward. Pl. Richard Wilde, John Herberd.
John Compayne. Pl. John Bons, John Byrde.

1465

John Wynter. By patrimony.
John Barbour *alias* Parcar. By patrimony.
John Rede, goldsmith. Pl. Henry Clerke, John Selcok.

1466

Robert Wode, tucker. Mar. wid.
John Orchard. Mar. dau.
John Coke, weaver. Pl. Thomas Rowden, John Herberd.
William Dancaster, dyer. Mar. wid.

1467

Master John Touker, Registrar of the causes of the Bishop of Bath and Wells and clerk of the [cathedral] church of Wells. Pl. John Atwater, Walter Baker.
Thomas Smyth, principal apparitor and principal auditor of the account of the bishop of Bath and Wells. Pl. John Atwater, Walter Baker.
William Edmond, bailiff of the liberty of the bishop of Bath and Wells. Pl. John Atwater, Walter Baker.

Wells City Charters.

John Clement. Pl. John Grype, John Herbert.
Thomas Coker, clerk and sacristan of the cathedral church of Wells. Mar. dau.
Peter Rampson. Mar. dau.
John Beynton, clerk. Mar. dau.
John Trench, baker. Pl. John Russell, Thomas Parker.
William Wylmot. Pl. Thomas Pyerson, John Bons.
Richard, son of William Vowell. By patrimony.
Thomas Newdyke. Pl. John Atwater, Thomas Smyth.
John Jesewey. Mar. dau.
William Halle, weaver. Mar. dau.
Mathew Morys, weaver. Pl. John Huchyn, John Bons.
John Smyth, tucker. Mar. wid.
John Hoke, brasier. Pl. William Cutt, John Grype.
John Collyng, tailor. Pl. John Selcok, John Herberd.
William Stekylpath. Mar. dau.
John Bogy. Mar. dau.
John Bons, junior. Pl. John Bons, Thomas Felde.
John Yeman, baker. By patrimony.
Thomas Raynold, freemason. Pl. John Herberd, Robert Chyke.
John Mayne, carpenter. Pl. Richard Horygge, William Bury.
Henry Priour, weaver. By patrimony.
Edward Smyth, pattenmaker. Pl. John Selcok, William Bury.
John Hunte, hosier. Mar. dau.
John Lychefeld. Pl. John Selcok, John Bowghan.
Giles Walys, cordwainer. Pl. John Herbert, William Bury.
Maurice Rede, weaver. Mar. wid.
John Croftesende, tailor. Pl. Richard Seward, William Bury.
Richard Andrewe, sadler. Pl. John Sadeler, John Selcok.

1468

John Keyvell. Mar. dau. of William Gaskyne, dec. Pl.
Walter Baker, William Edmond.
Thomas Covell. Mar. Margery, wid. of Roger Martyne. Pl.
Thomas Iwode, — Knolles.

Freemen of Wells.

William Pewe. Pl. Walter Glasyer, Thomas Affylde.
John Trevenante. Pl. John Boughan, John Lichefeld.
John Edward *alias* Dyer. Pl. Thomas Rowden, William
Pewterer.
Thomas Bouchour of Glastonbury. Pl. Thomas Smyth, John
Grype.
John Lynge. By patrimony.
John Aysshe. Mar. dau.
John Fryse. Pl. John Selcok, Otho [Otys] More.
Peter Jonnysson, Dutchman. Pl. Henry Seynteclere, John
Beynton.
Thomas Kene, sadler. Pl. John Selcok, Thomas Avyle.

1469

William Typs. Pl. John Bonnse, senior, Thomas Heywode.
William Byton. By patrimony.
John Baily. Pl. John Chywe, William Bery.
Maurice Browne. [By patrimony or marriage.]
Richard Burnell. Mar. wid. Pl. John Awater, Thomas
Smyth.
Roger Withe. Mar. wid.
Henry Tynbury. Pl. William Wylmotte, John Herberd.
Walter Bakon. Pl. Robert Taillour, Thomas Corsette.
John Garnesy. Pl. John Aysshe, John Stykelpathe.
John Elwell. Pl. William Wilmot, John Chywe.
Nicholas Gybon. Pl. John Russell, William Wilmotte.
William Wydecombe. Pl. William Willmot, John Chywe.
John Bailif. Pl. John Chywe, William Wylmotte.
Maurice Browne. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Corsette, William
Wylmotte.

1470

Thomas Seward. Mar. dau.
John Beverly. [No pledges named.]
Hugh Chamborn. Mar. wid.
Roger Coryngdon. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Rowdon, Thomas
Hampton.

Thomas Flemmyng, glover. Pl. William Wylmot, William Stykelpath.

William Walshe. Pl. John Bons, senior, Thomas Hampton. John Squyer, butcher. Pl. Thomas Hampton, William Wilmotte.

John Goge. Pl. Thomas Iwode, William Stykelpath.

Thomas Wykes. Pl. John Chywe, William Wylmotte.

John Tyler. Pl. John Chywe, William Wylmotte.

William Edward. Pl. John Buhyn, Thomas Hampton.

1471

William Burger. Pl. John Huchons, John Chywe, junior. Godfrey Aughtefeld, Dutchman. Pl. Thomas Rowdon, John Lychfeld.

John Sully. Mar. dau.

John Draper, formerly of Glastonbury. Pl. John Attewater, Thomas Smyth.

William Foxe. Pl. Richard Vowell, John Huchons.

Thomas Huchons, chapman. Pl. John Huchons, William Wylmotte.

John Elys. Mar. dau.

Richard Trapnell of Corscombe, baker. Pl. John Trevenaunt, Robert Taillour.

John Cornysse of Corscombe, baker. Pl. Thomas Perysson, John Smyth, tanner.

1472

John Syvyar, weaver. By patrimony.

William Walboff, brewer. App.

John Baker, tucker. App.

John Hunt, draper, son of Henry Lokyer *alias* Hunt. By patrimony.

1473

William Browne, tucker. Pl. John Saverey, John Salmon.

John Hogges, weaver. Pl. John Trevenant, Nicholas Gyebon.

Robert Tuckey, weaver. Pl. John Smyth, John Atkyns.
John Ryse, tanner. Pl. Thomas Flemyng, John Atkyns.
John Ygram. Pl. Thomas Pereson, William Wylmott.

1474

John, son and heir of William Cutte, late master. By
patrimony.
John Standerwyke. Pl. Thomas Rowdon, John Harberd.
John Byrley. [No pledges named.]
John Goldewegge. [No pledges named.]
John Roche. Pl. Thomas Pyerson, Roger Coryngdon.
Roger Latener. Mar. wid.
John Pomerey. By patrimony.
John Coward *alias* Frampton, junior. By patrimony.
John Jonys. Mar. dau.
Robert Draper. Pl. John Draper, William Wilmot.
William Yngge. Pl. William Pewtrer, Thomas Rowdon.
Richard Hygones. Mar. wid.
John Pache. Wife app.
William de London, baker. Pl. John Herbert, John Trevenant.
John Hamonde, dyer. Pl. John Herbert, Roger Coryngdon.
Nicholas Mounteyne, pewterer. App.
John Sugar. Pl. Otho [Otise] More, Thomas Kene.
Peter Jonson, cutler. Pl. Otho More, Thomas Kene.
Robert Wutton, baker. Pl. John Harbert, John Trevenante.

1475

John Rogers. Pl. John Sadeler, John Selcok.
William Lacy. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Vowell, John
Lacy.
William Gararde. Pl. William Edmonde, Nicholas Pole.
John Lucas. Pl. John Edwarde, John Beynton.
Hugh Elice. App. Pl. Thomas Kene and [blank.]
John Inge. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Bonour, John Bonnce,
senior.
Henry Bole. By patrimony. Pl. John Selcok and [blank].

John Goldesmyth. Pl. John Josue, Otho More.
William Smyth. Pl. John Smyth, William Wylmote.
Simon Gosse, butcher. Pl. John Josue, Otho More.

1476

William Awbry. By patrimony. Pl. William Pewterer,
William Wodehele.
Walter Wareyn. Mar. wid.
Thomas Nete. Pl. John Bons, William Wilmote.
Robert Pope of Glastonbury. Pl. John Josue, Otho More.
Richard Venannce. Mar. wid.
John Brady. Pl. William Pewterer, William Wodehele.
John Nicols. App. to William Vowell.
John Pomerey, junior. By patrimony.
John Lye. Mar. dau. of John Coward.
Thomas Combe. Mar. dau. Pl. Otho More, Thomas Kene.
Thomas Barbour. Pl. John Pomerey, Otho More.
David Toker. Pl. John Josue, Otho More.
Lewis Toker. Pl. William Wilmot, W. Pope.

