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INTRODUCTION

THE second section of the Register of Bishop Bekynton deals exclusively with matters connected with the election of certain ecclesiastical officers in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Inasmuch as the entries are not in strict chronological order, it must be regarded as an early transcript rather than as a contemporary record. The proceedings are in most cases set out at prodigious length, and many documents of a purely formal character are given *in extenso*, the episcopal notaries being evidently anxious to show that all the necessary formalities had been duly observed.¹

It will be seen that the elections were made sometimes by 'inspiration' or acclamation, sometimes by 'scrutiny' or ballot, and sometimes by delegation. A prior of Bath, a prior of Worthing, and a master of St. John's hospital at Wells, were appointed by Bishop Bekynton acting as delegate of the persons in whom the right of election was vested. The monks of Glastonbury delegated the choice of an abbot to a committee of seven of their number. A curious feature in several of the elections was the public announcement of the name of the person chosen some hours before his acceptance of the proffered honour.

Two monks of Bath, one of them an obstinate offender, two canons of Bruton, three brethren of the hospital at Bridgwater, two monks of Athelney, and four of Muchelney, are stated to have abandoned the religious life and gone away. Four or five canons of Keynsham who were absent in 1456 may also have been apostates.

It will be observed that many of the monks mentioned in this section of the Register bore surnames evidently derived

¹ Cf. *Reg. Bubwith*, pp. 475-9.

from the towns or villages in which they had been respectively born.

Some of the information contained in it may be supplemented from other sources now accessible in print. For instance, while recording the procedure at the election of a dean of Wells, in 1446, the official Register says little about a remarkable controversy on the subject, which must have caused the bishop much anxiety. Most of the facts must be gleaned elsewhere.

All the trouble was due to the ambitious character of John de la Bere, a man of good family, who is described by a contemporary canon of Wells as 'very worldly and carnal' and almost ignorant of the rudiments of Latin.¹ He was nevertheless a bachelor of canon law. After obtaining various lucrative appointments, civil and ecclesiastical, including the office of almoner of the royal household and canonries of Salisbury and Wells, this schemer had got from Eugenius IV. in January 1442, a bull reserving for him one or two benefices in the gift of the bishops or chapters of Winchester, Lincoln, or Exeter, and appointing three commissioners to give effect to it at the proper time.² In May 1443, the pope had substituted the bishop and the chapter of Wells for those of Winchester, and had furthermore issued a very elaborate and forcible bull specifically sanctioning the appointment of De la Bere to a deanery or other major dignity at Wells, Lincoln, or Exeter, and suspending any statutes or privileges of the church of Wells that might militate against his admission there.³ No vacancy, however, occurred in either of these three deaneries for some time.

John Forest, dean of Wells and archdeacon of Surrey, was so decrepit and blind as to need the appointment of a coadjutor, in the autumn of 1444, and he died on the 25th of March 1446.⁴ Four days later, the king wrote to Bekynton, reminding him of a promise to try to obtain the deanery of Wells for De la Bere

¹ Gascoigne, *Loci e Libro Veritatum*, pp. 25, 130.

² *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1429-36, pp. 182, 296, 347; 1436-41, pp. 151, 201, 255, 383, 568; 1441-6, pp. 3, 7, 206, 268, 274, 326; *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. vii. pp. 283, 470, 532; vol. viii. p. 257.

³ *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. viii. pp. 312-14; vol. ix. p. 333.

⁴ No. 67 above; *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. ix. p. 484.

whensoever it should become vacant, and urging him to use his influence with the canons for this purpose.¹ We do not know what Bekynton said in reply, but it seems clear that he did not support De la Bere's candidature. At any rate, he, on the 1st of April, gave formal licence to the canons to proceed to an election.

The principal members of the chapter accordingly assembled on the 8th to make the necessary arrangements. As the royal wishes, so definitely expressed, could not be altogether ignored, they resolved to temporise, postponing the date for the election of a new dean for more than four months, until the 22nd of August.²

Thereupon, the prior of St. Mary's, Southwark, one of the three papal mandatories, pronounced sentence of excommunication on all who had attended the meeting, that is to say the subdean, the precentor, the chancellor, the archdeacon, the succentor, the provost, six other canons, and two vicars choral, and he forbade them to hold an election. His envoy was, however, forcibly prevented from affixing notices to the doors of the cathedral church, and, according to one account, actually arrested.³ It would even appear that the celebration of divine service there was suspended 'for fere of execution' of the bull of provision.⁴

On the 30th of May, John de la Bere, still influential at Court, obtained royal pardon for himself and his counsellors for suing, accepting, and executing the pope's 'provision' to him of the deanery of Wells, and further letters patent were issued in his favour on the 16th of July.⁵

In the meanwhile, five canons residentiary of Wells had addressed a respectful but very spirited protest to the king, saying that De la Bere's suit to the pope was 'directly contrary to the custumes, lawes, liberties, inheritances, franchises and statutes' of the realm, as also to their own privileges, and claiming the right of free election. This was referred to the lords of the Council, and, on the 11th of July, the archbishop of Canterbury, lord chancellor, sitting with the bishops of Salisbury and Bath and Wells,

¹ *Letters of Margaret of Anjou* (Camden Soc.), pp. 57-8.

² No. 1637.

³ *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. viii. pp. 311-12; vol. x. p. 3.

⁴ *Cal. Wells MSS.*, vol. ii. p. 676.

⁵ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1441-6, pp. 442, 447.

and the Marquess of Suffolk, delivered a gracious message from the king, to the effect that he was, and would continue to be, the 'protectour and defendour of the churche of Welles,' its rights, customs, liberties, and franchises, and that the canons might proceed to elect a dean, any 'provision' made by the pope notwithstanding.¹ It is worthy of remark that the three prelates who thus encouraged the canons to disregard the authority of the Roman pontiff owed their own positions to papal bulls.

The canons accordingly met on the appointed day, the 22nd of August, and, after mass in the chapel of Our Lady by the cloister, adjourned to the chapter-house. Twenty-eight of them were present in person, and eleven were represented by their attorneys. Eleven others who showed their prudence by ignoring the summonses were pronounced contumacious, De la Bere being one of them. The abbot of Bec and another canon were not in England. In the presence of four notaries-public and four vicars choral, the canons proceeded to elect a dean. Their unanimous choice fell upon Nicholas Carent, a licentiate in civil law, who had been prebendary of Combe XV, for about seven years. He is described as a man of 'noble,' that is to say gentle, birth, being a son of William Carent of Toomer, a prominent landowner in Somerset. More important was the fact that he was secretary to Queen Margaret.²

A full account of the election was communicated to the bishop at Wookey, and seven witnesses appeared before him there to testify to Carent's character and fitness. The final stage was fixed for the 27th, and, as no objector ventured to appear, the bishop then confirmed the election. Carent made his profession of canonical obedience, and an order was issued for his installation in the choir of the cathedral church.

Some six months later, Bekynton, having been charged with disregarding the 'provision' of De la Bere to the deanery of Wells, thought fit to issue a formal defence of his own conduct in the matter. While we are bound to accept his statement that no

¹ *Cal. Wells MSS.*, vol. ii. pp. 675-7.

² No. 1637; *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. viii. p. 659; vol. ix. p. 516. *Proc. Som. Arch. Soc.*, vol. xvi. pp. 42, 44; vol. lxx. pp. 56, 61, 74.

bull of Eugenius IV. 'providing' De la Bere to the deanery had so far been brought to his notice, it is very difficult to believe that he was altogether unaware of the facts of the case.¹ A little later, he went out of his way to commend the courage of the canons of Wells in disregarding the prayers and the threats of most powerful persons and maintaining their right of free election.²

De la Bere had, in the previous July (1446), obtained another bull more specifically 'providing' him to the deanery of Wells, but it can hardly have reached England before the election. After this, Eugenius IV. in one of the later months of his pontificate, appointed one of his chaplains to hear the suits which De la Bere had brought against the bishop of Bath and Wells, the chapter of Wells, and Nicholas Carent, as also the appeals of the chapter. Sentences of excommunication are stated to have been pronounced against the chapter and Carent.³ The pope furthermore, in November 1446, issued peremptory orders to Carent to give up possession of the deanery and all fruits received, and to the sub-dean and chapter to receive De la Bere as their dean, within six days of the delivery of the bull, under pain of suspension, excommunication, deprivation, and interdict.⁴

We are not told whether De la Bere ventured to publish these latest bulls in England. Having, it is said, spent no less than 1430 marks in his endeavour to obtain the deanery of Wells, he eventually agreed with Carent to avoid all further expense by referring the questions at issue to the arbitration of Queen Margaret. Her decision in favour of her own secretary was virtually confirmed by the new pope, Nicholas V., in July 1447.⁵ Nevertheless, De la Bere was styled dean of Wells in a bull 'providing' him to the bishopric of St. Davids, in September.⁶

On hearing of the death of William Southbroke, Benedictine prior of Bath, in June 1447, Bishop Bekynton lost no time in

¹ No. 1638.

² No. 1639.

³ *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. viii. p. 308; vol. x. p. 3.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. viii. pp. 311-12.

⁵ Gascoigne, *Loci e Libro Veritatum*, pp. 25, 130; *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. x. pp. 2-4.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 295; Gascoigne, p. 200.

issuing to the sub-prior and convent a licence to elect a new prior. He must have had some reason to fear that they would be subjected to external pressure, for, a week later, he wrote to them in very forcible language, adjuring them to disregard all prayers or threats of the most powerful persons. The recipients seem to have been somewhat perplexed and nervous, for, when they met in the chapter-house, on the 5th of July, they unanimously resolved to delegate their right of election to the bishop himself. Nothing further was done in the matter until the 16th of September, when Bekynton, being at Bath, nominated Thomas Lacok, prior of the cell at Dunster, to the vacant office. The formalities were concluded nine days later.¹

The Register states that John Henton was elected prior of Bruton by 'inspiration', and duly confirmed as such, in 1448.² Elsewhere we learn that, some years later, he conceived an idea that his election might be considered simoniacal because his father had, without his knowledge, given some money to two 'noblemen' (or gentlemen) to intervene in his favour. On his petition to the pope, he was, in 1455, declared free from blame in the matter, and confirmed in his position as prior.³ His overzealous father, John Henton, was, it may be observed, a very notable benefactor to the church of Bruton.⁴

The confirmation of the election of a master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Bridgwater by the bishop's commissary, in 1449, is entered briefly.⁵

Copies of several documents relating to the elections of masters of the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Bath, before the period of Bekynton's episcopate, have found their way into the second section of his register. Two later entries on the same subject occur in the first section.⁶

It has been seen in the first section of the Register that John Stokys, the bishop's commissary, delivered a series of injunctions

¹ No. 1639.

² No. 1640.

³ *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. xi. p. 96.

⁴ No. 1226.

⁵ No. 1641.

⁶ Nos. 1108, 1349, 1642.

for the reform of abuses in the abbey of Keynsham on the 5th of December, 1455.¹ Walter Bekynsfeld, the abbot, tendered his resignation on the following day, and it was at once accepted without demur, having perhaps been pre-arranged. Ten days later, the duke of Buckingham, as patron of the abbey, gave the necessary licence for an election, and fifteen of the canons assembled in the chapter-house on the 9th of January following, to give effect to it. On the advice of their late abbot, they there unanimously chose Thomas Tyler, the prior, to be his successor. Four or five canons were absent for some reason unexplained. The episcopal confirmation was not granted for more than a month; and the abbot-elect had to supplement the usual oath of canonical obedience to the bishop by an oath to observe the injunctions recently issued by his commissary.² Some months later, Walter Bekynsfeld was given a retiring pension of 10*l.* a year, with an allowance of food and drink equal to that of two of his fellow-canons.³

The Register gives the names of forty-eight monks who assembled in the chapter-house at Glastonbury, on the 7th of May, 1456, for the election of an abbot, in succession to Nicholas Frome, deceased, and of a committee of seven to whom they then delegated their powers. It tells us that Walter More, the sacristan, was unanimously chosen, that his election was confirmed in London by the commissary of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and that, on the last day of the month, after taking the usual oath of obedience, he received benediction and was given a pastoral staff by Bekynton himself in the palace at Wells.⁴

The lengthy account of these proceedings has been printed in full, in Latin, in Hearne's edition of *Adam of Domerham* (vol. i. pp. 123-83).

The death of Walter More within six months of his election as abbot of Glastonbury necessitated another election there, in November 1456. On this occasion, some difficulties were experienced. In the first instance, the prior and convent appointed two

¹ No. 957.

² No. 1643.

³ No. 1004.

⁴ No. 1644.

monks to nominate seven others to act with them in electing an abbot, but the two so appointed failed to agree in the choice of their colleagues. After the withdrawal of a scheme for proceeding by way of scrutiny, the prior and convent empowered a committee of seven to represent them, but these nominees refused to act. Lastly, three others were appointed to collect the votes of all the brethren, with the result that forty-seven votes were found to have been cast in favour of John Selwood, the receiver, and one, Selwood's, in favour of Robert Newton. Episcopal confirmation followed, on the last day of the month.¹

The Register records the election of Thomas Thornbury as prior of Barlinch by the unanimous voice of the seven canons, and the confirmation of it by the bishop, in 1457.²

There was a contest for the mastership of the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Bridgwater, in 1457. John Holford, one of the two candidates, unable to vote for himself, and unwilling to support his opponent, Thomas Ile, master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Wells, but formerly professed at Bridgwater, gave a futile vote for Roger Cory, who had just resigned the office. Of the eight other brethren, five, including Cory, voted for Holford, and three for Ile. The former was accordingly elected, and he was in due course confirmed as master by the bishop.³

Robert Hylle, elected abbot of Athelney by acclamation, on the death of John Pederton, in 1458, was, before confirmation by the bishop, made to swear that he would observe the injunctions recently issued for the reform of abuses in that house.⁴ He had been in priest's orders little more than two years.⁵

After the death of William Lusche, prior of Worspring, in 1458, the six canons decided, for some reason not stated, to renounce their right of electing his successor in favour of the bishop of the diocese. Bekynton made choice of John Gurman

¹ No. 1645.

² No. 1646.

³ No. 1647; Nos. 162, 163.

⁴ No. 1648.

⁵ No. 1722.

on the 8th of April and sent his commissary to ratify the proceedings six days later.¹

Fourteen monks of Muchelney took part in the election of an abbot, in 1463, in succession to John Cherde. Thomas Pipe, their prior, was then chosen by acclamation.²

When Thomas Ile, master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist at Wells, resigned his office, in 1462, he and the other four brethren empowered the bishop to appoint a new master, and he made choice of a stranger, John Valens, titular bishop of Tenos, an Augustinian canon, who had been acting as Bekynton's suffragan since 1459.

The third section of the Register of Bishop Bekynton enumerates the persons who were ordained, as acolytes, sub-deacons, deacons, or priests, by him, by James Blakedon, bishop successively of Achonry and Bangor, or by John Valens, titular bishop of Tenos, acting on his behalf. On one occasion, he and the former of these suffragans were holding simultaneous ordinations at different places.³

The normal dates for ordinations were the Saturdays of the four Ember seasons, but ordinations were often held at other times. We may even notice the holding of ordinations on two successive days, for the convenience of the candidates.⁴

Under Bekynton's regime, persons were sometimes admitted to the ministry in spacious buildings such as the cathedral churches of Wells and Bath and the parochial churches of St. Cuthbert at Wells and St. Mary Magdalen at Taunton. Few spectators can, however, have attended when the service was performed in such places as a chapel by the cloister at Wells, in the chapel of the palace, in the 'new oratory' there, in the chapels of the episcopal manors at Wookey and Banwell, and the chapel of Our Lady by the cloister of Taunton Priory.

¹ No. 1649.

² No. 1650.

³ Nos. 1695, 1696.

⁴ Nos. 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1715, 1716.

By licence of the bishop of Winchester, Bekynton held several ordinations in the chapel of the manor of Dogmersfield. On a few occasions, the candidates had to go to his inn in the western suburb of London.

Most of the ordinands were of course natives of the county of Somerset, and many of them figure in the first section of the Register. In view of the great number of persons ordained during Bekynton's episcopate, the entries relating to them have been considerably curtailed in the present volume. It has not been considered necessary to show here that candidates from other parts of the country brought with them 'letters dimissory' from the bishops of the diocese in which they had respectively been born, or in which they had been resident for a considerable time.¹ It will be seen, however, that members of some religious orders and Fellows of New College and All Souls College, Oxford, enjoyed the right of being ordained by any bishop of their own choice.²

The master and brethren of the little hospital of St. John at Wells seem to have been willing to give 'titles' to almost any candidates for ordination, and those of the hospital at Bridgwater were scarcely less obliging in this respect.

From 1459 onwards, the register gives the names of the episcopal officers by whom the candidates for ordination were examined.

Mention has been already made of the fact that many incumbents did not ordinarily reside in their respective parishes. The Register shows furthermore that many clerks were instituted to benefices with cure of souls before admission to holy orders. The rectories of Alford, Babcary, Brompton Ralph, Closworth, High Ham, Hinton St. George, Hornblotton, Maperton, Norton under Hamdon, Podimore Milton, Poyntington, Street, Swainswick, Treborough, and Whitestaunton were for varying periods during Bekynton's episcopate in the possession of parsons incapable of celebrating mass or of giving absolution to penitents. The bishop himself was responsible for the collation of Henry Abyngdon, Thomas Purviour, Thomas Hope, and Robert Purviour, to

¹ Maskell, *Monumenta Ritualia*, vol. iii. p. cxxvii.; *Reg. Bubwith*, pp. 495, 497, 550; Gibson, *Codex Juris Ecclesiastici*, p. 144.

² Cf. Maskell, p. cxxvi.; *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. iv. p. 341.

canonries of Wells when they were not even in subdeacon's orders.¹

The list of ordinations is followed by transcripts of two letters in English obviously composed by Bekynton himself. These would presumably have been entered in the first section of the Register if the compiler had known their respective dates.

It is difficult to account for the entry in this Register of an elaborate document about a visitation of Glastonbury Abbey by Archbishop Arundel more than thirty years before Bekynton's elevation to the episcopate. He may possibly have had occasion to refer to it in connexion with his own visitation of the abbey in 1445. The last folio of the Register got so damaged before the volume was bound that the writing on it is now illegible. The document is, however, entered in the archbishop's own register at Lambeth Palace, and the version of it given below in English has been completed therefrom.

¹ Nos. 307 and 1705; 504 and 1690; 1334; 1473 and 1779.

ERRATUM.

Page xxxiv, line 24, *for* John Cole *read* Thomas Cole.

ELECTIONS
DURING THE BISHOP'S EPISCOPATE.

1636. Commission to Master John Bernard, canon of Wells, to confirm, or to disallow, the election by the subprior and convent of Staverdale of Brother William Poyntyngton, canon of Staverdale, to be prior in the room of Brother John Penne, deceased ; and, if he think fit to confirm the election, to induct and install the new prior, to receive his canonical obedience, and to make good any defects found in his election. The bishop's inn at London, 5 November, 1445. 1445.

1637. *Process of confirmation of the election of Master Nicholas Carent as dean of Wells : an election by the form of inspiration.*

Notarial instrument setting forth the said process as follows :— 1446.

On 23 August, 1446, Master John Bernard, succentor and residentiary canon of Wells, proctor of John Raynold, subdean, and the chapter of Wells, appeared before the bishop sitting judicially in the chapel in Woky manor, exhibited his letters of procuration of the same date (recited), notified the bishop of the election by the subdean and chapter of Master Nicholas Carent, licentiate in laws, canon and prebendary of Wells, to be dean in the room of Sir John Forest, deceased, and prayed the bishop to confirm the same. Thereupon the bishop appointed the following Saturday, 27 August, for the process of confirming, or of disallowing, the election, and decreed that all opponents thereof should be cited to appear on that day. Present, Master William Langton, Master Benet ap Howell, and John Machon, clerks, notaries-public, of the dioceses of York, Llandaff and Worcester.

On the following day, the said proctor produced the dean-elect in person and presented him to the bishop, praying his

1446. patronal assent to the election, which the bishop granted. Witnesses as above.

On Saturday, 27 August, the subdean and chapter, by their said proctor, and the dean-elect in person, appeared before the bishop in the same chapel, and the proctor produced and handed in the decree made on the said election, signed and subscribed by Master Thomas Been, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Master Benet ap Howell, of the diocese of Llandaff, notaries-public, testifying that, on the death of the late dean on 25 March, 1446, the subdean and chapter, after obtaining the bishop's licence to elect a successor, met in the chapter-house on 9 April and fixed the following 22 August as the date of the election, ordering all absent canons to be summoned to attend on that day; that on this latter date, after celebrating mass in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister and chanting the hymn *Veni Creator*, they repaired to the chapter-house, elected Master William Langton, Master Thomas Been, Master John Tregodek, and Master Benet ap Howell, notaries-public, and Sir John Pedewell, Sir John Bekynton, Sir Robert Catour and Sir Thomas Chiew, perpetual vicars of the cathedral, to be witnesses of the election, verified that all the canons had been duly cited to be present, and caused their names to be cried aloud at the south and north doors of the cathedral and the door of the chapter-house, whereupon the following were found to be present in person, to wit John Reynold, subdean, William Stevenes, precentor, Thomas Bubwith, archdeacon of Wells, John Storthwait, chancellor, John Bernard, succentor, Richard Hoore, provost, Stephen Morpath, William Byconyll, Nicholas Upton, John Shelford, Brother John Pederton, abbot of Athelney, John Cherd, abbot of Muchelney, John Lane, John Wansford, William Crowton, John Stopyngton, John de Opizis, Walter Fold, Richard Cordon, John Arnold, John Burdett, Gilbert Kemer, Nicholas Carent, Thomas Aysshdale, William Fulford, John Pederton, John Trevenaunt and John Cowngge, canons and prebendaries, the following were found to be present by their attorneys, to wit Andrew Holes by Master John Reynold, Peter Stucle, treasurer, and Thomas Chicley by Master John Storthwaite, Robert Parfitt, Nicholas Sturgeon, John Birkhede,

John Stevenes and Robert Aysscogh by Master William Byconyll, William Hoper and William Skelton by Master John Bernard, and Walter Shiryngton by Master Richard Hoor, and the following were found to be absent and were pronounced contumacious, to wit Richard Leyot, John Mackworth, Fulk Bernyngeham, John Sparhauke, Thomas Circestre, William Toly, Vincent Clement, Lewis Reede, Richard Pettworth, John Delabere and John Arundell ; that thereupon those present, forming a chapter, decided to proceed in the election without waiting for the aforesaid absentees, or for the abbot of Bec Hellouin and Master William Greye, canons and prebendaries, who were absent from the realm, and, after Master John Storthwait, chancellor, had admonished all suspended, excommunicated and interdicted persons to withdraw from the chapter-house, and after the constitution *Quia propter*¹ had been read and the forms thereof declared by the chancellor, straightway the whole chapter, without holding any discussion as to the person to be elected, there and then, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, as they firmly believe, unanimously and with one voice, (with the exception of Master Nicholas Carent himself), elected Master Nicholas Carent, licentiate in laws, canon and prebendary of Wells, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and learning, to be their dean, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore him in procession to the high altar, and caused his election to be announced to the multitude by Master Richard Cordon, doctor of laws, canon of Wells, and to be notified to the elect himself by Master John Storthwait, chancellor, and Master John Bernard, succentor ; and that a little before dusk on the same day the dean-elect assented to his election : and praying the bishop to confirm the election and do what belongs to his pastoral office in that behalf.

