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Seal of the
Chantry of
the B.V.M



Seal of the
Community



Seal of
Lady Maud
Mortimer



Seal of the Reeves.

PREFACE

It would be difficult to overestimate the fundamental importance of documents in the pursuit of the study of history.

My hope is that this valuable collection of the archives of an English borough will be found helpful, not only to the student of our burghal institutions, but also to others who may find in it some item of interest in the particular line of research which they may be pursuing.

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INTRODUCTION

The figures enclosed in round brackets () refer to the order of the documents in this volume; those in square brackets [] to the order in Dr. Birch's catalogue in the Town Clerk's office.

IN one of the rooms devoted to the administration of our municipal affairs stands an old oaken box of considerable antiquity and no little interest. It is devoid of ornamentation, if we except the roughly fashioned scutcheons of iron, and was formerly secured with three locks, the middle keyhole of which is shaped curiously in the form of an S. Within, it was fitted with 'tilles' or pigeon-holes for the reception of documents. There is good reason to believe that it is coeval with the mayoralty, and that it dates from the latter part of the 15th century. Around this box, in a late year of the reign of King James I, we may picture the chief burgesses gathered when, urged possibly by some *quo warranto* mandate from the Chancery, they decided to draw up 'A Calendar and Memorandum of writings and things in the great chest.'

This calendar [795] is the first attempt to catalogue the muniments that has come down to us. It contains well-nigh 200 entries of documents either single or grouped. The care and method attending their preservation are shown in the manner in which the position of each item is indicated—this in 'bagge B,' that in 'a white linnen bag,' a third in 'a lether bag'—altogether a satisfactory condition of arrangement and gratifying to the mind of the archivist.

The accumulation of another hundred years had been added to the store before the appointment of Moses Williams¹ to the incumbency of the parish church brought to the borough a ripe

¹ See *Dictionary of National Biography*.

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scholar, fitted by his learning and by his experience in the Ashmolean Museum to investigate the records of our past. He summarized with accuracy in a *catalogue raisonné* 127 MSS., chiefly of the 14th and 15th centuries [79]. Though not placed in chronological order, he assigned numbers to these, but he went no further. The good work was stayed. Again is manifested a certain care in the contemporary custodian; why else these jotted receipts with the vicar's signature?

More than a hundred years passed before the curtain was again lifted, and even then the antiquarian world does not seem to have paid more than a passing tribute to the treasures of the corporation. In August, 1856, the congress of the British Archaeological Association visited Bridgwater, and Mr. W. H. Black, having 'spent the morning in an examination of the contents of the strong room belonging to the corporation,' addressed the congress in the afternoon and again in the evening on the subject matter of 'a large mass of ancient charters, deeds, rolls, books of expenses, etc.,' which had been laid upon the table, 'such,' he declared, 'as it seldom fell to the lot of an antiquary to unfold on such an occasion.'

Though their value thus received public recognition, our muniments were once more withdrawn into oblivion. But only for some few years, for in 1869-70 the newly appointed Royal Commission on Historical MSS. made the Bridgwater collection one of the first objects of its research and sent their inspector, Henry Thomas Riley, to examine it. Mr. Riley made two reports, the former of which appears in the appendix of the Commission's First Report, 1870, and the latter in that of the Third Report, 1872. The second is by far the more important and occupies ten closely printed, double-columned pages of the blue book. Some scores of documents or groups of documents are recorded, many in detail and a few verbatim, sufficient at least to prove the value of the collection.

About the end of the 19th century, the borough became involved in a law suit for success in which it was necessary to prove a certain prescriptive right. The services of an expert palæographer were required, and Dr. Walter de Gray Birch of the MSS. Department of the British Museum was engaged to examine the borough archives. While seeking for the required evidence, which he found, he drew

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up a *catalogue raisonné* of more than 2,300 documents. This valuable index is that in use at the present time, but unfortunately the numbers are not in chronological order.

This defect it is hoped to remedy in the volumes now contemplated, in which the true sequence will be followed as strictly as possible. The new number of each document will be placed first in bold figures and will be used in the index. The number pencilled on the document and used by Dr. Birch will appear immediately afterwards, enclosed in square brackets.

EXTERNAL FEATURES

These parchments of the 13th and 14th centuries, with their pleasantly sour smell, are to-day kept in strong ventilated boxes, housed safely in a fire-proof room. But at some time in the past, before such provision was made, damp crept in here and there and worked mischief, obliterating the text with ruthless nonchalance. Fortunately, in the mass, they are unspoiled and the ink of the 13th century is often almost as black as when it flowed from the pen 600 years ago. In documents of the middle 14th century the ink has had a tendency to turn yellow, but from this defect there is a recovery before we reach the 15th century, when the ink is often wonderfully black. In the 13th century, when Art was at one of her supreme moments and with her touch was waking stone and wood and glass to beauty, it was unlikely that writing would escape her magic. The 13th century script is indeed beautiful and one can only wonder at the skill with which the scribe, using one and the same instrument, could produce threads as delicate as a spider's as easily as broad strokes of strong and indelible character. In the following century there is a decline from this high achievement.

As to form, the deeds of this period may be divided into three categories. There is the *deed poll* with the smooth or 'polled' edge. There is the *indenture*. And there is the special kind of indenture which it is convenient to distinguish as the *chirograph*. Indentures were written in pairs, head to head, on the same skin. They were then divided by the pen-knife with a cut, toothed (indented) or wavy, and the two copies were then handed to the respective parties to the agreement. In the chirograph the risk of

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subsequent forgery was lessened by the simple stratagem of writing a word or a sequence of letters on the line through which the knife was to pass. To prove genuineness in future it was necessary only to require that the two indentures produced should fit each other and in the chirograph that the severed parts of the letter should return to legibility.

SEALING

Sealing was a most important adjunct to the medieval legal document. The mere fact that a party to a deed could not sign his name—and few laymen were able to write—made it imperative that he should have some other means to show his assent to the contents. The seal performed this necessary confirmation and, on the owner's death, the matrix was destroyed in order that it might be used no more. Impressions of many private seals remain attached to these documents, more or less perfect. Many have disappeared and the seal strip with fragments of wax adhering to it alone survives. Some are round, others are oval or vesica-shaped, the last being generally an ecclesiastical characteristic. On private seals there may be a merchant's mark, or a shield of arms, or an emblem such as a fleur de lys, a squirrel or a 'pelican in her piety,' and round the edge is generally a legend indicating the owner's name. We may take as an example *Sigillum* (often abbreviated to S') *Radulphi Hilting* (21), i.e. 'The Seal of Ralph Hilting.'

Most important for us, however, are seals of office, and what may be called *corporate* seals, though we must beware of using the word 'corporation' as yet. If we turn for a moment to the Jacobean Calendar already mentioned [795], we shall find reference to three such seals belonging to this early period, impressions of each of which have fortunately survived.

(1) 'Burgus de Bridgewater. They were first called Bur-genses Burgi de Bridgewater & weare founders of our ladie Chantry in Bridgewater ; there comin seale then was the signe of our Ladie.'

This seal of the chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most ancient of the Bridgewater chantries, is vesica-shaped and represents

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the Mother seated and nursing the Child. Beneath, under an arch, is a votary with raised hands. The legend is 'S'. Beate Marie Virginis' (16). Of this more will be said presently.

(2) 'Prepositi et Burgenses sigillum suum commune, signum navis & insculptum hoc modo, viz. sigillum aque prepositorum de Brugeswater.'

Here we have an official seal. It is that of the provosts or reeves of the borough. It is round in shape and there is a beautiful design of a one-masted ship on which two sailors are standing back to back against the mast, hauling on ropes. The inscription is 'Sigillum prepositorum de Br[ige]wateri.'

(3) 'Senescalli et communitas. Sigillum fuit signum castelli et pontis.'

This, used by the seneschals or stewards of the Gild Merchant, (*senescalli*) is definitely the borough seal (*sigillum commune*), the forerunner of the present seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses. A triple tower with portcullis, surmounting a triple-arched bridge under which flows the river, is the design. As yet there are no royal emblems—no lion's head or fleur de lys. The shape is round and the legend reads 'S[igil.] Commun[e de Brige]walte'.

The finest personal seal surviving from this period is that of Lady Maud Mortimer (43), of whom we shall say something in the section on the mesne lords of the borough.

Very interesting are the mottoes which occasionally take the place on the personal seals of the owner's name. The reader will be able to find these by referring to the word 'mottoes' in the index.

LANGUAGE

With the exception of four only, all the documents printed in this volume were written in medieval Latin, generally abbreviated. The remaining four are in medieval French, which, though it was the language of the law courts, was not as a rule used in legal forms of everyday occurrence. Fortunately for students of our own tongue, English words are found here and there embedded in the Latin where the scribe has found it easier to use them than to find

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Latin equivalents. Surnames and place-names also supply some Early and Middle English uses.

In a perfect scheme the complete text of the originals, all words extended, would have been laid before the reader. But exigencies of space have made it necessary to condense. It will be found that oft-recurring forms, such as the enfeoffment clause, the warranty clause, the sealing clause, have here been simply indicated by their initial words, for though the phraseology may vary, the general sense is standardized. Words of frequent occurrence have been shortened. It is hoped that no great inconvenience will be experienced on this account. Important documents and sentences are given verbatim, and translations are added where it has seemed specially desirable.

DATING

The great majority of the documents here recorded are dated, not with the year of the Christian era, but with that of the reigning sovereign. As a rule the month is not given, nor the day of the month. Instead, a system of reckoning the date from a Church festival and from certain saints' days is used. Thus, the 22nd of May, 1312, is designated 'the Monday next after the feast of Holy Trinity in the fifth year of the reign of King Edward the son of King Edward,' that is, Edward II. Such dates have been carefully translated into our modern system, and the familiar form will be found following the heading of each transcript. Where a MS. is dateless, every effort has been made to give it its probable chronological position as nearly as possible. The style of the script enables us to place the important Ordinance of the Burgesses (10) in the third quarter of the 13th century. Internal evidence, such as compliance with the statute *Quia emptores*, A.D. 1290, has been helpful. As examples in which the names of witnesses have solved the date problem, may be instanced No. 14 which had in error been placed fifty years earlier,¹ and No. 88 which has for many years been supposed to belong to the reign of Edward I² and in this volume is placed thirty years later.

¹ Powell, *Ancient Borough of Bridgewater*, pp. 118-19.

² Raven, *Bells of England*, p. 63, quoting *Notes and Queries*, 5th Series, iii, 77.

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WITNESSES

The names of witnesses, who attest most of the deeds, play an important part for the researcher. Not only do they at times, as has been shown, help to fix the period of an undated document, but they may also aid in drawing up the genealogy of the family to which the person belongs. Officials, too, appear among them and their titles aid us in our study of borough administration or of the affairs of the Church. It will be noticed that these names are not signatures of their owners, but are written by the same scribe who has written the body of the document. In what sense then, we may ask, were they witnesses? Were they present when the seals of the parties to the deed were affixed to it? This would seem to be the most obvious explanation, and yet there is a deed (43) which is dated at Kingsland in Herefordshire, one of the manors of Lady Mortimer, and which is none the less attested by five Bridgwater burgesses as well as by the lady's stewards and others. For the most part the names of witnesses are those of prominent burgesses and from time to time those of the reeves, the bailiffs, the master of the Hospital, the vicar of the parish and of other officials appear among them. It has been suggested that the attestation was made in the borough court. It is noteworthy that 25 per cent of the deeds are dated on Monday, the day on which the court was generally held, but nearly as large a proportion are dated on Sunday. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday occur frequently, while only some 8 per cent are dated on Tuesday and Saturday. It will be noticed that not infrequently holders of adjacent property appear in the list. This suggests either that the deed was witnessed on the burgage or tenement itself where seisin was at the same time given, or simply that it was regarded as important to have the names of the immediate neighbours among the witnesses. In one instance the deed is witnessed in the churchyard (8). Certainly we may surmise that the assembly of the chief burgesses, whether at mass on the Sunday or at the borough court on the Monday, would afford a good opportunity of gaining their attestation.

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE DOCUMENTS

There are rather more than 300 documents in this volume and the vast majority of these are concerned with the transfer of property—charters or grants of lands, houses and rents, quitclaims or releases, leases, defeasances, inspections of charters and grants of power of attorney to deliver seisin. There is important material for the historian of the English Borough, when that great story comes to be written, in the royal charter whereby the borough was created (1) with its confirmation by later kings (84, 265) and in the Ordinance of the Burgesses (10). Important, too, are the statements of accounts of the borough receiver (297), the receivers of the bell-founding fund (88), the receiver of the spire-building fund (238), the wardens of the Holy Cross (282, &c.) and the wardens of the Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary (244, &c.). There are bonds and quittances. There are wills, two of which are followed by interesting inventories of goods (81, 123) and there is an example of an episcopal discharge of executors (258). Beside two small court rolls of the neighbouring manors of Huish-by-Highbridge (34) and Dunwear (213), there are three examples of court rolls of Bridgwater Castle with the manor of Haygrove, the originals of which exist in the Record Office but of which photostats have been placed among the borough archives (266, &c.).

Mr. Riley advanced the theory that these conveyances, leases, quitclaims, and wills were lodged with the borough officials for safe keeping. This may have been so, at least with some of them. But it may be suggested that the mass of them were preserved because they were the title-deeds of property which, after being given or bequeathed to the chantries or religious houses, was later sequestered to the Crown and eventually granted by the Crown to the Borough. It is by such a sequence of title-deeds that we can trace the Corporation's property at Stour Eastover in Dorset as far back as the 13th century, though it did not come into their possession till the days of Mary Tudor.

THE MESNE LORDS OF THE BOROUGH

It is quite likely that the men of Bridgwater saw but little of the lord who stood between them and the Crown, especially after the

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13th century. And yet they must often have been reminded of his existence by the part he played in the administration and most assuredly by the circumstances of their fiscal relations.

The great familiar figure standing on the threshold of the borough history is that of William Briwer. He and his descendants successively occupied the position of lord of the town, castle and manor, not only for the period of time we have now under consideration, but for many years after. He was a worthy founder of the governing family. One of those strong medieval statesmen who supported the English Crown against the constant encroachments of feudalism, he served four kings in succession and never swerved in his fidelity to any one of them. The stamp of Henry Plantagenet's firmness and strength was set upon him, and neither the unsatisfactory absenteeism of Richard nor the moral unworthiness of John could turn him aside from his allegiance to the ideal of a strong central power, such as the Conqueror had envisaged. Henry had raised him to high office and under his two sons and successors Briwer held all but the highest. In justice and administration, in ambassadorial missions, in close personal contact with his sovereign, he spent an active life. A career such as this was sure to bring him honours and riches, and these he had in abundance. His wealth enabled him to build a mighty castle and to found religious houses, and it was before the high altar of his abbey of Dunkeswell that his body was finally laid to rest.¹

We know little of his personal characteristics, but a gleam of light is reflected from the record of a lawsuit heard before the great Henry Bracton five and twenty years after Briwer's death, when the jurors spoke most positively of him as a man who 'did his will with many folk' and in their opinion not always justly.² That speaks at least of determination. He was a man who did things and who was able to get things done.

He was succeeded on his death in 1226 by his son, William. But the heir did not long survive his father and died five years later. Tradition says that it was during the short term of his lordship that

¹ For this very brief summary of Briwer's career I have followed the chronicles of Walter of Coventry and Roger of Howden as my authorities.

² *Somersetshire Pleas*, Som. Record Soc., xi, p. 412.

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Grey Friars first settled in Bridgwater.¹ He left no child to follow him. His only brother was already dead. It was therefore to his eldest sister's line that the succession fell.

Where great wealth was, great marriages could be effected. If a genealogical table of the Briwer family be drawn up, we find in it representatives of the Marshals, the Bigods, the Bohuns, the Cantilupes, the Mortimers, the Clares, and other great governing houses. It was to a scion of the house of Braose that Græcia, 'by some called Griseld,' was given in marriage.² William Braose, the father, fell under King John's heavy displeasure, and one of the blackest crimes urged against Lackland's memory was the destruction in prison by starving to death of the wife and eldest son.³ The younger son, Reginald, who married Griseld Briwer, was restored to favour and to some of the ancestral lands.⁴

But Griseld herself does not seem ever to have enjoyed the lordship of Bridgwater, and William Braose, her son, had already met a violent death. Again there is no male heir. A royal mandate, dated 16 June, 1233,⁵ ordered that a reasonable dowry for Joan, the widow of William Briwer, the younger, should be provided out of her late husband's lands now in the king's hands, but not from the manor of Bridgwater. This was included in the portion assigned to her nephew's daughters, now royal wards.

Four daughters had been born to William Braose and his wife Eve, daughter of the great William Marshal, but here we are concerned with two only of them, Maud and Eve. How long they remained in the king's hand we do not know, but, some four or five years later, we find the wardship of Eve passed over to William de Cantilupe II,⁶ and before her guardian's death in 1251 we know that she had been married to his son, William de Cantilupe III, to whom

¹ Leland's *Itinerary*, fo. 58.

² For this and other items of genealogical interest here recorded, see Dugdale's *Baronage*, *passim*.

³ Kate Norgate, *John Lackland*, p. 288.

⁴ Writing of Bridgwater, Collinson in his *Hist. of Som.*, iii, 80, gives William instead of Reginald as the husband of Griseld, but in vol. i, p. 54, the name is correct.

⁵ Close Rolls, 17 Hen. III, p. 230.

⁶ Dugdale, *Baronage*, pp. 731 et seq.

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she bore three children. Maud, too, was married by the year 1249, and for her a husband had been found in the house of Mortimer.

In the division of the properties of their father, the lordship of Bridgwater was too large a portion to become the possession of one daughter only. To Maud was given the castle, while the town and manor would appear to have been divided between the sisters.

William de Cantilupe died in 1254, but Roger Mortimer took a prominent part in national affairs, fighting in Gascony and Wales, and on the king's side against the Barons. We see him from time to time in Somerset, and at one time he appears at the head of the burgesses in claiming a right of passage along certain of the Parrett's banks.¹ In his absence his wife must have become accustomed to rule the castle, and after his death, in 1282, she evidently exercised control. We gain two glimpses of her—and if the lady on her seal is in any sense a portrait of her, she was a stately figure—first, in 1298, when she conveyed a burgage near the castle to one of the leading burgesses (43); and again, in the following year, when she gave her assent to an alteration in the building of the west gate which involved the question of military defence (47).

Maud bequeathed her share in the lordship of Bridgwater to her second son, but he died without offspring, and it passed to his elder brother, Edmund. As Edmund died in 1303, we can fix the time of his mother's death within a year or two.

Meanwhile, Eve had followed her husband to the grave and had left her share in the lordship to her daughter, Millicent, whose second husband, Eudes la Zouche, appears in 1275 as one of the defendants to a plea of disseisin in the borough.² Neither Millicent nor her husband survived to the end of the reign of Edward I. For, some time after 1303, the king addressed an order to the bailiffs of Margaret, widow of Edmund Mortimer, and of William la Zouche of Bridgwater, not to disturb the Abbot of Athelney in certain of his chartered rights.³

During the rest of the period under review, the Mortimers, Roger and Edmund, and again Roger and Edmund, played their part in

¹ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., xlv, p. 119, 6 July, 1280.

² *ibid.*, xli, pp. 17, 18.

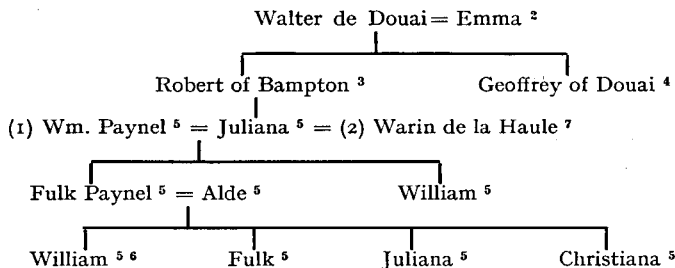
³ *Register of the Abbey of Athelney*, S.R.S., xiv, p. 171.

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the story of England, but their names do not appear in our archives. We have glimpses of the house of la Zouche (82, 117, 137, 155, 297), but during the reigns of Edward II and Edward III, though the lordship of both branches of William Briwer must have been functioning we hear nothing of its operations, save in the court rolls of the Castle (266, &c.).

From another source, however, we learn that even early in the century ¹ trouble arose between William la Zouche and the men of

GENEALOGICAL TABLE SHOWING THE FAMILIES OF THE LORDS OF THE MANOR IN THE 11TH AND 12TH CENTURIES



Amid recorded inaccuracies I have been at some pains to trace the families not only of the lords of the borough from William Briwer, but also of the lords of the manor between Walter de Douai, who gave his name to the place, and Fulk Paynel, who sold it to William Briwer. The result of my endeavour to determine the descent of Walter's family was confirmed by the late Dr. J. H. Round, who had reached the same conclusions, but unfortunately he had died before I had finished my investigation of William's family. Both are given here.

¹ Cal. Pat. Rolls 1304, 20 Sept., pp. 285-6.

² Charter of Wm. Bp. of Exeter (1107-1136), Bath Priory Chartularies, No. 36.

³ Charter of Henry I, 1123; Round, *Feudal England*, pp. 483, 486.

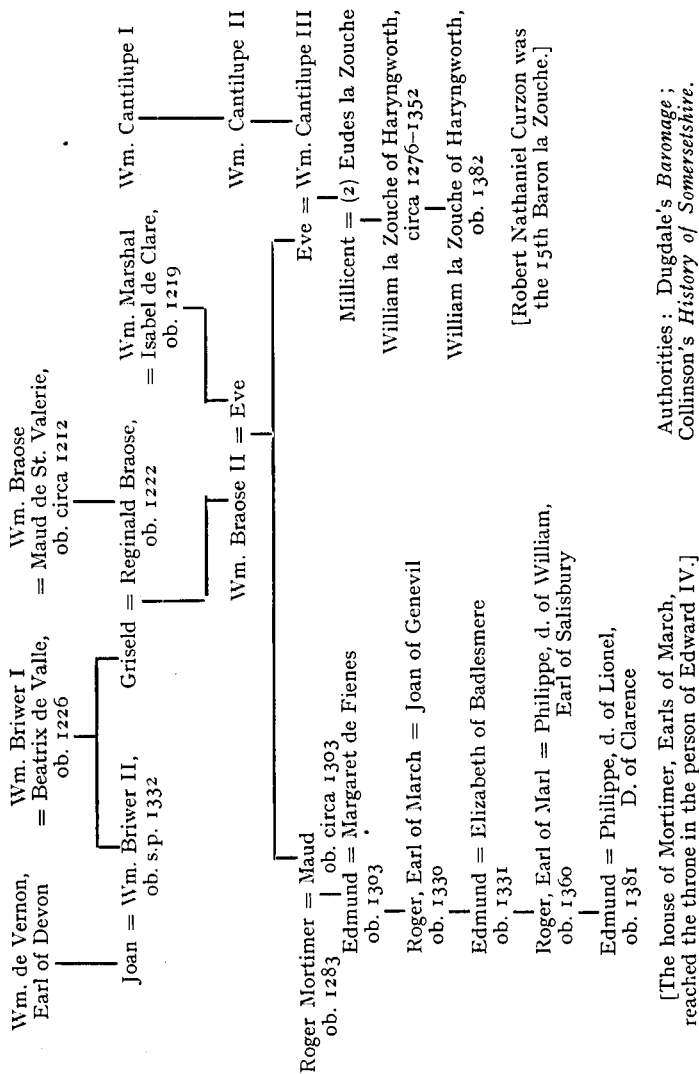
⁴ Charter of Bampton, Bath Priory Chartularies, No. 35.

⁵ Charter of Fulk Paynel concerning Bridgewater Church; Rob. Glover, *Somerset Heraldic Miscel.*, lib. 5, f. 40a.

⁶ Charter of Wm. Paynel, son of Fulk; Dugdale, *Mon. Ang.*, Add. vol. ii, p. 912.

⁷ Given me by Dr. Round.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE SHOWING THE FAMILIES OF THE LORDS OF THE BOROUGH, CASTLE AND MANOR



Authorities : Dugdale's *Baronage* ;
Collinson's *History of Somersetshire*.

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Bridgwater. In response to a complaint of the lord of the town a commission of oyer and terminer was appointed to enquire into it. Forty-seven names of defendants are given—of whom eleven at one time or another represented the borough in parliament—who were accused of having, with a number of Welshmen and others, assaulted his bailiffs and prevented him from holding his court there, and so forth. We see already a forecast of the insurrection of 1381.

It is interesting, too, to note the gradual rise of the family of Mortimer. The Earldom of March, which the infamy of the second Roger had forfeited, was restored to his grandson, the third Roger. Edmund, the next Earl of March, brought the family nearer to the throne by his marriage with Philippe, the granddaughter of the King, and only two precarious lives, those of the Black Prince and his son Richard, stood between young Roger Mortimer and the crown. Eventually he was declared heir-apparent, but he did not survive Richard, and it was through his daughter, Anne, whose grandson became Edward IV, that the throne was reached.

THE BOROUGH

It is not easy to define a borough of the 13th century. We cannot say 'Such and such a town was a borough, and that therefore, Bridgwater from the date of its charter had like attributes.' We should be wrong in supposing that one pattern was the pattern of all. It has been said that if we could question the sheriff who was ordered in the later half of the century to send two burgesses from each borough to the king's parliament, and ask him to define a borough, he would probably have difficulty in answering us. He might say—'This place is a borough, for it has always been treated as such; that place is not a borough, for I cannot remember its having ever sent twelve representatives to meet the justices in their eyres.' But as to what actually constituted a borough he would be at a loss.¹

Now when the sheriff of Somerset was making his list of boroughs he entered Bridgwater as one of them, for if he had no other proof of liability, he knew that the place appeared before the justices in eyre as a borough and that it was wont to 'come by twelve.'²

¹ Pollock and Maitland, *Hist. of English Law*, vol. i, p. 635.

² *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xi, pp. 41, 292.

If, then, we want to know what liberties and privileges belonged to this borough and were enjoyed by its burgesses, we must do some research. We have two valuable sources in the original charter (1) and the ordinance of the burgesses (10), in both of which particular liberties are recorded. It is in the former that the all-important clause occurs granting to William Briwer that the place shall be a *free borough*.

Much depends on the interpretation to be given to that term. It was new to the language of charters. It had been used in the charter granted to Dunwich, and now appeared in that of Bridgwater, and soon the Bridgwater model phrase—'all liberties and free customs belonging to a free borough'—was to become the formula in general use. What, then, was the meaning of the words? What were the privileges belonging to a free borough?

For long, scholars were at a loss to find an acceptable solution of the problem, and it is only recently that Dr. James Tait has arrived at one which is generally approved.¹

It would seem that the Chancery, instead of detailing the privileges which the king was willing to confer on the new borough, hit upon the formula 'free borough' to comprise those already belonging to some other borough which the mesne lord might choose as a model. And the question for us to answer is What attributes do we find belonging to the borough of Bridgwater in the years under review?

Administration of Justice. If crime occurred within the borough, the thief or murderer must appear before the king's justices in eyre, and here the burgesses exercised the privilege already referred to, of coming by twelve to the assize to present their own cases just as though they were themselves a hundred, instead of being a mere part of the hundred of North Petherton.

For minor offences the manorial court of the mesne lord was ready to be transformed into the borough court. Assault, debt, infringements of the by-laws, nuisance, were objects of its jurisdiction. The burgesses were jealous of any avoidance by their fellows of its facilities, and ordered that anyone who impleaded his peer in any court outside the borough without first appealing

¹ Tait, *Liber Burgis* in *Essays in Medieval History presented to Thomas Frederick Tout*.

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to a view of the burgesses should be amerced by the community. We have no court rolls earlier than the second half of the 14th century and none of them appear in this volume except three which belong to the court of the castle.

Our earliest borough court rolls show at the foot of the account of the proceedings the sum total of amercements paid, not only into the borough court, but into two other courts, the court of Piepowder and the Durneday court.

'Piepowder' (*pied poudré*), the court of the traveller of the dusty foot, is to be found elsewhere. That of Bridgwater was still extant as late as the 19th century, and while there is no such extensive account of it as that which survives of the similar court at Winchester, we are not without record of it. It provided ready justice for merchants and pedlars from without the borough, attending its markets and fairs.

Durneday Court would appear, on the other hand, to be unique at least in its name, if not in its jurisdiction. It is from later documents than those in this volume that we are able to reconstruct it. For the present it must suffice to say that it appears to have required yearly the presence of all holders of burgages whether living in the borough or not, who were fined if absent. The name is derived from 'durn,' a door, and it would seem that if the burgage rent of one shilling yearly was not paid to the reeves, representing the lords of the town, the delinquent was liable to find his door sealed by those officials, nor might he break the seal without risking a summons to appear before the borough court. The 'durn-day' was possibly the day on which the rent was payable.

To whom did the profits of these three courts go? They appear together at the foot of the roll, which suggests that all three sums had one destination. Dr. Tait tells us that the extent to which the original manorial court became a really independent court depended on the will of the lord.¹ It looks as though the lords of Bridgwater retained at least an interest in the issues of the borough court, for in 1380 William la Zouche complained that his steward was prevented from holding his court of view of frank-pledge—held at Michaelmas and at Hocktide—and from levying the profits.²

¹ Tait, *ibid.*, p. 89.

² Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1377-81, p. 570.

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Tenure. Perhaps the most elementary privilege of a free borough was the change from manorial to burghal tenure. The villein was no longer bound in any sense to the soil, no longer compelled to give days of service on the lord's strips of arable, no longer required to pay *merchet* on the marriage of his daughter or *heriet* on succession to his father. There was a commutation of services, and he compounded by henceforth paying a burgage rent—in Bridgwater of one shilling yearly.¹ If the holding was a fraction of a burgage, the rent was fractional in proportion.

Moreover, the burgess had the power of alienating his tenement. He could will it to some one other than the natural heir just as he could bequeath a chattel. But this power seems to have been ascribed to custom rather than to express grant.² In Bridgwater there seems to have been some doubt whether the custom of the borough allowed such alienation. Henry de Montefort and Solomon de Roff were sitting in judgment in the borough in July 1275, when a jury said that the custom of the town was such that no one was able to bequeath his inheritance in any way.³ In the following May, the same justices in their eyre at Frome heard another Bridgwater case. The vicar, William, had died, and before his death had bequeathed properties to various persons. His niece questioned the right of her uncle to dispose of his messuages in this way, but the legatees argued that these tenements, which were the acquisition of William, had been bequeathed according to the custom of the borough and that 'in that borough a tenement of this kind, being an acquisition, can be bequeathed and that no such writ'—the writ of mortdancestor now brought—'runs in that town concerning a tenement of this kind.'⁴ A third case was heard in 1280. Again it was argued 'that tenements in the borough of Bridgwater can be bequeathed by will and that the writ of mortdancestor does not run concerning tenements in

¹ Burgage rent survives to this day in five tenements in the borough, at the rate of one shilling a burgage.

² Pollock and Maitland, *ibid.*, vol. i, p. 645. Dr. Tait has pointed out that devise of land was to some extent general originally and only became a borough peculiarity when the common law stopped it elsewhere.

³ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xli, p. 18.

⁴ *ibid.*, vol. xli, p. 38.

the borough of Briggewater.' The plaintiff could not deny this, and took nothing by his writ, but was in mercy for a false claim.¹

It would seem from these examples that at this time, as in many other boroughs, a distinction was made between inherited and acquired property.

Mercantile Privileges. It cannot fail to strike the reader that the only liberties specified in King John's charter affect the mercantile side of the life of the borough. He grants a free market, a midsummer fair lasting eight days endowed with various tolls and with all other liberties pertaining to a market and fair, and freedom from toll throughout the land, the city of London alone excepted. But this is not exceptional in the construction of John's charters, and reason can be shown for the special treatment of mercantile privileges. 'The lucrative right of authorizing markets and fairs,' Dr. Tait tells us, '... was a jealously guarded prerogative of the crown and the possessors of palatine powers.'² The general formula of *liber burgus* does not seem to have covered it. Yet more so is this true of the privilege of exemption from tolls throughout the kingdom.

The Farm of the Borough. Later we shall find the burgesses paying a fixed lump sum to the lords of the town, two-thirds to the La Zouche family and one-third to the successors of the Mortimers. But during the period covered by this volume, we hear nothing of this payment. The burgage rent due to the lords was collected by the reeves (*prepositi*), and to this may have been added the tolls, the profits of the three courts and such house-rents as came to the burgesses as a whole—we can hardly say 'to the borough' as yet. There was no doubt a surplus beyond the farm due to the lords, and this would go rather to the common chest than into the pockets of the reeves.

Property of the Borough. Maitland tells us that the walls, ditches, streets, and open spaces of the borough were not as yet conceived to be 'holden by' the community.³ In Bridgwater they were presumably still the property of the lords. In 1245 a royal letter close ordered William de Cantilupe to find a site for the church

¹ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xlv, p. 51.

² Tait, *ibid.*, p. 90.

³ Pollock and Maitland, *ibid.*, p. 653.

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and buildings of the Grey Friars,¹ and, in the year following, the king ratified the arrangement made by the bailiffs of the town.² The acting lord seems to have passed on the command to the borough officials, sanctioning probably the assignment of a piece of land not yet built on.

Just at the end of our period, we learn from the earliest extant borough account that the 'house on the bridge' belonged to the community and was leased to a tenant at a yearly rent (297). As the burgesses were responsible for the maintenance of the bridge (10) it is natural that this house should also be in their hands.

Borough Officials—Power of election. The most important manorial office—the reeveship—survived in that of the provosts or reeves, with this decided difference, that they were elected by the burgesses instead of being appointed by the lord. It was their duty to collect the burgage rent (244) and their names appear from time to time throughout this period as witnesses of transfers of property. Probably it was thought important, in view of the possibility of unpleasant proceedings in the Durneday court, to be in a position to show these officials their own names attesting the change of ownership. As has been said earlier in this introduction, they had their own seal of office. The earliest document to which we find it set is the grant of leave in 1299 to a burgess to build over the West Gate (47). As the defence of the town is in question, Lady Maud Mortimer's assent is recorded and the first witness is her steward, followed by the vicar. The reeves and serjeants come next in order. It looks as though it had first been intended to use the seal of the community—*sigillum nostrum commune*—but that the reeves' seal, elsewhere referred to as *sigillum officii nostri*, was used instead.

The officials who step into the foremost position among the burgesses, the forerunners of the long line of mayors, are the stewards or seneschals of the Gild Merchant. Like the reeves they are chosen from among the burgesses of greatest influence and wealth, and the choice was made yearly (10). They have

¹ Cal. Close Rolls, 30 Henry III, p. 367.

² Cal. Pat. Rolls, 30 Henry III, p. 470.

power to punish those who infringe the ordinance of the burgesses. Slander, carrying pleas to extra-burghal courts, refusal to obey a summons from their bailiff to appear before them, opposition to execution or distraint made by their order, and the unpardonable offence of regrating—all these are subjects of their jurisdiction. Moreover, the warden of the chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the warden of the Holy Cross and the warden of the Bridge are all directed to present their accounts yearly to them. Apart from these functions which we learn from the important Ordinance of the Burgesses, we know scarcely anything of them in the period under review. Near the end of Edward III's reign, they are twice mentioned in the accounts of the common receiver (*receptor communitalis*) where 40s. are paid to a mason by warrant of the stewards of the Gild and of other chief and elder men (*aliorum maiorum et seniorum*) in the Gild hall, and again, in the same account and by a similar warrant—this time of the stewards only—for payment of 31s. to the warden of the goods of the church (297). In writs directed from the Chancery to the borough during this period there is no mention of the stewards.

They are directed to the bailiffs, sometimes to the bailiffs and commonalty or 'good men of Bridgwater,' once or twice in error to the non-existent mayor with the bailiffs. The bailiffs were the executive arm of the borough administration. There were two year by year in the 14th century and probably also in the 13th. Their names appear from time to time as witnesses, often immediately following those of the reeves. We have seen that the stewards of the Gild Merchant had their bailiff, and Gross, who insisted on a careful separation of Gild and Borough, was at pains to point to a later document [940] in which two bailiffs of the Gild and one of the borough were witnesses to a deed.¹ Next to the reeves appear two beadles (95, 97) who may have filled the same office as the sergeants—*servientes ville*—who follow the reeves among the witnesses of an earlier deed (46). Reference has already been made to the receiver of the commonalty—the Treasurer in fact (297).

By-laws and self-government. Even if we knew after what

¹ Gross, *Gild Merchant*, vol. i, p. 63; vol. ii, p. 23.

borough Bridgwater modelled her system, we should not find any powers of law-making. And yet they existed in some sense. It was always possible to declare established customs, and who was to prevent the proclamation of new customs? We have seen the burgesses putting into writing by-laws of their own, other than the law of the land (10), and later we shall find them enforcing the local code.

Self-taxing powers. In the ordinary life of the borough there was not much need for money to meet expenditure. The officials were elected to serve the community in various capacities and were unpaid—rather they were called on to pay a fine to the community if they were unwilling to take office. If there was need to repair the bridge, application must be made to the crown to enable the burgesses to raise *pontage* among themselves; if the wall, *murage*; if the streets, *pavage*. When we come to enquire about the financing of the church, we shall find Bridgwater ahead of its time in levying a rate on the parishioners.

The Gild Merchant. The Gild, though we know that it existed and that it must have occupied a most important place in the life of the borough, appears little in the documents printed here. We shall find more evidence of its activities later. This is no place to discuss the function of the Gild Merchant in general. That has been done very fully in Gross' monumental work. Our endeavour here is rather to relate what we find being done by the Gild and its officials. We have seen that the stewards of the Gild are invested with judicial powers to punish by amercement offenders against the by-laws and that it is their duty to receive the yearly balance-sheets of the stewards or wardens of St. Mary's chantry, of the stewards or wardens of the Holy Cross and of the warden of the Bridge, who would receive tolls and see that repairs were carried out (10). We find them authorizing the receiver to make payments—one to a mason working on the church, the other to a churchwarden (297). Here they are sanctioning disbursements not, as one would suppose, of money belonging to the Gild, but out of the common chest of the community. The money in the chest has been raised from what appears to be a tallage on the parish, outside as well as inside the actual borough, with

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borough court amercements, borough rent and balances both from church and borough. The account is a good example of the way in which our forefathers failed to separate what we should regard as watertight compartments in the burghal life—ecclesiastical, mercantile and administrative. And yet we see some survival of the medieval confusion in our day, for it is the mayor and corporation who manage our market, fair and port and who are the 'owners' of the parish church chancel, the clock and the altarpiece, while the mayor presides ex-officio in the weekly court.

We have suggested that in the 13th century the time has not yet come to recognize the body of self-governing burgesses as a 'corporation.' The law is still groping its way towards the conception of personality in a group of people united in common rights and in common duties, but it has not yet arrived.

When in 1280 the right of the burgesses to use the towing-path on the bank of the Parret, where it passed through the land of John de Acton, lord of a moiety of Aller, was denied, they were obstructed in their free use of the river in trading with Langport. The case was brought before the justices in their eyre, and it is not the borough of Bridgwater that appears as the plaintiff, as it would to-day, but Roger Mortimer for himself and for all the burgesses. And Roger won his suit.¹

At an earlier date, in 1253, William Malet of Enmore had a grievance against the borough. His plaint is that certain men have unjustly disseised him of a certain stream, one probably which contributed to the Town Brook or Durleigh Brook, and the defence is that William Briwer had possessed it, and after him William Cantilupe, the elder (that is, William Cantilupe, the second), 'in name of custody.' This time the verdict went against the men of Bridgwater, and the damages were assessed at 10s. Now in this case the name Bridgwater² does not occur, still less is the borough called on as defendant. Nineteen individuals are summoned and all appear except Henry le Petit, 'who is not known and was not attached, because not found.' Of these we definitely recognize eight as names of burgesses. It is suggestive

¹ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xlv, p. 119.

² Except in the name, Richard le Kyng de Briges.

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that William was unable to cite the borough as a person and that he could only gain his end by summoning a number of the units that went to make up the whole. But who paid the *ios.*?¹

In these early years of borough development we seem to move, as it were, among shadows, yet a hope may be expressed that the future historian of the English Borough may find material in these surviving records of Bridgwater which may help him in forming such generalizations as may seem to him possible.

REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT

In 1295 the sheriff of the county summoned two burgesses from Bridgwater to parliament. The borough was not represented in 1297, but from 1298 onward the burgesses do not seem to have shrunk from what appeared to many boroughs a doubtful honour. 'It has been calculated that under the first two Edwards 166 boroughs were summoned once or more often; that on an average under Edward I no more than 75, under Edward II no more than 60 boroughs were actually represented. At any rate the number rapidly decreased.'² Yet Bridgwater maintained its representation with great regularity and must have been willing to face the expense which the honour involved. Two shillings a day for each member during the session was required by the king's mandate.³ The journey to Westminster, or whatever city might be the meeting-place of parliament, was not inviting in those days, and it is not to be supposed that the office was regarded as in any way a privilege. Yet prominent burgesses accepted its duties and perhaps as merchants were able to do business of their own in the course of the session which they felt might repay them for its irksomeness.

Recent research has made necessary revision of the list of representatives given in an appendix to Jarman's *History of Bridgwater* both as to dates and names.⁴ It was hoped at first that to note such changes as were necessary would suffice, but when the

¹ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xi, p. 412.

² Pollock and Maitland, *Hist. of English Law*, vol. i, p. 641.

³ Cal. Close Rolls 1369, June 11, p. 101 *et passim*.

⁴ Interim Report of the Committee on House of Commons Personnel and Politics 1264-1832, p. 49. Jarman's list is presumably copied from *Return of Members of Parliament*, 1213-1702. 1878.

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task was begun it appeared simpler and more useful to print the list, as altered, in full—that is for the period covered by the volume.

- 1295. John of the Weye (or atte Weye), Walter Jacob.
- 1298. John of Sydenham, William Jacob.
- 1300. March. Richard of Roborough, Adam the Palmer.
- 1301. Jan. William the Large, Jordan the Parmenter.
- 1302. Walter Kyng, Richard Dygoun.
- 1305. Feb. John Savan, Richard of Roborough.
- 1306. Richard the Wylde, John of Sauham ¹ (= Savan).
- 1307. Jan. Richard the Wilde, Lawrence Grey.
Oct. John Savan, John of the Weye.
- 1309. Richard Woodcock, William the Gardiner.
- 1311. Aug. John of Cloteworthy, Stephen of Toukerton.
Nov. Richd. Woodcock, Walter the Chepman.
- 1312. Richd. Woodcock, Ralph atte Wood.
- 1313. March. Richd. of Stikelpath, Roger Broun.
July. Wm. Forthred, Ralph atte Wood.
Sept. Richd. of Stikelpath, Ralph atte Wood.
- 1314. Ralph Pope, Walter Fychet.
- 1315. Thos. Rogeroun, Walter of Wachet.
- 1319. John Bennet, Walter Purchas.
- 1321. Adam of Leghe, John of Dunster.
- 1322. May. John of Forde, Wm. Rogeron.
Nov. Adam of Leghe, David the Palmer.
- 1324. Jan. Walter of Enmore, John of Coumbe.
- 1325. John of Ilebruere, John Saladyn.
- 1326-7. Dec.-Jan. Thos. Boye, Roger Person.
- 1328. Feb. Hugh Celerer, Adam of Portland.
April. Adam of Portland, John the Warener.
- 1328-9. Oct.-Feb. John the Warener, Richd. the Dyer.
- 1330. March. David the Palmer, Thos. Boye.
Nov. [returns illegible].
- 1332. March. Walter of Enmore, John Eveson.
Sept. Richard Coleford, John Cronill.

¹ Jarman gives 'Sautram,' but 'Sauham' is a better reading.

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1334. Feb. John Cronill, Adam of Legh.
Sept. Thos. Eremyte, Walt. of Eston.
1335. Richard of Coker, Adam of Legh.
1336. March. John of Somerton, John of Hungerford.
Sept. William Duncan, William Syward.
1337. Sept. Thos. Boye, Walt. of Eston.
1338. Feb. John Saladyn, Wm. Boye.
July. John Saladyn, John of Petherton.
1340. Jan. Henry the Bakelere, Simon the Nywecome.
March. Robt. Wake, John Saladyn.
1341. John the Hare, John of Lenge.
1344. Richd. Boye, Gilbert the Large.
1346. Edward Babbe, John Boye.
1348. Jan. Robt. Wake, Wm. Topet.
March. Robt. Wake, Wm. Topet.
1351. Feb. Roger atte Crosse, Walt. Don.
1352. Thos. Large (?), Wm. of Welde.
1354. Robt. of Plympton, Thos. Large.
1355. Thos. Large, Wm. Crych.
1358. Feb. Adam Beste, Nich. Boye.
1360. May. John Bokland, John Gelhampton.
1361. Jan. John Wyard, Richard Shapwick.
1362. Wm. Crych, Robert Plympton.
1363. Wm. Crych, John Smok.
1366. Robert Plympton, Will. Crych.
1368. Wm. Crych, Thos. Engelby.
1369. John Lof, Adam Leybourne.
1371. Feb. Adam Beste, Wm. Tannere.
June. Adam Beste.
1372. Adam Beste, Hugh Mareys.
1373. Walt. Taillour, Adam Westleghe.
1377. Jan. John Palmere, Wm. Blacche.
Oct. Wm. Thomere, John Sydenham.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

The word *bridgewater* has entered the English language
has found a place in the dictionary. It is there defined as

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nating 'a kind of broadcloth manufactured in Bridgewater, England.' The word *taunton* has a correspondingly similar definition. In them is enshrined the historical fact that before the coming of the industrial revolution the western counties were the home of the cloth industry. To this day the teazles used by the fuller in finishing the cloth are grown in Somerset, carefully harvested, and transported to Yorkshire, the modern home of the cloth weavers. Woad and other dye-stuffs will appear later on, but there is no mention of them in these earlier years. The wills of John de Mulle and Gilbert Russel (65, 80) and the inventory of goods following the latter (81) show how largely cloth entered into the wealth of these Bridgewater burgesses, and their bequests show how considerable their wealth had become.

Of the importation of wine during this period we have some mention. One of the Bridgewater family of Godwin (107) named John, a merchant, sent a ship of his to Bordeaux in order to bring back a cargo of wine. When it reached its destination, some merchants of Rouen, whether in the ordinary way of business or whether with a sinister design, chartered the vessel to carry wine and other goods to their own city. There John's ship was arrested by order of the Duke of Brittany, in consequence of some friction already existing between the two countries. Value of £100 sterling was involved, and the King of England interfered on John's behalf and begged the King of France to do him due and speedy justice. This was in 1317.¹ We get another glimpse of the wine trade when, in 1360, Adam Beste receives two tuns from the port of Dunwich in Suffolk (190).

Much shipping was carried on in the river port. Vessels of Bridgewater were constantly being requisitioned to carry troops and provisions for the king's wars. From time to time injunctions were received by the bailiffs that provisions must not be taken to the king's enemies, while on the other hand supplies were to be shipped to his loyal subjects or friends. Wheat, beans, peas, bacon-pigs and other agricultural produce were for ever passing through the busy port.

A story from the year 1364 illustrates the difficulties which the

¹ Cal. Close Rolls, 1313-18, p. 565.

bailiffs might meet in their efforts to carry out the royal instructions. It appears that a certain John of Godesland was found to be thwarting the embargo which the king had placed on shipping corn to Ireland. On two separate occasions, he succeeded in running a contraband cargo of corn to the Irish enemy, taking his ship out of Bridgwater, without obtaining the king's special licence and despite the arrest of the bailiffs. At the third attempt he was less successful, and, although he threatened the officers, they seem to have succeeded this time in staying his voyage. Richard Dyer, one of the bailiffs, laid a certificate before the king on behalf of himself and his colleague, Roger Wolanton, complaining that John was uttering threats against their persons and goods on account of the arrest which had been put upon the ship and its cargo. Order was thereupon made to the sheriff to bring the offender to Westminster. The sheriff answered that he had found sureties for John's appearance in chancery and for his keeping the peace towards the bailiffs. He told also how in order to secure the corn and ship 'he with the bailiffs swam [*natavit*] with the flowing tide to Brodesbyn' and boarded a ship of Ireland with corn and malt on board. But the Irish, to whom ship and cargo belonged, would have none of them, and, having hustled them out of the vessel, departed on the flood tide. Even if we substitute 'rowed' for 'swam' as a more probable translation of the Latin, it was a courageous feat of the sheriff and the town officers.¹

But Richard and Roger, however zealous in the king's cause, were not yet out of their troubles. Eight years later, we find that the Exchequer had proceeded against them to recover the sum of £86 5s. 4*d.* being the value of a ship and cargo of corn which they had allowed to slip through their hands.² This naturally led to an appeal to the king, who by enquiry had found that they had duly arrested the ship of John of Godesland, but that he had by force of arms broken their arrest. So we may hope that all ended well for our bailiffs.

¹ Cal. Fine Rolls, 1364, June 23, vol. vii, p. 291; Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1364, Oct. 28, p. 72.

² Cal. Close Rolls, 1372, April 8, p. 369.

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From 1364 to 1371 this necessity of having the royal sanction to export cereals is demonstrated from time to time by the licences issued to merchants to carry wheat, barley, beans and peas out of Bridgwater port to Wales (Cardiff and Carmarthen and other parts), Ireland (Waterford and Cork and other parts), Devon, Cornwall, Bristol and Bayonne. John Cole, John Michel of Sydenham, John Bythesee, Walter Dodde and Robert Plympton are names which will become familiar to the student of these archives. Sureties to secure the deliverance of the goods to the countries named are sometimes required to be given to the bailiffs.¹

It would seem that wool was rarely handled in the port. In 1347, when the collectors of that commodity as a subsidy were ordered to cause all wool levied by them in the county to be taken to Wells, it is stated that this city had been the place hitherto appointed for its assembling except on one occasion. That was when the wool of the county had been assigned to the Italian firm of Bardi, who for its more speedy passage to Italy had had it collected at Bridgwater in order to be shipped thence.²

THE PARISH AND THE PARISH CHURCH

We have seen in that noteworthy account of 1373-5 (297) the complexity which prevailed in the burghal finances. Here specially we would draw attention to the fact that on the receipts side of the receiver's balance sheet is money derived from hamlets lying quite outside the jurisdiction of the borough—outside the borough, but inside the parish. They had evidently been called on to contribute further to the building fund of the church-tower, *bona campanilis*, and whereas in an earlier account (238) the building fund to which the hamlets had paid their quota was kept altogether by itself, it is now mixed up with the ordinary borough receipts and expenses.

The parish included Horsey, Bower or North Bower (now called East Bower), Dunwear, Hamp, Haygrove, West Bower and Chilton-in-the-Marsh, which must not be confused with Chilton Trinity. All these hamlets were liable to a share in the church-rate which

¹ Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1364, Nov. 11, p. 35 *et passim*.

² Cal. Close Rolls, 1347, Sept. 25, p. 323.

the late Bishop Hobhouse believed to be unique, inasmuch as a regular rate was levied on the parishioners instead of a fluctuating income sought from the popular church ale, the medieval forerunner of the modern church bazaar.

We must not expect to find any churchwardens' accounts in the 13th century. The lay churchwarden was as yet unknown, and the vicar combined the wardenship with his spiritual duties. In 1280 Richard is described, not as vicar only, but also as proctor of the church,¹ and so his successors continued to be after him. Lay wardens appear only on special occasions. There are four to manage the fund for the casting of a great bell in 1318-19 (88), and in the church-tower account of 1366-7 (238) lay wardens are responsible for the town and for each hamlet. It may be advanced that in the last quarter of the 14th century the wardens of the Holy Cross, a 13th-century office, had become the wardens of the church also. The two lay churchwardens were identical with the wardens of the Holy Cross.

We are not concerned here with the history of the patronage or advowson of the parish church before the beginning of the 13th century. But it may be said that when William Briwer had obtained his charter for the borough he took steps to recover the advowson from the monks of Bath Abbey to whom it had been given by an earlier lord. By the agreement made in the fourth year of John's reign, the Prior of Bath renounced all right to the patronage and was to receive 100s. yearly.² When William founded his Hospital, he endowed the master and brethren with the advowson, and the yearly payment to the monks of Bath was to continue.³

Thus the Hospital held the advowson and continued to do so as long as it existed. The master and brethren presented successive vicars who received the small tithes. In Bishop Ralph's time, the rents and issues were assessed at a yearly value of 20 marks, according to the taxation of the tenth.⁴

The earliest recorded vicar is James (3), and William the Chaplain seems to have followed him (12, 16, 17). We know

¹ S.R.S., xliv, p. 336.

² *Feet of Fines*, S.R.S., vol. vi, p. 19.

³ *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 204.

⁴ S.R.S., vol. ix, p. 372.

definitely that William had died before 1276, for in that year the disposition of his property was in dispute. He must have been fairly wealthy, for, in addition to that which he had bestowed on the chantry of the Blessed Mary, he had devised the properties in question, which consisted of seven messuages and a half, all in Bridgwater. The beneficiaries were Hugh Godwyne, William Kene, William Large, Adam of Wotton, William of Glaston and his wife, the master of the Hospital and Geoffrey of Cumpton. The late vicar's niece, Agnes, wife of Thomas le Franceys, contested the will, arguing that the testator had no power to bequeath the properties and that she ought to inherit them as rightful heir. Against her claim it was urged that the custom of the borough allowed an owner to devise property which was an acquisition, and that in accordance with custom the occupiers had each entered on his legacy on the vicar's death.¹

Richard, whom we find vicar in 1280, also had land of his own.² There are various references to Walter of Stocklinch from 1296 to 1317 (see Index). John of Parys received a licence from the bishop in 1318 to make the pilgrimage to Canterbury.³ One is tempted to link this pilgrimage to a legacy made twelve months previously in Gilbert Russell's will (80), which was to be paid to the man who should make a vicarious pilgrimage on his behalf to the shrines of Bromholm, Walsingham and Canterbury. In October, 1340, Bishop Ralph conferred the vicarage on John of Torrebrrian, a priest of the diocese of Exeter.⁴ Richard of Exbridge, a poor clerk, who was presented to the living in November, 1348, was succeeded four months later by John Butleigh, and we may suppose that he had fallen a victim to the terrible plague which swept through Somerset that winter.⁵ In the summer of 1350, his successor was summoned by a royal writ to appear at Westminster with Agnes, daughter of John Godwyne, as co-executor of the will of John of Herleston, a merchant of Bridgwater.⁶ John Butleigh's name occurs as late as 1363 (207). Ten years later,

¹ *Somersetshire Pleas*, S.R.S., vol. xli, p. 38.

² S.R.S., vol. xlv, p. 336.

³ *ibid.*, vol. i, p. 17.

⁵ *ibid.*, vol. x, p. 582.

⁴ *ibid.*, ix, p. 372.

⁶ *ibid.*, p. 625.

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John Comyn is vicar (286) and we assume that he was still in possession at the close of our period.

In the course of time there has been so much alteration in the structure of St. Mary's that it is difficult to point to this or that part as belonging to the centuries under consideration. William Briwer is credited with much activity in re-building at the beginning of the 13th century. We shall not be wrong, however, in assigning the tower to an early date and in looking on it as the earliest portion of the fabric as it stands to-day. We are fortunate in possessing the account, both financial and material, of the casting of a great bell at the beginning of the 14th century (88), and equally so in having that of the building of the spire in the third quarter of the same century (238). Much money was collected not only in the several wards of the borough, but in all the surrounding parochial hamlets. Whoever may have been the master mason charged with the ordinary building and repairs carried out at the same time, for the spire a specialist was needed and Nicholas Waleys was sent for from Bristol. His work began on 28 June, 1367, when the first timber for scaffolding was hoisted to the tower top. The importance of this event is marked by the entry of an exact date—unique in our early church accounts. The timber was felled in the royal forest of Petherton, which skirted the parish boundaries on the south. The stone used was the fawn-coloured Ham Hill stone, brought down the river in barges and forming a pleasing contrast with the red sandstone of the tower, quarried in the neighbouring parish of Wembdon.

Early English work may be seen all along the north aisle and the north transept, and we can deduce from its presence there that the width of nave and aisles was the same then as it is to-day; it is noteworthy that it is much greater than was usually to be found in the parish churches of those days.

The large iron hook at the apex of the chancel where the nave ends, from which depended the High Cross or Great Cross or Rood, is still to be seen. On All-Hallows Eve the All Souls candles were placed on a long beam in front of it, and the bedeman made his round of the town calling on all men to pray for the souls of the departed. We have seen that the steward of the Great Cross

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made account yearly to the stewards of the Gild Merchant (10). Later he was succeeded by two proctors or wardens (88, 152 *et passim*).

Of altars we find mention of that of St. James (24) and of one of the Blessed Mary alongside that of All Saints (65). To these may be added, if the design was ever carried out, that which the Pope permitted Iseult Parewastel to erect (92 note).

CHANTRIES

The religious gild was an ordinary institution in the medieval town, and although the term is never applied to the chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is evident that the chantry fulfilled in part the function of a gild. Before its altar in the chancel of the parish church (151) mass was sung for the souls of the departed brethren. The burgesses as a whole—*universi burgenses*—were its members and the trustees of its property. When anyone gave a tenement to the chantry the enfeoffment clause directed that it was to be held 'of God, the Blessed Mary and the burgesses.' This was the formula used to define the ownership in the 13th century (12, 16 *et passim*) and is used even as late as 1369 (246) though in no other year of the 14th century. The chantry thus became a considerable landlord and held its own court (244). We are not fortunate enough to possess any of its court rolls, though we have one of the chantry of Holy Trinity of the late 15th century which preserves for us the formalities of a chantry court. We have seen that anyone elected to the office of steward of the Blessed Mary was accountable to the stewards of the Gild Merchant (10). This is the only occasion on which the term *steward* is used in connection with the chantry. Proctors, the two officials are called, and collectors, and finally wardens. But in the early leases it is 'all the burgesses' who lease the properties. We may therefore picture the chantry as a gild belonging to the burgesses, with the stewards of the Gild Merchant in control, and with two officials called proctors, collectors or wardens carrying out the necessary administration, collecting the rents, receiving gifts, paying the salary of the chaplain, buying wax and oil and other necessities. The gift might be a grant outright of land or tenement, a rent

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charge on land or tenement for a term of years or for ever, wax, tapers, or some article of household furniture or of wearing apparel to be turned into cash or to be loaned at a rent.

We are fortunate in possessing accounts of this chantry for the five consecutive years 1368 to 1372. From these we are able not only to learn something of the regular finances of the chantry but also to gather some of its history. The first four work out fairly correctly, but the fifth is wanting in clarity. First is entered the balance received from the wardens of the previous year ; next, the receipts from rents and, separately, of other sources of income. Then the expenses are set forth and the defects of the rental. The amounts are summed up and the balance to be handed over to the incoming wardens comes last of all.

On the dorse of the balance-sheet there is an account of the wax and oil acquired during the year by gift or purchase, of the consumption in tapers and in maintaining the lamp before the altar, and finally of the stock in hand, if any.

At the close of the account for the year 1371 (268) will be found a short list of legacies received during the year, which is of interest. There also will be found recorded the curse of the late chaplain should anyone dare to sell the articles of bed furniture which he has left to the chantry. Presumably they were to be turned into vestments.

The first priest whose name has come down to us as chaplain of this chantry is Thomas, who is mentioned in John Mill's will in 1310 (65). We cannot be sure of David Keling, to whom Thomas Goldsmith gave a half-burgage next door to the dwelling of the chaplain of the Blessed Mary (156), but it looks as though Robert Cauntelo held the office (167), though we are not actually told so. This was in 1353, after the Black Death had ravaged the town. Walter Fort, whose curse is recorded above, was succeeded by William Mareys whose name occurs in the accounts of 1371 and 1372. But in 1373 Thomas Godfelawe received the yearly stipend of £4 6s. 8d., and while his name does not occur again, William Mareys, the chaplain, was still alive in 1387. Possibly Thomas was a *locum tenens* for one year. In 1393 the chantry was re-established.

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We are nearing the time of great activity in the widening of the church, so that it became possible to take under the extended roof new chapels of new chantries dedicated to the Holy Trinity, Saint George and others. But this development belongs to the next volume of these archives.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Of the two religious houses in Bridgwater, the Hospital is the better documented in its early history. We have King John's confirmation of William Briwer's endowment of the Hospital,¹ and yet more valuable, we have Bishop Jocelin's Rule for the Hospital which prescribes the duties and privileges of the brethren.²

The house was founded by William Briwer some time while King John was yet alive, though we do not know the precise year. Its original object was the care of 'Christ's poor' and in the 14th century it is still described as 'the hospital of the poor and infirm,'³ though we shall find that its scope of usefulness had ere then been extended to keep pace with its endowments. The heirs of the founder continued to exercise the patronage of the house. On the appointment of a new master in 1313, the bishop wrote to Lady Margaret Mortimer, as patron, begging her to release the temporalities to him,⁴ and later we find the master and brethren deeming it necessary to remind the king that the Hospital was of the patronage of the heirs of William Briwer.⁵ Twenty years earlier, the king had ordered the master to admit to the Hospital one, William de la Sale, 'who has long served the king and his father, and to grant him maintenance in food and clothing.' The king claims that his order should be carried out, 'as the hospitals in the realm were founded by the king's progenitors specially for the admission of poor and weak people and especially those in the king's service who had become unable to work.'⁶

¹ *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 204.

² Walter Hemingford, *Historia de rebus gestis*, Edward I, Edward II and Edward III, pp. 597-603.

³ Cal. Close Rolls, 1341, p. 11, 12 Feb. ⁴ S.R.S., vol. i, p. 151.

⁵ Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1344, 23 June, p. 310.

⁶ Cal. Close Rolls, 1325, 26 May, p. 366.

The original endowment by William Briwer seems to have been 100 acres of land in the vill of Bridgwater together with the advowson of the parish church, saving always 100s. to be paid yearly to the monks of Bath.¹ To these gifts the founder added the advowsons of the churches of Northover, lying close to Ilchester, and of his own Isle Brewers.²

During the century, three more advowsons with land were added to the properties of the Hospital. In three successive years, 1383 to 1385, they received the church of Lanteglos-by-Fowey with the chapel of St. Saviour there, by the gift of Robert of Boyton;³ the church of Wembdon by the gift of William Testard;⁴ and the church of Morwenstow by the gift of William of Monkton.⁵ Each donor added land to the advowson. An inseximus of 1315 confirmed these three appropriations.⁶

Among various properties acquired during the next century in Somerset was the advowson of the church of Chilton Trinity, with the chapels of Idstock and Huntstile, the gift of Richard of Wyggebere.⁷ Some account of Idstock which lies between Cannington and Stogursey will be found in Dr. Powell's *Ancient Borough of Bridgwater*;⁸ Huntstile is near North Petherton.

If we now turn to the 'ordination or foundation' laid down by Bishop Jocelin for the conduct of the Hospital we shall not find that the brethren were to follow the rule of any existing order. Nor in any document which is closely associated with the life of the house do we find them limited in any way. They are simply the master (sometimes prior) and brethren of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist of Bridgwater, and we shall probably be following a safe course in so describing them. The suggestion that they were of the order of St. John of Jerusalem or of that of the Hospitallers may be dismissed. But they have often been styled canons of St. Augustine, and there is documentary ground for this, if we go further afield. In the cartulary of St. John's Hospital, Exeter, for example, there is a statement (fol. 78d)

¹ *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 204.

³ Pat. Rolls, 1283, p. 69.

⁵ *ibid.*, 1285, p. 176.

⁷ Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1327, p. 33.

² Reg. Drokenstord, fo. 264a.

⁴ *ibid.*, 1284, p. 132.

⁶ *ibid.*, 1315, p. 258.

⁸ pp. 148-51.

that 'the Brethren of S. John's Hospital are of the Rule of S. Augustine, and have leave given them to visit the Hospital of S. John of Bridgewater, which is of the same rule.' ¹ We shall be less likely to err if we adhere to the language of the original rule of Bishop Jocelin—*Ut dicta domus et fratres easdem habeant libertates consuetudines quas aliqua domus aut fratres hospitalis vel consimilis religionis habent.*

Beside nominating vicars to the church of Bridgewater, and later to those of Wembdon and Chilton Trinity, the Hospital was required to serve the chapel in the Castle, one of the brethren celebrating mass there daily, while the lord was to find books, vestments, vessels, light and all things necessary for it. But their chief work was to serve 'Christ's poor,' and they were to devote themselves most specially to the care of the sick. Certain exceptions were made. Leprosy, lunacy, contagious diseases, maternity, were to be outside their province. Two or three women, 'not noble, but suitable, of good conversation and reputation, willing and able to serve the infirm poor' might be admitted to help in the work of the infirmary. There was not to be any entertainment of rich or powerful folk—not even of the patrons for the time being. It was to be only for 'Christ's poor.' The brethren were to elect one of their number to be master or warden—*magistrum seu custodem*—and were to wear a habit and clerical garments such as were suited to the brethren of a hospital or similar order or religion, but with the addition of a black or blackish cross—*cruce tamen nigri aut nidi coloris*—on their mantles and outer garments.

Before the close of the 13th century, the scope of the work of the Hospital was considerably extended. Hitherto the care of the sick and the supply of chaplains had sufficiently occupied the brethren. But with their income enlarged by the appropriation of three more churches it was necessary to find a further outlet for their activities. In Bishop Drokensford's Register, fol. 264a, there is a deed of Geoffrey of Mark, Master of the Hospital, and his brethren, dated 1298, which sets forth in detail the additions

¹ Footnote p. 361, Dev. & Corn. N. & Q. 253, on Woollen Trade at Exeter (xvi, p. 313, par. 223) by Ethel Lega-Weekes.

to the Rule of Bishop Jocelyn which are to be observed in future. In the first place the number of brethren, by the addition of six chaplains, was to be raised to thirteen, with the master. These were to wear the same religious habit and perform the divine offices in the chapel. Secondly, thirteen poor scholars were to be introduced who were to live the religious life within the precincts of the Hospital. They were to be apt and able, capable of instruction. They were to receive daily food and drink at the poor scholars' board. If they proved to be apt scholars in letters—*grammatica*—they were to receive from the master and brethren on Michaelmas day half a mark (6s. 8d.) for books and clothing. When they were sufficiently instructed, or if they proved to be inefficient, their places were to be taken by others, so that there should always be thirteen of them, who were to be present, surprised, at the morning canonical hours and at mass, but not in such wise as to prevent their daily attendance at the town school. Thirdly, the master—*rector*—of the town school was to send seven mendicant scholars daily to receive a loaf of bread, a dish of gruel and a pittance from the kitchen, with a gallon of second ale, and what might be over of the meal they were allowed to carry away with them.

Then follows a list of benefactors for whose souls the brethren are to pray: the late king, Henry III and his consort, Eleanor; King Edward and his consort, Eleanor; Robert Burnel, late Bishop of Bath and Wells, a special benefactor of the hospital, Philip, his father, and Parnel, his mother; the present bishop, William of March; Peter Quivil, Bishop of Exeter; William Mortimer and Hawis, his wife; Milicent de Mohaud; Gilbert of Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, Lady Joan of Acre, his wife [the king's daughter]; Edward, Earl of Cornwall and Margery, his wife; William of Moneketon, who bestowed the advowson of Morwenstow on the Hospital; his father, Adam, and his mother, Gillian; Henry of Thidolueshide; Gilbert of Woolavington; Robert, his father, and Gillian, his mother; the late Dean of Wells; Joan of Chambernon; Ralph of Willetton; W. of Hamelton; Adam, his father, and Alice, his mother; Master H. Husee; Dom. H. Everard; Master W. of Bath; Dom. Matthew and Master

Anthony of Bredene; William of Warminster; Hugh of Eton; Dom. G. of Portland, chaplain and brother; G. of Portland, late Master of the Hospital; Richard, his father, and Maud, his mother.¹

This 'G. of Portland' may be identical with Gilbert who was master in 1277-8 (S.R.S., xli, pp. 116, 141-3). Geoffrey of Mark, as we have seen, held the position in 1298. He will be found witnessing a grant to the Holy Cross in 1296 (40). Brother Henry who witnesses an inspeximus in 1317 (75) is Henry of Stanford whom the bishop had instituted two years earlier (S.R.S., vol. i, p. 151). John of Walsham, appointed in 1334 (S.R.S., vol. ix, p. 167), was succeeded by Thomas of Cadecote, or Catcott, who was master in 1349 (S.R.S., vol. x, p. 646) and whose long occupation of the mastership lasted beyond the period of this volume.

Of the fabric of the Hospital little can be said. We know its site roughly, and that it lay partly within and partly without the East Gate on the south side is tolerably certain. William of Worcester gives the length of the church as 64 of his 'steppes' of which we shall speak in the next section. As he estimated the length of the old stone bridge at 70 of these, some idea of the length of the church may be gained.

THE GREY FRIARS

The Little Brothers—*fratres minores*—of S. Francis of Assisi, or Grey Friars, first landed in England in 1224, and if we may trust the tradition which Leland found here on his visit to the borough more than 300 years later, it was not long before some members of the order found their way to Bridgwater. He tells us that William Briwer, the younger, 'builidid this house.'² If that was indeed so, the Friars must have come before his death in 1232, and found a home in the town. We have no earlier testimony to confirm the story. Some colour possibly is lent to it by the record of Thomas of Eccleston that the site of the convent was changed—*mutatus est* . . . *locus de Brigewater*³—in the days of Brother William, that is

¹ I have given this list of benefactors here, because it has not yet been printed so far as I am aware. ² Leland's *Itinerary*, fo. 58.

³ Brewer, *Monumenta Franciscana*, Thos. de Eccleston de adventu minorum in Angliam, p. 35.