1477

John Hayne. Pl. John Josue, William Walbyf.
Herman Wysselyn. Pl. Thomas Kene, Otho Moore.
Richard Sugar. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, Nicholas Gebons.
Laurence William. Pl. William Lacey, John Sevyer.
John Edward of Oky. Pl. Otho Barbour,¹ William Walbif.
Richard Clerke, tailor. Pl. John Beynton, Otho Barbour.¹
William Austyn, carver. Pl. John Beynton, John Edward.
Hugh Dovy, tanner. Pl. Thomas Flemynge, Thomas Kene.
Richard Sadeler. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Vowell, John
Sadeler.
David Skitte. Pl. Thomas Hapton, John Beynton.
Robert Harreys. Pl. William Wylmote, Robert Broke.
Richard Tiler. Mar. dau. Pl. William Skynner, Thomas
Neet.

¹ Possibly Otho More, barber.

John Burnarde, tanner. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Broke,
William Tanner.
Richard White, tailor. App. to John Croftesende. Pl. Roger
Coryngdon, John Croftesende.
Robert Clerke, stainer. Mar. dau. Pl. John Chewe, John
Cutte.

1478

William Russell. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Vowell, Thomas
Hywode [? 1477].
Thomas Dey. Mar. wid. Pl. William Wylmot, John Chewe
[? 1477].
David Jones. App. to Thomas More, weaver. Pl. Thomas
Rowdon, John Chue [? 1477].
Richard Burdeux. Mar. dau. Pl. John Hochons, John
Burdeux.
John Fulborn. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, William Brigger.
Henry Splat, weaver. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, William Brigger.
Walter Brynscomb, baker. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, William
Brigger.
John Clerke, tucker. Pl. Richard Burnell, William Pewterer.
John Capper. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, John Bons, junior.
Thomas Hethfelde, pewterer. App. Pl. William Pewterer,
William Pope.
William Knighte, carpenter. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Broke,
John Smyth.
Henry Edwarde. By patrimony. Pl. William Brigger, John
Smyth, tanner.
Peter Dyer. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, John Tyler.
William Everard. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, William Brygger.
John Taillour. Pl. John Smyth, Thomas Corsett.
Richard Wylte. Pl. John Ap Ryce, John Bons, junior.
Richard Knyghte, 'brasyetter.' App. Pl. Robert Walbif,
John Burdeaux.
Thomas Baker, butcher. Pl. John Lucas, Edward Patenmaker.
John Philipp, butcher. Pl. John Cutte, John Lucas.
John Adams, Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Vowell, Richard Burnell.

William Lynge. App. Pl. John Huchons, John Lynge.
David Googh, tucker. Pl. John Chue, John Smyth, tucker.

1479

Richard Welughby. Pl. John Herberde, William Wilmote.
Robert Bole. By patrimony. Pl. William Wylmote, John
Herberde.
John Desseforde. By patrimony. Pl. John Selcoke, John
ap Ryce.
John Clerke, tucker. App. Pl. William Wylmote, Richard
Wether.

1480

Nicholas Draper. Pl. William Wylmote, Robert Draper.
John Stoky. App. Pl. William Wylmote, Robert Draper.

1481

William Millewarde. Pl. John Mayne, Thomas Kene.
John Wyet. Pl. Nicholas Pole, Roger Coryngdon.
Hugh Conwey. Pl. Roger Coryngdon, Thomas Kene.
William Hancock, butcher. Pl. John Smyth, Robert Broke.
John Brewer. Pl. John Mayne, Thomas Kene.
Robert Grantham. App. Pl. William Pewterer, John
Kowarde, senior.
John Grantham. App. to William Pewterer. Pl. William
Pewterer and [blank].
David Derby. Mar. dau. Pl. William Wylmote, Thomas Kene.
Thomas Michell. Pl. William Pewterer, Thomas Flemynge.
Thomas Michell, junior. By patrimony. Pl. John Pomerey,
Thomas Barbour.
Roger Michell. Pl. Thomas Flemynge, Otho Barbour.

1483

Robert Sonderland. Mar. wid. Pl. John Josue, Robert
Taillour.
Thomas Awnde, servant to John Lacy. Mar. dau. Pl. Nicholas
Pole, Robert Broke.

1484

John Penne, tanner. Mar. wid. Pl. John Smyth, tanner,
Robert Bonour.
John Clanelleshey. Mar. dau. Pl. John Hows, Otho More.

1485

Robert Burley. Pl. Robert Bonour, Thomas Hethfelde.
Robert Bowe, the king's groom. Pl. John Adam, John Hows.
John Voules, baker. By patrimony. Pl. John Apryce, John
Josue.
John White, weaver. Mar. dau. Pl. William Walbyf, John
Josue.
William Chamberleyne. Mar. dau. Pl. John Apryce, John
Josue.
Peter Goldesmyth. Mar. app. Pl. John Apryce, John Josue.
John Petyte. Mar. app. Pl. John Josue, Thomas Kene.
Richard Attewater of Estwalles. Pl. John Tylar, John Josue.
William Gate, tailor. Pl. John Mayne, John Bons.
John Meggs, chapman. Mar. dau. Pl. John Sadeler, Thomas
Rowdon.
Robert Everarde. By patrimony. Pl. John Selcok, William
Everard.
William Edwarde, weaver. By patrimony. Pl. Richard
Wiloughby, John Brodyar.
John Austyn, dyer. Mar. dau. Pl. John Aprice, John Josue.
John Wyne. App. Pl. Thomas Sewarde, John Blacman.
John Crymer. By patrimony. Pl. John Josue, Richard At
Water.
William Longe, carrier. Pl. Thomas Newdike, John Josue.

1487

John Pyten. Pl. John Draper, William Edwarde.
John Hywode. Pl. John Mayne, Thomas Flemynge.
William Selman. Mar. app. Pl. Robert Draper, Thomas
Flemynge.
John Sherman. Mar. dau. Pl. William Brigger, and [blank].

Robert Matrasse, butcher. Mar. dau. Pl. John Tyler, John Cowarde.

Robert Fons. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Corset, John Sevyar.

Thomas Bethome. Mar. wid. of Roger Coryngdon. Pl. Richard Burnell, Nicholas Pole.

John Person. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Draper, Thomas Seward.

John Mayo. App. Pl. John Hows, Thomas Seward.

1488

John Fulnaby, goldsmith. Pl. Otho Barbour, William Brigger.

John Bultynge. Pl. Thomas Seward, William Brigger.

Richard Louers. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bery, Richard Cowarde.

Philip Tannere. App. Pl. John Selcok, William Brigger.

Richard Trigge. Pl. Robert Draper, William Wylmote.

Thomas Cornelius. App. Pl. Thomas Seward, Peter Jonson, shoemaker.

Andrew Jonson, hooper. App. Pl. John Selcok, David Gogh.

John Hogges, hooper. Mar. dau. Pl. John Selcok, John Taillour.

1489

Richard Draper. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Broke, Thomas Keene.

John Cole. App. Pl. Thomas Kene, Robert Grantham.

John Dodynge, dyer. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Broke, Thomas Kene.

1490

Richard Fystemore. Pl. Richard Burnell, Robert Broke.

Thomas Fox. Mar. dau. Pl. John Ap Res, William Brigger.

Henry Cornysh, baker. Mar. dau. Pl. William Welbyf, John Mayow.

Henry James, glover. Pl. John Beynton, John Mayow.

1491

Nicholas Sadeler. Pl. William Wylmote, John Jesewey.

Richard Walden, butcher. Pl. Otho More, John Desseford.

Freemen of Wells.

John Devenshire, smith. Mar. dau. Pl. William Wylmot,
John Jesewey.
John Matthew, tailor. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Seward, John
Beynton.
Richard Hewet. App. Pl. Thomas Seward, John Seward.
Thomas Oliver, shoemaker. By patrimony. Pl. John Golde-
weye, John Desseford.
John Burges, weaver. App. Pl. William Lacy, Robert
Steynour.
Thomas Curteys, butcher. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Seward,
John Desseford.
John Rayman, weaver. App. Pl. Master John Smyth, Henry
James.

1492

Richard Parker. Mar. wid. Pl. John atte Water, John Adam.
Stephen Baker. By patrimony. Pl. John Atte Water, John
Tyler.
John White. Pl. John atte Water, John Adam.
Thomas Hatter. Pl. Robert Draper, William Walbyf.
John Burnell. App. Pl. Thomas Kene, John Tyler.
Richard Mulgrove. Pl. John Smyth, Robert Grantham.
Richard Flemynge. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Draper, John
Brodyer.
William Wether *alias* Ley. Pl. John Mayne, William Tanner.
John Tanner. Mar. dau. Pl. John Mayne, William Tanner.
William Lane. Mar. wid. Pl. Otho More, John Mayowe.
John Mawdeley. Pl. John Atte Water, William Walbyf.
John Hyeline. Pl. Otho More, John Bons.
John Taillour. Mar. dau. Pl. William Wylmote, John
Josewey.
Michael Roper, weaver. Mar. dau. Pl. John Mayne, John
Sevyer.
John Baker, weaver. Pl. John Burnell, Walter Brynscombe.

1493

John Spereman. Pl. John Ayssh, John Elys.
Thomas Taillour. Pl. Otho More, William Tanner.