After the said decree had been read, Master John Bernard, proctor, produced and delivered to the bishop a certificate by John Combe, chaplain, under the seal of the official of the archdeacon of Wells, dated at Wells, 26 August, testifying that the bishop's mandate for the citation of all opponents of the election had been duly carried out, but that no opponents had appeared.

¹ *Decretal*, Gregor. IX, I, vi, 42.

1446. When this had been read, and after Thomas Warreyn, literate, the bishop's apparitor-general, had repeatedly made proclamation, first before the bishop on his judgement seat and then at the doors of the chapel, citing opponents to appear, but with no result, the bishop precluded all opponents from making any further allegations or objections, and decreed that the business of confirming, or disallowing, the election should proceed.

Thereupon Master John Bernard, proctor, handed in a petition and certain articles extracted from the decree of election, and offered to prove the same, praying the bishop, on receipt of such proof, to declare the election canonical. (The articles are sixteen in number, and give *seriatim* the various stages of the election as set out in the decree of election.) In proof of these articles the proctor produced seven documents:—(1) the petition of the subdean and chapter for licence to elect, dated 28 March; (2) the bishop's licence to elect, dated at Woky, 1 April; (3) the citation of the canons to attend the election, dated 9 April; (4) the letter authorising Master John Storthwait to admonish all suspended, excommunicated and interdicted persons to withdraw, dated 22 August; (5) the letter authorising Master Richard Cordon to announce the election to the people, dated 22 August; (6) the letter authorising Master John Storthwait and Master John Bernard to request the dean-elect to give his assent to the election, dated 22 August; and (7) the bishop's notification of his patronal assent to the election, dated 24 August. The proctor also produced seven witnesses to prove the articles, to wit Alexander Hody, esquire, John Godewyn, gentleman, Thomas Lyte, gentleman, and Sir John Pedewell, Sir John Bekyngton, Sir Thomas Chiewe, and Sir John Haydour, priests, vicars in Wells cathedral. The testimony of these witnesses was as follows:—

Alexander Hody, esquire, aged forty-three years and more, could testify only by public report as to the proceedings leading up to the election. As to the birth and age of Master Nicholas Carent he testified that since he came to years of discretion he had well known William Carent and Alice his wife, then of Tamer in the county of Somerset, who to his knowledge produced between them in true marriage the said Master Nicholas about

thirty-two years ago. He also testified as to the general qualifications of Master Nicholas. 1446.

John Godewyn, gentleman, of Wells, aged sixty years and more, agreed in all respects with the foregoing.

Thomas Lyte, gentleman, of Littescary, aged thirty-six years and more, agreed generally with the first witness, stating that Master Nicholas was born in lawful marriage of free and ' noble ' parents.

Sir John Pedewell, aged forty-four years, testified specifically as to the proceedings leading up to and following the election, and generally as to the qualifications of Master Nicholas.

Sir John Bekynton, aged fifty-four years, agreed with the last witness.

Sir Thomas Chiewe, aged thirty-four years, and Sir John Haydour, aged forty years, also agreed.

Thereupon, after the whole process of the election had been diligently scrutinised, and after prolonged discussion as to the merits of the election between Master Richard Cordon, doctor of laws, as defender thereof, and the bishop and his assessors learned in the law, the bishop found that the election had been duly and lawfully celebrated in all respects, and accordingly confirmed the same, committed the rule and administration of the spiritualities and temporalities of the deanery to Master Nicholas, and decreed that he should be inducted and installed according to custom. Thereupon the dean-elect took the oath of canonical obedience, and swore to reside continually and in person on his deanery, and to support the charges incumbent thereon; and the bishop admitted him to a kiss, and gave orders for his induction and installation.

The following were present at all the above acts and proceedings, to wit Master William Langton, notary-public, Master John Raynold and Master William Fulford, canons of Wells, John Stokys, Robert Tarry, Thomas Bromehale and William North, bachelors in both laws, Benet ap Howell, John Machon and Thomas Been, notaries-public, of the dioceses of Bath and Wells, York, Salisbury, Llandaff and Worcester, and many others.

Notarial subscription by William Langton, clerk of the diocese of York, notary-public, scribe of the bishop and of the acts of the said election or the confirmation thereof.

1447. 1638. Protest by the bishop,—in view of malicious reports by his enemies that he has confirmed the election of Master Nicholas Carent as dean of Wells in contravention of a provision of the said deanery made by Pope Eugenius IV. to Master John Delaber *alias* Dalberd, the king's grand almoner,—that he has always been, as he will always be, an obedient son of the said pope and his predecessors, that until this day no apostolic grace, provision, or rescript touching the deanery of Wells has ever been exhibited, presented, or intimated to him on behalf of the said Master John, and that whatever he did in the matter of the confirmation of the election of Master Nicholas was done lawfully and in ignorance of any apostolic provision or other special right to the contrary, after the requisite citations and proclamations had been made and no opponent of the election had appeared.

The above protest was read and made by the bishop in his lower chamber in his inn at London on 17 March, 1446[-7], in the presence of Master Vincent Clement, S.T.P., canon of Wells, Master John Stopyndon, archdeacon of Dorchester in the church of Salisbury, Master Drew (*Droco*) Malefurinte (*sic*),¹ canon of Salisbury, Master Robert Stillyngton, canon of St. Davids, and John Machon and William Langton, notaries-public.

1639. *Election of Brother Thomas Lacok as prior of Bath; an election by the form of delegation.*

Petition to the bishop from the subprior and chapter of Bath for licence to elect a prior in the room of Brother William Southbroke, deceased. 12 June, 1447.

The above petition was presented to the bishop in his inn at London on 16 June, 1447, by Brother William Saltford, in the presence of Master John Moreton, Master Thomas Bromehale, Sir John Trevenant, and William Langton, notary-public.

Thereupon the bishop issued the following three letters:—

(1) A licence for the subprior and convent to elect a prior. The bishop's inn at London, 16 June, 1447.

(2) A commission to Master William Langton, the bishop's

¹ The name is given as 'Malafortune' by Jones, *Fasti Ecclesiæ Sarisberiensis*, p. 413.

registrar, to be guardian of the priory during the present voidance. 1447.
Date as above.

(3) A letter to the chapter of Bath. The bishop's regret at the death of the late prior is in no small measure mitigated by the knowledge that they still have among them many upright and capable men like the deceased. In electing the next prior he exhorts them to show themselves upright and religious men fearing God rather than man, and with pure minds, sincere judgement and a clear consciousness of their freedom of election to choose a suitable prior from among themselves, acting as it were suddenly by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. For it is not right that men of religion should give way to the prayers or threats of the powerful in such a sacred matter, or put gain, or the fear or favour of the people, before the fear and will of God. If these considerations do not move them, let them at any rate take courage from the example of the canons of the sister church of Wells, who, during the recent election of a dean, refused to be moved from the straight path by the prayers or threats of even the most powerful persons, and bravely and honourably maintained the liberty of the church and their liberty of election, choosing a dean by their own free discretion and absolute judgement. The bishop entreats the chapter of Bath to do likewise. London, 23 June.

On 10 July, Brother Richard Whalley and Brother John Lacok, monks of Bath, proctors of the subprior and convent, appeared before the bishop in his inn at London and presented to him the following instrument:—

Notification to the bishop by William Hampton, subprior, and the chapter or convent of Bath, that on the death of William Southbroke, the late prior, on 7 June, 1447, and after the bishop's licence to elect a successor had been obtained, the following monks and brethren of Bath cathedral, to wit the subprior, Stephen Glastenbury, Robert Bach, precentor, Robert Chiewe, third prior, John Lynde, William Saltford, sacristan, cellarer, keeper of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin, and hosteler, John Wydecombe, William Pensford, sub-sacristan and fourth prior, Richard Whityng, chamberlain, Richard Walleigh, kitchen steward (*coquinarius*), John Lacok, infirmarer, pittancer, and

1447. keeper of the refectory, William Welles, John Saresbury, subalmoner, John Keynesham, Thomas Bath, Robert Butteller, Thomas Bradford, Peter Twiverton and John Norton, assembled in the chapter-house on 24 June and fixed Wednesday after SS. Peter and Paul as the day for celebrating the election, ordering all the absent brethren within the realm to be cited to be present on that day ; that on the said Wednesday, to wit 5 July, after mass in the choir, they assembled in the chapter-house, where, after chanting the hymn *Veni Creator* and verifying the licence to elect and the citation of all the monks, they caused the names of all those cited to be cried aloud at the door of the chapter-house and then repeatedly in the chapter-house itself, whereupon William Hampton, subprior, and the other monks and brethren mentioned above, William Bristowe, who was studying in the university of Oxford when the date of election was fixed, Thomas Lacok, prior or warden of the cell of Dunster, and John Beryngton, William Bouer and Richard Hoper, sojourners in the said cell, were found to be present in person, and John Norton, the elder, also a sojourner there, was present by John Beryngton, his proctor, there being no other persons who ought to have a voice in the election, since Robert Vyse and John Appleby, monks professed in the said church, were disqualified both by failure to answer the general citation and because long ago they left the church and by their apostasy excluded themselves from any right to take part in the election ; that thereupon those present decided to proceed in the election without waiting for the said absentees, and, after the customary admonitions had been made on their behalf by John Lacok, and after the constitution *Quia propter* had been read, decided unanimously to proceed by the form of delegation (*compromissi*), and named the bishop as their delegate (*compromissarium*), granting to him, for this turn only, full power to elect one of themselves as prior. Witnesses, Master John Sparhauke, bachelor in laws, Sir Roger Byrde, chaplain, and others [5 July, 1447]. Subscriptions by William Langton, clerk, of the diocese of York, and Benet ap Howell, clerk, of the diocese of Llandaff, notaries-public.

On 16 September, the bishop, as delegate, celebrated the

election in the chapter-house of Bath in the presence of the subprior and convent, and chose the above-named Thomas Lacok to be prior ; and after the prior-elect had consented to his election, Brother John Lacok, monk of the said church, as proctor of the subprior and convent, presented the elect to the bishop in the chamber called the prior's chamber, whereupon the bishop imparted his patronal consent and favour, and then fixed Monday after St. Matthew next, to wit 25 September, as the day for proceeding in the matter of the election in the chapel in Banwell manor. On the same day, letters issued to Thomas Warreyn, the bishop's apparitor-general, ordering him to cite all opponents of the election to be present at the said day and place. 1447.

On Monday, 25 September, the said John Lacok, proctor, appeared before the bishop sitting judicially in the said chapel, deposited his letters of procuracy, presented the prior-elect to the bishop, and handed in the decree of election, as follows :—

Decree of election, reciting the appointment of the bishop as delegate, the publication of the election by the bishop, and the assent of the prior-elect. Subscriptions of William North, clerk, of the diocese of Salisbury, and William Langton, clerk, of the diocese of York, notaries-public.

After the above decree had been read, as well as a certificate by Thomas Warreyn testifying that all objectors had been cited to appear, the bishop caused further proclamations of citation to be made and then precluded all objectors from propounding objections in future. Thereupon Brother John Lacok handed in a petition and certain articles extracted from the decree of election, and produced divers muniments and witnesses to prove the same ; and after the muniments and the depositions of the witnesses had been published, and copies thereof had been decreed to all concerned, the bishop, after closely scrutinising the whole process of the election, declared the election canonical and pronounced sentence of confirmation (recited). The prior-elect then took the oath of canonical obedience (recited).

On the same day, the bishop ordered Master John Bernard, official of the consistory of Wells, to induct and install the prior-elect and confirmed ; and ordered the subprior and convent to obey him.

1447. The following were present at all the above proceedings on 25 September, to wit Master John Bernard, Master John Moreton and Master Thomas Bromehale, canons of Wells, Master William North, Master Walter Roche, Master John Stokys, and Master John Sparhauke, bachelors in both laws, and many others, as well as William Langton, the bishop's registrar.

1640. *Process of confirmation of the election of Brother John Henton as prior of Bruton : an election by the form of inspiration.*

1448. On 10 October, 1448, in the chapel in Woky manor, Brother Robert Cammel, canon of Bruton and proctor of the subprior and convent thereof, appeared before the bishop sitting there judicially, deposited his letters of procuracy, presented the prior-elect to the bishop, and produced a certificate of Thomas Warreyn, apparitor-general, under the seal of the official of the archdeacon of Wells, witnessing that the necessary citations of opponents of the election had been duly made, and the following decree of election :—

Decree of election by Robert Goldesmyth, subprior, and the convent of Bruton, subscribed by William Langton, clerk, of the diocese of York, notary-public, testifying that, on the death of Brother Richard Glastenbury, the late prior, on 24 September last, and after his burial on 26 September, the subprior and the following canons, to wit Robert Cammell, John Dygon, infirmarer, John Penford, John Henton, sacristan, third prior and chamberlain, Robert Baryngton, James Wyke, precentor and refector, Thomas Walter, John Olyver, cellarer, John Stowell, succentor, John Sharp, subcellarer, John Stokton, Thomas Vax and Thomas Kyngesdon, assembled in the chapter-house on Tuesday, 1 October, and fixed the following Friday, 4 October, as the date of the election, there being no other persons with claims to a voice in the election except Brother John Lamyet and Brother John Pawle, both of whom had long ago left the priory and by their apostasy excluded themselves from any right to take part in the election ; that on the said 4 October, after mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, they assembled in the chapter-house, where, after the chanting of the hymn *Veni Creator* and the withdrawal of all persons except those having

a voice in the election and certain other persons retained as necessary in the act of election, and after Robert Cammell had admonished all suspended, excommunicated and interdicted persons to withdraw from the chapter-house, and after Master John Stokys, bachelor in both laws, had read the constitution *Quia propter* and declared the forms thereof, straightway the subprior and convent, without any discussion as to the person to be elected, there and then, by divine grace from above and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, as they firmly believe, unanimously and with one voice assumed and elected John Henton, their fellow-canon, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and learning, to be their prior, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore him in procession to the high altar, and caused his election to be published to the multitude in the church by the said Robert Cammell, and to be notified to the prior-elect by the same Robert and John Dygon in a lower chamber in the priory which had been built by the prior-elect and was commonly called his chamber; and that, on the same day, the prior-elect assented to his election: and praying the bishop to confirm the election and do what belongs to his pastoral office in that behalf.

Then the said Robert Cammell exhibited and handed to the bishop letters (recited) dated 6 October, 1448, whereby James Luterell, esquire, lord of Dunster and founder and patron of the priory, assented to the election.

After the above-mentioned certificate, decree of election and notification of assent had been read, and after proclamation had been made citing all objectors to appear, the bishop precluded all further objections and decreed that the business of the election should proceed. Thereupon the said Robert Cammell handed in a summary article or petition and produced divers muniments and witnesses to prove the same; and after the muniments and the depositions of the witnesses had been published, and copies thereof had been decreed to all concerned, the bishop, after closely scrutinising the whole process of the election, proceeded to confirm the same (sentence of confirmation recited). Then the prior-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited), and the bishop issued letters (recited) notifying the king of his confirmation of the election.

1448. Subsequently, on 30 October at Dogmersfeld, the bishop issued letters ordering the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct and install the prior-elect, and the subprior and convent to obey him.¹ •

1641. *Confirmation of the election of Roger Cory as master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.*

1449. On 4 November, 1449, in the parish church of Bruggewater, Master John Bernard, precentor of Wells, the bishop's commissary in this behalf, after hearing and examining the merits and circumstances of the election of Roger Cory, brother of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater, as master thereof, found that the election had been duly and canonically celebrated, and pronounced sentence of confirmation accordingly (recited).

Thereupon the master-elect took the oath of canonical obedience in the presence of Master John Stokes, canon of Wells, Master Walter Roche, Master Richard Towker, Master John Towker, son of the said Richard, Master William North, clerk, of the diocese of Salisbury, notary-public, and many others. Afterwards he received from the said commissary letters of confirmation of his election, and letters of induction and installation directed to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official.

1402. 1642. Exemplification and authentication by the official of the peculiar jurisdiction of Poterne, Devys' and Marleborough of the following documents; made in the presence of Richard Cars *alias* Cosham, notary-public, Sir John Pere, vicar of Cosham, and Sir John Jackes, chaplain, of the diocese of Salisbury, in the dwelling-house of the said vicar of Cosham, 4 March, 1402[-3].

1399. (a) Licence by Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, for the brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bath, of which the bishop is founder and patron, to proceed to the election of a master in the room of John Asshewike, deceased. Wyvelescombe manor, 5 March, 1398[-9].

(b) Confirmation by the same of the election of John Shaftesbury, priest, brother of the hospital, as master. Wyvelescombe manor, 29 March, 1399.

¹ The order for the restitution of the temporalities is dated 21 October. *Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1446-52, p. 259.*

(c) Order by the same to Thomas Sodbury, brother of the hospital, to induct the new master. Date as above. 1399.

(d) Certificate by Thomas Sodbury of the induction of the new master on 5 April. Sealed with the seal of the deanery of Bath on 8 April, 1399.

1642A,¹ Documents exhibited before the bishop at Woky on 21 September, 1451, by Brother Richard Williams of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bath, as proctor of the master thereof:—

(a) Commitment by John, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Peter Byryman, chaplain, of the guardianship of the said hospital, vacant by the resignation of John Shaftesbury, the last master or warden thereof, pending a decision between the bishop and the prior of Bath as to the right of patronage. Dogmersfeld, 28 May, 1428. 1428.

(b) Commitment by William Southbroke, prior of Bath, to Peter Byryman, priest, brother of the said hospital, of the cure, rule and administration thereof, which is void and belongs to the prior's disposition or provision; and appointment of him as master or warden. Bath, 28 September, 1428.

(c) Certificate by Brother William Saltford, monk of the cathedral church of Bath, that he has inducted Peter Byryman as master of the said hospital in pursuance of a commission from the prior of Bath to him and William Cary, his fellow-monk, dated at Bath, 28 September, 1428. Sealed with the seal of the deanery of Bath, 27 January, 1428[-9]. 1429.

1643. *Process of the election of Thomas Tyler as abbot of Keynesham and of the confirmation thereof.*

On 16 February, 1455[-6], Master Thomas Merssh, bachelor in both laws, proctor of William Goodman, subprior, and the convent of Keynesham, appeared before the bishop sitting judicially in the chapel in Woky manor, and handed in his letter of procuracy (recited), dated 15 January, 1455[-6]. 1456.

After this had been read, the said proctor presented to the bishop Sir Thomas Tyler, the abbot-elect, and then handed in the decree of election and a certificate of the execution of the bishop's order as to citation, as follows:—

¹ Entered on a separate sheet of parchment inserted in the volume.

1456. (1) Decree of election by the subprior and convent, dated 6 February, 1455[-6], subscribed by John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that, on the resignation of Sir Walter Bekynsfeld, the late abbot, and after licence to elect a new abbot had been obtained from Humphrey, duke of Buckingham, founder and patron of the monastery, the following canons of the abbey, to wit Thomas Tyler, prior, William Goodman, subprior, Walter Bekynsfeld, John Yate, William Norton, William West, hosteler, William Rompney, keeper of the chapel of St. Anne, John Spaldyng, precentor, John Ledbury, sacristan, John Coterell, almoner, Robert Row, *sartarius*, Roger Hobbys, infirmarer, William Wodeward, rectorer, Thomas Montagu and John Graunt, assembled in the chapter-house on Saturday, 3 January, 1455[-6], and debated the date of the election; that at last Thomas Tyler, prior, with the assent of the convent, fixed the following Friday, 9 January, and decreed that William Chiew and all the other absent canons should be cited to attend on that day; that thereupon the said prior and convent caused Nicholas Poye, John Kyngton, Richard Marchal and the said William Chiew, absent canons, to be publicly cited in the stalls of the choir and at the door of the chapter-house by John Spaldyng, their fellow-canon; that on the following Friday, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, those present on the former occasion assembled in the chapter-house, where the word of God was publicly propounded by Master John Pope, S.T.P., the hymn *Veni Creator* was sung, and the cause of their assembling was declared by Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws; that thereupon the names of the canons were read, after which the said Master Hugh caused John Lovekok, Nicholas Poye, John Kyngton, Richard Marchall and William Chiew, who were not present, to be summoned by proclamation at the door of the chapter-house, and on their non-appearance decreed that the election should proceed; that thereupon the licence to elect was read and the prior publicly admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, as well as all others who ought not to be present, to withdraw, after which no one remained beyond those who were present on the first occasion, except the

following, to wit Master Hugh Sugar to direct the convent and inform them as to the ways of election, John Touker to reduce the acts of the election to writing and draw up the necessary instruments, and Master John Pope, Sir Richard Whitwode, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Keynesham, John Dygon, Robert Hurst and Nicholas Collys, clerks, to bear witness to what should be done at the election ; that thereupon, after the chapter *Quia propter* had been read and expounded by Master Hugh Sugar, and the several ways and forms described therein had been declared, straightway the said Walter Bekynsfeld, without any intervening discussion as to the person to be elected, nominated as abbot Thomas Tyler, the prior, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and learning, whereupon, without any interval, the remainder of the canons then present unanimously and, as they firmly believe, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, elected the said Thomas as abbot and empowered William Goodman, the subprior, to elect him in common in the name of the whole convent, which the said subprior did ; that thereupon those present, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore the abbot-elect to the high altar, and caused his election to be announced to clergy and people by the subprior, and then, returning to the chapter-house, appointed John Ledbury and John Coterell as their proctors to intimate to the abbot-elect his election, and obtain his assent thereto ; and that about the twelfth hour of the day the said proctors repaired to the abbot-elect in the chapel or oratory of the chamber appointed for the use of the prior and prayed his consent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted about the third hour of the day.

(2) Certificate by Hugh Garnet, literate, as to the execution of the bishop's mandate to him and to John Ingram, the bishop's apparitor, and Thomas Payne, literate, to cite all opponents of the election to appear before the bishop or his commissary in the chapel in Woky manor on 16 February.

After the said decree and certificate had been read, the said proctor (Master Thomas MerSSH) prayed that all objectors to the election might be summoned by proclamation in the bishop's presence, and afterwards at the doors of the chapel, which was done by Thomas Smyth, the bishop's apparitor-general, but

1456. with no result; whereupon the bishop precluded all objectors from making any further objections or allegations, and decreed that the business of the election should proceed.