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to say, some time from 1240 to 1254. On the other hand William of Worcester, who saw the list of the convent's benefactors and copied some of the names, fails to mention William Briwer among them.

We know more positively that they were here in 1245, for on the 30th of October of that year a royal mandate was issued to William de Cantilupe, who was acting as lord of the town, ordering him to receive with hospitality the friars minor 'whom the king is sending to Bridgwater' (*quos rex mittit usque Brigewalter*) and to furnish them with a site in the town suitable for the erection of a church and whatever other buildings were deemed necessary.¹ The order was quickly, and we may hope readily, obeyed, for in January a royal letter to the bailiffs ratifies the assignment of a site made to the Brethren of S. Francis.² Whether the church was completed before William died in 1251 we do not know, but we can now understand how it was that William of Worcester found his name in the *martyrologium* of the convent when he visited it some time in the middle of the 15th century. There he saw inscribed in the list of benefactors the name of 'dom. W. de Cantelupe, founder of this church of the order of S. Francis' (*fundator hujus ecclesie ordinis Sancti Francisci*) with the date of his anniversary.³ A second founder of the church whose name is recorded in the same list is that of Roger Mortimer, presumably that Roger who was the husband of Maud de Braose and contemporary with William de Cantilupe the third.⁴ We may conjecture that the building was begun during the guardianship of William de Cantilupe the second, and completed after Maud had entered on her heritage. Timber and fuel were requisitioned for the convent in 1250,⁵ and timber was still being supplied from the royal forests in the last quarter of the century. Oaks felled in the neighbouring forest of North Petherton were given to the friars in 1278,⁶ and six years later a royal order was sent to the keeper of the king's forest to send oaks fit for timber to the Bridgwater House.⁷

Though this 13th-century church has entirely disappeared, its

¹ Cal. Close Rolls, 1245, 30 Oct., p. 367.

² Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1246, 21 Jan., p. 470.

³ *Itinerarium Willelmi de Worcester*, pp. 136-8.

⁴ *ibid.*

⁵ Cal. Close Rolls, 1250, p. 312. ⁶ *ibid.*, 1278, p. 451. ⁷ *ibid.*, 1284, p. 309.

site is known and it would be in the interests of our historical knowledge if it could be thoroughly explored before the ground is used, as is contemplated, for building purposes. Within recent years an allotment holder's spade struck a large stone, which, on being excavated, proved to be the base of one of the church pillars.

William of Worcester was accustomed to measure the areas of the churches, bridges and other buildings which he visited in his tour of the provinces by the rough method of pacing them. His standard 'steppe' would appear to be longer than a foot but less than a foot and a half. He measured the length of the old stone bridge and that of the church of the Hospital. Of the church of the Friars he gives the length as 120 'steppys,' the width as 30, and the width of the nave as 14.¹

Thus, by the end of the 13th century, we may picture the Bridgewater friars with their guardian, completely domiciled in their house in Friar Street, with a useful garden at hand (235) and meadows, as the tithe map shows us, in the low-lying fields beyond the Durleigh brook, while their beautifully ornamented church stood somewhat to the westward of their dwelling. One distinguished member of the order had already been laid to rest either within it or in its precincts, Brother Robert Cross (*de Cruce*), who was the eleventh provincial minister, 1279(?)–85.²

In these pleasant places they continued to flourish. Their ministrations were acceptable not only to the people of the borough but throughout the diocese. The registers of the bishops record from time to time the issue of licences to them both to preach and to hear confessions.³ Though we do not know what was the proportion of priests and laymen in the convent, there were always some priests and on one occasion Bishop Drokenesford licensed as many as six at one time.⁴ From Bishop Ralph's register we learn the names of three friars—Maurice de la More, in 1333⁵; Wm. de Anne, who was guardian of the convent, later in the same year⁶; and Richard Augner, in 1354.⁷

¹ *Itin. Will. de Worcester*, *ibid.*

² *Eccleston*, ed. Little, p. 147; Kingsford, *Grey Friars of London*, p. 192.

³ S.R.S., vols. i, ix and x, *passim*.

⁴ *ibid.*, vol. i, p. 11.

⁵ *ibid.*, vol. ix, p. 139.

⁶ *ibid.*, p. 155.

⁷ *ibid.*, vol. x, p. 737.

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It was in 1335 that the Bishop of Worcester, as conservator of the privileges of the order, took up a complaint of the Friars Minor of Bridgwater, that their privileges had been infringed and that they had suffered divers injuries.¹ This action may be regarded as suggestive that the house was not free from those quarrels with the secular clergy which frequently disturbed the harmony of the medieval church.

Wills published in this volume show the esteem in which the testators held the Grey Friars and their prayers (80, 150, 188, 192). In the year after the Black Death had made its terrible descent on Somerset, a donor, whose name has not come down to us, gave or left to them six acres of land for the enlargement of their dwelling-place.²

Before the end of Edward III's reign, we have a glimpse of their responsibilities in a court roll of Bridgwater Castle and manor of Haygrove in the year 1371 (266). The warden (*custos*) of the Friars Minor is called upon to answer to the court for having neglected to keep Hamp Brook clean, which suggests to us that some of their meadows bordered Hamp Brook as well as Durleigh Brook.

None of those letters of confraternity which happily survive among these archives is dated earlier than the 15th century, and so they will not be found here, nor do those names belonging to Franciscans of this house who became famous appear so early, but students may be interested to note the presence in Friarn Street of a family named Somer from whom it is pleasing to assume that Friar John of that name derived his origin.

TOPOGRAPHY

'The towne of Bridgwater,' says Leland, writing in the 16th century,³ 'is not wallid, nor hath not beene by any lykelyhod that I saw. Yet there be 4 gates yn the towne namid as they be sette by est, west, north, and south. The waulles of the stone houses of the towne be yn steade of the towne waulles.'

This was true of most of the perimeter of the town, but in one section which seems to have escaped the antiquary's notice, some

¹ *Worc. Epis. Reg. Simon de Monte Acuto* (1333-7), bk. ii, fo. 10.

² *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1349, 21 Aug., p. 361. ³ Leland, *Itinerary*, fo. 57.

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walling had been erected a portion of which has survived to our own days. This was in the north-west quarter (53) and may have been completed from the West to the North Gate.

It is not difficult to follow the outline of the medieval town. A deep and wide ditch—the Town (38) or Common Ditch (194)—was cut from the river westerly, past the North and West Gates, until by way of our Moat Lane the Town or Durleigh Brook was reached. Thence the Brook formed the defence on the south side until it joined the river. Eastover was defended by a similar ditch which was cut from opposite the mouth of the Brook to the East Gate, and thence again to the river at a spot opposite the ditch on the north side of the Castle.¹ As Leland tells us, the walls of the houses were the remaining defence. Once in her history has Bridgwater been besieged, and then it was on the north side of Eastover that a breach was made by the troops of Fairfax and Cromwell.²

The main thoroughfare ran through the town from east to west, and these two gates, with that from which the wayfarer set out for Taunton, were those which saw most traffic. The North Gate must have had a much quieter existence and perhaps it is for that very reason that it alone has been handed down to us in picture and is the subject of one of those delightful sketches from the pencil of John Chubb, mayor of the borough in 1788, which are familiar objects in lithographed copies in many Bridgwater homes.³

¹ It may be noted here that in 1286 the Hospital had received a licence to cut a channel through one of the bends of the river for sanitation purposes.—*Cal. Pat.* 1281–92, p. 244.

² C. Trenchard, *The Siege of Bridgwater*, p. 24.

³ There is no doubt in my mind that these sketches are John Chubb's work. There are ten of them in the book of lithographs which was published in the 19th century. In a copy given to F. J. Thompson by C. K. Kemys Tynte, at whose expense I believe the book was produced, John Chubb is mentioned as the artist. This is confirmed by a comparison of some sketches which have been presented to the local museum by Mr. John Chubb of Hampshire, and which are undoubtedly his grandfather's work, and though they do not show the technique of the trained artist, I account for the difference by suggesting that the lithographer supplied that additional skill which the amateur lacked.

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The West Gate, which was built of the red sandstone of Wembdon, carried a superstructure such as may be seen for example on the West Gate of Winchester—at least this was so, if Richard Maidus acted on the permission granted to him in May, 1299 (47). With this licence it is interesting to compare the lease which Geoffrey Chaucer had from the City of London, as tenant of the dwelling-house above the Aldgate, where he lived for twelve years.

The castle which William Briwer built by leave of King John¹ was of course the predominating feature of the town and occupied a large portion of its area.² It is reputed to have been at one time one of the strongest and most extensive in the kingdom,³ yet throughout the middle ages it seems never to have been called on to play any part in the warfare that surrounded it. It was during Briwer's own life that it saw its greatest days, when time after time it was the guest-house of a king who came a-hunting in his royal park of Petherton.⁴ After that the events associated with it are of a petty character. The escape from its custody of a thief who professed himself a churchman,⁵ or the transference by the Master of the Hospital to the Constable of the Castle of the late lord's quarrels, or arrows, for the better munition of the fortress are not great events.⁶

The massiveness of the castle walls is evident in such remains as are to be found near to the quay to this day. There, too, is the triple-arched gate which gave access from the river. The main entrance was the gate defended by a drawbridge (226) which faced the Cornhill. On the north, west, and south sides, the castle was defended, not only by its enormous walls, but by a deep moat (48) fed by the tidal river. The constable's house stood on

¹ *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 70.

² It may be well here to point to an error in the *Victoria County Hist. of Somerset*, where it is stated that an earlier castle was built by Baldwin of Exeter. G. T. Clark in *Med. Mil. Archit.*, i, 73, is given as the authority. I have referred to this and find that the writer had evidently fallen into the mistake through a too hasty reading of Clark. Unfortunately it is repeated in the article on the Hospital of S. John the Baptist.

³ Timms and Gunn, *Abbeys, Castles and Ancient Halls*, i, p. 558.

⁴ King John's *Itinerary*.

⁵ S.R.S., vol. xi, p. 41.

⁶ Close Rolls 1233, p. 256.

the high ground now occupied by King Square, and probably annexed to it stood the chapel dedicated to St. Mark [1424] which, as has been said, was served by brethren of the Hospital.

But important as the castle is in the strategical defence of the west, it is to the bridge that we must turn as the *fons et origo* of the western town. It is to the bridge that the place owes its name, with the added element of Walter de Douai's name which was pronounced and spelt Wauter or Water.¹

The wooden bridge shown on the seal of the community is of course conventional, but the earliest bridge must have been of that material, and according to Leland's tradition the 'right auncient stronge and high bridge of stone of 3 arches' had been 'begon of William Bruer.'² There we must leave it, for Trivet's building comes later than, though soon after, our period. From a later record we learn that there was a chapel on it, served by the Friars, such as stood frequently on medieval bridges, and we read also of a house (297).

Of the church of St. Mary we have already written.³ It was surrounded by a churchyard (8) with an east stile (170) and a south stile, while on the north and west sides the houses, as they do to-day, came close up to the church precincts.

It is easy to trace, not only the outline of the medieval town, but the directions of the main streets also, for they ran on the whole just as we see them. The Great Street—*magnus vicus* (16), *magnus vicus regalis* (21), *melior vicus* (37), *maior vicus* (24),—afterwards *altus vicus* (116) is our High Street. But the name in those days included the street from the top of the present High Street to the West Gate (38) and from the Cornhill to the Bridge (176). The north and south sides of High Street were distinguished from

¹ Another proposed derivation is the word Borough or Burgh, but among hundreds of early spellings I do not remember to have found Burgh more than once; nor is there any evidence that the place was ever a borough before 1200. A plea has also been made for the Irish saint Bridget and support has been sought in Dr. Powell's charming but imaginative chapter on 'The Lost Church of St. Bridget.' Yet the historian must keep to facts and the early spellings lead him to Bridge.

² Leland's *Itinerary*, fo. 58.

³ p. xxxix.

each other sometimes as North Street (12) and South Street (54). The street which we now call North Street was generally known as the way to Kidsbury (52) or to Wembdon (283), though it is called North Street in 1355 (175). The street 'twixt Church and Bridge' (176) is first called Fore Street in 1367 (237). In the middle of High Street as we know it stood a block of buildings in the middle of which was the 'Cornchepyng' (133) if we may be allowed that it probably stood on the same site as the Corn Exchange of the 18th century which was taken down in 1825. The 'Cokenrewe' (133) was not far from the 'Cornchepyng,' though we cannot locate it exactly. The Tolsey or tollhouse, already called 'old' in the middle of the 14th century (163), was in the Cokenrewe, and if it stood next the Gildhall, we may be right in thinking that this group was in the neighbourhood of the Town Hall of to-day. St. Mary Street (45) ran from South Gate to High Street as it still does. Dampiet Street or Damyetstrete, variously spelt Dameyet, Damyate, Damyet, Damyhete, Damezete, Damyzete, occurs first in 1344 (139). The letter 'p' has crept in after the 'm' as it has in many place-names, such as the local hamlet Hamp, but the name appears to be derived from *dam* and *zete*—'the way by the dam,' probably that on the Town Brook, built to make a fall for the wheel of Little Mill (194) where the corn was ground for the town. Froggelane (8) must be placed near the river, where Blake Gardens now are, and Froglanes Bridge (139) probably carried the lane across the Brook. The river itself is mentioned first in 1324 when it is described as the 'water of Perred' (97). Lime Bridge or South Bridge as it is also called (297) presents a puzzle. It can scarcely have crossed the river, and we may assume that it carried the towing-path on the east bank over the moat. It is a frequent object of repair.

Friarn Street (44), the street in which stood the house of the Grey Friars, extended eventually from Dampiet Street to West Gate. But we also find 'twixt South Gate and the Friars Minor' (142) and 'twixt West Gate and the Friars' Church' (193). The name Silver Street does not occur. It was known in medieval times as 'twixt the parish church and the Friars Minor' (114). Horse-pond is a very old institution, appearing (14) under the

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more ancient name of 'wayhur' or 'wayere,' which means a horse-pond and not a weir. In 1303 we read of a burgage situated in South Street 'next the small street which leads to the Waere' (54). On the Cornhill (192) stood the High Cross (229). The *domus stallorum*, or 'house of stalls' (235), may have been at one end of the island in High Street.

Eastover is first so called in 1357 (184), but is earlier described as 'beyond the Bridge' (23), 'twixt Hospital and Bridge' (80), and 'east of the Bridge' (107). 'By the Were' is classed among the hamlets in 1366 (238) but later we shall find it among the wards of the town. It lay apparently in the neighbourhood of the modern Dry Dock.

Orloue Street (92), with its variants Oreloue, Ordlof, Ordloue, Orloues, Horlokes and Horlokkes, should be spelt with an 'f' or with 've' instead of 'ue.' To-day it has become 'Orlieu,' probably because Mr. Riley thought it must be the 'Gold place' or the 'Gold smithery.'¹ It is far more likely that it is derived from the family of Ordlof (8) or Orloc, whose name occurs very early. The street ran parallel to High Street from the Castle Ditch to Pig Cross and is now called Clare Street.

Pynel Street (164) which was a very small street at the west end of Orloue Street dates from 1362 when John Pynel leased property in it and the scribe of the deed calls it Pynelysstrete.

Cronilesstreet (245) or Cronylleslane (155) is another place-name of the same order as Orloue Street and Pynel Street, for it evidently takes its name from the family of Cronile (95). On the dorse of No. 157 we find a note informing us that Cronile's Lane is the same as Pynel's lane.

Outside the West Gate there were ways in three directions—towards Kidsbury, towards the Park and towards West Wayhur or West Horsepond, which, like its equivalent by Friarn Street, was probably close to the Town Brook. The Park would be a district preserved by the lords for game, and Kidsbury was probably merely a farmstead of which a ruined wall alone survives.

Cattenechurcheye (175) also lay outside West Gate, while 'Rome' was a tenement 'in a street called Pynelysstret near the

¹ *First Report of the Royal Commission on Hist. MSS.*, p. 99.

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north gate' (164) which suggests again that Pynel Street ran in that direction.

PERSONAL NAMES

In the 13th century the custom of using a surname was being slowly established. The law knew a man only by his baptismal name and the Church to this day recognizes no other. But the inconvenience of many men bearing the same name was being met by the use of patronymics. These are seen in a crude form in an early document (5) where four witnesses are described each as the son of his father, the father's name being a baptismal name. This led to the form in which 'Fitz' is placed before the father's baptismal name—Fitz-James (157) will serve as an example. The commoner method however is the addition of 'son' or simply 's' to the baptismal name, and these will be found in abundance in our index.

Place of origin, occupation, personal qualities, nationality—these also are used to differentiate one from another. John of Petherton is distinguished from John of Chedzoy; Robert the Tucker from Robert the Dyer; Roger the Blacche from Roger the Broun. Eventually these additional names tended to become family names, but not necessarily. Even to-day the law does not compel a man to adopt his father's surname.

But unfortunately this attempt to distinguish by means of a man's trade or birth-place or peculiarity was made with such laxity that the same man might bear three or more surnames, and the local historian is met with this difficulty of recognizing the same man under different names. Take for example the man William who had a house by the West Gate and who is called 'the Smith' from his calling, and also 'Priestsson' as a patronymic (29). Later we meet him as William the Smith in the Walles (38) and again as simply William in la Walle (73).

It would be interesting to classify the nationalities of the inhabitants of medieval Bridgwater. We should find considerable elements of Welsh and Irish, especially when we come to the long church rate lists of the 15th century. In this volume le Bret and le Breton, Engleys, Irish (le Yreis, *Hyberniensis*), Welshman (Walissh-

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man) and Waleys declare themselves immediately. We have already mentioned a man named le Franceys¹ and towards the end of our period there were Flemings named le Lange and Hubel.²

The name of Philip Crese erl (77) or Creseerl (74) which appears first as Crese only (35) is curious.

The baptismal names have their own interest. The most noteworthy fact about them is the entire absence of the name Mary. It was deemed too sacred to be given to the medieval girl.

In conclusion may I end this Introduction on a personal note. I should like to say emphatically that it does not pretend to be a history of Bridgwater nor to be in any sense exhaustive. It is rather a series of notes which I hope may be of help to the future historian of the town. It has been written partly to offer help to such readers as would shrink from the languages of the text and partly to serve those students who will themselves read and weigh the contents of these archives which have fortunately survived the centuries.

I should like also to record my sense of gratitude to the successive Mayors, Town Clerks and members of the Corporation who during the last twenty years have eased my labours by affording me facile access to the originals; to Dr. James Tait, who during many years has helped me by his encouragement and by placing his wide knowledge of medieval town government at my disposal; to the late Dean Armitage Robinson for much kindly help; to Dr. A. G. Little for reading the section on the Grey Friars and furnishing me with a reference of which I was ignorant; to the late Dr. J. H. Round for his help and encouragement; to Professor A. Hamilton Thompson for elucidating some difficult passages; to Sir Henry Maxwell Lyte for various helpful suggestions; to the Rev. Prebendary T. F. Palmer for much time and trouble in seeing the MS. through the printers' hands; and to many others. Nor would I forget an octogenarian brother who spent long hours in research in the Rylands Library at Manchester in my behalf, but who did not live to see the consummation of his unstinted labours.

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¹ p. xxxviii.

² Cal. Close Rolls 1371, p. 345.

BRIDGWATER CORPORATION DOCUMENTS.

No. 1. [Charters] John, king of England, to Wm. Briwer.
Charter granting that Bridgwater be a free borough and
its men free burgesses, with a market and a midsummer
fair. 26 June 1200.

JOHANNES, dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie et Aquitannie, Comes Andegavie, Archiepiscopus, Episcopus, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, Ballivis et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Willelmo Briwerr quod Brug' Walt' sit liberum burgum et quod ibi sit liberum mercatum et una feria singulis annis per octo dies duratura scilicet a die Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste in octo dies cum thelonio, paagio, pontagio, passagio, lastagio, stallagio et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad liberum burgum et ad mercatum et feriam pertinentibus. Concessimus eciam predicto Willelmo quod predicti burgenses sui de predicto burgo sint liberi burgenses et sint quieti de theloneo, paagio, pontagio, passagio, lastagio, stallagio et habeant omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines et quietancias que ad nos pertinent per totam terram nostram et per omnes portus terre nostre excepta civitate Londoniarum. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predictus Willelmus et heredes sui post ipsum habeant et teneant omnia predicta bene et in pace libere et quiete integre plenarie et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut predictum est. Testibus Willelmo Mariscallo, comite Penbroc ; R[anulfo] comite Cestrie ; Willelmo comite Saresburie ; Willelmo de Rupibus, senescallo Andegavie ; Garino de Glapian, senescallo Normannie ; Henrico de Nonant ; Roberto

de Thurnham. Datum per manus S[tephani] Wellensis archidiaconi et J[ohannis] de Gray, archidiaconi Gloucestrie apud Chinn' xxvi die Junii anno regni nostri secundo.

The original charter appears to be lost. There are, however, some copies among the archives. The earliest of these is embedded in an inspeximus or charter of confirmation of Ed. II, dated 1318; a second occurs in that of Ed. III, dated 1371; a third is in that of Hen. IV, dated 1400; while there is a modern copy of Ed. II's charter, supplied in 1733 by the deputy custodian of records in the Tower of London, which is numbered [810]. That which appears above is taken from the well-preserved confirmation of Ed. III. The place from which John's charter is dated is given here as Chinon, in some copies it is Tours. The discrepancy appears to be due to the fact that on the 26th of June the court moved from Chinon to Tours. The work begun in the morning at Chinon was finished in the evening at Tours.

[*Translation*]

JOHN, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers, Bailiffs and all his faithful, greeting. Know that we have given and granted and by our present charter confirmed to our beloved and faithful William Briwerr that Brugewalter be a free borough and that there be there a free market and a fair each year to continue for eight days, to wit, from the day of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist for eight days with toll, paage, pontage, passage, lastage, stallage and with all other liberties and free customs pertaining to a free borough and to a market and fair. We grant also to the aforesaid William that his burgesses aforesaid of the aforesaid borough be free burgesses and be quit of toll, paage, pontage, passage, lastage, stallage and have all liberties and free customs and quittances which pertain to us throughout our whole land and throughout all ports of our land, the City of London excepted. Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin that the aforesaid William and his heirs after him have and hold all the aforesaid well and in peace, freely and quietly, wholly, fully and honourably with all their liberties and free customs as aforesaid. Witness, William the Marshal, Earl of Pembroke; Ranulf, Earl of Chester; William, Earl of Salisbury; William des Roches, Seneschal of Anjou; Warin de Glapian, Seneschal of Normandy; Henry de

Nonant ; Robert de Thurnham. Given by the hands of Stephen, archdeacon of Wells and John de Gray, archdeacon of Gloucester at Chinon, the 26th day of June in the second year of our reign.

No. 2. [113] **Wm. de Evechric to Robt. de Godiveland.**
Grant of land on the north side of Bridgwater Park. Scutage.
Spurs rent. Undated.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de Evechric dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto de Godiveland pro homagio et servicio suo quinque acras terre in boreali parte parci de Bruges de dominico meo que iacent in occidentali parte terre Roberti Grene et unam acram prati in Waeforland in boreali parte prati Roberti Testard que iacet in occidentali parte per septem perchias et in orientali parte per quinque perchias et dimidiam acram prati in eodem crofto intra pratum predicti Roberti Testard que iacet per duas perchias. Tenend. et habend. sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete pacifice et integre. Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes sui ad pascha unum par calcarium de precio duorum denariorum pro omni servicio et omni seculari exactione salvo servicio domini Regis scilicet ad scutagium viginti solidorum unum denarium et ad plus plus et ad minus minus. Pro hac autem mea donatione et concessione prefatus Robertus de Godiveland dedit michi duas marcas argenti pre manibus et uxori mee sex denarios in recognitione. Ego vero et heredes mei predicto Roberto et heredibus suis predictam terram contra omnes homines warantizare debemur. Ut autem hec mea donatio et concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione corroboraui. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Cilleton ; Roberto la Bula, tunc persona de Wemedon ; Willelmo de Sidehun ; Roberto Testard ; Turstano de Burcy ; Radulfo de Evechric ; Johanne de la Trewe ; Roberto de Munemue ; Stephano de Hunespill et multis aliis.

Seal uncertain, white wax.

This and the next two are early title deeds which may be linked to Nos. 67, 87, 110, &c., where the property from which the name of Goodland is derived recurs. Robert de Chilton, 1242-3 : Som. Record Soc., xi, p. 138. Thorstan de Burcy and Robt. de Koker, 1242-3, *ibid.*, xi, p. 321.

No. 3. [116] Wm. de Ferndone to Rich^d. de Godyveland.
Grant in frank-marriage of a moiety of a messuage and of
a farm, with certain movables. 12 May 1245.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus de Ferndone dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Ricardo de Godyvelande filio Roberti de Godyvelande medietatem totius mesuagii mei in villa de Bruges qd. quidem mesuagium situm est inter domum Roberti de Karley et domum Stephani tinctoris et totum solarium cum medietate thalami et curtillagii in liberum maritagium cum Dionisia filia mea et post decessum meum vel uxoris mee totum mesuag. cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad dictum mesuag. pertinentibus. Habend. et tenend. sibi et hered. suis de dicta Dionisia procreatis de me et hered. meis libere et quiete bene et pacifice absque aliquo retenemento jure hereditario imperpetuum. Et si ita contingat, qd. absit, qd. dict. Ricardus de dicta Dyonsia heredes non procreaverit tenebit dict. mesuagium cum pert. omnibus diebus vite sue ita tunc qd. post decessum dicti Ricardi dict. mesuagium cum pert. ad me et ad hered. meos plenarie absque contradictione revertatur si premoriatur dicta Dyonsia absque heredibus de carne sua procreatis Reddendo inde annuatim domino feodi sex denarios pro omni servicio exactione et demandis secularibus Ego vero Willelmus et hered. mei dict. mesuag. cum pert. dicto Ricardo et hered. suis sicut prenominatum est contra omnes mortales warentizare acquietare et defendere tenemur. Promisi eciam dicto Ricardo medietatem totius firme mee quam teneo de domino Hugone de Gahurst et duos boves precii unius marce et duas vaccas precii decem solidorum et duas robas precii unius robe quatuordecim solid. et medietatem omn. utensilium meorum et post decessum meum et Albrede uxoris mee eidem omnia utensilia domus mee cum dicto mesuagio et pert. plenarie revertantur. Et ut hec mea donatio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmatio rata et stabilis imperp. perseveret una cum fidei mee interpositione pres. cartam sigilli mei impositione corroboravi Hiis testibus, Magistro Daniel de Wemedone; Jacobo, tunc vicario de Bruges; Henrico, tunc constabulario de Bruges; Waltero de Kentelesbere; Rogero Brun; Willelmo de Enemere; Willelmo Basset; Albino

de Godyvelande ; Roberto Dorcestrie, capellano, multisque aliis. Datum apud Brugeswalteri anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo ducentesimo quadragesimo quinto quarto Idibus Maii die SS. Nerei Achillei et Pancratii.

Seal : green wax : a rosette :

SIGILLUM WILL' D' FARNDV.

Walter of Kentelesbere (Kentisbeare in East Devon) is the most prominent Bridgwater burgess in the middle of the 13th Cent. S.R.S. xi. pp. 293, 324.

No. 4. [509] **Wm. de Godivelonde to Richard de Godivelonde. Grant of land in Wembdon.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus de Godivelonde dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Ricardo de Godivelonde fratri meo pro homagio et servicio suo unam pertacam [*sic*] prati in feodo de Wemedone que jacet in Gosesplotte inter pratum qd. fuit Willelmi Testard et Roberti de Cokre, Ten. et hab. dict. pratum cum omn. pert. suis sibi et hered. suis vel suis assignatis quibuscunque de me et hered. meis libere quiete bene et in pace iure hereditario imperp. Et ego vero Willelmus et hered. mei dict. prat. cum omn. pert. suis dicto Ricardo et hered. suis vel suis assig. quibuscunque contra omnes mortales warrantizabimus et defendemus imperp. Et ut hec mea donatio concessio et huius carte confirmatio rata et stabilis posterum permaneat hanc cartam presentem sigilli mei in pressione [= impressione] roboravi. Hiis testibus Willelmo de Evercruz ; Roberto de Cokre ; Willelmo Testard ; Johanne de Pireche ; Johanne de Axebrug, aurifabro ; Willelmo de Ferndone ; Johanne Maydus, clerico, et aliis.

pertica = perch.

No. 5. [406] **John, son of Robert of Gyllingham, to Henry Pancevot, his brother. Grant of land to be held at the rent of a pound of pepper.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes filius Roberti de Gyllingham dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Henrico Pancevot fratri meo pro homagio et servicio suo totam terram meam quam tenui in capite de Willelmo Cusyn ten. et hab. in feodo et hereditare [*sic*] de me et hered. meis

sibi et hered. suis per unam libram piperis inde annuatim michi vel hered. meis reddendam et pred. Willelmo Cusyn et hered. suis per annum quindecim den. ad quatuor terminos usuales pro omn. serviciis et querelis et exactionibus pred. Henricus hanc dict. terram teneat cum omn. pert. suis et libertatibus ad eo libere et quiete quam ego et antecessores mei eam tenuimus Et ut hec mea donatio et presentis carte mee confirmatio Henrico et hered. firma et stabilis permaneat hanc donationem sigilli mei presenti munimine confirmavi Hiis test. Magistro Arnold ; Rogero de Verunc ; Roberto de Horsintone ; Willelmo de Selees ; Margeria Pancevot, matre mea ; Galfrido Pancevot ; Galfrido capellano de Meere ; Ada Pancevot ; Roberto Pancevot ; Ricardo Pancevot ; Willelmo filio Rogeri ; Willelmo filio Roberti ; Ricardo filio Henrici ; Theobald filio Ricardi ; Willelmo Pancevot ; Roberto de Hamme et multis aliis
[Dorse] Stower Wake at Eststover. [*in later script*].

Earliest of the title deeds of the borough's property in Dorset. Women's names sometimes appear among the witnesses of charters, but rarely, as here.

No. 6. [402] **Alice, daughter of Geoffrey of Wodeford to David of Weleton. Grant of land in the manor of Palton and in the vill of Wolleye, with quitclaim.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia de Wodefford filia Galfridi de Wodefford dedi concessi quietum clamavi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi David de Weleton et hered. suis vel assig. totam terram meam quam habui de dono Galfridi de Wodefford patris mei in manerio de Palton cum omn. pert. una cum uno messuagio et curtillagio in villa de Wolleye qd. vocatur La Holdehalle cum omn. pert. suis Hab. et ten. sibi et hered. suis vel assig. suis libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario inperp. Reddendo inde annuatim capitalibus dominis redditus consuetos Ego vero Alicia [*&c. as in No. 4 mutatis mutandis*] warantizabimus inperp. Pro hac autem donatione [*&c.*] dedit dictus David Hospitali S. Johannis in Bathonia nomine meo viginti marcas esterlingorum premanibus. Et ut haec mea donatio [*&c.*] rata stabilis et inconcussa inperp. permaneat huic pres. scripto sigil. meum apposui. Hiis test.

Nicolao de Lutleton ; Roberto de Lutleton ; Henrico de Hywelee, clerico ; Jordano de Nete ; Waltero de Fokeputte ; Galfrido de Fraxin' de Estoua et aliis.

[*Dorse*] Carta Allissie de Wodeuorde dedit David de Welletone.

The connection with Bridgwater is unknown. Welton, Paulton and Woolley are all in the neighbourhood of Bath. Nicholas of Litelton, 1237-1238, S.R.S., xi, p. 115 ; Robert of Litelton, 1237-8, *ibid.*, xi, p. 208 ; Walter of Fokeput, 1252-3, *ibid.*, xi, p. 408.

No. 7. [548] **Richard Keling to Adam de la felde. Grant of land in exchange.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Keling de Brugeswalteri dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Ade de la felde quadraginta pedes in latitudine de dimidio burgagio meo qui jacent propinquiore in orientali parte burgagii qd. fuit Willelmi Couerrur [?] et extendunt se in longitudine usque ad curtillagium Johannis Wilde et curtillagium Radulfi Hilding Ten. et hab. sibi et hered. suis vel suis assig. libere quiete pacifice et integre inperp. Reddendo inde annuatim domino Burgi quatuor den. ad festum S. Michalis pro omni ser[vicio et] demanda Pro hac autem [*&c.*] dedit mihi dictus Adam unum dimidium bu[rgagium] quadraginta pedum qd. iacet in orientali parte terre Fratrum Minorum inter burg[agium et] burgagium qd. fuit Walteri le Hopere. Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 4*] contra omnes homines et feminas warantizare [debemur. Ut hec] mea donacio et concessio rata et stabilis in perp. permaneat pres. cartam [.] Hiis test. Willelmo de Rydone ; Rogero Basset ; Johanne Savan ; Willelmo Basset

No. 8. [560, copy] **Henry le Deghar to the Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gift of a rent charge on tenements near Frog Lane.** 15 Aug. 1260.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus le Deghar dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] ad onorem Dei Patris Omnipotentis et ad cantariam misse beate Marie virginis in ecclesia parochiali de Bruges Walteri quinque solidos annualis redditus percipiendos de omnibus tenementis in Bruges Walteri Quequidem tenementa sita sunt inter tenemen-

tum qd. quondam fuit Thome Purchaz et tenementum qd. quondam fuit Thome Russel in quodam vico quo itur versus Froggelane. Hab. et ten. ac recipiendos pred. quinque sol. annualis redditus Deo et beate Marie et procuratoribus suis ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis portionibus ad cantariam pred. sustentandam libere et quiete imperp. Ego vero pred. Henricus hered. vel assig. mei pred. quinque sol. annual. reddit. Deo Omnipotenti et beate Marie ad solemnitatem misse pred. celebrande warantizare tenemur imperp. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelbare; Thoma Russel; Rogero Basset; Laurentio Wulde; Waltero Ordlof; Jurdano de Bradeneye; Eustachio de Hymiok; Luca Basset; Elya Marqueyn et aliis. Data in cimiterio beate Marie de Bruges Walteri die Assumptionis eiusdem virginis anno regni regis Henrici quadragesimo quarto.

Dated in the parish churchyard. Earliest recorded gift to the chantry of the B.V.M.

No. 9. [785, copy] Eustace de Hymiok to the Chantry of the B.V.M. Gift of a rent charge from a tenement.

19 May 1267.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Eustachius de Hymiok dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] in subsidium sustentationis cantarie misse beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali de Bruggewater duodecim den. annualis redditus annuatim percipiendos de toto tenemento in quo maneo in Bruggewater in australi parte tenementi Johannis Savan Habend. et recipiend. pred. duodecim den. annuatim ad duos terminos viz ad festum Nativitatis beate Johan. Baptiste et ad fest. Nat. Domini equis porcionibus Ego vero pred. Eustachius et hered. mei pred. duodecim den. annualis redditus ad pred. cantariam spectantes procuratoribus eiusdem cantarie contra omnes mortales warantizare tenemur in perp. Dedi etiam pred. procurantibus [*sic*] plenam potestatem districtiones capiendi in toto pred. tenemento pro omn. arreragiis de pred. redditu aretro existentibus et ipsas districtiones retinendi quousque inde plenarie sibi fuerit satisfactum. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8.*] Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere; Rogero

Brun ; Laurentio Wulde ; Rogero Basset ; Thoma Russel et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewater die S. Dunstani anno reg. regis Henrici quinquagesimo primo.

No. 10. [132] **Ordinance of the Burgesses.** *Undated.*

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint universi Burgenses et communitas Burgi de Brugewater salutem in domino sempiternam. Ad amorem et caritatem inter nos nutriendum et lites et rancores reprimendum ex communi consensu et assensu nostro ordinavimus omnia subscripta. In primis ordinavimus et volimus inter nos quod habeamus duos senescallos gilde nostre de nobis annuatim per nos eligendos et unum ballivum eisdem senescallis attendentem de nobis eligendum per idem tempus. Et eciam ordinavimus volimus et concedimus quod dicti senescalli qui pro tempore fuerint electi potestatem habeant super singulos nostrorum ad puniendum inter nos delinquentes nostrorum contra ordinationes subscriptas. Volimus eciam quod si quis nostrum alicui parium suorum crimen furti falsitatio nativitatis homicidii adulterii aut excommunicacionis maliciose imponet et de hoc convincatur coram senescallis predictis amercietur et teneatur communitati nostre in duodecim denariis et satisfaciat parti secundum considerationem parium suorum. Volimus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum parem suum aliquem de quacunque causa extra burgum predictum implicitet nisi prius per partem ei adversam visu parium suorum in burgo predicto denegetur ei fieri quod iustum fuerit via amoris amercietur et teneatur communitati in duodecim denariis. Volimus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum per ballivum predictum iussu senescallorum summonietur de veniendo coram eis et non venerit amercietur et teneatur communitati in sex denariis et iterata contumacia duplicetur pena. Volimus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum executionem seu districtionem vetat aut impediat dicto ballivo facere quas vel quam iussu senescallorum predictorum fecerit amercietur et teneatur communitati in quadraginta denariis. Volimus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum ballivum predictum in faciendo officium suum contempserit quoquomodo

amercietur et teneatur communitati in duodecim denariis et nihilominus faciet ei emendationem per considerationem parium suorum. Volūmus et concedimus quod nullus nostrum in dicto Burgo emat carnes nec pisces frixas (= friscas] ante horam terciarum vendendum ad regratum et si quis nostrum hoc faciat teneatur communitati in precio piscis vel carnis sic emptite vel vendite. Volūmus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum ad officium senescalli Beate Marie vel Crucis ecclesie dicti Burgi vel ad custodiam pontis dicti Burgi electus officium assumpserit vel ballivam predictam dictis senescallis attendentem de denariis inde provenientibus compotum reddant dictis senescallis Gilde et eisdem inde satisfaciant quotiens et quando per eos muniti fuerint. Volūmus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum ad quodcunque officium predictum electus fore recusaverit teneatur communitati in sex solidis et octo denariis. Volūmus eciam et concedimus quod predice pene et misericordie incurse seu incasure per predictum ballivum iussu senescallorum predictorum leventur et eisdem senescallis liberentur. Volūmus eciam et concedimus quod si quis nostrum dictum officium senescalli assumpserit de dictis denariis de dictis officiis penis et amerciamentis per eum receptis oneretur et inde annuatim in crastina circumcisionis Domini compotum reddat communitati et inde satisfaciat. Et ad hec omnia et singula firmiter et fideliter custodienda et inter nos observanda imperpetuum obligavimus nos et quemque nostrum in fide heredes et successores nostros imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum commune est appensum.

Chirograph: C I R O G R A (inverted).

Seal of Commonalty: green wax, broken: castle with portcullis and three towers. S'. E W A U T E R.

[Translation]

To all the faithful in Christ to whom the present writing shall come, all the Burgesses and Community of the Borough of Brugewater [desire] eternal salvation in the Lord.

For the nurture of love and charity among us and for the prevention of quarrels and bickerings, we have by our common consent and assent ordained the following.

Firstly, we have ordained and will among us that we have two stewards of our Gild to be chosen yearly by us from among us, and one bailiff attending the same stewards to be chosen of us for the same period.

And also we have ordained, will and grant that the said stewards, who have been chosen for the time being, shall have power over us severally to punish delinquents among us against the following ordinances.

We will also that if any one of us shall of malice accuse any of his peers of theft, forgery, naifty, homicide, adultery or excommunication and be convicted thereof before the stewards aforesaid, he shall be amerced and shall pay twelve pence to our community, and shall make satisfaction to the party by judgment of his peers.

We will also and grant that if any of us implead any his peer for any cause whatever without the Borough aforesaid, unless his adversary have first denied justice in the way of love being done to him by view of his peers in the Borough, he shall be amerced and shall pay twelve pence to the community.

We will also and grant that if any of us be summoned by the bailiff aforesaid by order of the stewards to come before them and he shall not come, he shall be amerced and shall pay six pence to the community ; if the contumacy be repeated, the penalty shall be doubled.

We will also and grant that if any of us forbid or prevent the said bailiff making execution or distraint by order of the stewards aforesaid, he shall be amerced and shall pay forty pence to the community.

We will also and grant that if any of us in any wise contemn the bailiff aforesaid in performing his office, he shall be amerced and shall pay twelve pence to the community, and shall notwithstanding make amends to him by judgment of his peers.

We will and grant that none of us shall buy flesh nor fresh fish in the said Borough before the hour of terce [9 a.m.] to sell at a profit, and if any of us do so, he shall pay the community the price of the fish or flesh so bought or sold.

We will also and grant that if any of us on election to the office of steward of the Blessed Mary or of the cross of the church of the

said Borough or to the custody of the bridge of the said Borough shall have assumed office or the office aforesaid of bailiff attending the said stewards, they shall render account to the said stewards of the Gild of monies thence proceeding and satisfy the same thereof as often as and when they are required by them.

We will also and grant that if any of us on election to any of the aforesaid offices refuse, he shall pay six shillings and eightpence to the community.

We will also and grant that the aforesaid pains and penalties incurred or about to fall, shall be levied by the aforesaid bailiff by order of the stewards and paid to the same stewards.

We will also and grant that if any of us shall have assumed the said office of steward, he shall be charged with the said monies received from the said offices, penalties and amercements, and shall render account thereof yearly, on the morrow of the circumcision of our Lord, to the community and shall make satisfaction thereof.

And to keeping firmly and faithfully these things all and sundry, and observing them among ourselves continually we have confidently bound ourselves and each of us, our heirs and successors for ever.

In testimony whereof our common seal is attached to the presents.

No. 11. [69] **Adam Marsh to the chantry of the B.V.M.**
Grant of a half burgage. *Undated.*

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Adam de Mariscis salutem Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac pres. carta mea confirmasse divine caritatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et animabus antecessorum meorum et successorum dimidium burgagium meum qd. situm est in parte boreali dimidii burgagii qd. fuit Willelmi Brun in angulo scilicet Deo et beate Marie et burgensibus sustinent' missam S. Marie in ecclesia paroch. de Bruges Walteri in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 4*] pres. scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere; Rogero Brun;

Ricardo Wason ; Willelmo de Ridone ; Rogero de Prestecote et aliis.

[*Dorse*] Carta Ade de Mariscis [*in another script*] Johns Wariner tenet [de] Galfrido Hambly.

Seal : red wax : figure seated under canopy with cross :

S A V N C T . M A R G A R E (*Dr. Birch*).

For John Wariner, see No. 169. Hambly, probably Hamblyn.

No. 12. [61] The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Faramus the dyer. Lease of a burgage in the North Street, bequeathed to the chantry of the B.V.M. by William, formerly vicar of the parish. *Undated.*

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] universi burgenses de Bruges-walteri salutem in Domino Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu nostro concessisse et ad feodi firmam tradidisse Faramo Tinctori unum burgagium in villa de Bruges illud scilicet qd. Ricardus Lupus aliquando tenuit situm in vico boriali eiusdem ville inter domum Walteri de Kentelesbere et domum Walteri Orlof qd. quidem burgag. Willelmus quondam vicarius de Bruges legavit Deo et servicio B.M.V. eiusdem ville Ten. et hab. totum pred. burgag. cum pert. suis dicto Faramo et hered. suis vel suis assig. libere quiete bene et in pace iure hereditario inperp. de Deo B.V. et omnibus burgensibus de Bruges Reddendo inde annuatim Deo et servicio B.V. eiusdem loci decem et octo den. argenti ad fest. S. Michaelis pro omn. serviciis exactionibus et demand. secular. Et [ut] hec nostra unanimis concessio et feodi firme traditio rata et stabilis omni tempore perseveret hanc pres. cartam sigillo nostro communi B.V. de Bruges roboravimus. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere ; Waltero Orlof ; Laurentio Wilde ; Roberto Wilde, clerico ; Waltero Brun ; Roberto Cissore ; Henrico tinctore et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] Burgenses. [*later script*].

Seal : fragment : green wax. Virgin and Child.

. . . L L' . B E A T E . M A R

Seal of the Chantry of the B.V.M.

For the position of the burgesses towards this chantry and the Holy Cross, see Introduction.

No. 13. [647] **Emelotte, widow of Robert Dod, to Wm. Topet. Quitclaim of a stall.** *Undated.*

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Emelota quondam uxor Roberti Dod salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me in legitima potestate viduitatis mee relaxasse et penitus quietum clamasse imperp. Willelmo Topet filio Walteri Topet totum ius meum et clamium qd. habui vel habere potui vel aliquo modo habere potero in uno stallio in villa de Brugeswauter iacente inter stallum Walteri Topet in orientali parte et stallum Agnetis la Mareschale in parte occidentali Ten. et hab. dict. stallum dicto Willelmo et hered. suis libere quiete bene et in pace inperp. Ita qd. nec ego dicta Emelota nec aliquis nomine meo aliquid iuris vel clamii in dicto stallio ullo umquam tempore decetero exigere clamare vindicare seu recuperare poterimus. Pro hac autem relaxatione et quieta clamatione mea habenda dedit mihi dict. Willelmus quindecim den. argenti premanibus. Et ut hec igitur mea relaxatio et quieta clamatio rata et stabilis inperp. permaneat huic pres. scripto sigil. meum apposui. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere; Radulfo Dodyng; Ricardo Parmentario; Willelmo Kene; Roberto de Pistrino et aliis.

No. 14. [287] **Juliane (or Gillian) Mauger to the Chantry of the B.V.M. Gift and quitclaim of land.** **6 Feb. 1268.**

. notitiam pres. litere pervenerint Juliana Mauger filia Claricie Mauger salutem in Domino. Noverit animarum patris et matris et antecessorum meorum dedisse relaxasse et penitus quietum clamasse pro [s]ustentationi misse beate Marie virginis celebrande in paroch. eccles. de Bruges Walteri totum ius qd. portionem terre que Claricia Mauger mater mea mihi legavit de illo burgagio qd. fuit Willelmi Mauger iuxta portionem terre quam Willelmus de Edicheston tenuit et continet in se latitudine quadraginta et tres [W]ayhuram et longitudine quadraginta et quinque pedes versus burgag. qd. fuit Alexandri Prigghe Tenend. B.V. de domino feodi libere quiete bene et in pace iure hereditario inperp. Reddendo inde

annuatim ad fest. S. Michaelis pro omni servicio seculari
exactione et demanda Pro hac autem donacione relaxatione et
. mihi probi homines parochie de Bruges quatuor marcas
argenti premanibus sub hac forma qd. si decetero si aliquis
nomine mei vel hered. meorum de dicta portione terre aliquid
calumpniaverimus seu calumpni argenti probis homini-
bus parochie de Bruges immediate cum hoc contigerit sine omni
contradictione persolvem[us] [E]go Juliana et hered.
mei dict. portionem terre cum omn. pert. suis dicte sustentationi
misse B.V. [inperp]etuum et ut hec mea donatio relaxatio
et quietaclamatio rata et stabilis inposterum permaneat presenti.
. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere Ricardo Wasun,
Rogerio Basset, Thoma Russel, Radulfo Doding, Johanne Savan
. et aliis. Ita vero tenemur dictas quatuor marcas resarsire
que sint solute ante quam aliquam seisinam sive restitutionem
ne habemus Datum apud Bruges die Lune prox. post purif. B.M.V.
anno reg. regis Henrici filii secundo. Valt.

The left-hand quarter of this deed is missing. From the names of the witnesses we can date it almost certainly.

No. 15. [317] Richard Boye to James Maydus. Grant of a half burgage without the East Gate. Rose rent. Undated.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Boye de Capite Montis dedi
[&c. as in No. 2] Jacobo Maydus unum dimid. burgag. in villa de
Bruges extra port. orient. in vico qui se tendit versus Horsie in
parte occid. Qd. situm est inter burgag. beati Johannis hospitalis
de Bruges Walteri et inter dimid. burgag. qd. fuit pred. Ricardi
Boye. Hab. et ten. de me et hered. meis vel meis assig. sibi et
hered. suis vel suis assig. bene pacifice et in bona pace Reddendo
inde ann. ipse et hered. sui vel sui asig. mihi et hered. meis vel
meis assig. unam rosam ad fest. beati Johan. Bapt. psalvo reditu
capitalis domini quantum pertinet ad dimid. burgag. pro omni
servicio et demanda. Ego vero [&c. as in No. 2 *mutatis mutandis*]
Et si ita contigerit ego Ricardus Boye pred. warentizare non possum
burgagium faciam sibi unum ecambium ad valorem illius dimidii
burgagii per visum proborum virorum et legalium. Pro hac autem

donatione dedit mihi pred. Jacobus duodecem sol. esterelingorum premanibus Qd. hec mea donatio rata facta sit et stabilis prescripto sigil. meum aposui. His test. Ricardo Wasun; Waltero Horedloff; Rogero Basset; Jordano le Large; Toma Russel, Radulfo Doding, tunc prepositi [*sic*] et aliis.

[*Dorse*] Carta Ricardi Boye de dimidio burgagio extra portam orientalem de Bruggewater. [*in a later hand*].

Capite montis, a *borough* at the west end of the Polden Hills. Chedelmunt (S.R.S., xi, p. 304). Chedersmund is mentioned as a hamlet in 1280 (*Plac. de Quo Warranto*, p. 690). Downend is the modern name. A man named Richard Boye was drowned from a boat; borough de capite montis, 27 Hen. iii. (S.R.S., xi, p. 292). One of the same name who lived there was outlawed [*ibid.*, p. 298].

No. 16. [831] **The Burgesses to Wm. le Large. Lease of two shops with a solar for an annual rent to the Chantry of the B.V.M. and the Hospital of S. John the Baptist.**

Undated.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] universi burgenses de Bruges Walteri salutem in Domino. Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] Willelmo le Large duas seldas cum uno soltario [*sic*] adiacenti in parte australi tenementi dicti Willelmi le Large qd. quidem tenement. situm est in magno vico de Bruges Walteri inter tenement. Agnete la Marischale et tenement. Willelmi de Codicumbe quas quidem dict. duas seldas cum solario Willelmus quondam vicarius de Bruges Walteri Deo legavit et servicio misse beate Marie virginis eiusdem ville Ten. et hab. dict. duas seldas cum solario [*&c. as in No. 12*]. Ita tamen qd. pred. Willelmus et hered. sui vel sui assig. pred. duas seldas cum solario pred. ad proprios sumptus suos inperp. sustinebit sine alicuius custe appositione ex parte dict. burgensium Reddendo inde ann. ipse pred. Willelmus et hered. sui vel sui assig. servicio misse beate Marie virginis et domui Hosp. S. Johannis eiusdem ville decem sol. argenti ad quatuor anni terminos principales viz. ad fest. S. Michaelis ad Nat. Dom. ad Pascha et ad Nativ. S. Joh. Bapt. equis porcionibus pro omn. serviciis querelis exactionibus et demandis secularibus. Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 12*] apposuimus [*sic*]. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere; Waltero

Orlof; Laurentio Wylde; Roberto Wylde, clerico; Waltero Brun; Roberto Cissore; Henrico Tingtore; Radulpho Doding; Adam de Wotton. et multis aliis.

Seal of the B.V.M.: green wax:

. . . BEATE . MARIE . VIRGINIS.

No. 17. [832] **The Burgesses to Thomas Russel and Wm. the Large. Lease of two shops with the north end of a tenement for an annual rent to the Chantry of the B.V.M.**

Undated.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] Thome Russel et Willelmo le Large duas seldas cum capite boriali cuiusdam tenementi qd. quidem tenement. Philippus Woderone aliquando tenuit illud scilicet qd. situm est in magno vico de Bruges Walteri inter tenement. Agnetis la Mareschale et tenement. Willelmi de Coticumbe quas quidem seldas cum pred. capite Willelmus quondam vicar. de Bruges legavit Deo et servicio B.M. eiusdem ville Ten. et hab [*&c. as in No. 12*] Ita tamen [*&c. as in No. 16*] Reddendo inde ann. Deo et servicio B.V. eiusdem loci quinque sol. argenti ad quatuor anni term. scilicet [*&c. as in No. 16*] Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 12*] Hiiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere; Waltero Orlof; Laurentio Wilde; Roberto Wilde, clerico; Waltero Brun; Roberto Cissore; Henrico tinctore et multis aliis.

Seal: green wax: good impression of the seal of the chantry of the B.V.M.

SIGILLUM: BEATE: MARIE: VIRGINIS.

No. 18. [556] **Nicholas de Boys to Walter Wodie. Grant of the inner portion of a half burgage in the High St.**

Undated.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Nicolaus de Boys dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Waltero Wodie pro homagio et servicio suo partem interiorem dimidii burgagii mei in mangno vico qd. iacet inter dimid. burga-

gium qd. fuit Randulfi Palmere et Walteri Basset continentem in se triginta et octo pedes in longitudine decem pedes in latitudine una cum uno introitu de magno vico continente in se sexdecim pedes in longitudine et duos pedes et dimidium in latitudine Ten. et hab. sibi et hered. suis vel assig. in omn. libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad eam pertinentibus Reddendo inde ann. ipse et hered. sui vel assig. sui capitali domino quatuor den. ad fest. S. Michaelis. Ego vero Nicolaus de Boys et hered. mei dict. partem illam cum pert. dicto Waltero Wodie et hered. suis vel assig. warentizabimus in perp. Pro hac autem [*&c. as in No. 2*] decem marcas esterlingorum et dimidiam premanibus. Ut hec igitur mea donatio rata et stabilis permaneat inperp. pres. cartam sigilli mei munimine corroboraui. Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelebare ; Rogero Brun ; Ricardo Wasun ; Willelmo Cissore et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] Nich. Boys, Waltero Wodie, unam partem burgagii in magno vico.

No. 19. [277] Walter Parmenter to the proctors of the Light and Mass of the B.V.M. Grant of a rent charge of 6d. from a half burgage in the High St. *Undated.*

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walterus Parmentarius de Brugeswater dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] pro salute anime mee et anime Clementie uxoris mee et animarum antecessorum et successorum nostrorum sustentationi luminis et misse B.M.V. in ecclesia paroch. de Bruges Wauter celebrande annum redditum sex den. inperp. Reddendo ann. dict. reddit. procuratoribus dict. luminis et misse de illo dimidio burgagio qd. situm est inter burgag. qd. fuit Willelmi de Choldecot capellani et dimid. burgag. qd. fuit Walteri Wodye in mangno vico ad duos anni terminos scilicet ad fest. S. Michaelis tres den. et ad fest. Pasche tres den. inperp. Ita qd. quicumque pred. dimid. burgag. in feodo tenuerit pred. reddit. ad pred. terminos procuratoribus dict. luminis et misse persolvet ad sustentationem pred. luminis et misse pro ut iidem procuratores melius viderint expedire disponendum Et ut hec mea donatio et concessio [*&c. as in No. 12*] Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelebare ; Ricardo

Wason ; Rogero Basset ; Waltero Ordlof ; Thoma Russel et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] Carta Walteri Parmentari.

No. 20. [973] **Walter the Cat to John Bussel. Grant of a half burgage in the High St.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walterus le Cat de Bruges Walteri dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Johanni Bussel unum dimid. burgag. in villa de Bruges situm in magno vico inter dimid. burgag. Rogeri Wrench et tenement. David clerici qd. quidem dimid. burgag. habui de Waltero Wrench. Ten. et hab. [*&c. as in No. 12*] inperp. Reddendo inde ann. domino feodi sex den. ad fest. S. Michaelis pro omn. serviiciis exactionibus et demandis secularibus. Pro hac autem [*&c.*] dedit michi dict. Johannes undecim marcas argenti premanibus in recognicionem et ego vero [*&c.*] Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere ; Waltero Ordlof ; Laurencio Wilde ; Rogero de Kentelesbere ; Waltero Brun ; Waltero Hyberniense ; Rogero Pellipario et multis aliis.

No. 21. [63] **Ralph Hilting to Eustace Hymioc. Grant of a stall in the king's High Street.** *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Radulphus Hilting de Brugeswalteri dedi [*&c. as in No. 2*] Eustacio Hymioc de Brugeswalteri unum stallum cum pert. suis in villa de Brugeswalteri qd. situm est in magno vico regali eiusdem ville inter stall. qd. fuit Maugerii Maccrarii et stall. qd. fuit Rogeri Hilting. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 18*] Reddendo inde ann. domino dicti stalli duodecim den. ad quatuor anni terminos viz. ad fest. S. Mich. tres den. et ad Nat. Dom. tres den. et ad Pasche tres den. et ad Nativ. S. Joh. Bapt. tres den. pro omn. serviiciis et demand. secular. Pro hac autem [*&c.*] dedit michi dict. Eustacius viginti sol. esterlingorum et Alicie uxori mee unum porcum de precio duorum sol. ad concessum ipsius habendum pre manibus. Ego vero [*&c.*] contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus inperp. Ut hec autem [*&c.*] Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere ; Rogero Brun ; Ricardo Wasun ; Rogero

de Kentelesbere ; Waltero Orlof ; Willelmo Cissore ; Radulpho le Bole, clerico ; et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] Rads. Hylting concessit Eustachio Hymioc unum stallum. [*In later script*] Brigewater.

Vesica-shaped seal : green wax : fleur de lis :

S'. RADVLFI . HILTING .

No. 22. [758] Adam Wolf to Thomas Dodde. Grant of a stall in the High Street. *Undated.*

SCI. pres et fut. qd. ego Adam Lupus dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome Dodde unum stall. situm in magno vico de Bruges Walteri proximum inter stall. Walteri Wodie in parte occid. et stall. B.M. eiusdem ville in parte orient. Ten. et hab. dict. Thome et hered. suis vel suis assig. libere quiete bene et in pace inperp. absque omni contradictione vel impedimento mei et hered. meorum vel meorum assig. Redd. inde ann. idem Thomas et hered. sui vel sui assig. domino capitali eiusdem ville duodecim den. argenti ad quatuor anni term. viz. ad Nat. Dom. tres den. [*&c.*] Pro hac autem [*&c.*] dedit michi dict. Thomas viginti et quatuor sol. sterling. premanibus. Et ego [*&c.*] warantizabimus et defendemus inperp. Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Waltero de Kentelesbere ; Rogero Basset ; Waltero Orlof ; David Dodyng ; Thoma Russel ; Johanne Savan ; Waltero Parmentario et multis aliis.

Seal : green wax : fleur de lis.

One, John Savan, was M.P. in 1304 and 1307.

No. 23. (259) The Burgesses of Bridgwater to John Eveson. Lease of a half-burgage beyond the Bridge for a yearly rent to the Mass of the B.V.M. and to the Great Cross. *Undated.*

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] tradidisse concessisse et hoc pres. scrip. nost. conf. Johanni filio Eve unum dimid. burgag. ultra pontem de Bruges Water iacens in parte boreali itineris et est situm inter dimid. burgag. qd. Jacobus

Maydus tenet de sancta Maria et burgag. qd. fuit Nicolai fabri qd. quidem dimid. burgag. Adam Textor dedit unam medietatem misse B.M. in ecclesia paroch. eiusdem ville sustentande et aliam medietatem Magne Cruci eiusdem ecclesie pro anima sua et animabus uxoris sue et puerorum suorum Ten. et hab. sibi et hered. suis vel suis assig. de beata Maria et Cruce et burgensibus eiusdem ville libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. misse B.M. duodecim den. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porcionibus et collectoribus Crucis duodecim den. ad eosdem term. sine diminutione et capitali domino feودي sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. serviciis [*&c.*] Et ut igitur nostra traditio [*&c.*] rata et stabilis inperp. permaneat parti residenti penes dict. Johannem et suos [*sic*] sigil. nostrum commune B.M.V. de Bruges apposuimus et parti residenti penes nos sigil. suum apposuit. Hiis test. Radulfo Dodyng; Henrico dicto Tinctore; Waltero Brun; Willelmo le Large; Willelmo Savan et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] ultra pontem Clavishay [*transverse*].

Chirograph indented.

No. 24. [830] **The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Wm. Kene.**

Lease of a house in the High St. for a yearly rent to the Mass of the B.V.M. and a candle rent to the altar of S. James.

Undated.

UNIVERSIS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] commisisse conc. et hoc pres. scrip. conf. Willelmo Kene unam domum in maiori vico de Brugeswater sit. inter domum que fuit Walteri Parmentarii et domum que fuit Nicolai de Bosco quam quidem domum Randulphus Palmerus legavit sustentationi misse B.M. in ecclesia paroch. eiusdem ville pro anima sua in ultima voluntate sua Ten. et hab. [*&c. as in No. 12*] de Deo et B.M. et burgensibus eiusdem ville libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. misse B.M. eiusdem ville quinque sol. ad quatuor anni term. equali porcione et solvendo collectoribus eiusdem misse qui pro tempore fuerint et altari S. Jacobi tres cereos de tribus libris cere quos dict. Randulphus legavit pro anima sua de eadem domo solvendo quicumque eam tenuerit ad tres anni term. viz. ad Pascha unum cereum ad Nativ. B. Joh. Bapt. alterum

cereum ad assumptionem B.M. tertium cereum et capitali domino feoudi sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 23*] Hiis test. Radulpho Dodyng ; Henrico dicto Tinctore ; Willelmo le Large ; Willelmo de Stikelepathe ; Jordano Parmentar et multis aliis.

Chirograph indented : C Y R O G R A P H.

Seal : green wax : chantry of the B.V.M.

No. 25. [837] Robert Smith of the Gate to Henry Kene.
Grant of a shop with solar on the north side of the West Gate. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Robertus Faber de Porta dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Henrico Kene soldam cum solaro sitam propinquius in boreali parte porte occidentalis de Brugeswater. Ten. et hab. sibi et hered. suis vel suis assig. de domino capitali libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. dict. cap. dom. eiusdem feoudi duos den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 21*] warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus inperp. Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi dict. Henricus viginti et octo sol. et octo den. argenti pre manibus Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Radulpho Doding ; Ricardo Pellipario ; Willelmo Kene ; Stephano Pellipario ; Waltero Kyng et multis aliis.
[Dorse] Robertus Faber.

Seal : green wax : crescent and star.

No. 26. [310] Robt. of Wembdon to Jordan Parmenter.
Grant and quitclaim of a meadow in Crowpille. *Undated.*

NOVERINT universi per pres. qd. ego Robertus de Wemedon filius Willelmi de Wemedon dedi concessi relaxavi et eciam penitus pro me hered. meis quietum clamavi Jordano Parmentario de Brugeswalteri totum ius [*&c. as in No. 13*] in toto prato meo de Crowpulle pertinenti tenemento meo de la Wytesicce. Qd. quidem pratum iacet inter pratum quondam Walteri de Cheselade versus orientem et pratum Hugonis de la Churcheye versus occidentem. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] de capitali domino illius feoudi libere [*&c.*] Ita qd. ego [*&c. as in No. 13*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi pred. Jordanus unam

marcam sterling. pre manibus. In cuius rei testim. presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Hiis test. Ada le Bret ; Will. de Got-hurste ; Rob. de Chilton ; Simone Michel ; Hugone Godwyne ; Will. le Large ; Joh. de la Weye et aliis.

[Dorse] Robertus de Wemedon filius Willelmi de Wemedon.

Wytesicce, possibly Whitestreak Orchard, No. 520 on tithe map.
John de la Weye, M.P. 1295 and 1307.

No. 27. [756] **The Burgesses of Bridgwater to John le Hunte.**
**Lease of a stall for a yearly rent to the B.V.M. and the col-
lectors of the mass.** *Undated.*

OMN. [*&c. as in No. 11*] Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] tradidisse concessisse et hoc pres. scripto nostro confirmasse Johanni le Hunte ad feودي firmam unum stallum in Brugeswater qd. Thomas Dodde legavit pro anima sua misse beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali eiusdem ville melius et honestius sustentande et situm est inter stallum Johannis de Pertone [Petherton] et stallum Johannis Walens. Tenend. et hab. sibi et hered. suis vel suis assig. de Deo et beata Maria et singulis burgensibus de Brugeswater libere quiete bene et in pace iure hereditario inperp. Sub hac [] hered. sui vel sui assig. dict. stall. propriis costis et expensis in omnibus et singulis competenter sustentabunt et reparabunt cum necesse fuerit [I]ta qd. redditus inde debitus ab destinatione sustentationis nullatenus perire videatur. Reddendo inde annuatim Deo et beate Marie et collectoribus misse duodecim denarios ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porcion. et cap. domino eiusdem ville duodecim denar. ad eodsem term. pro omni servicio seculari exactione et demanda. Et ut hec nostra unanimis traditio concessio et pres. scripti confirmatio rata et stab. in perp. permaneat parti residenti penes dict. Johannem sigil. B.M. commune apposuimus et parti residenti penes nos dict. Johannes sigil. suum apposuit. Hiis test. Will. le Large ; Will. Savan ; Walt. Brun ; Henrico dicto Tinctore ; Will. de Stykelepathe et aliis.

[Dorse] — de stallo.

Seal : white wax : fleur de lis.

Chirograph indented : C Y R O G R A (inverted).

No. 28. [757] **The Burgesses of Bridgwater to John Welsh.**
Lease of a stall for a yearly rent to the B.V.M. and the
proctors of her mass. *Undated.*

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Noverit [*&c. as in No. 12*] Johanni Walensi sutori unum stall. in Brugeswater qd. sita est inter stall. Johannis le Hunte et stall. Philippi Prepositi de Pertone Ten. et hab. dict. stall. [*&c. as in No. 12*] Ita qd. dict. Johannes et hered. sui vel sui assig. dict. stall. proprii sumptibus suis in omnibus simul et oneribus sufficienter sustentabunt et reparabunt omni contradictione cessante ne redditus inde debitus aliquatenus perire videatur. Redd. inde ann. Deo et B.M. et procuratoribus misse B.M. in ecclesia paroch. de Brugeswater melius et honestius sustentendè decem den. ad quatuor anni term. principal. equis porcionibus et dom. cap. ville duodecim den. ad eosdem term. pro omni servicio seculari et demanda Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 27*] Hiis test. Will. Savan; Will. le Large; Will. Kene; Jordano Pellipario; Joh. le Hunte et aliis.

Chirograph indented.

Seal imperfect: white wax: star.

No. 29. [669] **Robert Smith of the Gate to Walter Smith.**
Grant of a solar and cellar within the West Gate.

Undated.

SCI. pres. et fut qd. Robertus Faber de Porta dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Waltero Fabro filio Roberti Fabri de Nortpertone orientalem partem domus mee viz. celarium et solarium sit. infra port. occident. de Brugeswater inter aulam meam et domum Willelmi Fabri filii sacerdotis cum quadam parva pecia terre continente duodecim et dimid. in longitudine et undecim pedes in latitudine et iacet in parte boreali dict. celari. et solari. Ten. et hab. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Reddendo inde ann. dicto cap. dom. feoudi ipse Walterus et hered. sui vel sui assig. tres den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omni [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi dict. Walterus triginta et unum sol. argenti premanibus. Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Will Savan; Will. le Large; Jordano Parmenter; Rob. de Pistrino; Joh. dicto

Tinctore ; Will. Fabro filio sacerdotis ; Walt. Fabro filio Hugonis ; Walt. Fabro filio sacerdotis ; Ric. Wylling et multis aliis.

Fragment of seal : white wax.

No. 30. [865] Henry of Cutcombe to Gilbert le Large. Grant of a burgage in the High St. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus de Codecumbe filius et heres Willelmi de Codecumbe et Royse uxoris sue matris mee dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] in plenaria etate mea Gilberto le Large unum burgag. cum omn. pert. suis in magno vico de Bruge Walteri qd. situm est in parte orient. tenementi qd. quondam fuit Roberti Dodyng et in parte occident. tenementi qd. fuit Willelmi le Large. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] de capitalibus dominis feodi illius libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. eisdem dom. cap. duodecim den. argenti ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi pred. Gilbertus viginti marcas argenti premanibus. Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Walt. Brun ; Thoma Purchaz ; Ric. Wrench ; Walt. le Kyng ; Steph. Parmentario et multis aliis.

Seal : green wax : a star.

† S'. HENRICI . DE . CODICOME.

No. 31. [767] Alice Tumpere to Richd. Wylde. Grant of a half-burgage in Frogge Lane. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia Tumpere relictæ Galfridi Fronckeleyn in pura viduitate mea dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Ricardo Wylde et hered. suis vel suis assig. dimid. burgag. in villa de Brugewalteri qd. dim. burgag. iacet inter burgag. Walteri Bolmer [Boliner ?] ex parte australis et burgag. dicti Ricardi Wylde ex parte borialis in Froggelane. Ten. et hab. [*&c. as in No. 4*] Redd. inde ann. domino capitali vid. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi pred. Ricardus Wylde dimid. marcam argenti premanibus. Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Will le Large ; Hugone Godwyn ; Thoma Purchaz ; Waltero Broun ; Willelmo clerico et multis aliis.

No. 32. [870] Edith Bussel to Walter Irish. Lease of a half-burgage. Undated.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Editha Bussel filia Johannis Bussel salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me tradidisse et concessisse Waltero le Yreis et Mabilie uxori sue unum dimid. burgag. in villa de Bruges Walteri cum pert. suis illud qd. situm est propinquius tenementi Galfridi Carpentarii in parte occid. Hab. et ten. dict. dimid. burgag. cum pert. suis dict. Waltero et Mabilie omn. diebus vite utriusque de me et hered. meis vel assig. meis libere quiete bene et in pace. Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et hered. meis vel assig. meis dicti Walterus et Mabila coad vixerint unum den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c.*] Ita qd. post decessum eorum dict. dimid. burgag. cum pert. suis ad me et ad hered. meos seu assig. meos sine qualibet contradictione revertatur. In cuius rei testimonium mutuis scriptis alternatim sigilla nostra sunt apposita. Hiis test. Will le Large; Jordano Parmentario; Robt. de Pistrino; Steph. Parmentario; Walt. le Kyng et aliis.