Ralph Toker. Pl. Thomas Corset, William Lane.
James Arnold, shoemaker. Mar. wid. Pl. John Smyth, Peter
Jonson.
Thomas Ap Howell, baker. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Sewarde,
John Chue.
Thomas Walron, butcher. By patrimony. Pl. John Dese-
ford, William Lane.
Nicholas North, weaver. By patrimony. Pl. John Mayowe,
John Brygger.
William Brodyer. By patrimony. Pl. John Brodyer, William
Everarde.
William Gane. Mar. wid. Pl. Master Atwater, Richard
Burnell.

1494

John Bonour. By patrimony. Pl. William Wodehele, Robert
Bonour.
John Welshot. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Bonour, Thomas Kene.
John Edward, weaver. By patrimony. Pl. Henry Edward,
John Shereman.
John Eylande, weaver. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Corset, John
Orcharde.
Walter Stewarde *alias* Kerver. Pl. Thomas Sewarde, Peter
Jonson.

1495

William Meryfelde. Pl. John Orchard, Thomas Kene.
Richard Barbour. By patrimony. Pl. John Orchard, Thomas
Kene.
Thomas Burgeys, weaver. App. Pl. John Dodynge, John Pyten.

1496

Nicholas Trappe. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Vowell, John Tyler.

1497

John Ustewayte. Pl. Richard Vowell, Richard Burnell.
Richard Herte. Pl. Otho More, John Dodynge.
John Tyler. Pl. John Tyler, William Walbyf.

Freemen of Wells.

William Frempton. Pl. Otho More, Robert Grantham.
John Garet. Pl. Richard Parker, Otho More.
John Broke. Pl. Robert Broke, Thomas Seward.

1498

John Cokur. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Parker, John Hunte.
Christopher Yonge. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Broke, John
Welshot.
John Browne, tucker. By patrimony. Pl. Otho More,
Richard Grantham.
John Atte Well, tanner. By patrimony. Pl. William Brigger,
William Tanner.
Henry Brynscumb, baker. By patrimony. Pl. William
Brigger, Martin Brynscumb.
William Atte Wode, freemason. Mar. wid. Pl. Otho More,
Robert Grantham.

1499

William Poulet. Mar. dau. Pl. John Hows, John Tyler.
Robert Stabull. Mar. dau. Pl. John Hows, John Tyler.
Henry Lynge *alias* Bocher. By patrimony. Pl. Robert
Broke, John Tyler.
John Godwyne *alias* Lynge, junior. By patrimony. Pl.
Otho More, Robert Draper.
Thomas Bele, brewer. Mar. dau. Pl. William Brigger, Robert
Grantham.
Ralph Dyer. Pl. Thomas Ap Howell, John Welshotte. [? 1500]
George Thrope, tucker. Mar. dau. Pl. John Dodynge, John
Tailler, tucker. [? 1500]
William Grantham, hosier. App. Pl. Thomas Seward, John
Walbyf. [? 1500]

1500

William Tailler. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Parker, John Howes.
Maurice Nayler, hosier. Mar. dau. Pl. John Hunte, Thomas
Seward.
Richard Mathewe, hosier. App. to Thomas Seward. Pl.
Thomas Seward, John Spereman.

1501

William Wylly. Mar. dau. Pl. John Mawdeley, John Jones.
Henry Dodynge. Mar. dau. . Pl. John Elyce, Robert Steyner.
Richard Smyth *alias* Clemente. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard
Burnell, William Walbyf.
Richard Grantham, pewterer. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert
Grantham, William Frempton.

1502

William Summaster. Pl. John Ustewayte, Robert Grantham,
Thomas Standerwyke. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Parker.
Thomas Fox.
Walter Garlonde, butcher. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Broke,
Robert Grantham.
William Wever. Pl. John Mawdeley, Thomas Fox.

1503

John Hyeline, junior. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Broke,
Robert Draper.
Richard Frempton, butcher. By patrimony.
Thomas Lewys, tucker. Mar. dau. Pl. T. Fox, George
Thrope.
John Pole, bailiff of the bishop's liberty. Pl. John Tyler,
Nicholas Trappe.

1504

William Haget. Pl. John Standewyke, John Ustewayte.
Peter Dyxon, shoemaker, a stranger. Pl. Thomas Fox, John
Desseford.

1505

James Stanley. Mar. dau. Pl. John Desseforde, John
Dodynge.
William Pratte *alias* Pynner. Pl. Robert Grantham, John
Dodynge.
John Dyte. By patrimony. Pl. John Hunte, Nicholas
Sadeler.

Freemen of Wells.

John Gay, tanner. Mar. dau. Pl. William Tanner, Thomas Hethfelde.

John Browne, junior. By patrimony. Pl. John Browne, senior, John Baker, weaver.

Thomas Baseley, butcher. Pl. John Deaseford, Thomas Hethfelde.

Robert Hoper, tailor. App. Pl. Robert Draper, John Welshotte.

1506

John Lyne, baker. App. Pl. Robert Draper, John Mawdeley. Thomas Brockwell. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Draper, John Dodynge.

Nicholas Willys. Mar. dau. Pl. John Tyler, Walter Tanner. William Tanner *alias* Wyllys. By patrimony. Pl. William Tanner, John Tanner.

John Alon, tailor. Pl. Nicholas Sadeler, William Chamberleyne. Nicholas Wighte. Pl. John Mawdeley, John Dodynge.

1507

Nicholas Mortimer, dyer. Pl. Thomas Fox, John Dyte.

Peter Grantham. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Draper, Richard Mulgrove.

Thomas Boyle. Mar. wid. Pl. John Tyler, John Hunte.

Thomas Pyers. App. Pl. John Baker, Robert Steyner.

William Wyseman. By patrimony. Pl. John Tyler, John Hunte.

William Naysshen. Mar. dau. Pl. John Pyten and [blank].

James Byrde. Mar. wid. Pl. Walter Gardyner, John Tanner.

John Cutte. By patrimony. Pl. John Tyler, junior, William Frempton.

John Thomas, barber. Pl. John Welshot, John Cole.

John Deverell. Pl. John Tyler, junior, William Frempton.

John Jones, chapman. Mar. dau. Pl. John Tyler, William Frempton.

Robert Tayler. Mar. dau. Pl. John Tyler, John Jonys.

Edward Bole. By patrimony. Pl. Henry Brynscombe, John Tyler, junior.

1509

John Raynysburi. Mar. wid. Pl. John Dodyne, William Frempton.
Walter Sarger. Mar. dau. Pl. John Dodyne, William Frempton.
William Alon. Pl. John Hunt, John Taylour.
Robert Alwyne, Mar. wid. Pl. John Dodyne, William Frempton.
John Mawdeley. App. Pl. John Baker, Robert Staynour.
Richard Whitley. Pl. John Dodyne, John Jonys.
John Prowte. App. Pl. John Mayo, John Jonys.
Henry Bocher. Pl. John Dodyne, William Frempton.
William Boteler. App. Pl. John Dyte, David John.
William Saverey. By patrimony. Pl. John Jonys, David John.
John Tyler, weaver. Pl. John Jonys, David John.
Richard Borne. Pl. John Jonys, David John.
Thomas Pewterer. By patrimony. Pl. John Jonys, John Hyghwode.
William Baron. Pl. John Jonys, David John.
William Bultyng. Mar. dau. Pl. William Lacy, Richard Smyth.

1510

Robert Whytynge. Pl. Robert Draper, John Desford.
John Kene. Pl. Nicholas Wylles, John Bonour.
Thomas Heynes. Pl. John Boner, John Baxe.
William Byry. Pl. John Dodynge, William Frampton.
Thomas Sadeler. Pl. Walter Sarger, Thomas Hethfeld.
Richard Barbour. Pl. John Bonour, Nicholas Willes.
John Williams. Pl. John Boner, Robert Steynour.
John Clase. Pl. Walter Sarger, John Boner.
Christopher Jobson. App. Pl. William Frampton, John Dodynge.
Hugh ap Howell. App. Pl. William Frampton, Robert Steynour.

Henry Elys. App. Pl. William Grantham, Nicholas Mortymer.
William Joyce. App. Pl. William Frampton, John Bonar.
John Davy. Mar. dau.

1512

Richard Ruynon, bailiff of the city or borough. Pl. Master Tyler, Master Welshotte.
John Carter, junior, of Corscomb. Pl. John Mayowe, John Dodyne.
Thomas Bowe. By patrimony. Pl. John Standerwicke, John Dodyne.
John Jobber *alias* Johnes, currier. Mar. wid. Pl. John Mayow, H. Cornysh.
John Godewyne *alias* Lenge, junior. By patrimony. Pl. Master Mawdeley, William Lenge.
John Jonys, junior. By patrimony. Pl. John Mayowe, John Jonys, senior.
Robert Philippis. App. Pl. Robert Hoper, William Grantham.