Thereupon the proctor handed in certain articles extracted from the decree of election (the articles are twenty-two in number and set out the successive stages of the election as given in the above decree) and offered to prove the same. In proof thereof he produced (1) letters of Humphrey, duke of Buckingham, earl of Hereford, Stafford and Northampton, dated 16 December, 34 Henry VI, granting to the prior and convent licence to elect an abbot; (2) letters of the same to the bishop, dated at London, 25 January, 34 Henry VI, notifying him of his patronal consent to the election of Sir Thomas Tyler as abbot; and (3) a notarial instrument signed and subscribed by John Dygon, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that on 6 December, 1455, Walter Bekynsfeld freely and absolutely resigned his abbacy into the bishop's hands, and that his resignation was admitted by Master John Stokes, the bishop's commissary-general, in the presence of Thomas Tyler, William West, William Goodman and John Spaldyng, canons of the abbey. He also produced as witnesses to the truth of the said articles John Coterell and William Rompney, canons of the abbey, Adam Brytton of Keynesham, and William Townesende of Bytton in the diocese of Worcester. The examination of these witnesses was committed by the bishop to Master John Stokys, commissary-general; and, after they had been examined, their depositions and the above muniments and letters were published.

Thereupon the bishop, after diligently scrutinising the whole process of the election, pronounced sentence of confirmation thereof (recited), and the abbot-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited), including an oath to observe and secure the observance of the injunctions laid on the abbey by the bishop in his late visitation as ordinary, as well as any future injunctions which might be made by the bishop's authority.

Then the bishop admitted the abbot-elect and confirmed to a kiss, gave orders for his induction and installation (recited), and blessed him.

The abbot then took another oath of obedience and subjection (recited), and the bishop issued letters *de intendendo* to the subprior and convent (recited), and letters testimonial touching the confirmation of the election (recited). 'J. TOUKER.' 1456.

1644. *Process of the election of Dan Walter More as abbot of Glastonbury.*

On 10 May, 1456, in the chapel in Wells palace, Richard Touker, notary-public, proctor of Thomas Pole, prior, and the convent or chapter of Glastonbury, appeared before the bishop sitting there judicially and handed in his letters of procuracy, as follows :—

Appointment by the prior and convent of William Lydford, Thomas Glastynbury, Robert Nuton and William Frampton, their fellow-monks, Master Thomas Mark, bachelor in laws, Thomas Kenegey, proctor-general of the court of Canterbury, and Richard Touker and Thomas Hawkyns, notaries-public, as their attorneys to obtain confirmation of the election of Walter More, their fellow-monk, as abbot. The chapter-house, 9 May, 1456.

Then the said proctor notified the bishop of the election of Dan Walter More as abbot, and handed in the decree of election, as follows :—

Decree of the election by Thomas Pole, prior, and the convent of Glastonbury, subscribed by Robert Kent, bachelor in laws, of the diocese of Canterbury, Thomas Haukyn, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Thomas Mark, clerk, of the same diocese, notaries-public, testifying that on the death of Nicholas Frome, the late abbot, on 24 April last, and after his burial in the conventual church, the prior and convent, after obtaining the king's licence to elect a successor, met together in the chapter-house on 4 May, and fixed the following Friday, 7 May, as the date of the election, decreeing that all who had a right or interest in the election should be cited for that day; that on the said 7 May, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost at the high altar, the following brethren having a voice in the election, to wit Thomas Pole, prior, Thomas Barton, John Bradford, William Leusham, precentor, Thomas Haselgrove, refectorer, John Kensek, John Totford, master of the

1456. school, John Codworth, almoner, David Landaff, subprior, William Ludford, steward, Thomas Elmere, *medarius*, Thomas Braban, John Peryton, chamberlain, Walter More, sacristan, William Innocent, infirmarer, Henry Canon, gardener, John Russel, keeper of the order, John Brygge, hosteler, William Rendall, succentor, Thomas Clerk, kitchen steward (*coquinarius*), Walter Nony, sub-almoner, John Wedmore, keeper of the chapel of St. Mary, Henry Bourne, Thomas Glastenbury, cellarer of the hall, William Bedmyster, Thomas Comer, William Cleve, arch-deacon, Robert Newton, keeper of the anniversary, John Selwode, receiver (*receptor*), Thomas Gloucestre, Thomas Paulett, Thomas Daperville, third prior, William Frampton, treasurer, John Mylverton, John Lambrok, John Crosse, John Sutton, John Wellyngton, John Congesbury, William Pederton, Thomas Toryton, John Bodmyn, Walter Rusteley, John Sant, John Tanton, Thomas Excetre, Thomas Worspyng and Edward Marche,—there being no others having a voice in the election except the under-mentioned John Grenehurst,—met together in the chapter-house and asked the following to remain with them, to wit Master Hugh Sugar, Master John Morton and Master John Lylleford, doctors of laws, as counsellors and directors, Robert Kent and Thomas Mark, bachelors in laws and notaries-public, and Thomas Haukyn, notary-public, as scribes, and Nicholas Collys, James Aas and William Skyppewith, clerks, as witnesses; that on reading the names of the brethren John Peryton appeared as proctor of John Grenehurst, who was sick in the infirmary; that, after the hymn *Veni Creator* had been sung and the king's licence to elect, dated 30 April, 34 Henry VI. (recited),¹ had been read, the prior admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, and all others having no right to take part in the election, to withdraw; that thereupon, after Sir Nicholas Bourton, chaplain, had produced a certificate under the seal of the official of the peculiar jurisdiction of Westlydford, dated 7 May, witnessing that in pursuance of the prior and convent's orders he had personally cited all the brethren individually on 4 and 5 May to be present at the election, and after all persons claiming a voice in the election had repeatedly

¹ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452-61, p. 281.

been cited in the chapter-house and summoned by proclamation at the door thereof, with no result, the prior, with the assent of the chapter, decreed that the election should proceed ; that thereupon, after Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, had read the constitution *Quia propter* and expounded the forms of election contained therein, the prior and convent, after deliberation, decided to proceed by the form of delegation (*compromissi*), and appointed nine brethren, to wit Walter More, Robert Newton, Thomas Daperville, Thomas Haselgrove, John Totford, John Codworth, Thomas Glastonbury, John Selwode and William Frampton, as delegates, giving them power, until the hour of chapter of the following day only, to nominate, either unanimately or by a majority of votes, one of themselves or some other member of the monastery for election as abbot, and then to appoint one of their number to elect the said nominee in common, on behalf of the delegates and the whole chapter ; that the said delegates thereupon withdrew to the lower part of the chapter-house, and there, after debating the matter privately, nominated Walter More as abbot, acting unanimously, except for the said Walter himself, and appointed Robert Newton to elect him in common ; that they then returned whence they came, and Robert Newton elected the abbot in common on behalf of himself, the other delegates and the whole chapter ; that the prior and the other brethren thereupon authorised John Crosse publicly to announce the said election to clergy and people, and then, singing the *Te Deum*, bore the abbot-elect to the high altar ; that John Crosse then made his announcement in the vulgar tongue ; that the prior and certain of the brethren then met together in the chapter-house and appointed William Leuesham and John Codworth as their proctors to intimate to the abbot-elect his election, and obtain his consent thereto ; and that the said proctors thereupon repaired to him in the prior's upper chamber and prayed his consent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted.

After the reading of the said decree of election, the said proctor (Richard Touker) prayed that all objectors to the election might be cited to appear in the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Glastonbury, on Saturday next ; which was done.

1456. Then the bishop, at the petition of the said proctor, issued a commission to Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, and Master Luke Laucok, doctor of decrees, as follows :—

Commission to them to examine and discuss the election, either in the bishop's diocese or, if necessary, in the diocese of London, after first obtaining the consent of Thomas, bishop of London, and to confirm the same, if found canonical. Wells palace, 12 May, 1456.

On 15 May, the said proctor appeared before Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, the bishop's chancellor and commissary, as he sat before the tribunal in the said parish church of St. John, and produced the decree of election and also a certificate of the execution of the citation of objectors referred to above. After the certificate had been read, the commissary caused all objectors to the election to be summoned by proclamation in the said church and at the door thereof by Thomas Smyth, his mandatory, but with no result ; whereupon he precluded all objectors from raising any further objections, and decreed that the election should proceed.

Thereupon the proctor exhibited a summary petition and certain articles extracted from the decree of election (the articles are twenty-eight in number and set out the successive stages of the election as given in the decree of election), and offered to prove the same. In proof thereof he produced the king's licence to elect and six witnesses, to wit John Codworth, David Landaff and William Innocent, monks of the monastery, and Thomas More, William Haket and William Frye, laymen, of the parish of Pylton. The commissary admitted the said witnesses and caused them to be sworn on the Gospels ; and then, with the consent of the said proctor, prorogued the business of the election until Thursday in Whitsun week next in the conventual church of St. Bartholomew by Smythfeld, London, having first obtained the licence of Thomas, bishop of London. Subsequently, he privately examined the six witnesses one by one, and caused their depositions to be put into writing.

On the aforesaid Thursday, to wit 20 May, the said proctor appeared before the commissary as he sat before the tribunal in the said church of St. Bartholomew, and produced the following instruments :—

(1) Licence by Thomas, bishop of London, for the business of the confirmation of the election to be carried on in the city or diocese of London. Orset, 14 May, 1456. 1456.

(2) Consent by Henry VI. to the election of Walter More as abbot. Westminster, 13 May, 34 Hen. VI.¹

After these had been read, the proctor demanded that the depositions of the witnesses should be published; which was done. Then he exhibited by word of mouth all the acts, exhibits and depositions in the business, and prayed that the matter might be brought to a conclusion; which was done. Then he demanded sentence of confirmation; and the commissary, after scrutinising the whole process of the election, pronounced sentence of confirmation in accordance with the form of a paper schedule which he held in his hand (recited). Thereupon, the abbot-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited).

Subsequently, the bishop sent to the king a certificate of the confirmation of the election (recited), dated in Wells palace, 22 May, 1456.

He also sent letters patent (1) to the abbot-elect and confirmed testifying to the confirmation of his election, (2) to the arch-deacon of Wells ordering the induction and installation of the abbot, and (3) to the prior and convent ordering them to obey the abbot.

Subsequently, on Sunday, 30 May, the abbot-elect and confirmed, during mass in the chapel in Wells palace, made a public profession or oath of obedience to the bishop (recited), reading from a parchment schedule which he held in his hands. He then signed the schedule with the sign of the cross and delivered it to the bishop.

Thereupon, the bishop blessed the abbot and handed him a pastoral staff, in the presence of Master Nicholas Carent, dean of Wells, John Trevenaunt, provost of Wells, John Wansford and John Morton, residentiary canons of Wells, William Lydford, David Landaff, John Russel, Robert Newton, and William Frampton, monks of Glastonbury, and many others.

¹ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452-61, p. 281.

1456. 1645. *Process on confirmation of the election of Dan John Selwode as abbot of Glastonbury.*

On 29 November, 1456, Master Thomas Merssh, canon of Wells, proctor of Thomas Pole, the prior, and the convent of Glastonbury, appeared before the bishop as he sat before the tribunal in the chapel in the manor of Wells, and exhibited his letters of procuration and the decree of election.

Then Thomas Smyth, the bishop's apparitor-general, appeared before the bishop and handed in a certificate of the execution of the bishop's order to him and others to cite all objectors to the election. After this had been read, public proclamation was made, first in the bishop's presence and then at the doors of the chapel, calling upon all objectors to propound their objections then and there; and, as no objector appeared, the bishop precluded all persons from making any objections in future.

Then the aforesaid proctor handed in certain articles extracted from the decree of election, and offered to prove the same; and in proof thereof handed in the aforesaid decree of election as follows:—

Decree of election by Thomas Pole, prior, and the convent or chapter of Glastonbury, dated 17 November and subscribed by Robert Kent, bachelor in laws, of the diocese of Canterbury, notary-public, testifying that on the death of Walter More, the late abbot, on 22 October last, and after his burial in the conventual church, the prior and convent, after obtaining the king's licence to elect a new abbot, met together in the chapter-house on 12 November, 1456, and fixed Saturday, 13 November, as the date for celebrating the election, and admonished all the brethren then present to appear on that day; that on the said 13 November, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost at the high altar, the following brethren, to wit Thomas Poole, prior, Thomas Barton, John Bradford, William Leuesham, precentor, Thomas Haselgrove, refectorer, John Kenseke, John Totford, subprior, John Codworth, sacristan, David Landaff, almoner, William Lydford, outer (*forinsecus*) cellarer, Thomas Elmor, *medarius*, Thomas Braban, keeper of the order, John Peryton, chamberlain, William Innocent, infirmarer, Henry Canon, gardener, John Russel, John Brygg, hosteler, William

Rendal, pittancer, Thomas Clerk, Walter Nony, John Wedmor, inner (*intrinsecus*) cellarer, Henry Bourne, third prior, William Bedmystre, treasurer, Thomas Comer, William Clyve, archdeacon, Robert Newton, kitchen steward, John Selwode, receiver (*receptor*), Thomas Glouceter, Thomas Paulet, succentor, Thomas Daperville, William Frampton, John Mylverton, John Lambrok, John Crosse, John Sutton, John Welyngton, John Congesbury, William Pederton, Thomas Toryton, John Bodmyn, Walter Rustley, John Sant, John Tanton, Thomas Excetre, Thomas Worspryng, Edward Marche, Henry Langley and Robert Cammel, —there being no others having a voice in the election,—met together in the chapter-house, and, after the word of God had been expounded by John Crosse and the names of the monks had been read aloud, chose the following persons to remain with them, to wit Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, as their counsellor and director, Master Robert Kent, bachelor in laws, and Thomas Haukyn, notaries-public, as scribes, and Nicholas Collys and James Aas, clerks, as witnesses; that, after the hymn *Veni Creator* had been sung and the king's licence to elect dated 7 November, 35 Henry VI. (recited)¹ had been read, the prior admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, and all others having no right to take part in the election, to withdraw; that thereupon, after Master Hugh Sugar had read the constitution beginning *Quia propter* and expounded the forms of election contained therein, the prior and convent, after deliberation, decided to proceed by the form of simple delegation (*compromissi*) and appointed Robert Newton and John Selwode as delegates, giving them, and seven other brethren to be nominated by them, full power during the whole of that day to nominate one of themselves or some other member of the monastery for election as abbot; that thereupon the said Robert and John reported to the prior and chapter that they could not agree on the seven brethren to be nominated by them, and therefore resigned their powers; that the prior and convent then decided to proceed by way of scrutiny, and nominated Robert Newton, John Selwode and William Frampton as scrutators, giving them power to ascertain secretly and individually,

¹ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452–61, p. 330.

1456. in the presence of a notary and witnesses, first of all the votes of themselves and then the votes of the remainder of the brethren, and to commit the said votes to writing and then announce them in the chapter-house to the prior and convent in common ; that the said scrutators then withdrew to a corner of the chapter-house, and proceeded to count the votes, but before the votes had been announced the prior and convent of their own accord withdrew from the way of scrutiny and unanimously appointed Thomas Haselgrove, John Totford, John Codworth, Thomas Elmore, William Clyve, Thomas Daperville and John Crosse as delegates, giving them power, until the ninth hour of the following Monday, unanimously or by a majority, to nominate one of themselves or some other member of the monastery for election as abbot ; that the prior and chapter then adjourned the business of the election until Monday, 15 November, at the eighth hour ; that on the said Monday the seven delegates appeared before the prior and chapter and publicly stated that they had had no communication among themselves as to the person to be nominated and were unwilling to proceed further by such way of delegation ; that thereupon the prior and chapter revoked the power granted to them, and debated by what way they should now proceed ; that at last they unanimously decided to proceed by way of limited or determinate delegation in accordance with the chapter *Cum expediat*,¹ *de electione lib. j. vj°.*, and appointed William Clyve, Thomas Daperville and William Frampton as delegates, giving them power to ascertain secretly and individually, in the presence of a notary and witnesses, first of all their own votes, and then the votes of the rest of the brethren, and to put the same in writing and announce them publicly, after which one of them should elect as abbot, in the name of the whole convent or chapter, the person receiving the majority of votes ; that the said delegates then withdrew to a corner of the chapter-house and carried out their commission as follows, to wit first of all each of them in succession was adjured by his two colleagues to vote for an abbot, and each voted for John Selwode, whereupon the remaining brethren in succession were similarly adjured by the three delegates, and

¹ *Sexti decretal*, I, vi, 29.

all the brethren (as enumerated ¹) similarly voted for John Selwode, except John Selwode himself, who voted for Robert Newton; that thereupon, after the votes had been put in writing, William Clyve, one of the delegates or scrutators, was commissioned by his two colleagues to announce the votes to the prior and chapter in the chapter-house and make the requisite comparison of them, and Thomas Daperville, another delegate, was commissioned by his two colleagues to elect as abbot, on behalf of the whole chapter, that person who should receive the majority of votes; that the delegates then returned to the prior and the rest of the brethren, and William Clyve announced that of the forty-eight monks of the abbey who were present and had a voice in the election forty-seven had voted for John Selwode, whereupon Thomas Daperville elected the said John as abbot (deed of election recited); that the prior and brethren then authorised William Frampton to announce the said election to clergy and people, after which, chanting the *Te Deum*, they bore the abbot-elect to the high altar; that William Frampton then made his announcement of the election; that the prior and many of the brethren then met together in the chapter-house and appointed William Leuesham, John Totford and John Codworth as their proctors to obtain the consent of the abbot-elect to his election; and that about the eleventh hour the said proctors repaired to the abbot in a chapel in the prior's inn and prayed his consent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted (deed of consent recited).

The above-mentioned proctor then produced certain witnesses, who were sworn and examined and their depositions published.

Thereupon, after the proctor had exhibited all the acts etc. concerning the election, the bishop proceeded to pronounce sentence of confirmation thereof (recited).

Then the abbot elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited), and the bishop admitted him to a kiss.

On the following day, 30 November, during high mass, the bishop blessed the abbot, and the abbot made a public profession

¹ Five of the monks mentioned in the earlier part of the entry are not mentioned here.

1456. of obedience to the bishop (recited), reading from a parchment schedule which he held in his hands and afterwards signed with the sign of the cross.¹

1457. 1646. *Election of Thomas Thornbury as prior of Berlich.*

On 19 February, 1456[-7], in the parish church of Bradford, Master John Stokes, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary in the matter of the confirmation of the election of Thomas Thornbury, canon regular of the priory of Berlich, as prior thereof, after examining and discussing all the merits and circumstances of the election and scrutinising the whole process thereof, proceeded to pronounce sentence of confirmation (recited), reading from a paper schedule which he held in his hands.

Instruments recited :—

(1) Commission by the bishop to the prior of Taunton and Master John Stokys, the bishop's commissary-general, to examine the process of the election and confirm it if found canonical ; the bishop having caused all objectors to the election to be cited to appear at a certain day and place, but being unable to proceed further in the matter in person. Banwel, 13 February, 1456[-7].

(2) Decree of election by John Hampton, the subprior, and the convent of Berlich, dated 10 February, 1456[-7], and subscribed by John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that on the death of Thomas Bury, the late prior, on 23 January, 1456[-7], and after his burial in the conventual church on 25 January, the subprior and the following canons of the priory, to wit John Holcomb, Robert Cruken, Thomas Taunton, precentor, Thomas Thornbury, cellarer, Hugh Hunt, refectorer, and William Rede, sacristan, assembled in the chapter-house on Tuesday, 1 February, and fixed Saturday, 5 February, as the day for celebrating the election of a new prior, there being no others besides the above brethren who could claim any voice in the election ; that on the said

¹ The royal assent is dated 24 November, and the order for the restitution of the temporalities is dated 7 December. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452-61, pp. 330-1.

1457.
Saturday, after celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, the subprior and the above brethren met in the chapter-house, and, after the word of God had been expounded to them in the vulgar tongue and the hymn *Veni Creator* had been sung, excluded all except themselves and certain persons whom they retained as necessary in the act of election, and appointed the subprior as their proctor to admonish all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, and all others having no right to take part in the election, to withdraw, which the said subprior did (admonition recited); that thereupon, after Master John Stokes, bachelor in decrees, had read the constitution *Quia propter* and declared the forms thereof, the subprior and convent, without any discussion as to the person to be elected, there and then, by divine grace from above and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, as they firmly believe, unanimously and with one voice elected Thomas Thornbury, their fellow-canon, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and learning, to be their prior, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore him to the high altar, where the customary prayers were said over him by the subprior, and then ordered Thomas Taunton to announce the election to clergy and people in the vulgar tongue; that immediately afterwards John Hampton, Robert Crukern, Hugh Hunt and William Rede assembled in chapter in the chapter-house and appointed John Holcomb and Thomas Taunton as their proctors to obtain the consent of the prior-elect to his election; and that about the eleventh hour the said proctors repaired to the prior in an upper chamber commonly called the infirmary chamber and prayed his consent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted about the first hour after mid-day (deed of consent recited). There were present with the subprior and brethren at the proceedings on 1 January (*recte* February) John Lewis and John Dygon, clerks, notaries-public, and at the proceedings on 5 February Master Thomas Pay, bachelor in decrees, Master Thomas Overay, bachelor in laws, the aforesaid John Lewis and John Dygon, of the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Llandaff, and John Touker, notary-public, as scribe.

Afterwards the prior-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience and received letters testimonial of his election,

1457. letters to the archdeacon of Taunton for his installation, and letters to the subprior and convent for obedience to be rendered to him. Present, the prior of Taunton, Master Thomas Overay, official of the archdeacon of Taunton, and John Touker and John Lewis, notaries-public.

1647. *Confirmation of the election of John Holford as master of the hospital of St. John, Bruggewater: an election by way of scrutiny.*

On Tuesday after Palm Sunday, 12 April, 1457, in the chapel in Woky manor, the bishop, on presentation to him of the election of John Holford, brother of the said hospital, as master thereof,—the said master-elect being present in person—and after the muniments, documents and proofs of the election had been produced before him, proceeded to pronounce sentence of confirmation (recited). Thereupon the master-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical subjection and obedience (recited), and then received letters of confirmation of his election, letters to the archdeacon of Taunton for his induction and installation, and letters to the president and convent of the hospital for obedience to be rendered to him.