[*Dorse*] Brigewater. Concessio facta ab Edytha Busshel filia Johannis Busshel Waltero Yreys et Mabilie uxori sue.

Seal: green wax: a bird: * S'. E D I T H E . B V S S E L.
Chirograph indented. . Y R O G R A [?] (Inverted).

No. 33. [332] Roger the Parminter to Henry Kene. Quitclaim of a rent from a house within the West Gate.

26 Dec. 1291.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Rogerus le Parmunter [*sic*] salutem in Domino. Noveritis me relaxasse et penitus quietum clamasse pro me et hered. meis vel meis assig. inperp. Henrico Kene totum ius et clamium qd. habui vel quoquomodo habere potui in duodecim den. annui redditus de domo eiusdem Henrici que sita est infra port. occident. de Bruges Walteri ex parte boriali et orientali eiusdem porte Ita qd. ego nec hered. mei nec mei assig. aliquid iuris seu clamii in dict. duodecim den. annui redd. vindicare seu calumpniare poterimus in posterum quoquomodo In cuius rei testim. pres. scrip.

impresione roboravi [*sic*] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne ; Will. le Large ; Will. clerico ; Roberto de Pistrino ; Jurdano Parmintario ; Steph. Parmuntario et mult. aliis. Dat. apud Bruges Walteri die S. Stephani anno reg. regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici vicesimo.

[*Dorse*] Rogerus Parmentarius.

Seal : brown wax : uncertain. † S'. ROGE . . LE . PARM'.

No. 34. [951] **Nicholas Berde v. Wm. of Wellington and others.** (15th century copy.)

Hewyssh iuxta Highbrygge.

Anno regni regis Edwardi primi vicesimo primo coram Nicholas de Langeland senescallo ibidem Nicholaus Berde &c. versus Willelmum de Wellyngton, Radulfum de Wellyngton, et Philippum de Langeland dicit quod quidam Reginaldus at Brigge antecessor predicti Nicholai fuit seisitus &c. tempore regis Henrici patris dicti regis nunc &c. & obiit seisitus &c. Et habuit exitum quemdam Isabellam filiam et heredem dicti Reginaldi Et de ipsa Isabella descendit feodum cuidam Isabelle filie et heredi dicte Isabelle Et de ipsa Isabella descendit feodum predicto Nicholao Berde qui nunc petit ut filius et heres dicte Isabelle &c. Inquisitio capta fuit per duodecim probos et legales homines videlicet per Johannem Everard de Hewyssh, Johannem le Vayre, Willelmum More Kynge, Webbe Kynge, Willelmum Kynge in the Newechamme, Johannem Versy, Robertum Souk, Henricum Davy, Johannem at Sonde, Thomam at Huyssh, Willelmum Kynge de Byle et Walterum le Kynge de Byle Et dicunt super sacramentum suum quod dictus Reginaldus obiit seisitus ut de feodo &c. Et predictus Nicholaus recuperavit versus predictos Willelmum, Radulfum et Philippum &c. In cuius rei testimonium nos Willelmus de Wellyngton et Nicholaus de Langeland tunc senescalli ibidem huic inquisitioni sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus Johanne Everard de Honespill ; Johanne de Weston ; Johanne de Mareys ; Thoma Dig ; Johanne Brunynge et aliis.

The lost manor of Huish-by-Highbridge lay about half-way between Highbridge and Burnham. A number of title-deeds among these archives throw light on the history of its families of Berde and Gover.

No. 35. [275] Thomas Cappel to Roger of Edeston. Grant
of a third of a burgage. 2 Aug. 1294.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Cappel dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*]
Rogerode de Edeston et Isote uxori eius tertiam partem unius burgag.
cum pert. suis in Brugewalteri que quidem tertia pars pred. burgag.
sita est inter tenement. Ricardi Wrench et tenement. Gilberti le Bat.
Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 30*] Redd. inde ann. eisdem dom. cap.
quatuor den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omni servicio et demanda seculari.
Ego vero [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dederunt mihi pred. Rogerus et
Isota quadraginta sol. argenti pre manibus. In cuius rei (*&c.*
as in No. 8) Hiis test. Will. le Large; Ric. Wrench; Will. de
Counich; Jordano le Parmenter; Philippo Crese; Henrico Kene;
Joh. Russel, clerico et aliis. Dat. apud Brugewalteri die Lune in
crastino S. Petri ad Vincula anno reg. regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici
vicesimo secundo.

Seal: green wax: vesica shaped: a crescent:

† S'. THOME . CABELL.

No. 36. [403] William of Condore to Henry of Yetesburi,
son of Robert, called Aylriht. Grant of a burgage.

Undated.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus de Condore dedi [*&c. as in No.*
22] Henrico de Yetesburi filio Roberti dicti Aylriht de Yetesburi
unum burgag. in villa de Brugeswalteri qd. burgag. situm est inter
burgag. Walteri Brun et burgag. Henrici Kene. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as*
in No. 30] Reddendo inde ann. dicto cap. domino feoudi ipse Henricus
et hered. sui vel assig. duodecim den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn.
[*&c.*] Ego Will. de Condore et hered. vel assig. mei dict. burgag. cum
omn. pert. suis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus dictum
burgagium contingentibus [*&c.*] Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Will. le
Large; Rob. atte Bachuse; Hen. Tinctore; Will. de Stikelpathe;
Jordano le Parmenter; Walt. le Kyng; Ric. de Hacche, clerico;
et aliis.

Seal: green wax: six-pointed star. S'. DE CODON.

No. 37. [551] Henry of Yetesburi to Wm. the Large. Grant of a burgage in the High Street. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus de Yetesburi filius Roberti dicti Aylrith de Yetesburi dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Willelmo le Large unum burgag. in meliori vico de Brugewalteri qd. quidam burgag. situm est inter burgag. qd. fuit Rogeri Brun et burgag. Henrici Kene Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Reddendo inde ann. dict. cap. dom. eiusdem feudi [*&c.*] duodecim den. ad. fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit mihi dict. Will. octo marcas argenti et alias curialitates premanibus. Ego vero [*&c.*] cum omn. pert. suis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus dict. burgagium contingentibus [*&c.*] Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne; Walt. Brun; Tho. Purchaz; Ric. Wrench; Jordano Parmentario; Rob. de Pistrino; Gilberto le Large et aliis.

Seal: vesica shaped: eight-pointed star: S'. HENRICI

No. 38. [882] The executors of the will of Henry Kene to Richard Maidus. Grant of a tenement within the West Gate. 31 July 1295.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Willelmus atte More et Rogerus de Coumych executores testamenti Henrici Kene sal. in Dom. sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra qd. cum pred. Henricus Kene in ultima voluntate sua nos executores suos in suo testamento constituit in quo testamento suo legavit qd. totum tenement. suum qd. quondam adquisivit de Roberto Fabro diversis particulis et temporibus iuxta port. occident. ville de Bruggewauter ex parte boriali extendens per altam stratam a porta predicta usque ad solar. iuxta tenement. qd. quondam fuit Willelmi Fabri in the Walles qui dicebatur Prestessone et per fossatum predictae ville inter loca predicta venderetur ad unum annule [*sic*] celebrandum et residuum si qd. fuerit prout ad salutem anime sue melius videremus expedire disponderetur. Nos salutem anime sue cordis desiderio volentes et suam ultimam voluntatem super omnibus adimplere cupientes nomine executorum et testamenti predicti Henrici vigore tot.

predict. tenement, cum omn. pert. commodis seu profituis que ad idem testament. aliquo modo prodesse poterunt Ricardo Maidus inquantum nobis est concessimus per presentes et seisinam inde manualiter et possessionem distincte et aperte sibi liberavimus. Hab. et ten. pred. tenement. cum pert. suis pred. Ricardo Maidus et hered. vel assignatis suis de cap. dominis feodi libere [*&c.*] faciendo inde debita servitia et consueta. Pro hac autem concessione dedit nobis pred. Ricardus decem et octo marcas argenti pre manibus. In cuius rei testim. pres. scrip. sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis test. Will. le Large ; Hugone Godwine ; Ric. Wrench ; Jurdano le Parmintario ; Rob. de Pistrino ; Ric. Merewell ; Joh. atte Fosse et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewater super pred. tenement. die Dominica prox. ante fest. beati Petri ad vincula anno reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Henrici vicesimo tercio.

[*Dorse*] Willelmus atte More, Rogerus Coumych, executores Henrici Kene.

Two seals : brown wax : (1) a rosette ; (2) a fleur de lys.

**No. 39. [1016] Wm. Prentayl to Hugh of the Churcheye.
Grant of a burgage without the West Gate. *Undated.***

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Prentayl dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] pro me et hered. meis inperp. Hugoni de Cymeterio unum burgag. extra port. occident. de Brugeswater situm inter burgag. qd. fuit Roberti de Cruce et dimid. burgag. magistri et fratrum Hospitalis beati Johannis eiusdem ville Ten. et hab. [*&c.*] de domino capitali eiusdem feودي libere quiete bene et in pace in omn. libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus dict. burgag. contingentibus iure hereditario inperp. Redd. inde ann. dicto cap. dom. feودي idem Hugo et hered. sui vel sui assign. duodecim den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omni [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi Hugo quadraginta sol. et quadraginta den. argenti premanibus. Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Walt. Fabro filio Hugonis ; Gilberto Paris ; Will. de Coumich ; Rog. de Cosinton ; Joh. de Cosinton ; Walt. Halewey ; Jordon le Pour. et multis aliis.

See No. 82.

No. 40. [401] Jordan Parminter to the wardens of the mass and light of the Great Cross. Gift of a rent charge on a house on the south side of the parish church. 5 Feb. 1296.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Jordanus Parmentarius de Bruges Walteri dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Deo et B.M. ac omn. sanctis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duos sol. annui redditus ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porcion. de quadam domo que sita est ex parte australi ecclesie B.M. de Bruges Walteri inter dom. Hugonis Godwyn ex parte occidentali et dom. Willelmi Pocok ex parte orient. Ita qd. duodecim den. sint ad missam sustinendam coram Magna Cruce in eadem ecclesia et duodecim den. ad sustinendum lumen coram dicta Cruce pro anima mea patris et matris uxorum puerorum meorum fratrum et sororum et pro animabus Willelmi de Wrolkeshale Johannis de Wrolkeshale et pro cunctis [*sic*] benefactoribus nostris inperp. Volo eciam et concedo pro me et hered. meis vel meis assignatis qd. si pred. redditus terminis suprascriptis plenarie non sit solutus qd. custodes dicte misse et luminaris qui pro tempore fuerint intrent dict. tenement. et graviter distringant per omnia bona ibidem inventa et teneant quousque dict. custodibus competenter fuerit satisfactum et ego vero [*&c.*] Et ut hec mea [*&c.*] Hiis test. fratre Galfrido, magistro hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. de Brugeswalteri; Waltero de Stoclinche, vicario eiusdem ville; Hugone Godwyne; Will. le Large; Thoma Purchat; Ric. Wilde; Joh. de Do[ue]ll[ys]; Ric. de Stykelpathe; Steph. Parmentario et aliis. Dat. apud Brugeswalteri die Dominica prox. fest. purif. B.M. anno reg. regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto.

Seal: green wax broken: an eagle rising.

Richard de Stiklepath, M.P. in 1313.

No. 41. [684] Wm. Bat to Wm. the Large. Quitclaim of a burgage. 28 May 1296.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos pres. scrip. pervenerit Willelmus Bat filius Willelmi Bat de Brugeswalteri salutem. Noveritis me relaxisse concessisse et pro me et hered. meis inperp. quietum clamasse Willelmo le Large et hered. suis vel suis assig. totum ius

meum et clamium qd. habui vel habere potui aut ullo umquam tempore habere potero in uno burgagio ex opposito domus quondam Farami Tinctoris qd. quidem burgag. Will. Bat pater meus habuit ex don. et concess. Walteri Brun Ita qd. ego dict. Will. Bat fil. Will. Bat de Brugeswalteri nec hered. mei vel assig. nullimodum ius vel clamium in dicto burgag. cum omnimodis suis pert. de cetero exigere clamare vel recuperare poterimus aliquo iure Pro hac aut. [*&c.*] dedit michi pred. Will. le Large decem sol. argenti bone et legalis monete premanibus. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne; Thoma Purchat; Ric. Wilde; Rog. Brun, filio Walteri Brun; Joh. Paris et aliis. Dat. apud Bruges Walteri die Lune prox. post fest. S. Augustini archiepiscopi an. reg. regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto.

Seal: white wax: a flower I L L M I . B A T.

No. 42. [72] **Wm. of Wembdon to Peter of Bruges, rector of the church of St. Bride. Grant of a meadow in Crowpill.**
Undated.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Will. de Wemedone fil. Danielis de Edinestone dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Petro de Bruges rectori ecclesie de S. Brigida totum pratum meum in Crowepulle qd. habui ex dono Danielis de Edinestone patris mei pertinens tenemento meo de la Wytesicce Qd. quidem prat. iacet inter prat. qd. fuit Walteri de Cheselade versus orientem et prat. Hugonis de le Churcheye versus occident. et extendit se in longitudine versus part. austral. et boralem. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] cum libero ingressu et egressu faciendo inde eisdem dom. cap. servicia debita et consueta quanta pertinent ad tantum liberum pratum in eodem feodo Redd. etiam ann. michi [*&c.*] unam rosam ad fest. Nativ. beati Joh. Bapt. pro [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit michi pred. Petrus tres marcas argenti premanibus. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Hugone de Popham; Rob. de Burcy; Walt. de Sydenham; Hugone Godwyne; Will. le Large; Rob. de Pistrino; Will. Clerico et aliis.

[*Dorse*] W. de Wemedone.

See No. 25.

No. 43. [64] **Maud Mortimer to Will. the Large. Grant of a burgage near the Castle.**
6 June 1298.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. nos Matillis de Mortuomari in plena potestate viduitatis nostre dedimus, concessimus, remisimus et hac pres. carta nostra confirmavimus Will. dicto le Large burgensi de Brugewater, unum burgag. cum pert. suis in Brugewater Qd. quidem burgag. Philippus Woderone aliquando tenuit ibidem et situm est inter castrum nostrum in parte boriali et tenement. Willelmi Fayrchild ex parte aust. Hab. et ten. pred. burgag. cum pert. suis de nobis et hered. nostris pred. Will. et hered. vel assig. suis libere [*&c.*] Reddendo [*&c.*] tres sol. argenti ad fest. S. Mich. pro [*&c.*] Nos vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis Test. Domino Galfrido de Balecote; Thoma de Morf; Joh. Russel; Rog. de Molton; Hugone Godwyne; Ric. Wilde; Jordano le Parmenter; Joh. de Aure; Walt. le Kyng et aliis. Dat. apud Kyngeslane die Veneris prox. ante fest. S. Barnabe an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Henrici vicesimo sexto.

Seal: green wax: lady standing with shield of arms of Mortimer.

S'. . . . D E . M O R T V O M A R I .

Kyngeslane or Kyngesleone, a manor of the Mortimers, now Kingsland, Herefordshire.

No. 44. [1014] **The Burgesses of Bridgewater to Robert le Loryng, clerk. Lease of a half-burgage in Friarn St.**
26 July 1298.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] universi burgenses de Bruges-Walteri sal. in Dom. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu et voluntate nostra trad. concess. et pres. scrip. conf. Roberto le Loryng clerico unum dimid. burgag. in villa de Bruges-Walteri in vico qui dicitur Frerenstret qd. iacet inter dom. Galfridi Schorye et dom. Joh. Edeo. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] de cap. dom. de Bruges-Walteri libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. pred. Robertus et hered. sui vel assig. pred. dom. cap. sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. et eciam procuratoribus misse B.M. predictae ville octodecim den. ad quatuor [*&c.*] pro. omn. [*&c.*] Nos vero [*&c.*] Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. Will. le

Large, Rob. de Pistrino, tunc procuratoribus pred. misse ; Tho. Crec ; Sywarde de Modburye ; Will. de Mora ; Gilberto le Large ; Ada le Large, filio Willelmi le Large ; et multis aliis. Dat. apud Bruges Walteri die Sabbati prox. post fest. S. Jacobi apostoli an. reg. regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto.

[Dorse] Tenement. [de] Sancta Maria quem Ricardus Cosyn tenet et

Chirograph : A B C D E F G H (inverted).

Seal : green wax : shield shaped : squirrel.

No. 45. [547] David Maugerson to Richard Stoke. Grant of a half-burgage in S. Mary St. 2 Feb. 1299.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego David filius Maugeri de BrugesWalteri dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Ricardo Stoke unum dimid. burgag. in villa de BrugesWalteri in vico qui vocatur Seyntemaristret qd. iacet inter dom. domini Hugonis de Popham militis ex parte occid. et dom. Hugonis Godwyne ex parte orient. Hab. et ten [*&c. as in No. 44*] Faciendo ann. pred. dom. cap. servicia debita et consueta et eciam reddendo misse B.M. pred. ville sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro [*&c.*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 6*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit mihi pred. Ric. Stoke sexdecim sol. argenti premanibus. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne ; Will. le Large ; Ric. Wilde ; Rob. de Pistrino ; Jordano Parmentario ; Walt. Jacob ; Joh. le Kyng et aliis. Dat. apud Bruges Walteri die Lune in festo purif. B.M. an. reg. regis Edwardi fili regis Henrici vicesimo septimo.

[Dorse] Johannis Aleys.

Seal : white wax : indecipherable.

William le Large, M.P. 1300. Jordan Parmenter, M.P. 1300. Walter Jacob, M.P. 1295.

No. 46. [545] Richard Stoke to Wm. Hosebonde of Weston. Grant of the same half-burgage. 16 Feb. 1299.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Stoke [*&c. as in No. 22*] Will-elmo Hosebonde de Westone unum dimid. burgag. [*&c. as in No. 45*] Hab. et ten. [*as in No. 44*] Faciendo [*&c. as in No. 44*] Ego vero

[as in No. 6] Pro hac [Ec.] dedit mihi pred. Will. Hosebonde viginti duos sol. sterlingorum premanibus In cuius [Ec. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne ; Will. le Large ; Ric. Wylde ; Rob. de Pistrino ; Jordano Parmentario ; Walt. le Kyng ; Walt. Jacob ; Joh. le Kyng ; Will. Martyn et aliis. Dat. apud Brugewalteri die Lune in festo S. Juliane virginis an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Henrici vicesimo septimo.

Seal : wax ; vesica shaped. S^r. R I C A R D I . S T O K [E].

Walter le Kyng, M.P. 1302. Richard le Wylde, M.P. 1305-6.

No. 47. [118] The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Rich^d. Maidus.
Grant of leave to build over the West Gate.

6 May 1299.

OMNIBUS [as in No. 11] omnes burgenses de Bruggeswalteri sal. in Dom. Noverit universitas vestra nos communi assensu et voluntate dedimus [Ec. as in No. 22] Ricardo Maidus plenam et liberam potestatem ad superedificandum port. occid. pred. ville cum tota placea spectante ad pred. portam versus orient. usque ad angulum domus que quondam fuit Rogeri le Scynnere prout ad utilitatem ipsius et ad defensum ville melius viderit expedire Hab. et ten. pred. edificationem cum libero ingressu et egressu pred. Ricardo et hered. vel assig. suis libere quiete bene et inpace in feodo et hereditate inperp. Et nos pred. burgenses et successores nostri pred. edificationem cum libero ingressu et egressu pred. Ricardo et hered. vel assing. suis contra omnes mortales inperp. defendere et warrantizare tenemur Ita qd. pred. Ricardus et hered. vel assing. sui quotienscumque fuerit necesse pro guerra vel exercitu pred. edificationem evacuare faciant et potestatem ville sine disturbance ingredi permittant ad villam defendendam In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus Hiis test. Thomas de Morf, tunc senescallo domine Matillidis de Mortuo Mari, cuius assensu et ordinatione predicta edificatio et traditio fuit ordinata ; domino Waltero de Stockelinche, tunc vicario ecclesie pred. ville ; Johanne Evesone, David le Palmere, tunc prepositis ville ; Waltero Jacob, Johanne le King, tunc servientibus ville ; Hugone Godwyne ; Will. le Large ; Joh. Russel et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewalteri die

S. Joh. ante portam Latinam an. reg. regis Edwardi fili reg. Henrici vicesimo septimo.

Seal of the Reeves : green wax, broken. Two sailors hauling ropes on a one-masted vessel.

David le Palmere, M.P. in 1322.

No. 48. [542] Thomas de Langebrok to Wm. the Large.
Grant of a half-burgage by the Castle Ditch, near the North Gate. 3 Aug. 1299.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas de Langebrok filius Walteri de Langebrok dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Willelmo le Large de BrugeWalteri unum dimid. burgag. in villa de BrugeWalteri sicut itur versus port. borial. qd. iacet ex parte occid. fossati castris de BrugeWalteri Qd. quidem dimid. burgag. mihi accidebat in hereditatem per mortem Margerie quondam filie Jordani le Large matris mee. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 44*] Faciendo [*&c. as in No. 45*] Reddendo mihi et hered. meis vel meis assig. [*&c.*] duodecim den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omni [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 6*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. filio Eve, David le Paumer, tunc prepositis ville ; Jordano Parmentario ; Phil. Crese ; Nich. de la Bruwere et aliis. Dat. apud BrugeWalteri die Lune prox. post fest. S. Petri qd. dicitur ad Vincula an. reg. regis Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

Seal : . . . W I L . L E . L A R G E .

Chirograph wavy. A B C D E F G.

No. 49. [792] John of North Petherton to Wm. the Large.
Grant of land in the North Street. 15 Nov. 1299.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes de Northperton dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Willelmo le Large unam portionem terre in boreali vico de BrugeWalteri continentem viginti pedes in latitudine et quadraginta pedes in longitudine Que quedam portio sita est iuxta tene-ment. pred. Willelmi in utraque parte Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 44*] Faciendo [*&c. as in No. 45*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 6*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne ; Joh. Russel ; Jordano Parmentario ; Waltero le Kyng ; Steph. Parmentario et aliis.

Dat. apud BrugesWalteri die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Martini
episcopi an. reg. regis Edwardi fili regis Henrici vicesimo septimo.

Seal: green wax: star.

No. 50. [356] Wm. the Large to John of Petherton. Grant
of a half-burgage near the North Gate west of the Castle.

Undated.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus le Large de BrugesWalteri dedi
[&c. as in No. 22] Johanni de Pederton unum dimid. burgag. in villa
de Brugewalteri versus port. borial. qd. iacet ex parte occid. castri
pred. ville qd. quidem dimid. burgag. habui ex dono et concessione
Thome de Langebroke fili Walteri de Langebroke. Hab. et ten. [&c.
as in No. 44] Faciendo [&c. as in No. 45] Et etiam reddendo inde
[&c.] duodecim den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [&c.] Ego vero [&c.
as in No. 25] In cuius rei testim. pres. cartis ad modum cyrographi
confectis alternatim sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis test. Hugone
Godwyne; Jordano Parmentario; Steph. Parmentario; Phil.
Crese; Nich. de la Bruwere; Walt. le Kyng; Elya de Cropenhulle
et aliis.

Chirograph: A B C D E F G.

Seal: green wax: star: S'. D E R T V N.

No. 51. [666] Richard, son of Jordan of Prestcote, to Gilbert
Large. Grant of a burgage near the High St. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus fil. Jordani de Prestcote dedi
[&c. as in No. 22] Gilberto le Large unum burgagium edificatum in
magno vico de Bruges Walteri qd. situm est in parte orient. vie que
itur de ecclesia B.M. versus magnum vicum eiusdem ville et extendit
se in longitudine versus pred. ecclesiam B.M. in parte aust. et versus
magnum vicum in parte boriali. Hab. et ten. [&c. as in No. 26]
Redd. inde ann. pred. cap. dom. [&c.] duodecim den. argenti ad fest.
S. Mich. pro omn. [&c.] Ego vero [&c. as in No. 25] Pro hac [&c.]
dedit michi pred. Gilbertus viginti et unam marcam argenti pre-
manibus et unam domum de valencia quinque marcarum. In cuius
[&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Hugone Godwyne, Will. le Large, Rob.

de Pistrino, Walt. le Kyng, Ric. de Stykelpathe, Will. Clerico, Rog. Parmentario, et multis aliis.

[*Dorse*] Carta donationis Ricardi aurificis de tenemento iuxta cimiterium de Bruges facta Gilberto Large.

Seal : vesica shaped : green wax : fleur de lis :

S'. T E C O T.

No. 52. [328] **The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Hugh the Chaloner. Lease of a half-burgage without the West Gate.**
Undated.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] universi burgenses de BrugeWalteri salutem. Noverit [*&c. as in No. 44*] Hugoni le Chaluner unum dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de BrugeWalteri in vico versus Keordesbury qd. situm est inter burgag. Willelmi Elot ex parte aust. et dimid. burgag. Walteri Dodyng ex parte boriali. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] de Deo et B.M. et omnibus parochianis ecclesie de Brug' libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde idem Hugo et hered. sui vel sui assig. annuatim Deo et B.M. ac procuratoribus misse B.M. de Brug'Walteri quatuordecim den. ad duos anni term. viz. ad Pascha septem den. Et ad fest. S. Mich. septem den. Et eciam cap. dom. de Brug' sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro omn. [*&c.*] Preterea dict. Hugo et hered. sui vel assig. edificia in dicto dimid. burgag. sita propriis suis sumptibus in omnibus in adeo bono statu sicut illud receperint vel in meliori tenentur sustentare Et nos vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 27, but the word ' commune ' is omitted*] Hiis test. Jordano Parmentario Walt[ero Dod]yng, Will. Elot, Ric. Wille, Will. de Mochelnye et aliis.

[*Dorse*] West Strete [*in more modern script*].

Chirograph : A B C D E F G (inverted).

The street leading to Kidsbury is now named North Street.

No. 53. [883] **John Cory to Rich^d. Maydus. Quitclaim of a plot near the wall on the Town Ditch. 26 Apr. 1302.**

NOVERINT universi Christi fideles presens scriptum visuri vel audituri qd. ego Johannes Cory remisi et quietum clamavi omnino

de me et hered. meis Ricardo Maydus et hered. vel assing. suis totum jus [*&c. as in No. 41*] in una placea quondam curtilagii mei a muro super fossatum ville de Brug' Walteri iuxta tenement. pred. Ricardi in longitudine quinquaginta duorum pedorum versus orient. et occid. Ita quod [*&c. as in No. 33*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Will. Tracy, Ric. Merewelle, Joh. le Deyare, Jacobo de la More, Walt. le Velpollare, Walt. le Palmere, Adam Lollepate, Simone de la Forde, Joh. Deverel, et aliis. Dat. apud Brugewater die Jovis in septimana Pasche an. reg. regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici tricesimo.

[*Dorse*] Johannes Cory.

Broken seal: green wax: a star.

Lollepate or Lollepate?

No. 54. [699] The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Maud de la More and James, her son. Lease of a third of a burgage in South St. Chantry of the B.V.M. 18 March 1303.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] universi Bruggeswalteri sal. in Dom. Noveritis qd. cum Will. de la More primus vir Matillidis de la More in testamento legasset dicte Matillidi uxori sue ad term. vite sue et post decessum eiusdem Matillidis cantarie B.M. in ecclesia paroch. de Bruggeswalteri inperp. tertiam partem unius burgag. sitam in vico australi iuxta parvam stratam que ducit ad waerium pred. ville Nos unanimi assensu nostro concedimus commisimus et confirmavimus totum dict. tenement. cum pert. suis dict. Matillidi et Jacobo de la More filio suo et hered. et assing. ipsius Jacobi inperp. Redd. inde ann. dicti Matillis et Jacobus hered. et assing. ipsius Jacobi Deo et beate Marie et solvendo ann. procuratoribus misse B.M. in eccles. paroch. quamdiu dicta Matillis vixerit sex den. et post decess. eiusdem Matillidis duodecim den. ad quatuor [*&c.*] et faciendo servicia cap. dominorum eiusdem ville Et dicti Matillis et Jacobus hered. et assing. ipsius Jacobi domos dicti tenementi sustentabunt et emendabunt et cum necesse fuerit commode reparabunt. Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 27*] Hiis test. Will. le Large et Rob. de Pistrino tunc procuratoribus eiusdem, Hugone Godwyne, Johanne Russel, Ric. Wilde, Jurdano le Parmenter, Waltero le Paumer et aliis. Dat. apud Brugges Walteri die Lune prox.

post fest. S. Gregorii an. reg. regis Edwardi fili regis Henrici tricesimo primo.

[*Dorse*] Carta Thome More.

Chirograph, indented, inverted.

No. 55. [62] Walter de Pederton to Rich^d. Maydus. Grant of a quarter-burgage within the West Gate. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walt. de Pederton fil. et heres Walteri de Pederton dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Ricardo Maydus quartam partem unius burgag. in villa de Brug'Walteri infra port. occid. que iacet inter tenement. dicti Ricardi et tenement. Alicie le Cotillere. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 43*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. de Doueli et Joh. atte Weye, tunc prepositis ville, Will. le Large, Ric. de Rouburi, Walt. filio Stephani, Joh. Tinctore, Symon de la Forde et aliis.

Seal: green wax: a star: † S'. VALTERI DE PEDERTON.
(S and N are reversed.)

Richard de Roubury: M.P. 1299 and 1304.

This property was held of the chief lords of the town.

No. 56. [884] The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Rob^t. Bachouse. Lease of a half-burgage without the North Gate.

Undated.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] universi burgenses de Bruges-Walteri sal. in Dom. sempiternam. Noverit [*&c. as in No. 44*] Roberto de Pistrino unum dimid. burgag. extra port. borialem ville de Brug'Walteri qd. situm est inter dimid. burgag. Johannis fili Eve ex parte occid. et dimid. burgag. quondam Walteri Orloc ex parte orient. qdquidem dimid. burgag. fuit Thome de Kentelbere Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 12*, parochianis *for* burgensibus] Redd. inde ann. Deo et B.M. et procuratoribus misse B.M. eiusdem ville unum den. ad fest. S. Mich. Et cap. dominis pred. ville sex den. ad idem fest. pro omn. [*&c.*] Nos vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 23* *sigillum B.M.*] Hiis test. Will. le Large, Walt. le

Kyng, Jordano Parmentario, Ric de Stykelpathe, Rog. de Coumich et aliis.

Chirograph wavy: A. B. C. D. E. F. G. (inverted).

No. 57. [522] John, son of Jordan the Parminter, to Adam the Palmer. Bond in 40s., with three mainpernors, to observe quitclaim of a burgage without the North Gate.

23 Sept. 1305.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 32*] Johannes fil. et heres Jordani le Parmenter de Bruggwalteri sal. in Dom. Noveritis me teneri et presenti scripto obligari Ade le Palmere vel suo certo attornato hanc literam deferenti in quadraginta sol. bone et legalis monete si contingat me et hered. meos vel meos assig. aliquo modo venire contra quietam clamantiam quam dicto Ade inde fe[ci] de uno burgag. qd. situm est extra port. borial. ville de Bruggewalteri, qd. absit, qdquidem burgag. pred. Jordanus pater meus legavit Margarete matri mee et Clementie sorore [*sic*] mee in ultima sua voluntate prout in testamento suo qd. inde fecit plenius continetur. Solvendis eidem vel suo certo attornato infra quindenam a principio placiti incepti vel disturbanceonis per me vel hered. meos facte Et ad maiorem huius rei securitatem fideliter tenendam ego dict. Joh. infrascriptos inveni manucaptos viz. Dom. Walt. de Stockelinche, vicar. de Brug'Walteri et Johannem de Follebourne et Magistrum Joh. Deveral qui omnes et singuli ad dict. pecunie summam plenarie solvendum Ego dict. Johannes et hered. vel mei assig. contra conventionem predictam ullo unquam tempore venire coniunctim et divisim se insolidum obligaverunt In cuius rei testimonium presens script. propria mea manu scripsi et eciam impressione sigilli mei [et sigillorum] dictorum manucaptorum meorum est roboratum et ad maiorem securitatem pred. Johannes affidavit Dat. apud Bruggwalteri die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Mathie apostoli an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Henrici tricesimo tertio.

Two seals: (1) vesica shaped: star: fragment; (2) round: bird (?)

No. 58. [306] Wm. of Pollekesmore to Rich^d. of Pollekesmore. Grant of a house and courtyard without the West Gate. Rent charge to chantry of the B.V.M.

circa 14 Feb. [?] 1307.

SCI. pres et fut. qd. ego Willelmus de Pollekesmore filius Eustachii de Pollekesmore et Jeliane uxoris sue dedi [*&c.* *as in No. 22*] Ricardo de Pollekesmore fratri meo unam domum cum curtilagio que continet medietatem unius [. . . .] in villa de Brug'Walteri extra port. occident. que sita est inter tenement. Hugonis Bercorn ex parte una et te[nement.] Textoris ex parte altera Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 12*] Redd. inde ann. cap. dominis illius feodi [.] et custodibus luminaris B.M. duos sol. argenti ad quatuor [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] decem sol. argenti premanibus Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 21*] defende[mus] pro redditu pred. inperp. Ita qd. ego Willelmus antedict. nec hered. mei sive assig. [.] gere aliquo modo vel calumpniare poterimus inposterum. In cuius rei testim. huic presenti [.] Hiis test. Hug[one] Godwyn, Will. le Large, David le Palmere, tunc preposito, Joh. Douelych, Joh. [.] ltero filio Stephani, Ric. de Bocland, Will. de Wyte tunc ballivi et aliis. Dat. [.] lenti martiris an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Henrici tricesimo quinto.

No. 59. [787] Maud of Bykefolde to Giilian, her daughter, with successive remainder to her sons Ralph and Richard and her daughter Lucy. Grant of land in Pawlet. Three clove-gillyflowers rent. *Undated.*

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Matillis de Bykefolde filia Hugonis Tryvet quondam uxor Johannis de Bykefold dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Juliane filie mee unum mesuagium totam terram meam et sex acras prati in Poulet cum gora prati que continet duas acras et dimidiam una cum libera communia adiacente Hab. et ten. omnia [*&c.*] pred. Juliane et hered. suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis de cap. dominis feoudi illius libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. dict. dom. cap. tres

clavos gylofror' ad fest. beati Mich. pro omni [*&c.*] Et si pred. Juliana sine herede ut predictum est obierit volo et concedo qd. omnia [*&c.*] Radulpho filio meo et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis remaneant Et si dict. Radulphus sine herede [*&c.*] Ricardo filio meo [*&c.*] Et si dict. Ricardus sine herede [*&c.*] Lucie filie mee [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei testim. huic pres. carte in duas partes divise tam sigil. meum quam sigil. supradicte Juliane alternatim sunt appensa. Hiis test. Symone de Forneaus, Gilb. de Chilton, Matheo de Coker, Will. Cote, Will. Testard de Purve et multis aliis.

Chirograph wavy: CYROGRAPH . .

Seal: green wax; three trivets. Arms of the Trivet family.

The three trivets were graven on the old stone bridge of the borough. Tres clavos Gylofror'. A possible metathesis for Gyloflor'. M.E. gyllofer, gyllofre, gilofre, gelofer; short for clove gilofre = clove gillyflower.

A gore is a three-sided piece of land.

No. 60. [65] **James de la More to John of Loveny. Grant of a half-burgage without the West Gate towards the West Wayhur.**
15 April 1307.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Jacobus de la More fil. Willelmi atte More dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Johanni de Loveny unum dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de Brugeswalteri sicut itur versus le West Wayhur qd. iacet inter dimid. burgag. Hugonis Halewey ex parte una et dimid. burgag. Nicholai de Chedesie ex parte altera. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 36*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David le Palmere, Eustachio Topet, tunc prepositis ville, Walt. fil. Stephani, Ric. Maydus, Simon de la Forde et aliis. Dat. apud Brug'Walteri die Sabbati prox. post fest. sanctorum Tiburtii et Valleriani an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Henrici tricesimo quinto.

[Dorse] Carte de Roberto le Touker.

Broken seal: green wax: a star. †S'. I A C A M O R E.

Wayhur. (Various spellings occur.) = a horsepond. Derived from the Old French, *gayoir*, in North-Eastern Fr., *wayoir*.

No. 61. [405] Rich^d. Haukyn of Sture Cosyn to John le Tayllur.
Grant in frank-marriage of lands in Stour Cosyn. *Undated.*

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris ad quos presentis pagine series pervenerit Ricardus Haukyn de Sture Cosyn sal. in Dom. sempit. Noveritis me dedisse [*&c.*] Johanni le Tayllur filio Henrici le Toker in liberum maritagium cum Elena filia mea quinque acras terre arrabilis et dimid. acram prati in villa de Sture Cosyn quarum due iacent super clivam inter terram Michaelis Carpenter et terr. Matillidis Atterhok et una acra iacet in Brademedefforlang inter terr. Johannis Holeneris [?] et terr. Isebell [?] Eadward et una acra iacet in Esterholebrok inter terr. Michaelis Carpenter et terr. Will. Kene et una acra iacet inter Hungerhulle et Northecrofte in clams [?] et una dimid. acra prati iacet in Elescrofte [?] inter terr. Mich. Carpenter et terr. pred. Johannis Hab. et ten. de me [*&c.*] sibi et Elene uxori sue et hered. suis quos de pred. Elena habuit libere quiete Redd. inde ann. ipse et hered. sui ab eadem Elena descendentes domino de eodem feodo et hered. suis vel quibuscumque assig. viz. vi den. argenti ad Nat. Dom. pro omni [*&c.*] Et ego pred. Ricardus et [*&c.*] pred. terr. cum pert. et cum pred. libertatibus pred. Johanni et Elene filie mee uxori sue ex hered. ex ipsa Elena procreatis [*&c. as in No. 21*] Et si ipsa Elena sine herede de se obierit quod absit pred. terra cum [*&c.*] post obit. ipsius Elene filie mee libera quietata et integra a pred. Johanne sine aliqua occasione mihi [*&c.*] revertetur Et ut hec [*&c.*] Hiis test. domino Radulfo Wake, milite, Walt. de Wyke, Walt. de Wynterburne, Ric. Aungyr, Rob. Gorel, Mich. Carpentario, Joh. Haukyn et mult. aliis.

Seal: round: green wax: hawk seizing prey.

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No. 62. [321] Denyse Haukyn to Michael of Stour and Agnes,
his wife. Grant of a meadow for life with reversion to
grantor. Rose rent. 28 Sept. 1307.

AN. reg. regis Edwardi fil. Edwardi regis primo die Jovis ante
fest. S. Mich. convenit inter Dionisyam relict. Ricardi Haukyn ex

parte una et Michaellem Desture et Angnetam uxorem eius ex altera parte Ita viz. qd. pred. Dionisya in sua legitima viduetate pro se et pro hered. suis tradidit, conc. et hoc pres. scripto cyrograffato conf. pred. Mich. et Angneti uxori sue unum pratum qd. vocatur Medehey cum clauso et cum suis pert. cum libero introitu et libero excessu in dicto Medehey iacentibus unde prat. se extendit super Carmede. Hab. et Ten. [*&c.*] pred. Mich. et Angneti uxori sue omn. diebus vite eorum seu uni eorum diutius viventi de pred. Dionisia [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. [*&c.*] unam rosam ad fest. S. Joh. Bapt. pro omnibus [*&c.*] Et pred. Dionisia [*&c.*] pro pred. servitio warantizabunt [*&c.*] Pro hac [*&c.*] Mich. et Angnes pred. Dionisye viginti sol. stereling, pre manibus in magna necessitate pred. Dionisye. Et post term. vite pred. Mich. et Ang. pred prat. cum pred. pert. pred. Dionisye [*&c.*] sine contradictione seu impedimento aliquo revertatur In cuius [*&c.*] tam sigil. Mich. quam sigil. Dionisye alternatim apposuerunt [*sic*] huic scripto bipartito. Hiis test. Walt. de Wike, Joh. de Sanhulle, Ric. de la Bere, Hugone de Blinchesfelde, Rob. Terri et multis aliis. [*Dorse*] Stower Eastover.

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There is no lettering on the incision of this '*scriptum cyrograffatum*.'

No. 63. [67] Stephen Dodde to Alice Mayselin. Conveyance of a half burgage without West Gate towards the West Wayur. 5 April 1310.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Stephanus Dodde dedi [*&c.*] Alicie Mayselin unum dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de Brugewalteri qd. iacet sicut itur vers. le West Wayur ex parte occid. tenementi Ricardile Hopere Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 25*] Ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Willelmo le Large, Gilberto le Large, Ricardo Maydus, Johanne Tinctore, Ricardo le Hopere et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugeswalteri die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Ambrosii episc. an. reg. regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. tercio.

Seal: green wax: a hatchet

* S'. STEPHANI: DODE.

No. 64. [833] John of Loveny to Robert the Toukere. Grant of a half-burgage without the West Gate towards the West Wayhur. 14 Apr. 1310.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes de Loveni dedi [*&c. as in No. 22*] Roberto dicto le Toukere unum dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de Brug'Walteri sicut itur versus le West Wayhur qd. iacet inter dimid. burgag. Hugonis Halewey ex parte una et dimid. burgag. Nicholai de Chedesie ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Ric. Maydus, Joh. Boye, tunc prepositis ville, Will. le Large, Joh. Tinctore, Sim. de la Forde, Walt. Paris, Rad. Redhed et aliis. Dat. apud Bruges Walteri die Martis prox. post fest. S. Leonis Pape an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Edw. tercio.

[*Dorse*] Johannes Loveny.

Seal: green wax: a star or flower. S'. IOHIS. LOVEMI.

No. 65. [772] Probate copy of the will of John de Mulle. 9 May 1310.

✠ IN nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, amen. Ego Johannes de Mulle de Bruges condo testamentum meum die Sabbati prox. post fest. Joh. ante portam latinam A.D. M^oCCC^{mo}X^{mo}. In primis lego animam meam Deo et B.M.V. et omnibus sanctis suis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio B.M. de Bruges. Item lego magistro Hospitalis de Bruges pro decimis meis oblitis duodecim den. Item vicario de Bruges pro eodem sex den. Item Dom. Thome cappellano B.M. de Bruges duodecim den. Item cuilibet capellano assidue celebranti in ecclesia paroch. de Bruges ii den. Item diacono ecclesie ii den. Item duobus aliis clericis ecclesie de Bruges unum den. cuilibet. Item lego ad unum cereum sustinendum coram B.M. ad altare in ecclesia paroch. de Bruges iuxta altare omnium sanctorum duodecim den. in perp. provenientes de tenemento meo iuxta cimiterium ecclesie pred. inter tenement. Stephani Kelyng et tenement. dominorum castri. Item lego ad eundem cereum sustinendum in perp. octo den. provenientes de redditu tenementi mei qd. habui de Roberto Gopenal inter tene-

ment. magistri Hosp. de Bruges et tenement. Walteri Jacop. Item lego tenement. illud qd. habui de pred. Roberto Isote uxori mee omnibus diebus vite sue redd. ann. capitalibus dominis servicia debita et consueta et Isote filie mee ii sol. vi den. ad terminos usuales Et qd. pred. tenement. post decessum uxoris mee revertatur, plene ad Isotam filiam meam et hered. suos tenend. de cap. dom. feodi Et si illa Isota filia mea sine hered. descendat qd. tenement. pred. ad Luciam filiam meam plene revertatur et hered. suos Et post decessum pred. Lucie et hered. suorum qd. pred. tenement. plene revertatur ad hered. meos in perp. Item lego tenement. meum iuxta cimiterium Isote uxori mee omn. diebus vite sue Et post decess. suum Lucie filie mee et hered. suis tenend. de cap. dom. Et post decess. Lucie ad Isotam filiam meam et hered. suos. Et post decess. ipsorum ad meos veros hered. quicumque fuerint. Item lego Isote uxori mee unum dimid. burgag. meum extra port. occid. omn. diebus vite sue. Et post decess. dicte Isote qd. redditus tenementi pred. ad aniversarium meum et Johanne uxoris mee et Isote uxoris mee sustinendum inperp. teneatur. Item lego ad corpus meum honorifice sepeliendum viginti sol. Item Johanni de Keyrwent clerico facere testament. duos sol. Item Isote uxori mee et Lucie filie mee totam partem meam camere mee. Item lego uxori mee meliorem patellam meam eneam Item Isote filie mee duas patellas secundas meliores Item Rogero de Coumich de novo panno mixto tres virgas et dimidiam Item Roberto le Palmere tres virgas de eodem panno Item Waltero le Palmere duas virgas et dimid. de eodem panno Item Isote filie mee septem virgas de eodem panno. Item Isote uxori mee septem virgas de albo blueto Item lego Ade fratri meo unam robam de burello Item Johanni filio meo [erasure] quinque sol. et unam tunicam de albo blueto Item Johanni Crennok unam tunicam de nigro blueto Item Lucie sorori mee tres virgas et dimid. de pred. panno mixto Item ad domum extra port. occid. edificand. sex sol. et octo den. Item nutrici mee tres virgas de russeto Item fil' nutricis mee xiid. Item cuilibet fil[iolo] de sacro fonte levato sex den. Item omnibus pueris Isote de Donewere duodecim den. Item Gilberto le Palmere duos sol. Item Johanni le Palmere tres virgas de russeto Item ad opus ecclesie de Bruges duodecim den. Item ad missam coram cruce in ecclesia pred.

sustinendam duodecim den. Item lego Isote filie mee medietatem partis mee de frodger bladi mei Item Isote uxori mee meliorem ollam eneam. Item Isote filie mee secundam meliorem ollam meam eneam. Item Lucie filie mee unum pocenetum eneam. Et quicquid de bonis meis non legatis residuum fuerit lego Isote uxori mee et pueris meis Et ad istam meam ultimam voluntatem fideliter exequendam constituo executores meos viz. Rogerum de Coumich et Isotam uxorem meam.

Probatum est hoc testament. coram nobis Officiali domini Archidiaconi Tanton' ii Nonas Iunii in ecclesia paroch. de Bruges anno Dom. supradicto Et concessa est administratio bonorum defuncti executoribus superius nominatis in forma et consueta et debita.

[*Dorse*] Testament. Johannis de Mulle de xiid. exiventibus de tenemento suo in vico B.M. inter tenement. domini de Yorke in quo Johannes Trotte manet et gardinum qd. Agnes Cley tenet Et de viiid. de tenemento suo in [*ends*].

Alien. [*later script*].

Seal: green wax: vesica shaped:

S^r. OFFICIALI . . . TANTON.

The name of John Trot occurs in A.D. 1411.

Gopenal, or perhaps, Gropenal.

The word Frodger may be the place name in the neighbouring hundred of Andersfield.

[*Translation*]

✠ In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen. I, John Mill of Bridgwater, make my will on Saturday, next after the feast of John before the Latin Gate, A.D. 1310. Firstly I leave my soul to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary and all His Saints, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Bridgwater. Item, I leave to the Master of the Hospital of Bridgwater for my tithes forgotten, 12d. Item to the Vicar of Bridgwater for the same, 6d. Item to Sir Thomas, chaplain of the Blessed Mary of Bridgwater, 12d. Item to each chaplain constantly celebrating in the parish church of Bridgwater 2d. Item to the deacon of the church 2d. Item to the two other clerks

of the church of Bridgwater 1d. each. Item I leave for the maintenance of a taper before the Blessed Mary at the altar in the parish church of Bridgwater next to the altar of All Saints, 12d. for ever, proceeding from my tenement next the churchyard aforesaid between the tenement of Stephen Kelyng and the tenement of the lords of the castle. Item I leave to the maintenance of the same taper for ever 8d. proceeding from the rent of my tenement which I had from Robert Gropenal between the tenement of the Master of the Hospital of Bridgwater and the tenement of Walter Jacob. Item I leave that tenement which I had from the aforesaid Robert to Iseult, my wife, all the days of her life, rendering yearly to the chief lords the services due and accustomed, and to Iseult, my daughter, 2s. 6d. at the usual terms. And that the aforesaid tenement after the death of my wife shall revert fully to Iseult, my daughter, and her heirs, to be held of the chief lords of the fee. And if Iseult, my daughter, die without heirs, then the tenement aforesaid shall revert fully to Lucy, my daughter, and her heirs. And after the death of the aforesaid Lucy and her heirs, the aforesaid tenement shall revert fully to my heirs for ever. Item I leave my tenement by the churchyard to Iseult, my wife, all the days of her life, and after her death, to Lucy, my daughter, and her heirs, to be held of the chief lords. And after the death of Lucy, to Iseult, my daughter, and her heirs. And after their death to my true heirs whoever they may be. Item I leave to Iseult, my wife, a half-burgage of mine without the West Gate all the days of her life. And after the death of the said Iseult that the rent of the tenement aforesaid shall be held for the maintenance for ever of my anniversary and of Joan, my wife, and of Iseult, my wife. Item I leave for the honourable burial of my body 20s. Item to John Caerwent, clerk, for making my will, 2s. Item to Iseult, my wife, and Lucy, my daughter, all my share of my *camera*. Item I leave to my wife my best brass plate. Item to Iseult, my daughter, my two second-best plates. Item to Robert Combwich $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards of new 'mixed' cloth. Item to Robert Palmer 3 yds. of the same cloth. Item to Walter Palmer $2\frac{1}{2}$ yds. of the same cloth. Item to Iseult, my daughter, 7 yds. of the same cloth. Item to Iseult, my wife, 7 yds. of white bluet. Item I leave to Adam, my brother, a gown of

burrel. Item to John, my son, 5s. and a tunic of white bluet. Item to John Crennok a tunic of dark bluet. Item to Lucy, my sister, 3½ yds. of the aforesaid 'mixed' cloth. Item to building the house without West Gate 6s. 8d. Item to my nurse 3 yds. of russet. Item to my nurse's child 12d. Item to each godchild lifted from the holy font 6d. Item to all the children of Iseult Dunwear 12d. Item to Gilbert Palmer 2s. Item to John Palmer 3 yds. of russet. Item to the use of the church of Bridgwater 12d. Item to the support of the mass before the Cross in the church aforesaid 12d. Item I leave to Iseult, my daughter, a moiety of my share of my frodger corn. Item to Iseult, my wife, my best brass jar. Item to Iseult, my daughter, my second-best brass jar. Item to Lucy, my daughter, a brass posnet. And whatever may remain of my goods not bequeathed I leave to Iseult, my wife, and my children. And in order that this my last will may be faithfully discharged I appoint my executors, to wit, Roger Combwich and Iseult, my wife.

This will was proven before me the Official of the lord Archdeacon of Taunton, 4th June, in the parish church of Bridgwater in the year of our Lord above said, And administration of the goods of the deceased was granted to the above-named executors in accustomed and due form.

No. 66. [400] **Carsandra, relict of Stephen Parmenter, to Rob^t. Topet. Lease of a half-burgage in the North Street.**
26 July 1310.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Carsandra relictæ Stephani Parmentarii sal. in Dom. Noveritis me tradidisse concessisse et prescripto confirmasse Roberto Topet filio Eustachii Topet unum dimid. burgag. in boriali vico de BrugeWalteri qd. iacet inter tenement. Ricardi Maydus ex parte una et tenement. quondam Willelmi de Coumich ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Roberto et hered. vel suis assig. omn. diebus vite mee de cap. dom. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Redd. inde ann. mihi et assig. meis duodecim den. ad quatuor terminos principales equis porcionibus pro omnibus serviciis et demandis secularibus. Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] Pro hac [*&c.*] dedit mihi pred. Robertus quinque sol. sterling. premanibus. In

cuius rei test. pres. scriptis bipartitis alternatim sigil. nostra apposuimus. Hiis test. Ric. Maydus, Gilb. le Large, Ric. de Stykelpathe, Joh. de Fulbourne, Ad. le Palmere et aliis. Dat. apud BrugeWalteri die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Jacobi Apos. an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Edw. quarto.

[Dorse] Parmentarius.

Seal: green wax: squirrel. * I. C R A K E . N O T I S. [I crack nuts]
Chirograph: A B C D E F G (inverted).

No. 67. [1167] **Walter Pocok and Joan of Kidsbury, his wife, to Laurence le Bret. Bond in £20 and in a further sum in aid of the Holy Land to leave him in undisturbed possession of land which they had conveyed to him.**

13 Jan. 1311.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Walterus Pocok et Johanna de Kerdesbery uxor sua sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos teneri et per pres. script. obligatos esse Laurencio le Bret mercatori de Brugeswalteri vel suis assingatis in viginti libris et in subsidium terre sancte in viginti [*sic*] bone et legalis monete si contingat nos vel aliquem nostrum vel aliquem alium nomine nostro pred. Laurencium hered. vel suos assing. in toto vel in parte sex acrarum terre arrabilis prati et unius curtilagii apud Godzenelond Wafforlong et Brade-medede vexare clamare vel aliquo tempore ullo modo de cetero perturbare que omnia predicta sibi dedimus et concessimus per quamdam cartam feoffamenti eidem Laurencio factam ut patet per eandem. Et ad istam obligationem fideliter et sine dolo tenendam obligamus nos hered. vel assing. nostros ad solucionem pred. pecunie infra mensem a die convencionis fracte et hoc restrictioni cuiuscumque iudicis ecclesiastici vel secularis per voluntatem dicti Laurencii vel suorum assing. In cuius rei testim. pres. scripto obligatori sigilla nostra apposuimus et ad maiorem securitatem affidavimus. Hiis test. Ric. de Stekelpaze, Ada le Paumer, David le Paumer, Rob. Gillot de Wemedon, Joh. de Cimiterio et aliis. Dat. apud Brugeswalteri die S. Hillarii an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Edwardi quarto.

No. 68. [262] Robert [the Toukere ?] to John Conveyance of property [without] the West Gate. 1310-11.

. dedi concessi et hac pres. carta mea confirmavi Johanni [por]tam occidentalem ville de Brug' Walteri sicut itur [bur]gagium Hugonis Halewey et dimid. burg. cum pert. suis predicto Johanni heredibus bene et integre iure heredit. inperpet. et consueta. Et ego pred. Robertus [pertinenti]is suis predicto Johanni heredibus suis vel defendemus inperp. In cuius rei Ricardo de Stykelpathe, Ric. Berse Dat. ap. Brug' Walteri reg. Edwardi quarto.

Probably the half-burgage conveyed in Nos. 60 and 64.

No. 69. [728] Wardens and proctors of the goods and rents of the B.M. of Bridgwater to Reginald Goldsmith and Edith, his wife. Lease of a half-burgage. 22 May 1312.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Joh. Boye et Joh. Paris custodes et procuratores bonorum et reddituum B.M. de Brug'Walteri sal. in Dom. semp. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu et voluntate totius communitatis ville de Brug'Walteri tradidisse et concessisse Reginaldo Aurifabro et Edithe uxori eius unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. in villa pred. qd. situm est inter tenement. Magistri et Fratrum Hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. pred. ville ex parte una et tenement. Willelmi le Proute ex parte altera. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] pred. Reginaldo et Edithe omnibus diebus vite eorum et uni eorum quem diucius vivere contigerit de B.M. libere quiete bene et in pace. Redd. inde annuatim dicti Reg. et Editha procuratoribus B.M. quicumque fuerint duos sol. argenti ad quatuor anni term. principal. equis porcion. et eciam nomine B.M. dominis ville pred. ad fest. S. Mich. sex den. argenti pro omni servicio et demanda. Et dicti Reg. et Editha omn. diebus vite eorum domos et clausum pred. tenementi sumptibus suis propriis in adeo bono statu vel meliori quo ea receperunt sustentabunt. Et post decessum pred. Reg. et Edithe pred. tenement. cum pert. ad B.M. sine impedimento vel contradictione alicuius revertatur In cuius rei testi-

monium pres. scripto remanenti penes pred. Reg. et Editham sigil. B.M. est appensum Et alteri parti huius scripti dicti. Reg. et Editha sigilla sua apposuerunt qd. penes pred. procuratores et eorum successores remanebit. Dat. apud Brug'Walteri die Lune prox. post fest. S. Trinitatis an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. regis Edw. quinto.

Chirograph wavy : A B C D E F G H I K (inverted).

No. 70. [766] Roger Broun to Richard Wilde. Grant of a half-burgage in Frog Lane. 21 Jan. 1313.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Rogerus Broun dedi [&c.] Ricardo Wulde unum dimid. burgag. in BrugeWater qd. situm est in Fr[o]ggelane inter tenement. quondam Ricardi de Heues in parte boriali et tenement. eiusdem Ric. Wulde in parte aust. Hab. et ten. [&c. as in No. 26] Et ego [&c. as in No. 25] In cuius [&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Joh. de Fosse, Joh. Russel, Joh. Boye, Joh. Parys, Joh. Saledyn, Rob. de Weye et aliis. Dat. apud BrugeWater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Petri qd. dicitur Cathedra an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Edw. sexto.

No. 71. [868] Simon Haym and Christine, his wife, to Edward atte Broke and Alice, his wife. Conveyance of arable land in the vill of Stour Wake, Dorset. 28 Nov. 1313.

ANNO regni regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. septimo die Mercurii ante fest. S. Andree ap. convenit inter Simonem Haym et Cristinam uxorem eius ex parte una et Edwardo atte Broke et Aliciam uxorem eius ex altera. Ita videlicet qd. dict. Simon et Cristina uxor eius tradiderunt et dimiserunt predictis Edwardum et Aliciam uxori eius unam peciam terre arabilis adiacente inter terram Roberti Abrig ex parte occid. et magnam viam eundo apud Gillingham in parte orientali in villa de Sture Wake ad term. vite eorundem predictorum Edwardum et Aliciam. Hab. et ten. pred. peciam terre arab. cum om. suis pert. de pred. Simone et Cristina her. suis sive assig. pred. Edwardum et Alicie lib. quiete bene et in pace usque ad finem diei plenarie completi. Redd. inde ann. pred. Simoni et Cristinam hered. suis sive assig. duos

den. ad duos term. per ann. videlicet ad Nativitatem Dom. unum den. ad Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. unum den. pro om. serv. sec. et dem. Pro hac autem trad. et dimiss. pred. Edwardus et Alicia dederunt predictis Simoni et Cristinam quatuordecim sol. et i busselum frumenti premanibus. Et pred. vero Simon [*&c. as in No. 25.*] Et post decessum vero Edwardum et Alicie predictorum predictam peciam terre arab. cum om. suis pert. ad supradictos Simonem et Cristinam heredes suos sive assignatos sine aliqua contradictione plenarie revertentur. Et ad maiorem huius rei securitatem tam predicti Simon et Cristina quam supradicti Edwardus et Alicia affidaverunt et sigilla sua huic pres. scripto ad modum cirographii confecto alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis test. Mich. de Sture, Johanne Haukyn, Thoma de Copeforde Johanne Ponsoud Johanne le Hunte et aliis Dat. ap. Sture Wake die et anno supradicto.

Chirograph indented: C Y R O G [R] A P [H] M.

First mention of the Haym family in connection with the Corporation's property in Dorset.

**No. 72. [399] Denyse Hawekyn to her daughter, Christine.
Quitclaim of reversion of land in Stour Wake Eastover.**

16 Mar. 1315.

OMNIBUS hominibus presens scriptum intuentibus Dyonia Hawekyn salutem in Domino. Noveritis me dedisse, remisisse, et relaxasse et omnino quietum clamasse de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum Cristine filie mee et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis reversionem tocus terre quando vel quandocumque acciderit que quidem terra extracta fuit de dimidia virgata terre mee in Stourwake Estover Quam quidem dimidiam virgatam terre prenominate Cristine et heredibus suis ac suis assignatis dedi et per cartam meam feoffavi Ita quod ego Dyonia nec heredes mei seu mei assignati aliquid juris vel clamii seu calumpnie in reversione tocus predicte terre quando vel quandocumque acciderit exigere vel inposterum valebimus optinere. Set per presentem quietem clamantiam me et heredes meos ac omnes meos assignatos a die confectionis presentium ab omni jure clamio et calumpnia in reversione tocus predicte terre quando vel quandocumque acciderit excludi fateor imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presenti

quiete clamantie sigillum meum apposui. Data apud Stourewake Estovere die Dominica in Ramis Palmarum anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi octavo Hiis testibus Michael de Stoure Ricardo Nicet [?] Johanne Ponsoud Willelmo Terry Hugone de Blynchesfeld Rogero le Broc Edwardo Atte Brouk Johanne Cressebien et multis aliis.

Elaborate initial O.

Seal: round: green wax: 8-pointed star:

. IONISIE . DE . . . WE . . VSTO . .

No. 73. [398] Wm. Cory to Rd. Maydus. Quitclaim of land by the Town Ditch. 22 Oct. 1315.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Willelmus Cori filius et heres Johannis Cori sal. in Dom. Noveritis me in plenaria etate mea relaxasse dimisisse concess. et de me et hered. meis quiet. clam. inperp. Ricardo Maydus tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*] in una placea terre cum omn. pert. suis in Briggewauter quequidem fuit Willelmi in la Walle et extendit se in longitudine de fossato ville ex parte bor. usque ad stabulum pred. Ricardi et in latitudine inter tenement. eiusdem Ricardi ex parte una et tenement. Jacobi de la More ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Ita qd. [*&c. as in No. 41*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Simone Michel, Ricardo Wolde, Jacobo de la More, Johanne Boye, Will. Traci, Ric. Bers, Rob. le Large et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewauter die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Luce Ewangeliste an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Edw. nono.

Seal: green wax: vesica shaped: flower conventional:

S'. WILLI . DE . CORI .

No. 74. [397] Robert of Anestye, called the Porter, to Roger Uphill and Clemence, his wife. Conveyance of a burgage. 28 Aug. 1316.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Robertus de Anestye dictus le Porter dedi [*&c.*] Rogero Uppehulle et Clementie uxori sue unum burgag. in villa de Bruges Walteri iacens int. ten. Ricardi Loneger et placeam Radulphi de Kent. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Ego

vero [*Ec. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei [*Ec. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Thoma de Burgoyne, Philippo Creseerl, Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, Walt. Purchaz, Joh. Saledyn, Rog. Persun et aliis. Dat. ap. BrugesWalteri die Sabbati prox. post fest. S. Bartholomei apos. an. regni reg. Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimo.

Seal : round : yellow wax : two hands clasped. * F E I . M E . T E N T (Faith holds me). See No. 97 for the same burgage.

Walter Purchaz was M.P. in 1319.

No. 75. [560] Walter Faremes inspects and ratifies a charter of Henry the Dyer. 12 Mar. 1317.

NOVERINT universi qd. ego Walterus Faremes intellexi et inspexi quandam cartam feoffamenti quam Henricus le Deghar quondam fieri fecit ad onorem Dei et ad cantariam misse Beate Marie virginis in ecclesia de BrugesWalteri in hec verba [*Here follows No. 8*]. Quequidem donationem et concessionem ego predictus Walterus ad onorem Dei et Beate Marie virginis pro me et heredibus meis in omnibus ratifico et confirmo imperpetuum, dando procuratoribus misse predictae plenam potestatem distringendi omnes et singulos tenentes in omnibus predictis tenementis comorantes pro omnibus redditibus ullo modo a retro existentibus post diem confectionis presentis scripti et distractiones captas retinere et alias capere et ulterius retinere pro voluntate sua quousque de omnibus redditibus a retro existentibus plenarie fuerit satisfactum. In cuius rei [*Ec. as in No. 8*]. Hiis test. Fratre Henrico Magistro hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. de Brug'Walteri, domino Walt. de Stoklynche vicario de Bruges, Ric. Wulde, Philippo Crese, Thoma de Borgoyne, Joh. Russel, Rog. de Coumich et aliis Dat. ap. Brug'Walteri die S. Gregorii pape an. reg. regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. decimo.

[*Dorse*] Gilberti Clavelishey.

No. 76. [869] John Gamfernel to John, called Scheue Conveyance of land in Stour Eastover. 4 April 1317

ANNO Domini millesimo CCCmo septimodecimo die Lune prox. post fest. Pasche convenit ap. Sture Wake int. Johannem Gam-

fernel de eadem cissorem ex parte una et Johannem dictum Scheue ex altera Ita viz. qd. idem Joh. Gamfernel tradidit conc. et dimisit dicto Johanni Scheue unam acram terre arabilis que vocatur le Northcroft iacentem int. le Hongerhulle ex parte aust. Et aliam croftam voc. le Northcroft ex parte altera et unam aliam acram partim terre arabilis et pro parte prati que iacet int. terram Nicholai Scheue ex parte aust. Et terram Edwardi atte Brouke ex parte orient. in campo et territorio eiusdem ville pred. et terciam acram terre arab. que iacet in le Forlag' de Brademedede int. terr. Johannis Midwey et Roberti Bithewode. hab. et ten. dict. terras cum om. suis pert. libertatibus et aisiamentis predictus Johannes Scheue de dict. Johanne Gamfernel hered. suis vel assig. ad tot. term. vite sue lib. quiete bene et in pace Redd. inde ann. eidem Joh. Gamfernel vel her. suis seu assig. tres den. arg. ad fest. Natalis Domini pro om. serv. sec. exact. seu dem. Qd. si contingat dict. Johannem Scheue per aliquem super pacifica possessione eiusdem terre aliquo casu impediri vel iniuste gravari seu iniquitari [= inquietari] pred. Johannes hered. sui vel assig. ad refusionem tocus dampni sibi illati seu gravaminis iuxta legalium hominum arbitrium eidem Johanni ad plenum teneantur et obligentur. Et idem vero Joh. [*&c. as in No. 25*] Johanni Scheue quam diu vixerit [*&c.*] Pro hac aut. trad. conc. et dim. dedit michi dict. Joh. Scheue viginti sol. arg. prem. In cuius rei test. huic scripto indentato partes predictae sig. sua mutuo apposuerunt. Hiis test. Mich. de Sturey, Joh. Haukyn, Edw. de la Brouke, Simone Haym, Joh. de Quereyn, et multis aliis. Dat. die loco et anno supradictis.

Chirograph indented : I . M . C [C . C] . X . V . I . J .

No. 77. [698] **Thomas of Lang[brok] to John of Petherton.**
Quitclaim of a half-burgage in Castle Ditch.

5 April 1317.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 11*] Thomas de Lang[brok] sal. in Dom. Noveritis me concess. remis. relaxasse et penitus pro me hered. meis et meis assig. imperp. quiet. clam. Johanni de P[ed]erton filio Johannis de P[ed]erton de Bruggewauter tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*] in uno dimid. burgag. cum omn. suis pert. in villa de

Bruggewauter qd. situm est ex occid. parte fossati castris ville pred. sic itur versus portam borial. Ita qd. [*&c. as in No. 41*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Ric. Maydous, Thoma Boye, tunc prepositis, Philippo Crese erl, Ric. de Sticelpath, Gilb. le Large, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Martis prox. post fest. Pasche an. reg. regis Edwardi fil. reg. Edw. decimo.

On the sealstrip cut from another parchment are the words ' terram Magistri de byle dicto Roberto et heredibus suis . . . '

No. 78. [1165] Hugh Eveson to Thomas Maydus. Conveyance of a tenement without the West Gate.

30 May 1317.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego. Hugo Eviesone dedi [*&c.*] Thome filio Ricardi Maydous unum tenement. in villa de Bruggewauter qd. quidem situm est extra portam occid. eiusdem ville in parte orient. dimid. burgagii Johannis Maydous ex parte una et in parte occid. tenementi Alicie Mayselyn ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Will. Tracy, Joh. Boyhe, Joh. Benet, Simone de la Forde, Ric. Gerueys, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die lune prox. post fest. S. Augustini ep. an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimo. [*Dorse*] Brigewater.

Seal: vesica shaped: brown wax: a star: S'. H V G O N I S . H E M E.
John Benet was M.P. in 1319.

No. 79. [918] Roger le Wench to Nich. Vincent of Estcote and Ric. Renane. Conveyance of two-thirds of a half-burgage in Friarn St.

12 June 1317.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Rogerus le Wench dedi [*&c.*] Nicolao Vincent de Estcote et Ricardo fil. Walt. Renane duas partes unius dimid. burgag. in Bruggewauter que iacent in vico qui vocatur Frerenstrete inter tenement. meum in parte occid. et tenement. [Wi]llelmi le Proute in parte orient. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Thoma de Borgoyne, Philippo Crese erl, Joh. Boye, Joh. de

Dunsterre, Ric. Berse, Rog. Persun clerico, Rob. le Large, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Barnabe apos. an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimo.

[*Dorse*] . . . a de tenemento Rogeri le Wench.

Seal: wax: star: S'. ROGERI. WENCH.

No. 80. [890] Will of Gilbert Russel. 20 Sept. 1317.