1513

Edmund Cadyne, brewer. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Tyler, John Tyler.
Geoffrey Garald. Mar. dau. Pl. John Crymer, Roger Michell.
Thomas Hoskins. App. Pl. Richard Molgrof, William Chamberlayn.
Henry Burre. App. Pl. John Dodyne, John Tyler.
Thomas Sille. Pl. John Tiler, William Pratte, pinner.
John Braddon. By patrimony. Pl. John Deverell, John Loder.
Thomas Burges. By patrimony. Pl. Henry Brynscomb, John Burges.

1515

Thomas Body. Mar. dau. Pl. William Brigg, John Dodyne.
Richard Deane. App. Pl. David John, William Bultyng.

Wells City Charters.

John Davy. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Tyler, David John.
John Pratte *alias* Pynner. By patrimony. Pl. John Tyler,
Christopher Yong.
William Boteler, junior. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Everard,
William Boteler, senior.
Nicholas Everard. Pl. John Dodyne, John Burges.
William Boleman. App. Pl. Walter Gardiner, John Gay.
William Deane. Mar. dau. Pl. John Mayowe, John Boner.
John Wyles. Pl. John Cole, John Jonys, junior.
William Evans. Pl. John Tyler, Robert Everard.
John Gylys. By patrimony. Pl. John Dodyne, John Broke.
William Renell. Pl. Thomas Bowe, John Jonys, junior.
John Lydiard *alias* Brawdial. By patrimony. Pl. John Cutte,
William Lydyard.
John Dionyse. Pl. John Boner, John Jonys, junior.

1516

John Gilbert. Mar. wid. Pl. John Standerweke, Henry
Brynscomb.
William Dite. By patrimony. Pl. John Cole, Thomas Bowe.
John Boteler. By patrimony. Pl. John Cole, John Tyler.
John Bradley. Mar. wid. Pl. William Frempton, John
Dodyn.

1518

William Sabyne. Mar. wid. Pl. John Tyler, John Dodyn.
Thomas Cornysh. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Alwyne, Robert
Parker.

1519

Rawlin Brouz. Pl. John Tyler, John Cutte.
Henry Storige. App. Pl. John Tyler, John Cutte.
Henry Pecok. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Hoper and [blank].
John Myryfeld at the Meremayde. By patrimony. Pl. John
Tyler, William Godewyne.
John Campe. App. Pl. John Boner, John Cutte.

Freemen of Wells.

James Burdon, pewterer. App. Pl. John Godwyn, William Joyse.

John Everard. By patrimony. Pl. William Whily, Robert Everard.

David Edwards. By patrimony. Pl. William Edward and [blank].

William Donne, weaver. App. Pl. Richard Tyler, William Boteler, senior.

1520

Robert Bekham. Pl. John Cutte, Thomas Bow. Granted to him for his past services the office of clerk of the city.

Roger Cary. Pl. William Godwyne *alias* Lenge, Richard Knyght.

Philip Cornelius. App. Pl. William Godwyne *alias* Lenge, Richard Knyght.

John Clerke. App. Pl. Richard Knyght, John Burges.

John Baker. App. Pl. John Desford, Robert Houper.

Peter Savery. App. Pl. Richard Whitley, William Whyly.

Robert Harries. App. Pl. John Godwyne, John Jonys, junior.

1522

William Good. App. Pl. Robert Bekham, William Sabyn.

Walter Stride. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Everard, Thomas Pyers.

John, son of Thomas Fox. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Bekham, Thomas Lews.

1523

Richard Powell. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Tylar, Robert Bekham.

1525

Richard Hars. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Boyle, Richard Mathew.

Richard Browne, shoemaker. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Boyle, John Fox.

Robert Bracy, mercer. App. Pl. John Jonys, junior, Richard Powell.
John Goldwege, mercer. App. Pl. Thomas Boyle, Richard Mathew.
John Godwyn *alias* Lenge, mercer. App. Pl. Henry Pocok, John Godwyn *alias* Lenge.
John Chete *alias* Brynescombe, baker. By patrimony. Pl. William Joyse, William Dean.
Thomas Willes. Pl. Thomas Boyle, Richard Mathew.

1526

John Marshall, butcher. Pl. Richard Tylar, John Godwyn.
Nicholas Poundfyld. Pl. Robert Clerke, stainer, Thomas Pyers.
John Harrys, tucker. Pl. William Bury, John Giles.
Thomas Lake, barber. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bury, John Giles.
John Bulman. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Tylar, John Godwyn.
Tristram Marshe. Mar. dau. Pl. John Edwardes, Peter Saverey.
William Lace. App. Pl. Robert Houper, Thomas Boyle.
John Burnham, baker. App. Pl. William Butteler, John Giles.

1527

John Bell. Mar. dau. Pl. John Deverell, Richard Knyght.
John Larde, tanner. Pl. Robert Houper, John Harrys.
John Robynson, sadler. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Cornysh, John Alun, tailor.
Walter Wall, butcher. Mar. dau. Pl. John Lyne, John Bulman.
Reginald Beele, tailor. Pl. John Edwardes, Peter Saverey.
John Colyns, tailor. App. Pl. John Godwyn, William Bultyng.
William Hayne. App. Pl. John Godwyn, William Bultyng.
Robert Wall, glover. Pl. William Bury, John Giles.

Freemen of Wells.

Thomas Harrys, barber. Pl. Robert Houper, Richard Whitley.
William Rede, Mar. dau. Pl. Roger Cary, Philip Lambe.
John Bradcokke, smith. App. Pl. Robert Bracy, Edward
Bole.

Thomas Hyll, shoemaker. Pl. John Alun, William Alun.

1528

Richard Mawdeleyn. App. Pl. John Davy, Peter Saverey.
William Borough. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Pyers, Griffeth
Garold.

Thomas Lews. By patrimony, and mar. wid. Pl. Thomas
Lews his father, John Godwyn.

John Powell. App. Pl. Thomas Lews, John Godwyn.

Thomas Gorewey. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bultyng, John
Davy.

John Traske. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bultyng, Richard
Clement.

Thomas Roynon. Pl. John Jones, John Godwyn.

Reginald A Mere. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Boyle, Thomas
Lewes.

Henry Norlet. Pl. Thomas Boyle, William Bulman.

1529

William Lytherlong. Pl. Robert Hoper, John Bulman.

John Bekham. Pl. John Edwardes, Thomas Whyly.

Robert son of Thomas Fox. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram
Mersh, Robert Taillour.

William Tothill. App. Pl. John Gyles, Walter Wall.

John Mawdley, junior, gives 20s. for a fine and prays to have
the freedom of the borough and it is granted to him.
And [it is granted] that the said John may not be com-
pelled henceforth to exercise or undertake any office
within the borough, but be excused from undertaking all
offices, for which same freedom the same John shall give
his counsel to the master and commonalty in those things
which touch the liberty of the borough. Pl. John Jones,
John Godwyn, senior, and gives wine, wax and gloves.

Mathew Saunders *alias* Stevyns. Mar. dau. Pl. John Godwyn, senior, Thomas Lewes, junior.

1531

Nicholas Yowen. Pl. John Godwyn, John Wills, tanner.
William James. Mar. dau. Pl. Tristram Mersh, John Murryfeld.
John Gregory, mason. Pl. John Gyles, William Bery.

1532

Richard Frempton. By patrimony. Pl. William Bultynge, Walter Wall.
William Holbeme. App. Pl. Robert Hoper, John Gyles.
William Pratt *alias* Pynner. By patrimony. Pl. John Bulman, William Lacy.
Henry Slocombe. App. Pl. William Bultynge, Thomas Hoskyns.

1533

Stephen Cosyn. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Boyle, Robert Hoper.
Nicholas More. Pl. Thomas Boue, Thomas at Wyll.
John Garold. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Bowe, Thomas at Wyll.
Walter Baker. App. Pl. Thomas at Wyll, Richard Browne.
William Browne. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bultynge, John Gyles.
Robert Kyngesbury. Mar. wid. Pl. William Sabyn, Robert Hoper.
William Apowell. Mar. dau. Pl. William Sabyn, Robert Hoper.

1534

George Wilmot. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Smyth, John Clerk.
Cuthbert Lightfoot. Mar wid. Pl. Philip Lambe, John Alowne.
Robert White. App. Pl. Philip Lambe, John Alowne.

Freemen of Wells.

William Godwyn. By patrimony. Pl. William Holbeme,
Richard Frempton.
Robert Mounten. Pl. John Colyns, Thomas Hoskyns
Robert Colson. Pl. John Robynson, Walter Wall.
Lewis White. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Wall, John Robynson.

1535

Robert Heth. Pl. Richard Browne, John Godwyn, senior.
Thomas Thorne *alias* Brok. App. Pl. John Robynson, Robert
Harrys.
Alexander Bosgrove. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Browne, John
Godwyn, senior.
John Heth. App. Pl. Richard Browne, John Godwyn,
senior.
Walter Boucher. Pl. John Clerk, Robert Tayllour.
Nicholas Grante. App. Pl. William Bowltyng, John Gyles.
Leonard Gosneye. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Howper, Walter
Wall.
John Clerk. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Smythe, Thomas
Hoskyn.
William Mathew. By patrimony. Pl. William Bultyng, Thomas
Pyers.
William Fynche. Pl. Thomas Lewes, William Bultynge.