Instruments recited:—

(1) Decree of election by Roger Cory, president, and the chapter of the hospital, dated 7 April, 1457, and subscribed by John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that on the resignation of the aforesaid Roger Cory, the last master, after licence to elect a new master had been obtained from Richard, duke of York, earl of Ulster, lord of Wigmore and Clare, and William, lord la Zouche and Saymour, founders and patrons of the hospital, John Holford, the then president of the convent and hospital, and the following brethren of the hospital, to wit Roger Cory, William Radewel, John Croyel, Edward Chauntrell, Roger Parys, Ellis Bertram, John Gyles and John Wemdon, assembled in the chapter-house on Monday, 28 March, 1457, and John Holford, with the assent of the others, fixed Monday, 4 April, as the day of the election, peremptorily admonishing all the brethren then present to attend on that day; after which the said John Holford and the rest

of the brethren present caused John Bevice, Walter Norman and John Spencer, brethren professed in the hospital who were absent and apostate, and all others having a voice in the election, to be publicly cited and warned to be present on the said day ; that on the said 4 April, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, the aforesaid president and brethren assembled in chapter in the chapter-house, and, after the word of God had been expounded to them in Latin and the hymn *Veni Creator* had been sung, chose the following persons to remain with them, to wit Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, as their counsellor and director, Master John Touker, notary-public, as their scribe, and Masters Robert Wode, licentiate in decrees, Thomas Overay, bachelor in decrees, John Lewis, John Dygon and Nicholas Collys, notaries-public, as witnesses ; that thereupon the president and convent caused John Bevice, Walter Norman and John Spencer, who were not present, to be publicly summoned by proclamation at the door of the chapter-house and in the choir of the church, but without result, whereupon the president pronounced them contumacious and decreed that the election should proceed in their absence (decree recited) ; that thereupon, after the licences to elect had been read, the president admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, and any others who ought not to be present, to withdraw (admonition recited) ; that thereupon, after Master Hugh Sugar had read the constitution *Quia propter* and declared the ways and forms of election described therein, the president and brethren, after deliberation, decided to proceed by way of scrutiny, and elected and nominated John Holford, John Croyel and Edward Chauntrel as scrutators, giving them power to ascertain secretly and individually, in the presence of a notary and witnesses, first of all their own votes and then the votes of the rest of the brethren, and to commit the votes to writing and straightway announce them publicly in common and make the requisite comparison (*collatio*) of them,—or else for Edward Chauntrel to make the said publication and comparison with the assent of his colleagues,—and then for the said Edward Chauntrel, in the name of himself, his fellow-scrutators, and the whole chapter or convent, to elect as master of the hospital

1457. that person who should receive the majority of votes ; that the said scrutators then went apart from the rest of the brethren, taking with them a notary and witnesses, and carried out their commission as follows, to wit first of all each of them in succession was required by his two colleagues to vote for a master, with the result that John Holford voted for Roger Cory, John Croyel for Thomas Ile, prior or master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, and Edward Chauntrell for John Holford, and then the remaining brethren were similarly required to vote, with the result that Roger Cory, William Rodewel, John Gyles and John Wemdon voted for John Holford, and Roger Parys and Ellis Bertram for Thomas Ile ; that thereupon, after the votes had been put in writing, Edward Chauntrel, with the assent of his fellow-scrutators, announced and read them to the chapter, and then made the requisite comparison of them (recited), adding that John Holford was nominated not only by the larger but by the sounder (*sanior*) part of the convent, since William Rodewel and Roger Cory, who voted for him, were the eldest of the brethren, and Roger Cory had lately been master of the hospital, and moreover all the five who voted for him were far more zealous for the good of the hospital than the three who voted for Thomas Ile ; that thereupon the said Edward, on behalf of himself and his fellow-scrutators and the whole chapter or convent, elected John Holford as master (deed of election recited) ; that thereupon the president and the rest of the brethren authorised John Wemdon to announce the said election to clergy and people in the vulgar tongue, and appointed John Gyles as their proctor to obtain the consent of the master-elect to his election, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore the master-elect to the high altar, where John Wemdon made his announcement ; and that about the first hour of the same day John Gyles repaired to the master-elect in a parlour on the west side of the cloister and prayed his consent to the election, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted about the third hour after mid-day (deed of consent recited). 7 April, 1457.

(2) Licence by William, lord la Zouche and Seymour, for the president and chapter of the hospital to elect a master in the room of Roger Cory, resigned. 14 March, 35 Hen. VI.

(3) Similar licence by Richard, duke of York, earl of Ulster, lord of Wigmore and Clare. 15 March, 35 Hen. VI. 1457.

1648. *Confirmation of the election of Dan Robert Hylle, monk of Athelneye, as abbot.*

On 11 March, 1457[-8], in the chapel in Woky manor, the bishop, on presentation to him of the decree of election of the said Robert as abbot,—the abbot-elect being present in person,—and on production to him of certain muniments and documents concerning the election, proceeded to pronounce sentence of confirmation (recited). Thereupon the abbot-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited), swearing especially to observe and secure the observance of the injunctions lately laid on the abbey by the bishop in his late visitation as ordinary, and any similar future injunctions, and the bishop wrote letters to the archdeacon of Taunton for the induction and installation of the abbot, and letters to the prior and convent ordering them to obey him. 1458.

On the following day, to wit Sunday the feast of St. Gregory the Pope, 12 March, 1457[-8], during mass in the said chapel, the abbot-elect and confirmed made and read a profession or oath of obedience (recited), which he subscribed with his own hand, making the sign of the cross, whereupon the bishop blessed him and handed to him a pastoral staff. 'JOHN TOUKER.'

Instrument recited:—

Decree of election by William Burnel, the prior, and the convent of Athelneye, dated 28 February, 1457[-8], and subscribed by John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that on the death of Dan John Pederton, the late abbot, on 10 February last, and after his burial in the conventual church on 11 February, the prior and the following monks, to wit William Criche, subprior, John Punne, precentor, John Corwyl, *sartarius*, John Laurence, kitchen steward (*coquinarius*), John Bokelond, Robert Hylle, steward, William Wylkys and Thomas Braye, after obtaining from the king the necessary licence to elect a new abbot,¹ met in chapter in the chapter-house on Tuesday, 21 February, and appointed the following Monday,

¹ 15 February. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452-61, p. 417.

1458. 27 February, as the day of the election, there being no others in the convent who could claim a voice in the election, after which they caused Thomas Henton and John Braye, brethren professed in the monastery who were absent and apostate, and all others having a voice in the election, to be publicly cited and warned to be present on that day; that on the said 27 February, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, the above-mentioned prior and brethren assembled in the chapter-house, where, after the chanting of the hymn *Veni Creator* and the withdrawal of all persons except those having a voice in the election and certain others retained as necessary in the act of election, the names of the brethren were read, and Thomas Henton and John Braye, who were not present, were summoned by proclamation at the door of the chapter-house, but without result, whereupon the prior pronounced them contumacious and decreed that the election should proceed in their absence; that thereupon the king's licence to elect was read and the prior publicly admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, as well as all others who ought not to be present, to withdraw; that thereupon, after the constitution *Quia propter* had been read by Master John Stokys, bachelor in decrees, who was retained to direct the business of the election, the prior and convent, without any intervening discussion as to the person to be elected, there and then, by divine grace and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, as they firmly believe, unanimously and with one voice assumed and elected Dan Robert Hylle, their fellow-monk, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and learning, to be their abbot, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, carried him to the high altar, and caused his election to be announced to clergy and people in the vulgar tongue by Dan John Punne; that thereupon the prior, William Criche, John Punne, William Wylkys and Thomas Braye returned to the chapter-house and appointed Dan John Corwel and Dan John Bokelond as their proctors to obtain the assent of the abbot-elect to his election; and that about the eleventh hour of the day the said proctors repaired to him in an upper chamber commonly called the prior's chamber and prayed his assent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he

granted about the second hour after mid-day (deed of consent recited).¹ 1458.

There were present at the above proceedings on 21 February Sir Thomas Atwode, chaplain, and John Walter, literate, and on 27 February Master Thomas Overay, and Master Thomas Marke, bachelors in laws, and John Lewis, notary-public, of the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Llandaff.

1649. *Confirmation of the election of John Gurman as prior of Worspryng.*

On 14 April, 1458, in the conventual church of the priory of Worspryng, Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, the bishop's commissary in the matter of the confirmation of the election of John Gurman, canon of the priory of Worspryng, as prior thereof (commission recited, dated in Wells palace, 12 April, 1458), after examining and discussing the merits and circumstances of the election and scrutinising the whole process thereof, confirmed the election (sentence of confirmation recited).

Then the prior-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical subjection and obedience (recited), and received letters to the archdeacon of Wells for his installation and induction, and to the subprior and convent for obedience to be rendered to him.

Present, Master John Middleton, official of the archdeacon of Wells, Richard Touker and Nicholas Collys, notaries-public, Thomas Michel, chaplain, of the dioceses of Bath and Wells and Lincoln, and John Touker, notary-public and scribe of the acts.

Instrument recited :—

Decree of election by Richard Lush, subprior, and the convent of Worspryng, dated 12 April, 1458, and subscribed by Nicholas Collys, clerk, of the diocese of Lincoln, and John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notaries-public, testifying that on the death of William Lusche, the late prior, on 11 March last, and after his burial in the conventual church, the subprior together with his society (*persona*) assembled in the chapter-house on 24 March and appointed Thursday, 6 April, as the date

¹ The royal assent is dated 4 March, and the order for the restitution of the temporalities is dated 11 March. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1452-61, pp. 417-18.

1458. of the election of a new prior ; that on the said 6 April, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost at the high altar, the following canons, to wit the subprior, John Gurman, John Blake, Henry Benet, David Tayllour and Nicholas Wyly *alias* Weston,—there being then no other canons having a voice in the election,—assembled in the chapter-house, where, after the word of God had been propounded by William Holcot, a Carmelite Friar of Bristol, and after the names of all the canons had been read over, they chose the following persons to remain with them, to wit Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, as their counsellor and director in the business of the election, Master Nicholas Collys, notary-public, as scribe, and Master John Catour, notary-public, Friar William Holcot, Thomas Somer and Thomas Edwyn, canons of the priory not professed, as witnesses ; that thereupon, after the chanting of the hymn *Veni Creator*, the subprior, with the assent of the rest of the chapter, admonished all suspended, excommunicated and interdicted persons, and all others who ought not to be present at the election, to withdraw (admonition recited) ; that thereupon, after Master Hugh Sugar had read the constitution *Quia propter* and expounded the forms of election contained therein, the subprior and chapter, after debate, unanimously decided to proceed by way of delegation, and appointed the bishop as delegate, with power to elect one of themselves as prior before St. Mark's day, to wit 25 April next, and appointed John Gurman and John Blake as their proctors to request the bishop to act as delegate ; that on 8 April the bishop undertook to act, and then elected John Gurman as prior (deed of election recited) ; that on 12 April, after the bishop's notification of the election (notification recited, dated in Wells palace, 10 April), had been read in the chapter-house, the subprior and chapter, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore the prior-elect to the high altar, where his election was announced to clergy and people in the vulgar tongue by John Blake ; that the subprior and convent then returned to the chapter-house and authorised John Blake to obtain the assent of the prior-elect to his election ; and that about the seventh hour before mid-day the said John repaired to the prior-elect in the presence of Master Nicholas Collys, Thomas Somer and Thomas Edwyn,

witnesses, and prayed his consent, which he at length granted 1458.
(deed of consent recited).

1650. *Confirmation of the election of Dan Thomas Pipe as abbot of Mochelneye.*

On 3 October, 1463, in the chapel in Banwell manor, the 1463.
bishop, on presentation to him of the decree of election of Dan Thomas Pipe, monk of Mochelneye, as abbot thereof,—the abbot-elect being present in person,—and on production to him of certain muniments and documents concerning the election, proceeded to pronounce sentence of confirmation (recited). After which the abbot-elect and confirmed took the oath of canonical obedience (recited), and the bishop ordered letters to be written to the archdeacon of Wells for his induction, and to the subprior and convent for obedience to be rendered to him, as well as letters testimonial of the election to the king (recited, dated as above).

Instrument recited :—

Deed of election by Thomas Cory, subprior, and the convent of Mochelneye, dated 28 September, 1463, and subscribed by John Touker, clerk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, notary-public, testifying that on the death of John Cherde, the late abbot, on 10 September, 1463, and after his burial in the conventual church on 13 September, and after the king's licence to elect a new abbot had been obtained,¹ Dan Thomas Pipe, the prior, and the following monks, to wit Thomas Cory, subprior, William Mountagu, the elder, John Tyntenhull, John Pyke, Thomas Helyer, William Crokehorn, John Langport, John Bracy, John Michell, William Wyke, John Brygge, John Axbrug and John Rede, met together in the chapter-house on Monday, 19 September, and the prior, with the assent of the others, fixed the following Tuesday as the day of the election, and decreed that Thomas Lodam, William Mountagu, the younger, John Elvord and John Mason, who were formerly monks of the monastery but have long been apostates and vagabonds whose dwelling-places are unknown, as well as the monks and others having voices in the election who were not present in the chapter-house, should be admonished and cited to be present on that day,

¹ *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1461-67, p. 285.

1463. whereupon the prior and convent appointed William Crokehorn to cite the said apostates accordingly ; that on the said Tuesday, 20 September, after the celebration of mass of the Holy Ghost in the choir, the prior and the following brethren, to wit Thomas Cory, subprior, William Mountagu, the elder, John Tyntenhill, steward, John Pike, precentor, Thomas Helyer, William Crokehorn, kitchen steward (*coquinarius*), John Langport, John Bracy, almoner, John Michel, infirmarer, William Wyke, John Brigge, sub-sacristan, John Axbrug and John Rede, met together in the chapter-house, where, after the word of God had been pronounced by Master Robert Norys, bachelor in theology, and the hymn *Veni Creator* had been sung, they caused the reason of their meeting to be declared by Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, and the names of all the monks to be read aloud ; that William Crokehorn then certified that he had cited the apostate monks as ordered, whereupon the prior, with the assent of the others, caused them to be publicly summoned by proclamation at the door of the chapter-house, and, when they did not appear, pronounced them contumacious and decreed that the election should proceed in their absence ; that then, after the king's licence to elect had been read aloud, the prior, with the assent of the others, admonished all excommunicated, suspended and interdicted persons, and any others who ought not to be present at the election, to withdraw (admonition recited), after which no one remained except the aforesaid monks and the following persons who were asked to remain, to wit Master Hugh Sugar to direct the convent in the business of the election, John Touker, notary-public, to commit the acts of the election to writing and draw up the customary public instruments, and Master Robert Hurst, canon of Wells, and Master Robert Norys, bachelor in theology, as witnesses ; whereupon, after Master Hugh Sugar had read and expounded the chapter *Quia propter*, the subprior and convent, without any intervening discussion or communication as to the person to be elected, there and then, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, as they firmly believe, unanimously elected Thomas Pipe, the prior, bachelor in theology, a man well qualified by birth, age, orders, character and knowledge, to be their abbot, and then, chanting the *Te Deum*, bore him

to the high altar, and caused his election to be announced to clergy and people in the vulgar tongue by Thomas Cory, the subprior ; that the subprior and convent then met in the chapter-house and appointed John Pyke and William Crokehorn as their proctors to obtain the assent of the abbot-elect to his election ; and that about the second hour after midday the said proctors repaired to the abbot-elect in a chapel of the Virgin Mary commonly called the chapel of the infirmary, and prayed his assent, which, after an interval for deliberation, he granted about the fourth hour after mid-day (deed of assent recited). 1463.

Witnesses present at the proceedings on 19 September, Sir Thomas Mayow, perpetual vicar of the church of Mochelneye, and Sir William Tayllour, chaplain of the chantry of St. Katharine, Langport ; and on 20 February the aforesaid Master Robert Hurst and Master Robert Norys.

Subsequently, on 13 October, to wit the feast of St. Edward, King and Confessor, in the chapel in Banwell manor, the bishop blessed and confirmed the abbot-elect, and the abbot made and read an oath of obedience (recited) ; whereupon the bishop wrote letters to the dean and chapter of Wells for the induction of the abbot into possession of a canonry and the prebend of Ilmystre in Wells cathedral, which are annexed and appropriated to the monastery of Mochelneye (recited)

1651. *Process of the election or provision of John, bishop of Tenos, as master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells.*

On 21 August, 1462, in the choir of the conventual church of the hospital, Thomas Ile, prior or master of the hospital, resigned his office (resignation recited) in the presence of Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, the bishop's commissary, who accepted the resignation and granted licence for the convent of the hospital to proceed to the election of a new master or prior. Thereupon the prior and the following brethren professed in the hospital, to wit Stephen Compton, John Helier, William Drewe and Richard Coke, after the ways and forms of election had been expounded to them in accordance with the tenor of the chapter *Quia propter*, by the said Master Hugh, unanimously appointed the bishop as their delegate, giving him power to provide, 1462.

1462. nominate and elect in their behalf any suitable person as master or prior. Upon this, the bishop nominated, elected and provided John, bishop of Tenos, professed in the order of St. Augustine, a man well qualified by orders, age, character, knowledge and birth, and also licensed by apostolic dispensation to be elected master or prior of any regular order, to be master or prior of the said hospital, and caused letters testimonial of the election to be made for him (recited, dated in Banwell manor, 27 August, 1462). Thereupon the master-elect took the oath of canonical obedience, and also the oath to observe the statutes of the hospital, and the bishop issued letters to Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor, for his installation and induction as master, and to the convent of the hospital for obedience to be rendered to him.

ORDINATIONS.

1443. 1652. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in the parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on a Saturday of the four seasons,¹ to wit 21 December, 1443.

Subdeacons.

- Reynold Luky, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.
 John Repe, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.
 William Morys, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Shirbourn, same dioc.
 John Prynce, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.
 Richard Godard, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Margaret by Marleburgh.
 William Parker, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.
 John Durword, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Deacons.

- Nicholas Staunton, fellow of the new college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford, rector of Wychampton, Salisbury dioc.
 John Polstronk, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

¹ *Quatuor tempora jejunii* were the Ember-days at the four seasons of the year—spring, summer, autumn and winter. Maskell, *Monumenta Ritualia*, vol. iii, pp. cxxii, 158.

Thomas Coote, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney. 1443.
 Thomas Blakeford, tit. abbey of Shaftesbury.
 William Hore, of Hereford dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Flexley.
 John Forst, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.
 Richard Plommer, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 John Poseris, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.
 John Keynesham and Thomas Bath, monks of Bath priory.

1653. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in 1444.
 Bath cathedral, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*,¹
 to wit 26 March, 1444.

Acolytes.

John Castelyn and John Lauerens.
 Robert Boteler, Thomas Bradeford, Peter Twiverton and
 John Norton, monks of Bath priory.
 John Stevenes, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Harry, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.
 John Furneux, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.
 John Wodesende *alias* Clereoke, of Durham dioc., tit. abb.
 and conv. of Malmesbury.
 John Stevenes (as above).
 Robert Boteler and Thomas Bradford (as above).

Deacons.

Reynold Luky (as above).
 John Repe (as above).
 William Morys (as above).
 John Prynce (as above).
 Richard Godard (as above).
 John Durword (as above).
 William Parker (as above).

Priests.

John Polstronk (as above).
 Thomas Coote (as above).
 Thomas Blakeford (as above).
 William Hoore (as above *s.v.* Hore).

¹ *Sitientes venite ad aquas* (Isaiah lvi. 1) were the first four words of the introit for Saturday before Passion Sunday. Maskell, p. 158.

1444.

Nicholas Staunton (as above).

John Forst (as above).

John Poseris (as above).

John Keynesham and Thomas Bathe (as above).

Richard Plommer (as above).

1654. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Easter Saturday, to wit 11 April, 1444.

Acolytes.

Thomas Dun and Thomas Haselden.

Subdeacons.

Peter Burgeys, of the island of Garnesey, Coutances dioc.,
tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

John Bole, of Exeter dioc., vicar in Wells cathedral.

Thomas Halle, of Salisbury dioc., vicar in Wells cathedral.

Deacons.

Thomas Marssh, rector of Henton St. George.

Hugh Serle, of Salisbury dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the
Baptist, Wells.

Robert Cornewale, tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

John Mylys, vicar in Wells cathedral.

William Baker, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of
Cerne.

John Stevenes, of St. Davids dioc. (as above).

John Wytt and Thomas Wode, canons of St. Augustine's,
Bristol.

Priests.

William Tympany, of Salisbury dioc., tit. the college of St.
Mary of Winchester, Oxford.

William Parker (as above).

William Leye, of Salisbury dioc., tit. master of the hosp. of
St. Nicholas, same dioc.

John Repe (as above).

John Prynce (as above).

John Excestre, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

1655. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in the
parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on a Saturday of the four
seasons, to wit 6 June, 1444.

Acolytes.

1444.

John Symmes, John Sadler, John Bekynton and John Wellyknowe.

Maurice Fynne, Friar Preacher, of Salisbury dioc.

Deacons.

John Furneux (as above).

Thomas Halle (as above).

Thomas Cokeford, tit. abb. and conv. of Cleeve.

Robert Coke, tit. mon. of Athelney.

Roger Rygelyn, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. Mark, Bristol.

Priests.

William Salesbury, monk of Stanley, Salisbury dioc.

Walter Huntworth, Robert Ilmestre and Thomas Bruggewater, monks of Forde.

Robert Cornewale (as above).

John Stevenes (as above).

John Huchyns, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

Cornelius Donelane, Friar Preacher, of Salisbury dioc.

1656. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 19 September, 1444.

Acolytes.

Master Robert Stillyngton, doctor of laws, of York dioc., rector of Beverston in Worcester dioc.

John Woder, Roger Philipp, William Wodhill, William Clyve, Walter Strete, William Cary, John Budde.

Thomas Langham and Hugh Hunte, canons of Berliche.

Thomas Bagott, William Meston, Walter Leye and John Wolston, canons of Taunton.

Subdeacons.

Master Robert Stillyngton (as above).

John Sowdon, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

John Wynnyngham, tit. mon. of Shaftesbury.

Nicholas (blank), friar, of Bristol.

William Meston, canon of Taunton.

1444.

Deacons.

John Parker, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

John Fowler, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Benedon.

Thomas Warwyk, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abess and conv. of Shaftesbury.

William Colyns, of Winchester dioc., tit. hosp. of Holy Trinity by Winchester.

Richard Sange and Richard Dongey, monks of Cleeve.

Priests.

John Birt, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Abbatisbury.

John Furneux (as above).

William Brounefeld *alias* Carpenter, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bradynstoke.

William Baker, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Cerne.

Nicholas Mynard, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

1657. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, commonly called the cardinal of England, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 December, 1444.

Subdeacons.

William Selby, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. master of the hosp. of St. John, Coventre.

Antony Clayton, of the same dioc., tit. master of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist without the east gate of Exeter (*recte* Oxford).

1445.

1658. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence as above, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 20 February, 1444[-5].

Acolytes.

Master Henry Lambert, M.A., of York dioc.

Master Thomas Chalk, bachelor in both laws, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford;

by apostolic privilege granted to the said college and the fellows thereof.¹ 1445.

Thomas Brightyene, of Norwich dioc.

Subdeacons.

Master William Selby, M.A., of Lincoln dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Bruerne.

Master John Burgh, M.A., of York dioc., tit. master and scholars of Balliol College, Oxford.

Master Henry Lambert, M.A., of York dioc., tit. the same master and scholars.

Master Thomas Chalk (as above), tit. his college.

Thomas Brightyene, of Norwich dioc., tit. master, brethren and sisters of the hosp. of St. Thomas the Martyr, Southwerke.

Stephen White, of Meath dioc., tit. master of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist without the east gate of Oxford.

Master Henry Carpenter, bachelor in laws, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of All Souls College, Oxford; by apostolic indult to his college and the fellows thereof, tit. his college.

Deacons.

Master Thomas Chaundeller, of Bath and Wells dioc., M.A., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford, tit. his college.

Master John Bekynton, of the same dioc., fellow of the same, tit. his college.

Master Thomas Waget, M.A., of Winchester dioc., fellow of the same; by apostolic indult to his college and the fellows thereof, tit. his college.

Richard Smyth, of Bath and Wells dioc., fellow of the same college, tit. his college.

Richard Harneys, of London dioc., fellow of the same; by apostolic indult as above, tit. his college.

William Selby, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc. (as above).

Thomas Bonyfaunt, of York dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Cokersand.

Antony Clayton (as above).

Priest.