IN Dei nomine Amen. Die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Mathei Aposteli et Ewangeli anno Domini M^oCCC^{mo} septimodecimo Ego Gilbertus Russel condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Primo lego animam meam Deo et corpus meum sacre sepulture. Item lego rectori ecclesie de Breggewater xls. pro decimis oblitis. Item lego ad exequias meas faciendas et pro animabus patris et matris mee atque benefactorum *xxli.* et ad istam pecuniam levandam lego omnia tenementa mea ad vendend' ubicumque fuerint. Item lego uni homini ad faciendam peregrinationem apud Sanctum Jacobum pro me et apud Rochemadur xls. Item lego fratribus minoribus de Breggewater xls. Item lego uni homini ad faciendam peregrinationem pro me apud Bromholm Walsyngham et apud Cantuariam xs. Item lego fratri Petro de Bokelond xxs. ad habitum suum corrigendum annuatim dum duret. Item lego pauperibus firmarie Sancti Johannis de Breggewater xiiis. *iiiiḏ.* Item lego xs. ad emendos lapides ad viam corrigendam inter hospitale et pontem. Item lego Ricardo Syerwyn tenementum quod habui ad firmam de dicto Ricardo prenominato. Item lego xls. ad anniversarium meum retinendum. Item lego Waltero le Large v virgas de meliori panno quam idem Walterus habet in custodia sua et Roberto le Porter v virgas eiusdem panni. Item lego Thome Kyn secundam meliorem robam. Item lego Radulpho de Kent i supertunicam viridem cum caputio. Item lego Ricardo Syerwyn i supertunicam de rosseto cum caputio. Item lego Umfrido de Louelynych quartam partem unius burgagii extra portam orientalem quam habui ex feofamento Johannis Boyssyel. Item lego Agneti Doysyel et Margerie filie sue ii rocheta. Item lego Elionore Loner' vs. Item lego Agathe Craunte vs. Item lego residuum omnium bonorum meorum Johanni Boye et robam

meam meliorem. Et ad istam executionem fideliter faciendam tales facio meos executores videlicet Johannem Boye principalem Walterum Large et Robertum le Porter. ✠✠✠

Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis . . . Officiali domini Archidiaconi Tanton apud Pokynton per Ricardum Syrwyn et Ricardum le Hunte kalendis Octobris anno Domini supradicto. Et concessa est administratio bonorum dicti defuncti Johanni Boye executori nominato in forma iuris Salvo tamen iure co-executorum suorum supra nominatorum cum venerint administrationem bonorum dicti defuncti in forma debita petituri.

Fragment of seal of the Community in green wax.

[*Translation*]

IN the name of God, Amen. On Tuesday next before the feast of S. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, A.D. 1317, I, Gilbert Russel make my will in this manner. Firstly I leave my soul to God and my body to holy burial. Item I leave to the rector of the church of Bridgwater 40s. for tithes forgotten. Item I leave for performing my exequies and for the souls of my father and mother and benefactors 20*l.* and to raising this money I leave all my tenements to be sold wherever they may be. Item I leave to a man to make a pilgrimage for me to S. James and to Rocamadour 40s. Item I leave to the Friars Minor of Bridgwater 40s. Item I leave to a man to make a pilgrimage for me to Bromholm, Walsingham and Canterbury, 10s. Item I leave to Brother Peter of Buckland 20s. to mend his habit from year to year while it lasts. Item I leave to the poor of the infirmary of S. John of Bridgwater 13*s.* 4*d.* Item I leave 10*s.* to buy stones to mend the road between the hospital and the bridge. Item I leave to Richard Sherwin the tenement which I had at farm of the said Richard aforementioned. Item I leave 40*s.* for the maintenance of my anniversary. Item I leave to Walter Large 5 yds. of best cloth which the same Walter has in his custody and to Robert Porter 5 yds. of the same cloth. Item I leave to Thomas Kyn [my] second-best gown. Item I leave to Ralph Kent a green supertunic with hood. Item I leave to Richard Sherwin a supertunic of russet with hood. Item I leave to Humphrey Lovelynych a quarter-

burgage without East Gate which I had of the feoffment of John Bosshel. Item I leave to Agnes Dosschel and Margery, her daughter, two rochettes. Item I leave to Eleanor Lonere 5s. Item I leave to Agatha Craunte 5s. Item I leave the remainder of all my goods to John Boye, and my best gown. And in order that this execution may be faithfully performed I make these my executors, to wit, John Boye, principal, Walter Large and Robert Porter. ✱✱✱

This will was proven before me the official of the lord Archdeacon of Taunton at Puckington by Richard Sherwin and Richard Hunt on the 1st of Oct. in the year of our Lord above said and administration of the goods of the said deceased was granted to John Boye an executor named, in legal form, saving however the right of his co-executors above named whenever they may come to seek administration of the goods of the said deceased in due form.

The curious combination of the letters *sy* used by the scribe in this will and in the inventory that follows seems to indicate *sh* and I have so rendered it in the translations. Probably his native tongue lacked the sound represented by *sh*.

No. 81. [404] Inventory of goods of Gilbert Russel in the hands of others. *Undated.*

HEC sunt bona Gilberti Russel que sunt in manibus hominum quorum nomina sunt subscripta videlicet In manu Roberti ate Walle xxv pecia panni de diversis coloribus ad precium xviii *li*. Item in manu Johannis de Holeforde iii pecia panni diversi coloris precio iii *li*. x *den*. Item quidam Johannes habet iii pannos veteres precio iiis. et duas virgas et dimidiam de blueto precio iiis. iid. Item Robertus de Bleues habet v pecia panni de flaundres precio xii *li*. Item in manu Thome Wyn valetti dicti Gilberti xxvi *li*. quos recepit de Willelmo Syaktilos de Japeswych una cum lucro et crescentia inde provenientibus. Item in manu eiusdem Thome Wyn una pelvis cum lavatorio precio xs. et una mappa precio xvii *den*. Item quinque sedilia precio iis. *vid*. Item i ciffus argenteus precio xiiis. iii *den*. et alius ciffus precio xiii solid'. i corsetus de teyle precio xis. et lampada precio iis. Item in manu Roberti le Porter x *li*.

[Translation]

THESE are the goods of Gilbert Russel which are in the hands of the persons whose names are subscribed, to wit : In the hand of Robert Atwall 25 pieces of cloth of divers colours, value 18*l.* Item in the hand of John Holford 3 pieces of cloth of divers colours, value 3*l.* 10*d.* Item a certain John has 3 old cloths, value 3*s.* and 2½ yds. of bluet, value 4*s.* 2*d.* Item Robert Bleues has 5 pieces of cloth of Flanders, value 12*l.* Item in the hand of Thomas Wyn, journeyman of the said Gilbert, 26*l.* which he received from William Shaktilos of Ipswich, together with interest accrued thence proceeding. Item in the hand of the same Thomas Wyn a basin and ewer, value 10*s.* and a table-cloth, value 1*s.* 5*d.* Item 5 chairs, value 2*s.* 6*d.* Item a silver cup, value 13*s.* 4*d.* and another cup, value 8*s.*, a linen corset, value 6*s.* and a lamp, value 2*s.* Item in the hand of Robert Porter 10*l.*

Shaktiles may possibly be intended by Shaktilos.

There may be a better interpretation of 'corset de teyle.' I would suggest as a possibility 'detaillé.'

No. 82. [1013] Alice, daughter of Hugh atte Churcheye, to her brother, John atte Churcheye. Conveyance of a burgage without the West Gate. 4 Dec. 1317.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia filia quondam Hugonis atte Churcheye dedi [&c.] Johanni atte Churcheye fratri meo unum burgagium extra port. occid. ville de Bruggewauter qd. iacet in parte bor. itineris quo itur versus Parcum int. ten. Willelmi La Zousche ex parte orientis et ten. Mag. et Frat. Hosp. S. Joh. Bapt. de Bruges ex parte occidentis. Hab. et ten. [&c. as in No. 26] Redd. inde ann. eisdem cap. dominis duodecim den. ad fest. S. Mich. pro om. servicio et dem. sec. Et ego [&c. as in No. 25] In cuius rei [&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Joh. de Dunsterre tunc prepositis ville de Bruges, Ric. Maydous, Sim. de la Forde, Adam atte Churcheye et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Andree ap. an. reg. regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. undecimo.

See No. 39.

Seal : green wax : a quatrefoil.

No. 83. [864] **Henry Lyskery to Lucy, his daughter. Quitclaim of a half-burgage without the West Gate.**

11 Dec. 1317.

UNIVERSIS ad quos pres. script. pervenerit Henricus Lyskery de BrugesWalteri sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Lucie filie mee tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*] in uno dimid. burgag. in villa de Brugeswalteri qd. iacet extra port. occid. sicut itur versus Kerdesbury qd. mihi accidebat per legem Anglye post mortem Iuliane Horloc uxoris mee matris predicte Lucie Ita viz. qd. [*&c. as in No. 33*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Ric. Maydus, Joh. Benet, Sim. de la Forde, Petro fil. Stephani, Ad. de Cymiterio et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugeswater die Dom. post fest. S. Nicholai an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. undecimo.

Seal: green wax: a star: S'. HENRICI. DE. LYSKERY.

No. 84. [Charters 2] **King Edward II to the Archbishops &c. An inspeximus of King John's Charter.**

5 March 1318.

EDWARDUS dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitania, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris et omnibus aliis ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam celebris memorie domini Johannis quondam Regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba: [*Here follows No. 1*] Nos autem donationem concessionem et confirmationem predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est burgensibus ville predicte et heredibus eorum successoribus concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur et prout iidem burgenses et eorum antecessores libertatibus predictis hactenus rationabiliter usi sunt et gravisi. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus Waltero, Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Anglie primate; Johanne, Wynton episcopo, Cancellario nostro; Johanne, Eliensis episcopo, Thesaurense nostro; Adomaro de Valentia, Comite Penbrochie; Humfrido de Bohun, Comite Hereford et Essex; Bartholomeo de Badelesmere; Willelmo de Monte acuto, Senescallo

Hospitii nostri, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto die Martii anno regni nostri undecimo.

- No. 85. [66] **Lucy, daughter of Gillian Horloc, to Roger, the chaplain. Conveyance of a half-burgage without the West Gate.** 20 Mar. 1318.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Lucia filia et heres Juliane Horloc de BrugesWalteri dedi [*&c.*] Rogero Capellano, filio Willelmi Textoris de Bruges unum dim. burgag. in villa de BrugesWalteri qd. iacet extra port. occ. sicut itur versus Kerdesbury int. ten. qd. quondam fuit Willelmi Textoris tenentis de Sancta Maria in parte bor. et ten. dicti Rogeri Capellani in parte aust. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Joh. de Donsterre iuniore, tunc prepositis ville, Ric. Maydus, Sim. de la Forde Ad. de Cymiterio, et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugeswater die lune prox. ante fest. Annunciationis Beate Marie an. reg. regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. undecimo.

[*Dorse, in later script*] a half burgage without West Gate.

Small seal: green wax: fleur de lis:

† S' LVCIE. DE. . . . YSBERY.

- No. 86. [329] **Roger of Blakemere to Peter, son of Walter Step[. . .]. Power of attorney to deliver to John Toky and Agnes, his wife, a burgage in Bridgwater and land in Godzoieland &c.** 14 Oct. 1318.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. ego Rogerus de Blakemere feci constitui et ordinavi dilectum mihi in Christo Petrum filium Walteri Step[hen ?] attornatum meum ad liberandum Johanni Toky filio Willelmi Toky de Tokerton et Agneti uxori eiusdem Johannis plenam et pacificam seysinam de toto illo burgagio meo in villa de BrugeWater quod habeo de dono et feoffamento Agnetis que quondam fuit uxor Jordani le Kyng et eciam de tota terra mea arrabili apud Godzoielonde et de toto prato meo apud Wayforlang et Brademedede in feodo de Wemedon cum pert. eorum. Hab. et ten. pred. burg. ter. et prat. cum pert. eorum pred. Johanni et Agneti et

her. et assing. ipsius Johannis de cap. dominis feodorum pred. per servicia inde deb. et cons. iure hered. inperp. sicut in quibusdam cartis dictis Johanni et Agneti inde confectis plenius continetur. In cuius rei test. presentes litteras meas sig. meo singnatas pred. Petro feci has patentes. Dat. ap. Brigewater die Veneris in fest. S. Kalixti an. regni reg. Edw. fil. reg. Edw. duodecimo.

[Dorse] the fourth parte of a Burgage without West gate.

Note.—The feast of S. Kalixtus, the 14th Oct., fell on a Saturday in 1318.

Seal: green wax: head in profile, above a creature, possibly a scorpion.

No. 87. [1163] Thomas of Stonham to John Toky. Quitclaim of land in Godielonde in the fee of Wembdon.

Undated.

NOVERINT universi me Thomam de Stonham remisisse [&c.] Johanni Toky tot. ius [&c. as in No. 33] in omnibus terris curtislagiis et pratis que idem Johannes habet de dono et concessione Wimarke relicte Laurencii Le Bret in Godielonde in feodo de Wemedone Ita qd. [&c. as in No. 33] In cuius [&c. as in No. 8].

Seal: brown wax: a griffin.

No 88. [3] Account. Founding a new bell for the parish church.

Probably 1318/19.

BRUGGEWAUTER

Compotus Ricardi Maydous, Philippi Crese erl, Gilberti le Large et Ricardi de Dunsterre de omnibus receptis expensis et liberatis circa facturam nove campane ibidem anno regni regis Edwardi xii^{mo}.

Receptio denariorum—iidem respondent de viii li. xviii. s. ob. receptis de collectis in parochia simul cum extraneis donis. Et de xxxvis. iid. ob. receptis de tribus plumbis cum ii tripodis, i pelvi cum lavatorio, olla et ere venditis Et de xiid. receptis de annulo vendito.

Receptiones forinsece—Et de xxs. receptis de custodibus bonorum Sancte Crucis Et de xvis. iiid. ob receptis ex mutuo de Ricardo de Donsterre. Et de xxiis. iid. receptis ex mutuo de

Philippo Crese erl. Et. viiis. viid. ob receptis ex mutus de Ricardo Maydous.

Summa totalis receptionum xiiii li. iiis. id.

Expense—iidem computant in vii^e iii^{xx} xvi li. cupri emptis scilicet quinque viginti pro centum de Roberto le Spicer et Waltero le Large pro vii li. xviis. iiid. Item in xl li. eris emptis de Thoma le Spicer—vs. viiid. Item in cccxx li. stagni emptis de Adam Palmere et Philippo Crese erl—xxxviiiis. viiid. Item in diversis necessariis emptis per Ricardum de Donsterre Ricardum Maydus et Philippum Crese erl pro reparacione molde et fundatione campane ut paret per cedula—xxxis. xid. Item solut' magistro in parte solutionis stipendii sui—xls.

Summa totalis
expensarum
xiiii li. xiiis. viid.

Et sic debent
ixs. viiid.

De quibus debent Waltero le Large xviis. viid. Item Roberto le Spicer viiis.—summa xxvs. viid. Et sic debent ultra xvs. xd. Et preterea debent magistro—xxxvis. viid. Item de supra receptis forinsecis ex mutuo—xlviis. id.

Summa totalis debitorum iiii li. xixs. vd.

Unde adhuc levantur iiii li. iiis. viid.

[Dorse]

Metallum ad campanam—iidem respondent de ciii^{xx} li. ere receptis de donis ut in ollis patellis pelvibus lavatoribus catalis mortariis eris et . . . molend' Et de cccxxv li. receptis de una veteri campana et de xl li. eris receptis de emptione. Et de vii^e iii^{xx} xvi li. cupri receptis de emptione. Et de cccxx li. stagni receptis de emptione.

Summa
m vii^e lxi li.

De quibus funditura pro nova campana facienda m vii^e iii^{xx} i li.

Et remanent iiii^{xx} li.

Although the regnant year is given as that of Edward, and not of Edward, son of Edward, I have placed the document in the later reign, as the period suggested by the names of the wardens. Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, an eminent authority on church bells, concurs and says, 'It makes it much more intelligible, as by 1318 the trade of bell-founding was pretty well established, which it was not 35 years earlier.'

[Translation]

BRIDGWATER. Account of Rd. Maidus, Ph. Crese Erl, Gilb. Large and Rd. Dunster, of all receipts, expenses and allowances

concerning the making of a new bell there in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward.

Receipt of monies. The same answer for 8*l.* 18*s.* 10½*d.* received from parish collections together with outside gifts. And for 1*l.* 16*s.* 2½*d.* received for 3 leaden vessels with 2 tripods, a basin and ewer, a jar and brass sold and for 12*d.* received for a ring sold. 10

Other receipts. And for 20*s.* received from the wardens of the goods of Holy Cross. And for 16*s.* 3½*d.* received on loan from Rd. Dunster. And for 1*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* received on loan from Ph. Crese Erl. 3*l*
And 8*s.* 7½*d.* received on loan from Rd. Maidus.

Sum total of receipts 14*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*

Expenses. The same reckon in 896 lb. of copper bought, to wit, at 5 score per 100 from Robt. Spicer and Walter Large for 7*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* Item in 40 lb. of brass bought from Thos. Spicer 5*s.* 8*d.* Item in 320 lb. of tin bought from Adam Palmer and Ph. Crese Erl—1*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* Item in divers necessities bought by Rd. Dunster, Rd. Maidus and Ph. Crese Erl for the repair of the mould and founding of the bell as appears in a schedule—A
1*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* Item paid to the master in part payment of his 01
salary—2*l.*

Whereof they owe Walt. Large 17*s.* 6*d.* Item Rob. Spicer 8*s.*—total 1*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* And thus they further owe 1*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* And moreover they owe the master—1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* Item of above outside receipts on loan 2*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*

Sum total of debts 4*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.*

whereof are raised hitherto 4*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*

[Dorse]

Metal for the bell. The same answer for 180 lb. of brass received from gifts as in jars, plates, basins, ewers, chattels, mortars of brass and mill [pots] And for 425 lb. received from one old bell. And for 40 lb. of brass received by purchase. And for 896 lb. of copper received by purchase. And for 320 lb. of tin received by purchase. Whereof the casting of the new bell to be made [used] 1,781 lb. And there remain 80 lb.

‘These amounts are technically interesting, as affording help for estimating the ratio of metals. The lead is not to be disregarded.’ J. J. Raven, *Bells of England*.

- No. 89. [765] Maud Doding to Walter of Ferendone, her son.
Conveyance of a burgage in Friarn St. 25 July 1319.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Matillis Doding que fui uxor Henrici Grey in plena potestate viduitatis mee dedi [*&c.*] Waltero de Ferendone filio meo unum burgag. cum pert. in BruggeWater qd. quidem burgag. iacet in vico qui vocatur le Frerenstret int. ten. qd. quondam fuit Andree le Parchemener ex parte occid. et ten. qd. quondam fuit Reginaldi de Strete ex parte orient. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Russel, Thoma de Burgoyne, Ric. Maydous, Joh. Benet, Adam Lullepate, Walt. Dunpol, Walt. le Palmere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Mercurii in fest. S. Jacobi ap. anno regni regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. terciodecimo.

- No. 90. [785] John Russel inspects and ratifies a charter of
Eustace of Hymiok. 4 Apr. 1321.

NOVERINT universi qd. ego Johannes Russel de Bruggewauter vidi et inspexi quandam cartam quam Eustachius de Hymiok quondam fieri fecit in hec verba. [*Here follows No. 9.*] Quam quidem donationem et concessionem ego Johannes Russel supra-nominatus habens et tenens totum tenementum pred. in omnibus et singulis pro me et her. meis ratifico et confirmo et ad warentizandum pred. redditum prout superius dictum est obligo me et her. meos per omnes terras et omnia tenementa nostra inperp. In cuius rei test. huic confirmationi sig. meum apposui. Hiis test. Phil. Crese, Ric. Maydous, Ric de Dunsterre, Joh. Boye, Walt. de Eston et aliis. Dat. die S. Ambrosii an. regni reg. Edw. fil. reg. Edw. quarto decimo.

[*Dorse*] facta Johannis Russel, Walteri Farini.

- No. 91. [867] Agnes Bergeveny to Thomas Wrying. Con-
veyance of a half-burgage without West Gate. 16 Nov. 1321.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Agnes Bergeveny filia Johannis de Bergeveny dedi [*&c.*] Thome Wrying unum dim. burgag. in villa

de Bruggewauter qd. iacet extra port. occid. eiusdem ville int. tenement. Ade de Cimiterio in parte una et tenement. Thome Mey in parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Ric. Wulde, Joh. Boye, Ric. Maydous, Joh. de Dunsterre, Ric. Berse, Joh. Benet, Rob. le Large, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Lune prox. post fest. S. Martini an. regni reg. Edw. fil. reg. Edw. quintodecimo.

[*Dorse, in later script*] the fourth parte of a burgage without West yate.

Seal: green wax: a star: S'. AGNET. BERGEVENE (the N's are reversed).

No. 92. [866] Nicholas Prymmesone to John Parewastel and Iseult, his sister. Conveyance of two-ninths of a burgage in Horlokesstrete. 9 Dec. 1321.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Nicholaus Prymmesone dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Parewastel et Isote sorori eius duas partes tercie partis unius burg. cum pert. in Brugewater que site sunt in vico qui vocatur Horlokesstrete int. tenement. Magistri hosp. S. Joh. Bapt. eiusdem ville ex parte aust. et tenement. Johannis de Cloteworthi ex parte bor. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Rogero Broun, Phil. Creseerl, Gilb. le Large, David le Palmere, Joh. Dunstere, Ric. Dunstere, Phil. Wilde et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Merc. prox. post fest. Conceptionis Beate Marie virginis an. regni regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. quintodecimo.

Fragment of green wax.

Iseult, or Isolda Parewastel, who was still alive in 1368 (242) is the subject of an interesting application to the Pope. 'For three years she has daily visited the Lord's Sepulchre and other holy places of the Holy Land and has there been stripped and placed head downward on a rack and beaten. Then, half dead, she miraculously escaped from the Saracens and now proposes to build a chapel at Bridgewater in honour of the Blessed Virgin for her soul's health and for those of her ancestors, and to endow it for one priest with a yearly rent of 36 florins. She therefore prays for licence to found and endow the same and to reserve the right of patronage to herself and her heirs.' The papal answer did not, however, meet the petition in full. 'Put up an altar

in the church of the parish in which you wished to build and found the chapel ; Avignon, 13 Kal. Feb.' 1366. *Cal. Papal Registers*, 1342-1419, pp. 512, 513.

No. 93. [396] Roger, the chaplain, son of William the Weaver, to John Halewey. Lease of a half-burgage without the West Gate. 19 April 1322.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Rogerus Capellanus filius Willelmi Textoris de Brugewauter dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Halewey filio Johannis Halewey unum dim. burgag. in villa de Brugewauter extra port. occ. qd. situm est in vico sicut itur versus Wernedone int. teneamenta mea ex utraque parte. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Redd. inde ann. mihi quamdiu vixero et assignatis meis duos sol. arg. ad fest. S. Mich. pro om. serv. et cap. dominis illius feodi serv. inde deb. et cons. et i quarterum libri cere ad lumen beate Marie de Brugeswauter ad fest. Purificationis beate Marie. Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei test. huic carte indentate sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis test. Ric. Maydus, Joh. Benet, Simon atte Forde, Ad. de Cimiterio, Petro filio Stephani et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugeswauter die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Georgii an. regni regis Edw. fil. regis Edw. xv^{mo}.

Chirograph.

Seal : round : green wax : head in profile, presumably of John the Baptist :

C A P V D . S E R V I . D E I .

No. 94. [607] Roger de Seymor to Maud, widow of John de Hunteleye. Grant of a rent in the manors of St. Bride, Llandevenny and Wilcrick. 4 Oct. 1322.

LE Lundi prochein apres la feste Seint Michel lan du regne le roi Edward filz au roi Edward sezisme a Seinte Bride en Netherwent acovint entre Roger de Seymor dune part e Maud qe fu la femme Johan de Hunteleye de autre part en teu manere qe le dit Roger granta e par cest escrit conferma a la dite Maud soisante sis southe e oct darres de annuele rente aprendre des totes les terres e teneementz qe li dit Roger adonk avoit e tint en le maner de seinte Bride

Landivenio e Wildecrick hors pris les terres e tenementz rentes e servises qe dame Ele de Hunteleie akun temps tint en noun de dower en memes le [m]aner A recevoir de la dite rente chescun an al Hockedaie vint edeus souz deus deners e ala Nativite Seint Johan le Bapt' vintedeus souz e deus deners e ala Seint Michel vint edeus souz e quatre deners le terme de la premiere paie comensant al Hockedaie prochain avenir. A avoyr e atener alavantdite Maud les avantdites soisantesis southes oct darres de rente en allowance de seon dower qe ali afferreit del dowement le dit Johan iadis son baroun de tot le maner avant dit horspris les terres e tenementz rentes et servises qe furent aladite dame Ele en memes le maner e horspris les avouesons de la eglise de Seinte Bride e de eglise de Wiltecrick Et si avigne qe la dite rente a nul terme avantdit li soit areres, li dit Roger veot e par cest escrit grante qe ele puse destreindre adonk en tot le maner avantdit horspris en les terres e tenementz desus horspris enqi mei[]e qe il deviendront e la destreste reteneir tantqe ele soit pleinement paie des arrerages. E le dit Roger grante pur li epur ses heirs e pur ses assignes qe si le dite Maud par lei ou costume de celes parties puse monstrier qe ele deive avoir la terce partie les terres e tenementz rentes e servises qe la dite dame Ele tint en noun de dower en le maner avantdit qe ele ne soit pas forclose de actioun por la receite de la rente avantdit a demander de ceo soun dower. E li dit Roger e Maud grantent epar cest escrit fount protestacioun qe ele en nul autre maners ne receit la dite rente pur seon dower forqe ensi qe sa actioun li soit saime come avant est dit. En tesmoiance de ceaus choses li dit Roger e la dite Maud a ceste endenture chaungablement ount mis lor seals. Par iceaux tesmoygnes Willame de Gamages, Thomas de Wildecrick, Menrik de Kemmeis, Johan de Kemmeys, Willame Herberd, Johan de Godenham e autres. Done a Seinte Bride le iour elan surdites.

The three manors of Netherwent St. Bride, Llandevenny and Wilcrick are in South Monmouth.

Indented.

Seal: fragment red wax: lion rampant: probably a motto:

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No. 95. [81] Roger, the chaplain, son of Wm. the Weaver,
to John Halewey. Quitclaim of a half-burgage without
the West Gate. 17 Dec. 1322.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Rogerus capellanus filius Willelmi
Textoris de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*]
Johanni Halewey filio Johannis Halewey tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*]
in uno dimid. burgagio extra port. occid. ville de Bruggewater in
orient. parte sicut itur versus Kerdesbury int. tenement. meum in
parte boriali et tenement. Willelmi Forthred in parte aust. Hab. et
ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in*
No. 8] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Walt. Large, tunc prepositis ville, Joh.
Cronile, Nich. Canoun, tunc bedellis ville, Symone atte Forde, Joh.
Benet, Ad. de Cimiterio et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Veneris
prox. post fest. S. Lucie virginis an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw.
sextodecimo.

[*Dorse*] J. Halwey.

Seal: vesica shaped: green wax: B.V.M. and Child.

* S'. PETRI . CAPELLANI.

No. 96. [1015] Thomas, son of Randulf of Leghe, and
Thomas Warde to Wm., parson of the church of Thorn
Falcon. Conveyance of a tenement in Thornfalcon in the
manor of North Curry. 28 Sept. 1323.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Thomas filius Rondulphi de Leghe et
Thomas Warde sal. in Dom. Nov. nos trad. conc. et ad firm. dimis.
domino Willelmo parsonne ecclesie de Thornefagun tot. tenement.
nost. qd. Rondulphus de Leghe feoffator noster quondam tenuit in
Thornefagun in manerio de North Cory. Hab. et ten. tot. pred.
ten. cum om. pert. suis pred. Willelmo vel assig. suis de nobis et
hered. nost. vel nost. assig. a die Mercurii prox. ante fest. S. Mich.
Archangelii an. regni regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. septimo decimo
usque ad term. septem annorum proxime subsequencium plene
completorum lib. quiete integre bene et in pace. Redd. inde ann.
pred. Willelmus vel sui assig. nobis et hered. nost. vel nost. assig.
decem sol. et sex den. bone et legalis monete ad fest. S. Barnabe

apost. pro om. serv. exact. et dem. sec. Salvo tamen servicio regali et serviis aliorum dominorum ad dict. tenement. *pertinentium* preter scutagium quando infra pred. term. acciderit Preterea pred. Willelmus unam domum super illum pred. ten. adeo largam sicut prius fuerat sumptibus suis propriis in loco prius stare consueto edificabit cum auxilio nostro quatuor solidorum dimittendo nobis et hered. nostr. vel nostr. assig. pred. tenement. cum om. pert. suis in fine termini pred. in consimili statu vel meliori quo illud de nobis receperit cum una domo ut predictum est honeste edificata. Et si contigat pred. Willelmum vel exec. suos sive assig. de pred. solutione in parte vel in toto deficere licitum sit nobis et hered. nost. vel nost. assig. in pred. tenementum sine contradictione alicuius intrare Et super hoc pred. Willelmus obligat se et exec. suos sive assig. suos distinctioni cuiuscumque Judicis vel Ballivi domini Regis qui pro tempore fuerit ut distringant ipsos per omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia ubicumque fuerint inventa Per quamcumque voluerint distinctionem quousque predictis Thome filio dicti Rondulphi et Thome Warde et eorum hered. vel eorum assig. de predictis decem sol. et sex den. annualis redditus de convencione, predicta et domo ut predictum est levanda plenarie fuerit satisfactum. Preterea pred. Willelmus vult et concedit pro se et exec. suis vel assig. qd. si aliquis distinctionem fecerit ut superius est expressum ut habeat de bonis suis duos sol. sterlingorum pro qualibet distinctione tanquam pro labore suo mercedem ad hanc convencionem firmiter et sine dolo tenendam In cuius rei test. huic pres. scr. indent. sigilla nostra alternatim sunt apposita. Hiis test. Joh. de Londehywyssh, Simone de la Roche, Ric. de Curlynch, Hen. ate Mille, Will. de Hywyssh, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Thornefagun die et anno supradictis.

William de Bratton was incumbent of Thorn Falcon in 1311.

No. 97. [74] **Henry of Northover to Hugh Mareys. Conveyance of a burgage by the river Parrett. 5 Jan. 1324.**

Scr. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus de Northovere dedi [&c.] Hugoni Mareys unum burgag. in villa de Bruggewater iacens int. tenement. Ricardi Loneger ex parte una et placeam que fuit

Radulphi de Kent ex parte alt. et extendit se in longitudine ex opposito tenementi Walteri Purchaz usque aquam de Perred. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. de Dunsterre, Thoma Boye tunc prepositis ville, Joh. Cronile, Nich. Canoune, tunc bedellis ville, David le Palmere, Joh. Saledyn, Rogero Persun et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Iovis prox. post fest. Circumcisionis Domini an. regni regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. septimodecimo.

Small seal: red wax: a squirrel.

No. 98. [977] Isabel, widow of Laurence Grey, to Geoffrey Busschel. Quitclaim of a tenement facing the market.

21 Oct. 1324.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Isabella que fui uxor Laurentii Grey de Briggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me in plena potestate viduetatis me[e] concess. [*&c.*] Galfrido Busschel tot. ius [*&c.*] in toto illo tenemento qd. pred. Laurentius quondam tenuit in villa pred. ex opposito mercati int. tenement. Ricardi le Gode et tenement. Symonis Hyne. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Ric. Wulde, Joh. Boye, David le Palmere, Walt. le Large, Rob. de Weyhe, Rog. de Trendel, Ric. Parys et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Luce an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Grey et Busshell. De tenemento ante mercatum int. tenementa Ric. Gode et Symonis Hyne.

Seal: round: green wax: Paschal Lamb: E C C E . A G N U S . D E I

No. 99. [395] Richard Maydus to his son John, the chaplain. Conveyance of a tenement by the Town Ditch, and of all his goods in Bridgwater.

29 Jan. 1325.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Maydous dedi [*&c.*] Johanni filio meo capellano tot. illud tenement. meum in villa de Bruggewater qd. situm est int. fossatum ville pred. ex parte una et tenement. Ricardi fili mei ex parte alt. Dedi eciam eidem Johanni omnia bona mea mobilia et immobilia ubicumque inventa fuerint in

Bruggewauter. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. ten. cum omn. pert. suis et eciam omnia bona supradicta pred. Johanni et her. suis vel suis assig. de capitalibus dom. lib. bene et pacifice in feodo et hereditate imp. Et ego [*&c. with addition of 'et omnia bona predicta' as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. de Dunsterre, Ric. de Dunsterre, Thoma Boye, Will. Tracy, Joh. Benet, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Martis prox. post fest. Conversionis S. Pauli an. regni reg. Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Ric. Maidous — de ten. ap. Westjet ex dono Rici. Maydous Johanni filio suo.

Seal: vesica shaped: green wax: a star:

S. PAVLE . FILI . ROBERT.

No. 100. [1166] John Bergeveny to John Benet, Edith, his wife, and David, their son. Conveyance of a burgage in Friarn St. 27 Mar. 1325.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Bergeveny dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Benet, Edithe uxori sue et David filio eorundem unum burgag. in villa de Bruggewauter qd. quidem burgag. iacet in vico qui vocatur la Frerenestrete inter tenement. prefati Johannis Benet ex par. una et tenement. Willelmi Everard ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. burg. cum om. pert. suis pref. Johanni Benet Edithe ux. sue et David fil. eorundem hered. et assig. eorum de cap. dominis ville pred. lib. integre et pacifice [in feo]do et hereditate inperp. per serv. inde deb. et de iure cons. Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] [Hiis test.] Maydous, Johanne de Dunsterre, Johanne Boye, Simone de la Forde Waltero le Palmere et aliis. [Dat. ap. Bruggew]auter die Merc. prox. post fest. Annunc. be. Marie an. reg. regis Ed. fil. reg. Ed. [decimo oc]tavo.

Seal: green wax: a star. *S' IOH' IS . BERGEVNI.

No. 101. [508] Richard Maydus to John of Dunster. Conveyance of an acre of arable land in Blackland in the parish of Wembdon. 18 Nov. 1325.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Maydus dedi [&c.] Johanni de Dunsterre unam acram terre arabilis in hundredo de Northpederton iacentem super Blakelond iuxta Bruggewauter in parochia de Wemedon quam habui de dono et feffamento Ricardi de Merewolde iuxta terram Rogeri Pocok in parte una et extendit se in longitudine versus australem et borealem. Hab. et ten. [&c. as in No. 26] Et ego [&c. as in No. 25] Pro hac autem don. conc. et pres. carte conf. habenda dedit mihi pred. Johannes sex marcas sterl. pre manibus. In cuius rei [&c. as in No. 8]. Hiis test. Rog. Broun, Joh. Boye, Ad. de Leyghe, David le Palmer, Thoma Boye, Walt. de Estone, Rob. le Large et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Lune prox. post fest. S. Martini an. regni reg. Edw. fil. regis Edw. dec. nono.

[Dorse] Omnia ista scripta pertinent ad acram terre que iacet in Blakelonde que acra iacet inter terram Walteri Parys et inter terram Willelmi Grobham. Ric. Maydous.

Seal: vesica shaped: green wax: star: S'. RICH. MAIDVS.

No. 102. [1164] Ralph Chonne to Thomas Boye. Conveyance of a quarter-burgage on the east side of the River Parrett. 8 Dec. 1325.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Radulphus Chonne dedi [&c.] Thome Boye quartam partem unius burgag. in Briggewater et iacet in parte orient. aque de Perred int. tenement. eiusdem Thome in parte aust. et tenement. Willelmi Cantulo in parte boreali Hab. et ten. [&c. as in No. 26] Et ego [&c. as in No. 25] In cuius [&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Ad. de Leghe, Joh. de Peterisfelde, Rad. Pope, Rog. Persun et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Nicholai an. reg. regis Edw. fil. Edw. decimonono.

Ralph Pope had been M.P. in 1314.

- No. 103. [822] Nicholas Coyhe to Thomas Godefrey and Agnes, his wife. Conveyance of rents and services from a half-burgage without the West Gate, and remainder of the same half-burgage. 5 April 1326.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Nicholaus Coyhe dedi [*&c.*] Thome Godefrey de Nywetone et Agneti uxori eius redditus et servicia que Johannes Knapelok michi facere solebat de uno dimid. burgag. in villā de Bruggewauter qd. de me tenuit ad term. vite et qd. iacet extra port. occid. eiusdem ville in vico quo itur versus Heygrave in parte orient. tenementi Hugonis Berecorn et in parte occid. tenementi Joh. Odani.¹ Preterea volo et concedo qd. pred. dim. burgag. qd. pred. Johannes Knapelok de me tenet ad term. vite sue et qd. post vitam eiusdem Joh. ad me et ad hered. meos reverti debeat remaneat eisdem Thome Godefrey et Agneti uxori eius. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] cum post mortem pred. Johannis Knapelok reversio inde acciderit pred. Thome et Agneti et hered. et assig. ipsius Thome de cap. dom. feodi illius per servicia [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Godwyne, Rog. Broun, Phil. Crese erl, Joh. Boye, Ad. de Leyghe, Joh. de Dunsterre, Rob. le Large et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Sabbati prox. post fest. S. Ambrosii an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. decimonono.

[*Dorse*] C[arta] Godfrey de Newton.

Seal: round: green wax: S. NICOLA I. COHI . . .

- No. 104. [269] Alice Mayselyn to Wm. Glide, chaplain. Conveyance of a half-burgage without the West Gate. 8 July 1326.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia Mayselyn dedi [*&c.*] Willelmo Glide capellano unum dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de Bruggewater qd. iacet sicut itur versus le West Wayour in parte occid. tenementi qd. fuit Ricardi le Hopere. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Ric. de Dunsterre, Walt. le Large, Rog. Persun,

¹ Possibly Odam.

Petro. fil. Stephani et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Martis in crastino translationis beati Thome Martiris an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. vicesimo.

Seal: white wax: indecipherable.

No. 105. [260] Joan, widow of Stephen Dodde to Wm. Glide, chaplain. Quitclaim of a half-burgage without the West Gate. 10 Nov. 1326.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Johanna que fui uxor Stephani Dodde sal. in Dom. Noveritis me in plena potestate viduetatis mee concessisse [*&c.*] Willelmo Glide capellano tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 29*] in uno dimid. burgag. extra port. occid. ville de Bruggewater qd. iacet sicut itur versus le Westwayhour in parte occid. tenementi qd. fuit Ricardi le Hopere. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Ric. de Dunsterre, Walt. Large, Rog. Persun, Petro fil. Stephani et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewater die lune prox. ante fest. S. Martini an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. vicesimo.

Seal: red wax: vesica shaped; a cross.

S' IOHANNEDODDE.

No. 106. [507] John Cappel to Gilbert Bat and Juliane (or Gillian) his wife. Quitclaim to two-thirds of a burgage in Bridgewater. 26 Dec. 1326.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Johannes Cappel filius Thome Cappel remisi [*&c.*] Gilberto Bat et Juliane uxori eius et eorum hered. ad imperp. tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*] in duabus partibus unius burgag. in Brugewater quas dict. Gilbertus aliquando emit de pred. Thome Cappel patre meo. Ita qd. [*&c. as in No. 41*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei test. huic pres. quiete clamationi sigil. meum apposui. Hiis test. Joh. Roscel, Joh. Boye, Ad. de Legh, Walt. de Gahurste, Walt. de Estone, Davit Palmer, Ad. atte Churcheye et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Veneris in festo S. Stephani martiris an. reg. regis Edw. fil. reg. Edw. vicesimo.

Seal: green wax: round: star: S' IOHISCABEL.

No. 107. [535] **How the Godwyne property was devised.**

HUGO GODWYNE habuit Hugonem Johannem & Ricardum. Hugo pater legavit tenementa in Briggewater Johanni Godwyne filio suo & Ricardo filio suo, silicet omnia tenementa in occidentali parte pontis Johanni filio suo & in orientali parte pontis Ricardo filio suo. Ricardus obiit & Johannes supervixit & Johannes legavit Hugoni filio suo omnia tenementa sua in villa predicta.

No. 108. [676] **Wm. Lorimer to John Boye and Alice, his wife. Conveyance of a half-burgage without West Gate.**
circa Mich. 13—.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus le Lorimer dedi conc. et hac. pres. carta mea conf. . . . Johanni Boye filio Willelmi Boye et Alicie ux. eius unum dim. burg. qd. sit. est . . . wauter ext. port. occ. in vico sicut itur versus Kurdusbury int. ten. . . . una et ten. Ricardi Maydus ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei test. huic pres. carte sig. meum A]d de Cimiterio Rogero Pokoc, Petro filio Stephani et Mich. an. regni regis Edw. tercii a [conq.]

No. 109. [475] **Clemence, widow of Roger Uphill, to Hugh le Mareys. Quitclaim of a tenement in Bridgewater.**
17 Sept. 1327.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Clementia que fuit uxor Rogeri Uppehulle de Briggewater sal. in Dom. Noverit universitas vestra me in libera viduitate mea remisisse [*&c.*] Hugoni le Mareys de Briggewater et hered. suis seu suis assig. imperp. tot. ius et clam. qd. habui vel habere potui seu quocumque modo ratione dotis per mortem pred. Rogeri quondam mariti mei habere potero in uno tenemento qd. situm est inter tenement. Ricardi Loneger ex parte una et tenement. Thome atte Slo ex parte alt. in villa de Briggewater Ita qd. ego nec aliquis nomine meo aliquid iuris vel clamii in pred. tenemento ratione dotis pred. unquam exigere

potero nec poterit in fut. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Rogero Brun, Ad. de Legh, Joh. Boye, David le Palmere, Tho. Boye et aliis. Dat. apud Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Exaltationis S. Crucis an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu primo.

Seal: yellow wax: indecipherable.

Thos. Boye and Roger Persun, M.P.s in this year.

No. 110. [827] **Wm. Wrench to John Toky. Conveyance of a messuage and land in Godyenlonde, Wayforlang and Broadmead.**
24 Aug. 1328.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Wrench filius Roberti Wrench de Bruggewater dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Toky unum mesuagium cum duobus curtilagiis et totam terram meam et totum pratum meum in Godyenlonde, Wayforlang et Brademedede adeo integre sicut Agnes de Godyenlonde, Laurencius le Bret et Wymarka uxor eiusdem Laurencii quondam tenuerunt in parochia de Wemedon. Hab. et ten. omnia predicta mesuagium curtilagia terram et pratum cum comuna pasture [*sic*] et om. aliis pert. suis pred. Johanni et hered. suis [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et. ego [*&c. as in No. 25 mutatis mutandis*]. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Will. de Coker, Matheo Michel, Walt. de Gahurste, Walt. atte Walle, Rog. Persun et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Mercurii in fest. S. Bartholomei an. regni reg. Edw. tercii a conquestu secundo.

[*Dorse*] Wembdon.

Seal: green wax: shield shaped: bird: L E L . S [Be loyal].

No. 111. [1161] **Wm. Mayselyn to John Toky and Alice, daughter of the same William. Conveyance in frank-marriage of a quarter-acre of reed in Wembdon.**

9 Feb. 1329.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Mayselyn dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Toky cum Alicia filia mea in liberum maritagium quartam partem unius acre arundinis iacentem ap. Wemedon int. prat. de Chilton ex parte bor. et arundinem meam ex parte aust. Hab. et ten.

pred. quartam partem unius acre arundinis cum om. pert. suis pred. Johanni et Alicie filie mee et heredibus de carne dicte Alicie legitime procreatis de capitali dom. illius feodi [&c.] per serv. inde deb. et de iure cons. lib. quiete bene et in pace iure hered. imperp. Et ego pred. Willelmus et her. mei pred. quartam par. unius acre arundinis cum pert. suis pred. Johanni et Alicie filie mee et her. de carne dicte Alicie legitime procreatis contra om. hom. warant. et defend. imperp. Et si contingat pred. Aliciam heredem non habere de carne sua legitime procreato [*sic*] qd. tunc post decessum pred. Johannis et Alicie filie mee pred. quarta pars unius acre arundinis cum om. pert. suis mihi et her. meis plenarie revertatur. In cuius [&c. *as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Will. de Cokur, Rog. Grey, Rob. Attemore, Rog. Attetrouwe, Joh. de Cimiterio et aliis. Dat. ap. Wemedone die Jovis prox. ante fest. S. Scolastice virginis an. regni regis Edw. tercii a conquestu tercio.

Seal: small round: red wax: Paschal Lamb: E C C E . A G N V S.

No. 112. [469] Wm. Godewyne to Rob. Plympton. Quit-claim of lands &c. which Robert had received from Hugh Godewyne. 27 June 1329.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. ego Willelmus Godewyne remisi [&c.] Roberto Plumpton hered. et assig. suis tot. ius [&c. *as in No. 41*] in omn. illis terris et tenementis redditibus revercionibus et serviciis columbar' cum omn. suis pert. que idem Robertus quondam habuit ex dono et concessione Hugonis Godewyne in Bruggewauter Ita qd. [&c. *as in No. 41*] Et ego vero [&c. *as in No. 25*] In cuius [&c. *as in No. 8*] Dat. apud Brigg' die Martis prox. post fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. tercio.

No. 113. [923] Marriage settlement of Ralph Berd of Huish-by-Highbridge and Joan Lovel. 9 Dec. 1329.

LE samedy procheyn apres la feste Seynt Nicolas lan de regne le rey Edward terz apres la conquete terz A covynt par Meore Johan Lovel de Gales de Glamorgan de une part e Wilham Berd

de Hywysch del comite de Somersete de autere part issi ke Rauf le fiz le Wilham Berd esposera Johane la fille Johan Lovel E le dit Wilham Berd a tele mariage ad graunte e relese a les avaunt diz Rauf soen fiz e a Johane la fille le dit Johan Louel touz les tenemenz terres e touz autre tenures les queux Nicole Byrd pere le dit Wilham morust vestu e seysy com en soen fe solum le usage de maner e solum le usage de dite maner ly avaunt Johan Lovel fra a sey e durra e de maner coe qe resun vedera pour les avaunt diz tenemenz terres oue les apurtenaunces E le dist Johan Louel tendera en sa meyn de meyne les avaunt diz tenemenz terres oue les apurtenaunces a terme de catre annz e trouera les sostenaunces de les avaunt diz Rauf e Johane par tote la terme des diz catre annz e apres les catre annz le dist Johan Lovel rescuera les avaunt diz tenemenz terres oue les apurtenaunces en terrement a les avaunt diz Rauf e Johane ben estore de tote maner estre solum coe ke les terres velunt ben sostenir e de tele mariage aver le dist Johan ad graunte de doner a les avaunt diz Rauf e Johane trez mes vynt e set acres de terre de denz les boundes de Kenefeg en Glammorgan a terme de la vie la dite Johane e le dist Wilham Berd ad graunte ke james ne defericera Rauf soen fiz ne Johane Lovel de nule manere chose ke il tent E de cest covenant serment tenir le dit Johan Lovel ad graunte de sey en fermer en la meyllure manere com la dist Wilham e soen con . . . facent ordener e le dist Wilham fra a dist Johan en meme la manere En tesmoniaunes de cest awins mis nos sels.

Seal: very small, round: red wax: shield of arms.

Kenfig in Glamorgan was almost buried in sand by an inundation in the middle of the 16th century. It lies 7 miles W. by N. of Bridgend.

No. 114. [518] John Cabbul to Richard of Dunster. Quit-claim of a tenement in the street between the parish church and the Friary. 25 May 1330.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Johannes Cabbul filius et heres Thome Cabbul sal. in Dom. Noveritis me concessisse [*&c.*] Ricardo de Dunsterre tot. ius meum [*&c. as in No. 41*] in uno tenemento cum pert. in villa de Bruggewater qd. iacet in vico sicut itur de

ecclesia parochiali versus Fratres Minores eiusdem ville in parte aust. tenementi Gilberti le Bat et in parte boriali tenementi quondam Ricardi Farines Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] Ita qd. Ego Johannes nec hered. mei ullam actionem versus pred. Ricardum vel hered. sui habere poterimus sed imperp. herimus exclusi. In cuius rei testim. pres. litteris sigil. meum apposui. Hiis test. Ad. de Legh, Rog. Persoun, Joh. de Cary, Joh. Boye, Thoma Hermyte et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewater die Veneris prox. ante fest. S. Augustini an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii a conq. quarto.

Seal: green wax: round.

No. 115. [495] **John Gocelyn of Buckland to Edith and Joan, his daughters. Grant of land to be held at a rose rent.**

12 March 1331.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Johannes Gocelyn de Boclonde sal. in Dom. semp. Noveritis me dedisse [*&c.*] Edithe et Johanne filiabus meis pro laudabili servicio eorum tot. illam vacuum placeam que iacet iuxta regiam stratam int. tenement. Matillidis sororis mee ex parte occid. et clausum meum ex parte orient. et continet in longitudine triginta et unum pedes ad edificandum quam cito poterunt et ad dividendum per bonos et legales homines quodcumque voluerint Dedi eciam et concessi pred. Edithe et Johanne duas acras terre arabilis in campis de Boclonde quarum una acra iacet in campo occid. eiusdem ville unde tertia pars illius acre iacet in Langelonde int. terr. Johannis Smert et terr. Matillidis Northovere et due partes illius acre iacent upe hulle int. terr. Johannis le Vrie et terr. Walteri le Doc, Et alia acra iacet in campo orient. eiusdem ville unde tertia pars illius acre iacet atte hulle ende et tendit ad viam et due partes illius acre iacent atte grupe. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. placeam vel domum cum curtillagio adiacente et pred. duas acres terre pred. Edithe et Johanne et eorum heredibus de corpore eorum legitime procreatis de me et hered. et hered. vel assig. meis libere [*&c.*] Redd. inde annuatim michi et hered. seu assig. meis pred. Editha et Johanna et eorum hered. de corp. eorum legit. procreati in festo Nat. beati Joh. bapt. unam rosam

pro omni [*&c.*] excepto qd. si scutagium vadit utraque eorum et hered. eorum michi et hered. meis unum denarium argenti. Et si pred. Editha absque herede de corp. suo legit. proc. priusquam pred. Johanna decesserit tota eius pars placee vel domorum cum curtillagio et pred. duarum acrarum terre ad pred. Johan. et hered. suis plenarie revertetur. Et si pred. Johanna [*similarly*] Et si pred. Editha et Johanna absque herede [*&c.*] quod absit, tot. pred. placea vel domus cum curt. et pred. terra cum omn. suis pert. michi et hered. meis sine aliqua contradictione vel dolo plenarie redibit Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] Et ut hec [*&c. as in No. 3*] huic pres. scripto sigil. meum est appensum. Hiis test. Walt. Beril, Joh. de Puditon, Joh. Caws, Ric. de Waye, Joh. Vrenayn et multis aliis. Dat. apud Boclonde die S. Gregorii pape an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii anno quinto.

No. 116. [678] **Joan, widow of Walter le Kyng, to Wm. Forthred and Christine, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement in High St. 19 June 1331.**

NOVERINT universi Chr. fideles qd. ego Johanna que fui uxor Walteri le Kyng de Bruggewater tradidi et conc. Willelmo Forthred et Cristine uxori sue unum tenement. in Bruggewater qd. situm est in alto vico eiusdem ville int. tenement. domini Will. le Zousche in parte una et tenement. Ade de Leghe in parte alt. qd. quidem tenement. pred. Walterus quondam maritus meus in testamento suo michi legavit. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] toto tempore vite mee de cap. dominis [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, Will. Cantulo, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Cary, Rog. Persun et al. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Merc. prox. ante fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quinto.

Seal: black wax: foliage with beast beneath.

No. 117. [825] **John Wrech, executor of the will of Walter le Kyng, to Wm. Forthred and Christine, his wife. Quitclaim of a tenement in High St. 17 July 1332.**

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Johannes Wrech executor testamenti Walteri le Kyng de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me

concessisse [*&c.*] Willelmo Forthred et Cristine uxori sue et hered. vel assig. suis imperp. tot. ius meum [*&c. as in No. 41*] in uno tenemento qd. fuit pred. Walteri le Kyng in alto vico eiusdem ville int. ten. domini Will. la Zousche in parte una et ten. Ade de Leghe et eiusdem Willelmi ex parte alt. Ita qd. [*&c. as in No. 41*] Pro hac autem [*&c.*] dederunt michi pred. Willelmus Forthred et Cristina uxor sua quamdam summam peccynie premanibus. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, Dav. Palmere, Joh. Cronile, Alex. le Espicer, Will. de Cliftone, Rog. Persun et aliis. Dat. apud Bruggewater die Ven. prox. ante fest. S. Margarete an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. sexto.

Seal: round: red wax: a ship: P R I V E. S V (Private seal).

John Cronile, M.P. in this year, and again in 1334.

No. 118. [1154] Wm. Wyring to Adam Ermite of Chedzoy.
Conveyance of a half-burgage without the West Gate.

1 Feb. 1333.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Wyring dedi [*&c.*] Ade Ermite de Chedesye unum dim. burgag. in Bruggewauter qd. iacet extra port. occ. eiusdem ville in vico quo itur versus Heygrove int. ten. Thome Mey in parte una et ten. Ade Attechurcheye in parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Godwyne, Rog. Broun, Joh. Boye, David le Palmar, Rob. le Large et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugge-wauter die Lune in vigilia Purificacionis S. Marie an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. sexto finiente.

[*Dorse*] Extra portam occidentalem. Jon Kynn' [Skynner?]

Seal: fragment: green wax: flower: S V

No. 119. [510] Mathew Kelyng to John Somer and Thomas of Boleworthy. Conveyance of a tenement in Friarn St.

19 Mar. 1333.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Matheus Kelyng filius Stephani Kelyng dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Somir et Thome de Boleworthi tot. illud ten. qd. michi accedebat ex legato Galfridi Kelyng in vico Fratrum

Minorum de Brugewater int. ten. Johannis Somir in parte orientali et ten. Ade Broun in parte occ. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] sine aliqua calumpnia mei vel meorum et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David le Palmer, Thoma Boye, Roberto de Weye, Joh. Cloteworthi, Simone de Willescombe et aliis Dat. ap. Brugewater die Veneris prox. post fest. S. Gregorii pape an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. septimo.

[*Dorse*] Fact' Kelyng et Somer.

No. 120. [1159] **Walter Wachet, dyer, to Hugh the Neldare, mercer. Conveyance of the moiety of a half-burgage without the West Gate.** 26 May 1335.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walterus Wachet tinctor dedi [*&c.*] Hugoni le Neldare, mercer medietatem unius dim. burgag. in Bruggewauter que quidem medietas iacet extra port. occ. eiusdem ville in vico quo itur usque Heygrove int. ten. Andree le Neldare in parte una et ten. Willelmi de Bromfeld in parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. God[wyn]e Joh. [B]oye David le Palmare Thoma Boye Rob. le Large et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewauter die Veneris in festo S. A[ugu]stini an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. nono.

[*Dorse*] de iiiii^{to} parte burgagii extra port. oc. sicut itur usque Heygrave. [reverse] Johannes Skynner.

Seal: small: round: green wax: clasped hands: P R I V E

No. 121. [791] **Richard of Coker to Hugh Mayselyn. Conveyance of a rent with reversion of the tenement without the West Gate.** 6 July 1335.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus de Coker assensu et voluntate Willelmi Mayselyn dedi [*&c.*] Hugoni Mayselyn sex sol. annui redditus provenientes de uno ten. qd. Willelmus atte Churchehye et Agnes uxor eius de me tenent in Bruggewater ad totam vitam pred. Agnetis qd. quidem ten. situm est ext. port. occid. ville pred. in vico vocato la Weststret int. ten. Johannis Toky et Alicie uxoris sue ex parte una et ten. Gilberti Hering ex alt. Concessi

eciam pred. Hugoni et hered. suis reversionem pred. tenementi cum acciderit post mort. pred. Agnetis. Hab. et tenendas pred. sex solidatas annui redditus durante vita pred. Agnetis et pred. ten. cum acciderit post mortem eiusdem Agnetis pred. Hugoni heredibus et assig. suis libere bene et in pace de cap. dominis feodi illius per servicia inde deb. et de iure consueta inperp. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Walt. de Gothurste, Will. de Coker, Math. Michel, David le Palmer, Adam atte Churcheye, Nich. de Durlegh Rog. Pokok, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Iovis prox. ante fest. Translationis S. Thome an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. nono.

Richard of Coker, M.P. this year.

No. 122. [87] Will of William Bythesee. 25 Jan. 1336.

IN Dei nomine Amen. Ego Willelmus Bythesee condo testamentum meum in hunc modum die S. Pauli apos. A.D. millesimo CCC^{mo} trisesimo sexto. In primis lego animam meam Deo et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio beate Marie de Canyton. Item lego Johanne filie mee centum solidos. Item lego die sepulture mee xxs. et maius si neccesse sit. Item lego Ricardo filio meo quadraginta sol. Item lego Roberto filio meo quadraginta sol. Item lego Johanni filio meo de Sotton xxs. Item lego Matillidi Maupoudre unam vaccam nigram. Item lego Deonisia filie Johannis unam juvenecam. Item duobus filiis eiusdem quatuor sol. Item lego Willelmo Niwcomen iis. Item lego omnibus filiis meis cuilibet per se *iiid.* Item lego Johanni filio meo unum chisum de vas . . . et i coffram de ferro ligatam. Item lego domino Johanni Capellano iis. *vid.* Item Johanni Stenyng muner i *xiid.* Item pro cera *iiiis.s. viiid.* Item fabricie ecclesie [*de Canyto*]*n viid.* Item ecclesie de Combwych *vid.* Item ecclesie S. Jacobi *xiid.* Item Johanne filie mee i firmaculum de auro et i loculum et Deonisie filie mee alium loculum si habere querit. Item Ricardo filio meo unam robam cum cloaca . . coffr'. Item lego Item lego pro animabus omnibus uxor' meis Johannis Deulich et Roberti atte Bacouse dimidiam marcam domino Johanni Capellano non legatorum post debita mea totaliter soluta [*space, erasure by penknife*] Ricardo filio meo Roberto filio meo

decimis meis oblitis quinque busellos frumenti [?] et quarterium [?] fabarum Et ad maiorem huius rei Bythesee et Ricardum Bithese.

[Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis officiali]. Archidiaconi Tanton commissarii generalis ii Nonis Aprilis anno superius in testamento nominatis in forma iuris.

[Dorse] Approbatum est presens testamentum coram nobis Officiali nostre decanis prebenda de Langesmerton ii Kalendis Augusti anno infrascripto et commissa est administratio bonorum defuncti executoribus infranominatis in forma iuris.

[In another script.] Et per nos W.B. dimissi sunt executores infrascripti quo ad officium domini nostri pape xiii^o Kalendis Aprilis anno domini M^oCCC^{mo} x^{lmo} vi^{to}.

No. 123. [88] Inventory of the goods of William Bythesee, deceased. 18 March 1336.

INVENTARIUM omnium bonorum Willelmi Bythesee defuncti editum die lune proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii pape anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}CCC^{mo} [for XXX^{mo}] sexto videlicet xv acras et dimidiam bladi precii acre iiis. vid. Item xix acras fabarum et pisarum precii acre iis. Item x acras et dimidium quaterii precii acre xviii^d. Item vi quarteria frumenti precii buselli vid. Item xv busella fabarum precii buselli iiid. Item ii jumenta et i pullum precii xxs. vi boves precii sex marc'. Item iii boviculi precii i marc'. Item iii vaccas precii xxxs. Item i juvencam precii dimidie marce et duo bovetti precii vis. Item iii porcos precii xs. Item xxi berbices precii iii marc' iis. Item ii plumba cum ii tripodis precii viiis. i ollum eneam precii xs. iii olle enee precii vs. iii patelle precii xld. ii pelves cum ii lavatoribus precii iiis. i cuva precii iis. v vates precii iis. vid. i seltifat precii xiid. v barell precii xxd. ii coste precii xviii^d. Item iii coul. precii xviii^d. iii coffri precii xxxs. i cista precii xiid. i aundire et i tripod precii iis. ii mortaria precii vid. i plaustrum et carecta precii iiis. Item iii aratra cum toto apparatu precii vis. iii hercie precii iis. vid. i querne precii iiis. iii tabule precii iis. ii cathedra precii iid. ii formile precii vid. i stol precii iiid. i mappa precii iis. ii mappe

precii vid. iiii manutergia precii xviii*d.* i ciphum precii xxs. xiiii coclearia precii xs. iiii tapeta precii vis. i lintiamen precii *x*d.** i quilte precii iis. iiii housene precii iiii*s.* i loculum de serico precii iiii*s.* iiii buselli orde*i* precii *xii*d.** i bounker precii *vid.* i lanterne precii *ii*d.** ii axis et hachet precii *xii*d.** pikis et sa*g*is et ii boriers et alia neces- saria *xx*d.** fenum et foragium dimidie marke. i dimidium pullum *xii*d.** iii libras lane *vid.* ii auce precii iis. gallum et gallinas precii *xii*d.** gladium et cultinum et hechel precii *xii*d.** x libras calcis precii *x*d.** lim *iiii*d.** ii sacce precii *vid.* i bokettum et pillum *iiii*d.** i schest' precii *vid.* et ii scher' *ii*d.** i cella et bridel *xx*d.** i fladet i sire et hok' precii *xii*d.** omnia vesture i marce i crok *id.* stramen apud Sotton *xviii*d.** vs. de Johanne Bossard et Johanne in the Feld. vasa utensilia *iiii*d.** scalam precii *vid.* ferr' *xii*d.** i teme et seues amictam de pell bu*z.* di. et toluet' et precii *xii*d.** querne *iiii*d.** i sorsengle *id.* flesch disch *id.* ii ropis *vid.* ii rongis *vid.* i boke- tum *ii*d.** In lettes plumb . . . iis. in fimo iis. In uno spolio *iiii*d.**

S [?] Bromf' subscripsit.

[*Translation.*]

Inventory of all goods of Wm. Bythesee, deceased, issued on Monday next after the feast of S. Gregory, pope, A.D. 1306, namely : 15½ acres of corn, value per acre, 3*s.* 6*d.* Item, 19 acres of beans and peas, value per acre, 2*s.* Item, 10 acres and half a quarter, value per acre, 1*s.* 6*d.* Item, 6 quarters of grain, value per bushel, 6*d.* Item, 15 bushels of beans, value per bushel, 3*d.* Item, 2 mares and one colt, value 20*s.* 6 oxen, value 80*s.* Item, 3 young oxen, value 13*s.* 4*d.* Item, 3 cows, value 30*s.* Item, 1 heifer, value 6*s.* 8*d.*, and two steers, value 6*s.* Item, 3 pigs, value 10*s.* Item, 21 wethers, 42*s.* Item, 2 leaden vessels with 2 tripods, value 8*s.* 1 brass pot, value 10*s.* 3 brass pots, value 5*s.* 3 pans, value 40*d.* 2 basins with 2 ewers, value 3*s.* 1 tub, value 2*s.* 5 vats, value 2*s.* 6*d.* 1 salting vat [?], value 12*d.* 5 barrels, value 1*s.* 8*d.* 2 baskets [costrelli ? = bottles] 1*s.* 6*d.* Item, 3 cowls [or tubs], value 1*s.* 6*d.* 3 coffers, value 30*s.* 1 chest, value 12*d.* 1 andiron and 1 tripod, value 2*s.* 2 mortars, value 6*d.* 1 waggon and cart, value 4*s.* Item, 4 ploughs with whole equipment, value

6s. 3 harrows, value 2s. 6*d.* 1 quern, value 3s. 4 tables, value 2s. 2 seats, value 2*d.* 2 forms, value 6*d.* 1 stool, value 4*d.* 1 tablecloth, value 3s. 2 napkins [or cloths] 6*d.* 4 hand towels, value 18*d.* 1 cup, value 20s. 14 spoons, value 10s. 4 coverings, value 6s. 1 sheet, value 10*d.* 1 quilt, value 2s. 3 housene [saddle covering ?] 3s. 1 silk purse, value 4s. 4 bushels of barley, value 12*d.* 1 bunker, value 6*d.* 1 lantern, value 3*d.* 2 axes and hatchet, value 12*d.* pikes and saws and 2 augers and other necessities, 1s. 8*d.* hay and forage, 6s. 8*d.* a — colt [?], 12*d.* 3 *lb.* of wool, 6*d.* 2 geese, 2s. cock and hens, value 12*d.* sword and knife and hatchel, 12*d.* 10 *lb.* of chalk, value 10*d.* lime, 4*d.* 2 sacks, value 6*d.* 1 bucket and shovel [?] 4*d.* 1 chest, value 6*d.*, and 2 shears, 2*d.* 1 saddle and bridle, 20*d.* 1 fladet [?] 1 sire [?] and hook, value 12*d.* all sorts of clothing, 13s. 4*d.* 1 pot, 1*d.* straw at Sutton, 18*d.* 5s. from John Bossard and John in the Field. pots utensils, 4*d.* ladder, value 6*d.* iron, 12*d.* 1 riddle and sieves, cloak of budge [?] value 12*d.* quern, 4*d.* 1 surcingle, 1*d.* flesh dish, 1*d.* 2 ropes, 6*d.* 2 rungs [staves] 6*d.* 1 bucket, 2*d.* In 2s. in manure, 2s. In 1 spool [?] 3*d.*

S. [?] Bromf' signed.

'Fladet' may be for 'flacket,' a flask, Mr. C. W. Onions suggests.

'Hatchel' is an instrument for cleansing hemp or flax.

No. 124. [894] Alice, widow of John Evesoneboye to Thomas Boye. Quitclaim of a half-burgage without West Gate.

27 Aug. 1337.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Alicia que fui uxor Johannis Evesoneboye remisi [&c.] Thome Boye et hered. suis vel suis assig. tot. ius [&c. as in No. 41] in uno dimid. burgag. qd. sit. est in Briggewater ext. port. occid. in vico sicut itur versus Kerdusbury int. tenement. Johannis Jacob ex parte una et tenement. qd. quondam fuit Ricardi Maydous ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. pred. dimid. burgag. cum pert. pred. Thome et hered. suis vel suis assig. imperp. Ita qd. [&c. as in No. 41]. In cuius [&c.]. Hiis test. Joh. Boye, David le Palmere, Walt. de Eston, Will. Cauntelo, Will. Forthred et aliis. Dat. apud Briggewater die Merc. prox.

post fest. S. Bartholomei Apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. undecimo.

[*Dorse*] uxor Johannis Boye.

Seal: small: red: quatrefoil.

Walt. of Eston, M.P. in Sept. of this year, and in 1334.

No. 125. [98] **Henry le Leve to Adam and Sabina Eboth.**
Grant of a tenement in Orlove St. 24 Aug. 1338.

Scr. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus le Leve dedi [*&c.*] Ade Eboth et Sabine uxori sue unum tenement. in Brugewater sit. in vico voc. Ordlovestrete int. tenement. Willelmi Hughet ex parte orient. et tenement. qd. quondam fuit Roberti le Spicer ex parte occid. hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David le Palmere [Walt. de E]stone, Will. de Stoke, Thoma le Large et aliis Data ap. Brugewater die Lune in festo S. B[artholomei Apos. an. reg. regis Edwa]rdis [te]rc[ie] post] conq. duodecimo.

Seal: round: green wax: star: S. HENRICI LEVE.

No. 126. [773] **Will of Gilbert the Bat. 10 May 1339.**

IN Dei nomine amen. Ego Gilbertus le Bat condo testamentum meum die Lune proxima post festum invencionis Sancte Crucis anno Dom. millesimo CCC^{mo} trisemino [*sic*] nono in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo et beate Marie corpusque meum ad cepeliendum in cimiterio beate Marie de Brugewater. Item lego domino Johanni Parys vicario de Brugewater pro decimis meis oblitis *iiid.* Item lego Juliane Iue uxori mee duas partes unius burgagii in Brugewater int. ten. Ricardi Donstere ex parte una et ten. Johannis Boye ex parte altera hab. et ten. dictas duas partes burg. pred. cum suis pert. dicte Juliane her. et assig. suis de cap. dominis feoudi illius pro serv. inde deb. et de iure consuetis lib. quiete bene et in pace iure hered. imperp. Item lego Waltero Bat filio meo unum dimid. burgagium extra port. bor. ville de Brugewater iacent' int. burg. Edwardi Babbe ex parte una et burg. Willelmi de Clifton ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as above, mutatis*

mutandis]. Item lego Juliane uxori mee omnia bona mea hic non nominata nec specificata post debita soluta et cepulturam meam factam et unum tritennale cantatum pro anima mea. Et ad istud testamentum fideliter exequendum ordino facio executores meos Julianam uxorem meam et Johannem de Stauwille capellanum. In cuius rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat. ap. Brugewater die et anno supradictis.

Probatum est hoc testamentum in ecclesia in ecclesia [*sic*] Idibus Januar. anno Dei supradicto coram nobis vicario predictae ecclesie Commissario Speciali ad hoc deputato visitatione domini nostri Episcopi in Archidiaconatu Tanton durante. Et commissa est administratio bonorum dicti defuncti Juliane relicte dicti defuncti in forma debita et consueta.

[*Dorse*] Hoc est testamentum Gilberti Bat conditum die lune [*&c. as above*].

No. 127.⁴ [991] Edward of Ascington and William South to Godfrey Haym of Gyllyngham. Conveyance of lands in Stour Wake. 7 Nov. 1339.

Scr. pres. et fut. qd. nos Edwardus Ascington et Willelmus filius Rogeri South de Chilton consanguinei et heredis Johannis de Chilton dedimus [*&c.*] Godefrido Haym de Gyllyngham omnes terras et tenementa nostra que habuimus iure hereditario in Stoure Wake per mortem predicti Johannis de Chilton avunculi nostri que quondam fuerint Roberti Haukyn et Johannis Haukyn. Dedimus eiam et concessimus eidem Godefrido reversionem omnium terrarum et tenementorum que Katerina que fuit uxor predicti Johannis de Chilton tenet nomine dotis in eadem villa. Hab. et ten. omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum suis pertinentiis cum communia pasture seu pasturam pascuam ad dictam terram quovismodo spectantem una cum reversione terrarum et tenementorum que predicta Katerina tenet nomine dotis cum suis pertinentiis cum acciderint post mortem dicte Katerine predicto Godefrido et heredibus suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius libere quiete iure hereditario bene et in pace inperpetuum. Redd. et fac. capitalibus

dom. feodi ill. redd. et servicia inde de iure deb. et cons. Et nos pred. Edwardus et Willelmus et hered. nostri om. pred. terras et tenementa pasturam et communam pasture una cum reversione terrarum et ten. post mortem pred. Katerine accidente[m] cum suis pert. quibuscumque pred. Godfrido et hered. suis contra om. mort. war. et inperp. def. In cuius rei test. huic. pres. carte nostre sigil. nostra apposuimus. Datum apud Stoure Wake die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu tercio decimo. Hiis testibus Roberto de Maundevill Johanne de Sanndhull juniore Ricardo de la Bere Roberto ate Maure Jacobo de Wilton Johanne de Wilton Johanne Daniel et aliis.