1536

Thomas Myles. Pl. Philip Lambe, William Browne.
David Dawkyns. Pl. Richard Frampton, John Gyles.
Richard A Cary. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Frampton,
John Gyles.
Richard Wodams. App. Pl. William Bultyng, John Colyns.
William Peck. App. Pl. William Bultyng, John Colyns.
Edward Symson. Pl. John Gyles, Robert Harres.

1537

William Welshot. By patrimony. Pl. Alexander Bosgrove,
Thomas Roynon.
John Wykes. Pl. John Gyles, Robert Dodyng *alias* Harres.

Wells City Charters.

William Ganne. Pl. John Gyles, Walter Boucher.
John Rokesbury. Pl. William Lacy, Robert Wall.
Richard Clerk. Pl. Richard Smyth, Tristram Mershe.
Robert Wodde. App. Pl. William Welshot, Thomas Cornish.
John Donne. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Frempton, Walter
Boucher.
John Hylacre. Pl. John Cut, William Sabyn. •

1539

Henry A. Cary. Mar. wid. Pl. Reginald Amere, Robert
White.
Anthony Dainton. Mar. wid. Pl. William Welshott, Robert
Harrys.
Morgan Gitto. Mar. dau. Pl. Alexander Bosgrove, William
Bulman.
Robert Reve. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Harrys, Robert White.

1540

John Broke. By patrimony. Pl. Edward Symson, William
Hayne.
William Whyley. By patrimony. Pl. Peter Savery, John
Everatt.
Edward Egett. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert White, Robert Reve.
Henry Fayrebroder. Pl. David Edwards, Robert Harrys.
Robert Wylles. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marsh, Robert
Harrys.
William Willes. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marsh, Robert
Harrys.
Christopher White. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Lewes, Thomas
Roynon.

1541

William Gyles. By patrimony. Pl. John Godwyn, junior,
Tristram Marshe.
Reginald Togood. Mar. dau. Pl. Peter Savery, John Apowell.
William Webbe. Mar. dau. Pl. William Bultyng, John
Apowell.

Freemen of Wells.

Andrew Veysye. Pl. Thomas Lawes, Robert Canwey *alias* White.

Robert Hulet. Pl. William Bultyng, William Fynche.

William Terry. Pl. Thomas At Well, Thomas Lawes.

Walter Sexhill. Pl. Peter Savery, Robert White.

Robert Willymont. Pl. Thomas At Well, Edward Sympton.

Richard ap Thomas. Mar. dau. Pl. John Apowell, William Bultyng.

Walter Turner. Pl. Richard Smyth, William Fynch.

John Clyff. Pl. Robert Canwey *alias* White, William Fynch

1542

Henry Turner. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Smyth, William Fynch.

Leonard Dixwell. Mar. wid. Pl. Alexander Bosgrove, William Bulman.

William Webbe. Mar. dau. Pl. John Godwyn, junior, Thomas Lewes.

1543

John Body. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marshe, Thomas Gorwey.

John Dorvall. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Harrys, Leonard Gosenell.

1544

John Yevans. Mar. wid. Pl. Alexander Bosgrove, William Bulman.

William Jones. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Frempton, Thomas Gorwey.

Robert Wyseman. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Taillour, George Wylmot.

1545

Anthony Gylbert. Pl. John Godwyn, gent., John Hillacre.

William Butler. Mar. wid. Pl. John Godwyn, mercer, Leonard Dixwell.

John Guy. Pl. John Heth, Leonard Dixwell.
Robert Clement. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Lawes, Robert
Harrys.

1546

Richard Rosmund *alias* Mertyn. Pl. William Welshot, Leonard
Dixwell.

1547

John Godwyn. Pl. Leonard Dixwell, Richard Frempton.
Walter Russell. Mar. wid. Pl. George Wilmot, Thomas
Gorwey.
Thomas Kyng. Mar. wid. Pl. Morgan Gytto, William Terre.
Thomas Ludwell. Mar. dau. Pl. Christopher White, Richard
Gwyn.
Thomas Wodward. Pl. Tristram Marsh, Robert Harrys.
John Hars. Mar. dau. Pl. Tristram Marsh, Robert Colston.
Thomas Miller. Pl. William Bulman, Robert Harrys.
John Panter. Pl. Christopher White, Robert Colston.
Thomas Brymmell. Pl. William Bulman, Lewis White.
Cuthbert Bulman. By patrimony. Pl. William Welshot,
William Bulman.
John Gregory. By patrimony. Pl. Morgan Gytto, Edward
Neget.
William Aman. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Cary, John Dune.
Thomas Clerk, esq. [No pledges named.]
John Ayleworth, junior, esq. Pl. Richard Browne, Anthony
Deynton.

1548

Henry Cornish. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas At Well, Thomas
Boyle.
William Cary. By patrimony. Pl. David Dawkyn, Nicholas
Yevans.
Richard Kenerdey. Pl. Thomas at Well, William Welshott.

1549

Thomas Ligh. Pl. Thomas at Well, Robert Wylymont.
John Yong. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Gorway, John
Wykes.
Richard Nashe. Mar. dau. Pl. Walter Boucher, Richard
Wodams.

1550

Maurice fll [Fluellen]. Mar. wid. Pl. William Butler, John
Dorvall.
Thomas Isakes. Mar. dau. Pl. David Dawkyn, William
Aman.
Andrew Apowell. By patrimony. Pl. Anthony Denton, John
Evans.
Thomas Pratt. Pl. Tristram Marshe, John Wekes.
Thomas Togood. Mar. dau. Pl. Tristram Marshe, John
Wekes.
William Northeryn. Mar. dau. Pl. Walter Bocher, Tristram
Marshe.
Walter Sheth. Pl. David Dawkins, Richard A Cary.
William Sprat. Pl. John Dorvall, Edward Egell.
William Godwyn. By patrimony. Pl. Leonard Dixwell, John
Godwyn, junior.

1551

William Godwyn, mercer. By patrimony. Pl. Edward Egell,
Tristram Marshe.
John Burges. Mar. dau. Pl. John Dorvall, Robert Harrys.
John Molens, junior. Pl. Robert Willymont *alias* Coket, John
Dorvall.
John Soly. Pl. David Dawkyn, Richard Cary.
William Lydeard. By patrimony. Pl. David Dawkyns,
Richard Cary.
William Gregory. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marshe,
Robert Harrys.

1552

John Lane. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Wodward, Thomas Miller.
Roger Anmer. Mar. dau. Pl. Nicholas Graunt, Henry
Cornysh.

John Morgan. Pl. Walter Boucher, George Wylmot.
Walter Gorwey. By patrimony. Pl. John Wykes, John
Dune.

John Stone. Mar. wid. Pl. David Edwardes, Tristram
Marshe.

John Yowen. Pl. Tristram Mershe, William Gregory.
John Gosynghill. Mar. wid. Pl. William Bulman, William
Spratt.

William Gybbons. Pl. William Spratt, Robert Heth.
Roger Anmere, joiner. Pl. Thomas At Well, David Edwardes.
John Myles. Pl. Roger Anmere, Leonard Dixwell.
Thomas Medycrafte. Mar. wid. Pl. Roger Anmere, Nicholas
Graunt.

Robert Aveyry. Pl. Thomas Gorwey, Walter Gorwey.
Thomas Dorset. Pl. Thomas Myles, Robert Colston.
William Atkyns. Pl. Tristram Mershe, David Dawkyn.
John Levet. App. Pl. George Wylmot, Robert Wyseman.
James Syllly. By patrimony. Pl. Morgan Gytto, John Body.

COURT BOOK, VOLUME III

1553

Thomas Hagat. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Brymmell, John Goselynghill [*sic*].

1554

Robert Chyck. Pl. Richard Cary, John Burges.
Thomas Gowdrey. Pl. Thomas Brymell, William Northorne.
Thomas Gayner. Pl. Richard Cary, William Ganne.
William Sutton. Mar. dau. Pl. David Edwardes, Roger Anmer, joiner.
Thomas Fulwell. Pl. Robert Heth, John Gosesinghill.
Bartholomew Hagat. By patrimony. Pl. John Gosesynghill, Thomas Brymell.

1555

John Harvy. Pl. Leonard Dixwell, Roger Anmer, vintner.
John Slade. App. Pl. Leonard Dixwell, Roger Anmere.
John Grene. Pl. Leonard Dixwell, Thomas Hagatt.
William Smyth. Pl. Edward Egell, Richard Cary.
William Corfeld. App. Pl. Thomas Gorwey, John Morgan.
Thomas Tugill. Mar. dau. Pl. David Dawkyn, Robert Robe.
Thomas Mathew. Pl. William Spratt, Thomas Wodward.
William Lewes. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marche, Thomas Brymmell.
Richard Corfeld. App. Pl. William Spratt, Thomas Wodward.