Master William Wyttney, M.A., of Lincoln dioc., fellow of

¹ A.D. 1391. *Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. iv, p. 391.

1445. the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by apostolic indult as above, tit. his college.

1659. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in his inn at London, by licence of Robert, bishop of London, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes* in the fourth week of Lent, to wit 13 March, 1444[-5].

Deacon.

Master Henry Carpenter (as above).

Priests.

Master Thomas Chaundeler (as above).

Master Thomas Hall, of London dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

Master John Bekynton (as above).

Master Thomas Waget (as above).

Richard Smyth (as above).

Richard Harneys (as above).

William Selby, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc. (as above).

Antony Clayton (as above).

1660. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, bishop of Winchester, on Holy Saturday, to wit 27 March, 1445.

Subdeacon.

Master Thomas Lay, M.A., of Canterbury dioc., fellow of All Souls College, Oxford ; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

Deacons.

Master Robert Stillyngton (as above).

Nicholas Calfe, tit. abb. and conv. of Muchelney.

Thomas Brightylene (as above).

Priests.

Master Henry Lambert, of York dioc., fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, tit. his college.

Master John Burgh, of York dioc., fellow of the same, tit. his college.

Master John Selott, of London dioc., rector of Sibbesdon in 1445.
Lincoln dioc.

Thomas Bonyfaunt (as above).

Master William Selby (as above).

John Newton, of Carlisle dioc., tit. house of Oseneye.

Master Henry Carpenter (as above).

1661. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 22 May, 1445.

Acolyte and subdeacon.

Master William Ive, M.A., of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Coventre.

1662. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 September, 1445.

Acolyte.

John Godston of Chypping Sodbury.

Subdeacon.

Master William Strete, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Godston, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Thomas Langham and Hugh Dunster, canons of Berlich priory.

Deacons.

John Lashowe of Stokegomer, tit. pr. and conv. of Berlich.

Master William Ive (as above).

William Deyfote, rector of Clowesworth.

John Whitecok of Cherd, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Thomas Dabirvile and William Frampton, monks of Glastonbury abbey.

Priests.

John Morys, of Winchester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. Cross by Winchester.

John Nichols, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Burcle in Bath and Wells dioc.

John Lamport and John Bracy, monks of Muchelney.

1445. 1663. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 December, 1445.

Acolytes.

Master John North, bachelor in laws, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows.

Walter Bath of Yevell.

Deacon.

John Godston of Chepyng Sodbury, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Priest.

Master William Ive (as above).

1446. 1664. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in his inn at London, by special licence of Robert, bishop of London, on Wednesday the feast of the Purification, to wit 2 February, 1445[-6].

Acolyte.

Henry Upnore, B.A., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows.

1665. Orders celebrated by the bishop, as last above, on a Saturday of the four seasons in the first week of Lent, to wit 12 March, 1445[-6].

Priest.

Thomas Mersshe, rector of Henton St. George.

1666. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 2 April, 1446.

Acolytes.

Robert Trowbrigg, monk of Farley; by apostolic indult to the Cluniac order.

William Cammell, canon of Staverdale priory.

Nicholas Russell, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Richard Hayne, vicar in Wells cathedral.

1446.

John Poyntesyde of Axbrugge.
 William Dyrdo of Quene Cammell.
 John Dyer of Wollavington.
 John Beliam of Perett.
 Richard Crippes of Longsutton.
 John Michell of Longsutton.
 John Whitson of Banwell.
 John Silke of Longsutton.

Subdeacons.

John Welliknowe of Wells, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Robert Towky of Martok, tit. abb. and conv. of Muchelney.

John Fylde of Wells, tit. abb. and conv. of Muchelney.

Thomas Cupper of Westpennard, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

John Gurdeler, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Cary, canon of Staverdale.

John Grue, monk of Farley; by apostolic indult to the Cluniac order.

Deacons.

Roger Snell of Somerton, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

William Nele, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Thomas Bagot, canon of Taunton.

Priests.

William Ferrou, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

John Whitecok of Chirde, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

1667. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit 16 April, 1446.

Subdeacons.

William Cammell (as above).

Robert Palmer, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. abb. and convent of Norton of the same dioc.

Deacons.

John Fylde (as above).

Robert Towky (as above).

John Welliknowe (as above).

1446.

Priest.

Master John North, bachelor in laws, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

1668. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 11 June, 1446.

Acolytes.

Master Gilbert Haydok, M.A., of Winchester dioc.

Master William Westbury, M.A., of the same dioc.

Deacon.

Richard (*sic*) Palmer (as above for Robert).

Priests.

Master John Baker, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

Master Thomas Lay (as above).

Master Richard Thryng, of Exeter dioc., fellow of Oriel College, Oxford.¹

John Wellyknowe (as above).

John [Godston] of Chypyng Sodbury, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

1669. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the parish church of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 24 September, 1446.

Acolytes.

Humphrey Clerk of North Cory.

William Cacheman of Glastonbury.

Robert Strete of Strete.

John Hill of Glastonbury.

Robert Wilby of Glastonbury.

John Harres of Taunton.

John Wyllyng of Wollavyngton.

William Southey of Welyngton.

¹ Richard Trynge occurs as a Fellow in 1446. Richards & Salter, *The Dean's Register of Oriel*, p. 358.

Thomas Quarell and William Godeman, canons of Keynes- ham. 1446.

John Boldey and John Hancock, monks of Cleeve.

Thomas Pawley, canon of Taunton.

William Falowfeld, of Carlisle dioc.

John Maynwar yng, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc.

Subdeacons.

William Hatherley, of London dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneve.

John Palmer of Strete, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Walter Ley, canon of Taunton.

Edward Chauntrell, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

Deacons.

Master William Strete, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Thomas Cupper of Westpennard (as above).

William Bristowe, monk of Bath cathedral.

Priests.

Robert Towky (as above).

John Fylde (as above).

Henry Benet of Montagu, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Richard Sang and Richard Donyay, monks of Cleeve.

1670. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Woky manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 17 December, 1446.

Acolytes.

John Rugg of Ilmestre.

Nicholas Dysham of Wedmore.

John Shepehird *alias* Lidford of Westlidford.

Simon Scryven of Canyngton.

William Bath of Yevel.

Robert Ymberley of Ilmestre.

Hugh Boscawen, monk of Witham in Selwod.

Subdeacons.

John Willyng of Wollavyngton, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

John Burgeys of Glastonbury, tit. pr. and conv. of Burcle.

1446. Thomas Hidam of Bruggewater, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

William Falowfeld, of Carlisle dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Whitteson of Banwell, tit. pr. and conv. of Worspring.

Robert Trowbrugge (as above).

Thomas Poule, canon of Taunton.

Deacons.

John Palmer of Strete (as above).

John Gurdeler (as above).

William Hatherley (as above).

Edward Chaunterell (as above).

John Cary (as above).

John Stokton and Thomas Fax, canons of Bruton.

Priests.

Thomas Cupper of Westpennard (as above).

John Sharp, canon of Bruton.

1447. 1671. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of Henry, cardinal-priest of St. Eusebius, bishop of Winchester, on Holy Saturday, to wit 8 April, 1447.

Acolytes.

Master Roger Kyng, M.A., of Canterbury dioc.

John William, of Exeter dioc.

Subdeacon.

John Gynner, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

Deacons.

Robert Donyngton, of Lincoln city, tit. house of Norton Park in Lincoln dioc.

Master Stephen Tyler, M.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Osseneye.

Master Robert Takell, M.A., of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Dunkeswell.

Thomas Potell, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

Master John Mulcastre, of Carlisle dioc., M.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Osseneve. 1447.

Master Henry Smyth, M.A., of Hereford dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Osseneve.

William Falowfeld (as above).

Richard Bargrove, of Canterbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Ledes.

John Horne, of Exeter dioc., tit. mon. of Dorchestre in Lincoln dioc.

John Toppe, tit. abb. and conv. of Midelton in Salisbury dioc.

John Yerd, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Torre.

Master Michael Carvanell, bachelor in laws, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Stephen the Protomartyr, Launceston.

Richard Mellur, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Rewley by Oxford.

Priests.

William Hatherley (as above).

Master Thomas Gauge, of Lincoln dioc., fellow of Merton College, Oxford, tit. his college.

Master Robert Cowper, of Lincoln dioc., fellow of All Souls College, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

Master Walter Wake, of Lincoln dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; as above, tit. his college.

. 1672. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of John, archbishop of Canterbury, the see of Winchester being vacant, on a Saturday of the four seasons, the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 3 June, 1447.

Deacons.

John Hamery, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abess and conv. of Shaftesbury.

Master Thomas Chalk, inceptor of decrees, of Salisbury dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college and fellows, tit. his college.

John Gynner (as above).

Priests.

Master Robert Stillyngton (as above).

1447. Master Henry Fraunceys, fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, tit. his college.

William Falowfeld (as above).

Master Stephen Tyler (as above).

Master Robert Takell (as above).

John Burgeys of Glastonbury (as above).

Thomas Bryghtyene (as above).

1673. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwell manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 23 September, 1447.

Acolytes.

Thomas Rendell of Horneblowton.

Phillip Genan, of Lismore and Waterford dioc.

William Feltam, of Salisbury dioc.

Subdeacons.

Humphrey Clerke of Northcury, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Thomas Gunwyne of Nony, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

John Vagge of Draton, tit. abb. and conv. of Muchelneye.

Richard Welles and John Boldey, monks of Cleeve.

Deacons.

John Wynnyngham of Yewel, tit. abbess and conv. of Shaftesbury.

Robert Wylby, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Quarell and William Godeman, canons of Keynesham.

Priests.

Master William Strete (as above).

John Whitteson (as above).

Hugh Boscawen (as above).

William Cammell (as above).

1674. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Woky manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 23 December, 1447.

Acolytes.

Geoffrey Holme, vicar in Wells cathedral.

William Wodeward.

Thomas Lerbeke of Yevelton.

John Myne of Glastonbury.

1447.

William Jolyfe.

John Towr.

William Pynell, of Salisbury dioc.

Thomas Davy, of Llandaff dioc.

Subdeacons.

Richard Hayne, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Robert Norys of Axbrugg, vicar in Wells cathedral.

William Feltam, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Sherborn, in the same dioc.

William Gargrave, of York dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelney.

Simon Symmes *alias* Tailour, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

Walter Strete of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

John Milverton, Robert Lincoln, John Lambroke and John Sutton, monks of Glastonbury.

Deacons.

Thomas Hopkyn, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

John Maynwar yng, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Gunwyn (as above).

Humphrey Clerk (as above).

John Wyllyng (as above).

John Shaftesbury, John Crosse, William Camell and John Wellyngton, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

John Wynnyngham (as above).

Edward Chawnterell (as above).

Thomas Quarell and William Goodeman, canons of Keynesham.

1675. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 9 March, 1447[-8].

Acolytes.

William Godd of Taunton.

Robert Fawderey of Taunton.

1448.

John Olyver of Wells.

William Fulbroke.

John Hygon of Banwell.

John Seward.

John Newman.

William Grybill of Bruggewater.

William Whybery.

Henry Hoggys.

Thomas Alford, of Salisbury dioc.

William Rodney, of Llandaff dioc.

William Sengleton, of Lincoln dioc., vicar in Wells cathedral.
Subdeacons.

Geoffrey Holme (as above).

Andrew Grantham, of Chichester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John
the Baptist, Wells.

John Rugg, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Walter Bathe, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Roger Parys, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist,
Bruggewater.William Pynell, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St.
Margaret without Marelburgh.

John Reynold, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodman.

Richard Whily, tit. pr. and conv. of the Causeway (*de Calceton*)¹
in Arundell.

William Carye, tit. hosp. of St. Mark, Bristol.

John Hancok, monk of Cleeve.

David William, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Grace
Dieu in the same dioc.Thomas Salomon, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist,
Bath.

Thomas Kyngeston, canon of Bruton.

William Grigg, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

William Lewys, of Llandaff dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Mom-
mouth.

Deacons.

Simon Symmes (as above).

¹ Actually in Lyminster. *Sussex Archaeological Collections*, vol. xi, p. 89; *Place-names of Sussex*, vol. i, p. 171.

John Vagg (as above).

Robert Martyn, Friar Preacher, of Yelyester (*sic*).

John Bolday and Richard Wellis, monks of Cleeve.

John Milverton, Robert Lincoln, John Lambroke and John Sutton, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

John Willyng (as above).

William Gargrave (as above).

Thomas Hopkyn (as above).

Humphrey Clerk (as above).

Henry Joose, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

William Flemmyng, of Llandaff dioc., tit. Edmund Malefaunt, esquire, lord of St. George.

William Feltam (as above).

Thomas Elys, tit. pr. and conv. of Bircle in Bath and Wells dioc.

1676. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit 23 March, 1447[-8].

Acolyte.

Master John Stretton, licentiate in laws, rector of Norton under Hamden.

Subdeacon.

The same.

Deacons.

John Reynold (as above).

John Rugg of Ilmestre, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

David William (as above).

1677. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of William, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 May, 1448.

Deacon.

Master John Stretton, doctor of laws, rector of Norton under Hamden.

Priest.

Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, of Bath and Wells dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford, tit. his college.

1448. 1678. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, on a Saturday of the four seasons, the feast of St. Matthew, to wit 21 September, 1448.

Acolytes.

John Chapman of Bruggewater.

Robert Gent of Northcory.

Thomas Ree of Banwell.

John Dalamote of Bruggewater.

John Grendon of the parish of Radclyff, Bristol.

John Spyne, monk of Cleeve.

John Myddelbourgh, friar, of Bruggewater.

Walter Norman, brother of the hospital of St. John the Baptist [Bruggewater].

John William, monk of Athelney.

Subdeacons.

William John, of Llandaff dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Monmouth.

William Boweyere *alias* Price of Ilmester, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Rendell, rector of Babbecary.

Robert Faunderey of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Deacons.

John Hancock (as above).

John Reynyssbourgh, Friar Minor, of Bruggewater.

William Grygg of Taunton (as above).

Priests.

John Westmore, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

Walter Lay and Thomas Pawle, canons of Taunton.

Terry (*Theodoricus*) Wellinc and Joachim Goode, Friars Minors, of Bruggewater.

1679. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of William, bishop of Winchester, on a Saturday of the four seasons, the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, to wit 21 December, 1448.

Acolytes.

John Webber of Donyate.

Richard Wiche of North Cadbury.

Thomas Wode of Lyngge.

1448.

Subdeacons.

John Lydford of Lydford, tit. abess and conv. of Lacok.

Thomas Ree of Banwell, tit. pr. and conv. of Worspyng.

Robert Strete of Strete, tit. abb. and conv. of Rewley by Oxford.

Nicholas Dissum of Wedmour, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Deacons.

Thomas Rendell (as above).

Robert Faunderey (as above).

William Boweyere (as above).

William John (as above).

John Erle, of Winchester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. Cross by Winchester.

Priest.

Simon Symmes of Halse, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

1680. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in his inn at London, by licence of John, archbishop of Canterbury, the see of London being vacant, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 29 March, 1449.

Priest.

Master John Stretton (as above).

1681. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of William, bishop of Winchester, on Holy Saturday, to wit 12 April, 1449.

Subdeacon.

John Hobbes of Somerton, M.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneye.

Deacons.

John Person of Bradford, B.A., tit. pr. and conv. of Berlych.

William Pydyngton, B.A., of Lincoln dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneye.

John Norreys, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

Priests.

Hugh Kyrkeland, B.A., of Carlisle dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hepp.

1449. Richard Berue, B.A., of Winchester dioc., tit. mon. of Oseney.
 Thomas Balsale, M.A., of Worcester dioc., tit. college of St. Martin,¹ Oxford.
 Richard Langstone, M.A., of Salisbury dioc., tit. college of St. Martin, Oxford.
 John Webber, B.A., tit. pr. of St. Frideswyde, Oxford.
 John Rawes, of York dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Evesham.
 William Westmerland, of York dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde, Oxford.
 John Ifyld, B.A., of Rochester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Rochester.
 Nicholas Arlond, of Hereford dioc., rector of St. Nicholas, Hereford.
 John Segrave of Billingshurst, of Chichester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Heryngham, same dioc.

1682. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence as above, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 7 June, 1449.

Deacon.

John Hobbes of Somerton (as above).

Priests.

John Person of Bradford (as above).

William Pydyngton (as above).

Robert Strete of Strete (as above).

1450. 1683. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the smaller chapel in his inn at London, by licence of Thomas, bishop of London, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 21 March, 1449[-50].

Subdeacons.

John Hemmyng *alias* Davy, B.A., rector of Swayneswyke.

William Holbeum *alias* Kyng, B.A., of the parish of St. Clement without the bars of the New Temple, London, tit. prioress and conv. of Ikelyngton.

1684. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in

¹ This error is repeated in the following entry. Thomas Walsale and Richard Langstone were alike Fellows of Merton College. Brodrick, *Memorials of Merton College*, p. 235.

the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral 1450.
on Holy Saturday, to wit 4 April, 1450.

Acolytes.

John Parker of Wells.

Nicholas Wybarue of the parish of Holy Cross of the Temple,
Bristol.

Deacons.

Henry Sharpe of Queen's Cammell, tit. abb. and conv. of
Shirborn in Salisbury dioc.

Roger Fabell, rector of Maperton.

William Fowler of Glastonbury, tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.

John Homynghon of Mordon, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abess
and conv. of Tarent.

Andrew Recheford of Westbury, of Hereford dioc., tit. pr.
and conv. of St. Oswald, Gloucestre.

Master Thomas Pray of New Castell, of Durham dioc., M.A.,
fellow of University College, Oxford.

Maurice Wyte, Friar Preacher, of Winchester.

William Clerc, rector of Whitestaunton.

Eneas ap Hopkyn, of Llandaff dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John
the Baptist, Wells.

William Kyng *alias* Holbeum, B.A., of London dioc., tit.
prioress and conv. of Ikelyngton.

Priests.

John Berkelegh of Bodemen, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv.
of Bodemen.

John Scovill of Craford, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abess and
conv. of Tarent.

Dan John Dunster, of Bath priory.

Dan John Langport of Henton.

1685. Orders celebrated in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells,
by James, bishop of Achonry, on the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit
30 May, 1450.

Acolytes.

John Prows of Mertok.

John Stylerd of Bokeland St. John.

John Galpyn of Dycheyate.

1450.

Subdeacons.

John Parker of Wells, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Skwier of Frome Selewode, tit. pr. and conv. of Maydenbradley.

Henry Hogges of Brawdrip, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.
Deacons.

John Muryk of Llancarvan, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

John Williams, monk of Athelney.

John Spere, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Priests.

Thomas Hawkyn of Vyse, of Salisbury dioc., M.A., tit. Oriel College, Oxford.

William Vowler of Glastonbury (as above, *s.v.* Fowler).

Walter Norman, brother of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Brugewater.

Lewis ap Howel of Llanedern, of Llandaff dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bath.

Thomas Alford of Bradford, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Maydenbradley.

Richard ap Glwylym Hayward of Llanrith, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

William Clerc (as above).

William Holbeum *alias* Kyng (as above).

1686. Orders celebrated as above on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 19 September, 1450.

Acolytes.

Robert Dynte of the parish of St. Stephen, Bristol.

John Bristowe of Oxford University.

Subdeacons.

William Smyth of Durhurst, of Worcester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Durhurst.

John Hawke, Friar Preacher, of Kerdyvye, of Llandaff dioc.

Deacons.

William Rede, of Berlegh [priority].

Dan John Spyne, monk of Cleeve.

Thomas Derbye, of the order of Friars Hermits of St. Augustine, Bristol. 1450.

Priests.

John Murik (as above).

Edward Godfray of Bradford, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Dan John Williams, monk of Athelney.

John Lewyke, of the order of Friars Hermits of St. Augustine, Bristol.

Dan John Sutton, monk of Glastonbury.

1687. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 20 March, 1450[-1]. 1451.

Acolytes.

John Clake of Sowthpederton.

Thomas Lovell of Wyncalton.

Richard Norman of Wells.

Richard Baker, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

Richard Stonard of Pokyngton.

David Frempton of Shepton Malett.

Thomas Atkyns of Coscomb.

Subdeacons.

Robert Gent of Northcory, tit. abb. and conv. of Dorchester in Lincoln dioc.

John Norton of the parish of St. Peter, Bristol, tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

Philip Harry of Exeter, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

John Mathew of Frome, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Godan, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

John Stilman, of the house of St. Mark, Belleswike by Bristol.

Robert Norwyche, monk of the priory of Farlegh Monachorum.

John Furneis, John Eliot and Richard York, canons of Taunton priory.

John Oliver, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Thomas Kyngeston, Thomas Brown and James de Colonia, Friars Minors, of Bristol.

1451. Dennis Nacton, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.
 John Scotton of Farnam, of York dioc., tit. prioress and
 conv. of Kyngton Monialium.
 Richard Newbiry of Melles, tit. pr. and conv. of Sprawlesmede.
 Deacons.
 William Smyth (as above).
 Henry Hoggis of Bawderippe (as above).
 John Parker of Wells (as above).
 John Bristow of Oxford, tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneie.
 Thomas Kelampton and Laurence Newton, monks of Tewkes-
 buri.
 John Hygghyns, of Worcester diocese, tit. pr. and conv. of
 Bath.
 Priests.
 William Bristow, Peter Twiverton and John Norton, monks
 of Bath.
 John Streynesham, John Wenlond and Robert Tewkesbury,
 monks of Tewkesburi.
 John Pulton of Alderleigh, of Worcester dioc., tit. mon. of
 Kyngeswode, same dioc.
 Thomas Derbi, Friar Hermit, of Bristol.
1688. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on
 Holy Saturday, to wit 24 April, 1451.
 Deacons.
 John Godewyn and Richard Baker, monks of St. Augustine's,
 Bristol.
 John Oliver, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Priests.
 John Norton, of Durham dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Keynes-
 ham.
 John Stilman (as above).
 William Smyth, of Worcester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of
 Dirhurst.
1689. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells palace on
 the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 19 June, 1451.
 Acolytes.
 William Payne of Nynehide.

William Vele of Northcory.

William Abbat of Clowesworth.

Hugh Lyfe of Hardyngton.

Thomas Crosse of Est Chynnok.

Dan Thomas Thoryngton, Dan Walter Rusteleghe and Dan John Sant, monks of Glastonbury.

Subdeacons.

William God of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Dan Richard Shepton and Dan John Brugg, monks of Montagu.

Thomas Clyffe of Chedder, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Hylle of Glastonbury, tit. pr. and brethren of Burcle in Sprawlesmede.

John Tour of Northcadbury, tit. pr. and conv. of Maydenbradleghe.

John Clake of Southpederton, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

John Seward of Estpennard, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Nicholas Thresher of Glastonbury, tit. the same hosp.

Deacons.

John Mathew of Frome (as above).

Philip Harry of Podram, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

John Squyer of Frome Selewode, tit. pr. and conv. of Mayndenbradleghe.

Priests.

William Reede, canon of Berlich priory.

Robert Gent, B.A. (as above).

Walter Stert of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

John Godewyn and Richard Baker, canons of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

1690. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Woky manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 September, 1451.