Two seals : red wax : (1) oval : St. Margaret and dragon with votary.
(2) Shield of arms, eagle displayed.

Title deed to the Corporation's property in Dorset.

No. 128. [1155] John Bokelonde to John Bere, sen., and Joan, his wife. Quitclaim of two shops by West Gate.

14 Nov. 1339.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Johannes Bokelonde filius et heres Ricardi Bokelonde remisi [&c.] Johanni Bere seniori et Johanne uxori sue et hered. ipsius Johannis tot. ius meum [&c. as in No. 41] in duabus schoppis cum pert. suis in Briggewater que sita sunt iuxta port. occid. in parte boriali alti vici dicte ville int. tenement. Johannis Busschel junioris in parte occid. et tenement. Thome Ermyte in parte orient. Ita qd. [&c. as in No. 41] In cuius [&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Edw. Babbe, Joh. Cronyle, Will. Sywarde, Hugone Onlegh, Walt. Bowyere, Nich. Canoun, Rog. Ogg clerico et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Martini an. reg. reg. Edw. tercii a conq. tercio decimo.

[Dorse] Brygewater [In later hand:] North parte of the highe strete.

Seal : round : red wax.

Wm. Syward, M.P. in Sept., 1336.

- No. 129. [696] **Hugh Farinus to John Saladyn, junior.**
Concession of a cellar and solar near South Gate, the rents and services of a tenement on the south side of these, and a 'place' called Rekkehei without the South Gate.

29 March 1341.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Hugo Farinus consanguineus et heres Walteri Farinus concessi et hac pres. carta conf. Johanni Saladyn juniore unum celarium cum solario supraedificato cum pert. in Bruggewater iacent' ex opposito tenementi qd. fuit Johannis Russel in occid. parte vici qui ducit versus port. aust. Concessi etiam eidem Johanni redditus et servicia que Radulphus le Deghere et Mabilia uxor eius michi facere solebant pro uno tenemento cum pert. in Bruggewater qd. de me tenent ad term. vite eorum qd. situm est ex parte aust. dict. celarii et solarii et pro una placea vocata Rekkehei extra port. pred. quam de me tenent ad term. vite eorum una cum reversione cum acciderit Et que tenementum et placea ad me et hered. meos post mo[rtem dict.] Radulphi et Mabilie reverti deber[ent] remaneant pred. Johanni et hered. suis ac suis assig. imperp. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] cum per mortem Radulphi et Mabilie acciderint [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Thoma Fichet, Ric. de Coker, Thoma Boye, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Bokelaunde et aliis. Dat ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Annunc. beate Marie an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quintodecimo.

Fragment of green wax.

John Saladyn and Robt. Wake, M.P.s in the previous year.

- No. 130. [783] **John Bertilot to John Mareys, senior.** **Conveyance of a stall in High St.**

13 March 1342.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Bertilot dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Mareys seniori unum stallum cum pert. suis in Briggewater qd. situm est in alto vico eiusdem ville ex opposito domus abbatis et conventus de Muchilneghe et domus Johannis Persoun in longitudine inter stallum dicti Joh. Bertilot et stallum Alexandri le

Spicer. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Thoma Boye, Joh. Cronile, Ric. Boye, Gilb. Large, Walt. atte Walle et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Gregorii Pape an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. sextodecimo.

Seal: green wax.

No. 131. [845] John Saladyn, junior, to Joan, his daughter,
and John Loof. Conveyance of cellar, &c., as in No. 129.
25 April 1342.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Saladyn junior concessi [*&c.*] Johanne filie et heredi mee et Johanni Loof unum celarium [*&c. as in No. 129*] Concessi eciam eisdem Johanne et Johanni redditus et servicia que Radulphus le Deyer et Mabilia uxor eius [*&c. as in No. 129*] et pro una placea voc. Rekkehay [*&c. as in No. 129*] Et que tenementum et placea post mort. pred. Radulphi et Mabilie uxoris sue remaneat pred. Johanne filie et heredi mee et Johanni Loof et hered. suis de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis. Et si pred. Johanna et Johannes obierint sine herede concessi qd. omnia pred. celarium cum solario placea vocata Rekhey cum redd. et serviciis revertentur ad proximum rectum heredem imperp. hab. et ten. omnia pred. celarium cum solario redditus et servicia cum reversione tenementi et placee cum per mort. dict. Randulphi et Mabilie uxoris sue acciderit cum omnibus eorum pert. pred. Johanne et Johanni et hered. suis de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis Et si obierint sine herede qd. ad prox. rectum heredem meum remaneat de cap. dom. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Will. Cryche, Hug. Mareys, Will. Blacche, Joh. Aleyn, Joh. Sopham et mult. aliis. Data ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Georgii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. sextodecimo.

[*Dorse*] Scriptum Johannis Loof factum per Johannem Saladyn.

This group of witnesses belongs to a later decade, and there has been some scribal error in the date.

- No. 132. [1119] Henry Leff to Wm. of Andredesy, his wife Christine, and their children. Conveyance of a tenement within West Gate. 18 Sept. 1342.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus Leff dedi [*&c.*] Willelmo de Andredesy et Christine uxori sue ac liberis eorum de carne eorum procreatis tot. illud tenement. meum in Brugwalter qd. situm est infra port. occid. eiusdem ville int. tenement. Ricardi le Diere ex parte una et tenement. qd. quondam fuit Ricardi Merewold ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et si contingat pred. Willelmum mori sine herede de carne sua et de dicta Christina procreato volo qd. post mort. pred. Christine ad heredes seu assignatos dicti Willelmi pred. ten. cum suis pert. libere remaneat. Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, David Palmere, Walt. de Estone, Walt. Mayn et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewalteri die Merc. prox. post fest. Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. sextodecimo.

[*Dorse*] Carta tenementi quondam Henrici Leff cuius redditus ad fest. S. Mich. vs.

Seal: fragment: green wax.

- No. 133. [650] Richard le Ferroure to Joan, relict of John Godwyne, and Hugh, their son. Conveyance of a tenement near the Cornchepyng. 24 Mar. 1343.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus le Ferroure de Briggewater dedi [*&c.*] Johanne Godwyne relicte Johannis Godwyne eiusdem ville et Hugoni filio eorundem hered. et assign. eorum unum tenement. in villa de Briggewater situm int. tenement. Johannis Pop-pam ex parte aust. et altum vicum sic itur ad la Cokenerewe ex parte boreiali et iuxta la Cornchepyng in parte orient. in cornerio et tenement. dicte Johanne Godwyne in parte occid. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David Palmere, Thoma Boye, Joh. Boye, Thoma Spicer, Edwarde Babbe et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune

prox. ante fest. Annunc. B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. septimodecimo.

[Dorse] Inter Farrer et Gooldewyn.

Seal: small, round: red wax: double cross.

No. 134. [1156] Wm. le Porter of Stogumber to Richard of Dunster. Grant of a rent from a tenement in the street leading from the parish church to the Friars. 4 Aug. 1343.

Om. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Willelmus le Porter de Stokegomer sal. in Dom. Noveritis me dedisse et concessisse Ricardo de Dunsterre tres solidos et octo denarios annui redditus percipiendos de ten. meo in Briggewater qd. iacet in vico quo itur de ecclesia beate Marie de Bruggewater ad Fratres Minores int. ten. Juliane Bat ex una parte et ten. quondam Walteri Farines ex alt. parte. Hab. et ten. pred. tres sol. et octo den. annui redd. pred. Ricardo ad tot. vitam suam de me et her. meis vel assig. de ten. pred. lib. bene et pacifice annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus. Et si contingat dict. redd. dict. trium sol. et octo den. post aliquem term. in parte vel in toto aretro fore qd. ex tunc liceat dict. Ricardo seu suo attornato nomine suo dict. ten. ingredi et districtionem capere et eandem retinere donec de arreragiis redditus pred. eidem Ricardo plenarie fuerit satisfactum. Et ego pred. Willelmus et her. mei vel assig. dict. tres sol. et octo den. ann. redd. de dict. ten. exeuntibus pred. Ricardo ad tot. vit. suam cont. om. mort. war. et defendemus. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiiis test. Joh. Boie, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Red, Thomas Erymyte, Joh. Busschel et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Petri qd. dicitur advincula an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. decimo septimo.

Fragment of seal: green wax.

No. 135. [904] John Ine of North Petherton to John Mareys, junior. Conveyance of two-thirds of a burgage in the street leading from the parish church to the Friars. 24 Oct. 1343.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Ine de Northpederton dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Mareys juniore duas partes unius burgag. in Brigge-

water que iacent in occid. parte vici sicut itur de parochiali ecclesia versus Fratres Minores int. tenement. Ric. de Dunsterre ex parte una et tenement. Stephani Keling ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Reddendo eidem et faciendo reddit. et servicia inde deb. et de iure consueta. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David le Palmer, Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, Edw. Babbe, Rad. Pope, Gilb. le Large, Joh. Busschel et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Veneris prox. post fest. S. Luce Ewangeliste an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. septimo decimo.

Seal: black wax: round: shield of arms.

No. 136. [979] Walter Bat to John Mareys. Quitclaim of the same property. 31 Oct. 1343.

UNIVERSIS ad quos hoc pres. script. pervenerit Walterus Bat filius Gilberti Bat sal. in Dom. Noveritis me concessisse [*&c.*] Johanni Mareys juniore tot. ius [*&c. as in No. 41*] in duabus partibus unius burgag. in Briggewater qd. iacet in occid. parte vici sicut itur de parochiali ecclesia versus Fratres Minores int. tenement. Ricardi de Dunsterre et tenement. Stephani Kelyng. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David le Palmere, Joh. Boye, Thoma Boye, Edw. Babbe, Rad. Pope, Gilb. le Large, Joh. Bussel et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Veneris prox. post fest. apost. Simonis et Jude an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. septimo decimo.

Seal: green wax: bird of prey attacking game bird. See No. 254.

No. 137. [472] Wm. Forthred to Robert of Plympton. Conveyance of a tenement in High St.

probably 15 Jan. 1344.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Forthred dedi [*&c.*] Roberto de Plymtone unum tenement. cum pert. in Briggewater situm in alto vico int. tenement. domini Willelmi de la Zouch ex parte una et tenement. Ade de Leghe ex parte alt. illud scilicet tenement. qd. quondam fuit Waltero le Kyng Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Roberto

de Boun con[stabulario castri,]do Pope, Edwardo Babbe, prepositis ville, Gilb. Large, Joh. Bosshel, ballivis, David Palmere, Thoma E[rmyte] Spicer, Walt. Aleyn, Thoma le Large et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. H[illarii ?] regni regis Edw. tercii post conq. decimo septimo.

[Dorse] Inter Forthred et Plympton.

Seal: round: red wax: motto?

Gilbert Large and Rich. Boye, M.P.s this year.

No. 138. [360] John Busschel to Richard Haghel and Alice, his wife. Lease of a tenement in North St.

11 Aug. 1344.

UNIVERSIS Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Busschel filius Galfridi Busschel sal. in Dom. Noveritis me trad. conc. et hoc pres. scr. meo conf. Ricardo Haghel et Alicie uxori sue tot. illud ten. meum in vico bor. de Briggewater qd. iacet int. ten. Willelmi Bageraunt et ten. Willelmi Dobyn Hab. et ten. tot. pred. ten. cum suis pert. pred. Ricardo Haghel et Alicie uxori sue omnibus diebus vite eorum de cap. dominis feodi illius. Redd. inde eisdem quolibet anno pred. Ricardus et Alicia uxor eius sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. et michi Johanni Busschel et her. meis vel meis assig. quatuor sol. ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porcionibus pro om. servicio. Et ego Johannes Busschel facere unam domum in dicto ten. novam de una copula et poste uno et unum solarium in eadem domo teneor citra fest. Nativ. S. Johannis prox. post datam huius scripti et domum in eodem tenemento prius constructam competenter cooperire et emendare. Et dict. Ricardus Haghel et Alicia uxor eius dictas domos sic factas et emendatas omnibus diebus vite eorum sustentabunt. Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25, omnibus diebus vite eorum*] In cuius rei test. huic pres. scr. sig. nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis test. Edw. Babbe, Radulfo Pope, Gilb. le Large, Will. Chaundos, Will. Dobyn et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Oswaldi an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. octavodecimo.

[Dorse] Ricardus Haghel.

Chirograph.

Seal: small: green wax: head in profile.

No. 139. [1174] Thos. Fichet, lord of Spaxton, to the wardens of the chantry of the B.V.M. Conveyance of a tenement in Dampiet St. by Vroggelanesbrigge. 19 Oct. 1344.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Fichet dominus de Spaxtone conc. et hac pres. carta mea conf. Deo et Beate Marie et custodibus luminis Beate Marie de Briggewater ad sustentacionem misse et luminis Beate Marie in ecclesia paroch. de Briggewater pro salute anime mee antecessorum successorum et heredum meorum et omnium Chr. fidelium tot illud ten. meum cum pert. in Briggewater qd. sit. est in vico voc. Damyetestrete iuxta pontem voc. Vroggelanesbrigge in par. bor. int. ten. Johannis Purchatz et Thome le Porter in longitudine et extendit a regia via que ducit de alto vico versus Vroggelane usque domum quam Walterus de Estone de me tenet in latitudine. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. ten. cum pert. Deo et B.M. et custod. pred. et eorum succ. ad sustent. misse et lum. predictorum de cap. dominis feodi illius per serv. inde deb. et cons. imperp. In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8.*] Hiis test. Ricardo de Coker, Henrico, rectore ecclesie de Spaxtone, Thoma Boye, Johanne Boye, Thoma le Large, Hugone de Enlegh, Adam Caudel et aliis. Dat. ap. Spaxtone die Martis prox. post fest. S. Luce Evangele an. reg. regis Ed. tercii post conq. decimo octavo.

No. 140. [515] Wm. the Porter of Stogumber to John Engleisesone. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the parish church to the Friars. 28 April 1345.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus le Porter de Stokegomer dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Engleisesone, webbe, unum ten. cum pert. in Briggewater situm in vico quo itur ab eccl. paroch. ville pred. versus Fratres Minores int. ten. Johannis Mareis qd. quondam fuit Gilberti le Bat ex una parte et ten. quondam Walteri Farines ex alt. parte. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Thoma Boie, David Palmere, tunc prepositis burgi, Rob. Wake, Gilb. Large, tunc ballivis,

Joh. Bal, toukere, Johanne Mareis juniore, Joh. Stermyn, Rob. Wachet, Joh. Cronile et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Marci Evangeliste an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. decimonono.

Seal: green wax: pentagonal: griffin rampant: S'

No. 141. [931] John atte Churchehye to Ralph the Thechere and Christine his wife. Lease of a house and curtilage without West Gate. 19 June 1345.

NOVERINT univ. Chr. fid. qd. ego Johannes atte Churchehye tradidi et concessi Radulpho le Thechere et Christine uxori sue unam domum continentem sextam partem unius burg. et scita est ext. port occ. ville Brugeswalteri int. ten. meum ex parte una et ten. Nicholaii de Pridie ex parte alt. Et eciam tradidi et concessi eidem Radulpho et Christine uxori sue unum curtilagium domui vicinum continens terciam partem unius burg. Excepto qd. dict. Johannes versus domum suam de pred. curt. habebit viginti pedes in longitudine et in latitudine sicut domus lata est. Et iacet int. ten. Johannis Somerhulle ex parte una et ten. Nicolaii de Pridie ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. pred. dom. et pred. curt. cum pert. suis pred. Radulpho et Christine uxori sue quam vixerint de me et her. meis vel meis assig. lib. et integre Redd. inde ann. mihi heredibus meis vel meis assig. duos sol. argenti ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porc. pro om. serv. et dem. Et pred. Radulphus et Christina uxor sua pred. domum sumptibus suis cooperient et sustentabunt competenter. Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25, quam diu vixerint*] In cuius rei test. huic ser. indentato alternatim sig. nostra apposuimus. Hiis test. Ada atte Churchehye, Nich. de Pridie, Walt. Stevenisson, Will. Heryng, Hugone Mayslyn et aliis. Dat. ap. Brug'water die Dom. in fest. SS. Gervasii et Prothasii martirum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conquestu decimo nono.

Chirograph: A B C D E F (ornate, inverted).

Seal: green wax: shield with initial A.

No. 142. [788] John Saladyn, son of John Saladyn the younger, and John Elys of Chilton, to Ralph the Deyare. Conveyance of a cellar and solar at the corner of Friarn St. near the South Gate. 30 Sept. 1345.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos Johannes Saladyn fil. et heres quondam Johannis Saladyn iunioris et Johannes Elys de Chelton dedimus, conc. et hac pres. carta nostra conf. Radulpho le Deyare unum celarum cum uno solario coadiacente in Briggewater que sita sunt in cornerio sicut itur de porta austr. dicte ville versus Fratres Minores ex opposito tenementi in quo Johannes Russel quondam inhabitavit et ex parte or. tenementi Symonis de Williscoumbe. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26*] Et nos vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. David Palmere, Tho. Boye, Tho. Large, Joh. Busschel iuniore, Walt. atte Walle et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Ven. prox. post fest. S. Mich. anno reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. nonodecimo.

[*Dorse*] Carta Johannis Saladyn et alius facta Radulfo Dier.

No. 143. [675] Adam atte Churcheheye to Joan, widow of 'le Porter' and Lucy her daughter. Lease of one acre of arable in Blackland. Rose rent. 2 March 1346.

DIE Jovis prox. post fest. S. Mathie Ap. an. reg. regis Ed. tercii post conq. vicesimo ap. Briggewater hec est conventio facta inter Adam atte Churchehaye de Briggewater ex par. una et Johannam que fuit uxor le Porter de Briggewater mercatoris ex par. alt. videlicet qd. dict. Adam tradidit et concessit pred. Johanne et Lucie filie eiusdem unam acram terre arabilis iacentem in Blake-londe int. terram Johannis Busschel junioris et terram Rogeri Oggy. Hab. et ten. pred. acr. cum pert. suis pred. Johanne et Lucie filie sue de me usque ad finem novem annorum prox. seq. datam huius conventionis Reddendo inde ann. mihi pred. Ade unam rosam ad fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. pro om. serv. Et pred. Adam et hered. sui pred. acr. terre cum pert. suis pred. Johanne et Lucie usque ad finem novem annorum contra omn. mort. warant. acquiet. et defendent. In cuius rei test. pres. scripto sig. sua

altern. apposuerunt. Hiis test. Hugone de Onlegh, Johanne Busschel juniore, Waltero Parys, Rogero Oggy, Johanne Somer et aliis. Datum die loco et anno supradictis.

Seal: black wax: a squirrel. Chirograph: A B C D E F G.

No. 144. [544] **John of Chedzoy to the wardens of the Light of the Blessed Mary of Bridgewater. Quitclaim of a tenement in S. Mary St.** 8 Sept. 1346.

UNIVERSIS ad quos pres. script. pervenerit Johannes de Chedesye sal. in Dom. Noveritis me concessisse [&c.] Deo et B.M. et custodibus luminis B.M. de Briggewater ad sustentacionem misse et luminis B.M. in ecclesia paroch. de Briggewater pro salute anime mee, Alicie quondam uxoris mee, antecessorum, successorum et heredum meorum et omnium Christi fidelium tot. ius meum [&c.] in uno tenemento in Briggewater qd. situm est in Seyntmariestret ex opposito hostii australis ecclesie paroch. de Briggewater int. tenement. qd. fuit Johannis Godwyn et tenement. Johannis de Popham Ita qd. [&c. as in No. 41] In cuius [&c. as in No. 8] Hiis test. Ric. de Coker, Joh. Boye, Tho. Boye, Tho. le Large, Rob. de Plymton, Hugone de Onlegh, Walt. Alayn et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Ven. in fest. Nat. B.M. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo.

Seal.

John Boye and Edward Babbe, M.P.s this year.

No. 145. [742] **Will of Gillian Warde.** 13 Oct. 1346.

✠ IN Dei nomine, amen. Die Ven. prox. post fest. S. Dyonisie an. Dom. MCCCXLVI ego Juliana uxor Thome Warde condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio S. Andree de Clyve. Item lego oblationem die sepulture vicario vid. et i multonem pro decimis meis oblitis. Item vii luminaria [?] ecclesie de Clyve viid. Item conventui de Clyve pro precibus iiii. Item lego Lucie servienti mee ii bz. siliginis et ordeï. Item lego pauperibus die sepulture i quarterum ordeï et siliginis. Item lego Thome

Warde ii caretos meliores. Item lego Amicie filie mee i caretum i lintiat' et i tunicam de blueto et i caputium de melle et i caputium duplycatum. Item lego Thome filio meo i caputium cum foramine et i Cantuar Novum. Item lego Agneti uxori Thome fili mei i supertunicam de viride et filio eiusdem i corsetum. Item Cecilie sorori mee i supertunicam de blueto. Item duobus filiis Roberti Wend i multonem et duobus filiis eiusdem i . . . m[ul]tonem et dicto Roberto ii bz. fabarum. Item lego Lucie servienti ii bidentes utriusque sexus et iii Item lego Willelmo Clerico i bz siliginis. Item lego omnia alia bona mea mihi pertinentia post quam corpus meum fuerit sepultum et debita mea quieta Thome filio meo ad faciendum pro anima mea et pro anima Randolphi patris sui sicut melius viderit Deo placere et anime nostre expedire. Ad hoc fideliter faciendum constituo executores meos videlicet Thomam filium meum et Thomam Warde maritum meum.

Istud testamentum probatum est coram nobis Officiali jurato ecclesie prebendalis de Clyve xv Kal. Novembris anno dieque supra[nominatis] et concessa est administratio bonarum executoribus superius in testamento constitutis in forma iuris.

No. 146. [471] **Wm. La[n]ghole, Alice, his wife, and John, their son, to Benedict Cloteworthy and Edith, his wife. Acknowledgment of £20 for investment and bond to repay.**
7 April 1347.

Om. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Willelmus La[n]ghole Alicia uxor eius et Johannes filius eorundem sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos recepisse de Benedicto Cloteworthe et Editha uxore eius viginti libras sterlingorum apud Bruggewater die Sabati prox. post fest. Pasche an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo primo ad profitisendum et mercandisandum ad commodum ipsorum Benedicti et Edithe Solvendas eisdem apud Briggewater ad fest. S. Mich. prox. sequens post datam confectionis presentium Ad quam quidem solutionem predictis die et loco fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et quemlibet nostrum in solido heredes et executores nostros et omnia bona nostra mobilia et immobilia ad quorum-

cumque manus devenerint. In cuius rei test. pres. scripto obligatori sig. nostra apposuimus Dat. ap. Briggewater die et anno supradictis.

Three seal strips with fragments of two seals.

Seals: green wax.

No. 147. [1145] Wm. Langhole and John, his son, to Benedict Cloteworthy and Edith, his wife. Quitclaim of a half-burgage in Friarn St. 9 April 1347.

OMNIBUS [*&c. as in No. 41*] Willelmus Langhole et Johannes filius eiusdem Willelmi sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos remisisse [*&c.*] Benedicto Cloteworthy et Edithe uxori eius et hered. vel assig. eorum tot. ius nostrum [*&c.*] in uno dimid. burgagio in Briggewater in Frerenestret qd. quidem dimid. burgag. situm est int. tenement. Rogeri Halewey ex parte orienti et tenement. pred. Benedicti et Edithe ex parte occid. Ita qd. [*&c. as in No. 41*] Et nos vero [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. Tho. Boye, Joh. Boye, Rob. Palmer, Joh. Persoun, Radulpho Pope et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Ambrosii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo primo.

Two seals: green: (1) Pelican in her piety.

SVM. [P E L I C A N V S] . D E I

(2) Fragment.

No. 148. [1158] David Benet, burgess of Bristol, to Robert Windsor and Edith, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement in Friarn St. 4 June 1347.

Scr. pres. et fut. qd. [ego D]avid Benet burgensis Bristoll dedi [*&c.*] Roberto Wyndesore burgensi de Briggewater [et Edithe] uxori eius tot. illud tenement. meum cum pert. in Briggewater qd. situm est in vico voc. Frerene stret int. tenement. Isabelle que fuit uxor Laurencii Barel ex parte una et tenement. Johannis Bythesee [ex altera] Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 26, hered. et assig. ipsius Edithe*] Et ego [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius [*&c. as in No. 8*] Hiis test. [Ricardo] de Coker, Tho. Boye, Joh. Boye, Joh. Cronile,

Adam Caudel et aliis. Dat. ap. [Briggew]ater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Petronille an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo primo.

Seal: round: green wax: merchant's mark on seal:

SIGILLVM. DAVIT. BENETT

No. 149. [1151] Edith, formerly wife of Robert of Windsor, to Roger Rede. Conveyance of property in Friarn St.

— Sept. 13—.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Editha que fui uxor Roberti de Wyn-desor dedi Rede unum tenement. et unam domum cum curtilagio adiacente cum omn. pert. [si]tum est in vico voc. Frerenestret int. tenement. Isabelle que fuit uxor [Laurencii Barel . . .] et pred. domus cum curtilagio [s]imul situantur in eodem vico int. tenement. ex altera. Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 25, pred. Rogero et hered. suis*] [wantiz]abimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperp. In cuius rei testim. huic carte sigil. Joh. Cronile, Joh. Jurdan, Nich. Boye, Rob. Muleward, Joh. Somer, Ada die Mercur. prox. ante fest. Nat. B.M.V. an. regni regis Edw.

Seal: green wax: round: flower springing out of a heart: motto?

No. 150. [1104] John Busschel, jr., to Wm., son of John Hatherych. Grant of rents and services from seven acres of arable. Rose rent. 1 Oct. 1347.

UNIV. [*&c. as in No. 41*] Johannes Busschel junior de Briggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me tradidisse [*&c.*] Willelmo Hatherych filio Johannis Hatherych reddit. et servicia [que] Johannes Hatherych michi reddere et facere solebat seu debebat pro septem acris terre arabilis. Hab. et ten. pred. redditus et servicia pred. Will. Hatherych ad terminum presentes de me et hered. meis et meis assig. libere bene et in pace. Redd unam rosam ad fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. pro omni servicio . . . [Et ego vero Joh.] Busschel [*&c. as in No. 25*] In cuius rei testim. pres. sigilla nostra [apposuimus. Hiis test.] . . . Bythese, Johanne Poyer, Joh. Gotebold, Willelmo Kytynore, Rob. atte

Burlonde et al. Dat. apud Lune prox. post fest. S. Mich.
an. regni regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo primo.

Chirograph : A B C D E F G.

Seal : indecipherable.

No. 151. [891] Will of Wm. Maiselin. 1 March 1348

IN Dei nomine Amen. Ego Willelmus Maiselin condo testamentum meum die Veneris prox. post fest. S. Mathei Apostolici in hunc modum, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} xlviij In primis lego animam meam Deo Beate Marie et omnibus sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum sacra sepultura in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis B.M. de Bruggewater. Item lego Thome Large et Johanni Aleyn custodibus luminis cantarie B.M. in cancella de Bruggewater predicta heredibus et assignatis suis et omnibus aliis custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint unum dimid. burg. in Bruggewater ext. port. occ. qd iacet int. dim. burg. Roberti Wachet ex parte or. et quamdam viam que ducit usque le Westwayer ex parte occ. et exstendit se super regiam viam. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. dim. burg. cum om. suis pert. pred. Thome et Johanni et her. vel assig. suis ac om. aliis custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint inperp. de cap. dominis feodi illius per serv. inde deb. et de iure cons. lib. quiete bene et in pace iure hered. inperp. Item lego Alicie uxori mee unum dimid. burg. in Briggewater ext. port. occ. eiusdem vil. in parte aust. vici sicut itur versus West Waier int. quoddam burg. Magistri et confratrum hosp. S. Johannis de Bruggewater in parte or. et dim. burg. Roberti Wachet ex parte occ. hab. et ten. tot. pred. dim. burg. cum om. et sing. suis pert. pred. Alicie et her. vel. assig. suis de cap. [*&c. as above*]. Item lego Alicie Paris uxori mee unum burg. in Bruggewater ext. port. occ. eiusdem ville in parte aust. vici sicut itur versus le West Waier int. ten. Nicholai Boye ex parte or. ac ten. Nicholai Parke ex parte occ. hab. et ten. [*&c. as above*]. Item lego cuilibet capellano in ecclesia de Bruggewater divina celebranti xii*d*. Item lego cuilibet clerico benefici in eadem ecclesia servienti *vid*. Item lego fabricio ecclesie de Brugg' i ollum enenum optimum. Item lego Johanni Iweyn i coclearium argenti et Waltero Iwein i coclearium argenti. Item lego Magistro et confratribus

hospitalis S. Johannis de Brugg' pro decimis meis oblitis iis. *vid.* Item lego Johanni Rakesworthi meam optimam robam. Item lego Fratribus Minoribus de Bruggewater iis. *vid.* ad orandum pro anima mea. Item lego die sepulture mee ad ardendum circum corpus meum vi libras cere. Item lego ad distribuendum pauperibus die sepulture mee xs. Item lego Alicie Paris uxori mee omne residuum meum de bonis meis superius non legatis post exequias meas completas et debita mea acquietata et persoluta. Ad istud testamentum fideliter exequendum ordino facio et constituo executores meos Aliciam Paris uxorem meam et Johannem Paiwel servientem meum.

Probatum est presens testamentum coram nobis officiali domini Archidiaconi Tanton nonibus Marcii anno Dom. supradicto et commissa est administratio bonorum dicti defuncti executoribus in testamento nominatis in forma iuris. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum.

[*Dorse*] Dimid. burg. iuxta Westwere tenet Johannes Skykker laborer extra port. occ.

No. 152. [786] Wm. Perati to Roger Gelhampton and Elaine, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement in South St. with a rent charge to the wardens of the chantry of the Blessed Mary and to those of the High Cross. 8 Sept. 1348.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Perati dedi [*&c.*] Rogero Gelhampton de Briggewater et Elene uxori eius tot. illud tenement. meum cum pert. in Briggewater qd. situm est in alto vico in aust. parte int. pred. vicum et cimiterium ecclesie paroch. int. tenement. Roberti Wake et tenement. qd. quondam fuit Johannis Baudripe Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et redd. inde annuatim custodibus bonorum et luminis B.M. de ecclesia paroch. de Briggewater sex den. et custodibus bonorum et luminis Alte Crucis eiusdem ecclesie sex den. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Tho. Boye, Nich. Boye, Tho. le Large, Joh. Herlestone, Rob. Wake, Phil. le White, Ad. Caudel, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune in festo Nat. B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo secundo.

Robt. Wake was in parliaments of Jan. and Mar. this year.

- No. 153. [411] Thomas Lyndesy and Margery, his wife, to the wardens of the chantry of the Blessed Mary. Quitclaim of a tenement near to St. Mary St. 18 Sept. 1348.

UNIVERSIS [&c.] Thomas Lyndesy et Margeria uxor eiusdem sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos remisisse et de nobis imperp. relaxisse custodibus bonorum et luminis B.M. ecclesie paroch. ville de Briggewater tot. ius nostrum [&c.] in uno tenemento in villa pred. qd. iacet iuxta vicum qui vocatur vicus S. Marie int. tenement. Johannis de Popham ex parte una et tenement. dicte Margerie ex parte alt. Ita videlicet qd. nec nos pred. Thomas et Margeria coniunctim vel divisim nec [&c.]. In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. Boye, Joh. Boye, Joh. de Herleston, Tho. Ermyte, Walt. atte Walle et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo secundo.

- No. 154. [1098] Walter Parmenter to Robt. of Plympton. Power of attorney to deliver seisin of a tenement to the wardens of the mass of the B.V.M. 25 Jan. 1349.

NOVERINT universi me Walterum Parmenter constituisse attorn. meum Robertum de Plympton ad ponendum custodibus misse beate Marie in eccles. paroch. de Briggewater in seisina de uno tene. in Briggewater prout in carta inde confecta plenarie continetur. In cuius rei test. pres. sigil. meum apposui. Dat. ap. Brig' die Dom. in festo conversionis S. Pauli an. Dom. mil. cccxlviii.

The feast of the Conversion of S. Paul did not fall on a Sunday in 1348. It is possible that, writing early in 1349, the writer made a slip. We are here in the middle of the 'Black Death.'

Seal: small: red wax: pelican in her piety.

S V M . P [E L I C A] N V S . D [E I]

- No. 155. [771] Wm. la Zouche of Haryngworth to Adam Caudel. Power of attorney to give seisin to John of Bredon of a half burgage in Cronile's Lane. 17 June 1349.

PATEAT universis per pres. me Willelmum la Zouche de Haryngworth attornasse et loco meo posuisse dilectum et fidelem meum

Adam Caudel de Bruggewauter ad deliberandum plenam et pacificam seisinam Johanni de Bredon de uno dimidio burgagio in Bruggewauter iacent' in Cronilleslane int. tenement. Johannis Cronill ex una parte et tenement. Lucie Kemere ex alt. parte prout in carta feoffamenti dicto Johanni per me inde confecti plenius continetur Ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid dict. Adam fecerit nomine meo in premissis In cuius [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Haryngworth die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Barnabe apost. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo tercio.

Seal: red wax: fragment only.

No. 156. [473] Thomas Goldsmyth to David Keling, chaplain. Conveyance of a half burgage in S. Mary St.

9 Nov. 1349.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Goldsmyth fil. et heres Thome le Goldsmyth de Briggewater dedi [*&c.*] David Keling capellano unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. in Briggewater qd. situm est in vico voc. Seyntemarie stret int. mansionem capellani B.M. de Briggewater ex parte una et tenement. Magistri et Fratrum hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. eiusdem ville ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*]. In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Joh. Jurdan, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Aleyn, Joh. Person et aliis. Dat. ap. Br[u]ggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Leonardi an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo tercio.

No. 157. [784] John of Bredon to Nicholas Lyver of Devon. Conveyance of a half burgage in Cronile's Lane.

10 Nov. 1349.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes de Bredon dedi [*&c.*] Nicholao Lyver de Devonia unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. suis in Brugge-wauter qd. quidem dimid. burgag. habui ex dono et feoffamento domini mei domini Willelmi la Zouche de Haryngworthe, et iacet in Cronylleslane int. tenement. Johannis Cronill ex una parte et tenement. quondam Lucy Kemere ex alt. parte. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Tho. fitz James, Tho.

Large, Joh. de Pederton, Joh. Person, Rob. de Plumpton, Joh. Jurdon et aliis. Dat., ap. Bruggewauter die Mar. prox. post fest. S. Leonardi a[n. r]eg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo tercio.

[Dorse] hafe a burgage in Pynells lane.

Seal: white wax: fragment: on a shield the letter M.

No. 158. [598] **John Howus to Walter the Crockere. Conveyance of a quarter burgage in South St. 9 Jan. 1350.**

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Howus dedi [&c.] Waltero le Crockere quartam partem unius burgagii cum pert. iacentem in vico australi de Brugiswalteri int. tenement. Rogeri Sopham ex part. or. et tenement. Henrici Redmor ex parte occ. Hab. et. ten [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. Large, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Aleyn, Joh. Sely, Joh. Bythesee et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Brugiswalteri die Sab. prox. ante fest. S. Hillarii Ep. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo tercio.

Seal: yellow wax: round: indistinct.

No. 159. [1157] **Gregory le Doe and Thos. of Andredesie to Hugh of Petherton and Edith, his wife. Conveyance of two half burgages, one in Orlove Street, and the other without West Gate. 25 Feb. 1351.**

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos Gregorius le Doe et Thomas de Andredesie concessi [&c.] Hugoni de Pedertone et Edithe uxori eius duo dimidia burgagia cum pert. in villa de Briggewater quorum unum dimid. burgag. situm est in vico voc. Ordlovestret int. tenementa Magistri et Fratrum Hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. de Briggewater ex utraque parte, aliud vero dimid. burgag. iacet ext. port. occid. ville pred. in vico sic itur versus Kerdesburi int. tenement. Willelmi Duste ex parte una et tenement. Walteri Lorimer ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c. et hered. int. ipsos legitime procreatis] Et si contingat pred. Hugonem et Editham obire sine hered. int. ipsos legitime procreatis volūmus et concedimus pro nobis et hered. nostris qd. pred. duo

dimid. burgagia cum pert. heredibus et assig. pred. Hugonis remaneant imperp. In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Hugone le Mareis, Rog. le Rede, Adam Caudel, Rob. Croil et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Veneris in crastino S. Mathie apost. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo quinto.

Two seals : round : green wax : (1) Head of John the Baptist with sword

. A P V T

(2) quatrefoil with cony dormant in middle.

S I G I L L V . A D E . R A N D E L

No. 160. [1147] Hugh Eremyte of Chedzoy, chaplain, to Richard the Nhappere, and Amyona, his wife. Conveyance of a half burgage in West St. 7 Nov. 1351.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Hugo Eremyte de Chedesie capellanus dedi [&c.] Ricardo le Nhappere de Briggewater et Amyone uxori eius unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. situm est ext. port. occid. eiusdem ville in vico voc. Westret in parte bor. int. tenement. Margerie Hering ex parte una et tenement. Albrede Tanneres ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Joh. Sely, Ric. Paris, Gilberto Hering, Tho. Paris, Joh. Combmartyn, Nich. Cronte et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Om. Sanctorum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo quinto.

[*Dorse, in later script*] a tenement withoute West Gate.

Seal : green : a stag : [motto].

No. 161. [1146] Hugh Eremyte of Chedzoy, chaplain, to Richard the Nhappere and Amyona, his wife. Quitclaim of the same property. 15 Dec. 1351.

UNIVERSIS pres. script. visuris vel auditoris Hugo Eremyte de Chedesie capellanus sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [&c.] Ricardo le Nhappere de Briggewater et Amyone uxori eius hered. et assig. eorum tot. ius [&c.] in uno dimid. burgagio [&c. as in No. 160] Ita qd. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. le

Large, Joh. Sely, Ric. Paris, Gilb. Hering, Tho. Paris, Joh. Combe-martyn, Nich. Cronte et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Conceptionis B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. vicesimo quinto.

[*Dorse*] Thomas Chamberlayn inter Whilnamus Armeger & Jhomas [*sic*] Puddyng.

Seal: green: a stag. [Same as No. 160.]

No. 162. [980] Thomas Somer and John Smoc, executors of the will of Alice Somer, to Robert Cauntelo, chaplain. Conveyance of a tenement in Friarn St.

28 Feb. or 25 Sept. 1352.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos Thomas Somer et Johannes Smoc de Briggewalter coexecutores testamenti Alicie Somer nuper defuncte dedimus [*&c.*] domino Roberto Cauntelo capellano tot. illud ten. nost. in Briggewalter qd iacet in vico Fratrum Minorum eiusdem ville in bor. parte vici int. tenement. quondam Johannis Somer ex parte una et tenement. Thome Somer ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et nos [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Rob. Plumtone, Joh. Cronyle, Joh. Jurdan, Joh. Loof, tunc prepositis ibidem, Thoma More, Joh. Mereye, tunc ballivis, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewalter die Mar. prox. post fest. S. Mathie apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo sexto.

[*Dorse*] Freryn Stret.

No. 163. [1191] Stephen Jacob to Wm. the Hopere. Conveyance of a tenement in the Cokenerewe and another in S. Mary St.

11 Mar. 1352.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd ego Stephanus Jacob dedi [*&c.*] Willelmo le Hopere de Briggewater duo tenementa mea cum pert. in villa de Briggewater quorum unum tenement. situm est in alto vico in la Cokenerewe int. tenement. Symonis Michel ex par. una et veterem Tolseldam ex alt. aliud vero tenement. situm est in vico Beate Marie int. vicum qui ducit de ecclesia paroch. versus ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum in eadem villa ex par. una et tenement. quondam

Willelmi Shireborne ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego pred. Stephenus [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Roberto de Plumpton, Hugone de Mareis, Johanne Alayn, Johanne Sely, Johanne Cronile, Thoma More et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. S. Gregorii an. reg. regis Ed. tercii post conq. vicesimo sexto.

Seal : yellow wax : round : indistinct scene, saint with votary on either side.

No. 164. [75] **John Pynel to John le Eyr and Iseult, his wife.**
Lease of a tenement with two curtilages in Pynel's Street,
and two acres of straw. Bond. 24 March 1352.

NOVERINT universi per pres. qd. ego Johannes Pynel de Briggewater tradidi [*&c.*] Johanni le Eyr, pistori, et Isolde uxori eius, unum tenement. meum cum duobus curtillagiis adiacentibus unde aliud nuncupatur Rome situatum in Briggewater in quodam vico voc. Pynelysstret iuxta portam borialem int. dimid. burgag. Walteri Wynd ex parte una et viam regalem ex alt. Concessi eciam Johanni et Isolde duas acras stipularum annuatim percipiendas ad fest. S. Mich. in garbis ligatas una cum cariacione earundem usque pred. tenement. ville de Briggewater unde una acra de melioribus meis stipulis et altera acra de mediocris stipulis meis preter qd. pred. Johannes Eyr et Isolda falcare faciant predictas stipulas annuatim sumptibus eorum propriis et invenient repastus pro cariatoribus quocumque tempore dictas stipulas careabunt. Hab. et ten. omnia pred. tenement. curtillagia stipulas et cariacionem cum omn. suis pert. pred. Johanni Eyr et Isolde toto tempore vite eorum vel alteri eorum diucius viventi de me et hered. meis vel meis assig. libere quiete bene et in pace Redd. inde annuatim michi et hered. meis vel meis assig. decem. sol. arg. ad quatuor term. princ. equis porcionibus pro omn. serv. Preterea pred. Johannes Eyr et Isolda emendabunt cooperient et sustentabunt omnes domos in dicto tenemento constructas sumptibus eorum propriis et dimittent in adeo bono statu quo primo receperunt vel meliori Et ego [*&c.*] Et si contingat pred. Joh. le Eyre et Isoldam uxorem eius de pred. tenemento cum suis pred. expelli impediri aut aliquo modo alienari qd. absit

ego pred. Johannes Pynel et hered. mei tenemur pred. Johanni et Isolde in centum solidis sterling. solvendis eisdem annuatim ad fest. S. Mich. ap. Briggewater Et ad predictae pecunie solutionem fideliter et sine dolo faciendam obligo me et hered. meos vel executores et omn. bona mea mobilia et immobilia ubicumque fuerint inventa tam infra libertatem quam extra In cuius rei test. pres. scripto in duas partes diviso sigilla partium alternatim sunt appensa Hiis test. Tho. Large, Joh. Bythesee, Joh. Cronile, Joh. Jurdan, Adam Caudel, Nich. Boye, Joh. Mereye et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Sab. in vigilia annunciacionis B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo sexto.

Small seal: brown wax: Paschal Lamb.

† E C C E . A G N V S . D E I .

Chirograph.

The straw would be of value to the baker as kindling for his oven.

No. 165. [80] Christine, widow of William, son of Wm. le Large, to Robert Wake and Agnes, his wife. Quitclaim of a tenement in Orlove St. 26 March 1352.

UNIVERSIS ad quos pres. script. pervenerit Cristina quondam uxor Willelmi filii Willelmi le Large de Briggewater sal. in Dom. Noverit universitas vestra me remisisse [*&c.*] Roberto Wake et Agneti uxori sue tot. ius [*&c.*] in toto illo tenemento cum pert. qd. quondam fuit pred. Willelmi mariti mei in Briggewater qd. situm est in vico voc. Ordlovestret et extendit usque vicum voc. Pynelestret in longitudine et int. tenement. quondam Ade de Ebboth ex parte una et vicum qui ducit de Ordlovestret versus port. borial. ex alt. abuttando in utroque cornario ad dict. vicum. Ita qd. [*&c.*] Et cciam ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Joh. de Pederton, Rob. de Plumton, Joh. Bythesee, Nicholao Boye, Hugone de Mareis, Will. Criche et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Annunc. B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo sexto.

[*Dorse*] Orlovestrete.

Seal: green wax: arms on shield: lion rampant.

No. 166. [889] **Robert Wake, and Agnes, his wife, to John Mogge. Conveyance of the same tenement.**

29 March 1352.

SCIANT pres. et fut. qd. nos Robertus Wake et Agnes uxor mea dedi [&c.] Johanni Mogge tot. illud tenement. nost. cum pert. in Briggewater qd. situm est in vico voc. Ordlovestret et extendit usque vicum voc. Pynelestret in longitudine et int. tenement. quondam Ade de Ebboth ex parte una et vicum qui ducit de Ordlovestret versus port. borial. ex alt. in latitudine abuttando in utroque cornario ad dict. vicum ducentem versus port. borial. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Nos vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Rob. de Plumton, Joh. de Pederton, Joh. Bythesee, Hug. Mareis, Nich. Boye, Rog. le Rede, Will. Criche, Adam Caudel, Joh. Paywel, Thoma More et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Annunc. B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo sexto.

Two seals: green wax: (1) Dragon or lion rampant.

(2) Cony in middle of quatrefoil:

SIGILLVM . ADE . LANDEL.

No. 167. [981] **Robert Cauntelo, chaplain, to Thomas Somer. Conveyance of tenement with a rent charge to the chantry of the Blessed Mary.**

5 Sept. 1353.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Robertus Cauntelo capellanus dedi conc. et hac pres. carta mea conf. Thome Somer tot. illud ten. meum cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est in vico voc. Frerenstret in bor. parte vici int. ten. quondam Johannis Somer ex parte una et ten pred. Thome ex alt. qd. quidem ten. habui de feoffamento pred. Thome et Johannis Smok executorum testamenti quondam Alicie Somer Hab. et ten. [&c.] Redd. inde ann. quatuor den. arg. ad sustentacionem misse et luminis B.M.V. in eccl. paroch. ville pred. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porc. et pred. capitalibus dom. unum den. arg. ad fest. S. Mich. pro om. serv. Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Rob. de Plumpton, Hugone de Mareis, Nich. Boye, Joh. Jurdan, Rog. le Rede, Walt. Bouchere,

Tho. More, Rob. Croil, Joh. Knyght. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. ante fest. Nat. B.M.V. an. regni reg. Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo septimo.

Chirograph.

Seal : round : red wax. In middle of a quatrefoil a cony dormant.

No. 168. [982] Roger Gelhampton to Adam of Westele.
Conveyance of a tenement in South St. with a rent charge
to the chantry of the Blessed Mary and to the High Cross.
31 Oct. 1353.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Rogerus Gelhampton de Briggewater dedi conc. et hac pres. carta mea conf. Ade de Westele tot. illud tenement. meum cum pert. in Briggewater qd. sit. est in alto vico in australi parte eiusdem vici int. pred. vicum et cimiterium eccl. paroch. int. tenement. Roberti Wake et tenement. quondam Johannis de Baudripe. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et eciam redd. inde ann. custodibus bonorum et luminis B.M.V. eccl. pred. sex den. et custodibus bonorum et luminis Alte Crucis eiusdem eccl. sex den. imp. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Rob. de Plumtone, Will. de Criche, Nich. Boye, Rog. de Swofham et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis in vigilia Omnium Sanctorum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii. post conq. vicesimo septimo.

[*Dorse*] In alto vico.

Seal : green wax : round : shield with chevron under which large letter N, above shield merchant's mark ; surrounded by ornamentation with four figures (1) votary or workman, (2) bird in flight, (3) deer, (4) beast of prey.

SIGILLVM . NICOLAI . BOYE.

No. 169. [305] Sir Thomas Fichet, knight, to Thomas Tolonde. Conveyance of a burgage without the West Gate.
30 May 1354.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Fichet miles dedi [*&c.*] Thome Tolonde unum burgagium cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. iacet ext. port. occid. eiusdem ville int. burg. Willelmi Farines ex parte una et burgag. quondam Johannis Waryner ex alt. Hab. et

ten. [Ec.] Et ego [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Rob. de Plumpton, Hug. de Mareis, Will. Crych, Joh. Sely, Rob. Wake, Rob. Croyl et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Ven. prox. post fest. S. Augustini an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo octavo.

Seal: brown wax: round: head of talbot in chain circle. [Bates-Harbin gives 'bull's head' as crest of Fichet.]

Thos. le Large and Robt. Plympton, M.P.s this year.

No. 170. [674] Peter of Shallford and Emma, his wife, to Payne Ware, skinner. Lease of a shop and solar opposite the corn market, Taunton. 26 June 1354.

Nov. univ. qd. nos Petrus de Shallforde et Emma uxor eius ex mera voluntate eiusdem Emme et unanimi consensu nostro tradidimus concess. et pres. scr. nost. conf. Pagano Ware pellipario Tanton unam schyppam cum solarior ad term. viginti *unum* annorum scituatam in burgo Tanton proxime annexam shoppe Johannis Romwille ex par. una et quamdam placiam meam vacuum ex alt. ex opposito mercati bladiorum dicti burgi. Hab. et ten. pred. shoppam cum solarior ad term. viginti *unum* annorum incipientem ad fest. S. Mich. nunc prox. seq. post datam presentium plenarie complet. pred. Pagano et assig. suis de nobis et deinde de hered. ac assig. eiusdem Emme lib. integre bene et in pace. Redd. inde nobis quam diu vixerimus et deinde hered. ac assig. eiusdem Emme annuatim quinque sol. sterl. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porcionibus pro om. serv. et seculari demanda. Et pred. Paganus et assig. sui pred. shoppam cum solarior sumptibus suis quam necesse fuerit utrobique emendabunt et sustentabunt et in adeo bono statu dimittent quo susceperunt seu meliore Et si pred. redditus ultra terminos seu aliquem terminum principalem in parte vel in toto a retro fuerit tunc bene licebit pred. Petro et Emme et hered. et assig. dicte Emme in predictam shoppam intrare et distringere et distictiones retinere quousque de predicto redditu et de arreragiis plenarie fuerint satisfacti sine contradictione dicti Pagani seu assig. suorum seu alterius eius nomine Et post term. viginti *unum* annorum pred. predictam shoppam cum solar. ad nos vel ad hered. seu assig. pred. Emme remanere debent imperp. Et super hiis nos vero pred. Petrus

et Emma uxor eius necne hered. eiusdem Emme predictam shop-
pam cum solar. pred. Pagano et assig. suis ad term. viginti *unum*
annorum sicut supradictum est contra om. mort. warrantizare et
defendere tenemur. In cuius rei test. hiis scr. indent. sig. nostra
alternatim sunt apposita. Hiis test. Willelmo Criche, Johanne
Hembury, Roberto Broun, Roberto Waterman, Roberto Stacy,
Ricardo Stivard et aliis. Dat. ap. Taunton die Jovis prox. post
fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. an. reg. regis Ed. tercii post conq. vicesimo
octavo.

Seal: four leaves or petals. Chirograph.

No. 171. [1076] **Peter of Shalleforde and Emma, his wife, to
Robt. Broun, Joan, his wife, and Joan, their daughter.
Lease of two shops in Fore St., Taunton.**

26 June 1354.

Nov. univ. qd. nos Petrus de Shalleforde et Emma uxor eius
ex mera voluntate eiusdem Emme et unanimi concensu nostro
tradidimus concess. et hoc pres. scr. nost. conf. Roberto Broun et
Johanne uxori eius et Johanne filie duas shoppas cum solariis ad
term. vite unius eorum seu uni eorum diucius vivent' in quibus
iidem Robertus et Johanna inhabitant in presenti Que quidem
shoppe cum solariis scituate sunt in burgo de Taunton in vico nun-
cupato Forstret ex opposito fori seu mercati bladorum dicti burgi
et int. shoppas que quondam fuerunt Ricardi Polruel senioris ex
par. una et shoppam in qua inhabitat Johannes de Romwille ex
alt. Hab. et ten. pred. shoppas cum solariis pred. Roberto et
Johanne ut supradictum est de nobis et deinde de hered. ac assig.
dicte Emme lib. integre quiete. Redd. inde nobis quam diu vixeri-
mus et postea hered. ac assig. eiusdem Emme annuatim octo sol.
sterl. ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porc. pro omnibus serv. et
exact. secular. Et pred. Robertus et Johanna uxor eius seu unus
eorum diucius vivens pred. duas shoppas cum solariis sumptibus
eorum cooperient emendabunt et sustentabunt quam necesse fuerit
et in adeo bono statu dimittent quo suscepunt et meliore. Et si
pred. redditus ultra terminum seu terminos princ. in parte vel in
toto a retro fuerit tunc bene licebit pred. Petro et Emme seu

alteri eorum necne heredibus seu assignati eiusdem Emme in pred. schoppis intrare et distringere et districtiones capere et retinere quousque de pred. redditu et de arreragiis fuerint satisfacti sine contradictione dict. Roberti et Johanne seu alterius cuiuscumque Et post decessum dict. Roberti et Johanne pred. duas shoppas cum solar. ad nos vel ad heredes seu assig. dicte Emme reverti debent sine calumpnia cuiuscumque Et super hiis nos vero pred. Petrus et Emma uxor eius necne heredes et assig. eiusdem Emme pred. duas schoppas pred. Roberto et Johanne uxori eius ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi in forma supradicta cont. om. mort. warantizare et defendere tenemur. In cuius rei [*as in No. 170*] Hiis test. Johanne Oseborn, Willelmo Catt, Roberto Waterman, Willelmo Farel, Roberto Stacy et aliis multis. Dat. ap. Taunton die Jovis prox. post fest. Nat. S. Johannis Bapt. an. reg. regis Ed. tercii a conq. vicesimo octavo.

Chirograph: A B C D E F (Inverted).

Two seals: fragments: red wax: (1) St. Peter holding the keys, with votary. S . . P E T R E

(2) S I G I L L V M . E

No. 172. [983] John Bokelond to Thomas Eede. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the east stile of the parish church toward the Gildhall. 17 Aug. 1354.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Bokelond de Briggewater dedi [*&c.*] Thome Eede tot. illud ten. meum cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est in vico qui ducit de orientali scalere eccl. paroch. ville pred. versus la Gylldhalle in eadem villa ex opposito tenementi quondam Ricardi Loneger int. tenement. Johannis de Popham ex parte una et tenement. Ricardi de Wely ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Rob. de Plumpton, Hugone Mareis, Rog. le Rede, Rob. le Muleward, Radulpho le Deghe[r] Joh. Mereye et aliis. Data ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. Assumptionis B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. terc. post conq. vicesimo octavo.

Seal: green wax: two arms crossed and bound by chain to bracelets: fleur de lis above. D V E T . L E L A L (?).

- No. 173. [331] **Walter Moton to Nicholas Gerveyse, parson of Salisbury. Power of attorney to deliver seisin to William de Seymour.** 6 Nov. 1354.

A TOUZ ceaux qi ceste lettre verront ou orrunt moy Walter Moton salut en Deux. Sachez moy auer ordine & pleyne pouer done a monne cher amy Sire Nicol Gerveyse parsonne de Salusburi a mettre Wilm de Seymor en pleine seysine en le maner de . . . ton eiaunt firme e stable tote chose se qe il fra en monn nom En temoneauns de queus chosus custe ma lettre patente e sele de monn sel. Done a Seynte Bride le judi procheyn a pres la feste de Toutz Seynse lan du regne le roy Edward fitz au roy Edward terse a pres le conquete XXVIII^{me}.

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Seal: green wax: shield, chevron with three bugle-horns.

- No. 174. [770] **Wm. atte Stone, vicar of the parish church of Taunton, to John the Hayward of Radeweye. Power of attorney to deliver seisin to Richard atte Stone, his brother, of a half burgage in Bridgewater.** 18 Jan. 1355.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Willelmus atte Stone perpetuus vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Tauntone assignavi et loco meo posui dilectum michi in Christo Johannem le Hayward de Radeweye ad ponendum Ricardum atte Stone fratrem meum in p[le]nam et pacificam seisinam in uno dimidio burgagio cum suis pert. in Briggewater qd. quidem dim. burg. eidem dedi imperp. per quandam cartam inter nos confectam Dans eidem Johanni plenam potestatem su[]stituend' ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid idem egerit in premissis In cuius [&c.] Dat. ap. Taunton die Sabbati in festo S. Petri in Cathedra an. reg. regis Edw. tert. a conq. vicesimo octavo.

There is something wrong about the date. The feast of S. Peter in the Chair fell on a Sunday in 1355.

Seal: green wax: oval: Virgin and Child with votary beneath arch.

No. 175. [604] Wm. Sloo of Thorngrove to Roger Swofham
Grant of rents and services for a courtyard and a rekka
without the West Gate. 23 April 1355.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Willelmus Sloo de Thornegrove dedi
[&c.] Rogero Swofham redditus et servicia que Matillis Hayne que
fuit uxor Reginaldi le Toukere michi reddere solebat pro uno cur-
tilagio et una rekka cum pertin. in villa de Briggewater que simul
situantur ext. port. occ. eiusdem ville iuxta Cattenechurchheye int.
dim. burg. quondam Thome le Spicer ex parte una et burg. qd.
Gilbertus Hering de me tenet ad terminum vite sue ex alt. Volo
eciam et concedo pro me et her. meis qd. pred. curt. et rekka que
post mort. pred. Matillidis ad me et her. meos reverti deberent
permaneant pref. Rogero her. et assig. suis imperp. Dedi eciam
et concessi pref. Rogero ayseamenta unius itineris per medium unius
burgagii mei situati ext. pred. port. in vico bor. int. ten. Walteri
Loring[er] et Alane atte Nye ex utraque parte eundi et redeundi
portandi et reportandi fimam et alia necessaria sua omni tempore
anni tam temporibus nocturnis quam diurnis qd. quidem iter con-
tinet in latitudine duos pedes regales et extendit in longitudine a
pred. vico bor. usque ad pred. curt. et rekkam pred. Rogeri. Hab.
et ten. omn. pred. redd. et serv. una cum reversione pred. curt. et
rekke cum per mort. pred. Matillidis acciderit et eciam aysiamenta
pred. itineris ut predictum est cum omn. pert. suis pred. Rogero
her. et assig. suis imperp. de cap. dominis feodi illius per servicia
decem denariorum ad fest. S. Mich. Et ego pred. Willelmus et her.
mei omn. pred. redd. et serv. una cum reversione pred. cum per
mort. pred. Matillidis acciderit et eciam aysiamenta pred. itineris
ut supradictum est cum omn. suis pert. pred. Rogero her. et assig.
suis contra [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Johanne
Sely, Johanne Knyght, Johanne Dodyng, Thoma More et aliis.
Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis in fest. S. Georgii an. reg. regis Edw.
tercii post conq. vicesimo nono.

[Dorse] Rogerus Swofham. Sloo.

Seal: round: green wax: shield of arms:

SIGILLVM: JOHANNIS: . EV

Thos. the Large and Wm. Cryche were M.P.s this year.

- No. 176. [474] **Walter of Estone to John Butleigh, vicar.
Power of attorney to deliver seisin to Roger Swopham of a
tenement in the High St. betwixt the bridge and the market.**

31 May 1355.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Walterus de Estone assignavi et loco meo posui dilectum michi in Christo dominum Johannem Botecleghe vicarium de Briggewateri ad ponendum Rogerum Swopham in plenam et pacificam seisinam in quodam ten. ap. Briggewater scituato in alto vico ville pred. ex opposito castri sicut itur a magno ponte ad forum eiusdem ville prout in quadam carta eidem per me facta plenius patet. Dans eidem potestatem ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid dom. Johannes egerit in premissis. In cuius [&c.]. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dominica in festo Sancte Trinitatis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo nono.

Seal: red wax: shield of arms:

SIGILLVM . IOHANNIS

- No. 177. [978] **Avice Purchatz to Roger Swofham. Quit-
claim of a tenement in the High St. betwixt Church and
Bridge.**

8 June 1355.

Om. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Avicia Purchatz quondam filia Thome Purchatz de Briggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [&c.] Rogero Swofham et her. suis tot. ius meum [&c.] in uno mesuagio cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est in parte occ. magni pontis eiusdem ville in alto vico sicut itur de dicto ponte versus ecclesiam paroch. int. tenementa que quondam f[u]erunt Ricardi Godewyne ex utraque parte. Ita qd. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Hugone le Mareis, Johanne le Knyght, Johanne Sely, Adam Westele et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Barnabe apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo nono.

No. 178. [896] Simon of Bradney to Simon Deneys and Katherine, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the parish church to the Friars.

8 Nov. 1355.

Data per copiam.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Simon de Bradeneye dedi conc. et hac pres. carta mea conf. Simoni Deneys et Katherine uxori eius tot. illud ten. meum cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est in vico sicut itur de ecclesia paroch. eiusdem ville versus ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum in eadem villa int. ten. Willelmi le Hopere ex parte una et ten. quondam Willelmi le Proute ex alt. Hab. [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. eisdem cap. dominis quatuor denarios argenti ad fest. S. Mich. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Johanne Knygthe, Johanne Sely, Waltero le Boucher, Thoma More et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. Omn. Sanct. an. reg. Edw. tercii post conq. vicesimo nono.

Nos. 210 and 211 are on the same parchment.

No. 179. [486] Sir Geoffrey de Stawell, knight, to Nicholas Cronte and Ellen, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement without West Gate with a rent charge to the chantry of the Blessed Mary.

3 June 1356.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Galfridus de Stawille miles dedi [*&c.*] Nicholao Cronte et Elene uxori eius illud ten. meum cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est ext. port. occ. eiusdem ville in vico sicut itur de pred. porta versus Heygrave int. ten. meum ex parte una et ten. Radulphi de Dunsterre ex parte alt. qd. quidem ten. continet in latitudine in utroque fine et in medio eiusdem ten. triginta pedes regales et extendit in longitudine a pred. vico a parte aust. usque curtilagia Johannis Dodyng et Gilberti Heryng versus boriām. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Redd. inde ann. pred. capitalibus dom. sex den. arg. ad fest. S. Mich. et eciam ad sustentationem misse et luminis B.M.V. in eccl. paroch. ville pred. decem et octo den. arg. ad quat. an. term. princ. equis porc. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]

Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Joh. Knyght, Will. Blacche, Gilb. Heryng, Joh. Combemartyn et aliis. Dat. ap. Cotheleston die Ven. prox. post fest. S. Petronille virg. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo.

Seal: green wax: round: shield with cross lozengy—arms of Stawell:
S'. GOLFRIDI . DE . . . AWELLE.

No. 180. [311] Sir Geoffrey de Stawell, knight, to John Robyn. Power of attorney to deliver seisin to Nicholas Cronte, and Ellen, his wife, of the same tenement.

3 June 1356.

PAT. univ. per pres. qd. ego Galfridus de Stawill miles assignavi et loco meo attornatum meum constitui dilectum michi in Christo Johannem Robyn de Stawille ad delib. Nicholao Cronte et Elene uxori eius plen. et pacif. seis. de uno ten. cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. sit. est ext. port. occ. eiusdem ville in vico sicut itur de pred. porta versus Heygrave inter ten. meum ex parte una et ten. Radulphi Dunsterre ex alt. qd. quidem ten. pred. Nicholas et Elena habent de dono et feoffamento meo ut in carta eis inde per me confecta plenius continetur. Ratum habiturus et gratum quicquid pred. Johannes in premissis nomine meo duxerit faciendum. In cuius [Ec.]. Dat. ap. Cotheleston die Ven. prox. post fest. S. Petronille virgin. an. reg. regis Edw. terc. post conq. tricesimo.

Seal: green wax: shield, cross lozengy (Stawell).

S' GOLFRIDI . D AWELLE.

No. 181. [485] Thomas of Stoke to John Pollard. Conveyance of stalls, solar, and a space adjacent, in High St.

1 Sept. 1356.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas de Stoke faber, dedi [Ec.] Johanni Pollard de Heigrave duas seldas et unum solarium supra easdem seldas edificatum et totam placeam meam eisdem seldis adiacentem in parte aust. earundem cum pert. in villa de Briggewater que quidem selde et solarium annexa sunt cuidam ten. qd. quidem fuit Ade le Palmere in alto vico eiusdem ville et que seldas

solarium et placeam pred. Adam adquisivit de dominis ville pred. pro pred. ten. suo elongando et extendunt ab aust. fine pred. ten. usque pred. altum vicum. Dedi etiam et conc. pred. Johanni totam placeam meam ad duo stallas mercatorum ordinatam cum pert. in villa pred. que iacet in medio pred. vici ex opposito dict. seldarum int. plac. stallorum Roberti Wake ex parte una et seldam quondam Thome le Spicer ex alt. que omnia predicta selde solarium et placee michi accidebant successione hereditaria per mortem Wilhelmi de Stoke quondam fratris mei Hab. et ten. [&c.] Redd. inde ann. pred. cap. dom. tres sol. arg. ad fest. S. Mich. et alia servicia debita et de iure consueta. Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Tho. le Large, Rob. de Plumtone, Adam de Leyborne, Will. Blacche, Tho. Halewey, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. Decollationis S. Johannis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo.

Seal: green wax: round: quatrefoil design: pyx (?) in centre: a bird in each petal (?).

No. 182. [1105] William de Grantham [?] to Robert Heligan and Edith, his wife. Conveyance of a burgage without West Gate. 10 Oct. 1356.

. carta mea confirmavi Roberto Heligan de Briggewater et Edithe Briggewater qd. quidem burg. iacet ext. port. occ. eiusdem ex parte occ. int. dim. burg. Walteri Loring[er] ex utraque parte. Hab. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma L[arge], Roberto le Plumtone, Johanne Bythesee, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Mereis et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Dionisii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo.

Seal: round: green wax: initial W in ornate surrounding.

SIGILL' . WILL'I . DE . GRANTHA'.

No. 183. [895] Richard Gaugyr, of Bristol, to Robert of Plympton. Quittance. 5 Dec. 1356.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. ego Ricardus Gaugyr de Bristoll recepi et habui die confectionis presentium de Roberto de

Plumpton burgensi de Briggewater pro toto tempore suo quo exstitit gaugiator vini in villa predicta omnimodos denarios tangentes gaugiam omnium doliorum vini, de quibus vero denariis fateor me pacatum et predictum Robertum et suos executores esse quietos In cuius rei test. huic pres. litere acquietanti sig. meum apposui. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Nicholai an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo.

Seal : small, red : intertwined triangles.

No. 184. [348] Eleanor, widow of Wm. of Coker, to John of Shapwick and Maud, his wife. Lease of a half burgage in Eastover. 12 June 1357.

NOVERINT universi qd. ego Elianora que fui uxor Willelmi de Coker tradidi conc. et hoc pres. scr. meo conf. Johanni de Shapwyk et Matillidi uxori sue unum dimid. burg. in villa de Briggewater in vico de Estovere qd. quidem dim. burg. iacet int. ten. Magistri et Fratrum hospitalis S. Johannis de Briggewater ex parte una et ten. Ade Caudel ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. pred. dim. burg. cum suis pert. pred. Johanni Matillidi et assig. suis omnibus diebus vite mee de me libere quiete bene et in pace. Redd. inde ann. dominis cap. feodi illius nomine meo ad fest. S. Mich. sex den. et michi pred. Elianore et assig. meis ad Nat. S. Johannis Bapt. incipiente vide licet a pred. festo prox. seq. post datam huius scripti usque finem quinque annorum prox. seq. plenarie completorum sex den. pro om. serv. sec. et dem. Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Rob. de Plumpton, Joh. Mogge, Nich. Boye, Adam Caudel, Joh. Mereye et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune in crastino S. Barnabe apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo primo.

Seal : green wax : uncertain.

No. 185. [487] Peter Shaldeston and Emma, his wife, to Robert Broun and Joan his wife, and others. Lease of a place in Fore St., Taunton. 16 June 1357.

Nov. univ. qd. nos Petrus Shaldeston et Emma, uxor eius, tradidimus conc. et pres. scr. nost. conf. Roberto Broun de Taunton

et Johanne uxori eius et Johanne, filie dictorum Roberti et Johanne, et Alicie, filie Ricardi Plomere, ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventis tot. illam plac. iacentem in burgo Tanton in vico nuncupato Forstret ex opposito mercati bladorum int. ten. Walteri Cartere ex parte bor. et ten. Pagani Skynner ex parte aust. Hab. et ten. pred. Roberto, Johanne, Johanne et Alicie, ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi pred. plac. cum pert. de nobis pred. Petro et Emma quam diu vixerimus et post decessum nost. de her. ac assig. eiusdem Emme lib. bene et pacif. Redd. inde nobis per ann. et deinde her. ac assig. eiusdem Emme duos sol. sterl. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porc. et dom. capitalibus illius feodi sex den. ad term. pred. et sectam quanta pertinet ad eandem placeam pro. om. aliis serviciis et seculari demanda. Et si contingat qd. pred. redditus duorum sol. in parte vel in toto post aliquem term. princ. fuerit aretro qd. tunc bene licebit pred. Petro et Emme uxori eius et her. ac assig. eiusdem Emme in pred. placea intrare et distractiones capere et retinere quousque de pred. redd. et eorum arreragii fuerint satisfacti sine contradictione dictorum Roberti, Johanne, Johanne et Alicie seu alterius cuiuscumque. Et nos pred. Petrus et Emma uxor eius et her. eiusdem Emme pred. Roberto, Johanne, Johanne et Alicie ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi pred. placeam cum pert. in forma que premittitur contra omnes mortales warantizare et defendere tenemur. In cuius rei test. hiis scriptis indent. sigilla dictorum Petri et Emme et Roberti alternatim sunt apposita. Hiis test. Joh. Oseborn seniore, Will. Hunttilpath, Rob. Stacy, Rob. Waterman, Will. Farel, et aliis. Dat. ap. Taunton die Ven. prox. ante fest. S. Botulphi abbatis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conquestu tricesimo primo.