1556

John Robynson. By patrimony. Pl. Tristram Marshe, Walter Gorway, Thomas Isack.
Nicholas Traver. Mar. wid. Pl. Tristram Marshe, Thomas Brymmell.

Wells City Charters.

William Dotherell. App. Pl. John Body, John Godwyn.
James Buttermere. App. Pl. William Gybons, Thomas Gorwey, Thomas Wodwerd, Walter Gorwey.
John Storidge. By patrimony. Pl. William Gybons, Thomas Gorwey.

1557

John Southwode. App. Pl. Robert Robe, Walter Boucher.

1558

John Ayleworth, Burgess for Parliament.
Nicholas Yngstidge. Pl. William Lewes, Walter Gorwey.
John Kyng. Pl. Tristram Marshe, William Northover.
William Smyth, tailor. Pl. William Smyth, capper, William Lewes.
John Jones, clerk. Pl. Thomas Wodwerd, John Dune.
Robert Hopkins. App. Pl. Richard Gwyn, Walter Boucher.
Thomas Fowler. Mar. wid. Pl. Richard Cary, Richard Gwyn.
Anthony Wilcocks. Mar. dau. Pl. William Butler, Richard Corffeld.
Thomas Byllyng. Pl. Thomas Brymell, Walter Gorwey.
Nicholas Padymore. App. Pl. Thomas Woodward, Walter Gorwey.
John Marten. App. Pl. Thomas Pratte, Richard Corffeld.
Richard Robyns. Pl. John Gosynghill, William Gybons.
Philip Phillipps. By patrimony. Pl. William Lewes, John Mylest.
Giles Lewes. By patrimony. Pl. William Lewes, Walter Gorwey.

1559

Henry Clerk, esq. By patrimony. Pl. John Body, William Terry.
Robert Selby. Pl. Bartholomew Hagat, William Lewes.
Michell Somer. App. Pl. Thomas Bremmell, Thomas Isack.
Richard Godwyn, gent. By patrimony. Pl. John Body, William Terry.

Freemen of Wells.

John Boucher. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Wodward, William Gregory.
William Reve. Pl. Thomas Wodward, Thomas Bremmell.
Thomas Parsons. Mar. dau. Pl. Richard Corffeld, Thomas Tugill.
William Hoper. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewes, Thomas Wodward.
Walter Bartlet. Pl. John Gosynghill, Richard Corffeld.

1560

John Haggatt. Mar. wid. Pl. William Bulman, Bartholomew Haggatt.
Edward Baker, gent. Mar. wid. Pl. William Godwin, William Lewce.
Edward Belfild. Pl. William Northern, William Lewce.
Thomas Barthelet, cordwainer. Pl. William Gregory, John Gosnell.
Ambrose Mordent. Pl. John Brinscome, Thomas Ludwell.

1561

Andrian Lenige, son of John Godwin [*sic*]. By patrimony.
Pl. William Lenig, Thomas Woodwall.
William Lewce, dyer. Pl. Edward Egell, John Gosnell.
Ralph Calverley. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewce, baker, William Gregory.
Thomas Boy. App. Pl. Thomas Bremble, Thomas Mathew, glover.
Thomas Norman, tanner. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Bremble, Thomas Isacke.
John Kinge, senior. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Hethe, William Lewce.
Robert Kerton. Pl. Christopher White, William Butler.

1562

Thomas Boyle. Pl. William Lewce, baker, John Kynge.
John Redhed. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Bremble, Thomas Isake.

Lancelot Newton. Mar. dau. Pl. Cuthbert Bulman, Walter Barthelett.

Robert Hort. App. Pl. Edward Egell, Nicholas Instrig.

William Wylles. By patrimony. Pl. Edward Egell, Nicholas Instrig.

John Gethen *alias* Cocke. Pl. William Lewce, William Northern.

Martyn Hywood. Pl. Thomas Bremble, William Lewce.

John Dawes, shoemaker. Pl. Roger Anmer, Tristram Marshe.

John Hadecone. Pl. Tristram Marshe, Cuthbert Bulman.

William Lyghte. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewes, William Nordern.

John Rosell. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Wodwall, Thomas Barthelett.

Leonard Crosse. Mar. dau. Pl. Roger Anmer, Thomas Lodwell.

1563

William Goodman. Pl. Christopher White, William Hooper.

1564

Thomas Llewellyn.	By patrimony	{	Pl. William Butler,
Oliver Pitman.	App.		Cuthbert Bulman,
			Walter Bartlett.

1565

William Lucoke. App. Pl. William Dodrell, Nicholas Padmore.

Ralph Linterne. App. Pl. Llewellyn Dodrell, Nicholas Padmore.

Robert Nurton. Mar. wid. Pl. William Ganne, Richard Corfelde.

1566

John Banister. Pl. William Hooper, Robert Averie.

William Bourman. Mar. wid.

Ralph Pomerie. Pl. Edward Egell, Robert Averie.
Richard Lydyarde. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Brymble,
Thomas Ludwell.
Humfrey Ayshe. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewce, John Cooke.
John Ayshe. App. Pl. William Smyth, Thomas Llewelin.
John Denbie. Mar. wid. Pl. John Cooke, Thomas Tuggell.

1567

William Pecke. By patrimony. Pl. William Wylles, Nicholas Instryge.
William Chambers. App. Pl. John Redhed, Thomas Norman.
Robert Croydon. Mar. wid. Pl. William Dotherell, Thomas Parsonnes.
Andrew Alforde. Pl. William Hooper, Robert Chicke.
Edmund Brangwell. Pl. Edmund Edgell, William Lewce, dyer.
Thomas Buttermer. App. Pl. Walter Gorwaie, John Edicott.
Edmund Delton. Mar. dau. Pl. William Lewce, John Kinge.
Richard Wylles. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Parsones, William Carie.
John Wylles. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Isacke, John Redhead.
George Wyseman. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas [blank], Thomas Pratt.
Peter Orchard. Pl. Robert Selbaie, William Detherill.
John Baker. By patrimony. Pl. William Lewce, John Brynscomb.
Thomas Brokes *alias* Thorne. Pl. John Edicott, Robert Selbaie.
Henry Useties. Pl. William Lewce, Cuthbert Bulman.
Thomas Foxe. Pl. William Lewce, Robert Averie.
William Fatt. Pl. William Ganne, John Kynge.
¹ Augustine Bulman. Pl. Nicholas Pademore, William Wylles.

¹ Second petition only. Possibly identical with Augustine Bulman, admitted in 1581.

1568

Nicholas Buller. Pl. Richard Corfelde, Walter Bartlett.
Andrew Peers. Mar. wid. Pl. William Dodrell, Thomas
Buttermere.
Henry Story. Mar. dau. Pl. William Lewes, baker, Hum-
phrey Ashe.
Osmund Verney. Mar. dau. Pl. John Kynge, John Davis.

1569

¹ John Budge, weaver. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewes, baker,
Nicholas Paddemore.

1570

Robert Webbe, shoemaker. By patrimony. Pl. Walter Gor-
way, John Addecot.
Thomas Brycke, stranger. Pl. Robert Aveyre, Edmund
Brangwen.
John Pounfelde. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Aveyre, Edward
Edgell.

1571

Henry Newton, esq. Pl. William Goodman, Robert Nurton.
John Bilstone. Pl. William Lewes, William Norderne.
Thomas Symons. Pl. William Lewes, Walter Gorway.
David Isake. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Brymble, John
Redhed.
John Morgan. By patrimony. Pl. Humphrey Ashe, An-
thony Wilcox.
Robert Colwod. Mar. wid. Pl. William Norderne, John
Denby.
James Kent. Pl. Anthony Wilcox, Osmond Vernon.
William Cozyn. Pl. John Kynge, Edmund Delton.
George Spratt. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Corfelde, Thomas
Parsons.

¹ Entered on 18 August and 21 December.

1572

Richard Alford. Pl. Thomas Parsones, John Ayshe.
William Gorwaye. By patrimony. Pl. William Lewce, Walter Gorwaye.
John Pyrryman. Mar. wid. Pl. Anthony Wilcox, Walter Bartlet.
Thomas Batten. Mar. dau.
John Reede. App. Pl. Walter Gorwaye, John Leavet.
Anthony Atwell. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Brymble, David Isacke.

1573

Robert Danyell. Mar. wid. Pl. William Northern, William Hooper.
Thomas Latcheford. Mar. wid. Pl. William Northerne, Thomas Parsones.
George White, stranger. Pl. Richard Corfelde, Andrew Perse.
John Flewellin. Mar. dau.
John Myllerd. By patrimony. Pl. Anthony Wylcoxe, Thomas Brokes.
James Foster. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Leuellin, Nicholas Podmore.