Acolytes.

Thomas Parys of Westpennard, B.A.

1451. William Gille of Langport.
 Dan John Bodman, monk of Glastonbury.
 Thomas Purviour of Bekynton, canon of St. Paul's, London,
 and of Wells.
 Richard Mode of Pascenham, Lincoln dioc.
- Subdeacons.
- William Payn of Nyenhede, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.
 John Michell of Long Sutton, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.
 David Frampton of Shepton Malet, tit. hosp. of St. John the
 Baptist, Wells.
 William Jolyfe of Dychyate, tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.
 William Hous and Thomas Pontside, canons of Bruton.
 Dan John Congesbury, Dan Thomas Toryngton, Dan Walter
 Rustley and Dan John Sant, monks of Glastonbury.
- Deacons.
- John Seward of Estpennard (as above).
 John Hille of Glastonbury (as above).
 William God of Taunton (as above).
 Thomas Clyffe of Cheddre (as above).
 Nicholas Thresher of Ile Abbots, tit. hosp. of St. John the
 Baptist, Wells.
 John Clake of Southpederton (as above).
 John Tour of Northcadbury (as above).
- Priests.
- John Squyer of Frome Selewode (as above).
 Philip Harry of Podram (as above).
 John Mathew of Frome (as above).
 John Segerlegh of Warmynstre, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr.
 and conv. of Maydenbradley.
 Henry Hoggis of Bawdrip (as above).
 Master John Hemmyng, M.A., rector of Swayneswyke.
 John Parker of Wells (as above).
 Dan John Cary, monk of Bath cathedral.

1691. On the second Sunday in Advent, to wit 5 December,
 1451, the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace ordained the
 following persons as acolytes :—

John Samuel of Wells.

John Bole, vicar in Wells cathedral.
John Wyllams of Bryggwater.

1451.

1692. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 December, 1451.

Acolytes.

Thomas Horn of Odecomb.
Nicholas Dowse of Wedmor.
John Estman of Frome.
William Tiler of Kermerdyn, of St. Davids dioc.
William Rocke of Codeworth.
Dan John Michell and Dan John Mason, monks of Mochelney.

Subdeacons.

John Willams of Bruggewater, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.
John Grendon of the parish of Reddeclyffe, Bristol, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bristol.
Dan Richard Dixton, of Henton of the Carthusian order.
John Bole, vicar in Wells cathedral, born in Winchester.
John Samuel of Wells, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Dan John Elford, monk of Mochelney.
Dan John Bodimen, monk of Glastonbury.
John Menyman, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Deacons.

William Payn of Nynhede (as above).
William Jolyfe of Dycheyate (as above).
David Frampton of Shepton Malet (as above).
William Smogger of Shepton Malet, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.
John Mychell of Long Sutton (as above).
Dan John Congesbury, Dan Thomas Toryngton, Dan Walter Rusteley and Dan John Sant, monks of Glastonbury.
John Furneys, John Eliot and Richard York, canons of Taunton.

Priests.

William God of Taunton (as above).
John Fabri, Friar Preacher, of Ilchestre.

1451. Nicholas Thressher of Ile Abbatis (as above).
 John Seward of Estpennard (as above).
 John Clake of Southpederton (as above).
 John Tour of Northcadbury (as above).
 John Taunton, monk of Witham of the Carthusian order.
 Thomas Clyffe of Cheddre (as above).
1693. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, to wit 19 December, 1451, the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace ordained the following persons as acolytes :—
 William Mone of Salisbury.
 Nicholas Hyndeburgh of Bradford.
1452. 1694. On the feast of St. Peter *in Cathedra*, to wit 22 February, 1451[-2], the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence of William, bishop of Winchester, caused the following person, who had the first tonsure, to be ordained acolyte by James, bishop of Achonry, to wit :—
 Thomas Downe of Southhampton.
1695. On a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 4 March, 1451[-2], the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by licence as above, ordained the following person subdeacon :—
 Thomas Downe of Southamton, tit. abb. and conv. of Radyng.
1696. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Achonry, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 4 March, 1451[-2].
- Acolytes.
 William Byspam, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Richard Roleigh of Glastonbury.
 John Cullyng of Lydyard Episcopi.
 John Spencer and Ellis Bertram, brethren of the hosp. of
 St. John the Baptist, Bruggwater.
 Subdeacon.
 David Taylour, canon of Worspryng.
 Deacons.
 John Willams of Brugwater (as above).
 John Menyman, born at Wedmore, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Dan Richard Dyxton, monk of Henton of the Carthusian order.

John Samuel of Wells (as above).

John Bodemyn, monk of Glastonbury.

1452.

Priests.

Dan John Congaresbury, Dan Thomas Toryngton and Dan Walter Rusteleigh, monks of Glastonbury.

John Hille of Glastonbury, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

1697. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 25 March, 1452.

Subdeacons.

William Pope of Synneyoth, Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

John Spencer and Ellis Bertram (as above).

William Byspam (as above).

Deacons.

Thomas Downe of Southehamton (as above).

John Willyam of Kystelle, Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tywardreth.

William Mone of Salysbury, tit. abb. and conv. of Cerne.

William Tyler of Kermerdyn, tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

John Bole (as above).

Dan Robert Norwyche, monk of Farlegh.

Priests.

Robert Sperke of Penhiryard, Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodimen.

Dan Richard Dixton (as above).

William Payn of Nyenhede (as above).

John Samuel of Wells (as above).

John Wyllams of Bruggewater (as above).

Dan John Bodimen, monk of Glastonbury.

John Olyver of Wells, vicar in Wells cathedral.

1698. On Passion Sunday, to wit 26 March, 1452, the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace ordained the following persons as acolytes:—

Richard Smyth of Haltwesel, Durham dioc.

1452.

John Balle of Cotheleston.
Richard Burnel, vicar in Wells cathedral.
Walter Frankeleyn, the same.

1699. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit 8 April, 1452.

Subdeacons.

Master Robert Mason, doctor of laws, fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by apostolic indult to the college, tit. the said college.

Richard Smyth of Haltwesel, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

William Byspam (as above).

Master Thomas Brysbon, bachelor in laws, fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by apostolic indult to the college, tit. the said college.

Priests.

Thomas Downe of Southampton (as above).

William Mone of Salysbury (as above).

Master John Fraunceys, M.A., of Salisbury dioc., fellow of Merton College, Oxford, tit. the said college.

William Tyler of Kermerdyn (as above).

1700. On Easter day, to wit 9 April, 1452, the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace ordained the following person acolyte :—

Robert Sandhulle, of Salisbury dioc.

1701. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace on 3 June, 1452.

Acolytes.

Roger Fyvyan of Wyghtlakyngton.

John Palmer of Crukern.

Robert Ware of Dorchester, Salisbury dioc.

Subdeacon.

John Balle of Cotheleston, tit. abb. and conv. of Cleeve.

Deacons.

Master Robert Mason, of Salisbury dioc. (as above).

Richard Smyth of Hatewysille (as above).
 David Hopkyns, canon of Worspryng.
 John Spencer and Ellis Bertram (as above).

1452.

Priests.

Master Thomas Brysbon, of Salisbury dioc. (as above).
 Thomas Folkey of Ilchester, tit. abb. and conv. of Cerne.
 John Bole (as above).

1702. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Banwell manor on 23 September, 1452.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Prows of Ilmystre, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.
 Robert Cutte of Wells, B.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneye.
 Dan John Mychell and Dan John Mason, monks of Mochelney.

Deacon.

Master Thomas Wodehele, M.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

Priests.

Thomas Parys, B.A., of Westpennard, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Richard Smyth of Hatwysylle (as above).
 John Menyman of Wedmore (as above).

1703. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Banwel manor, 23 December, 1452, to wit a Saturday of the four seasons.

Deacon.

Richard Cutte (as above).

Priests.

Master Thomas Wodehele (as above).
 David Frampton of Shepton Malet (as above).

1704. On Sunday, 22 January, 1452[-3], the bishop in his palace of Wells ordained the following persons acolytes:— 1453.

Master William Lomys, bachelor in laws, of Mertočke.

William Borugh, of Salisbury dioc., perpetual vicar of Wells cathedral.

1705. On a Saturday of the four seasons, the feast of St. Matthias, to wit 24 February, 1452[-3], the bishop in his inn

1453. at London, by licence of Thomas, bishop of London, ordained the following person acolyte :—

Henry Abyndon, succentor of Wells cathedral.

1706. Orders celebrated by the bishop in his chapel in Dogmersfeld manor, by special licence of William, bishop of Winchester, on Holy Saturday, to wit 31 March, 1453.

Subdeacons.

Walter Frankleyn, perpetual vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Estmund of Warmynstre, Salisbury dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Priest.

William Jolyfe of Dychyate (as above).

1707. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Bangor, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 26 May, 1453.

Acolytes.

John Cleve of Dulverton.

John Roly of Glastonbury.

John Grey of Taunton.

Robert Hylle of Brugwater.

Nicholas Bryght of Combe St. Nicholas.

Simon Elme of Shepton Malet.

William Baker of Northcadbury.

Subdeacons.

Dan Robert Chiltern, monk, of Wytham of the Carthusian order.

Robert Kydrych, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Robert Haynes, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of Langbrugge, the same dioc.

William Borow, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Dan William Pederton, Dan Thomas Exeter and Dan Edward Marche, monks of Glastonbury.

Deacons.

Nicholas Mayster, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Germans in Cornwall.

John Gryndon of Radclyffe (as above, *s.v.* Grendon).

Dan Richard Corston, Dan William Lacock, Dan John Goose and Dan John Bathe, monks of Bath priory.

Walter Frankeleyn (as above).
 Dan Richerd Shepton, monk of Montagu priory.
 Thomas Prows of Ilmyster (as above).
 John Estmond of Warmyster (as above).

1453.

Priests.

William Bidull, of Worcester dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hayles.

John Spencer and Ellis Bertram (as above).

John Highgons, of Worcester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

William Byspam (as above).

David Taylour (as above).

Stephen Bromeyard, canon of Cirencester.

1708. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Bangor, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 22 September, 1453.

Acolytes.

Thomas Dultyng of Shepton Malet.

William Corker of Wells.

John Mede of Bristoll.

William Prat of Charleton Camvile.

John Tone of Taunton.

Nicholas Harper of Axbrugge.

Walter Wyld of Glastonbury.

John Ricard of Wells.

Robert Goldsmyth, of Coventry dioc.

Subdeacons.

John Lylle of Somerton, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

Thomas Mountagu, John Graunte and Thomas Rede, brethren of Keynesham monastery.

Matthew Harstrate, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Deacons.

Robert Kedrich (as above, *s.v.* Kydrych).

John Balle of Cotheleston (as above).

Robert Chiltern (as above).

William Howse and Thomas Pontesyde, brethren of Bruton priory.

Richard Luky, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

1453. Dan William Pederton, Dan Thomas Exeter and Dan Edward March, monks of Glastonbury.

William Borow (as above).

John Whitfeld, Thomas Ryngeston and Arnold de Hollondia, Friars Minors, of Bristol.

Priests.

William Smogger (as above).

Walter Frankleyn (as above).

Nicholas Mayster (as above).

John Gryndon of Bristol (as above).

Dan John Sant, monk of Glastonbury.

John Brast, Henry de Colonia and Thomas Browne, Friars Minors, of Bristol.

1709. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwel manor, on 22 December, 1453.

Deacon.

John Lille of Somerton (as above, *s.v.* Lylle).

Priest.

Master Robert Mason (as above).

1710. On Sunday, 23 December, 1453, the bishop in his chapel of Banwell ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Richard Gautier of Bekyngton.

John Ganet of Estcoker.

1454. 1711. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Bangor, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral on 16 March, 1453[-4].

Acolytes.

William Eston of Estpennard.

Richard Tyke of Welles.

Reynold Parker of Dunyate.

William Grene, vicar choral of Wells.

Subdeacons.

Ranulf Crabbe, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tywardreth.

John Roly of Glastonbury, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Dan John Taunton and Dan Thomas Worspyng, monks of Glastonbury. 1454.

Deacons.

Thomas ap Jankyn, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abbes and conv. of Lacok.

Robert Goldsmyth of Burton on Trent, tit. pr. and conv. of Rypyingdon in Coventry and Lichfield dioc.

Hugh Pavy of Bristol, rector of Dydesham, Exeter dioc.

Priests.

John Lylle of Somerton (as above).

Robert Chiltern (as above).

Dan William Pederton and Dan Thomas Exeter, monks of Glastonbury.

1712. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Bangor, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral on 20 April, 1454.

Acolytes.

Richard Fermor, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Cadygan of Bath.

Maurice Gayner, of Worcester dioc.

Subdeacons.

John Cullyng of Lydeyard Episcopi, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Richard Roley of Glastonbury, tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.

Deacons.

Ranulf Crabbe (as above).

Master Thomas Smyth, M.A., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

John Turner, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Priests.

Thomas ap Jankyn, *alias* Perkyn (as above).

John Balle of Cotheleston (as above).

Robert Goldsmyth (as above).

William Borugh (as above, *s.v.* Borow).

Hugh Pavy (as above).

1713. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on 21 September, 1454.

1454.

Subdeacons.

John Galpyn of Dycheyate, tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.

John Clyffe of Dulverton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Nicholas Dobbee of Wedmore, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

William Gould *alias* Whybury, of Shapewyk, tit. pr. and conv. of Wytham of the Carthusian order.

John Swyndon, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Edmund Dyer, canon of Meydenbradelegh.

William Gylle of Langport, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

Deacons.

John Roly of Glastonbury (as above).

John Cullyng (as above).

Richard Roley of Glastonbury (as above).

Maurice Gayner, of Worcester dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

Thomas Mountagew and John Graunte, canons of Keynesham.

Dan John Taunton and Dan Thomas Worspryng, monks of Glastonbury.

Dan John Mychel, Dan John Elvord and Dan John Mason, monks of Mochelneye.

Priests.

John Turner of Taunton, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

William Howse, canon of Bruton priory.

1714. On Sunday, to wit 22 September, 1454, the bishop in his chapel in Wells palace ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Master John Jacob, bachelor in laws.

John Pym, rector of Allyngford.¹

Robert Philippis of Estpennard.

John Wylmot of Wells.

Richard Symons of Worle.

William Long of Drayton.

John Leveson of Philippsnorton.

Thomas Pawlyn of Mynehede.

¹ Six days later, John Pym obtained letters dismissory enabling him to be ordained subdeacon, deacon, or priest, in any other diocese, but, as will be seen, he did not avail himself of them. Nos. 881, 1715, 1718, 1719.

1715. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on 21 December, 1454. 1454.

Subdeacons.

Master John Jacob, bachelor in both laws, of Northpederton, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

Walter Wilde of Glastonbury, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

William de Burgo, Friar Preacher, of Yewelchester.

Robert Phyllyppes of Estpennard, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Pym, rector of Allyngford.

David ap Meuruc ap Grono, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Richard Skyll, of Salisbury dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bath.

William Abbat of Clowesworth, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Deacons.

John Swyndon (as above).

John Galpyn (as above).

John Clyffe of Dulverton (as above).

William Goulde *alias* Whybury (as above).

Edmund Dyer, canon of Meydenbradleghe.

Gregory ap Euan ap David Vachan, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Priests.

John Cullyng (as above).

Richard York, canon of Taunton.

Robert Haynes, of Worcester dioc. (as above).

Dan Richard Shepton, monk of Mountagu priory.

1716. On Sunday, to wit 22 December, 1454, in the chapel in Woky manor, the bishop ordained the following persons acolytes:—
Robert Dygon of Estcoker.

George Dyer of Yevell.

Thomas Hyll of Banwel.

1717. Orders celebrated by James, bishop of Bangor, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral on 22 March, 1454[-5]. 1455.

1455.

Acolytes.

Thomas Averey, B.A., of Wells.

John Ayssh of Taunton.

Walter Knyghtleygh of Wells.

Ralph Hele of Wanstre.

John Ede of Langport.

Subdeacons.

David William, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

John Thornton, of Worcester dioc., tit. master of the house or church of St. Mark the Evangelist called 'le Gauntz,' Bristol.

Deacons.

Walter Wilde of Glastonbury (as above).

Robert Philippis of Estpennard (as above).

William Gylle of Langport (as above).

William Pilton, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

Priests.

John Clyffe of Dulverton (as above).

Richard Skyll (as above).

William Goold *alias* Whibery (as above).

John Swyndon (as above).

Thomas Mountagu and John Graunt, canons of Keynesham.

Dan John Taunton, monk of Glastonbury.

John Galpyn (as above).

1718. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on Holy Saturday, to wit 5 April, 1455.

Deacons.

Master Thomas Dultyng, M.A., of Shepton Malet, tit. abb. and conv. of Certesey.

John Pym, rector of Allyngford.

David William, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).

Priest.

Master Michael Cornyssh, bachelor in laws, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

1719. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwel manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 31 May, the eve of Holy Trinity, 1455.

Acolytes.

1455.

John Gyles and John Wemdon, brethren of the hosp. of
St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

John Chauntrell of Ilchestre.

William Kyngman of Southpederton.

Subdeacons.

John Ede of Langport, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist
[Wells].

Philip Packe of Yewel, tit. pr. and conv. of Ivychurch.

Deacon.

John Thornton, of Worcester dioc. (as above).

Priests.

John Pym, rector of Allyngford.

Richard Roley of Glastonbury (as above).

Edmund Dier, canon of Maydenbradleigh.

Bartholomew Shaly, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Dan John Michel and Dan John Elvord, monks of Mochelneye.

1720. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells
palace on 20 September, 1455.

Acolytes.

Richard Strong of Bath.

Thomas Hendy of Clopton.

Dan Thomas Gardyner, monk of Wytham of the Carthusian
order.

Subdeacons.

John Chaundler of Ilchestre, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist,
Bruggewater.

Dan Robert Hylle, monk of Athelneye.

John Henton and Robert Russel, canons of Bruton.

John Gyls and John Wemedon, brethren of the hosp. of
St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

John Leueson of Philippes Norton, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

Deacon.

Thomas Cornyssh, of Cork dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of
Oseneye.

Priests.

William Gylle of Langport (as above).

1455. Dan Richard Corston, Dan William Fromlok and Dan John Joce, monks of Bath priory.
 Robert Philippis of Estpennard (as above).
 Thomas Pentesyde, canon of Bruton.
 David William, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).
 Hugh Thryng, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.
 William Borage, brother of the house of St. John the Baptist, Exeter.

1721. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on 20 December, 1455.

Acolytes.

- Robert Coham, monk of Cleeve.
 Thomas Bray of Brugwater.
 Thomas Denys of Taunton.
 Walter Cherde of Ilmyster.
 Thomas Sylk of Longsutton.

Subdeacon.

- Thomas Mandon, monk of Cleeve.

Deacons.

- Dan Robert Hylle, monk of Athelneye.
 Philip Packe of Yevele (as above).
 John Ede of Langport (as above).
 John Gyles and John Wemdon, brethren of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

Priests.

- John Furneys and John Elyot, canons of Taunton.
 John Hancock and John Spyne, monks of Cleeve.
 Thomas Cornyssh, B.A. (as above).
 Thomas Marowe, B.A., of Lincoln dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Barnestapoll.
 David ap Gryffyth ap Jevan ap Muryke, of Llandaff dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Morgan.
 John Harry, of Exeter dioc., tit. abbess and conv. of Canonlegh.
 Andrew Bertrandi, Friar Preacher, *dimissus* by the pr. and conv. of the order of Preachers, Exeter.

1722. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on 21 February, 1455[-6].

Acolytes.

John Cole of London.

Thomas Lygge of Somerton.

William Chylton of Wyvelescombe.

William Herberd of Taunton.

Subdeacons.

Dan Thomas Garnesey, of the house of Wytham of the Carthusian order.

Thomas Hylle of Cryston, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

John Hawley of Bristol, tit. house or hospital of St. Mark, Bylleswyke by Bristol.

Master Richard Gautier, bachelor in laws, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

John Elton, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. house or hosp. of St. Mark, Bylleswyke by Bristol.

William Abbat of Clowesworth, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

John Chaundeler of Ilchestre (as above).

John Henton and Robert Russell, canons of Bruton.

Priests.

Dan Robert Hyll, monk of Athelney.

Philip Pack of Yevell (as above).

1723. On the following Sunday, to wit 22 February, the bishop ordained the following person acolyte:—

John Edwardes of the parish of St. Thomas, Bristol.

1724. On the third Sunday in Lent, to wit the last day of February, 1455[-6], in the chapel in Woky manor, the bishop ordained the following persons acolytes.

Dan Henry Langley, Dan Robert Cammel, Dan John Canyngton and Dan Richard Brent, monks of Glastonbury.

1725. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 13 March, 1455[-6].

1456.

Subdeacons.

Robert Came, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

Dan John Water and Dan John Shirborn, monks of Montagu priory.

John Cole, of Canterbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.

Thomas Tylston, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

Master Richard Gautier (as above).

John Rogger, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Nywham in the same dioc.

Edmund Burgeis, of Salisbury dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John by Wylton.

John Hawley, of Worcester dioc. (as above).

Priest.

John Elton (as above).

1726. On Passion Sunday, to wit 14 March, 1455[-6], in the chapel in Woky manor, the bishop ordained the following person acolyte :—

Master William Roalph, bachelor in laws.

1727. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit 27 March, 1456.

Subdeacon.

Master William Roalph, bachelor in laws, of the parish of Holy Cross of the Temple, Bristol, tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

Deacons.

Thomas Tylston (as above).

Robert Came (as above).

John Cole (as above).

John Boleyn, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Priests.

John Hawley (as above).

Master Richard Gautier (as above).

James Gheldrop and John Huguert, Friars Minors, of Dorchester, of Salisbury dioc., *dimissus* by the guardian of the house.

1728. On Monday in Easter week following, the bishop in his palace of Wells ordained the following person acolyte :— 1456.
John Marchall of Mertoock.

1729. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 22 May, 1456.

Acolytes.

Richard Trewothell, of Exeter dioc.

Dan Humphrey Quycke, monk of Cleeve.

Subdeacons.

Dan Robert Cowham, monk of Cleeve.

Richard Banwel, Friar Minor, of Bruggewater.

John Mersshfeld, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

Deacons.

Dan Thomas Gardyner, monk of Wytham of the Carthusian order.

Dan Thomas Mandon, monk of Cleeve.

Thomas Hylle, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

Priests.

John Cole (as above).

Thomas Tylston (as above).

John Gyles and John Wemdon, brethren of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

William Pylton, canon of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

1730. On the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross following, the bishop in his manor of Banwell ordained the following person acolyte :—

Dan Humphrey Burneham, monk of Cleeve.

1731. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwell manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 September, 1456.

Subdeacons.

Master Thomas Purviour, M.A., canon of Wells and prebendary of Yatton.

Dan Henry Langley and Dan Robert Cammell, monks of Glastonbury.

Arnold Harvey, Friar Minor, of Dorchester in Salisbury dioc. ; by privilege of the order.

1456.

Deacons.

Dan Peter Rampsam, monk of Shirborn in Salisbury dioc.

Dan John Shirborn and Dan John Water, monks of Mountagu priory.