Chirograph: A B C D E F G.

Two seals: fragments: green wax.

No. 186. [1144] John Benet, son and heir of Benet Cloteworthy, to John Knolle. Quitclaim of a half burgage in Friarn St. 16 May 1358.

Om. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. perven. Johannes Benet fil. et heres Benedicti Cloteworthy de Bruggewater [sal. in Dom.] Nov. me

remisisse [&c.] Johanni Knolle de Bruggewater [tot. ius et] clam. qd. habui vel aliquo modo habere potero in uno dim. burg. situato in villa de Bruggewater in vico Fratrum Minorum eiusdem ville int. ten. Alicie Halewey ex parte or. et ten. meum ex parte occ. qd. quidem dim. burg. dict. Johannes Knolle habuit ex dono et feoff. meo in villa de Bruggewater pred. Ita videlicet qd. [&c.]. In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Rob. Plumpton, Hug. Mareys, Joh. Mogge, Tho. More, Will. Blacche, Thoma Somere. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Merc. prox. post fest. Ascensionis Domini an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo secundo.

Seal: green: merchant's mark.

No. 187. [351] John Knolle to Nicholas Boye. Conveyance of a half burgage in Friarn St. 1 July 1358.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Knolle de Briggewater dedi [&c.] Nicholao Boye unum dimid. burg. cum pert. in villa de Briggewater qd. situm est in vico voc. Frerenestret int. dim. burg. Johannis Cloteworth[i] ex parte una et dim. burg. Alicie Halewey ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Redd. inde ann. pred. cap. dom. sex den. ad fest. S. Mich. Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Will. Crich, Hug. de Mareis, Rog. Swofham, Rad. le Deghere, Joh. Loof et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. apost. Petri et Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. terc. post conq. tricesimo secundo.

Seal: green wax: two bars, in chief a greyhound courant.

S I G I L L V M

Nich. Boye and Adam Best, M.P.s in Feb. of this year.

No. 188. [736] Probate copy of the Will of John Knyght. 4 Oct. 1359.

IN Dei nomine amen. Die Veneris prox. post fest S. Mich. Arch. an. Dom. millesimo CCC^{mo}lix^o, Ego Johannes Knyzt compos mentis mee et in sana memoria quondo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo et corpus meum sacre sepulture in cimiterio parochiali de Brugiswalteri. Item lego ad

fabriciam eiusdem ecclesie xxs. Item lego domino Thome Wyldemersch capellano xxs. Item lego Fratribus Minoribus eiusdem ville xxs. Item vicario dicte ville vs. ad celebrandum pro anima mea. Item singulis capellanis in eadem ecclesia nunc manentibus xiiid. Item Thome Large xxs. Item Magistro Hospitalis eiusdem loci xxs. Item Johanni Artour vis. viiid. Item fratri Willelmo Chilton vis. viiid. Item domino Waltero rectori ecclesie de Gothurst xs. Item domino Ade. Storie capellano xs. Item Willelmo, fratri meo xxs. Item Waltero, fratri meo xxs. Item Andree fratri meo omnes pelles inparatas cum instrumentis meis omnibus illius artis. Item domino Thome Wyldemersch vi virgas duplicatas et dimidiam de sendri. Item pro expensis in die sepulture mee iiii li. Item pro uno capellano ad celebrandum per unum annum pro anima mea iiii li. Item primo diei anniversarii mei iiii li. Item pro expensis anniversarii mei in proximo anno sequente iiii li. Item Waltero filio meo xs. Item Isabelle filie mee xs. Item Roberto Mostard xs. et robam meam optimam. Item lego Willelmo atte Mulle et Johanne uxori sue hered. et assig. eorum post mortem Agnetis uxoris mee cum acciderit tot. illud ten. qd. habui ex dono et concessione Symonis de Bradeneye et situm est in alto vico de Brugewater hab. et ten. pred. Willelmo et Johanne her. et assig. eorum imperp. et pred. Willelmus et Johanna her. et assig. eorum invenire debent et sustentare unum sacerdotem ad celebrandum pro animabus mei et Agnetis uxoris mee quatuor annos et reddere debent inde annuatim ad lumen beate Marie eiusdem ville certum redditum que redditus ante fuit proprius beate Marie dicti tenementi et est iis. Item lego Agneti uxori mee et assig. suis ortum meum quod emi inperpetuum iacens extra portam occidentalem eiusdem ville Hab. et ten. pred. ortum pred. Agneti et assig. suis inperp. residuum vero bonorum meorum omnium non legatorum lego Agneti uxori mee. Facio et constituo executores meos Agnetem uxorem meam et Willelmum atte Mulle ad omnia predicta fideliter facienda.

Probatum est presens testamentum coram nobis . . Officiali domini . . Archidiaconi Tanton in ecclesia de Godhurst vii die mensis Novembris anno Dom. supradicto et dicti executores iurati sunt ad conficiendum fideliter inventarium et ad exhibendum in proximo capitulo et tunc ad recipiendum administrationem ;

postea ad executores exhibentes commissa est eisdem administratio bonorum dicti defuncti in forma iuris.

[Dorse]

de Cantarie de Woliton iis.

de ten. in quo Robertus Parys inhabitavit.

No. 189. [1150] Emma, widow of Peter Shalleford, to Robert Broun, Joan, his wife, and Joan, their daughter. Lease of two shops with solars, in Fore St., Taunton. 28 May 1359.

Nov. univ. qd. ego Emma que fui uxor Petri Shalleford in pura viduitate mea tradidi et divisi et pres. scr. meo conf. Roberto Broun et Johanne uxori eius et Johanne filie dict. Roberti et Johanne ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi duas shopas cum solariis in quibus inhabitant in presenti situatas in burgo Tanton in Forstret ex opposito mercati bladorum dicti burgi int. shopas Stephani Carre ex parte una et shopam Johannis Rondville ex alt. Hab. et ten. dict. shop. et solar. cum pert. pred. Roberto et Johanne et Johanne ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi de me et hered. seu assig. meis lib. bene et pacifice. Redd. inde michi et hered. seu assig. meis ann. octo sol. arg. ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porc. pro omnibus aliis serviciis et exact. secular. Et pred. Robertus Johanna et Johanna seu unus eorum diucius vivens pred. duas shopas cum solar. sumpt. eorum prop. emendabunt et manutenebunt et in adeo bono statu dimittent quo susceperunt et in meliori. Et si pred. redditus aretro fuerit in parte vel in toto post aliquem term. pred. qd. tunc bene licebit dicte Emme et hered. seu assig. suis in pred. shopis [*&c. as in No. 171*]. Et ego vero dicta Emma et hered. mei pred. duas shopas cum solar. et al. pert. pred. Roberto et Johanne ux. eius et Johanne filie eorundem Roberti et Johanne ad term. vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius vivent' in forma prenominata cont. om. mort. warantizabimus acquitab. et defendemus. In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Johanne Oseborn, Roberto Waterman, Willemo Criche, Willemo Deghere, Willemo Farel et aliis. Dat. ap. Tanton die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Augustini Anglorum apos. an. reg. regis Ed. tercii a conq. tricesimo tercio.

Chiograph: A B C D E F G H I.

Seal: round: red wax: shield of arms.

No. 190. [479] Wm. Smale, of Dartmouth, to Robert Plympton, in the name of Henry Strete of London, chief butler to the King. Receipt for wine. 17 April 1360.

SACHENT touz y ceux qi cestes presentes lettres verront ou orront que William Smale de Dertemue aye resceu ii ton de vinz q[*stain*] Bryggewater en une nef de Donwych de Robert Plymton en nom de Henry Strete de Loundres chef Bottler acr' de le Roy De les queux dits ii ton de vinz nous quitclames le dite Robt. pur touz jours et delivere . . les [ii ton] de vinz a Ad Beste e ceste lettre vous serra engarant vers Henry Strete. En testimoni' de quele chose monn seale. Escript a Dertemue le Venderdy procheyn devant le feste Sey George lan du regne nostre seig[neur roy] Edward terce pus le conqueste dengleterre xxxiiii.

Seal: round: red wax: merchant's mark.

No. 191. [740] Will of Roger Swopham. 1 Feb. 1361.

IN Dei nomine amen. Anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}LXI^o ego Rogerus Swopham mercator de Bruggewater in sanitate corporis et mentis existens condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti B.M.V. et Omnibus Sanctis et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali de Bruggewater. Item lego fabrice dicte ecclesie tres libras argenti. Item lego Fratribus Minoribus eiusdem ville viginti solidos argenti ad celebrandum pro anima mea. Item lego Magistro et Confratribus Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Brugg' viginti solidos argenti. Item lego Waltero Straddon quinquaginta solidos argenti. Item lego Willelmo Giffard quinquaginta solidos argenti. Item lego Johanni Cristian quadraginta solidos. Item lego Johanni Spicer viginti solidos. Item lego Johanni atte Watere viginti solidos. Item lego Alicie Lym quinque libras argenti. Item lego Henrico Sydenham viginti solidos. Item lego cuilibet indigenti et elimosyn' caritatem petenti in die sepulture mee unum denarium. Item lego vicario ecclesie parochialis de Brugg' quinque solidos. Item lego cuilibet capellano in dicta

ecclesia existenti et divina celebranti duodecim denarios. Item lego domino Thome Wildemerrssh capellano quindecim solidos argenti. Item lego Willelmo Criche tertiam partem navis que habeo contra eundem Willelmum. Item lego duobus pueris Johannis Swopham quadraginta solidos. Item lego calceto inter Brugg' et Horsy viginti solidos. Item lego Petro le Breton quinque solidos. Item lego Alicie servienti mee quinque solidos. Item lego Matillidi servienti mee quinque solidos. Item lego Thome Frie quadraginta solidos. Item lego ad habendum et sustentandum unum capellanum ad celebrandum pro anima mea per tres annos integros quindecim libras sterlingorum. Item lego pro expensis in die sepulture mee quinque libras argenti et quinque solidos. Item lego Agathe uxori mee omnia tenementa mea et burgagia que habeo in Bruggewater sive in dominio de Brugg' Hab. et ten. omnia pred. tenementa sive burgagia cum om. suis pert. predicte Agathe et assig. suis toto tempore vite predicte Agathe, de cap. dominis feodi illius per servicia inde deb. et de iure cons. Et post decessum prefate Agathe lego et volo qd. om. pred. ten. sive burg. cum om. suis pert. per executores meos vel per illos quibus administratio bonorum meorum in forma iuris committi contigerit si tunc superstites fuerint vel per executores eorum si ipsi mortui fuerint vendantur et pecunia inde proveniens pro anima mea et predicte Agathe liberorumque nostrorum necnon animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum ad missas celebrandas et alia pia opera facienda convertatur et distribuatur vel aliter ad aliquem sanctum locum pro salute animarum predictarum predicta tenementa sive burgagia cum pertinentiis approprientur. Item lego executoribus meis subscriptis totum residuum bonorum meorum debitorum et catallorum cuiuscumque conditionis fuerint superius non legatum. Huius autem testamenti mei ordino facio et constituo executores meos Willelmum Criche, Thomam Frie, Agatham uxorem meam et Thomam Wildemerrssh capellanum. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. Purif. B.M.V. anno supradicto.

Probatum est presens testamentum coram nobis officiale domini Archidiaconi Tanton xiii die mensis Martii an. Dom. supradicto Et commissa est administratio bonorum defuncti supradicti Willelmo

Agathe et Thome Wyldemershe executoribus in testamento nominatis in forma iuris

Fragment of seal in red wax : votary in arch below two figures.

No. 192. [362] Roger the Rede to Wm. Crych and Thomas Wyldemershe, chaplain. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the West Gate to the Friars' Church, a tenement in High St. and a cottage and courtyard in Friarn St. 25 March 1361.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Rogerus le Rede dedi [*&c.*] Willelmo Crych et Thome Wyldemershe capellano duo tenementa mea et unum cotag[ium cum curti]lagio adiacente cum pert. in vil. de Briggewater quorum unum ten. sit. est inf. port. occid. eiusd[em ville in vico] sicut itur de pred. porta versus eccl. Fratrum Minorum in eadem vil. int. ten. Walteri Loryn[ger] ex par. una [et ten. Johanne] Paris ex alt. Aliud vero ten. sit. est in alto vico ex opposito de Cornhulle int. ten. Henrici Redmor qd. quondam fuit Simonis le Hyne ex par. una et ten. Simonis le Nywecomene ex alt. et pred. cotagium sum curtilagio situm est in vico [voc]ato Frerenstret int. ten. Roberti Vyncent ex par. una et ten. quondam Johannis Gate-man ex alt. Hab. [et ten.] [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma [le] Large, Hugone Mareis, Rogero Sopham, Johanne Aleyne, Johanne Loof et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis in festo annunc. beate Marie an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo quinto.

Seal : round : red wax : shield :

SIGILLVM . ROGERI . REDE.

No. 193. [680] Wm. Crych and Thos. Wildemershe, chaplain, to Roger le Rede and Margery, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement within West Gate, another opposite the Cornhill, and a cottage in Friarn St. 18 April 1361.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos Willelmus Crych et Thomas Wildemershe capellanus concess. et hac pres. carta nostra conf. Rogero le Rede et Margerie uxori eius duo tenementa nostra et unum cota-

gium cum curtilagio adiacente cum pert. in villa de Briggewater quorum unum tenement. situm est inf. port. occid. eiusdem ville in vico sicut itur de pred. porta vers. ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum in eadem villa int. tenement. Walteri Lorynger ex parte una et tenement. Johanne Paris ex alt. Aliud vero tenement. situm est in alto vico ex opposito de la Cornhulle int. tenement. Henrici Redmor qd. quondam fuit Simonis Hyne ex parte una et tenement. Simonis le Nywecomen ex alt. et pred. cotag. cum curt. situm est in vico voc. Frerenestret int. ten. Roberti Vyncent ex parte una et ten. quondam Johannis Gateman ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large. Rob. Plymton, Rog. Swofham, Joh. Paywel, Joh. Loof et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. S. Georgii Martiris an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo quinto.

Seal: round: shield of arms.

No. 194. [476] Robt. Plympton to Wm. Taverner and Margery, his wife. Lease of a tenement near South Gate, toward the Little Mill. 10 Aug. 1361?

[OMNI]BUS Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scrip. pervenerit Robertus Plumpton de Bryghwauter sal. in Dom. Noveritis me trad. et conc. [Willelmo Ta]verner et Margerie uxori eius tot. ten. meum cum pert. qd. iacet iuxta portam aust. vil. de Bryghwauter int. ten. Johannis Eydy ex [parte una] et communem fossam vil. pred. que ducit versus le Lytilmill ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. tot. pred ten. cum omn. pert. suis pred. Willelmo et Margerie ad term. vite eorum de me et hered. meis lib. et integre Redd. inde ann. mihi hered. vel assig. meis decem sol. [argen]ti ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porc. pro omni serv. salvo regali, sustentando sumptibus eorum propriis et competenter reparando pred. ten. cum pert. per tot. term. pred. Et si pred. redditus [&c.]. Et ego vero [&c.] [In cuius] rei [&c.] Test. Johanne Loof, Nicholao Pridie, Willelmo Dyere, Roberto [Pottere?], Johanne Peytefyn et aliis. Dat. ap. Bryghwauter decimo die mensis Augusti an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. []simo quinto.

Chirograph:

No. 195. [749] Will of Richard atte Stone. 20 Oct. 1361.

IN Dei nomine amen. Ego Ricardus atte Stone condo testamentum meum in hunc modum die Mercurii prox. post fest. sancti Luce Ewangeli an. Dom. millesimo CCCLXI^o. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie paroch. de Canyngton. Item lego Roberto Plumpton et Ade Leyborne custodibus luminis cantarie B.M.V. eccles. paroch. de Bruggewater et hered. vel assig. suis ac omnibus aliis custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint unum dimidium burgagium quod quidem dict. dimid. burg. scituatum est ext. port. occid. eiusdem ville ex parte orientali vici sicut itur versus Kerdesburi int. dim. burg. Willelmi Grobham ex parte una et dim. burg. Willelmi Bal ex parte alt. Hab. et ten. tot. dim. burg. cum om. et sing. suis pert. pred. Roberto et Ade custodibus luminis cantarie beate Marie eccl. pred. et hered. vel assig. suis ac omnibus aliis custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint imperp. pro animabus Willelmi atte Stone, Alicie, uxoris eius, Ricardi atte Stone et Emmote, uxoris eius, domini Willelmi atte Stone, capellani, Ricardi atte Stone et Juliane, uxoris eius. Item lego domino vicario de Canyngton unum tritenale. Item lego clerico vid. Item lego Waltero filio fratris mei unam robam de blueto. Item lego pro decimis meis oblitis i bz. frumenti, i bz. ordeï, i bz. fabarum et i bz. avene. Et quicquid residuum fuerit de bonis meis non legatis lego uxori mee. Et ad istud testamentum fideliter exequendum ordino et constituo executricem meam Julianam uxorem meam. Probatum est presens testamentum coram nobis Roberto atte Crosse venerabilis patris domini Radulphi Dei gratia Bath. et Well. episcopi commissario generali in ecclesia parochiali de Otterhampton xxviii die mensis Octobris an. Dom. supradicto et tempore visitationis dicti patris in Archidiaconatu Tanton exercite et commissa est administratio bonorum defuncti supradicti executrici in testamento nominate in forma iuris.

[Dorse] De tenemento in quo Thomas Braker quondam inhabitavit Extra portam occidentalem.

No. 196. [519] Sir Thomas Fichet, kt., to Henry Lytelton, parson of Spaxton, and others. Conveyance of all his burgages in Bridgwater or without. 1 Nov. 1361.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Fichet miles dedi [*&c.*] magistro Henrico Lytelton, persone ecclesie de Spaxton, Johanni de Hors, Hugoni de Popham, Thome Porter et Stephano Moion omnia burgagia mea in villa de Bruggewater vel extra simul cum reversionibus omnium burgagiorum meorum ibique cum acciderint Hab. et ten. pred. Henrico Johanni Hugoni Thome et Stephano et hered. eorum om. pred. burg. et revers. ut predictum est bene integre et in pace iure hereditario imperp. In cuius rei test. hinc pres. carte mee sigil. meum presentibus est apensum. Hiis test. Galfrido de Stauwille, milite, Matheo de Stauwille, Thoma Large, Roberto de Pluynton et Thoma Moion et aliis. Dat. ap. Spaxton die Lune in festo Omnium Sanctorum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conquestu tricesimo quinto.

No. 197. [899] Margery, widow of Roger the Rede, to Walter Straddone. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the West Gate to the Friars' church.

28 Nov. 1361.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Margeria uxor Rogeri le Rede de Briggewater in pura et legitima potestate viduetatis mee dedi [*&c.*] Waltero Straddone unum ten. meum cum om. pert. suis in vil. de Briggewater inf. port. occid. eiusdem vil. sicut itur in vico de pred. porta usque ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum in eadem vil. sit. int. ten. hered. Walteri Loringe[r] ex par. una et ten. qd. fuit Johanne Paris ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Johanne Cronyle, Johanne Aleyn, Willelmo Criche, Thoma Wildemersh, capellano, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. S. Andree apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo quinto.

[*Dorse*] Inter Rede et Streddon. Brigewater.

Seal: round: green wax: small shield.

No. 198. [285] Thomas Eode to Wm. atte More. Conveyance of a quarter burgage in South St. 6 March 1362.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Eode dedi [&c.] Willelmo atte More quartam partem unius burg. cum pert. iacent' in vico aust. de Bruggewalter int. ten. quondam Rogeri Swopham ex par. orient. et ten. Henrici Redmour ex par. occid. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Johanne Bythesee. Adam Westlegh, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne Swopham et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. David episc. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post Conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: green wax: antique figures.

No. 199. [893] Thomas Hogge to Robert Plympton. Conveyance of a tenement in High St. and of a half burgage without West Gate. 13 April 1362.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Hogge dedi [&c.] Roberto Plumpton de Bruggewater unum ten. meum in Bruggewater situatum in alto vico in par. bor. int. ten. dominorum dicte ville ex par. una et ten. qd. fuit Johannis Eustase de Sydenham ex par. alt. Dedi eciam et conc. eidem Roberto unum dim. burg. in eadem vil. extra port. occ. sicut itur versus parcum int. burgag. qd. fuit Johannis le Eyr ex una par. et burg. Nicholai Cronte ex alt. par. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma le Large, Thoma Wildemerssh, capellano, Waltero le Bouchere, Willelmo Tannere, Willelmo Blachche et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Mercur. prox. ante fest. S. Pasche an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: red wax: geometrical: . . . T H O M E V I . . .

No. 200. [319] James Cokere, son and heir of Wm. Cokere of Wembdon, to John Purchas. Quitclaim of a half burgage in Eastover. 22 July 1362.

NOVERINT univ. per pres. me Jacobum Cokere fil. et hered. Willelmi Cokere de Wemedon remisisse [&c.] Johanni Purchas de

Bryggewalter tot. ius [*&c.*] in uno dim. burg. in vil. de Bryggewalter in vico voc. Estovere qd. quidem dim. burg. iacet int. ten. Magistri et Fratrum Hosp. de Bryggewalter ex par. una et ten. quondam Ade Caudel ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Henrico Redmour, Roberto Plumton, Willelmo Cryche, Hugone Mareys et aliis. Dat. ap. Bryggewalter in fest. S. Marie Magdalene an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: red wax: suppliant before saint.

Robt. Plympton and Wm. Criche, M.P.s this year and again in 1366.

No. 201. [354] John Purchatz to John Swopham and Joan his wife. Quitclaim of a half burgage in Eastover.

22 July 1362.

Nov. univ. per pres. me Johannem Purchatz de Bruggewater remisisse [*&c.*] Johanni Swopham burgensi de Bruggewater Johanne uxori sue et hered. vel assig. eorum tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in uno dim. burg. in vil. de Bruggewater in vico voc. Estovere [*&c. as in No. 200*] Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Henrico Redmour, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareis et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater in festo S. Marie Magdalene an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: green wax: suppliant before saint.

No. 202. [1149] Henry Lyttilton, rector of Spaxton, to Richard Hyntilsham, clerk. Conveyance of a half burgage on the east side of the churchyard.

4 Aug. 1362.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Henricus Lyttilton, rector ecclesie de Spaxton, dedi [*&c.*] Ricardo Hyntilsham, clerico, unum dim. burg. cum pert. qd. iacet in vil. de Bruggewater iuxta cimiterium ecclesie paroch. vil. pred. in par. orient. int. ten. quondam Henrici Squier ex par. una et ten. dominorum ville pred. ex parte alt. qd. quidem dim. burg. cum pert. habui de dono et feoffamento domini Thome

Fichet, militis, Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Swofham, Waltero Boucher, Willelmo Blacche et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox., post fest. S. Petri advincula anno reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: small, round: red wax: pelican in her piety:

S V M . P E L I C A N . D E I .

No. 203. [350] **Eleanor, relict of Wm. Coker, to John Swopham and Joan, his wife. Quitclaim of a half burgage in Eastover.** 16 Nov. 1362.

Om. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. perven. Alinora Coker, relicta Willelmi Coker, sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Johanni Swopham, burgensi de Bruggewater, Johanne, uxori sue et hered. vel. assig. eorum tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in uno dimid. burg. in vil. de Bruggewater in vico voc. Estovere qd. quidem dim. burg. iacet int. ten. Magistri et Confratrum Hosp. S. Joh. Bapt. de Bruggewater ex par. una et ten. quondam Ade Caudel ex par. alt. Ita qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumptone, Willelmo Criche et aliis. Data ap. Bruggewater die Merc. in festo S. Edmundi Epis. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: green wax: indecipherable: foliage, with squirrel [?].

No. 204. [274] **Denyse Rogeroun to Margaret, her daughter. Conveyance of three acres of land in Blackland, Wembdon.** 15 Dec. 1362.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Dionisia Rogeroun in pura et legitima potestate viduetatis mee dedi [*&c.*] Margarete Rogeroun filie mee tres acras terre arabilis iacentes in Blakelonde in parochia de Wemedon unde una acra vocata Chekeracre et due acre iacentes infra clausum in orient. parte crofte que quondam fuit Henrici Maiselin int. terram Roberti Muleward ex par. orient. Hab. et ten. pred. tres acres terre arab. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius

[&c.] Hiis test. Roberto Plumpton, Matheo Michel, Radulpho Barwe, Ricardo Dyere, Waltero Wynd et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Lucie virg. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo sexto.

Seal: round: green wax: a hare: S' . . . E V E . D E

Little Blacklands is No. 89 on the ordnance map. Meslings 5 acs. and Meslings 4 acs. are on the road from the bottom of Sandford Hill to Model Farm.

No. 205. [307] Denyse Rogeroun to John Wynd. Power of attorney to deliver seisin to Margaret, her daughter, of the same land. 15 Dec. 1362.

PATEAT univ. per pres. qd. ego Dionisia Rogeroun atturnavi et loco meo posui dilectum mihi in Chr. Johannem Wynd ad deliberandum et ad ponendum Margaretam Rogeroun filiam meam in plenam et pacificam seysinam trium acrarum terre arab. in la Blakelonde iacentium in parochia de Wemedon. Et quicquid idem Johannes fecerit in nomine meo ratum et gratum habitura in premissis. In cuius [&c.]. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Lucie virg. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo sexto.

Small round seal: green wax: hare.

No. 206. [372] John Betere to Robert Sowe and Joan, his wife. Conveyance of a half burgage in North St. on the way from the West Gate to the North Gate. 15 Aug. 1363.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Betere de Bruggewater dedi [&c.] Roberto Sowe et Johanne uxori eius unum dim. burg. cum pert. in vil. de Bruggewater qd. in vico bor. sicut itur de porta occid. versus port. bor. in eadem vil. int. ten. meum ex par. una et ten. Johannis Person ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Test. Willelmo Criche, Johanne Sopham, Willelmo

atte Mulle, Nicholao Ferour, Ricardo Dyere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Martis in festo Assump. be. Marie virg. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo septimo.

[*Dorse, in later hand*] the northe parte of the streete betwene the north gate & highe strete.

Seal: green wax: oval: E C C E . A G D E I.

Wm. Criche and John Smok, M.P.s this year.

No. 207. [885] Roger Swopham's executors to John Butleigh, vicar, and Wm. Bercorn, chaplain. Quitclaim of a tenement in High St. betwixt Bridge and Market, and a piece of land in Cokene Row next the Gildhall.

11 Sept. 1363.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. perven. Willelmus Criche, Thomas Wyldemersshe, capellanus, et Agatha que fuit uxor Rogeri Swofham, executores testamenti dicti Rogeri sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et voluntate remisisse [*&c.*] Johanni Boteclagh, vicario ecclesie paroch. de Bruggewater et Willelmo Bercorn, capellano, tot. ius nost. [*&c.*] in uno ten. et in una placea terre cum pert. in vil. de Bruggewater unde pred. ten. iacet in alto vico vil. pred. ex opposito Castri in par. aust. sicut itur a magno ponte usque ad forum ville pred. int. ten. quondam Alicie et Johanne filiarum Ricardi Godewyne ex utraque parte, et predicta placea terre iacet in alto vico dicte ville in la Cokenerewe int. Aulam Gilde ex par. una et placeam Ricardi Wely ex par. alt. et extendit a pred. alto vico a parte bor. usque quoddam ten. pred. Ricardi versus aust. Hab. et ten. pred. ten. [*&c.*] Ita videlicet qd. nec nos pred. Willelmus Criche, Thomas et Agatha nec aliquis nostrum nec hered. nost. nec aliquis alius per nos seu nomine nost. aliquod ius vel clam. in pred. ten. et plac. ter. cum pert. nec in aliqua parcella eorundem de cetero exigere clamare seu aliquo modo vindicare poterimus nec debemus in futurum set ab [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Thoma Large, Johanne Bethesee, Hugone Mareys, Willelmo atte Mulle, Johanne Smok et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune

prox. post fest. Nat. be. Marie virg. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo septimo.

Indented.

Three small red seals. (1) Small shield with merchant's mark.

(2) Paschal Lamb: E C C E . A G N E S . D E I.

(3) A love seal [*Dr. Birch*].

No. 208. [347] James of Coker to John Swopham and Joan, his wife. Quitclaim of a half burgage in Eastover.

18 Dec. 1363.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. perv. Jacobus de Coker sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Johanni Swofham, mercatori, ville de Bruggewater et Johanne, uxori eius, tot. jus meum [*&c.*] in uno dim. burg. cum pert. iacente in vil. de Bruggewater pred. in vico voc. Estovere in par. bor. int. ten. Magistri et fratrum Hosp. S. Joh. ex par una et ten. quondam Ade Caudel ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Ita videlicet [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Hugone Mareys, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Aleyn, Waltero Boucher, Willelmo Blacche, Ricardo Dyere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Lucie virginis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo septimo.

Seal: green wax: shield, lion rampant.

No. 209. [670] Richard Dyer to Nicholas Cronte. Conveyance of a half burgage without the West Gate. 5 Feb. 1364.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Dyere dedi [*&c.*] Nicholao Cronte unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. qd. iacet ext. port. occid. vil. de B[rug]ewater in par. aust. vici sicut itur vers. Heygrave int. ten. Johannis de Combmartyn ex par. una et ten. quondam Johannis Node ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Tannere, Hugone Mareys Bythesee [?] et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Lune prox. post fest. Purif. [B.M.V.] an. [reg. regis] Edw. tercii a conq. tri[ce]simo octavo.

Parchment corroded by damp.

Seal broken: in red wax.

- No. 210. [897] Simon Denys to Thomas Wyldemersche, chaplain, and John Engleys. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the parish church to the Friars' church. 16 Mar. 1364.

[Data per copiam.]

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Simon Denys dedi [*&c.*] Thome Wyldemersche, capellano, et Johanni Engleys tot. illud ten. meum cum pert. in vil. de Briggewater qd. sit. est in vico sicut itur de eccles. paroch. eiusdem vil. vers. eccles. Fratrum Minorum in eadem vil. int. ten. Willelmi le Hoper ex par. una et ten. quondam Willelmi le Proute ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Reddendo inde annuatim eisdem cap. dominis quatuor denarios ad fest. S. Mich. arch. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Willelmo Tanner, Willelmo Blacche, tanner, Johanne Sely et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater sextodecimo die mensis Martii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo octavo.

This and No. 211 are on the same parchment as No. 178.

- No. 211. [898] Thomas Wyldemerssche, chaplain, and John Engleys, to Simon Denys and Joan, his wife. Conveyance of the same tenement. 28 April 1364.

[Data per copiam]

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. nos Thomas Wyldemerssche, capellanus, et Johannes Engleys dedimus [*&c.*] Simoni Denys de Briggewater et Johanne uxori sue tot. illud ten. [*&c. as in No. 210*] Hab. et ten. [*&c. as in No. 210*] Redd. [*&c. as in No. 210*] Et nos vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. [*as in No. 210*]. Dat. ap. Briggewater vicesimo octavo die mensis Aprilis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Frieren Streete or St. Marie Streete.

This and No. 210 are on the same parchment as No. 178.

No. 212. [459] **Walter Wynde to Nicholas Ferroure. Conveyance of rent from a tenement without the West Gate, and reversion of the same.** 4 May 1364.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walterus Wynd burgensis ville Briggewalteri dedi [&c.] Nicholao Ferroure quinque solidatos et sex denarios annui redditus cum pert. in Briggewater exeuntes de uno ten. ext. port. occid. eiusdem ville in bor. par. vici sicut itur vers. la parke qd. Willelmus Blanchard et Cristina uxor eius tenent ad term. vite eorum et iacet int. ten. Gilberti Hering in par. orient. et ten. Johanne Waymouth ex par. occid. Concessi eciam pred. Nicholao Ferroure tot. reversionem dict. ten. cum post mortem dict. Willelmi et Cristine quum acciderit. Hab. et ten. om. pred. redd. et ten. cum om. pert. suis cum acciderit pred. Nicholao Ferroure hered. et assig. suis de cap. dominis feodi illius per [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumptre, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Bitheseo, Johanne Cole et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Sabb. prox. post fest. Inventionis S. Crucis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo octavo.

Seal: red wax, broken: pelican in her piety.

No. 213. [465] **Manor of Dunwear. Robert atte Pulle pays the lord fine to succeed to the tenancy of John atte Pulle, in bondage.** 27 May 1364.

DONEWERE. Datum per copiam ad curiam tentam ibidem die Lune prox. post fest. S. Augustini an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. xxxviii^o, Robertus atte Pulle dat domino de fine xviii^d. ut habere possit illud tenementum quod Philippus atte Pulle prius tenuit et quod Johannes atte Pulle modo tenet. Habendum dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis cum post mortem dicti Johannis acciderit dicto Roberto ad terminum vite sue in bondage. Reddet et faciet redditum et servicia in omnibus sicut predictus Johannes facit soluto fine videlicet ad fest. S. Mich. xs. et ad fest. Pasche proxime sequens dimidiam marcam, et predictus Johannes habet diem ad reparandum grangiam dicti tenementi infra ii annos post datam presentium proxime sequentes sub pena &c.

No. 214. [727] To John Bartelot and Cecily, his wife. Conveyance of land at a rose rent. 13 Aug. 1364.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. [perv. . . . sal. in Dom. Noveritis] me tradidisse et concessisse Johanni Bartelot et Ce[cilie] pecia terre continent' in se viginti quatuor pedes in lat[itudine] parte terre de Crawepulle et extendit in longitudine et Est Chilton usque pratum Roberti Plumpton voc. Crawepu[lle] pecie terre pred. Johanni et Cecilie toto tempore v[it]e Robertus non sic perturbatur in terragio suo in dicta pecia terre in ullo mihi et heredibus meis vel assignatis unam rosam ad fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. per regali. In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. J. Willelmo atte Mulle, Johanne Gladyn et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Martis prox. post [fest.] S. Laurentii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo octavo.

Fragment of chirograph. One third of parchment decayed.

Seal : round : green wax : Paschal Lamb : E C C E . A G N V S . D E I.

No. 215. [432] Nicholas the Webbe and Agnes, his wife, to John Bridie and Alice, his wife. Lease of a house and courtyard in Friarn St. Ratification of Robert Plympton. 1 Nov. 1364.

NOVERINT univ. per pres. qd. nos Nicholas le Webbe de Briggewater et Agnes uxor eiusdem tradidimus concessimus et dimisimus Johanni Bridie et Alicie uxori sue unam domum cum curtilagio in Briggewater situatam in vico Fratrum Minorum in orientali parte portis pred. Fratrum Minorum et extendit se versus le Wayere iuxta clausum muri dict. Fratrum Minorum in par. aust. et vers. vic. in par. bor. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Redd. inde ann. nobis et assig. nost. decem sol. arg. ad quat. anni term. princ. equis porc. pro omn. serv. secular. et demand. Et nos vero [&c.] Quod quidem scriptum dict. Nicholai et Agnetis ego Robertus Plumptone burgensis ville Briggewalteri pred. pro me hered. et assig. meis dict. Johanni et Alicie quamdiu vixerint ratum et gratum accepto et statum eorun-

dem Johannis et Alicie per presens scriptum ratifico et confirmo. In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Hugone Mareys, Johanne Cole, Johanne Bytheseo, Johanne Aleyn et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Ven. in festo Omn. Sanct. an. regni reg. Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Webbe et Bridge.

Chirograph A B C D E.

No. 216. [483] **Matthew of Clevedon to Walter Dodde.**
Quitclaim of a tenement near the South Gate.

7 April 1365.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. perv. Matheus de Clyvedon sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Waltero Dodde mercatori de Briggewalter tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in toto illo ten. cum om. suis pert. qd. pred. Walterus nuper habuit ex dono et feoffamento Johannis Knight, durifabri, de Taunton scituato videlicet iuxta portam haustalem ville de Briggewalter Ita qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Dat. ap. Ivelcestre die Lune in crastino Dominice de Ramis Palmarum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo nono.

Seal: red wax: flat impression.

No. 217. [342] **Walter Wynd to Nicholas Ferroure. Convey-**
ance of a half burgage in Orlove St. 23 April 1365.

Scr. pres. et fut. qd. ego Walterus Wynd de Briggewater dedi [*&c.*] Nicholao Ferroure unum dim. burg. cum pert. suis in Briggewater situatum in vico voc. Orlovesstret int. ten. Johannis Alyn ex par. una et ten. quondam Thome Fitzjames ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareys, Johanne Bytheseo et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Mercurii in festo S. Georgii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo nono.

Small round seal: brown wax: a pelican in her piety.

No. 218. [1197] Nich., son and heir of Ralph Berde, to Richd. Petar and Alice, his wife. Lease of land in the manor of Huish by Highbridge. 23 Sept. 1365.

[THIS MS. is now illegible, but from Dr. Birch's catalogue it appears to be a lease, as above described, of a messuage, curtilage and seven acres of arable land in the free manor of Hewisc near the High Bridge, for the lives of the lessees, at a yearly rent of seven shillings with a day's work of one man in the autumn—*operabunt per unum diem in autumpno cum uno homine sine sibario*—and covenant to build a house of three couples. Witnesses: Nich. Large, Thos. Hegins, Thos. Sayntham [?], John Weston, John Hamon. Dated at Hewisc near the High Bridge on the Tuesday before Michaelmas Day, 39 Ed. III.]

Deeply indented.

Seal: green wax: round: an ornamental cross.

No. 219. [1001] Thomas Eede to Thomas Wildemerssh, chaplain, and Wm. Criche. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the east stile of the church toward the Gildhall. 8 Oct. 1365.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Eede de Briggewalter dedi [&c.] domino Thome Wildemerssh, capellano, et Willelmo Criche tot. illud ten. cum pert. in vil. de Briggewalter qd. scitum est in vico qui ducit de orient. scalera ecclesie vil. pred. vers. le Gildhalle in eadem vil. ex opposito tenementi quondam Ricardi Lonerger qd. modo est Johannis Wyndelsore int. ten. Johannis de Popham ex par. una et ten. Ricardi de Wely ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto de Plumpton, Hugone Mareys, Willelmo atte Mulle, Roberto le Mulle et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Merc. prox. ante fest. S. Kalixti pape an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. tricesimo nono.

Seal: round: green wax: a rose:

ROSAMVND. CARISSIMA

- No. 220. [375] **Hugh, son of John Godwyn, to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of lands, tenements and dovecot, in Briggewater.** 3 Nov. 1365.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Hugo Godewyne filius Johannis Godewyne de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remis. [&c.] Roberto Plymton de Bruggewater, mercatori, hered. et assig. ipsius Roberti imperp. tot. jus meum [&c.] in omn. terris et tenementis columbar' cum pert. que pred. Robertus nuper habuit ex dono et feoffamento meo in villa de Bruggewater videlicet tam in illis terr. et ten. cum pert. que habui ex dono et legato pred. Johannis patris mei quam in illis terr. et ten. que habui ex dono et concessione Johanne Godewyne matris mee michi et hered. meis imperp. in villa pred. Ita quod [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Hiis test. Johanne de Clyvedon, Ricardo Dacton, Stephano Mareys, militibus, Matheo Michel, Thoma Large, Willelmo Cryche, Hugone Mareys, Willelmo de Byngham, Johanne Lough et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Omn. Sanct. an. regni reg. Edw. tercii post conq. tricesimo nono.

Seal: round: green wax: 5-petalled flower: W A K E . M E . N O (i.e. Wake me not ! usually with a lion dormant).

- No. 221. [654] **Geoffrey Buschel to John Betere and Christine, his wife. Lease of a tenement within West Gate.** 1366-7.

. Galfridus Buschel tradidi et concessi Johanni Betere et Christine, uxori sue situm est in Briggewater infra port. occid. int. tenement. tenement. meum ex alt. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. tenement. cum s[ui]s pertinentiis Johanni et] vite eorum vel uni eorum diucius viventi annuatim meis vel meis assingatis octo solid. argenti ad fest. S. Mich. et cap. dominis servicia inde deb. et cons. pro omn. serv. Et pred. Johannes et Christina sumptibus eorum sustentabunt et manutenebunt omnes domos in dicto tenemento constructas durante termino pred. Et ego vero [&c.] apposui. Hiis test. Ada Leyborne, Ric[ardo], Nicholao Ferour et aliis.

Dat. ap. Briggew[ater] regis Edw. post conq.
quadr[agesimo].

Much stained. Chirograph.

Seal in red wax : head in profile (probably of S. John the Baptist).

No. 222. [339] John, son of Wm. Knyt, to Wm. Taverner,
Margery, his wife, and Joan, their daughter. Lease of a
tenement near the South Gate. 9 Feb. 1366.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Johannes filius Willelmi Knyt sal. in Dom.
Noveritis me trad. et concess. Willelmo Taverner, Margerie uxori
cius et Johanne filie eorundem tot. ten. meum cum pert. qd. iacet
iuxta portam aust. ville de Bruggewater int. ten. Johannis Eydy
ex par. una et communem fossatum ville pred. que ducit versus
le Litilmille ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. ten. cum omn.
pert. suis pred. Willelmo Taverner Margerie et Johanne ad term.
vite eorum de me et hered. meis libere et integre Redd. inde ann.
mihi hered. vel assig. meis decem sol. arg. ad quatuor anni ter-
minos princ. equis portion. pro omni serv. salvo regali sustentando
eciam sumpt. eorum prop. et competenter reparando tot. pred. ten.
cum pert. per tot. term. pred. Et si pred. redditus [&c.] Et ego
[&c.] In cuius rei testim. partes pred. hiis indenturis sigilla sua
alternatim apposuerunt. Test. Johanne Loof, Waltero Boucher,
Nicholao Pridie, Willelmo Diere, Roberto Pottere et aliis. Dat.
ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Purif. B.M.V. an. reg.
regis Ed. tercii post conq. quadragesimo.

Small round seal : red wax : Paschal Lamb :

E C C E . [A G N V S] . D E [I]

Chirograph inverted A B C D E F G H I K.

No. 223. [481] Thomas, son of John Palmer, to Robert
Plympton. Quitclaim of all lands, &c., in Bridgwater and
in the hundreds of North Petherton and Andersfield.

23 Mar. 1366.

PATEAT univ. per pres. qd. ego Thomas Palmere filius et heres
quondam Johannis Palmere de Brugewater remisi [&c.] Roberto

Plumton burgensi eiusdem ville hered. et assing. suis tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in omn. terris mesuagiis burgagiis tenementis curtilagiis pratis pasturis bossis et communis cum omn. suis pert. in com. Som. videlicet in burgo sive in dominio de Brugewater in hundredo de Northpetherton ac essiam in hundredo de Andresfelde ita quod [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Willelmo Crych, Johanne Bythesee, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne Lof, Thoma Wildemersh, capellano, Johanne Brok et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Lune prox. ante fest. annunc. B.M.V. an. rengni reg. Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Palmere et Plumpton.

Seal: green wax: round: rosette.

No. 224. [1007] Thomas Wildemerssh, chaplain, and Wm. Criche to Thomas Ede and Isabel, his wife. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the east stile of the church toward the Gildhall. 21 April 1366.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos dominus Thomas Wildemrssh capellanus et Willelmus Crych mercator de Brugewater dedimus [*&c.*] Thome Ede de Brugewater et Isabelle uxori sue tot. ill. ten. cum pert. in villa de Brugewater scituat. in vico que ducit de orientali scalera ecclesie ville pred. versus la Gildhalle in eadem villa ex opposito ten. quondam Ricardi Loneger quod modo est Johannis Wyndelsore int. ten. Johannis Popham ex par. una et ten. Ricardi Wely ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto de Plumton, Hugone Mareys, Willelmo atte Mulle, Roberto le Mulward et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Martii prox. ante fest. S. Georgii martiris an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo.

Two seals: round: green wax: (1) St. Andrew and his cross

SANCTVS ANDREAS

(2) A lion dormant S'. HENRICI. DE. SLEDE.

No. 225. [1160] John Donman to Wm. Castel and John, his son. Quitclaim of a messuage and arable land at Dunwear. 28 June 1366.

OMN. Chr. fid. has literas visuris vel auditoris Johannes Donman filius Johannis Donman sal. in Dom. semp. Noveritis me concess. [Ec.] Willelmo Castel et Johanni filio ipsius Willelmi tot. ius meum et clam. qd. habeo habui seu unquam aliquo modo ratione hereditatis seu cuiuscumque alterius perquisicionis vel tituli habere poterimus in uno mesuagio []em acris terre arabilis cum pert. in hundredo de Northpederton apud Donwere. Ita vero qd. [Ec.] sed imperp. simus exclusi omnimoda exactione mea heredum meorum in aliquo premissorum aut titulo' obstante adnichilata. Et ego vero [Ec.] Pro hac autem remissione relaxatione seu quietia clamantia dedit michi predictus Willelmus sex marcas sterlingorum premanibus. In cuius [Ec.]. Hiis test. [Rober]to Wes[t], Rogero Sydenham, Willelmo Mustard, Johanne Say, Johanne Martyn. Dat. apud Donwere die Dominica in vigi[li]a festi Sanctorum Pe[tri] et Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo.

No. 226. [900] John Popham to Robert Plympton, Alice, his wife, and Thomas, their son. Quitclaim of a tenement in High St. by the Castle bridge. 6 Aug. 1366.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Popham filius et heres Hugonis Popham de Hunteworth sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remis. [Ec.] Roberto Plumpton de Bruggewater Alicie uxori sue et Thome filio eorundem tot. ius meum [Ec.] in toto illo ten. scilicet in mesuagiis curtilagiis et omn. aliis pert. que mesuagia et curtilagia predicti Robertus et Alicia habuerunt de concessione et traditione Johannis Popham avi mei sita in alto vico de Bruggewater int. pontem Castri ex par. orient. et domum Roberti Heygrove quam de me tenet ex par. occid. Ita qd. [Ec.] Et ego vero [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.]. Hiis test. Matheo Michel, Thoma Large, Willelmo Criche, domino Thoma Wildemersch, capellano, Ricardo Lydeard, clerico, et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis

prox. ante fest. Sancti Laurentii martiris an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Popham et Plumpton.

No. 227. [1004] Thomas Palmer to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of lands, &c., in Bridgewater and in the hundreds of North Petherton and Andersfield. 1 Sept. 1366.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. ego Thomas Palmer filius et heres quondam Johannis Palmer de Brugewater remisi [*&c.*] Roberto Plumpton burgensi eiusdem ville hered. et assig. suis tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in omn. terris mesuagiis burgagiis tenementis curtilagiis pratis pasturis boscis et comunis cum omn. suis pert. in com. Somersetie videlicet in burgo sive in dominio de Brugewater et in hundredo de Northpetherton ac eciam in hundredo de Andresfeld ita qd. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius rei [*&c.*] Hiis test. Thoma Large, Willelmo Cryche, Johanne Bythesee, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne Lof, Thoma Wyldemersh, capellano, Johanne Broke, et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Martis prox. ante fest. nat. B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Palmer et Plumpton.

Seal: green wax: round: a lion dormant:

S' . H E N R I C I D E S L E D E (Dr. Birch reads L E . C L E R C).

No. 228. [667] Nicholas Webbe and Agnes Palmer, his wife, to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of an open space next their house. 20 Dec. 1366.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. nos Nicolaus Webbe de Brugewater et Angnes Palmer uxor mea remisimus et relaxavimus Roberto Plumton et hered. suis imperp. quiet. clamavimus tot. ius [*&c.*] in tota placea nostra terre ficat' cum curtilagio coadiacenti in orient. parte domus nostre in qua manemus ex parte una et curtilagium Gregorii Gosselyn ex curtilagium nostrum extendit se in longitudine a pred. placea versus le South Waye in latitudine vero usque curtilag[ium dicti] Gregorii contin-

entes in se mensuram qui[. ped.] Ita qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Brugewater die Dom. in vi[gilia] S. Thome Apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo.

Seal: small: red wax: beast dormant [?].

No. 229. [1003] **Hawis, widow of Hugh of Popham, to Robert of Plympton. Quitclaim of a rent from a tavern on the west side of the High Cross.** 6 Jan. 1367.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Hawisia que fuit uxor Hugonis de Popham sal. in Dom. Noveritis me in pura et legitima potestate viduitatis mee concess. relax. et omn. pro me et hered. meis quiet. clamasse ad term. vite mee Roberto de Plumpton hered. et assig. suis tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios redditus quos percipere solebam annuatim de pred. Roberto pro quadam taberna *unum* cum suis pert. situata videlicet in par. occid. alte crucis de Briggewater. Ita qd. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Hiis test. Willelmo Criche, Johanne Bythesee, Hugone Mareys, Johanne Sopham, Willelmo atte Mulle, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewalter die Mercurii prox. ante fest. S. Hillarii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Hawisiam Popham et Plumpton.

Seal: round: red wax: lion dormant:

S' HENRICI . LE . SLEDE (Dr. Birch reads C L E R C).

No. 230. [336] **John Chademedede to Thomas the Smith. Quitclaim of a burgage in St. Mary St.** 1366-7.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Chademedede sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Thome le Smyth de Asshulle hered. et assing. tot [ius et] clam. [*&c.*] in toto illo burgagio cum qd. iacet in vil. de Briggewalter in vico voc. Seynt-mariestret Thome le Coteler ex [parte] una et ten. qd. Johannes West inhabitat. [*Ita qd. &c.*] [*Et vero &c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Hiis test. [Wi]lhelmo Criche, Johanne Bythesee, Thoma More, Waltero Bouchere, Rogero [?] Sydenham et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggew-

water die Lune post an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo.

Seal : green wax : a one-masted ship.

No. 231. [463] **Richard Cheselade and Christine, his wife, to Nicholas Marler, Denyse, his wife, and Isabel, their daughter. Lease of a half burgage in St. Mary St.**

1 May 1367.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Ricardus Cheselade de Donewere et Christina uxor eius sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu nostro tradidisse et concessisse Nicholao Marler de Briggewater carnifici Dionisie uxori sue et Isabelle filie eorum unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. suis iacent' in vico voc. Seyntemariestret vil. Briggewalteri int. ten. sancte Marie ex par. una et unam placeam terre Magistri et Conventus S. Johannis Bapt. Briggewalteri ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Reddendo inde annuatim nobis hered. nost. et assig. duos sol. arg. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis portion. pro omn. serv. secularibus et dem. salvo regali. Et nos vero [&c.] In cuius rei testim. pres. scriptis bipartitis sig. nost. altern. apposuimus. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumpton, Hugone Mareis, Johanne Bitheseo, Johanne Sopham et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Sab. in fest. apost. Philippi et Jacobi an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo primo.

Chirograph A B C D E.

Two seals in yellow wax : indecipherable.

No. 232. [257] **Laurence Halewey to Roger Sleper and Agnes, his wife. Lease of a tenement in North St. Rose rent.**

25 June 1367.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Laurencius Halewey sal. in Dom. Noveritis me trad. et concess. Rogero Sleper et Agneti uxori eius tot. ten. meum cum pert. qd. iacet in vico bor. ville de Bruggewater int. placeam Galfridi Busschel ex par. una et placeam Ricardi Wely ex par. altera. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Reddendo inde mihi hered. vel assig. meis per duos annos prox. seq. post fest. S. Michaelis Arch.

prox. fut. post datam presentium quolibet anno unam rosam in fest. Nat. S. Johannis Bapt. et post pred. duos annos completos Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et hered. vel assig. meis sex sol. arg. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porc. pro omni servicio salvo regali. Sustentando eciam sumpt. eorum propriis et competenter reparando tot. pred. ten. cum pert. per tot. term. pred. Et si pred. redditus [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius rei testim. partes pred. hiis indenturis sig. sua alt. apposuerunt Test. Nicholao Ferour, Rogero Osteler, Johanne Betere, Ricardo Diere, Johanne Dol et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Veneris prox. post fest. Nat. S. Johannis Bapt. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo primo.

[*Dorse*] Rob Squyer.

Seal: oval: white wax: a shield of arms.

Chirograph A B C D E (inverted).

No. 233. [520] Laurence Halewey to Roger Sleper and Agnes, his wife. Counterpart of the above.

25 June 1367.

Chirograph A B C D E.

Seal: white wax: small: shield with chevron.

No. 234. [468] John Pederton to Robert Plympton. Grant of all his goods and chattels in the messuage in which he is living.

26 June 1367.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. ego Johannes Pederton de Briggewater dedi et concessi Roberto Plumpton omnia bona mea et catalla existentia in uno mesuagio meo in quo inhabito die confectionis presentium. Habenda et tenenda omnia pred. bona et catalla pred. Roberto et assig. suis sine aliquo impedimento mei vel alicuius alius nomine meo inperp. In cuius [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Sab. prox. ante fest. apost. Petri et Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo primo.

Seal: red wax: head of John the Baptist on a charger, within a circular trellis.

- No. 235. [1148] John Pederton to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of messuages in High St., Orlove St. and Castle Ditch ; a burgage and a half without West Gate by the Friars' garden ; two stalls with a solar ; and two acres in Pontich.

2 July 1367.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Pederton de Briggewater sal. in] Dom. Noveritis me remis. [Ec.] Roberto Plumpton eiusdem ville hered. et assig. suis tot ius meum [Ec.] in tribus mesuagiis in pred. vil. de Briggewater quorum unum iacet in alto vico eiusdem ville int. ten. Johannis Person ex par. orient. et ten. Ade Leghe qd. quondam fuit Roberti Payable ex par. occ. et aliud iacet in vico boriali voc. Orlovesstret int. mesuag. qd. quondam fuit Ade Ibott ex par. una et ten. dicti Roberti Plumpton ex alt. et tercium mesuag. iacet in eodem vico iuxta fossatum castri ex par. occidentali. Remisi eciam et relaxavi pred. Roberto tot. ius meum [Ec.] in uno burgag. et dimidio iacent' extra portam occid. eiusdem ville iuxta gardinum Fratrum Minorum prefate ville et in duobus stallis cum solarior superposito in domo stallorum eiusdem ville et eciam in duabus acris terre iacentibus in Pontiche in hundredo de Northpederton iuxta Hunteworthi. Ita qd. [Ec.] Et ego vero [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.]. Hiis test. Thoma Large, domino Thoma Wildemerssh, rectore ecclesie de Chilton, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Bitheseo, Thoma Engilby et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Ven. prox. post fest. apos. Petri et Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo primo.

Seal: round: red wax: head of John the Bapt. in a charger: heavy trellised border: no legend.

- No. 236. [648] Nich. Webbe, called Wyse, and Agnes, his wife, to Robt. Plympton. Quitclaim of all their tenements near the Friars' Gate, and of all lands, &c., which Robt. has lately acquired from Thos. Palmer, right heir of Walter Palmer.

21 Oct. 1367.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Nicholaus Webbe de Briggewater dictus Wyse et Agnes uxor eius sal. in Dom. Nover-

itis nos remis. [*&c.*] Roberto Plumpton de Briggewater hered. et assig. suis tot. ius nost. et clam. [*&c.*] in omn. ten. nostris situatis in vico vocato Frerenestret iuxta portam Fratrum Minorum eiusdem ville ac eciam in omn. terris ten. mesuag. curt. pratis pasturis cum omn. et sing. eorum pert. que pref. Robertus nuper adquisivit de Thoma Palmere de Briggewater recto herede quondam Walteri Palmere eiusdem ville Ita qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Hiis test. Matheo Michel, Thoma Large, Thoma Wildemerssch, rectore de Chilton, Johanne Michel de Sydenham, Johanne Neweman ballivo et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Iovis prox. post fest. S. Luce Evangelice an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii a conq. quadragesimo primo.

[*Dorse*] Inter Webbe et Plumpton.

Two seals : small, round : red wax : (1) beast couchant :

S' HENRICI . DE . GL

and (2) Double cross (same as in No. 133).

No. 237. [723] Thomas Wyldemerssh, rector of Chilton Trinity, to Walter ——. Conveyance of two stalls in Fore St. 25 Oct. 1367.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Wyldemerssh, rector ecclesie de Chilton Trinite, dedi concessi et hac presenti ville de Bruggewater duo stalla mercatorum que simul iacent in villa pred. in vico voc. Forstret ex opposito tenementi wel nuper inhabitavit Hab. et ten. pred. duo stalla cum omn. pert. suis pred. Waltero hered. et assig. suis libere et integre inde debita & consueta imperp. Et ego pred. Thomas & hered. mei pred. duo stalla cum omn. pert. suis pred. Waltero hered. warant. acquiet. et defendemus imperp. In cuius [*&c.*]. Testibus atte Mulle, Adam Leyborne, Ricardo Clerico, Walt. Bourgh et ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. Omn. Sanct. an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. quadragesimo primo.

Small seal in red wax : boar [?].

No. 238. [23] Church Spire Building Account.

15 Nov. 1366-15 Nov. 1367.

BRUGES.

Compotus Willelmi le Tannere receptoris nomine operis in ecclesia parochiali ibidem a festo S. Macuti Episcopi anno Dom. millesimo CCC^{mo}lxvi^{to} usque ad idem festum prox. sequens per unum annum integrum anno lxxvii^{mo}.

DENARII DE BURGO.

Idem respondet de xiiii*li*. xs. iii*d*. receptis de Willelmo Mafeis custode per talliam. Et de iii*li*. xiiii*s*. [*interlinear*: q' contrafolium non redditur] receptis de Roberto Perchelonde custode per ii tallias. Et de ix*li*. xiiii*s*. ix*d*. receptis de Henrico Bordruel custode per ii tallias Et de xiii*li*. xvi*s*. receptis de Johanne Peytefyne custode per talliam Et de viii*li*. xi*s*. vi*d*. receptis de Johanne atte Watere custode per ii tallias Et de xliii*s*. vi*d*. receptis de Willelmo Bonwode custode per ii tallias Et de xxvi*s*. x*d*. receptis de Johanne Ponsond custode per i talliam Et de xli. ix*s*. iii*d*. receptis de Roberto Webbe custode per talliam. Et de lix*s*. v*d*. receptis de Simone le Sadelere custode dum vixit per talliam [*interlinear* cuius contrafolium non redditur] Et de xvs. ob. receptis de Johanne Golie custode per talliam [*interlinear* cuius contrafolium non redditur] Et de xxxiii*li*. xvs. viii*d*. receptis de Willelmo Stapulton custode per ii tallias. Et de xxix*s*. iii*d*. receptis de Johanne Wilde custode per talliam [*interlinear* cuius contrafolium non redditur] Et de viii*li*. iii*s*. receptis de Ricardo Lange custode per ii tallias Et de vis. xi*d*. receptis de Nicholao Mantel custode per i talliam Et de iii*li*. xi*s*. receptis de Roberto Perchelond per i talliam cuius contrafolium non redditur Et de xlix*s*. i*d*. receptis de Willelmo Bonwode per i talliam cuius contrafolium non redditur.

Summa cxviii*li*. vi*s*. ix*d*. ob.

Denarii de hameletis.

Et de iii*li*. vis. vi*d*. de custode de Northboure receptis Et de iii*li*. vis. receptis de Johanne Philippus de Heygrove Et de iii*li*. vs. receptis de Johanne Neel custode de Hamme per talliam Et de xvs. receptis de Roberto Wely custode iuxta le Were Et de vi*li*. receptis

de Ricardo Batyn custode de Dunware Et de xixs. receptis de Johanne Reve custode de Horsy Et de xxiiis. receptis de Willelmo Blacch custode de Chilton.

Summa xviii*li*. xiiis. vid.

Denarii de executoribus testamentorum diversorum.

Et de iis. receptis de Ricardo Batyn executore testamenti Thome Alforde. Et de xxs. receptis de Thoma More, executore testamenti Isebelles, uxoris sue. Et de xls. receptis de Ricardo Diare, executore testamenti Johannis Wallayngton. Et de xxxs. receptis de Johanne Bithesee, executore testamenti Nicholai Boyze. Et de xld. receptis de Waltero Straddon, administratore bonorum Rogeri Rede.

Summa, iii*li*. xvs. iiiid.

Denarii ex devocione.

Et de xxs. receptis de Thoma Somer ex devocione. Et de vis. viiid. receptis de Willelmo Mostard ex devocione. Et de vis. viiid. receptis de Johanne Possebury ex devocione. Et de iis. vid. receptis de Johanne Lange.

Summa, xxxvs. xd.

Summa totalis receptorum supra cxlii*li*. xiiis. vd. ob.

De quibus.

Solvit Johanni Westerne, fodiatori petrarum, per vices xxxvs. iiiid. sol. Waltero Ruddok, pro diversis fac[turis], per vices, una cum ferro suo proprio et stipendio xxxvs. viiid. Sol. Jacobo Coker pro petra rubylla ab eodem empta, per vices, vis. viiid. Sol. Johanni Churcheye et Ricardo Deye, cariatoribus petrarum, per vices, ad tascham, una cum eorum beverage, iii*li*. viis. vid. Sol. cuidam servitori conducto, per vices, xvid. Sol. Johanni Godhyne, carpentario, circa meremium in parco de Pederton, ad tascham, per vices, xxs. xid. In prostratione meremii in predicto parco una cum beverage iis. iid. Sol. Johanni Turlit pro una corda vocata cable ab eodem empta xxiiis. iid. In cirotecis emptis Johanni Churcheye et Ricardo Deie cariatoribus petrarum ix*li*. Solut. Johanni Payn et socio suo pro meremio ab eisdem empto una cum beverage iii*li*. xiiid. Sol. Willelmo Creese pro prostacione meremii

et querendo unam literam apud Spaxston de Magistro Roberto Crosse *vd.* Solut. querendo et cariat[ando] meremium de predicto parco una cum pane, carne, caseo et servisia viiis. Sol. Thome Rey servienti ibidem vii*id.* In tractando meremium super campanile die Lune proxima ante festum Sancti Petri [28 June 1367] una cum pane, carne et servisia vis. iii*id.* Sol. cuidam carpentario circa meremium in predicto parco ad tascham per duos vices in quadragesima viis. Sol. cuidam querendo unum instrumentum vocatum crowe apud Downende et in faciendo et emendando eodem *xvd.* Sol. magistro Roberto Crosse et clerico suo xls. Sol. pro i. cribro empto iii*id.* Sol. Willelmo Crese querendo Nicholaum Waleys apud Bristoll xviii*id.* Sol. pro pane equino pro equis magistri Roberti Crosse una vice iii*id.* Sol. Edwardo apparitori domini Archidiaconi ad citandum certas partes non solventes *vid.* Sol. pro diversis nonschenches et beveragiis per vices *xvd.* Sol. pro parchameno empto vii*id.* Sol. Rogero Bertelot cariatori petrarum rubylla xs. Sol. Johanni Churcheye cariatori petrarum *xvid.* Sol. pro i cribro empto iii*id.* *ob.* In stipendio clerici vis. vii*id.*

Summa xviii*li.* iis. x*id.* *ob.*

liberatum Nicholao Waleys per indenturam una vice lx*li.*

liberatum Johanni Aleyn per indenturam vi*li.* xviii*li.* iii*id.*

liberatum predicto Nicholao Waleys per diversas vices
xxix*li.* viis. iii*id.*

liberatum Willelmo Blacche xlixs.

liberatum Johanni Betere per indenturam xxiii*li.* viis. iii*id.*

Summa cxix*li.* xis. iii*id.*

Summa omnium expensarum et liberatorum cxxxv*li.* xvs. iii*id.* *ob.*
et debet vi*li.* xviii*li.* i*id.* ; postea alloc. eidem iii*li.* vs. x*id.* unde
liber. Johanni Aleyn lxvs. x*id.* per i talliam et Nicholao Cemeterio
xxs. super tallias quibus extra debet de claro liis. iii*id.* [?]

[*Translation.*]

BRUGES.

Account of Wm. Tanner, receiver, concerning the work in the parish church there, from the feast of S. Macutus, bishop, A.D. 1366 to the same feast next following, A.D. '67, for one whole year.

Money from the borough.

The same answers for £14 10s. 3*d.* received by tally from Wm. Mafeis, warden. And for £4 14s. 0*d.* received by two tallies from Rob. Perchelonde, warden (no counterfoil returned). And for £9 14s. 9*d.* received by two tallies from Henry Bordruel, warden. And for £13 17s. 0*d.* received by tally from John Peytefyne, warden. And for £7 12s. 6*d.* received by two tallies from John atte Watere, warden. And for 14s. 6*d.* received by two tallies from Wm. Bonwode, warden. And for 27s. 10*d.* received by one tally from John Ponsonde, warden. And for £10 9s. 4*d.* received by tally from Rob. Webbe, warden. And for 59s. 5*d.* received by tally from Simon the Saddler, warden, while he was alive (counterfoil whereof is not returned). And for 15s. 0½*d.* received by tally from John Golie, warden (counterfoil whereof is not returned). And for £33 15s. 8*d.* received by two tallies from Wm. Stapleton, warden. And for 29s. 4*d.* received by tally from John Wilde, warden (counterfoil whereof is not returned). And for £8 3s. 0*d.* received by two tallies from Rd. Lange, warden. And for 6s. 11*d.* received by one tally from Nicholas Mantel, warden. And for £4 12s. 0*d.* received by one tally from Rob. Percheland, the counterfoil of which is not returned. And for 49s. 1*d.* received by one tally from Wm. Bonwode, the counterfoil of which is not returned.

Total, £118 7s. 9½*d.*

Money from the hamlets.

And for £3 6s. 6*d.* received from the warden of North Bower. And for £3 6s. 0*d.* received from John Philippus of Haygrove. And for £3 5s. 0*d.* received by tally from John Neel, warden of Hamp. And for 15s. received from Robt. Wely, warden by the Were. And for £6 received from Ric. Batyn, warden of Dunwear. And for 19s. received from John Rede, warden of Horsey. And for 23s. received from Wm. Blacch, warden of Chilton.

Total, £18 14s. 6*d.*

Money from the executors of divers wills.

And for 2s. received from Ric. Batyn, executor of the will of Thomas Alford. And for 20s. received from Thomas More, executor of the will of his wife, Isabel. And for 40s. received from Richard

Corporation Documents.

Diere, executor of the will of John Wallayngton. And for 30s. received from John Bithesee, executor of the will of Nicholas Boys. And for 3s. 4*d.* received from Walter Straddon, administrator of the goods of Roger Rede.

Total, £4 15s. 4*d.*

Money by gift.

And for 20s. received from Thomas Somer, by gift. And for 6s. 8*d.* received from Will. Mostard, by gift. And for 6s. 8*d.* received from John Possebury, by gift. And for 2s. 6*d.* received from John Lange.

Total, 35s. 10*d.*

Sum total of the above receipts, £143 13s. 5½*d.*

Whereof

He has paid to John Western, quarryman, from time to time, 35s. 3*d.* Paid to Walter Ruddok, for divers works from time to time, together with his own iron and stipend, 35s. 8*d.* Paid to James Coker, for rubble stone bought from him, from time to time, 6s. 8*d.* Paid to John Churcheye and Ric. Deye, carriers of stone, from time to time, by the task, together with their drink, £3 8s. 6*d.* Paid to a hired servant, from time to time, 16*d.* Paid to John Godhyne, carpenter, respecting timber in Petherton park, by the task, from time to time, 20s. 11*d.* In the felling of timber in the same park, together with drink, 2s. 2*d.* Paid to John Turlit for a cord called a 'cable' bought from him, 24s. 2*d.* In gloves bought for John Churcheye and Ric. Deie, carriers of stone, 9*d.* Paid to John Payn and his fellow for timber bought from them, together with drink, £3 1s. 2*d.* Paid to Wm. Creese for the felling of timber and for fetching a letter from Master Rob. Crosse at Spaxton, 5*d.* Paid for fetching and carrying timber from the park aforesaid, together with bread, meat, cheese and ale, 8s. Paid to Thos. Rey, a servant there, 8*d.* In hauling timber on to the tower on Monday next before the feast of S. Peter [28 June 1367], together with bread, meat and ale, 6s. 4*d.* Paid to a carpenter concerning timber in the park aforesaid, by the task, on two occasions during Lent, 7s. Paid to a man for fetching a tool called a 'crowe' at Downend, and in working on and mending the same, 15*d.* Paid

to Master Robt. Crosse and his clerk, 40s. Paid for a sieve bought, 3*d*. Paid to Wm. Crese for fetching Nich. Waleys at Bristol, 18*d*. Paid for horse bread for the horses of Master Robt. Crosse on one occasion, 3*d*. Paid to Edward, apparitor of the lord Archdeacon, to summon such as have not paid, 6*d*. Paid for divers nuncheons and drinks at times, 15*d*. Paid for parchment bought, 8*d*. Paid to Rog. Bertelot, carrier of rubble stone, 10s. Paid to John Churcheye, carrier of stone, 16*d*. Paid for a sieve bought, 3½*d*. In the clerk's stipend, 6s. 8*d*.

Total, £17 2s. 11½*d*.

Granted to Nich. Waleys, by an indenture, on one occasion, £61.

Granted to John Aleyn, by an indenture, £6 17s. 3*d*.

Granted to the aforesaid Nich. Waleys, on divers occasions, £29 7s. 4*d*.

Granted to Wm. Blacche, 49s.

Granted to John Betere by an indenture, £23 7s. 3*d*.