1574

William Goulde. Pl. William Lewce, Thomas Ludwell.
Alexander Towse. Pl. William Lewce, Thomas Ludwell.
William Morgan *alias* Williams. Pl. Anthony Wilcockes, John Pyrryman.
Peter Wasinge. Pl. Thomas Buttermer, Walter Gorwaye.
John Whytynge. Mar. dau.
Peter Lane. Pl. Thomas Llewellyn, John Budge.
John Coles. App. Pl. William Hooper, Richard Corfelde.
John Gallington. Mar. wid. Pl. Thomas Ludwell, Ambrose Morden.

1575

Robert Smythe. App. Pl. Andrew Alford, John Baker.
Henry Foster, stranger. Pl. Thomas Brymble, Thomas Norman.
Thomas Brodryppe. Mar. wid. Pl. Nicholas Podmore, John Kyng.

1577

Richard Applegate, stranger. Pl. William Northren, Anthony Wylkoxe.
Anthony Player, stranger. Pl. Walter Gorway, William Northren.
Dunstan Everett. Mar. wid. Pl. William Lewes, John Kyng.

1578

Owen Addams. Mar. wid. Pl. John Colles, John Levett.
Thomas Gybbons, stranger. Pl. Thomas Parsons, Thomas Latcheford.
John Bell. App. Pl. John Redhedd, Andrew Appowell.
Osmund Hunt, stranger. Pl. Anthony Player, William Peck.
Henry Payne. App. Pl. Giles Lewes, John Budge.
Robert Shepperd. Mar. wid. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, Osmund Vernon.

¹ William Hancocks. Pl. John Levett, Thomas Brokes.

² John Wylmott. Pl. William Northren, Thomas Tuggell.
James Estrydge. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Llewellyn, John Colles.

1579

³ Henry Hussey. Pl. Humfrey Aysse, Anthony Wylkox.
Thomas Lucas. Mar. dau. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, Osmond Vernon.

¹ Third petition. No note of admittance.

² First petition. No note of admittance.

³ First petition. No note of admittance.

John Clyves, stranger. Pl. John Budge, William Peck, junior.

Peter Cooke, stranger. Pl. William Smythe, draper, Richard Corfeild.

William Gunter, stranger. Pl. Richard Corfeld, Anthony Wylkoxe.

John Phelps. Mar. dau. Pl. Giles Lewes, Edmund Vernon.

John Mullyns. By patrimony. Pl. Richard Corfeild, John Aysshe.

John Deverell. Mar. dau. Pl. William Northren, Osmund Vernon.

Thomas Player. By patrimony. Pl. William Northren, William Williams *alias* Morgan.

William Ames *alias* Vyggar, stranger. Pl. Richard Corfeild, William Williams *alias* Morgan.

Alexander Jett, stranger. Pl. John Levett, Owen Addams.

John Gallington, stranger. Pl. John Redhead, John Gallington, junior.

¹ John Roynon, gent. Pl. William Northren, Osmond Vernon.

² William Hilton. Pl. Henry Usteis, John Levett.

1580

² Walter Cely, clerk. Pl. Anthony Wylkoxe, Thomas Llewellyn.

John Smythe. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Lewellyn, John Kyng.

1581

John Durban. App. Pl. Thomas Llewellyn, Anthony Wylkoxe.

Valentine Ludwell. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Webbe, William Gorwaye.

Thomas Smythe. Mar. dau. Pl. William Northren, Robert Collywood.

John Hoptkins. App. Pl. Anthony Wylkoxe, Peter Archer.

¹ First petition. No note of admittance.

² Second petition. No note of admittance.

Wells City Charters.

Thomas Wylles. App. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, Peter Archer.
Thomas Brokenborough. App. Pl. Henry Foster, John Redhedd.

Christopher Hurman. Mar. dau. Pl. Henry Foster, John Redhedd.

Edward Morgan. By patrimony. Pl. Humphrey Aysse, John Morgan.

Augustine Bulman. Pl. Cuthbert Bulman, Thomas Brokes.

1582

Richard French. Mar. dau. Pl. Giles Lewes, Peter Archer.
Francis Lumberd, stranger. Pl. Richard Corfeild, Anthony Wylkoxe.

Valentine Appowell. By patrimony. Pl. Henry Foster, John Redhedd.

¹ William Lambert. Pl. Robert Webbe, William Gorwaye.

1583

Robert Hill. App. Pl. John Kyng, Anthony Wylkoxe.

William Nurton. Mar. wid. of Andrew Pearse. Pl. Anthony Wylkoxe, William Northren. The fine and all other burdens besides are forgiven the same William, because the master and commonalty were indebted to the said Andrew in his lifetime in the sum of £3, which same sum the same William has released and exonerated to the master and commonalty in consideration whereof the same William upon the death of one of the 24 burgesses was elected and accepted without any other burden or payment as is abovesaid.

Richard Anstice, stranger. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, John Llewellyn.

John Ames, stranger. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, William Williams.

1584

Edmund Tucker. Mar. dau. Pl. Henry Foster, John Redhedd.

¹ Second petition. No note of admittance.

Freemen of Wells.

Henry Saverie. Mar. dau. Pl. William Nurton, Thomas Latcheford.
Edmund Whytt. Mar. dau. Pl. Henry Acarie, Thomas Vylle.
James Bysse, esq., stranger. Pl. Thomas Tuggle, William Northren.
George Uppetton, gent., stranger. Pl. William Williams, William Gorwaye.

1585

John Horler, stranger. Pl. John Phelpes, Richard Applegate.
Robert Foxe. By patrimony. Pl. John Kyng, Anthony Wylkoxe.

1586

John Taunton, stranger. Pl. William Gorwaye, John Boudge.
Robert Brodebeare. Mar. dau. Pl. John Horler, Robert Horte.
John Walbridge, stranger. Pl. John Kyng, Thomas Lucas.
John Peters, stranger. Pl. John Denbie, William Gorwaye.
Michael Alford. By patrimony. Pl. William Gold, John Bilston.
Thomas Godwyn, gent., gives one dozen gloves only. Pl. John Aysshe, Osmund Vernon.

1587

Henry Welles. Mar. wid. Pl. William Peck, John Clives.

1588

Richard Cole. Mar. dau. Pl. Robert Brodbeare, Robert Horte.
Richard Hoskyns. Mar. dau. Pl. William Nurton, John Leavett.
Hugh Walter. App. Pl. Thomas Tuggle, Osmund Vernon.
John Gorwaye. Pl. William Gorwaye, Anthony Atwell.

¹ Thomas Purfrey, gent. Gives one dozen gloves only. Pl. William Williams, John Colles.

James Vasse. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Parsons, Thomas Gybbons.

Thomas Harres. App. Pl. William Williams, Richard Corfeild.

Richard Crosse. By patrimony. Pl. Giles Lewes, Thomas Tuggle.

1589

Geoffrey Bright. Mar. wid. Pl. John Bilston, William Gold.

² Christopher Hayne. Pl. Robert Hill, John Phelps.

William Watkyns, gent., stranger. Pl. Giles Lewes, Thomas Tuggle.

James Godwyn, gent. By patrimony. Pl. Alexander Towse, gent., Leonard Crosse.

William Godwyn, gent. By patrimony. Pl. Leonard Crosse, John Colles.

Philip Jefferies. App. Pl. Augustine Bulman, Thomas Harres.

Matthew Hiett. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Parsons, Thomas Gybbons.

³ John Potter. Pl. Thomas Brokes, Owen Addampes.

William Bull. App. Pl. Thomas Tuggle, Robert Hill.

Matthew Bathe, stranger. Pl. John Robynson, Thomas Vyllye.

Humphrey Palmer. App. Pl. Henry Payne, Robert Hill.

Thomas Stokes, stranger. Pl. John Robinson, Thomas Gybbons.

³ Richard Rugg. Pl. John Felpes, Richard Applegate.

1590

Richard Godwyn, esq. By patrimony. Pl. Alexander Towse, William Watkyns, gent.

John Loggyn. App. Pl. Anthony Wilkoxe, Francis Lumberte.

¹ Member of Parliament.

² First petition. No note of admittance.

³ Second petition. No note of admittance.

John Yarde, stranger. Pl. John Aysshe, Henry Payne.
Bartholomew Brymble. By patrimony. Pl. Anthony Atwell,
John Atwell.
Thomas Wenesley, stranger. Pl. John Taunton, William Peck.
Henry Welles. Pl. John Aysshe, William Watkyns, gent.
Hugh Erburie, stranger. Pl. Thomas Lacheford, Thomas
Gybbons.
Maurice Robynson. By patrimony. Pl. Anthony Wylkoxe,
John Kyng.
John Anthonie, stranger. Pl. Robert Brodebeare, John Taun-
ton.
Henry Cooke, stranger. Pl. Anthony Wylkox, Robert Hill.

1591

Philip Trickett, stranger. Pl. Thomas Stokes, Thomas Vylly.
John Martyn, horse-marshall, stranger. Pl. William Hooper,
William Nurton.
William Gold, baker, stranger. Pl. Osmund Vernon, John
Baker.
John King, butcher. Mar. wid. Pl. Michael Alford, Geoffrey
Bright.
John Compton. App. Pl. John Gallyngton, Anthony Atwell.
John Baylye. App. Pl. Thomas Gybbons, Hugh Yarburie.
Virtue Hunt, cordwainer. Mar. dau. Pl. John Denbie, James
Buttermen.
William Nurton, stranger. Pl. John Gallyngton, Valentine
Appowell.