Dan Robert Cowham, monk of Cleeve.

Peter Sheman and Peter Fisher (*Piscator*), Friars Minors, of Dorchester in Salisbury dioc. ; by privilege of the order.

Priests.

Master William Roalph (as above).

John Boleyn (as above).

William Feelde, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bradenestoke.

Thomas Hobbys, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abbess and conv. of Lacok.

Dan John Wotton, monk of Malmesburye ; by apostolic privilege.

Dan Thomas Maundon, monk of Cleeve.

Dan John Bathe, monk of Bathe.

Thomas Gardyner, monk of Wytham of the Carthusian order.

Dan Edward Marche, monk of Glastonbury.

1732. On Sunday, 12 December, 1456, the bishop in the new oratory in Wells palace ordained the following person acolyte :—

John Excetre, canon of Taunton priory.

1733. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 18 December, 1456.

Subdeacons.

John Excetre, canon of Taunton priory.

Dan John Bokelond, monk of Athelneye.

Deacon.

Master Thomas Purviour (as above).

Priest.

Dan Robert Cowham, monk of Cleeve.

1734. On 19 December, 1456, the bishop in the new oratory in Wells palace ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Walter atte Welle, of Exeter dioc.

John Shadman of Philippis Norton.

1735. On Sunday, 31 January, 1456[-7], the bishop in the oratory in Wells palace ordained the following person acolyte :— 1457.
Dan William Wylkyns, monk of Athelneye.

1736. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on 12 March, 1456[-7].

Subdeacons.

Thomas Herford, of St. Davids dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. John the Evangelist, Brecknock.

Dan William Wylkyns, monk of Athelneye.

Robert Olyver, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Shirborn in the same dioc.

Deacons.

John Leueson of Phylippes Norton (as above).

John Excestre, canon of Taunton priory.

John Parley, of Worcester dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Farlegh.

Priests.

Master Thomas Purviour (as above).

Walter Wylde of Glastonbury (as above).

John Chaundeler of Ilchestre (as above).

Thomas Hylle of Criston (as above).

1737. On Sunday, 13 March, 1456[-7], the bishop in his manor of Woky ordained the following persons acolytes :—

John Quintyne of Ilmistre.

Robert Cyllee of Harptre.

1738. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 2 April, 1457.

Subdeacon.

John Shadman of Philipppis Norton, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

Deacons.

Walter Wille, of Exeter dioc., tit. dean and chapter of Exeter.

John Udy, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

Priests.

John Excestre, canon of Taunton priory (as above).

John Ede of Langport (as above).

1457. Thomas Colyns, of London dioc., tit. master or warden of the house or hospital of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge.

1739. On Holy Saturday, to wit 16 April, 1457, the bishop in his manor of Woky ordained the following persons deacons :—

Dan John Bokelond and Dan William Wilkys, monks of Athelneye.

1740. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwel manor on the eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 11 June, 1457.

Subdeacon.

John Harewel of Wedmore, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Priests.

Walter Wille, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Dan John Shirborn and Dan John Water, monks of Montagu priory.

John Leueson of Philippes Norton (as above).

Dan Thomas Worspyng, monk of Glastonbury.

Richard Pershor, of Worcester dioc., tit. hosp. of St. Giles, Shrewsbury.

1741. On Sunday, 11 December, 1457, the bishop in his new oratory in Wells palace ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Master Nicholas Fyssh, doctor of laws, of Norwich dioc.

Dan John Mirelynche, monk of Glastonbury.

1742. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on 17 December, 1457.

Subdeacons.

Master William (*recte* Nicholas) Fyssh, doctor of laws, of Norwich dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Robert Digon of Estcoker, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Thomas Crosse of Est Chynnok, tit. abb. and conv. of Abbotesbury.

Thomas Popham of Stokegummer,¹ tit. abb. and conv. of Cleeve.

¹ A marginal note states that Thomas Popham swore not to take priest's orders within the following three years.

Dan Thomas Bray, monk of Athelney.

Dan John Canyngton, Dan Richard Brent and Dan John Mirelynche, monks of Glastonbury.

1457.

John Ricard of Wells, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Richard atte Wylle, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Donkeswell.

Deacons.

Peter Carnsnyow (*sic*), of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

Dan Henry Langley and Dan Robert Cammel, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

Walter Seller, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hertiland.

John Deverell of Exeter dioc., tit. provost and chapter of the collegiate church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Glaseney.

Geoffrey Adam, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

Henry Trespe, Friar Minor, of Dorchester in Salisbury dioc.

John Henton and Robert Russel, canons of Bruton priory.

1743. On Sunday, 18 December, 1457, the bishop in his new oratory in Wells palace ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Robert atte Yate of Dicheyate.

William Punter of Bruton.

William Chepman and Thomas Coof, canons of Staverdale priory.

Laurence Lukyer, Friar Minor, of Dorchester.

John Walby of Wells.

1744. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells palace on 1458. 25 February, 1457[-8].

Acolytes.

John Fournier of the parish of St. Sampson in Guernsey, in Coutances dioc.

John Wever of Clyfton on Teme, Hereford dioc.

Richard Trewothel of Bodmin, *dimissus* by John Udy, guardian of the spirituality of Exeter dioc., the see being vacant ; by authority of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury.

John Flemmyng of Dunster.

1458.

Subdeacons.

William Kyngman of South Pederton, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Dan John Chiwe, monk of Bath.

Deacons.

Robert Digon of Est Coker (as above).

Thomas Crosse of Est Chynnok (as above).

Richard atte Wel, of Exeter dioc. (as above, *s.v.* Wylle).

Master Nicholas Fissh (as above).

John Ricard of Wells (as above).

Priests.

John Harewel of Wedmour (as above).

John Huchyns, vicar in Wells cathedral.

1745. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on 18 March, 1457[-8].

Acolytes.

William Philippis *alias* Gough of Bekyngton.

Nicholas Willy, canon of Worspryng priory.

Subdeacon.

Richard Trewothel, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

Deacon.

Dan Thomas Bray, monk of Athelney.

Priests.

Master Nicholas Fissh (as above).

John Ricard of Wells (as above).

1746. Orders celebrated by the bishop in Wells palace on Holy Saturday, to wit 1 April, 1458.

Subdeacon.

John le Fournier, of Coutances dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Bukfestre.

Nicholas Willy, canon of Worspryng priory.

Deacon.

Richard Trewothel of Bodmin (as above).

Priests.

William Savage of Hampreston, Salisbury dioc., B.A., fellow

of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by apostolic indult to the college, tit. the said college. 1458.

Robert Digon of Est Coker (as above).

1747. On 3 April, 1458, the bishop in his new oratory in Wells palace ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Thomas Feers of Frome.

Robert Harper of Frome.

1748. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwel manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 23 September, 1458.

Subdeacons.

John Benet, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

Dan Humphrey Quayk, monk of Cleeve.

Thomas Feers of Frome, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Foxe and William Clyve, canons of Keynesham.

John Chester, canon of Taunton priory.

Dan John Baryngton and Dan Thomas Coscomb, monks of Glastonbury.

William ap Howel Brokbury, of Llandaff dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bergevenny.

Deacons.

Dan John Canyngton and Dan Richard Brent, monks of Glastonbury.

John Wever of Clyfton on Teme, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

John Wynterborn of Crediton, tit. abb. and conv. of Bukfast.

William Vyncy, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

Priests.

Richard Yeme of Plymton, tit. abb. and conv. of Bukfast.

John John, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

Robert Golan, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

John Bokelond, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

John Brether, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Tavistoke. He has a dispensation for his minority.

1458. Robert Waryn and John Clayton, canons of St. Stephen's priory, Launceston.

John Fournier (as above).

John William, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tiwardreth.

1749. On Sunday, 24 September, 1458, the bishop ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Master Robert Hurst, bachelor in laws, of the parish of the Temple, Bristol.

Master John Ludford, bachelor in both laws, of Wyncalton.

John Hobbis of Wyncalton.

John Underwey of Tyntenhull.

Simon Staulynch of Hille Bisship.

John Michel of Taunton.

Dan William Wyke and Dan William Huyssh, monks of Athelney.

1459. 1750. On Sunday, to wit 4 February, 1458[–9], the bishop in his oratory in Banwel manor ordained the following person acolyte :—

William Russel, clerk, of York dioc.

1751. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on a Saturday of the four seasons of the first week in Lent, to wit 17 February, 1458[–9].

Subdeacons.

William Russel, of York dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Holy Trinity, York.

John Quyntyn of Ilmyster, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Dan James Warham, monk of Shirborn in Salisbury dioc.

John Coty *alias* Hobbes of Wyncalton, tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.

John Chepman and Thomas Coof, canons of Staverdale priory.

Thomas Silk of Langsutton, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

Robert Dukman, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Maydenbradelegh.

Dan John West and Dan William Lovel, monks of Glastonbury.

Master John Lideford, fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. 1459.

Dan William Huyssh and Dan William Wyke, monks of Mochelney.

Deacons.

Richard Strong of Bath, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

Dan John Baryngton and Dan Thomas Corscomb, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

John Tone of Taunton, tit. abb. and conv. of Cleeve.

Thomas Stephunson, vicar in Salisbury cathedral, of York dioc.

Robert Lavyngton, of Lincoln dioc., vicar in Salisbury cathedral.

Thomas Nabbe *alias* Orchard, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

Thomas Feers of Frome (as above).

1752. On the second Sunday in Lent, to wit 18 February, 1458[-9], the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor ordained the following persons acolytes:—

William Hauker of Corymalet.

William Pacche of South Pederton.

William Northorn of Wells.

William Wither of Baltesborough.

Thomas Nahelion of Modford.

John Grafton of Pytmyster.

John Fraunceis of Taunton.

John Kynman of Est Pennard.

Simon Charde of Taunton.

Robert Elme of Glastonbury.

John Spencer of Brugwater.

John Josne of Est Pennard.

John Bawdryp of West Pennard.

1753. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 10 March, 1458[-9].

Subdeacon.

William Gough *alias* Philip of Bekyngton, tit. pr. and conv. of Maydenbradleg.

1459.

Deacons.

Dan James Warham, monk of Shirborn in Salisbury dioc.

Thomas Sylk of Longsutton (as above).

William Russel, of York dioc. (as above).

Priest.

Dan Thomas Coscomb, monk of Glastonbury.

1754. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Wells palace on Holy Saturday, to wit 24 March, 1458[-9].

Subdeacons.

John Thomas *alias* Marchel of Wells, B.A., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

William Northorn, vicar in Wells cathedral, born in Wells. Memorandum that the bishop admitted him to subdeacon's orders as a special grace, because if he had not received such orders at this time he would have been deprived of his stall. Before being ordained, he made oath before Hugh Sugar, the bishop's chancellor, that he would diligently study to learn grammar and acquire an understanding of the Scriptures, especially at such times as he could be absent from the cathedral choir.

Deacons.

John Flemyng of Dunster, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

John Coty *alias* Hobbes (as above).

Master Richard Croke, M.A., of Criche, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelney.

William Gough *alias* Philip (as above).

Priests.

William Russel, of York dioc. (as above).

Thomas Sylk of Longsutton (as above).

Richard Strong of Bath (as above).

Master John Lydford (as above).

Acolytes.

Thomas Upton and William Temset, brethren of the house of Edyngdon in Salisbury dioc.

1755. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwell manor on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 19 May, 1459.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor, and Master William Childe, M.A.

Deacons.

1459.

Dan John West and Dan John Murylynch, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

William Eston of Dichesyate, B.A., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's in Oxford university.

Dan Richard Brent, monk of Glastonbury.

Dan John Mason, monk of Mochelney.

1756. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Woky manor on 22 September, 1459.

Examiners, as above.

Subdeacons.

Richard Harreys, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Hugh ap Howel, of St. Davids dioc., tit. prioress and sisters of Stodelegh.

Simon Staulinche, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

William Wether, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

Nicholas Willy, canon of Worspryng priory.

Dan John Chiwe, monk of Bath priory.

Priests.

Master John Thomas *alias* Marchal, M.A., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Dan John West, monk of Glastonbury.

1757. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 22 December, 1459.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor, and Master William Childe, the bishop's chaplain.

Acolytes.

William Drewe, Richard Cole and Robert Savery, brethren of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Walter Michell of the parish of Overstowey.

Robert Wiseman, vicar choral of Wells.

John Helyer of the parish of Mertok.

John Lane of Yevell.

John Rumpayn of the parish of Ile Abbatis.

1459.

Subdeacons.

Ralph Byry of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Richard Tyke of Wells, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Nicholas Payn of the island of Guernsey, in Coutances dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

Master John Arnold, M.A., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford ; by privilege of the college, tit. the college. Memorandum that on the preceding day, to wit 21 December, the bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, ordained the said Master John acolyte.

Thomas Horn, B.A., of Odecomb, tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

Dan Thomas Dygon, monk of Athelneye.

William Hawker of Corymalet, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Deacons.

Richard Harreis, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Simon Staulynch, of Hille Episcopi (as above).

Nicholas Rogger of the island of Guernsey, tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

William Chepman and Thomas Cole, canons of Staverdale priory.

Richard Waleys, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Priests.

Ellis Torryng, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

John Brownynge, rector of Symondesborough, of Salisbury dioc.

John Flemyng of Dunster (as above).

1460.

1758. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, on 8 March, 1459[-60].

Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar, the bishop's chancellor.

Acolytes.

William Strottynger of Wotton.

John Ferby of Langport.

Robert Martyn of Southpederton.

William Boys of Taunton.

Robert Godde of Taunton.

John Mode of Stoke by Taunton.

John Chamberleyn of Brugwater.

Dan Henry Clerk, monk of Cleeve.

John Wilmot of Tyntenhull.

Dan Thomas Payne, monk of Athelneye.

Walter Helier of Taunton.

Richard Saunder of Taunton.

Thomas Lome of Taunton.

Martin Renawdyn, of Exeter dioc.

William Bevyn, of Exeter dioc.

Subdeacons.

Hugh Raglan, rector of St. Michael by Cowbrygge in Llandaff dioc.

John Pekke, of Lincoln dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Brommor in Winchester dioc.

Edmund Dervow, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

William Pratte of Charleton Camvile, tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

John Helier of Mertok, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

John Snyfmor and John Pitteley, canons of Taunton priory.

Nicholas Stucle and Robert Langman, canons of Berlich priory.

John Witteslade, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Dunkswell.

Stephen Cowlyng, rector of Chawdecomb *alias* Choldecomb in Exeter dioc.

Deacons.

William Pethek, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tywardrayeth.

Thomas Horn, B.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

Dan Humphrey Quyck, monk of Cleeve.

Ralph Bury of Taunton (as above, *s.v.* Byry).

Robert Roggers of Sevenhampton, tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

Nicholas Payne of Guernsey (as above).

Dan William Wyke, monk of Mochelneye.

1460. Master John Arnold, M.A. (as above).
 Dan Thomas Dygon, monk of Athelneye.
 William Northorn of Wells, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Richard Benet, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Germans in Cornwall.
 Dan John Okeford and Dan John Ilmistre, monks of Forde abbey; by apostolic indult to the said abbey.
 Robert Trote, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Germans in Cornwall.

Priests.

- Simon Staulinch of Hylle Episcopi (as above).
 Nicholas Rogger of Guernsey (as above).
 Dan John Baryngton, monk of Glastonbury.

1759. On the feast of the Annunciation, 1460, John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel in Woky manor, ordained the following person acolyte :—

Acolyte.

- Philip Gough *alias* Clerk of Bekyngton.

1760. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 29 March, 1460.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, doctor of laws, and Master William Child, M.A.

Acolytes.

- Robert Yong, of Exeter dioc.
 William Ewen of Yevell.
 John Atwelle, of Exeter dioc., vicar in Wells cathedral.
 John Edyngdon of Glastonbury.
 John Stevens, William Jory and Richard Hygons, vicars in Wells cathedral.

Subdeacons.

Dan William Bray, monk of Witham of the Carthusian order.

- Robert Wiseman, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Martin Renawdyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.
 William Drewe, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Robert Saverey, brother of the same hosp.

1460.

Robert Sylly of Estharpstre, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Grafton of Pytmistre, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Plumtre, of York dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

Philip Gough *alias* Clerk of Bekyngton, tit. pr. and conv. of Maidenbradley.

Deacons.

Hugh Raglan (as above).

Edmund Dervaw (as above).

John Pekke (as above).

William Pratte (as above).

John Helyer of Mertok (as above).

John Witteslade (as above).

Andrew Hendy, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

Richard Tyke of Wells (as above).

Dan William Langport and Dan William Mountagu, monks of Montagu priory.

Priests.

Robert Rogers of Sevenhampton (as above).

Thomas Horn of Odecomb, B.A. (as above).

Master John Arnold (as above).

Nicholas Payne of Guernsey (as above).

1761. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit 12 April, 1460.

Examiners, as above.

Acolytes.

Richard Lacy of Walcot by Bath.

Thomas Adam of Wells.

Ralph Gardiner of Taunton.

John Davy of Brugwater.

Subdeacons.

Robert Yate, tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.

Robert Yong, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Germans in Cornwall. Memorandum that John Austill, esquire,

1460. undertook that Robert would obtain a better and more general title before Trinity next, under penalty of 20 *l*.

John Stevens, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Towyll, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Deacons.

Robert Wisseman, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Robert Syilly (as above).

Martin Renawdyn (as above).

Philip Gough *alias* Clerk (as above).

Priests.

Master John Lumbury, M.A., fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, of Dunster.

Hugh Raglan (as above).

John Pekke (as above).

William Pratte (as above).

Richard Tyke of Wells (as above).

William Chepman, canon of Staverdale priory.

John Witteslade (as above).

Andrew Hendy (as above).

1762. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 7 June, 1460.

Examiners, Master John Pope and Master William Childe, the bishop's chaplains.

Acolytes.

Richard Redewode of Henley on Thames.

Richard Bertram of Ilchestre.

John Clement *alias* Blacdon of Bruton.

John Lampray of Welles.

Nicholas Huchon of Ligh in the parish of Melles.

Stephen Beyden of Canyngton.

Dan William Wyche, Dan John Syilly, Dan Thomas Wynchcomb and Dan Richard Edyngdon, monks of Glastonbury.

Thomas Deye, of London dioc.

Subdeacons.

Roger Goode and William Panter, canons of Bruton priory.

Walter Bokeler, of Salisbury dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Cerne.

William Bevyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Deacons.

1460.

William Hawker of Corymalet (as above).

William Drewe and Robert Saveray, brethren of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Grafton of Pytmystre (as above).

John Quyntyn of Ilmystre (as above).

Robert Yate of Dychesyate, tit. pr. and conv. of Staverdale.

Dan William Braye, monk of Witham.

John Towell, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Priests.

Edmund Dervaw (as above).

Thomas Cove, canon of Staverdale priory.

Nicholas Wylly, canon of Worspryng priory.

Robert Sylly of Estharpdre (as above).

Richard Joce, B.A., of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Osneye.

Martin Renawdyn (as above).

Ralph Bury of Taunton (as above).

Philip Gough *alias* Clerk (as above).

William Ridde, of Lincoln dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

1763. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 20 September, 1460.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, the bishop's chancellor, and Master John Pope, S.T.P.

Acolytes.

Andrew Battys of Mochelneye.

William Shaldo of Taunton.

Master William Prest of Wachette.

Thomas Aleyn of Estbrent.

Thomas Farre of Frome Selwode.

Subdeacons.

Robert Martyn of Southpederton, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

William Jory, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Richard Bertram of Ilchestre, tit. abb. and conv. of Abbatesburye.

1460. Dan John Sylly and Dan Thomas Wynchecomb, monks of Glastonbury.

John Mychell of Taunton, tit. abb. and conv. of Keynesham.
Deacons.

William Bevyn, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Stevens, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Walter Bokeler of Yatmystre (as above).

Thomas Foxe and William Clyve, canons of Keynesham.

John Pytteley, canon of Taunton priory.

Priests.

John Roly, vicar in Wells cathedral.

William Northorn, vicar in Wells cathedral, *ex gracia*.

Dan John Chiewe, monk of Bath priory.

Robert Burnell, of Worcester dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine's by Bristol.

Dan William Braye, monk of Wytham.

Dan Robert Cammell, monk of Glastonbury.

Thomas Popham of Stokegummer, tit. abb. and conv. of Cleeve. Memorandum that on the day of his ordination he swore on the Gospels to do his utmost to attain a better knowledge and understanding of grammar, and to present himself for examination by Master Hugh Sugar or any other commissary of the bishop once a year in the week of the next consistory of Wells following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross until he be found capable.

1764. On the feast of St. Luke, 1460, John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of the conventual church of Taunton priory, ordained the following persons acolytes :—

Acolytes.

William Spynne, William Brytte, John Gedyng and John Ayssh, canons of Taunton priory.

1765. Orders celebrated by the said bishop in the church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, on 20 December, 1460.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master William Childe.

Acolytes.

John Trenche, B.A.

Ralph Balam, of Salisbury dioc.

Master John Laucok, bachelor in laws, of Glastonbury.

William Clerk of Bruton.

John Cloke of Modford.

Robert Nicoll, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Thomas Podevyn of the island of Guernsey in Coutances dioc.

Hugh William, of Llandaff dioc.

Robert Wille, of Exeter dioc.

Subdeacons.

John Chambourleyn of Brugwater, tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

David Gybbys, of St. Davids dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine's by Bristol.

Thomas Harreys of Longsutton, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelyngneye.

Master William Prest, bachelor in laws, rector of Treborough.

Dan William Wyche, monk of Glastonbury.

John Tyrell *alias* Kynneman of Estpennard, tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine's by Bristol.

Deacons.

William Wyther of Baltesborough, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Robert Martyn of Southpederton (as above).

Richard Bertram (as above).

Dan Thomas Wynchecomb, monk of Glastonbury.

Priests.

John Pilhed, of Exeter dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Dan Thomas Dygon, monk of Athelneye.

Walter Bokeler (as above).

William Hawker of Corymalet (as above).

John Grafton of Pitmystre (as above).

William Baylly, of Lincoln dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist without the East Gate, Oxford.

William Person, of Exeter dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

1460. 1766. On a certain Sunday about the Purification in the same year John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel near the cloister of Wells cathedral commonly called 'Cokains Chapell,' ordained the following person acolyte :—

Acolyte.

Richard ap Eynon, of St. Davids dioc.

1461. 1767. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit the last day of February, 1460[-1].

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, the bishop's chancellor, Master Richard Swan, provost of Wells, Master John Riche, canon of Wells, and Master William Childe, M.A.

Acolytes.

John Stone of Dichesyate.

John Palmer of Meryete.

Henry Curteys of Welles.

Walter Walssh of Taunton.

John Redehede of Mountagu.

Walter Palyngton, of Salisbury dioc.

Subdeacons.

William Shaldoo of Taunton, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Newton, canon of Bruton priory.

John Trenche, B.A., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Richard ap Eynon, of St. Davids dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

William Piers, of Exeter dioc., tit. abbess and conv. of Canonlegh.

Andrew Batte of Mochelneye, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

John Richard, of Exeter dioc., tit. abbess and conv. of Canonlegh.