Total, £119 12s. 4*d*.

Total of all outlays and grants, £136 15s. 3½*d*. and he owes £6 18s. 2*d*. Afterwards £4 5s. 11*d*. was allocated to him, whereof was granted by a tally to John Aleyn £3 5s. 11*d*. and to Nich. Churcheye 20s. on tallies on which he further owes £2 11s. 3*d*. net [?].

'By the task' or 'at task rate,' as opposed to 'at time rate.' This original meaning developed into the sense of pay without food.

No. 239. [1162] John Tollone, sen., to Richard Hyntilsham.

Conveyance of the third part of a half burgage in St. Mary St. by the churchyard.

2 April 1368.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Tollone senior de Northneuton dedi [&c.] Ricardo Hyntilsham clerico terciam partem unius dimid. burgag. cum pert. que iacet in vil. de Bruggewater in vico voc. Seyntemariestrete iuxta cimiterium ecclesie paroch. ville pred. int. placeam quam Henricus Squier tenet ex par. una et dim. burgag. pred. Ricardi ex par. alt. quam quidem terciam partem dim. burgag. habui de dono et feoffamento Gilberti atte Purie. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Test. Willelmo

Criche, Johanne Cole, Johanne Sopham, Waltero Boucher, Johanne Smok et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. in festo Ramorum Palmarum an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo secundo.

[Dorse] Tollone.

Seal : green wax : round : Paschal Lamb : SIGILLV

No. 240. [1152] Joan, widow of Ralph Deghere, to John Broke. Conveyance of a corner house by the way leading to the Friars' church. 10 May 1368.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johanna que fui uxor Radulphi Deghere de Briggewater dedi [&c.] Johanni Broke, tinctori, de eadem tot. illam domum angularem cum suis pert. in Briggewater situatam videlicet int. ten. qd. Willelmus Deghere tenet ex par. una et viam que ducit versus ecclesiam Fratrum Minorum ex alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne Loof et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Mercurii prox. post fest. S. Johannis ante Portam Latinam an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo secundo.

[Dorse] Carta Johanne Dier facta Johanni Broke.

Seal : fragment of red wax : a rose.

No. 241. [1153] John Broke to Joan, widow of Ralph Deghere. Lease of the same tenement. 14 May 1368.

NOVERINT universi per pres. qd. ego Johannes Broke de Briggewater, tinctor, tradidi et conc. Johanne que fuit uxor Radulphi Deghere de eadem tot. illam domum angularem cum pert. in Briggewater situat. videlicet int. ten. qd. Willelmus Deghere tenet ex par. una et viam que ducit ad Fratres Minores ex alt. Hab. et ten. pred. domum cum pert. pred. Johanne ad term. vite sue reddendo inde annuatim michi hered. meis vel meis assing. tres den. ad fest. S. Michaelis Arch. pro omn. serv. et secular. demandis Et ego [&c.] In cuius rei test. hiis indenturis sig. sua partes alt. apposuerunt. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne

Loof et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. Assenc. Dom. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo secundo.

[*Dorse*] Broke de Briggewater.

Chirograph.

Seal: small round: red wax: beast dormant: indistinct.

No. 242. [1168] Iseult Parewastel to Robt. Croyl. Conveyance of two-ninths of a burgage in Orlove St.

10 Aug. 1368.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Isolda Parewastel dedi [&c.] Roberto Croyl duas partes tercie partis unius burgagii cum pert. in Briggewater que site sunt in vico voc. Horlokkestrete int. ten. Magistri hospitalis S. Joh. Bapt. eiusdem ville ex par. aust. et ten. qd. Willelmus Deghere tenet uxoris sue ex par. bor. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Isolda et hered. meii et meii assingati pred. duas partes tercie partis unius burgag. contra bimus acquietabimus et deffendemus inperp. In cuius rei test. sig. meum Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Cole, Johanne Aleyn, Waltero Tayllour, Hugone Dat. die Iovis in fest. S. Laurentii an. reg. regis cundo.

No. 243. [325] John of Petherton to Robert of Plympton. Quittance of £10.

18 Aug. 1368.

NOVERINT universi me Johannem de Pedertone recepissee de Roberto de Plymptone decem libras starlingorum in partem solutionis viginti librarum in quibus idem Robertus michi tenebatur per quoddam scriptum obligatorium inter nos editum de quibus vero decem libris fateor me fore pacatum et dictum Robertum inde quietum. In cuius rei testim. hinc scripto acquietantie sigil. meum apposui. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Veneris prox. post fest. assump. beate Marie an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo secundo.

Small seal: red wax: uncertain.

No. 244. [24] Account of the wardens of the chantry of the
Blessed Mary, for the year 42 [Edward III]. 1368.

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Compotus Ade Leyborn et Willelmi atte Mull custodum
bonorum beate Marie ecclesie parochialis ibidem anno xlii^o.

Arreragia.

iidem respondent de *ixli. xvis. iid. quad.* de arreragiis compoti
anni precedentis.

Summa *ixli. xvis. iid. quad.*

Redditus.

Et de *cvis. iiiid. qr.* de certo redditu assise ibidem per annum
Et de *xviiiid.* de incremento redditus i cotagii extra portam oxiden-
talem quondam Dodinges quia solebat reddere per annum *iis. vid.*
et nunc *iiis.* Et de *vid.* de incremento redditus i cotagii ex opposito
tenementi vicarii Et de *iiis.* de novo redditu ii cotagiorum in vico
Fratrum Minorum quondam Thome Somer hoc anno primo que
solebat reddere *ixd.* et modo *iiis.* Et de *iis.* de i acra prati apud
Bourmede Et de *iis.* de tenemento Johannis Halewey.

Summa *cxiiis. iiiid. quad.*

Receptiones forinsece.

Et de *iis. vid.* receptis de candelis venditis pro sepulturis diversis
Et de *xiid.* de i manitergio vendito Et de *vis. viiid.* de fine Thome
Grene Et de *iis.* de fine Johannis Tornour.

Summa *xiiis. iid.*

Summa totalis receptionum, Summa *xvili. xxd. ob.*

Defectus redditus

In defectu redditus ii cotagiorum quondam Thome Somer *iiiid.*
quia dicta cotagia modo sunt in manibus domine et custodes onerant
se de profutuo suo in redditu. In defectu redditus i tenementi
quondam Godewyn *xiid.* quia Johannes Cole omnino dedit. In
defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Bokelond *xiid.* quia Willel-
mus Criche omnino dedit. In defectu redditus i tenementi
quondam Spicere et nunc Roberti Plumpton *xiid.* quia dictus

Robertus omnino dedit In defectu redditus tenementi Ricardi Clerc *vid.* quia solebat reddere per annum iis. *vid.* et nunc iis.

Summa iis. *xd.*

Expense.

In xv libris cere extra emptis ix*s.* iii*id.* *ob.* precium libre vi*id.* *ob.* In iii*id.* lagenis olei extra emptis iii*is.* viii*id.* precium lagene xiii*id.* In vi lagenis olei extra emptis vis. precium lagene xi*id.* In i lagena olei empti xi*id.* In expensis circa facturam cere contra festa Purificationis et Assumptionis beate Marie vis. Solutum Roberto Croil pro dicta cera facienda per annum iis. In expensis dictorum custodum euntium pro negocio beate Marie expediendo apud Wellam per ii dies iis. *id.* *ob.* In vino empto et misso Roberto Crosse ix*id.* Solutum Thome Duffeld ad eundum pro curia beate Marie in consistorio per annum iis. *xd.* In emendando domum ubi capellanus beate Marie moratur iis. Solutum dicto capellano pro salario suo per annum iii*li.* vis. viii*id.* Solutum prepositis Brug' pro redditu tenementorum beate Marie ad Michaellem iis. In pergamento empto pro diversis parcellis scribendis et pro compoto faciendo iii*id.* Solutum dicto capellano pro beverage iii*id.* Solutum clerico pro cereis illuminandis per annum iii*id.* In vestimentis lavandis per annum vi*id.* *ob.* In compoto faciendo xi*id.*

Summa vi*li.* xs. *ob.*

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum vi*li.* xs. *ob.* et debent ix*li.* xis. viii*id.* unde habent debitores ut patet per nomina eorum in quadam cedula contenta liis. ii*id.* et sic debent de claro vi*li.* xviii*s.* vi*id.* Postea respectuantur eisdem iis. *xd.* in pannello supra de defectu redditus Et sic debent de claro vi*li.* xiii*is.* viii*id.*

[Dorse] Sera. Et de iii*id.* libris de redditu per annum Et de xv libris de empto.

Summa xix*li.*

Oleum. Et de xi lagenis et dimidia de empto.

Summa xi lagene et dimidia.

Et computant in sustentatione i lampadis ardentis in choro ecclesie predictae xi lagenas et dimidiam. Et nihil remanet.

- No. 245. [1194] The wardens of the High Cross to Walter Broke and Avice, his wife. Lease of a quarter burgage near Croniles St. 22 Jan. 1369.

NOVERINT universi per presentes qd. nos Willelmus Blacche et Johannes Betere, custodes bonorum et luminis alte crucis in eccl. paroch. de Briggewater tradidimus et concessimus Waltero Broke et Avicie uxori sue quartam partem unius burgagii terre cum pert. in Briggewater situatam iuxta Cronilesstret inter terram Ricardi Dekne clerici ex par. una et terram Ade Ratoner ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] ad term. vite eorum aut uni eorum diucius viventi de nobis vel successoribus nost. lib. quiete integre bene et in pace. Reddendo inde annuatim nobis tanquam custodibus bonorum et luminis alte crucis vel successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint quatuor den. arg. ad fest. S. Michaelis Arch. pro omni serv. secul. et demanda. Et nos vero pred. Willelmus et Johannes tanquam [*&c. as above*] tot. pref. quartam partem unius burgag. terre cum pert. pref. Waltero et Avicie omnibus diebus vite eorum aut unius eorum diucius viventis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, acquietabimus et defendemus. In cuius rei testim. hiis pres. scr. indent. tam sigillum officii nostri quam sigillum pred. Willelmi, Johannis et Walteri alternatim sunt appensa. Hiis test. Thoma Large, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Bythessee, Ada Leyborne et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. Conversionis S. Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo secundo.

[*Dorse*] quart' part' burgagii pertinent' alte cruci in Cronilstret. Chirograph.

Adam Leyborne, with John Lof, represented the borough in parliament this year.

- No. 246. [829] The Burgesses of Bridgwater to Richard Dyer and John atte Water. Lease of five acres of ploughland in La Slape, which Milesant of Dunwear, widow of Roger Welsh, left to St. Mary's chantry. 11 Mar. 1369.

OMN. Chr. fid. pres. scr. visuris vel auditoris universi burgenses de Burgewater sal. in Dom. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi

assensu nostro tradidisse et hoc pres. scr. nost. conf. Ricardo Dyer et Johanni atte Water burgensibus ville pred. quinque acras terre arabilis cum pert. suis in La Slape quas Milesanta de Dunewere quondam uxor Rogeri Walensis legavit pro anima sua ad missam Sancte Marie in eccl. paroch. eiusdem ville honestius sustentandam. Hab. et ten. dict. quinque acras terre arabil. cum suis pert. pred. Ricardo et Johanni hered. seu assig. eorum ad term. vite eorum seu alteri eorum diucius vivent' de Deo et beata Maria et omn. burgensibus eadem [*sic.*] ville libere quiete bene et in pace. Reddendo inde annuatim Deo et beate Marie et colectoribus eiusdem misse sex sol. sterlingorum ad quatuor term. anni princ. equali portione pro omnibus servic. secular. exactionibus et demandis. Et si ita contingat quod pred. redditus in par. vel in toto post aliq. term. extat retro ultra quindecim dies tunc bene liceat dict. burgensibus et colectoribus beate Marie redditus intrare in dictis terris cum pert. et distringere et districtionem retinere quousque de pred. redd. cum arreragio illis fuerit satisfactum. Et ut haec nostra concessio et donatio rata et stabilis durante termino pred. permaneat presenti scripto sigillum beate Marie apposuimus. Hiis test. Roberto Plympton, Willelmo Cryche, Johanne Looff, Johanne Bythesee, Hugone Mareys et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. S. Gregorii pape an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

[*Dorse*] 5 acras in Slape. la slape.

Indent, wavy.

Seal: green wax: chantry of the B.V.M.

No. 247. [671] **Geoffrey Busschel to Nicholas Bryngger. Lease of a tenement in St. Mary St. 2 April 1369.**

NOVERINT universi qd. inter Galfridum Bussel ex parte una et Nicholaum Bryngger ex parte alt. ita convenit viz. qd. pred. Galfridus tradidit concessit et dimisit pred. Nicholao tot. illud tenement. cum suis pert. qd. Robertus Myleword habuit ad term. vite sue de Johanne Popham in vico nuncupato Seinte Mariestrete int. tenement. Hugonis Donsterre ex parte una et tenement. Johannis

Kebye, smyth, ex parte alt. in villa de Bruggewater. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] ad term. vite Roberti Mylewald [*&c.*] reddendo inde annuatim dicto Galfrido octo sol. sterl. ad quatuor [*&c.*] et Roberto Myleword xii den. annuatim Et faciendo inde cap. dom. feodi illius omn. alia servicia [*&c.*] Et pred. Nicholaus sustentabit et manutenebit omnes domos in dicto tenemento constructas durante term. pred. Et pred. Galfridus et hered. sui tot. illud tenement. cum suis pert. pred. Nicholao [*&c. warranty clause*] In cuius rei test. huic pres. scripto indent. sigilla alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis test. Joh. Bythesee, Ada Leyborn, Ric. Dyer, Walt. Roddock, Rob. Menschade et aliis. Dat. ap Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Pasche an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

[*Dorse*] Brigewater.

Small seal in red wax.

No. 248. [480] John Beter to Geoffrey Busschel. General
quitclaim. 2 April 1369.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Beter sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Galfrido Busschel omnimodas actiones calumpnias seu demandas mihi contingentes erga pred. Galfridum a principio mundi usque ad diem confectionis presentium ratione cuiuscumque transgressionis compoti aut debiti Ita vero qd. nec ego pred. Johannes nec aliquis alius nomine meo aliquam actionem calumpniam seu demandam erga dict. Galfridum vel exec. suos ratione cuiuscumque transgressionis compoti aut debiti aut alterius delicti ut predictum est habere poterimus infuturum set ab omni actione et clameo per presentes sumus exclusi imperp. In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Johanne Bythesee, Ada Leyborn, Ricardo Dyer, Roberto Myleword, Roberto Mensshade et multis aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Pasche an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

Seal: small: green wax: lion rampant: SVM . LEO . FORTIS.

No. 249. [687] Thomas Wildemerssh, rector of Chilton Trinity, to Robert Plympton, Alice, his wife, and Thomas, their son. Conveyance of lands, &c., in Taunton, North Petherton, Frodgar, Wembdon and elsewhere without the borough of Bridgwater. 27 May 1369.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Thomas Wildemerssh parsona ecclesie de Chiltonetrinite dedi [&c.] Roberto Plumpton, Alicie, uxori sue, et Thome, filio eorum, omn. terras meas omn. tenementa mea tot. pratum meum tot. reddit. meum omn. pasturas meas tot. boscum meum et omn. brueras meas cum omn. suis pert. que habeo in feodo in Taunton, Northpederton, Frodgar, Wemdone et alibi extra burgum de Bryggewater in com. Somerset. et que dominus Johannes Clyvedon miles, Johannes Kykke, vicarius ecclesie de Wemdone, Willelmus Butteclighe, capellanus, et ego quondam habuimus ex dono et feoffamento pred. Roberti in locis pred. Hab. et ten. [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Hiis test. Matho. de Clyvedon, Matho Michel, Waltero Cheslade, Roberto Halswell, Johanne Osebern, Roberto Waterman, Roberto Broun, Henrico Redmor, Ricardo Mareys, Johanne Person, Johanne Sydenham, Johanne Michel de Sydenham, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. in fest. S. Trinitatis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

[Dorse] Refeoffamentum Roberti Plumpton Alicie uxoris sue et Thome filii eorum.

Seal: fragmentary: red wax: beast dormant.

No. 250. [1101] Wm. [surname?] to Richd. Hyntlesham, clerk. Conveyance of a rent from a tenement in St. Mary St., with the reversion on the death of the present tenants, Hugh and Margaret. 19 Nov. 1369.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego W[illelmus] R[icardo] Hyn[t]le[s]ham clerico, redditus reddit' pro tercia parte unius tenementi quam de me tenent iac' in vico de Seyntmariestrete inter parte altera eidem Ricardo accid' Hab. et ten. pred. redditus et servicia cum

reversione predictorum Hugonis et Margerie acciderit pred. Ricardo hered. et assig. suis De servicia inde debita et consueta inperp. Et ego pred. Willelmus et hered. mei simul cum reversione predictae tercie partis tenementi pred. cum post mortem pred. Hugonis et Margerie acciderit pred. Ricardo hered. et assig. suis contra omn. gent. warant. acquiet. et defendemus inperp. In cuius [Ec.]. Test. Johanne Smok, Johanne Dere, Johanne West et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugge die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Clementis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

Seal: red wax: illegible.

No. 251. [25] Adam Leyborn and Nich. Ferour. Wardens of the chantry of the B.V.M. in the year 43 [Edward III].
[25 Dec.] 1369.

BRUGGE.

Compotus Ade Leyborn et Nicholai Ferour custodum bonorum beate Marie ecclesie parochialis ibidem anno xliii^o.

Arreragia.

Idem respondent de *vili. xiiiis. viiid.* receptis de arreragiis compoti anni precedentis.

Summa *vili. xiiiis. viiid.*

Redditus assise.

Et de *cvis. iiiid. quad.* receptis de certo redditu assise ibidem per annum Et de *xviiid.* de incremento redditus i cotagii extra portam occidentalem quondam Dodyngs Et de *vid.* de incremento redditus i cotagii ex opposito tenementi vicarii Et de *iiis.* de novo redditu ii cotagiorum in vico Fratrum Minorum quondam Thome Somer qui solverunt redditum per annum *iiiiid.* et nunc *iiis.* Et de *iis.* de i acra prati apud Bouremede Et de *iis.* de redditu tenementi Johannis Halewey.

Summa *cxvs. iiiid. quad.*

Receptiones forinsece.

Et de *viis. iid. ob.* receptis de candelis venditis pro sepulturis diversis Et de *xviiid.* receptis de ii velaminibus venditis Et de *xd.*

de i patella vendita Et de xii*d.* de fine Johannis atte Watere et Ricardi Diere pro terra apud le Slape Et de viiis. *id. ob.* receptis *de* pro xiii *lb.* cere venditis Johanni Betere Et de iis. *vid.* receptis de iiii *lb.* cere venditis Johanni Morcok Et de viiis. viii*d.* receptis de viii *lb.* cere venditis Ade Westele Et de liiis. ii*d.* receptis de diversis debitis anni precedentis.

Summa iiii *li.* iiis.

Summa totalis receptionum cum arreragiis xvi *li.* xiiis. *quad.*

Defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus ii cotagiorum quondam Thome Somer iiii*d.* quia dicta cotagia modo sunt in manibus domine et custodes onerantur de profituo suo in redditu In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Godewyne xii*d.* quia Johannes Cole omnino dedicit. In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Bokelond xii*d.* per annum quia Willelmus Crich qui modo eum tenet omnino dedicit. In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Spicer et nunc Roberti Plumpton xii*d.* quia dictus Robertus omnino dedicit. In defectu redditus tenementi Ricardi Clerc' *vid.* quia solebat rendere per annum iis. *vid.* et nunc iis.

Summa iis. *xd.*

Expense.

In ix *lb.* cere emptis vs. viii*d.* *ob.* precii libri viii*d.* *ob.* In iii lagenis olei emptis iis. iii*d.* precii lagene xiii*d.* In i potello olei empto *vid.* In iiii lagenis olei emptis vs. iiii*d.* precii lagene xvi*d.* In iii quartis olei emptis xii*d.* In iii lagenis olei emptis iis. precii lagene xii*d.* In i potello olei empto viii*d.* In i lagena olei empti ix*d.* In expensis circa facturam cere contra festa Purificationis et Assumptionis beate Marie vis. *vd. ob.* Solut' Roberto Croil pro dicta cera facienda per annum iis. In i spere facienda in quodam domo in vico boriali xvi*d.* In i cista in ecclesia facienda et emendanda *xd. ob.* In i calice reparando et emendando vis. viii*d.* *ob.* Item solut' capellano beate Marie pro salario suo per annum iiii *li.* vis. viii*d.* Item eidem capellano pro beverage iiii*d.* Item solut' prepositis burgi de redditu ville iiiiis. ii*d.* In parcamento empto pro diversis parcellis scribendis et pro compotu suo faciendo iiii*d.* Item solut' clerico pro cereis illuminandis per annum iiii*d.*

In vestibus lavandis per annum viii*d*. In compoto faciendo per annum iis. Item solut' dicto capellano supra pro stipendio suo inter festa Michaelis et Pasche xls.

Summa viii *li*. xis. *xd*.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum viii *li*. xvs. viii*d*. Et debent vii *li*. xviis. iiiii*d*. *quad*. Postea solverunt super compotum unde Thome Ingilby et Waltero Dodde cs. et debent lviis. iiiii*d*. *quad*.

Unde respectuantur eidem de debitis diversis tenentium de quorum nominibus in quadam sedula Thome Ingilby et Waltero Dodde custodibus subsequentibus liberata plenius apparet xlviii*s*. iii*d*. *ob*. et sic debent de claro ix*s*. *id*.

[*Dorse*.]

Cera. Et de iiiii *lb*. receptis de redditu per annum Et de ix *lb*. de emptis Et de cxv *lb*. receptis de mortuariis diversis.

Summa cxxviii *lb*.

Inde in cera facta contra festum assumptionis beate Marie xxxviii *lb*. et in vendita infra xxv *lb*. liberata Thome Ingilby et Waltero Dodde custodibus subsequentibus lxv *lb*.

Summa ut supra. Et nihil remanet.

Oleum. Et de xii lagenis iii quartis de emptis.

Summa xii lagene iii quarte.

Inde in sustentando i lampadem ardentem in choro ecclesie pred. per annum xii lagene i quarta.

Summa xii lagene i quarta.

Et remanet dimidia lagena olei.

De incremento redditus Thome Skydipha iis. per annum Et de incremento redditus tenementi Hornebowe iis. per annum. De incremento redditus Gregorii Wilkyn viii*d*.

No. 252. [1006] John Loof and others to Thomas Ede and others. Conveyance of a tenement in the street leading from the east stile of the church towards the Gildhall.

14 Jan. 1370.

SCIANT pres. et fut. qd. nos Johannes Loof, Willelmus Mareys, capellanus, Robertus Heygrave et Walterus Dobyl dedimus concess.

et hac. pres. carta nost. conf. Thome Ede, Isabelle, uxori eius, Willelmo Criche, Thome Wyldemerssh, capellano, et Ricardo Hyntilsham, clerico, tot. illud ten. cum pert. qd. sit. est in vil. de Bruggewater in vico sicut itur de orient. scalera ecclesie ville pred. versus Gyldam aulam ex opp. ten. Johannis Wyndesore int. ten. Johannis Popham ex par. una et ten. Ricardi Wely ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et nos [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Johanne Aleyn, Willelmo Tannere, Adam Leyborn, Waltero Boucher, Johanne Smok, Waltero Ruddok et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Petri in Cathedra an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo tercio.

[*Dorse*] burgagium in quo Robertus Sadeler tenet. [*sic*]

Four seals : green wax : round : (1) indecipherable ; (2) St. Andrew's Cross with four stars ; (3) game bird. P R I V E : (4) indecipherable.

No. 253. [1192] John Engleys, weaver, to Hugh Mareys and Joan, his wife. Conveyance of a third of a burgage in Friarn St. 3 Feb. 1370.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Engleys, textor, dedi conc. et hac pres. carta mea conf. Hugoni Mareys burgensi ville Brugge-walteri et Johanne uxori sue terciam partem unius burgagii cum pert. in Bruggewater situat. in vico Fratrum Minorum ville pred. int. ten. quondam Thome Fichet militis ex par. una et ten. dicti Hugonis ex alt. et exstendit versus viam que ducit usque Fratres Minores. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et si contingat qd. pred. Hugo et Johanna obierint sine hered. de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis volo et concedo qd. pred. tercia pars unius burgagii cum pert. remaneat rectis hered. dicti Hugonis inperp. Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Henrico Redmour, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Cole, Ada Leyborne et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. post fest. Purificationis B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

Seal : red wax : round : eagle attacking a bird.

- No. 254. [934] **Hugh Mareys and Joan, his wife, to John Engleys and Joan, his wife. Lease of the third part of a burgage in Friarn St. 18 Mar. 1370.**

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Hugo Mareys et Johanna uxor eius sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu nostro tradidisse et concessisse Johanni Engleys, textori, et Johanne, uxori sue, terciam partem [*&c. as in No. 253*] int. ten. quondam Thome Fichet militis ex par. una et ten. nost. ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Reddendo inde annuatim nobis hered. nostr. et assig. unum denarium ad fest. S. Mich. arch. pro omni servicio. Et nos [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Henrico Redmour, Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Cole, Ada Leyborne et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. Annunciacionis [B.M.V.] an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

Chirograph.

Seal: yellow wax: bird of prey attacking bird. See No. 136.

- No. 255. [886] **John Churcheye to Wm. Bercorn, chaplain, and Robert Orchard. Conveyance of all his messuages &c. in the hundreds of Cannington, North Petherton and Andersfield, and within the liberties of Bridgwater, except one burgage without West Gate and land in the Castle fee.**

25 April 1370.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Churcheye de Bruggewater dedi [*&c.*] Willelmo Bercorn, capellano, et Roberto Orchard omnia mesuagia terras et prata cum omn. suis pert. que habui in hundredis de Canyngton, Northpederton, Andrisfeld ac eciam infra libertates ville de Bruggewater exceptis uno burgagio extra port. occid. eiusdem ville qdquid burgagium iacet int. terram Roberti Plompton ex par. una et terram Johannis Combemartyn ex par. alt. et terra in feodo castri eiusdem ville. Hab. et ten. omn. pred. mesuagia terras et prata reversiones que acciderint cum omn. suis pert. pred. Willelmo et Roberto hered. et assig. suis de capit. dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de iure consueta lib. quiete bene et in pace iure hereditario imperp. Et ego Johannes antedictus et

hered. mei omn. pred. mesuagia terras et prata ac reversiones que acciderint cum omn. suis pert., burgagio et terra supradictis dumtaxat exceptis, prefatis Willelmo et Roberto hered. et eorum assig. ut premittitur contra omnes gentes warentizabimus, acquiet. et def. imperp. In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Roberto Plompton, Johanne Cole, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareis, Willelmo Tannere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Iovis prox. post fest. S. Georgii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

[*Dorse*] [*Very faint script as though testing a pen.*]

Wm. Tannere was M.P. in 1371.

No. 256. [340] Adam Forthred to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of all tenements &c. in Bridgewater that had belonged to his father, Wm. Forthred. 13 May 1370.

NOVERINT universi per pres. me Adam, filium et heredem Willelmi Forthred, remisisse [*&c.*] Roberto Plumpton hered. et assig. suis tot. jus meum [*&c.*] in omn. ten. burgag. terr. et curt. cum omn. eorum pert. que quondam fuerunt pred. Willelmi patris mei in villa de Bruggewater. Ita videlicet qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Test. Johanne Loof, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne Sopham, Rogero Wolaynton, Willelmo Pasteler et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Dunstani episc. anno reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

Small seal: red wax: chevron, three castles?

No. 257. [434] John Cole to Richard Stevenes. Conveyance of a quarter burgage without the West Gate at Ivywalle. 23 Sept. 1370.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Colle, mercer, dedi [*&c.*] Ricardo Stevenes, pistori, de Bruggewater quartam partem unius burgag. cum pert. iacentem extra port. occid. ville de Bruggewater apud Ivywalle int. dimid. burgag. Willelmi Bal ex par. una et placeam Johannis Canoun ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Willelmo Criche, Adam Beste, Johanne Sopham, Johanne Spenser, Thoma Grene et aliis. Dat. ap. Brugge-

water die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Mich. Arch. anno reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

[*Dorse*] per Johannem Alrygg. Without West Gate.

Seal: red wax: antique figure, goddess?

John Colle, presumably for John Cole.

No. 258. [1010] **The Bishop's Commissary discharges the executors of the will of Alice, late wife of Robert Plympton.**

24 Nov. 1370.

UNIVERSIS pateat per presentes qd. audito per nos Officiale Jurisdictionis de Welyngton et Cherde reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Johannis Dei gratia Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopi commissarium generalem compoto finali Roberti Plympton de Brugges et domini Thome Wyldemersch, capellani, Bathonensis et Wellensis diocesis, executorum testamenti Alicie nuper uxoris dicti Roberti defuncte, comperimus eosdem Robertum et dominum Thomam bona concernencia bene et fideliter administrasse, ipsos ab ulteriori compoto coram nobis in hac parte reddendo salvo iure cuiuscumque tenore presentium dimittimus absolutos. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri presentibus est appensum. Dat. ap. Brugg' pred. xxiiii^{to} die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}LXX^{mo}.

Fragment of the official's seal in red wax: vesica shaped.

Virgin and Child above; votary beneath: . . . I S . D E . W

John Harewell was bishop of Bath and Wells 1367-86.

No. 259. [28] **Thos. Engilby and Walter Dodde, wardens of the chantry of the B.V.M. for the year 44 [Edward III].**

[25 Dec.] 1370.

BRUGG.

Compotus Thome Enggilby et Walteri Dodde custodum bonorum beate Marie ecclesie parochialis ibidem anno xliiii^{to}.

Arreragia.

idem respondent de c solidis receptis de arreragiis compoti anni precedentis.

Summa cs.

Redditus assise.

Et de cvs. *iiiiid. quad.* receptis de certo redditu assise ibidem per annum Et de *xviiiid.* receptis de incremento i cotagii extra portam occid. quondam Dodynges Et de *vid.* receptis de incremento i cotagii ex opposito tenementi vicarii Et de *iiis.* de novo redditu ii cotagiorum in vico Fratrum Minorum quondam Thome Somer Et de *iis.* de i acra prati apud Bouremede Et de *iis.* receptis de tenemento Johannis Halewey Et de *xiiid.* de novo redditu Walteri Kep.

Summa cxvis. *iiiiid. quad.*

Receptiones forinsece.

Et de *iis. id.* de cera vendita pro sepultura corporum. Et de *iiiiid.* receptis pro sepultura Et de *xiiis. viiid.* receptis ex legato Johannis Bythesee Et de *iis. vid.* receptis de *iiii lb.* cere de redditu extra venditis.

Summa xviiiis. *iid.*

Summa totalis xi *li.* *xiiiis. vid. quad.*

Defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Godewyne [*interlinear.* Johannes Cole recusat [?] solvere] *xiiid.* quia Johannes Cole omnino dedicit. In defectu redditus tenementi quondam Boclonde *xiiid.* quia Willelmus Crich omnino dedicit. In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Spicer et nunc Plumpton *xiiid.* In defectu redditus ten. Ricardi Clerk *vid.* quia solebat reddere per an. *iis. vid.* nunc *iis.* In defectu redditus i domus quondam Dodinges ext. port. occid. *iiis.* hoc anno quia iacet vacans pro defectu tenentium.

Summa vis. *vid.*

Expense.

In viii *lagunis* olei emptis extra *xis. ixid.* precium paret extra. In expensis circa facturam cere contra festa Purificationis beate Marie et Assumptionis vis. Solut' Roberto Croyl pro dicta cera facienda per annum *iis.* In domo capellani faciendo et reparando per loca *viiiis. iiiiid.* Item solut' capitalibus dominis pro redditu per annum *iiiiis. viiid.* Item solut' Waltero Fort capellano pro

salario suo xlvis. viiid. Solut' clerico ecclesie pro cereis illuminandis iiiid.

Summa iii li. xixs. ix*d*.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum, iiiii li. vis. iii*d*. Et sic debet vii li. viiis. iii*d*. quad.

[Dorse.]

Cera.

Et de iiiii lb. receptis de redditu per annum. Et de lxx lb. receptis de custodibus anni precedentis cum trabea.

Summa lxx lb. cere.

Inde in cera facienda contra festum Purificationis et Assumptionis beate Marie xxxvi lb. In venditione iiiii lb. cere ut infra precium lb. viiid. ob.

Summa xl lb. et remanent xxix lb.

Oleum.

Et de viii lagenis olei emptis unde iii lagene precii vis. ; iii lagene et i potellum de saym precii iiis. vi*d*. i lagena, et i potellum de olivo precii lagene xviiid.

Summa viii lagene.

Et computant in sustentatione i lampadis ardentis in choro ecclesie beate Marie de Brugges viii lb. [*sic*] Et nil remanet.

[At foot]

¶ vii li. viiis. iii*d*. quad.

'Saym' may be seam or hog's lard.

No. 260. [429] Geoffrey Busschel to Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of a tenement in the street between Church and Bridge. 5 Jan. 1371.

NOVERINT universi per pres. me Galfridum Busschel remisisse [*&c.*] Roberto Plumpton hered. et assig. suis tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in toto illo ten. cum pert. qd. Robertus le Mulleward quondam de me tenuit in villa de Bruggewater qd. quidem ten. iacet in vico sicut itur int. eccl. paroch. ville pred. et magnum pontem eiusdem ville int. ten. Johannis Legh qd. Robertus Heigrave inhabitat ex par. una et ten. Hugonis Cancy qd. Thomas Parkere tenet ex par.

alt. Ita videlicet qd. [&c.] Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Test. Wilhelmo Criche, Johanne Cole, Adam Beste, Johanne Aleyn, Thoma Parkere, Johanne Betere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. Epiphanie Domini an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

Seal: round: red wax: head in profile.

Adam Beste was M.P. in Feb. and June of this year, and again in 1372.

No. 261. [668] **Hugh Cancy to John Bonayre and Agnes, his wife. Grant of lease of the reversion of a shop and solar in Fore St., Taunton.**
6 Jan. 1371.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Hugo Cancy sal. in Dom. semp. Noverint me concessisse [&c.] Johanni Bonayre et Agneti uxori eius reversionem unius shoppe cum solarario superedificato in burgo de Taunton scituate in vico voc. Forestret int. tenement. Johannis Romwell et tenement. Willelmi Goudman quam pred. Johannes de me tenet ad term. vite Alicie Skynnere. Hab. et ten. pred. shoppam cum solarario et earum pert. pref. Johanni et Agneti uxori sue ad term. vite eorum et eorum alterius post decessum Alicie Skynnere diucius viventis de me et hered. meis si dictam Aliciam supervixerint Redd. inde annuatim michi et hered. meis quinque sol. argenti ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porcion. pro omn. aliis serviciis et consuetudinibus erga dominum viz. redditus recognitionem et sectam regalem ad curiam domini Et pred. Johannes et Agnes pred. shoppam cum solarario durante termino pred. competenter sustentabunt aut reficient et emendabunt et in fine termini eorum et eorum utriusque diucius viventis in adeo bono statu seu meliori quo illi receperunt dimittent. Et si contingat qd. pred. reddit. sit aretro in parte vel in toto per tres septimanas post aliquem terminum prenotatum vel qd. pred. tenement. sit ruinosum vel peioratum ita qd. aliquod vastum in eodem assignari poterit et qd. non sit reparatum infra duodecim septimanas tunc bene licebit pref. Hugoni hered. et assign. suis in dict. shoppa cum solarario intrare et in pristinum statum suum rehabere sine aliqua disseisina inde facta Et ego vero [&c.] In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Roberto Broun, Roberto Waterman, Will. Portman et aliis. Dat. ap. Taunton die Lune in

festo Epiphanie Domini anno reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo quarto.

Chirograph.

Seal in red wax ; merchant's mark.

No. 262. [1195] **John Broke and Margaret, his wife, to John Wyndesore. Conditional defeasance of a bond.**

20 Jan. 1371.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes Broke de Bruggewater tinctor et Margareta uxor eius sal. in Dom. Licet qd. Johannes Wyndesore nobis teneatur in viginti libris sterlingorum per quoddam scriptum obligatorium ut in dicto scripto obligatorio nobis inde confecto plenius continetur predictus Johannes Wyndesore vult et concedit per pres. pro se hered. et exec. suis qd. si pref. Johannes Broke et Margareta uxor eius sunt expulsi aut perturbati de uno dimidio burgagio cum pert. in Bruggewater aut hered. vel exec. dict. Johannis Broke et Margarete uxoris eius per dict. Johannem Wyndesore hered. et exec. suos aut per aliquem alium nomine dicti Johannis Wyndesore qd. sit. in vico Fratrum Minorum int. dimid. burgag. Johannis Sydenham ex par. una et dimid. burgag. quondam Rogeri Sopham et Walteri Crocker ex alt. qd. pred. scr. oblig. viginti librarum stet in suo robore et effectu sin autem careat suo vigore et effectu et pro nullo habeatur. In cuius [*&c.*] Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Hillarii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quarto.

[*Dorse*] John Sydenham 44th Ed. 3.

Chirograph: A B C D E F.

Seal: red wax: fragment: indecipherable.

No. 263. [478] **John Pederton to Robert Plympton. Quit-tance of £40.**

12 June 1371.

NOVERINT universi per pres. me Johannem Pederton de Brugge-water recepisse et habuisse die confectionis presentium apud Bruggewater de Roberto Plumpton quadraginta libras argenti in quibus idem Robertus per quandam literam obligatorium michi

tenebatur De quibus quidem quadraginta libris argenti fateor me plenarie fore persolutum et pred. Robertum hered. et exec. suos inde es[se] quietos per presentes imperp. In cuius [Ec.]. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Barnabe apost. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quinto.

Seal: round: red wax: head of John the Baptist on a charger; in a trellis-pattern circle.

No. 264. [820] **Alice Frysell, daughter of Adam Ebboth, to Thomas Wyldemersch, rector of Chilton. Conveyance of a tenement with a garden attached, in Orlove St.**

11 July 1371.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia Frysell filia et heres Ade Ebbot de Bryghwauter dedi [Ec.] domino Thome Wyldemersch rectori ecclesie de Chilton tot. ten. meum cum gardino adiacenti in Bryghwauter qd. quidem ten. cum gard. iacet in Orlovestrete int. ten. Johannis le Spicer ex par. una et ten. Ricardi Rogeroun ex par. alt. Hab. et ten [Ec.] Et ego vero [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.]. Hiis test. Henrico Redmoor, Roberto Plumptone, Adam Leyborne, Johanne Aleyn, Ricardo Rogeroune, Johanne Spicer et aliis. Dat. ap. Bryghwauter pred. undecimo die mensis Julii an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. quadragesimo quinto.

[Dorse] Inter Frisell & Wildemershe.

Seal: red wax: round: a squirrel [?] + PRIVE SV.

No. 265. [Charters 3] **King Edward the Third. Inspeximus of that of his father, Edward the Second, confirming the original charter.**

17 Oct. 1371.

EDWARDUS dei gratia Rex Anglie Francie & Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris & omnibus ballivis & fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus quandam cartam confirmacionis domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie patris nostri in hec verba [*Here follows No. 84*]. Nos autem donacionem concessionem & confirmacionem predictas ratas habentes & gratas eas

pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est burgensibus ville predicte & eorum heredibus et successoribus concedimus & confirmamus prout carta predicta rationabiliter testatur & prout iidem burgenses & eorum antecessores libertatibus predictis hactenus rationabiliter usi sunt & gavisi. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus W[illelmo] Cantuar. archiepiscopo tocius Anglie Primate; W[illelmo] Wy[nto]n; J[] Elien.; S[imone] Londonie, episcopis; Ricardo Arundell, Willelmo de Monte Acuto, Sar[esberiensis]; Thoma Bello Campo, Warr[ewici], comitibus; Roberto de Thorpe, cancellario; Ricardo [Lescrope], thesaurario nostris; Henrico Lestrop, senescallo hospicii nostri & aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium decimo septimo die Octobris anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo quinto regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo secundo.

Spaigne

Rex per Nicholaum de Spaigne
& Johannem de Burton, clericos.
pro dimidia marca soluta in hanaperium.

Large fragment of Great Seal, green wax, brown and green cords.

No. 266. [Record Office, S.C. 2/198/14 Mem. 1] **Law Court
Roll of Michaelmas Term, Bridgwater [Castle with manor
of Haygrove].** 18 Oct. 1371.

BRUGGE. Curia legalis termini Michaelis ibidem tenta die Sabbati in festo S. Luce Ewangele anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu xlv^{to}.

Johannes Pollard defendit versus Johannem Sopham de placito Essonlum. transgressionis per Willelmum Clerke.

Messor in misericordia quia testatus est quod Abbas de Athel- misericordia id.
ingnie excuravit cursum aque apud Morewall ubi non fecit Et et districtio.
preceptum est distringere dictum Abbatem contra proximam
[curiam].

Ad huc attachiare Thomam Carpenter ad respondendum quare attachamentum.
non excuravit cursum aque de Hambroke.

Ricardus Weycome in mis. quia non habet Johannem Turlyt mis. iiii. & dis.

ad respond. quare non escuravit fossatum atte Townesende et preceptum est distringere dict. Joh. contra proximam [curiam].

attach. Walt. Mulleward attachiatus est per i ollum eneam et iiii bussellos brassei cursalis ad respond. Isabelle Eode de placito debiti et non se iustificavit ; ideo prec. est ipsum melius attachiari contra proximam [curiam].

mis. xiiid. & dis. Adam Leyborne et Ricardus Dyere in mis. quia non habent custodem Fratrum Minorum de Brugge ad respond. quare non escuravit fossatum apud Hambrok. Et prec. est ipsum distringere ad escurandum contra proximam.

mis. jd. & dis. Messor in mis. quia non dis. Nicholaum Crunt ad respond. quare non escuravit cursum aque in terris Twentiacre et Morewall et prec. est distringere dict. Nich. contra prox.

mis. iiid. Johannes Talbot in mis. quia defecit de lege versus Johannem Bruwere in placito transgressionis.

lex vi. manu. Nicholaus Marlere ponit se ad legem versus curiam et ballivum quod non obstupavit cursum aque apud Saltelond ad dampna xld. nec ullum denarium ; plegius de lege Walterus Kep.

attach. Ad huc attachiare Walterum Mulleward ad respond. Isabelle Eode de placito detentionis catallorum.

Remanet. Loquela inter Johannem Sopham querentem et Johannem Pollard defendentem remanet per essonium supra.

Remanet. Loquela inter Adam Beste querentem et Robertum Mulleward defendentem de placito transgressionis remanet prece partium contra proximam.

mis. iiid. Radulphus Barwe et Alicia Durneloue in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Johanne Walle in placito transgressionis ; plegii Walterus Taillure et Willelmus Sadelere.

mis. iid. Johannes Morcok in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Johanne Sely in placito transgressionis ; plegius Robertus Croil.

dist. Johannes Prest attachiatus est per i sellam precii xld. ad respond. Willelmo Taverner et non se iustificavit ; ideo prec. est illud retinere et melius distringere contra proximam.

[contra.] Johannes Golye manucepit habere hic ad curiam i pullum
proximam
[curiam.] femineum ad probandum Et non habet dictum pullum sicut manucepit habere. Ideo prec. est dictum Johannem habere dictum pullum ad proximam.

Willelmus Blachch in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Waltero Taillur in placito transgressionis ; plegius Willelmus Purie. mis. iid.

Johannes Robin in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Waltero Taillur de placito transgressionis ; plegius Robertus Heygrave. mis. iid.

Thomas Doffile debet pro custodia i vacce que fuit in custodia per iii septimanas ; plegius, Croyl. custodia vid.

i equus qui fuit in custodia per iii septimanas, unde pro custodia messori et preposito. cust. iiis.

Robertus Croil manucepit habere iii bidentes qui fuere in custodia et non habet ; ideo ipse in mis. et prec. est illos habere ad proximam. mis. id.

Ricardus Berecorne in mis. pro transgressionem facta Johanni Morcok in frumento suo apud Whitesicce cum averiis suis ad dampna dimidie marce ; unde fiat executio. mis.
con[donatur]
executio.

Homagium presentat quod Elyas Smyth (con[donatur]), Isabella Contok (vid.), Johannes Westleigh (iid.), Henricus Plom[mer] (iid.) faciunt defectum. Ideo ipsi in mis. Presentatio
mis. xd.

Item presentat quod Willelmus Criche non escuravit cursum aque apud Westwayer. Ideo prec. est ipsum attachiare contra proximam. attach.

Item quod [end].

verte.

[Dorse.]

Item presentat quod Thomas Asshhulle braciat et frangit assisam. Ideo ipse in mis.

Item quod Willelmus Russel (iiiid.), Walterus Taillur (vid.), Johannes Bruwere (vid.) et Johannes Spicer (iiiid.) tappant et vendunt cervisiam contra assisam. Ideo ipsi in mis. mis. xixd.

Et quia predicti Thomas (id.) Willelmus (id.) Walterus (id.) Johannes (id.) et Johannes (id.) vendunt per falsas mensuras, ideo ipsi in mis. mis. vd.

Item quod Johannes Hughes tenetur facere emendare et reparare unam pistrinam et non fecit, ideo ipse in mis. Et prec. est dict. Johannem distringere ad emendandum contra proximam. mis. id. et dist.

Attachiamenta messoris ut patet per extracta, xxiiid. mis. xxiiid.

Johannes Bruwere reddit in manus domine dimidiam acram prati extra portam australem ville quam Radulphus Dyere quondam finis viiiid.

tenuit. Et postea venit Johannes Talbot et dat domine de fine viiid. ut posset habere dict. dimid. acram prati, reddendo inde per annum in omnibus sicut pred. Rad. Dyere prius reddere et facere solebat, Et fecit domine fidelitatem.

Totum homagium in mis. quia concealavit defectum Johannis Smyth.

Item presentat qd. Johannes Smyth facit defectum; ideo ipse in mis.

Summa	{	Perquisita curie, vis. viiid.	} Totalis xiis. viiid.
		Custodia, iii s. vid.	
		Attachiamenta messoris xxiiid.	
		Finis viiid.	

Inde in pergamena *id.*

No. 267. [255] Laurence Halewey and Iseult, his wife, to Ralph Barwe. Conveyance of rents, services and reversions from three-quarters of a burgage in Penel St. 20 Nov. 1371.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Laurentius Halewey et Isolda uxor eius sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos unanima assensu et consensu nostro trad. et conc. Radulpho Barwe hered. et assig. suis redditus et servicia que Rogerus Slyper et Agnes uxor eius nobis rendere et facere solebant pro tribus quarteris unius burgagii cum pert. que de nobis tenent ad term. vite eorum in Briggewater situant' in vico voc. Pynelesstret int. burgag. Johannis Cole ex parte una et burgag. Ricardi Wely ex alt. Hab. et ten. omn. pred. redditus servicia simul et reversiones pred. trium quarterorum unius burgag. cum pert. que acciderint post mortem pred. Rogeri et Agnetis pref. Radulpho hered. et assig. suis. de cap. dominis [*&c.*] Et nos vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Adam Leyborn, Thoma Doffile, Ricardo Dyere, Rogero Hostiler, Johanne Algod et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Iovis in festo S. Edmundi regis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo quinto.

[*Dorse*] Scleper Rob. Squyer.

Seals: (1) green wax: round: Paschal Lamb: S'. L A V R E I [?]

(2) Red wax: round: soldier with drawn sword: votary beneath in oval, legend indecipherable.

No. 268. [29] Thos. Engilby and Walter Dodde, wardens of
the chantry of the B.V.M. for the year 45 [Edward III].
25 Dec. 1371.

BRUGGE.

Compotus Thome Enggilby et Walteri Dodde custodum bonorum
beate [Marie] ecclesie parochialis ibidem anno xlv^{to}.

Arreragia.

iidem respondent de [*in another hand*] de vii li. viiis. iiid. quad.
de arreragiis anni precedentis.

Summa vii li. viiis. iiid. quad.

Redditus assise.

Et de cvis. iiid. quad. receptis de certo redditu assise ibidem
per annum Et de xviii^d. de incremento i cotagii extra portam occid.
quondam Dodinges Et de vid. de incremento i cotagii ex opposito
tenementi vicarii Et de iis. de novo redditu ii cotagiorum in vico
Fratrum Minorum quondam Thome Somer Et de iis. de i acra
prati apud Bouremede Et de iis. receptis de ten. Johannis Halewey
Et de xii^d. de novo redditu Walteri Kep.

Summa v li. xvis. iiid. quad.

Receptiones fforensice.

Et de iis. iiid. receptis de iiii lb. cere extra venditis pro lb. viid.

Summa iis. iiid.

Summa totalis una cum xxiid. de Johanna Nithyngale et Ricardo
Diare inferius receptis xiii li. viiis. ix^d. quad.

Defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus i tenementi quondam Godewyne xii^d. quia
Johannes Cole omnino dedit. In defectu redditus tenementi
Boclund xii^d. quia Willelmus Criche omnino dedit. In defectu
redditus i tenementi quondam Spicer et nunc Plumpton xii^d. In
defectu redditus ten. Ricardi Clerk vid. quia solebat reddere per
annum iis. vid. et nunc iis. In defectu redditus ten. quondam
Dodinges extra port. occid. iis. vid. pro defectu tenementi iacentis
vacantis.

Summa vis.

Expense.

In ix lagenis dimidia oleii extra emptis xiiis. viii*d.* precium patet extra In expensis circa facturam cere contra festa Purificationis beate Marie et Assumptionis vis. Solut' Roberto Croyl pro factura dicte cere iis. Item solut' capitali domino pro redditu per annum iiiiis. viii*d.* Item solut' clerico ecclesie pro dicta cera illuminanda iiiii*d.* Item solut' Willelmo Mareys capellano pro salario suo iiii *li.* vis. viii*d.*

Summa cxiis. iiiii*d.*

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum v *li.* xviiiis. iiiii*d.* Et sic debet de claro vii *li.* xs. v*d.*

Memorandum de xvii*d.* ob. receptis de Johanna Nitegale de redditu termini Michaelis anno xlv^{to} pro tenemento quondam Helyare Et de vi*d.* receptis de Waltero Deyere de redditu ad eundem terminum. Debet v *li.* xis.

[Dorse.]

Cera.

Et de xxix lb. receptis de remanente Et de iiii lb. de redditu per annum Et de xxxvii lb. cere provenientibus de mortuariis.

Summa lxx lb. cere.

Et computant in cera facta contra festa Purificationis beate Marie et Assumptionis xxxvi lb. Et in venditione ut paret infra iiii lb. precium lb. viii*d.*

Summa xl lb. Et remanent xxx lb.

Oleum.

Et de ix lagenis i potello olei emptis unde i lagena precium iis. ; ii lagenis, precium iis. xi*d.* vi lagene, precium viis. i potello, precium ix*d.*

Summa ix lagene et dimidia.

Et computant in sustentatione i lampadis in choro ecclesie ibidem ix lagene et dimidia. Et equet.

Legacio.

Et de i coopertorio cum i testura proveniente ex legacione Walteri Fort capellani bluwete coloris cum capit[e] libard[i]. Et nemo vendat dictum coopertorium cum testura super maledictionem beate Marie et predicti Walteri Fort et quere in ultima

voluntate dicti Walteri Et de i coopertorio et i manutergio provenientibus ex legacione Katherine Beste Et de iii ymaginariis de alabaistro provenientibus ex legacione Alicie Plumpton.

Velamina.

Et de i velamine serici proveniente ex legacione Johanne uxoris Johannis Sopham Et de i velamine serici ex legacione Edithe Bakeres Et de i velamine urticae ex legacione Alicie atte Fenne.

[*At foot*] debet vii li. xs. iiii.

The last named legacy is a veil, perhaps of nettle-cloth.

No. 269. [Record Office, S.C. 2/198/14 Mem. 2] **Court Roll, Bridgewater [Castle with manor of Haygrove]. 14 Jan. 1372.**

BRIGGE. Curia ibidem tenta die Mercurie proxima post festum Epiphanie Domini anno xlv^o.

De ramelis prostratis cum . . . in parco iis.

Ram. iis.

De Johanne Coke pro arundine habenda fla[nescente] in fossato castri xviii^d.

De Ricardo Hyntilsham pro custodia i jumenti iiiii^d.

cust. iiiii^d.

De Roberto Croyl pro spin[is] vendit[is] in fossato castri iiis.

spin. vend.

Ad huc attachiare Abbatem de Atheln[ey] quare non escuravit cursum aque apud Morewall.

attach.

Ad huc attachiare Thomam Carpenter ad respondendum quare non escuravit cursum aque de Hamebroke contra proximam [curiam].

attach.

Attachiare Johannem Turlyt quare non escuravit fossatum atte Tounesend.

attach.

i Ollam eneam prec. etc. [*erased* ?] de bonis Walteri Mulleward qui exstitit attachiatus ad sectam Isabelle Ede ad huc remanet. Ideo preceptum est illam retinere et predictum Walterum melius attachiare.

quia terminetur
inferius
attach. [*erased*].

Ad huc attachiare fratrem Johannem Walle quare non escuravit fossatum circa gardinum [*or* gardum] eorum.

attach.

Messor in mis. quia non habet Nicholaum Cronte ad respond. quare non escuravit fossatum aque inter Twenti acres et Morewall et quare testatur per totum qd. dict. cursus bene escuratur. Ideo, etc.

condonatur.

- mis. *iiid.* Nicholas Marler in mis. quia defecit de lege versus curiam et ballivum de hoc quod obstupat cursum aque apud Saltelonde.
- attach Ad huc attachiare Walterum Mulleward ad respond. Isabelle Ede in placito detinendi catalla.
- mis. *iiid.* Johannes Pollard in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Johanne Sopham in placito transgressionis.
- attach. Ad huc attachiare Robertum Mulleward ad respond. Ade Beste in placito transgressionis.
- mis. *iid.* et dist. Willelmus Purie in mis. quia non habet Johannem Prest ad respond. Willelmo Taverner in placito transgressionis, et preceptum est distringere dict. Johannem contra proximam.
- mis. *iiid.* Walterus Mulleward in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Isabella Ede in placito debiti; plegius Adam Beste.
- mis. *iiid.* Districtus est Johannes Golye ad habendum hic i pullum femin-eum ad probandum qui exstitit in custodia et quia non habet hic ad hunc diem. Ideo dict. Johannes Golye in mis.
- mis. *iid.* [contra] Johannes Golye in mis. quia non habet Willelmum Athelard ad proximam probandum iii bidentes hic qui exstiterunt in custodia. Et preceptum est dictum Johannem Golye ad habendum dictas iii bidentes [curiam]. contra proximam.
- attach. Preceptum est attachiare Willelmum Crich ad respond. quare non escuravit cursum aque apud Westwaier.
- mis. *iid.* Johannes Hughes in mis. quia non emendavit pistrinam suam et dist. sicut habet in precepto. Et preceptum est distringere dict. Johannem contra prox.
- lex *iiii manu.* Johannes Morcok ponit se ad legem versus Ricardum Berecorn quod fecit ei emendam [pro transgressionem] facta dicto Ricardo in frumento suo cum bobus suis ad dampna [*amount deleted*] apud Heigrave anno xlii^{do} Ideo habeat diem ad proximam; plegius Johannes Pollard.
- Remanet. Loquela inter Ricardum Berecorn querentem et [Galfr' *erased*] Johannis [*sic*] Morcok defendentem in placito transgressionis remanet.
- Remanet. Loquela [*&c. repeated six times*].
- Verte extra
- mis. *iid.* Johannes Pollard in mis. pro transgressionem facta Johanni executio. Pounceon in gardo suo cum averiis suis hoc anno ad dampna *xiid.*, unde fiat executio quia dict. Joh. Pollard hoc cognovit.

Joh. Pollard in mis. pro transgressione facta Johanni Wynd in gardo suo cum averiis suis hoc anno ad dampna *vid.*, unde fiat executio quia dict. Joh. Pollard hoc cognovit. mis. *id.*
exec.

Hugo Hughes in mis. quia non habet Galfridum Morcok ad respond. Johanni Wynd in placito et prec. est dict. Galfridum attachiare contra prox. mis. *id.*
attach.

Hugo Hughes in mis. quia non habet Galfridum Morcok ad respond. Johanni Pounceon in placito transgressionis [?] et prec. est dict. Galfridum attachiare contra prox. mis. *id.*
attach.

Robertus Croil in mis. quia non habet Regenaldum Elymaker ad respond. Rogero Gelampton in placito debiti et prec. est dict. Rogerum attachiare contra prox. mis. *id.*
attach.

Ricardus Chedeleg parsona ecclesie de Chedesie in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Rogero Gelampton in placito debiti; plegius, Ricardus Tredegold. mis. *iiid.*

Regenaldus Elymaker in mis. quia non est prosecutus versus Ricardum Clerke in placito transgressionis. mis. *id.*

Rogerus Gelampton in mis. quia non est prosecutus versus Nicholaum Berd in placito debiti. mis. *iiid.*

Walterus Roddok d[*space*] dat domine de fine *xiiid.* ut possit habere et tenere unam veterem domum ad scalarem austrarem ecclesie parochialis de Brigge ad terminum vite domine, reddendo inde per annum sicut solebat reddere antequam Et sectam curie per annum. Redditus *xld.*

Homagium presentat qd. molendium equinum iacet ruinosum ad dampnum domine, *vid.*, ut presentatur per homagium. Et prec. est qd. dict. molendium emendabitur citra proximam [curiam] sub pena dimidie marce. Presentatio
damp. *vid.*

Johannes Hughes electus est ad officium messoris. Attachiamenta messoris ut patet per extracta *xiiiid.* Electio
mis. *xiiiid.*

Perquisita curie *iiiis. vid.*

Attachiamenta messoris *xiiiid.*

Summa Finis *xiiid.*

Spin' venditio *iiis.*

Ramilarum venditio *iis.*

Inde in pergamena empta *id. ob.*

No. 270. [461] Robt. Plympton to John Betere and Christine,
his wife. Lease of a tenement in the street on the way to
the West Gate. 15 Mar. 1372.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Robertus Plumpton sal. in Dom. Noveritis me tradidisse et conc. Johanni Betere et Cristine uxori eius tot. illud ten. meum cum pert. qd. iacet in villa de Bruggewater in vico sicut itur versus port. occid. int. mesuagium qd. Robertus Mensshaue tenet ex par. una et mesuag. Ade Leiborn ex par. alt. in quoquidem ten. pred. Johannes inhabitat. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. ten. cum grangia in eodem situata et cum omn. al. pert. suis prefatos Johanni et Cristine ad terminum vite eorum et alterius eorum diucius viventis. De me heredibus vel assig. meis lib. et integre. Reddendo inde annuatim michi hered. vel assig. meis decem sol. arg. ad quatuor anni term. princ. equis porc. et dominis ville pred. xvid. ad fest. Mich. pro omn. servicio salvo regali. Sustentando eciam ad sumptibus eorum propr. competenter reparando omnes domus in dict. ten. situat. per tot. term. pred. Et si pred. redd. in par. vel in toto a retro fuerit per xv dies post aliq. term. supradictum dum tamen per me vel cert. attorn. meum interim debito modo petatur tunc bene licebit michi hered. vel assig. meis in toto pred. ten. cum omn. pert. suis ingredi seisire et illud retinere imperp. sine aliqua disseisina pred. Johanni et Cristine inde facienda. Et ego [&c.] In cuius [&c.]. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Gregorii pape anno reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

Seal : small : red wax : quatrefoil : I E : S V Y : P R I V E : E I L E L [?]
Chirograph : A B C D E F G H (inverted).

No. 271. [315] Richard Stokewode to John Maunsel and
Agnes, his wife. Lease of a half burgage in Friarn St.
15 April 1372.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Ricardus Stokewode sal. in Dom. Noveritis me trad. et conc. Johanni Maunsel et Agneti uxori eius unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. iacent' in villa de Briggewater in vico voc. Frerenstret in par. aust. int. ten. Johannis Halewey ex par. una et

ten. Johannis Benet ex alt. Hab. et ten. [Ec.] Reddendo inde annuatim mihi hered. vel assig. meis quinque sol. arg. ad iiii anni term. princ. eq. porc. pro omni serv. et sec. dem. salvo regali Sustentando eciam sumpt. eorum prop. et competenter reparando omnes domus in dict. dim. burgag. constructas per tot. term. pred. Et si pred. redd. in par. vel in toto a retro fuerit per quindecim dies post aliq. term. supradictum dum tamen per me vel certum attorn. meum interim deb. modo petatur tunc pred. Johannes et Agnes volunt et concedunt per pres. qd. bene liceat mihi hered. vel assig. meis in toto pred. dimid. burgag. cum pert. intrare seisure et pacifice tenere absque imped. vel contrad. pred. Johannis et Agnetis imperp. Et ego vero [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.] Hiis test. Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Cole, Willelmo Crich, Hugone Mareis, Ada Beste et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. sanctorum Tiburtii et Valeriani an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

[Dorse] Tenementum in Freren Strete.

Small seal: green wax: a catherine wheel.

Hugh Mareys and Adam Beste were in parliament this year.

No. 272. [Record Office 2/198/14 Mem. 3] **Court Roll,
Bridgwater Castle [with manor of Haygrove].**

16 April 1372.

BRIGGE. Curia castri ibidem tenta die Veneris proxima post festum Sanctorum Tiburtii et Valeriani anno xlv.

Johannes Smyth de Hacche molendarius castri emit fenum in castro ad valenciam dimidie marce.

Fenum
venditur
xs.

Johannes Smok emit fenum in castro ad valenciam xxd.

Johannes Westlegh emit fenum in castro ad val. etc., xxd.

Item ramelie vendite in parco pro vii^{id}.

venditio
rameliarum
viii^d.

Isabella Cantok que tenuit de domina unum messuagium in fossato castri ad terminum vite sue mortua est. Et dict. messuag. solebat reddere domine iiis. per annum. Postea venit Willelmus Pulle et cepit medietatem dicti messuagii. Hab. et ten. ad term. vite domine sibi et Margarete uxori sue. Reddendo inde per annum pro medietate dicti messuagii domine vs. per annum ad iiii^{or} anni

Finis vs.
incrementum
redditus iis.

terminos et sectam curie castri bis per annum. Et pred. Willelmus et Margareta sustentabunt emendabunt et reparabunt pred. medietatem messuagii competenter sumptibus eorum propriis. Et si contingat qd. pred. redditus in parte vel in toto a retro sit post aliquem term. supra per viii dies dum tamen per ministros domine interim debito modo petatur vel si medietas pred. messuagii vasta et non competenter reparata, pred. Will. et Margareta volunt et concedunt qd. domina intrare possit in medietate dicti messuagii sine aliqua disseisina pred. Willelmi et Margarete inde facienda. Et dant domine de fine vs. per plegium Willelmi Russel.

incrementum
redditus vis.

Willelmus Russel et Claricia uxor eius ceperunt de domina aliam medietatem messuagii qd. pred. Isabella Cantok prius tenuit. Hab. et ten. ad term. vite domine sibi et Claricie uxori sue. Reddendo inde per ann. vs. domine ad iiiior anni terminos Et sectam curie castri bis per ann. Et predicti Willelmus et Claricia [*&c. as above*] Et est finis nichil.

attach. Ad huc attachiare Abbatem de Athelign[ey] quare non escuravit cursum aque apud Morewall.

attach. Ad huc attachiare Thomam Carpenter ad respond. quare non escuravit cursum aque de Hamebrok.

mis. iiid.
& dis. Johannes Hughes in mis. quia non habet Johannem Turlyt ad respond. quare non escuravit fossatum atte Tounesend et prec. est distringere dict. Johannem Turlit contra prox.

attach. Ad huc attachiare fratrem Johannem Walle custodem Fratrum Minorum ad respond. quare non escuravit cursum aque circa gardinum [*or* gardum] eorum.

mis. id.
executio. Walterus Mulleward ponit se ad legem versus Isabellam Ede quod non detinet eidem Isabelle iii bussellos avene cursalis quos vendidit dicte Isabelle sicut dicta Isabella eidem narrat, &c. Et quia dict. Walterus non poterat affirmare legem suam, ideo consideratum est qd. dicta Isabella recuperabit pred. iii bussellos precii xvd. et dampna vid., unde fiat executio.

mis. iid. Robertus Mulleward in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Ada Beste in placito transgressionis.

mis. iiid. Willelmus Tannere in mis. quia non est prosecutus versus Johannem Prest de placito transgressionis.

mis. iiid. Johannes Golye in mis. quia non habet Willelmum Athelard

ad probandum iii bidentes que exstunt hic in custodia et prec. est dictum Johannem ad habendum dictas iii bidentes contra prox.

Preceptum est attachiare Willelmum Crich ad escurandum cursum aque iuxta Westwayer. attach.

Preceptum est attachiare Johannem Hughes [*interlinear* quod sit ad proximam] ad reparandum pistrinam suam ruinosam et fere prostratam. attach.

Johannes Morcok in mis. quia defecit de lege versus Ricardum Berecorne in placito transgressionis ut patet in curia precedente. mis. iid.

Ad huc attachiare Johannem Morcok ad respond. Ricardo Berecorne in placito transgressionis. attach.

Ad huc, &c. [*Repeated thrice*].

Attachiare Johannem Morcok ad respond. Roberto Berecorne in placito transgressionis.

Galfridus Morcok in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Johanne Wynde in placito transgressionis. mis. id.

Galfridus Morcok in mis. pro lic. concord. cum Johanne Pounceon in plac. trans. mis. id.

Rogerus Gelampton in mis. quia non est prosecutus versus Regenaldu Elymaker in plac. debiti. mis. condonatur.

Ricardus Berecorne in mis. pro transgressione facta Johanni Wynde in frumento suo cum bidentibus suis ad dampna vid. unde fiat executio. mis. id. executio.

Johannes Wynde in mis. pro transgressione facta Waltero Muleward in prato de Denemed ad dampna id. unde executio. mis. iid.

Hugo Hughes in mis. pro transgressione facta Waltero Muleward in Denemed hoc anno ad dampna iid. unde fiat executio. mis. id. executio.

Johannes Westerne in mis. pro transgressione facta Waltero Muleward in equis suis et in feno suo cum i pullo in le Baley hoc anno ad dampna iiid. unde executio. mis. id.

Will. Russel in mis. quia non [*erased*].

Thomas Gerveys in mis. pro licencia concordandi cum Waltero Muleward in placito transgressionis; plegius Willelmus Russel. mis. iid.

Johannes Cole in mis. pro lic. concord. cum Waltero Muleward pro transgressione in Denemed; plegii Robertus Croyl, Willelmus Sadeler. mis. iid.

mis. id. Stacius Bux in mis. pro transgressione facta Hugoni Hugis in blado suo cum i pullo, &c. ; plegius Johannes Golie.

redditus
[faint]. Ricardus Tredegolde reddit in manus domine unum mesuagium et unum curtilagium que tenet de domina in fossato castri. Postea venit Johannes Golye et Isabella uxor eius et ceperunt dictum mesuagium et curtilagium hab. et ten. [*&c. as earlier in this roll*]. Redd. per annum viiis. [*&c.*] . . . per xv dies . . . [*&c.*] Nichil de fine.

Idem Johannes Golye cepit de domina unum curtilagium in dicto fossato castri dictis mesuagio et curtilagio annexum hab. et ten. sibi et Isabelle uxori sue ad terminum vite domine Reddendo inde per annum xiiid. Et sectam curie bis per annum.

mis. iiid. Homagium presentat qd. Johannes Heygrave iunior iuste levavit hutesium super Hugonem . . . cok (iiid.). Ideo dict. Hugo in mis.

mis. ixid. Item presentat qd. Johannes Michel de Sidenham (iid.) Johannes Golie (iid.) Johannes Churchey (iid.) Margareta Bercorn (id.) [S]picer (iid.) faciunt defaltam. Ideo ipsi in mis.

Item presentat qd. Thomas Ashhulle (vid.) brasiauit et fregit assisam. Ideo in mis. Item quod Will. Russel (iiid.) et Walt. Taillur (iiid.) Johannes Bruwer (iiid.) Johannes Spicer (iiid.) tap-paverunt et vendiderunt serviciam [?]

mis. xiiid. Attachiamenta messoris ut patet per extracta xiiid.

Perquisita cum attachiamendis vs. xd.

Finis vs.

Venditio feni xs.

Ramelie viiid.

In pergameno empto iid. . . . extracta.

The roll is worn towards the end and difficult to decipher.

No. 273. [467] Richd. Cheselade of Dunwear and Christine, his wife, to Richd. Hyntilsham, clerk. Conveyance of a half burgage in St. Mary St. 9 May 1372.

Sci. pres. et fut. qd. nos Ricardus Cheselade de Donwere et Christina uxor eius unanimi assensu et voluntate nostra dedimus

[&c.] Ricardo Hyntilsham clerico unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. in villa de Bruggewater qd. iacet in vico voc. Seintemariestrete int. ten. Sancte Marie ex par. una et ten. Mag. hosp. S. Johannis Bapt. de Bruggewater ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [&c.] Et nos [&c.] In cuius rei test. huic pres. carte sig. meum apposui. [sic] Test. Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Smok, Ricardo Wely, Johanne West, Waltero Bourgh, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. Inventionis Sancte Crucis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

Two seals : red wax : (1) a stag : motto. (2) Shield of arms.

No. 274. [462] Richd. Bythesee to James Dodyng. Lease of seven acres with a "warth" in Petherham.