1592

Edward Smythe. By patrimony. Pl. Robert Hill, William
Bull.
Robert Mayes, stranger. Pl. Robert Hill, William Bull.
Thomas Morres, stranger. Pl. John Kyng, William Williams.
Robert Mapowder, stranger. Pl. Thomas Thorne, Owen
Addampes.

1593

Henry Foster. By patrimony. Pl. John Gallyngton, Thomas Brokenborough.
George Torr. Mar. dau. Pl. Osmund Hunt, Thomas Wenesley.

1594

John Baylye, cutler. App. Pl. Thomas Brodrybbe, John Martyn, senior.
John Gorman, stranger. Pl. Osmund Hunt, Thomas Wenesley.
Thomas Owen. Mar. dau. Pl. John Yarde, William Bull.
Robert Thomas, stranger. Pl. Peter Cooke, Francis Lumberte.
Richard Wytherton. Mar. wid. Pl. Osmund Hunt, Thomas Wenesley.
Jeremy Bumpstede. App. Pl. Thomas Broderibbe, John Martyn, senior.

1595

Hugh Meade. Mar. wid. Pl. John Martyn, senior, John Baylye, cutler.
James Flynt. Mar. dau. Pl. John Kynge, Peter Cooke.
Richard Taylor. App. Pl. Thomas Brodribbe, Richard Hoskins.
Stephen Millerd. App. Pl. Peter Coke, Maurice Robynson.

1596

David Cerney, gent. Mar. dau. Pl. Leonard Crosse, William Watkins, gent.

1597

William Tabernacle. Mar. dau. Pl. Anthony Atwell, Valentine Appowell.

Freemen of Wells.

John Brynt. Mar. dau. Pl. Thomas Thorne, Owen Adampes.

John Hole, stranger. Pl. Richard Cole, John Anthonie.

1598

Ralph Gorway. Pl. John Aysshe.

Humphry Baker. App. Pl. John Yard, Humphrey Palmer.

William Alforde. By patrimony. Pl. Michael Alford, Francis Lumberte.

Robert Creese. App. Pl. Thomas Stokes, John Robynson.

David Collywood. By patrimony. Pl. Michael Alford, Francis Lumbert.

John Poulet, stranger. Pl. Hugh Walter, John Phelpes.

Richard Maundrie, stranger. Pl. John Martyn, junior, John Phelpes.

¹ Ralph Robyns. Pl. John Yarde, Humphrey Baker.

William Atwell. By patrimony. Pl. Anthony Atwell, John Atwell.

Thomas Taylor *alias* Buxton. App. and mar. wid. Pl. William Gorwaye, Virtue Hunt.

William West. Mar. wid. Pl. Hugh Walter, Humphrey Palmer.

1599

Thomas Christopher, stranger. Pl. John Martyn, junior, John Phelpes.

Henry Gold. By patrimony. Pl. Michael Alford, David Collywood.

John Creese, cordwainer, stranger. Pl. William Gorwaye, Thomas Taylor *alias* Buxston.

Thomas Latchford. By patrimony. Pl. Thomas Lacheford, Thomas Gybbons.

John Toterdell, stranger. Pl. John Baylye, cutler, Thomas Thorne.

Richard Lovell, cutler, stranger. Pl. Thomas Broderipp, Alexander Jett.

¹ Second petition. No note of admittance.

1600

Richard Holbroke. Mar. dau. Pl. William Gorwaye, Thomas Taylor *alias* Buxston.

John Bull. App. Pl. John Yarde, Humphrey Palmer.

Thomas Carie. App. Pl. Peter Lane, Hugh Walter.

Robert Dunston. App. Pl. William Alford, David Collywood.

James Mourton. By patrimony. Pl. William Peck, Thomas Wenesley.

Richard Wooddier. Mar. wid. Pl. Robert Brodbeare, Thomas Wenesley.

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Somerset Record Society.

Report for 1931.

THE year, so far as numbers of subscribers are concerned, has been rather a dark one : the losses far outnumber the gains. In several cases the reason given for resignation has been the financial straitness of the times, which affects societies no less than individuals. Through death we have lost Mr. E. D. Adams and Colonel Banks, American subscribers ; Mr. E. E. Baker, F.S.A., who joined the Society in 1901, and Rev. W. Hunt, D.Litt., who was one of the original members of the Society and who up to his death remained a member of its Council. By resignation the following names disappear from our list : Mr. W. A. Cadbury, Mr. W. N. Mitchell, Mr. W. E. W. Penny and Rev. G. W. Saunders. This gives us a total loss of 8. Against the loss we have only one new subscriber to set, viz. Birmingham Free Library, which to some extent takes the place of Mr. Cadbury.

Thanks to the great generosity of Sir H. Maxwell-Lyte, we were able to distribute to members who wished to possess it the *extra series* volume, *Some Somerset Manors*, in September. A glance at the balance sheet will show that about 60 subscribers availed themselves of the offer to purchase, and the finances of the Society have accordingly benefitted.

In November, *Mendip Mines and Forest Bounds*, for the work on which we are indebted to Mr. J. W. Gough, was issued to the subscribers for 1930.

The Wells volume, to which this report is annexed, is being issued to subscribers for the year 1931.

Some criticisms have been made of the action of the Council in issuing two volumes that are primarily of local

rather than of general county interest. The reason has been largely financial. The Society's income is not large enough to warrant the employment of professional workers, and the Council was fortunate in securing the voluntary work of Mr. J. W. Gough upon *Mendip Mines and Forest Bounds*, and of Mr. R. Holworthy and Miss Shilton upon *Wells City Charters*. We are grateful to them all.

The production of the present volume for 1931 has been helped by a grant from funds administered by Alderman J. C. Davis, who, while mayor of Wells, gave considerable thought to the muniments of the city. From citizens and others who were interested he collected a sum of money which has enabled him to employ professional help in the repair and arrangement of the documents in the Town Hall in Wells and to make this grant to the Society towards the cost of the present volume.

The Council is anxious to be able to add to its series of Bishops' Registers; which extends from Bishop Drokenstord (1309) to Bishop Stafford (1443). This last register was edited by the late Chancellor Holmes and was issued for the years 1915 and 1916. The Register of Bishop Beckington stands next in chronological order. It is a large register and covers an important period. The cost of transcription alone will be heavy, and at the moment lack of funds forbids taking the matter in hand. Reference to the balance sheet shows that very small funds will remain after providing for the cost of the present volume. It is probable, however, that the publication of so important a work as this Register would create a fresh interest in the work of S.R.S. and so in the end increase our membership and annual income.

Many of the societies engaged upon similar work to ours are finding it difficult to make both ends meet. Now that the arrears of publication, caused by the difficult years 1914 to 1918, have been made up, it is disappointing to find that we have not as yet got into easier financial circumstances. We can only do so by increasing our membership, and the surest way of achieving that will be by an extension of interest through those who are already members.

Report for 1931.

The Council is pleased to announce that it has received from Dom Maurice Bell of Downside Abbey the offer of an edition of the *Life of St. Wulfric*, which contains a great deal of information as to the village life of Somerset in the second quarter of the twelfth century. This will be issued as the volume for 1932.

Miss Bates-Harbin, Mr. T. B. Dilks and Dr. King have joined the Council of the Society, filling the vacancies caused by death in the last three years.

Our thanks again are given to Mr. H. F. Hibberd of Lloyds Bank, Cheddar, for auditing the accounts for the year.

CHEDDAR,

May, 1932.

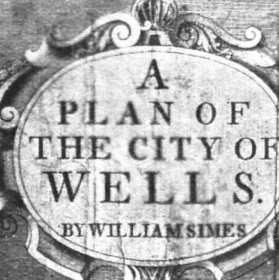
THOS. F. PALMER,

Hon. Secretary.

SOMERSET RECORD SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET, 1931.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Payments.</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1, 1931, Balance in hand	89 18 7	Butler & Tanner—	
Subscriptions, 1930	16 16 0	Volume xlv	126 18 11
" 1931	97 2 6	Binding, <i>Extra Series</i>	9 5 2
" 1932	3 3 0	Insurance of stock	0 8 8
<i>Extra Series</i>	21 5 0	Volumes purchased	2 17 6
Volumes sold	2 17 0	Postage	1 15 6
Donation	1 18 0	Secretary's fee	2 2 0
		Balance, Dec. 31, 1931	89 12 4
	<u>£233 0 1</u>		<u>£233 0 1</u>
Jan. 1, 1931, On deposit	£ s. d.	Examined and found correct,	
Interest	97 5 5	H. F. HIBBERD.	
	<u>2 7 8</u>	Lloyds Bank, Cheddar.	
Dec. 31, 1931, On deposit	£99 13 1	March 30, 1932.	



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