9 May 1372.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Recardus Bythsee tradidi conc. et pres. scr. meo conf. Jacobo Dodyng ad term. vite mee septem acras terre arabilis cum una wartha situatas in Pedertham et iacentes int. terram Willelmi Hathruth ex utraque parte cum pert. Hab. et ten. pred. terram et wartham pred. Jacobo vel assig. suis ad term. vite mee Reddendo inde annuatim michi vel assig. meus novem sol. arg. . . . den. et ob. ad fest. pasche pro omn. serviciis et si pred. redd. aretro sit per quindecim dies tunc pred. Ricardus intret in terram sine aliqua contradictione [erasure] pro omn. serviciis salvo servicio regali. Et ego vero pred. Ricardus pred. septem acras terre cum wartha versus mare pred. Jacobo vel. assig. suis ad term. vite mee warantizabo et defendam. In cuius [&c.] Hiis test. Johanne Herker, Nicholas Lange, Rogero Kytenor, Willelmo Hayrick, Roberto Bythsee et aliis. Dat. ap. Pedertham die Dom. prox. post ascencionem Domini an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

[Dorse] Petherton.

Wavy indenture.

Warth ; a garth. Petherham must not be confused with Petherton. It seems to have lain by the Parrett near Cannington.

No. 275. [464] Isabel, widow of John Talbot, to Richard Hyntilsham, clerk. Quitclaim of a half burgage in St. Mary St. 16 Aug. 1372.

NOVERINT universi per pres. me Isabellam quondam uxorem Johannis Talbot de Bruggewater in plena viduetate mea remisisse relaxasse et omn. de me hered. et exec. meis imperp. quietum clamasse Ricardo Hyntilsham clerico hered. et assig. suis tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in toto illo dim. burgap. cum pert. qd. iacet in villa de Bruggewater in vico voc. Saintemariestrete int. placeam Mag. et frat. Hosp. S. Joh. Bapt. ex par. una et ten. beate Marie ex par. alt. Ita videlicet qd. [*&c.*] set ab [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Test. Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Crich, Waltero Dodde, Ricardo Wely, Johanne Smok et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox., post fest. assumptionis B.M.V. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

[*Dorse*] Carta domus Alani Joce pro Cantaria.

Seal: round: red wax: shield of arms SIG LOD.

No. 276. [30] Thos. Ingleby and Walter Dodde, wardens of the chantry of the B.V.M. in the year 46 [Edward III]. 25 Dec. 1372.

BRUGG.

Computus Thome Enggilby et Walteri Dodde custodum bonorum beate Marie ecclesie parochialis ibidem anno xlv^{to}.

Arreragia.

iidem respondent de vii *li.* xs. *vd.* de arreragiis anni precedentis. Summa vii *li.* xs. *vd.*

Redditus assise.

Et de cvis. *iiiiid. quad.* receptis de certo redditu assise ibidem per annum Et de *xviiiid.* de incremento i cotagii extra port. occid. quondam Dodinges Et de *vid.* de incremento i cotagii ex opposito tenementi vicarii Et de *iiis.* de novo redditu ii cotagiorum in vico Fratrum Minorum quondam Thome Somer Et de *iis.* de i acra prati apud Bouremede Et de *iis.* redditus de ten. Johannis Halewey

Et de *xiiid.* de novo redditu Walteri Kep Et de *iiiis. viid.* de incremento redd. ten. quondam Helyar.

Summa *vi li. xd. quad.*

Receptiones forinsece.

Et de *iis. iiiid.* receptis de *iiii lb.* cere extra venditis precium *lb. viid.*

Summa *iis. iiiid.*

Summa totalis *xiii li. xiiis. viid. ob.*

Defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus tenementi quondam Godewyn *xiiid.* quia Johannes Cole omnino dedit. In defectu redd. *i ten.* quond. Boclonde *xiiid.* quia Willelmus Crich omn. dedit. In defectu redd. *i ten.* quond. Spicer et nunc Roberti Plumpton *xiiid.* In defectu redd. ten. Ricardi Clerk *viid.* quia solebat reddere per annum *iis. viid.* et nunc *iis.* In defectu redd. ten. quond. Dodings ext. port. occid. *xiiid.* quia deficit tenentem et iacet vacans.

Summa *iiiis. viid.*

Expense.

In *ix lagenis dimid. olei emptis xis. viiid.* precium patet extra In expensis circa facturam cere contra festa Purificationis beate Marie et Assumptionis *vis.* Solut' Roberto Croyl pro cera facienda *iis.* Solut' clerico ecclesie pro dicta cera illuminanda *iiiiid.* Solut' capitali domino pro redditu per annum *iiiis. viiid.* Solut' Willelmo Mareys capellano pro salario suo *iiii li. vis. viiid.* Item solut' Thome Godfelawe capellano pro salario suo *iiii li. vis. viiid.* [*Interlinear*: anno *xlviio*]. Item solut' clerico facienti et ordinanti compotum *iiis.* Item solut' *xxs.* pro termino Sancti Michaelis anno *xlviimo*.

Summa *xi li. xiiid.*

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum *xi li. vs. viid.* Postea oneratur super compotum de *xs. id. ob.* de diversis nominibus per eum receptis de tempore Ade Leiborne custodis Et sic debent *lviiis. iiiid.* de quibus solvuntur ad aulam Gilde die Mercurii prox. post fest. Michaelis anno *xlviio* Johanni Smok receptori *xviiis. ixid.* allocatant eidem *xxs.* solutos Ade Leiborne custodi Et sic debent de claro *xxs. vd.*

Unde respectuantur eidem de debitis diversis tenentium de quorum nominibus in quadam cedula huic compoto liberantur contin' [sic] de xxixs. *vd.* Et sic debent de claro xxs. [at foot] *xlviis. id. ob.*

[*Dorse.*]

Cera. Et de xxx lb. receptis de remanente anni precedentis Et de iiii lb. receptis de redditu Et de xx lb. receptis de mortuariis Et xiiii lb. de empta.

Summa *lxviii lb. cere.*

Et computant in expensis cere faciendo contra festa Purificationis et Assumptionis beate Marie *xxxvi lb.* Et computant in venditis infra *iiii lb.*

Summa *xl lb.* Et remanent *xxviii lb.*

Oleum.

Et de ix lagenis dimidia olei emptis unde precium ii lagenarum *iis.* ; vi lagenarum precium *vis. viiid.* i lagena et dimid. precium *iis.*

Summa ix lagene dimidia.

Et computant in sustentatione i lampadis in choro ecclesie parochialis ibidem ix lagene dimidia.

[*Schedule attached*]

Nomina non solventium de collectaneis beate Marie tempore Thome Engilby et Walteri Dodde.

Robertus Ilbruar modo Thomas Pottre	<i>xid.</i>
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Johannes Neucombe pro iii annis	<i>iiid.</i>
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Ricardus Clerk pro tenemento quondam Bowiare pro iii annis	<i>iis.</i>
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Johannes Loof	<i>xiid.</i>
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Willelmus Ilbruar modo Johannes Vicary	<i>vid.</i>
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heredes Thome Fiz James	<i>xiiid.</i>
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et modo Johannes Algoud tenet

Robertus Wachet pro ii annis	<i>xiiid.</i>
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Rogerus Sopham pro iii annis et modo vicer' tenet	<i>ixd.</i>
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Johannes atte Jete	<i>iis.</i>
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Nicholaus Cronte	<i>viid.</i>
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Johanna Walisshman quondam Eustacius atte Wode pro iii annis	<i>vid.</i>
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Adam Leiborne	<i>viid.</i>
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Walter Hanecok	xviii <i>d.</i>
Magister Hospitalis pro i cotegio inter port. borial. et pontem castri pro iii annis	iis.
Thomas Wildemerch quondam Matillis Hare	viii <i>d.</i>
Mag. Hosp. pro ten. quond. Spicer pro iii annis	iiis.
Rogerus Hacchforde	viii <i>d.</i>
Rogerus Gelhampton pro iiii libris cere	iis. iiii <i>d.</i>
Ricardus Wely	iis. vi <i>d.</i>
Ricardus Diare	iis. viii <i>d.</i>
[<i>deletion</i>]	
Ricardus Clark pro ii annis	xd.
Summa xxixs. v <i>d.</i>	

No. 277. [1118] Richd. Purcer to John Spicer, skinner.
Conveyance of a space for a market stall. 10 Jan. 1373.

SCIANT pres. et fut. qd. ego Ricardus Purcer dedi [*&c.*] Johanni Spicer, skynnere, unam placeam pro uno stallo mercati ordinatam cum pert. iacentem in villa de Bruggewater in medio alti vici ville pred. int. seldam Walteri Dodde ex par. una et placeam Ade Mareis ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Test. Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Cole, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Aleyn, Johanne atte Watere et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. S. Hillarii an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

No. 278. [525] Geoffrey Busschel to Robert Plympton.
Quitclaim of three tenements within and without West Gate,
and of two stalls. 13 Jan. 1373.

PATEAT universis per pres. qd. ego Galfridus Busschel de Brugge-
water remisi [*&c.*] Roberto Plumpton eiusdem ville hered. et assig.
suis tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in tribus ten. meis in burgo de Brugge-
water pred. quorum duo tenementa situata sunt iuxta port. occ.
et infra in boreali parte alti vici int. fossatum dicte ville ex par.
occ. et ten. Ade Leybourne ex par. orient. Et tercium ten. situat.

est extra port. pred. in boriali par. vici sicut itur versus parcum in quo ten. Reginaldus Chapman inhabitat ut in quadam carta de tenementis pred. confecta plenius continetur. Remisi eciam et conc. eidem Roberto hered. et assig. suis imperp. tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in duobus stallis situatis in burgo pred. videlicet in uno stallio super edificato inter stalla carnificum et alium stallum situatum est inter stalla piscatorum ut in quadam carta inde confecta plenius continetur. Ita qd. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. ante fest. S. Petri in Cathedra an. reg. regis. Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

Seal: red wax: round: head of John the Baptist (?).

No. 279. [346] John Heyward of Cannington to Thomas Duffeld, clerk. Conveyance of a half-burgage in Penel St.
23 Jan. 1373.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Heyward de parochia de Cannynghon dedi [*&c.*] Thome Duffeld, clerico, un. dimid. burgag. terre cum pert. in Bruggewater et qd. iacet in vico voc. Pynelstret eiusdem ville int. terram dict. Thome ex par. una et dimid. burgag. terre qd. Johannes Thomas de me tenet ex alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Hiis test. Roberto Plompton, Willelmo Criche, Willelmo Tannere, Willelmo atte Mull, Adam Leiborn et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. conversionis S. Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

[*Dorse.*]

Inter Haywarde et Duffeld.

Seal broken: red wax: shield: beast statant..

No. 280. [345] John Heyward of Cannington to Thomas Duffeld, clerk. Quitclaim of a half-burgage in Penel St.
23 Jan. 1373.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Johannes filius et heres Johannis Heyward de parochia de Canynghon sal. in Dom.

Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Thome Duffeld, clerico, hered. et assig. suis tot. ius [*&c.*] in uno dim. burg. [*&c. as in No. 279*]. Ita qd. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius rei test. huic relaxationi sig. meum apposui. Hiis test. Roberto Plompton, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareys, Thoma Engilby, Willelmo Tannere, Willelmo atte Mull et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. ante fest. conversionis S. Pauli an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo sexto.

Seal: red wax: a rosette.

No. 281. [529] **Robt. Plympton to Thos. Carter of Dunster.**

Conditional defeasance of a bond in £40. 27 Apr. 1373.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Robertus Plumptone sal. in Dom. Cum Thomas Cartere de Dunsterre michi tenebatur per quoddam scriptum suum obligatorium in quadraginta libris sterlingorum solvendis eidem Roberto aut suo certo attornato apud Briggewater die Sabbati in septimana Pasche ut patet per quoddam scriptum obligatorium, ego tamen pred. Robertus volo et concedo per presentes qd. si pred. Thomas solvat michi vel exec. meis ap. Briggewater viginti libras die Sabbati in septimana Pasche anno Dom. millesimo CCC^{mo} lxxvi^{to} qd. extunc pred. scr. oblig. quadraginta librarum pro nullo habeatur Et si non solvat pred. viginti libras ap. Briggewater die et anno supradictis qd. extunc pred. scr. oblig. stet in suo robore. In cuius [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Merc. prox. post fest. S. Martii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo septimo.

No. 282. [44] **John Crole and Walter Holemour, wardens of the High Cross. Accounts for 1373.**

BRIGGE.

Computus Johannis Crole et Walteri Holemour custodum bonorum et luminis alte Crucis ibidem anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conq. xlvii^{to} usque idem festum per annum integrum anno predicti regis Edwardi xlviii^o.

Redditus assise.

Et de xxviis. *id. ob.* receptis de certo redditu assise per annum.
Et de viiid. receptis de incremento redditus tenementi quondam
Roberti Wachet Et de incremento anni precedentis xixs. *iid. ob.*
Summa xlviiis.

Venditio cere.

Et de viiid. receptis de i lb. cere vendita.
Summa viiid.

Receptiones forinsece.

Et de xvd. receptis de veteri cera vendita.
Summa xvd.
Summa totalis xlviiiis. *xd.*

Allocationes et defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus Roberti Wenche *vid.* quia nescitur ubi
potest distringi. In defectu redditus Walteri Boucher per annum
iid. ca' sua. In defectu redditus unius placee Ade Westleghe
per annum *vid.* quia dicta placea iacet vacans et nil potest dis-
tringi. In defectu redditus i placee terre Johannis Cheselade quam
modo tenet Willelmus Criche *ixd.* quia nil super dictam placeam
invenitur per quod potest distringi. In defectu redditus Thome
Cronte *iid.* quia nil habet per quod potest distringi. In defectu
redditus Hugonis Popham *iid.* quia nescitur per quod potest dis-
tringi. In defectu redditus Rogeri Rede *iiid.* quia nescitur ubi
potest distringi.

Summa iis. *vid.*

Emptio cere.

In xix lb. cere extra emptis *xs. id.*
Summa *xs. id.*

Expense.

In expensis circa dictam ceram faciendam *xviid.* In stipendium
Croil et Stapulton faciendo dictam ceram *xxiid.* In wekis et victu
emptis *iiid.* In stipendium Roberti Kemere custodiendo et illu-
minando cereos per annum *vd.* Et eidem Roberto pro dicta cera
facienda *iid.* In stipendium Johanni Croyl coadiuvare faciendo
ceram *id.* Solut' Roberto Kemere colligendo cereos *ði* per [?]

de cereis *id.* Solut' clerico factura dicti compoti *xviii*d.** Solut' capitali domino per annum *xviii*d.**

Summa viis. *ii*d.**

Summa expensarum et liberationum *xixs. ix*d.** Et sic debet *xxixs. vii*d.** postea solvuntur Johanni Smok *xxixs. vii*d.** videlicet die Mercurii post festum S. Michaelis anno *xlviio* Et sic recessit quietus.

[*Dorse.*]

Et de vii lb. receptis de redditu per annum Et de xv lb. cere de emptione.

Summa *xxii lb.*

Et computant in cera facta *xix lb.*

In defectu redditus Sabine de Estover per annum *ii lb.* quia non potest levare Et in venditione *i lb.*

Summa ut supra. Et nil remanet.

Adam Westlegh, M.P. this year.

No. 283. [26] Debts outstanding to the Parish Church in the year 47 [Edward III]. 1373.

Debita ecclesie de Brugg anno *xlviimo*.

Altus vicus ex parte australi.

De Waltero Ruddok <i>ii marcs</i>	De Willelmo Hoper et
De Willelmo Peyntour <i>x<i>l<i>d.</i></i></i>	Thoma Grene custodi-
De John Touker <i>xxs.</i>	bus ibidem pro
	arreragiis aretro <i>xxiiiis.</i>
Summa <i>iii <i>li.</i> xiiiis.</i>	

Vicus inter pontem et cimiterium.

De Thoma Parkere <i>xxs.</i>	De Johanne atte Watere
De Roberto Mileward	<i>vis. viii<i>d.</i></i>
<i>iiiis. iii<i>d.</i></i>	De Roberto Haygrove
De Johanna Colman	custode ibidem <i>iis. ii<i>d.</i></i>
relicta Baron <i>iis. ii<i>d.</i></i>	

Summa *xxxvs. viii*d.**

Vicus Dame Jete.

De Hugone Mareys	xxs.	De Thoma Cronyle	iiiis. iiiid.
De Ada Hopere	iiiis. iiiid.	Willelmo Mareys super	
De Serue Mileward	iiiis. iiiid.	compoto in	iis. iiiid.
De Willelmo Mileward			
	vis. viid.		

Vicus extra portam occidentalem.

Summa xxxviiiis. vid. [sic]

De Nicholao Govayre	iis. iid.	De Nicholao Cronte	vis. vid.
De Ricardo Cranys	iiiis. iiiid.	De Roberto Mewsshane	iis. iid.
De Gilberto Herynge	iiiis.	De Willelmo Ball	iiiiid.
De Reginaldo Chapman	xiiiid.	De Galfrido Cobelere	xiiiid.
De ex t[estamento]		De Johanne Stoweye	xiiiid.
Willelmi Wa[]ng		De Johanne Alfow	iis. iid.
	vis. viiid.	De Willelmo Bonwode,	
De Henrico Walteres	iiiis.	custode ibidem	iis.

Memorandum quod Johannes Betere tenet super compotum de bonis Sancte Crucis et per Thomam Engelby in xis. id.

Summa xlviiiis. viiid.

Vicus fratrum minorum.

De Ricardo Pocok	ixs. iiiid.	De Johanne Osebarn	iis. iid.
De Roberto Bruere	viiiis. viiid.	De Waltero Heryng	xxd.
De Roberto Webbe	iiiis. iiiid.	De memo qd. Robertus	
De Ricardo Cro . . .	iiiis. iiiid.	tenet super compo-	
De Simone Denes	xvid.	tum	xviiiis. iid.

Summa xlviiiis. viiid.

Vicus infra portam orientalem.

De Johannes []byn	xiiiid.	Willelmo Bygge	xiiiid.
Alicia Boye	iis. iid.	Wlt. Lone	iis. iid.
Johanne Gelhampton	xxxviiiis.	Johanne Neuman	iii li.
Johanne Michel	vis. viiid.	Rogero Gelhampton	xxvs.
Rogero Suel	xiiiid.	Elias Smyth	xiiiid.
Gilbertus Hopere	xiiiid.	Watero Wolf	xiiiid.

Corporation Documents.

Altus vicus ex parte boriali.

Willelmo Tanner	iiiis. iiid.	ex t[estamento] Thome	
Willelmo atte Mulle	iii li.	Staneho	xvs.
Waltero Phelpys[?]	xiiid.	Henrico Plomer	iiiis. iiid.
Johanne Gladyne	xiiid.	Ada Pouchmakere	iis. iiid.
Gregorio Beses[?]	iis. iiid.	Willelmus Mere	vs.
Johanne Pelter	iis. iiid.	Johanne Everard	xiiis. iiid.
Waltero Burgh	viiis. viiid.	Willelmus Stapulton	iis. iiid.
Radulfus Taillour	iiid.	Johanne Sopham	xls,

Benedictus Cornys et Willelmus Stapulton custodes ibidem tenent de claro super compotum in xis. viiid.

Summa viii li. xiiis. iiid.

Vicus beate Marie.

Robertus Swet	iiiis. iiid.	ex t[estamento] Thome	
Johanne Lof	xxs.	More	xvs.
Waltero Brokere	iiiis. iiid.	Johanne Vicary	iiiis. iiid.
Hugone Poubykes	viiis. viiid.	Ricardo Diare	dimid. marc.
Waltero Bouchere	xxs.	Willelmo Horwode	iiiis. iiid.
Johanne Smok	viis. vid.	Waltero Diere	iiiis. iiid.
Ricardo Clerk	vs.	Radulfo Edenoye	viid.
Johanne West	vs.	Laurentio Milward	iis. iiid.
		Alicia Hawel	iiiis. iiid.

Johannes Peytefyn et Johannes Poul custodes ibidem debent de claro viis. iiid.

Summa vi li. iiis.

Orlovestret.

Roberto Wachet	ex t[estamento]	Roberto Carpunter	iiiis. iiid.
Roberti Wachet	iiiis. iiid.	Johanne Rede	iiiis. iiid.
Johanne Betere	iii li.	ex t[estamento] Alicie	
Johanne Doll	iiiis. iiid.	Palmere	xiiis.
Johanne Thomas	iiiis. iiid.	Johannes Algod custos	
Petro Wrying	iiiis. iiid.	debet de claro	iiiis. iiid.
Nicholao Ferour	iiili.		

Summa vii li. xviiis. xid.

Ricardus Lange custos ibidem tenet super compotum in xxiiis.

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omnibus computis et allocationibus eodem . . . s. xiiid. de
p compotis.

Summa viii *li.* iiis. vid.

[Dorse.]

Vicus sicut itur usque Wembdon.	Hame.
Thomas Elymakere iiis. iid.	H
Galfridus Sall . . ye iiis. iiid.	Johannes P iis. iid.
Editha iiis. ix <i>d.</i>	Thomas V xiiid.
Willelmus Duste iis. x <i>d.</i>	Ric. Abbott[?] xiiid.
Johannes Sowe iis. iid.	ex t[estamento] xiiid.
Galfridus Uprich iiis. iiid.	Johannes Loveny ex
Lane Webbe iis. iid.	t[estamento] Henrici
Willelmus Wiche iiis. iiid.	Atte Stone iis. id.
	Johannes Neel custos
	ibidem iis.
	Summa viiis. x <i>d.</i>

Johannes Wynd et Johannes Ponsond debent de claro custodes
ibidem xxvs. iid.

Summa liiis. v*d.*

Northboure	Chilton
Johannes Cheslade iiis. x <i>d.</i>	De Johanne Blacche iis. ix <i>d.</i>
Johannes Hobekyns xxiid.	De Dennis Newcombe xv <i>d.</i>
Robertus Taillour iis.	De Willelmo Blacche
Robertus Boclonde iis.	tenet super com-
Stacey Bocher xii <i>d.</i>	potum in iiis. iiid.
Robertus Bocher iiis.	
Thomas Edom	Fossatum castri
Johannes Bacyn	Margeria Sadelere
Johannes Maryner	executrix testamenti
Ricardus Edom	Simonis Sadelere iis. iid.
Johannes Boucher	Thoma Botman iis. iid.
et Robertus Bocher	Willelmo Russel iiis. iiid.
debent de claro xxis. vii <i>d.</i>	Ibot' Golie executrix
Summa xxiis. iiid.	testamenti Johannis
	Golie iiis. iiid.
	Summa xxiis.

Dunware		Johannes Gretere[?]	iis. iid.
Walterus Hacche debet	xs	Johannes Clavel	iiis. iiid.
		Hugo Hughs	iiis. iiid.
Heigrove		Johannes Crich	viis.
Ricardus Coker	xxvis. viiid.		

**No. 284. [484] Robt. . . . to Wm. . . . Conveyance of
a burgage without the West Gate. 21 Aug. 1373.**

[. . . conc]essi et hac pres. carta mea confirmavi [. . . .
. . .] extra portam occidentalem ville de Bruggewater
parte una et terram abbatis et conventus Monasterii de
predictum burgagium cum omn. suis pert. prefato Willelmo here-
dibus feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de iure
consueta libere quiete et inperpetuum. Et ego pred.
Robertus et heredes mei tot. pred. burgag. cum omn. [suis pert.]
pref. Willelmo hered. et assig. suis contra omn. gentes warentiza-
bimus acquiet. et defend. inperp. In cuius [Ec.] Hiiis test. Willelmo
Crych, Hugone Mares, Thoma Engelby, Johanne Smok, Thoma
Duffeld et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest.
assumptionis [B.M.V.] an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadra-
gesimo septimo.

Seal: fragment in red wax: shield of arms, having dexter a lion rampant.

**No. 285. [681] Wardens of the Holy Cross to John Rede,
Margery, his wife, and John, their son. Lease of a house in
Friarn St. 17 Sept. 1373.**

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Walterus Taillour
et Johannes Brouke custodes bonorum et luminaris sancte Crucis
in ecclesia paroch. de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis nos
unanimi assensu et concensu tradidisse et concessisse Johanni
Rede et Margerie uxori sue et Johanni filio eorum unam domum
cum pert. in Bruggewater in vico Fratrum Minorum ville pred.
iacentem int. tenement. qd. Johannes Martyn tenet ex parte una
et tenement. qd. Rogerus Galot (?) tenet ex par. alt. Hab. et ten.

tot. pred. dom. cum curtilagio eidem adiacente cum omn. suis pert. pref. Johanni Margerie et Johanni ad term. vite eorum et unius eorum diucius viventis de nobis et successoribus nostris libere quiete et in pace. Redd. inde annuatim nobis tanquam custodibus dict. luminis misse et bonorum dicte Crucis vel successoribus nost. qui pro temp. fuerint sex solid. et octo den. sterl. ad quatuor anni term. princ. eq. port. pro omni serv. seculari exactione et demanda salvo regali. Sustentando eciam et competenter reparando tot. pred. dom. cum pert. sumpt. eorum propriis per tot. pred. term. Et si pred. redd. in par. vel in toto a retro fuerit per quindecim dies [*&c.*] Et nos vero [*&c.*] In cuius rei test. partes pred. hiis indenturis sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Dat ap. Bruggewater die Sab. prox. post fest. exaltationis Sancte Crucis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo septimo.

Seal: brown wax: a rabbit.

Chirograph.

Walt. Taillour, M.P. in this year.

No. 286. [470] **Hy. Redmour, John Comyn, vicar, Robt. Northover and Wm. Mareys, chaplains, to Robt. Plympton and Joan, his wife. Conveyance of a rent derived from five acres in Dunwear and Pontich. 3 Oct. 1373.**

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. nos Henricus Redmour, Johannes Comyn, vicarius perpetuus ecclesie Bruggewalter, Robertus Northovere et Willelmus Mareys, capellani, dedimus, [*&c.*] Roberto Plumptone et Johanne, uxori sue, totum illum redditum quem Mabilia, relicta Henrici Deye, et Willelmus Roules nobis annuatim reddere debebant et solebant pro quinque acris terre in Donewere et Pontiche in parochia et in hundredo de Northpederton. Hab. et ten. tot. pred. redd. simul cum reversione dictarum quinque acrarum cum omn. suis pert. cum per mortem dict. Mabilie et Willelmi acciderit pref. Roberto et Johanne, uxori sue, hered. vel assig. ipsius Roberti de cap. dominis feodi illius per servicia inde deb. et de iure consueta ininterp. In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareys, Ada Beste, Thoma Doffile, Johanne Smok et aliis. Dat. ap.

Briggewater die Lune prox. post fest. S. Mich. arch. an. reg. regis
Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo septimo.

Four seals: red wax: (1) Shield of arms, presumably as in No. 287.
(2) Bird. (3) ? . . D E I. (4) Indecipherable.

No. 287. [722] **Henry Redmour, John Comyn, vicar, and
Robt. Northover and Wm. Mareys, chaplains, to Robt.
Plympton. Quitclaim of five acres of land in Dunwear and
Pontich.** 5 Oct. 1373.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scrip. pervenerit Henricus Redmour,
Johannes Comyn, vicarius perpetuus ecclesie de Bruggewater,
Robertus Northover et Willelmus Mareys, capellani, sal. in Dom.
Noveritis nos remisisse [*&c.*] Roberto Plumtone hered. et assig.
suis imperp. tot. ius nost. [*&c.*] in quinque acris terre arab. iacentibus
in Donewere et Pontiche quas habuimus de dono et feoffamento
pred. Roberti Plumpton Ita videlicet qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*].
Test. Willelmo Cr[iche], Hugone Mareys, Thoma Doffilde et aliis.
Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Mercurii prox. post fest. S. Mich. archang.
an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo septimo.

Four seals: red wax. (1) Shield of arms:

S I G I L L V M . H E N R I C I . R E D M O R .

(2) Bird. (3) Agnus Dei. (4) Monogram W.M.

No. 288. [1002] **Richd. Wyke and Margery, his wife, to John
Engleys and Alice, his wife. Lease of ten acres called
Crecusmede. Dated at Weston by Queen Camel.**

31 Oct. 1373.

NOVERINT univ. per pres. nos Ricardum Wyke et Margeriam,
uxorem meam, cum assensu nostro tradidisse et concess. Johanni
Engleys et Alicie, uxori sue, decem acras prati vocatas Crecus (?)
Mede apud la Morlonde iacentes int. pratum Ricardi Reyny ex
parte boriali et pratum Johannis, filii et heredis Thome fiz James
ex parte australi. Hab. et ten. pred. decem acr. pr. cum suis

pert. dict. Johanni Engleys et Alicie ad term. vite eorum vel uni eorum diucius viventi de nobis her. vel nost. assig. lib. quiete bene et in pace, Reddendo inde ann. nobis hered. vel nost. assig. viginti quatuor sol. arg. ad festa pasche et S. Mich. equis port. pro omn. serv. et secul. dem. salvo servicio regali. Et nos pred. Johannes Engleys et Alicia volumus et concedimus qd. quandocumque contingat dict. redd. alicuius termini pred. in parte vel in toto ob defectu nostro ultra concidenti aretro existere qd. extunc bene licebit dict. Ricardo Wyke et Margerie hered. vel eorum assig. dict. decem acras prati intrare habere et pacifice tenere sine aliqua transgressione seu disseisina inde nobis facienda. Et nos [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Ricardo West, Willelmo Mostard, Johanne Andresey, Johanne Porchas, Willelmo Bygegod et aliis. Dat. ap. Weston iuxta Quene Cammel die Lune in vigilia omn. sanct. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo septimo.

Chirograph: flourishes apparently.

Two small round seals: red wax. (1) Stag's head with cross between the horns I E S V S . M E R C I. (2) A love seal: heart from which springs a flower with two birds perched on it. Initials I.C.

No. 289. [488] **John Somer to Nicholas Toukere. Conveyance of a quarter burgage in the "longheyys" towards the "wayere."**
6 Feb. 1374.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Somer de Bruggewater dedi conc. et hac pres. mea conf. Nicholao Toukere eiusdem ville quartam partem unius burgagii iacentem in le Longheyys eiusdem ville versus le Wayere int. terr. Roberti Plumpton ex par. una et terr. Willelmi Dyere ex par. alt. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Cole, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Loof, Hugone Mareis, Johanne More, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Purificationis beate Marie anno rengni reg. Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Longeheys.

Seal: round: red wax: doubtful.

No. 290. [1005] Isabel, widow of Thos. Ede, to Walter Toni and Robt., chaplain of Robt. Plympton. Conveyance of all her lands, etc. 10 Apr. 1374.

SCIANT pres. et fut. qd. Isabella Ede, quondam uxor Thome Ede de Bruggewater in mea pura viduetate in vitis non coacta dedi [*&c.*] domino Waltero Toni et domino Roberto, capellano Roberti Plumpton, capellanis, de Bruggewater omnia terras et tenementa que vel quas habeo in villa de Bruggewater et extra. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Willelmo Criche, Roberto Plumpton, Johanne Cole, Johanne Loof, Johanne Smok, Johanne More, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post octavas pasche an. rengni reg. Edwardi tercii post conq. quadragesimo octavo.

[*Dorse*] Robertus Sadelere.

.Seal: small: round: red wax: bird: legend illegible.

No. 291. [1193] Robt. Plympton to Robt. Webbe and Joan, his wife. Lease of a tenement in Friarn St.

6 July 1374.

OMN. Chr. fid. ad quos pres. scr. pervenerit Robertus Plumpton de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me trad. conc. et hoc pres. scr. conf. Roberto Webbe et Johanne, uxori eius, unum ten. cum omn. pert. suis scituatum in vico voc. Frerene stret int. ten. Johannis Poterne ex par. aust. et ten. qd. dict. Robertus Webbe de me tenet ad term. vite ex par. bor. hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Redd. mihi hered. vel assig. meis annuatim octo sol. sterl. bone et legalis monete ad quatuor [*&c.*]. Sustentando eciam et competenter reparando sump. eorum propr. omnes domos super dict. ten. edificatos durante term. pred. et si contingat pred. redd. a retro fore per aliqu. term. ut dict. est supra per quindecim vel si contingat qd. pred. Robertus Webbe et Johanna, uxor eius, non competenter sustentant pred. ten. cum omn. pert. suis ut pred. est tunc pred. Robertus Webbe et Johanna, uxor eius, concedunt pro se et assing. eorum pred. Robertum Plumpton hered. et assing. suos in pred. ten.

reingredi seisire et pacifice tenere imperp. absque impedimento vel contradictione pred. Roberti Webbe et Johanne uxoris sue Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Henrico Radmor, Willelmo Criche, Johanne Cole, Hugone Mareys, Johanne Loof, Johanne More, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. ante fest. translationis S. Thome martiris an. reng. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo octavo.

Chirograph.

No. 292. [635] **Robert Plympton. Quitclaim. A fragment.**
1 Oct. 1374.

. de me hered. et assig. meis et clameum qd. habeo habui occidentali de ville de Bruggewater scit. abbatis et conventus Monasterii de Athelneye ex par. una et terram Johannis Churchie ego Robertus Plumpton hered. nec assig. mei ullam actionem in predictis habere non poterimus set per presentes ab omni actione iuris et clamii inde totaliter simus exclusi [*imperp.*] In cuius rei testim. huic pres. relaxationi sigil. meum apposui. Test Johanne Cole, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareis, Johanne Smok, Thoma Duffeld, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Mich. arch. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quadragesimo octavo.

Seal: small, round; red wax: double triangle.

No. 293. [27] **Walter Holemour and John Broke, wardens of the High Cross. Accounts from Christmas 1373 to Christmas 1374.**
25 Dec. 1374.

COMPOTUS WALTERI HOLEMOUR et Johannis Broke custodum bonorum et luminis alte Crucis in ecclesia parochiali ibidem a festo Nativitatis Domini anno xlvii^o usque idem festum per annum integrum anno xlviii^o.

Redditus assise.

Et de xxviis. *id. ob.* receptis de certo redditu assise per annum Et de vii^{id.} receptis de incremento de tenemento quondam Roberti

Wachet in vico Fratrum Minorum Et ultra onerantur de *iiid.* superius non onerat.

Summa *xxviiis. ob.*

Venditio cere.

Et de *iiis. iiid.* receptis de v libris cere extra venditis precii lb. *viiid.*

Summa *iiis. iiid.*

Summa totalis receptionum *xxxis. iiid. ob.*

Allocationes et defectus redditus.

In defectu redditus Roberti Wenche *vid.* quia noscitur ubi potest distringi In def. redd. Walteri Boucher per annum *iid.* [*erasure*] In def. redd. unius placee Ade Westleghe per ann. *vid.* quia dicta placea iacet vacans et non potest distringi, In def. redd. unius placee terre Johannis Cheselade quam modo tenet Willelmus Criche *ixd.* quia nichil super dict. plac. invenitur per qd. potest distringi. In def. redd. Thome Cronte *iid.* quia non [*erasure*] habet qd. potest distringi. In def. redd. Hugonis Popham *iid.* [*erasure*] In def. redd. Rogeri Rede *iiid.* quia noscitur ubi potest distringi. In def. redd. Johannis Gradecrof per annum *iiid.* quia non potest levare.

Summa *iis. iiid.*

Emptio cere.

In xvii lb. cere emptis *xs. viid. ob.* precii lb. *viid. ob.* unde liberatum Johanni Sely per terminum [*or talliam* ?].

Summa *xs. viid. ob.*

Expense.

In stipendio clerici facientis compotum *vid.* solut' capitalibus dominis de redditu per ann. *xviid.*

Summa *xxiiid.*

Liberatio arreragiorum.

Liberatum Johanni Sely et Johanni Broke custodibus subsequentibus *xiiis. xd.* per terminum [*or talliam* ?].

Summa *xiiis. xd.*

Et postea allocatum eidem pro factura cere *xxiid.* et Johanni Kemere adiuvanti *iid.* in bosco *iid. ob.* In victu et servicia *viiid.*

In carne vid. Et clerico illuminanti cereos per an. iiiid. ob. Et in custodia de la Reel iid.

Summa iiis. xd. ob.

Summa omnium expensarum et allocutionum xxxiiis. vid.
iis. id. ob.

[Dorse.]

Cera.

Et de vii lb. receptis de redditu per ann. Et de xvii lb. cere receptis de emptione, ut patet infra.

Summa xxiiii lb.

Et computant liberatum Johanni Sely et Johanni Broke custodibus subsequentibus xvii lb. cere. In def. redd. Sabine de Estover per ann. ii lb. Et in venditionibus v lb. cere ut infra.

Summa ut summa . . . Et nil remanet.

La Reel is the real, rowel or trendal, a circle of lights hung from the roof of the nave before the Great Cross.

No. 294. [353] John Plomer to Robert Plympton. Bond in
£20. 1 Mar. 1375.

NOVERINT univ. per pres. me Johannem Plomer de Bruggewater teneri et per pres. scr. firmiter obligari Roberto Plompton in viginti libris sterl. solvendis eidem Roberto vel suo certo in hac parte attornato apud Bruggewater in festo Pasche proxime futuro post datam presentium sine dilatione ulteriori Ad cuius quidem pecunie solutionem certis die et loco predictis prefato Roberto vel attornato suo ut premittitur bene et fideliter obligo me heredes executores meos ac omnia bona mea mobilia et immobilia ubicumque fuerint inventa In cuius [Ec.]. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Mathie apos. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo nono.

Seal: red wax: a lion with crown and sword.

S' T F O R D.

No. 295. [364] John, son of John Heyward, to Thos. Duffeld, clerk. Quitclaim of two burgages of land.

11 June 1375.

OMNIBUS [&c.] Johannes filius Johannis Heyward sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [&c.] Thome Duffeld clerico hered. et assig. suis inperp. tot. ius meum [&c.] in duobus burgagiis terre que situantur ex opposito tenementi in quo Johannes Algoud inhabitat ex par. bor. dicti ten. ville de Bruggewater [*sic.*]. Ita videlicet qd. nec ego Johannes antedictus heredes nec assig. mei [&c.] Et ego Johannes antedictus [&c.] In cuius rei test. huic pres. relaxationi sig. meum apposui. Test. Johanne Lof, Johanne Smok, Johanne Henton, Ada Beste, Johanne Warde et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. post fest. Pentecost an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo nono.

[*Dorse*] Inter Haiward et Duffeld.

Very small seal : red wax : shield : lion rampant : no legend.

No. 296. [930] John Classch of South Molton to Adam Beste. Defeasance of a grant of three tenements in Bridgewater.

8 Sept. 1375.

OMN. ad quos pres. litere pervenerint Johannes Classch de Southmolton sal. in Dom. Licet Adam Beste de Bruggewater michi Johanni Classch hered. et assig. meis dederit [&c.] unum annualem redditum centum solidorum percipientem de tribus tenementis dicti Ade Beste in Bruggewater prout in quadam carta inter nos confecta plenius continetur volo tamen ego Johannes Classch et concedo pro me hered. et exec. meis qd. si pred. Adam Beste michi vel meo certo assig. solvat seu solvi faciat apud Barnastaple ad fest. S. Mich. arch. prox. sequens post dat. confectionis presentium x lib. sterl. et ad fest. inventionis S. Crucis extunc prox. seq. x lib. sterl. et ad fest. beati Mich. extunc prox. seq. ix lib. sterl. sine aliqua fraude aut ulteriori dilatione tunc dicta carta pred. annualis redditus cum warantizatione adnichilletur et virtute careat. Tamen si pred. Adam Beste in solutione dict. viginti et novem librarum defecerit in par. aut in toto ad pred. term. tunc

pred. Johannes Classh gaudebit virtute et effectu carte inter eos confecte. In cuius [Ec.]. Dat. ap. Barnastaple in festo nativitatis Marie an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo nono.

Chirograph.

Seal: small: red wax: heron with pennon; no legend.

No. 297. [1650] **Compotus Johannis Smok, receiver of the community.** Nov. 25, 1373, to Sept. 29, 1375.

COMPOTUS Johannis Smok, receptoris communitatis ville de Bruggewater a festo beate Caterine virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xlvii^{mo} usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis, archangeli anno predicti regis xlix^o.

Idem respondet de lixs. *xd.* receptis de variis custodibus vicorum per viii tallias i sedule.

Idem respondet de xlviiis. *vid.* de bonis Sancte Crucis per manus Johannis Crouk Et iis. *iid.* de bonis campanilis per manus Willelmi Maves Et de iis. *iiid.* de bonis campanilis per manus Johannis Pike de Hamme Et de viii^{d.} rec. de bon. camp. per man. Eustacii Bocher Et de *xvid.* rec. de bon. camp. per man. Johannis Jobekyng Et de *xvid.* rec. de bon. camp. per man. Dionisii Newcombe Et de iiis. rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Johannis Blacche Et de *xiiid.* rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Johannis Gladwyne Et de vis. rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Willelmi Hacche de Boure Et de *xiiid.* rec. de Johanne Rede de eisdem bon. Et de *iiid.* rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Radulphi Taillour Et de *xiiid.* rec. de Laurentio Webbe de eisdem bon. Et de iis. rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Walteri Bowiere Et de *iiid.* rec. de Willelmo Ball de eisdem bon. Et de vs. rec. de Laurentio Walters et Willelmo Brouk de Horsy de eisdem bonis Et de *iiis. vd.* rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Johannis Ponsond Et de iis. *iid.* rec. de Willelmo Stapulton de eisdem bon. Et de *xxis. vid.* rec. de eisdem bon. per man. Roberti Webbe Et de *iiis. iiid.* de Johanne Algoud de eisdem bonis, Et de vs. rec. de Ricardo Lange de eisd. bon. Et de *iiis. iiid.* rec. de eisd. bon. per man. Willelmi Peyntour Et de *xxiid.* rec. de Johanne Wynde de eisd. bon. Et de iis. rec. de Roberto Taillour de Boure de eisd. bon. Et de *viiid.* rec. de Simone Denes de eisd. bon. Et de *xviiid.* rec. de Johanne

Vicary de eisd. bon. Et de iiis. iiiid. rec. de Willelmo Muleward de eisd. bon. Et de xiiid. rec. de Johanne Aubyn de eisd. bon. Et de iiis. iiiid. rec. de Roberto Muleward de eisdem bonis, Et de iis. iiiid. rec. de Johanne Pentefyn de eisd. bon., Et de xxd. rec. de Johanne Spencer de eisd. bon. Et de iiis. rec. de Johanne Blacche juniore de eisd. bon. Et de iis. rec. de Serle Muleward de eisd. bon. Et de xxixs. viid. rec. de Waltero Taillour de arreragiis suis tempore quo fuit custos Sancte Crucis Et de xviii. ixid. rec. de Thoma Engelby de arreragiis suis Et de iiis. iiiid. rec. de executoribus testamenti Johannis Aleyn racione sepulture sue in ecclesia Et de xxiis. rec. de Johanne Broke, receptore, Et de viiis. rec. de Ricardo Peke de redditu.

Summa xii *li.* xs. *id.*

Idem respondet de xxxs. quos habuit de Johanne Bike de bonis communitatis Et de vis. viiid. de Hugone Mares per man. Johannis Bike, Et de iiis. iiiid. rec. de Thoma Wale de quodam fine per ipsum facto Et de vis. rec. de Ricardo Peke de redditu domus super pontem pro tribus terminis, Et de iiis. iiiid. rec. de fine Johannis Everard Et de iis. rec. de Waltero Taillour in parte solutionis tallie sue Et de iiis. rec. de Ricardo Fornour in parte sol. tallie Et de xiiid. rec. de Roberto Percheland in parte sol. tallie Et de iis. rec. de Galfrido Parsons tallie sue Et de xiiid. rec. de Nicholao Toukere tallie sue Et de iis. rec. de Thoma Grene tallie Et de viiis. rec. de finibus et amerciamentis curie Communitatis per manus Roberti Croil, Et de viiis. rec. de redditu domus Henrici Redmour.

Summa iii *li.* xviii. iiiid.

Summa tocus receptionis xvii *li.* viis. *id.*

In expensis. In primis solvuntur Ricardo Bakere iiis. iiiid. pro pane empto tempore quo dominus de Souch, dominus ville, fuit presens. Item liberati Willelmo Waleys, cementario, ex precepto senescallorum Gilde et aliorum maiorum et seniorum in aula Gilde xls. In i virga panni linei empta ad arm' custodiend' una cum ii cordulis emptis et oleo xvd. Item solvuntur Ricardo Sydenham pro tribus terminis lxs. Item liberati Ricardo Ermyte ad emendandum pontem australem vocatum Lymbrugge per ii vices viid. Item in pane empto tempore quo dominus de Souch fuit presens

xxd. Item in expensis factis apud pontem australem iuxta domum Nicholai Pridie per Thomam Duffeld et Johannem Smok xiiis. Item solvuntur Simoni Taillour ex precepto communitatis xxiid. In xi tabulis emptis ad faciendum fenestram et alia necessaria emendanda in campanili iiis. viiid. Item cuidam servitori Nicholai Cementarii per i diem iiid. In ii nounceynchis ad dictos Nicholaum et famulum suum iiid. In cariendo focale versus pontem usque ad ecclesiam id. ob. In stipendio Johannis Doll et servitoris sui faciendo fenestram in campanili xxd. per duas vices et Johanni Symon eorum servitori id. In cariendo petras usque ecclesiam id. In calce empta ad emendandum campanile vid. In beveragiis per vices pro Ricardo Plomer coperiendo ecclesiam iiid. In i cribro empto pro calcem stringendo(?) iiid. In vino empto tempore quo Ricardus Sydenham fuit presens in domo Willelmi Criche xviid. In tribus bussellis emptis una cum ligatura ii li. vs. iid. Item liberati Johanni Sely custodi bonorum ecclesie ex precepto Senescallorum Gilde xxxis. [*The sum is erased.*] In emendando et petras cariendo ad pontem vocatum Lymbrugg vs. viiid. In escurando communem guttatorium ville viid. [*In faint ink.*] In empt' de domino xvs. Et liberante clokkemakyer iii li. xs.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberationum xii li. xiiis. viiid. Et sic debet ciis. xd. ob. Et soluti Johanni Broke super compotum ciis. xd. ob. postea oneratur de xviiid. super compotum [*erasure*] sic liberati Johanni Broke ix. viiid.

[*Dorse.*]

Joh. Pollard	Nich. Bryngard	Nich. Grey (?)
Rob. Webbe	Nich. Marlere	Will. Blache
Walt. Roddok	Hugo Lyttelman	Ric. Saltere
Thom. Parker	Will. Somers	Robt. Muleward
		Nich. Dabevyle

Coste Hugonis Mareys & Thome Asschulle de firma pontis & modiorum ad r[ecptorem] Communitatis.

[*Translation.*]

ACCOUNT of John Smok, receiver of the Community of the town of Bridgwater from the feast of the blessed virgin Catharine in the 47th year of the reign of King Edward the third from the

conquest, to the feast of S. Michael, the archangel, in the 49th year of the king aforesaid.

The same answers for 59s. 10*d.* received from divers wardens of the streets by eight tallies of one schedule.

The same answers for 47s. 6*d.* from the goods of Holy Cross by the hands of John Crouk, And [for] 2s. 2*d.* from the goods of the tower by the hands of Wm. Maves, And for 2s. 3*d.* from the goods of the tower by the hands of John Pike of Hamp, And for 8*d.* received from the goods of the tower by the hands of Eustace Bocher, And for 16*d.* received from the goods of the tower by the hands of John Jobekyng, And for 16*d.* received from the goods of the tower by the hands of Dennis Newcombe, And for 3s. received from the same goods by the hands of John Blacche, And for 12*d.* received from the same goods by the hands of John Gladwyne, And for 6s. received from the same goods by the hands of Wm. Hacche of Bower, And for 13*d.* received from John Rede from the same goods, And for 4*d.* received from the same goods by the hands of Ralph Taillour, And for 13*d.* received from Laurence Webbe from the same goods, And for 2s. received from the same goods by the hands of Walt. Bowiere, And for 4*d.* received from Wm. Ball from the same goods, And for 5s. received from Laurence Walters and Wm. Brouk of Horsey from the same goods, And for 4s. 5*d.* received from the same goods by the hands of John Ponsond, And for 2s. 2*d.* received from Wm. Stapleton from the same goods, And for 21s. 6*d.* received from the same goods by the hands of Robert Webbe, And for 4s. 4*d.* from John Algoud from the same goods, And for 5s. received from Ric. Lange from the same goods, And for 3s. 4*d.* received from the same goods by the hands of Wm. Peyntour, And for 22*d.* received from Wm. Wynde from the same goods, And for 2s. received from Robt. Taillour of Bower from the same goods, And for 8*d.* received from Simon Denes from the same goods, And for 18*d.* received from John Vicary from the same goods, And for 3s. 4*d.* received from Wm. Muleward from the same goods, And for 13*d.* received from John Aubyn from the same goods, And for 4s. 4*d.* received from Robert Muleward from the same goods, And for 2s. 4*d.* received from John

Pentefyn from the same goods, And for 20*d.* received from John Spencer from the same goods, And for 3*s.* received from John Blacche, jr., from the same goods, And for 2*s.* received from Serle Muleward from the same goods, And for 29*s.* 7*d.* received from Walt. Taillour from his arrears at the time when he was warden of the Holy Cross, And for 17*s.* 9*d.* received from Thos. Engelby from his arrears, And for 3*s.* 4*d.* received from the executors of the will of John Aleyn for his interment in the church, And for 22*s.* received from John Broke, receiver, And for 8*s.* received from Ric. Peke for rent.

Total £12 10*s.* 1*d.*

The same answers for 30*s.* which he had from John Bike from the goods of the Community, And for 6*s.* 8*d.* from Hugh Mares by the hands of John Bike, And for 3*s.* 4*d.* received from Thos. Wale from a fine made by him, And for 6*s.* received from Ric. Peke for the rent of the house on the bridge for three terms, And for 3*s.* 4*d.* received from a fine of John Everard, And for 2*s.* received from Walt. Taillour in part payment of his tally, And for 4*s.* received from Rd. Fornour in part payment of tally, And for 12*d.* received from Robt. Percheland in part payment of tally, And for 2*s.* received from Geoffrey Parsons of his tally, And for 12*d.* received from Nich. Tucker of his tally, And for 2*s.* received from Thos. Grene of his tally, And for 8*s.* received from fines and amercements of the court of the Community by the hands of Robt. Croil, And for 8*s.* received from the rent of the house of Henry Redmour.

Total, £3 17*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of receipts, £17 7*s.* 1*d.*

In expenses. Firstly, paid to Rd. Baker 3*s.* 4*d.* for bread bought at the time when Lord de Zouche, lord of the town, was present. Item, granted to Wm. Waleys, mason, by a precept of the stewards of the Gild and other chief and elder men in the Gildhall, 40*s.* In one yd. of linen cloth bought for along with two cords bought, and oil, 15*d.* Item, paid to Rd. Sydenham for three terms, 60*s.* Item, granted to Ric. Ermyte for mending the South Bridge, called Lyme Bridge, on two occasions, 8*s.* 6*d.* Item, in bread bought at the time when Lord de

Zouche was present, 20*d.* Item, in expenses incurred at the South Bridge near the house of Nich. Pridie, by Thos. Duffeld and John Smok, 13*s.* Item, pd. to Simon Tailour, by precept of the Community, 22*d.* In 12 boards bought for making a window and other necessary alterations in the tower, 3*s.* 8*d.* Item, to a servant of Nicholas the mason, for one day, 3*d.* In two nuncheons for the sd. Nich. and his servant, 3*d.* In carrying coal towards [from ?] the bridge to the church, 1½*d.* In payment of John Doll and his servant for making the window in the tower 20*d.* on two occasions, and to John Symon, their servant, 1*d.* In hauling stone to the church, 1*d.* In chalk bought for mending the tower, 6*d.* In drinks from time to time for Rich. Plomer in roofing the church, 4*d.* In one sieve bought for sifting the chalk. In wine bought at the time when Rd. Sydenham was present in the house of Wm. Criche, 17*d.* In three bussheles bought, together with the binding, £2 5*s.* 2*d.* Item, granted to John Sely, warden of the goods of the church by a precept of the stewards of the Gild, 31*s.* In mending and hauling stone to the bridge called Lyme Bridge, 5*s.* 8*d.* In scouring the common town gutter, 7*d.* In bought from the lord, 15*s.* And granted to the "clokkemakyer," £4 10*s.*

Total of all expenses and grants, £12 14*s.* 9*d.* And thus he owes £5 2*s.* 10½*d.* And paid to John Broke on account, £5 2*s.* 10½*d.* Thereafter there is a balance of 18*d.* on account. Granted then to John Broke, 9*s.* 8*d.*

[*Dorse.*]

John Pollard [&c.].

Costs of Hugh Mareys & Thos. Asschulle from the farm of the bridge and the measures to the receiver of the Community.

Perhaps 'fund' would be a good modern equivalent of 'bona.'

Richard Sydenham was probably the legal adviser of the borough.

No. 298. [466] **Ralph Barwe to John Cole. Conveyance of a rent with reversion arising from three-fourths of a burgage in Penel St.** 7 Oct. 1375.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Radulphus Barwe dedi [&c.] Johanni Cole burgensi et mercatori de Briggewater sex sol. redditus quos

Rogerus Slyper et Agnes uxor eius michi reddere solebant et debebant annuatim pro tribus partibus unius burgagii cum pert. in Briggewater edificatis et situatis in Pynellesstret eiusdem ville int. terram pred. Johannis Cole ex parte una et terram Ricardi Wely ex alt. Hab. et ten. pred. sex sol. redd. et servicia simul et reversiones predictarum trium partium unius burgagii cum pert. quum acciderint post mortem pred. tenentium Rogeri et Agnetis pref. Johanni Cole hered. et assig. suis inperp. Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*]. Test. Roberto Plumpton, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Mareys, Ada Beste, Johanne Sopham et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. in festo Sancte Fidie virginis an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo nono.

The feast of S. Faith fell on a Saturday in this year.

Seal: red wax: shield of arms, lion rampant: motto.

No. 299. [477] Robert Plympton to John Plomer, Agnes, his wife and their two elder children. Lease of two tenements in High St. and a house in Orlove St. 15 Jan. 1376.

OMNIBUS [*&c.*] Robertus Plumpton de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me tradidisse, conc. et hoc pres. scr. meo conf. Johanni Plomer eiusdem ville et Angneti uxori sue et duobus pueris suis pr[ime et] le[gitime inter eos] procreatis duo tenementa simul scituata in alto vico eiusdem ville cum una via extendente ab occidentali tenementi predicti ex usque ad unam domum meam scituatam in Orlofstret que duo tenementa prefata Rogerus Sopham. Agatha, uxor eius et Willelmus Godpeynt quondam tenuerunt int. tabernam dicti Roberti ex parte orientali et domos Johannis Loof et Johannis Sopham ex parte occid. Concessi eciam pred. Johanni Agneti et duobus pueris suis int. eos prime et legitime procreatis unam domum que scituatur in Orlofstret ville predictae ad quam domum via pred. superius extendit. Hab. et ten. omnia pred. tenementa domum et viam cum omn. suis pert. pred. Johanni Angneti et duobus pueris suis int. eos leg. et prime procreatis toto tempore vite eorum vel alterius diucius viventis de me hered. meis libere quiete bene et in pace. Redd. inde annuatim in hered. meis

vel meis assig. tres libras et octodecim solidos sterl. legalis monete ad quatuor [£c.] Et pred. Johannes Angnes et duo pueri sui inter eos prime et legit. proc. omnes domos in dict duobus ten. constructos et pref. domum in Orlof stret sumptibus eorum propr. competenter reparabunt et sustentabunt toto temp. vite eorum et si contingat qd. pred. redd. in par. vel in toto a retro sit per quindecim dies post aliq. term. supra nominatum vel si pred. Johannes Angnes vel duo pueri int. eos prime et legit. proc. in reparatione sive sustentatione pred. domorum defecerint qd. tunc pred. Johannes Angnes et duo pueri int. eos prime et legit. proc. volunt et concedunt qd. tunc bene liceat pref. Roberto hered. et assig. suis in omnia pred. duo tenem. dom. et viam cum omn. suis pert. [intrare] seisure vel habere sine aliquo contradictione pred. Johannis Angnetis et puerorum inperp. Et ego vero [£c.] In cuius rei test. huic pres. scr. indent. partes suprascripti sig. apposuerunt. Hiis test. Johanne Cole, Willelmo Criche, Thoma Ingylyby, Johanne Loof, Johanne More, clerico, et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die [Mar]tis prox. post fest. Sancti Hillarii [regno] reg. Edw. tercii post conq. quadragesimo nono.

Indent wavy.

Seal: fragment: red wax: impression of antique gem.

No. 300. [1011] John Halewaye to Susan, widow of John atte Watere. Conveyance of a half burgage in Friarn St.

28 Jan. 1376.

SCI. pres. et fut. qd. ego Johannes Halewaye dedi [£c.] Susanne que fuit uxor Johannis atte Watere unum dimid. burgag. in villa de Burggewater qd. scituat. est in strato Fratrum Minorum int. ten. Johannis Ward in orient. par. et int. ten. Ricardi Boyze in oxced. [sic.] par. Hab. et ten. [£c.] Et vero [£c.] In cuius [£c.] Hiis [sic.] Johanne Cole, Johanne Sedenham, Willelmo Cryche, Hugone Marye et Willelmo Blacch et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Lune prox. ante fest. Purifacione B.M.V. mensis Jan. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quinquagesimo.

Seal: round: green wax: rosette.

No. 301. [1094] **Richd. Wych to executors of the will of Robt. Plympton. Quittance in five marks.**

12 Aug. 1376.

PATEAT univ. per pres. qd. ego Ricardus Wyche recepi et habui die confectionis presentium de executoribus testamenti Roberti Plompton quinque marcas sterl. ex legacione testamenti dicti Roberti De quibus quidem quinque marcis fateor michi plenarie esse solut[as] et dictos exec. fore quietos per pres. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Martis prox. post fest. S. Laurencii an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quinquagesimo.

Small seal: red wax: design, three petals (?) with a cross on each side and above.

No. 302. [651] **John Harewell, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the executors of the will of Robert Plympton.**

1 Sept. 1376.

PATEAT universis per presentes qd. nos Johannes permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopus audiri fecimus compotum finalem Johanne, relicte Roberti Plumpton, Ricardi Cokur, domini Thome Wildemerch, capellani, et Thome Duffeld, executorum testamenti dicti Roberti defuncti unde computatis computandis allocatis allocandis invenimus prefatos executores bona dicti defuncti bene et fideliter administrasse ipsos ab ulteriore compoto vel li. seu iuris in hac parte creato reddendo salvo iure cuiuscumque dimisimus absolutos In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi Dat. ap. Woky primo die mensis Sept. an. Dom. millesimo CCC^{mo} lxxvi^{to} et nostre consecrationis anno nono.

Seal of Bishop John, fragmentary, in black wax.

Robert Plymton is the outstanding figure among the Bridgwater burgesses during the latter part of the reign of Edward III.

- No. 303. [665] Agnes, relict of Walter Palmere, to Joan, relict of Robert Plympton. Quitclaim of her lands, once Walter's. 19 Oct. 1376.

OMNIBUS [*&c.* as in No. 39] Agnes, relicta quondam Walteri Palmere de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Johanne relicte Roberti Plompton de Bruggewater hered. et assign. suis imperp. tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in omn. terris et tenementis que quondam fuerunt dicti Walteri in Briggewater. Remissi insuper [*&c.*] prefate Johanne hered. et assign. suis imperp. tot. ius meum [*&c.*] in omn. terris pratis pasturis boscis communis cum omn. suis pert. qd. vel que habeo vel in f[uturum habere p]otero in Frodgere, hundred. de Andresfelde, et in Northboure, hundred. de Northpedirton, Ita viz. qd. [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Hiis test. Tho. Engelby, Joh. Smok, Walt. Ruddok, Walt. Bisshopp, Joh. Somer et aliis. Dat. ap. Briggewater die Dom. prox. post fest. S. Luce Evang. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quinquagesimo.

Holed. Seal of arms S' . . . O B R E T.

- No. 304. [460] Joan, relict of Robt. Plympton, to Agnes, relict of Walter Palmere. Lease of a tenement in Friarn St. at a rose rent. 23 Oct. 1376.

OMNIBUS [*&c.*] Johanna relicta Roberti Plompton de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noverint me tradidisse et concessisse Agneti relicte Walteri Palmere unum ten. qd. situatur in vico Fratrum Minorum ville de Bruggewater qd. quondam fuit dicti Walteri. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Reddendo inde annuatim michi vel assign. meis unam rosam ad fest. Nat. S. Joh. Bapt. et capit. dominis feodi illius redd. et serv. inde deb. et de iure consueta. Et ego [*&c.*] In cuius [*&c.*] Test. Thoma Engelby, Johanne Smok, Waltero Sharpe et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Jovis prox. post fest. S. Luce Evang. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii post conq. quinquagesimo.

Vult et concedit pred. Agnes qd. si dict. dom. seu ten. cum suis pert. alicui alteri durante termino pred. sine licencia pred. Johanne dimiserit qd. extunc bene liceat pref. Johanne in pred. domo seu

ten. cum suis pert. reintrare seisure et pacifice tenere sine contradictione pred. Agnetis seu alterius cuiuscumque eius nomine et totaliter expellere.

Seal: green wax: shield, lion guardant:

S' . SIMONIS . LE . BRET.

Chirograph.

No. 305. [482] **Hawis, relict of Hugh Popham, to Richd. Wolf, merchant. Conveyance of rents derived from two tenements with reversion of the properties.**

23 Dec. 1376.

OMNIBUS [Ec.] Hawysia, relict a Hugonis Popham, sal. Noveritis me tradidisse et concessisse Ricardo Wolf, mercatori, duos sol. et octo den. redditus quos Willelmus Stapildon michi reddit annuatim pro uno ten. qd. de me tenet ad term. vite sue in villa de Bruggewater simul cum reversione dicti ten. cum post mortem eiusdem Willelmi Stapildon acciderit. Tradidi eciam et concessi pred. Ricardo Wolf duos sol. redditus quos Robertus Heygrave Alicia, uxor sua, et Johannes, filius eorundem, michi reddunt annuatim pro uno ten. qd. de me tenent ad term. vite eorum in villa pred. simul cum reversione dicti ten. cum post mort. pred. Roberti Heygrave, Alicie, uxoris sue, et Johannis, fili eorundem, acciderit. Hab. et ten. [Ec.] Et ego vero [Ec.] In cuius [Ec.] Hiis test. Willelmo Crych, Johanne Sopham, Willelmo Mere, Ricardo Rogeron, et aliis. Dat. ap. Bruggewater die Martis prox. ante fest. Natalis Dom. an. regni regis Edw. tercii post conq. quinquagesimo.

Seal: green wax: oval: a lion, from antique gem.

No. 306. [1189] **Alice, widow of John Herker of Petherham, to James Herker, her son. Conveyance of a third of a burgage in North St.**

29 Dec. 1376.

SCIANT pres. et fut. qd. ego Alicia Herker, quondam uxor Johannis Herker de Pederdham, in pura veduetate mea dedi [Ec.] Jacobo Herker, filio meo, terciam partem unius burgagii in ville de

Bruggewater que iacet in vico bor. eiusdem ville int. ten. quondam Henrici Brymmor, tinctoris, in par. orient. et ten. quondam Stephani Parmentarii in par. occid. Hab. et ten. [*&c.*] Et ego vero [*&c.*] In cuius rei test. sig. meum apposui. Hiis test. Matheo Michel, Ricardo Lyff, Roggero Hayfforde, Johanne Cole de Bruggewater, Willelmo Criche, Hugone Marys, Johanne Smok et aliis. Data ap. Canyngton die Lune prox. post fest. Natalis Dom. an. reg. regis Edw. tercii a conq. quinquagesimo.

Seal: fragment: green wax: probably same as No. 253.

No. 307. [794] **Edward Goldsmyth to Wm. Tomere. General quitclaim.** 14 June 1377.

OMNIBUS [*&c.*] Edwardus Goldsmyth sal. in Dom. Noveritis me remisisse [*&c.*] Willelmo Tomere, hered. et assig. suis omnimodas actiones tam reales quam personales quas versus eum habui ab origine mundi usque in diem confectionis presentium. Ita qd. ego pred. Edwardus nec heredes mei nec aliquis alius nomine meo aliquam actionem realem seu personalem ratione alicuius contradictionis prehabite decetero habere seu vindicare poterimus Set ab omni actione cuiuscumque juris exclusi sumus in perp. per pres. In cuius [*&c.*]. Dat. ap. Langportt quartodecimo die mens. Junii an. reg. regis Edwardi tercii post conq. quinquagesimo primo.

Wm. Tomere, M.P. this year in Oct.

No. 308. [410] **John Mogge to Wm. Graunt and Maud, his wife. Lease of a tenement and land in the parish of Tickenham.** Temp. Ed. III.

[. pres]ens scriptum pervenerit [ego Johannes] Mogge, burgensis ville de Bruggewater sal. in Dom. Noveritis me . . . scripto meo confirmasse Willelmo Graunt et Matilde, uxori sue, pro [. . .] tenementum cum terris et pratis ad dictum [.] iacent' in parochia de Tykenham in feodo de la Hele exceptis quatuor acris [.] quas Willelmus Benet [. . .]

tenet [.]ea terre in le Leys [.] qua dictus Willelmus Benet edificabi[t.]s sibi placuerit except[.]o facienda in [.] una domo vocata Waynhous cum [.]gressu [.] nigra [.] aliquo nocumento faciend' cum bestiis suis [.] cum omn. pert. suis exceptis quatuor a[cris] quas Willelmus [.] le Leybur [.]a pro uno lecto facienda in camera [.] et un[.] qd. opus dicti Willelmi Benet ut supradictum est predictis Willelmo Graunt et Matilde uxori sue prime [.] diucius vivent' [.] meis libere bene et in pace. Reddendo inde annuatim in Her' vel [.] solidos sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos princ. equis porc. sex capones ad fest. Nat. Dom. [.] M[atild' sump. suis propr. dictas [.]ptis competentes emendabunt et sustentabunt in adeo bono [statu]s presentium de me receperunt [.] Et pred. Willelmus Graunt et Matilda nec eorum alter pred. ten. cum [.] nec aliquam parcellam [.] aliam sine licencia mea speciali termino durante predicto Et [.] per visum meum vel [.] meo prosternabunt [.] sufficienter per housbote et heybote sine aliquo vasto [.] Et si pred. redd. octodecim sol. sterl. et sex caponum a retro fuerit non solutus per [.] debito solutionis tunc bene licebit michi vel heredibus meis dict. [.] ingredi et retinere absque ullo [.] Graunt et Matild'. Et pred. Willelmus Graunt et Matilda volunt et concedunt per presentes acquietare [.] heredibus meis de omnibus dampnis et actionibus que michi vel heredibus meis accidere possint [.] tenemento predicto [.] pred. Johannes et heredes mei pred. ten. cum terris et pratis ad idem pertinentibus exceptis quatuor acris terre una [.] uno [.] orientali et una domo vocata Wayn[hous] in liber[.] Matilde uxori eius prime ad tem. vite eorum et alterius eorum diu[cius viventis] predicta. In cuius rei test. partes predictae hiis inde[ntatis] scriptis alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt Datum apud [.] proxima post fest. Annunciationis B.M.V. anno reg[ni regis].

[Dorse] Alienum.

Chirograph.

No. 309. [1102] Thos. — to John —. Conveyance of a
half burgage adjacent to property late Walter Boucher's.
Temp. Ed. III.

. e de Bruggewater dedi concessi et hac [presenti carta
confirmavi] unum dimid. burgag. cum pert. ia[cens
.] quondam Walteri Bouchere ex par. una dimid.
burgagium cum pert. per servicia inde debita
et de [iure consueta] imperp. Et ego vero pred. Tho[mas
.] suis prefato Johanni hered. et et imperp.
defendemus Henrico Redmor Brugge-
water die post conq.

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FROM the list of subscribers issued with this volume, it will be seen that our membership is now only 137. Our losses, through death, have removed the names of Dr. J. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells, the Rev. F. W. Weaver, C. Tite and H. Symonds, all of whom exhibited a keen interest in their county and its history. Mr. Weaver was one of the original founders of the Somerset Record Society, and he remained a member of its Council until his death. Dr. Robinson was a very active and useful member of the Council. To the Society's publications he, from time to time, made learned contributions especially with regard to '*Historia Minor* and *Historia Major* of Wells,' the 'Household accounts of Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury,' some 'Laudian Documents' and 'Somerset Medieval Calendars.'

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The present volume for the year 1933 has been prepared by Mr. T. B. Dilks, who gives us the result of his many years of study of the documents owned by the Mayor and Corporation of Bridgwater. The Society is deeply indebted to him. The production of the volume has been made possible by a grant from the Bridgwater Corporation.

The editorship of Bishop Bekynton's Register (vols. 49 and 50 for the years 1934 and 1935) has been undertaken by Sir H. Maxwell-Lyte, K.C.B.: the abstract in English has been made by Mr.

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C. B. Dawes, whose careful work upon vol. iv of *Quarter Sessions Records* appeared for the year 1919. The extent of the Register is such that it will be issued in two volumes. In connection with these an offer of 'temporary membership' has been made to members of the Canterbury and York Society: and it is hoped that, as a result, we shall meet with such pecuniary support as will enable us to defray what will be heavy costs of production.

At a meeting of the Council held in August, Mr. H. S. Howard and Mr. A. W. Vivian-Neal were co-opted as members.

The Society records its cordial appreciation of the effort which the Somerset County Council Records Committee is making to draw up a complete list of the records, ecclesiastical and civil, which are at present in the keeping of the incumbents of the Diocese.

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