John Wille of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

Thomas Podvyn of Guernsey in Coutances dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

1461.

William Punter and Roger Goode, canons of Bruton priory.

Robert Longman, canon of Berlich priory.

Benet Kyllgrewe, B.A., of Exeter dioc., tit. provost and chapter of the collegiate church of Glaseneye.

John Snyfmor, canon of Taunton priory.

Master William Prest of Wachuset, bachelor in laws, rector of Treburgh.

William Jory, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Chambourleyn (as above).

Priests.

Richard Harreys, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Richard Bertram of Ilchestre (as above).

Dan John Canyngton and Dan Thomas Wynchecomb, monks of Glastonbury.

1768. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 21 March, 1460[-1].

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master William Childe.

Acolyte.

Thomas Roly of Glastonbury.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Berde, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Bokedlond.

William Nicoll, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Robert Nicoll, vicar in Wells cathedral. (Marginal note:—*ex gracia domini.*)

Richard Coke, rector of Powderham.

John Goolde, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter. (Marginal notes:—*Nota pro oblig[acionis] condic[ione]. Ex gracia domini.*)

Deacons.

John Trenche (as above).

Thomas Podevyn (as above).

William Shaladoo (as above).

Richard ap Eynon (as above).

1461. John Richard (as above).
 John Tyrell *alias* Kynneman (as above).
 Stephen Clement, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Barnstaple.
 Thomas Harreys of Longsutton (as above).
 Priests.
 Benet Killygrewe (as above).
 John Chambourleyn (as above).
 Master William Prest (as above).
1769. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel at the altar of Corpus Christi in Wells cathedral, on Holy Saturday, to wit 4 April, 1461.
 Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar.
 Subdeacon.
 Master John Laucok, bachelor in laws, of Glastonbury, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.
 Deacon.
 Robert Nicoll, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 Priests.
 John Quintyn of Ilmystre (as above).
 John Trenche (as above).
 Richard ap Eynon (as above).
 John Hawke, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Tavestoke.
1770. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary within Wells cathedral on 30 May, 1461.
 Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar.
 Acolyte.
 John Shepeherd of Clevedon.
 Subdeacons.
 John Yong of Ilmystre, tit. pr. and conv. of Mountagu.
 Dan Henry Clerk, monk of Cleeve.
 Robert Elle of Glastonbury, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.
 Deacons.
 Nicholas Stucle, canon of Berlich priory.
 Andrew Batte of Mochelneye (as above).
 John William of Stratton, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

John Newton, canon of Bruton priory.

Robert William, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Neeth.

Thomas Geffray, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

William Branche, fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college.

Priests.

Henry Gryffeth and Alexander Crede, canons of St. Augustine's by Bristol.

Robert Langman, canon of Berlich priory.

John Walshe of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

John Snyfmor, canon of Taunton priory.

Robert Martyn of Southpederton (as above).

Roger Goode, canon of Bruton priory.

Thomas Foxe, canon of Keynesham.

Dan John Pittenye, monk of Mountagu priory.

1771. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 19 September, 1461.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master John Stokys.

Acolytes.

Master William Stevens, bachelor in laws, of Shepton Malet.

Dan John Curteys, monk of Glastonbury.

Subdeacons.

John Batte of Northpederton, tit. master and conv. of the house of St. Mark by Bristol.

Henry Curteis, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

Geoffrey Writer, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

John Geffrey, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Dan Thomas Holt, monk of Bath priory.

Dan John Brigge, monk of Mochelneye.

Ralph Balam, of Salisbury dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Ferby of Langport, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

John Axbrug, monk of Athelneye.

1461. Master Robert Hurst, bachelor in both laws, of Bath and Wells dioc., fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford, tit. his college.

Thomas Somer and Thomas Edwyn, canons of Worspring priory.

Dan Richard Edingdon, monk of Glastonbury.

John Cornyssh of Welles, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

Richard Adam, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Dan Henry Clerk, monk of Cleeve.

John Welywrought, of Exeter dioc., tit. dean and chapter of Exeter.

Robert Wille, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Germans.

Robert Elle of Glastonbury (as above).

John Turpyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Torre.

Thomas Richard, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

Dan William Lovell and Dan William Whiche, monks of Glastonbury.

Priests.

John Olyver, brother of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Exeter.

William Jory, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John Stevens, vicar in Wells cathedral.

William Shaldoo (as above).

Andrew Batte (as above).

Thomas Berde, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

John William of Stratton (as above).

Richard Tappelegh, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Robert Yate of Dichesyate (as above).

Nicholas Stucle, canon of Berlich priory.

Dan Humphrey Quicke, monk of Cleeve.

Robert Williams, of Llandaff dioc. (as above, *s.v.* William).

Dan William Wyke, monk of Mochelneye.

Dan Henry Langlegh, monk of Glastonbury.

1772. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 13 March, 1461[-2]. 1462.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master John Stokys, canons of Wells.

Acolytes.

Thomas Quyntyn of Ilmystre.

John Hickys of Ilmystre.

John Cummisshid of Welyngton.

John Holcomb of Mersshton.

Thomas Bisshop of Penne.

John Hunt, vicar choral of Wells.

Nicholas Gille of Estcokyr.

John Newton of the parish of Holy Cross of the Temple, Bristol, B.A.

Subdeacons.

John Moode of Stoke by Taunton, tit. master and brethren of the house of St. Mark by Bristol.

John Lamprey, canon of Bruton priory.

John Edyngton of Glastonbury, tit. prioress and conv. of Canyngton.

John Lane of Yevell, tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.

John Walbef of Wells, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Thomas Ferre of Frome, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

John Ruffgray, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

Henry Downe, of Exeter dioc., tit. dean and chapter of Exeter.

John Estur of Guernsey, Coutances dioc., tit. dean and chapter of Exeter.

Thomas Hawkyns of Crukern, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

Deacons.

Thomas Edwyn, canon of Worspryng priory.

John Batte of Northpederton (as above).

John Yong of Ilmystre (as above).

John Ewayn, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Osenay.

Ralph Balaam, B.A. (as above, *s.v.* Balam).

1462. Michael Englyssh of Guernsey, Coutances dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

John Ferby of Langport (as above).

John William, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tywardreth.

John Teek, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Osenay.

Priests.

John Newton, canon of Bruton priory.

John Cary, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tiwardreth.

John Meuker, of Exeter dioc., tit. provost and chapter of the collegiate church of Glaseney.

John Trenkrik, of Exeter, tit. pr. and conv. of St. Stephen, Launceston.

William Bevyn, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Master Thomas Forster, M.A., of Lincoln dioc., warden of the free chapel of Filbert, Salisbury dioc.

Thomas Prous of Ilmystre, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

Robert Elle of Glastonbury (as above).

John Adam, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Fritheldestok.

1773. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 3 April, 1462.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master William Childe.

Acolytes.

James Paslay, of Glasgow dioc.

Richard Nuton of Glastonbury.

Dan Roger Andrew, monk of Glastonbury.

Richard Ferrer of Farlegh Hungerford.

Subdeacons.

John Newton of the parish of Holy Cross of the Temple, Bristol, B.A., tit. abb. and conv. of St. Augustine, Bristol.

Dan John Curteys, monk of Glastonbury.

John Hunt, vicar in Wells cathedral.

John ap Thomas, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Deacons.

John Moode of Stoke by Taunton (as above).

John Walbef of Wells (as above).
 John Lane of Yevell (as above).
 John Rufgray (as above).
 Henry Down, of Exeter dioc. (as above).
 Thomas Ferre of Frome (as above).
 John Edyngdon of Glastonbury (as above).
 Dan John Sylly, monk of Glastonbury.

1462.

Priests.

William Drewe, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist,
 Wells.

John Ewayn (as above).
 Michael Englissh (as above).

1774. Orders celebrated by the bishop of Tenos in the chapel
 of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral on Holy Saturday, to wit
 17 April, 1462.

Examiners, Master Robert Hurst and Sir Thomas Horn.

Acolytes.

William Andrew of Mertok.
 Thomas Bybyll of Merk.
 John Boteler of Coscomb.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Pitte of Shepton Malet, tit. pr. and conv. of Staver-
 dale.

James Paslay, of Glasgow dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.
 Master William Stevens of Shepton Malet, bachelor in laws,
 rector of Poyntyngton.

Deacons.

Thomas Langford, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of
 Pilton.

John Hunt, vicar in Wells cathedral.
 John Estur of Guernsey (as above).

Priests.

Master Robert Hurst, bachelor in both laws, fellow of the
 college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford, of the parish of St.
 Thomas the Martyr, Bristol.

John Walbef of Wells (as above).
 Henry Down, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

1462.

John Rufgray (as above).

John Cornyssh of Wells (as above).

1775. Orders celebrated by the bishop in the chapel in Banwell manor on 12 June, 1462.

Examiners as above.

Subdeacon.

Dan John Axbrugge, monk of Mochelneye.

Deacons.

Dan John Curteys, monk of Glastonbury.

James Paslay (as above).

Dan John Brigge, monk of Mochelneye.

Thomas Hawkyns of Crukern (as above).

John Lewys and Antony Rulens, Friars Minors, of Brugwater.

Thomas Pitte of Shepton Malet (as above).

Priests.

Dan John Myrilineche, monk of Glastonbury.

John Newton of the parish of Holy Cross of the Temple, Bristol (as above).

John *de Via Lapidea*, Friar Minor, of Brugwater.

Thomas Harreys of Glastonbury, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

1776. Orders celebrated by the bishop of Tenos in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral on 18 September, 1462.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, Master John Stokes and Sir John Erle.

Acolytes.

Thomas Treyage, of Exeter dioc.

Nicholas Hunt of Welowe.

John 'of' Meer of Brugwater.

Thomas Brygge of Dultyng.

Dan Nicholas Exeter, monk of Witham priory.

Richard Widcomb of Wells.

John Pope of Wells.

Thomas Mountayn of Bath.

William Clyfton of Bath.

Thomas Parker of Glastonbury.

Thomas Mille of Axbrug.

Walter Horn of Westlidford, B.A.

Subdeacons.

William Strottyngger of Wotton Courtenay, tit. pr. and conv.
of Burcestre in Lincoln dioc.

Dan William Langport, monk of Bath priory.

William Andrew of Mertok, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.

William Bukhorn of Milbornport, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Dan John Rede, monk of Mochelneye.

Dan Richard Stevens and Dan Thomas Kene, monks of
Glastonbury.

John Hore, John Gylmyn, Philip Keynesham and John
Morys, canons of Keynesham.

William Chalvedon, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of
Hertlond.

William Antony, of Exeter dioc., tit. abess and conv. of
Canonlegh.

William Jon, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Robert Soper, of Exeter dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the
Baptist, Wells.

Deacons.

William Quans, of Exeter dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the
Baptist, Wells.

John Cambrig, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hertlond.

Thomas Piers, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

James Lord, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas,
Exeter.

Dan Thomas Holt, monk of Bath priory.

Master John Laucok of Glastonbury, tit. hosp. of St. John
the Baptist, Wells.

Thomas Chalvedon, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St.
Nicholas, Exeter.

Dan John Axbrug, monk of Mochelneye.

James Jon, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frides-
wyde's, Oxford.

Thomas Salter of Mylverton, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

Dan Thomas Payn, monk of Athelneye.

Geoffrey Man, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

1462. Richard Jordan, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hertlond.

John Newcomb, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

William Huworthy, of Exeter dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Henry Cūrteys, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

Priests.

John Batte of Northpederton (as above).

Richard Vincent, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

William Punter, canon of Bruton priory.

John Lane of Yevell (as above).

John Edyngdon of Glastonbury (as above).

John Yong of Ilmystre (as above).

James Paslay (as above).

Thomas Geffray, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).

John Ferby (as above).

Thomas Pitte of Shepton Malet (as above).

John Sumpter, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

Hermann Hardwyk, Friar Minor, of Bristol.

Richard Benet, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Plympton.

William Godewyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Dunkeswell.

Richard Boteland, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Totnes.

William Clyffe, canon of Keynesham.

John Andrew, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Tywardreyth.

John Osborn and John Bromford, canons of Frethelestoke priory.

John de Gouda, Friar Minor, of Bristol.

1777. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral on 18 December, 1462.

Examiner, Master H. Sugar.

Acolytes.

1462.

John Martyn, of Exeter dioc.

John Veel of Wynscomb.

John Boteler of Dunster.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Collys, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hertlond.

Baldwin Snowe, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Hertlond.

Philip David, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Lanternan.

Richard Dawncer, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Berlich.

Dan Nicholas Exeter, monk of Witham priory.

Henry Toker, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Frethele-stoke.

John Blakedon of Bruton, tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.

Dan John Dultyng, monk of Glastonbury.

Richard Harlewyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Neweham, same dioc.

Deacons.

Robert Soper (as above).

William Strottynger (as above).

William Bukhorn, B.A. (as above).

William Jon (as above).

Richard Ferre of Farlegh Hungerford, tit. abb. and conv. of Dunkeswell.

John Alyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

William Andrewe of Mertok (as above).

Richard Deny of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Dan Richard Stevens, monk of Glastonbury.

Master John More, bachelor in laws, fellow of the college of St. Mary of Winchester, Oxford; by apostolic indult to the college, tit. the college.

Priests.

William Huworthy (as above).

William Quans (as above).

Richard Jordan (as above).

Thomas Pers, of Exeter dioc. (as above, *s.v.* Piers).

1462. Master John Laucok (as above).
 Henry Curteys, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.
 John Newcomb, of Exeter dioc. (as above).
 John Helyer of Mertok, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.
 Thomas Wareyn, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.
 Geoffrey Man (as above).
 Thomas Salter of Milverton (as above).
 Dan John Curteys, monk of Glastonbury.
 Thomas Ferre of Frome Selwode (as above).
 Thomas Chalvedon (as above).
1463. 1778. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on 5 March, 1462[-3].
 Examiner, Maſter H. S.
 Acolytes.
 William Marys, brother of the college of Stoke under Hamden.
 William Tremir, of Exeter dioc.
 Robert Walssh of Taunton.
 John Branche of Bruton.
 John Dollyng, of Exeter dioc.
 Subdeacons.
 Richard Edmund, of Salisbury dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.
 Walter Wyther, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Frethelestok.
 John Hille of Burnham, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.
 William Thurstyn of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.
 Nicholas Hunte of Welow, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.
 Thomas Ewley, of Worcester dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Stanlegh in Salisbury dioc. Admitted by the bishop's grace, the rector of Bekyngton having undertaken to render him capable before he comes to take further orders.
 Dan Roger Andrew, monk of Glastonbury.

John Chalons, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, 1463.
Exeter.

George Thomelyn, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of
Dunkeswell.

Richard Cole, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist,
Wells.

Ralph Gardiner of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Deacons.

John Ayssh, canon of Taunton priory.

Philip David, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).

John Blakedon of Bruton (as above).

Richard Harlwyn, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

John Lylylmor, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Newn-
ham in the same dioc.

Mark Logosek, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

John Taunton, Richard Blakedon, Thomas Grene and
William Harreys *alias* Gryffith, canons of St. Augustine's,
Bristol.

Priests.

William Strottynger (as above).

Robert Soper (as above).

William Jon (as above).

William Bukhorn (as above).

Richard Ferre (as above).

Richard Deny (as above).

John Alyn (as above).

1779. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the
chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral,
on the Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit
26 March, 1463.

Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar.

Subdeacon.

Robert Purviour, B.A., canon of Wells and prebendary of
Combe XV.

Deacons.

Walter Wyther, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

John Hille of Burnham (as above).

1463. John Wilmot of Tyntenhull, tit. abb. and conv. of Mochelneye.
 Ralph Gardiner of Taunton (as above).
 Richard Edmond, of Salisbury dioc. (as above).
 William Thurstyn of Taunton (as above).
 Thomas Burnbury, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of
 Launceston.
 Richard Cole, brother of the hospital of St. John the Baptist,
 Wells.

1780. Orders celebrated by the bishop of Tenos in the chapel
 of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on Holy
 Saturday, to wit 9 April, 1463.

Examiners, Sir John Riche and Sir John Erle.

Acolyte.

William Bochell of Estcoker.

Subdeacon.

William Legh, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Neweham
 in the same dioc.

Deacons.

Robert Purviour (as above).

William Chalvedon (as above).

Priests.

Richard Edmond, of Salisbury dioc. (as above).

Ralph Gardiner of Taunton (as above).

Walter Wyther, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

John Hylle of Burnham (as above).

1781. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the
 chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral, on Saturday the
 eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 4 June, 1463.

Examiner, Master H. S.

Acolytes.

Thomas Laurens of Taunton.

William Chambourlayn of Wachet.

Richard Karok of Mertok.

John Lichefeld of Wells.

William Aller of Nyenhede.

Denis White, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Matthew Crahy, Friar Minor, of Bristol.

1463.

Subdeacon.

William Bochell of Estcoker, tit. his patrimony, worth 40 marks yearly.¹

Deacons.

Baldwin Snowe, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

William Legh, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Peter Wymersshers, Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Thomas Bonde of Welyngton, tit. abess and conv. of Canon-legh.

Dan John Rede, monk of Mochelneye.

Thomas Bateman, of Llandaff dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Chepstowe. Admitted by the bishop's grace; and he swore to be diligent in acquiring a better knowledge, etc.

Thomas Somer, canon of Worspryng priory.

Priests.

John Cole, brother of the hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells. Admitted by special grace of the bishop at the instance of the prior of the said hosp., the bishop's suffragan.

Thomas Hawkyns of Crukern, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye. He swore to undergo another examination on Monday in the consistory next after Michaelmas next.

Dan John Axbrugge, monk of Mochelneye.

1782. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the conventual church of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, on 24 September, 1463.

Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar.

Acolytes.

John Godelyn of Welyngton.

John Preston of Somerton.

Subdeacons.

John Gurney of Corymalet, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Marshall, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Frethelstok.

Ralph Lathum, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Brugwater.

¹ Gibson, *Codex Juris Ecclesiastici*, p. 140.

1463. John Hykkys of Ilmystre, tit. pr. and conv. of Berlich.
Dan John Abyndon and Dan Richard Forde, monks of Bath priory.

William Clyfton of Bath, tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

William Chambourlayn, born at Wachet, tit. pr. and conv. of Bruton.

Richard Nicoll, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Barnstaple.
Deacons.

Thomas Collis, of Exeter dioc. (as above, *s.v.* Collys).

William Antony, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Dan Nicholas Exeter, monk of Witham priory.

Dan William Langport, monk of Bath priory.

William Helyer, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

William Bochell, tit. his patrimony (as above).

Priests.

John Ayssh, canon of Taunton priory.

Dan Henry Clerk, monk of Clevee.

William Andrew of Mertok (as above).

Master William Cattehey, bachelor in laws, of Exeter dioc.,
tit. monastery of Oseneye.

Baldwin Snowe, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

William Legh, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Thomas Batemon, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).

Thomas Somer and Thomas Edwyn, canons of Worspryng priory.

1783. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 17 December, 1463.

Acolytes.

Robert Bonde of Norton by Taunton.

William Fychet of Northcory.

Robert Jones of Southpederton.

John Reynold of Castalcary.

John Talbot of the parish of St. Thomas, Bristol.

Matthew Davy of the same parish.

Richard Sant of Mynhede.

William Gleyrnagh, of Meath dioc.

Subdeacons.

1463.

John Pope of Wells, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

John Hawker of Ilmystre, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Richard Sant of Mynhede, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

Dan John Brown, monk of Glastonbury.

Deacons.

Ralph Lathum (as above).

John Hykkes of Ilmystre (as above).

John Paule, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bodmin.

John Gurney of Cory Malet (as above).

John Marshal, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

William Clyfton of Bath (as above).

Matthew Kray, Friar Minor, of Bristol.

Dan Roger Andrew, monk of Glastonbury.

Priests.

William Bouchell of Estcoker (as above, *s.v.* Bochell).

John Hunt, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Richard Danwcer (as above, *s.v.* Dawncer).

Richard Walden, Friar Minor, of Exeter.

John Upton, brother of the house of St. Mark of Ganwtes (*sic*) by Bristol.

1784. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 25 February, 1463[-4].

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar and Master William Childe.

Acolytes.

Thomas Elmeley of Kyngeston Saymour.

John Bussh of Welowe.

John Goold of Welyngton.

William Tyler of Pokelcherche, Worcester dioc.

Subdeacons.

John Vele of Wynscomb, tit. pr. and conv. of Worspryng.

Robert William, of Llandaff dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Morgan.

Richard Lorymer and Roger Bonde, canons of Hertlond monastery.

1464.

Deacons.

- John Hawker of Ilmystre (as above).
 John Pope of Wells (as above).
 Nicholas Hunt of Welow (as above).
 John Hylle, of Worcester dioc., B.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseneye.

Priests.

- John Gurney of Corymalet (as above).
 Ralph Lathum (as above).
 John Hykkes of Ilmystre (as above).
 John Marchall, of Exeter dioc. (as above, *s.v.* Marshall).
 Thomas Bryd, of Winchester dioc., B.A., tit. abb. and conv. of Lesenes in Rochester dioc.
 William Clyfton of Bath (as above).

1785. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on Saturday on which is sung the office *Sitientes*, to wit 17 March, 1463[-4].

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor, and Master William Childe.

Subdeacon.

William Marys, brother of the college or free chapel of Stoke under Hampden.

Deacons.

- Robert William, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).
 John Robert of Guernsey, Coutances dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.
 John Vele of Wynscomb (as above).
 Dan John Brown and Dan John Dultyng, monks of Glastonbury.
 John David, of St. Davids dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

Priests.

- William Tremir, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.
 John Hylle, of Worcester dioc. (as above).

1786. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the

chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, **1464.**
on Holy Saturday, to wit 31 March, 1464.

Examiners, Master Richard Swan and Master Thomas Merssh.
Acolytes.

John Faukys of Shepton Malet, B.A.

William Cutte of Wells, B.A.

Subdeacon.

John Talbot of the parish of St. Thomas, Bristol, B.A., tit.
abb. and conv. of Keynesham.

Priests.

John Mustard, B.A., of Exeter dioc., tit. monastery of
Oseneve.

William Martyn, B.A., of Brugwater, tit. pr. and conv. of
Burcestre.

Nicholas Hunt of Welow (as above).

Robert William, of Llandaff dioc. (as above).

1787. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the
chapel of the Virgin Mary in Wells cathedral, on Saturday the
eve of Holy Trinity, to wit 26 May, 1464.

Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor.

Acolytes.

William Karfyly of the parish of St. Thomas, Bristol.

Thomas Glyn of Pensford.

Subdeacons.

John Holcomb, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Dunks-
well.

William Gleyngagh, of Meath dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Bath.

Dan Thomas Merssh, monk of Mocheleye.

John Goodhyne of Welyngton, tit. abb. and conv. of
Kyngeswode.

Deacons.

John Talbot, B.A. (as above).

William Marys, brother of the college of Stoke under Hampden.

Peter Scowden, Friar Minor, of Brugwater.

Priests.

Richard Payne, of Exeter dioc., B.A., tit. house of St. Nicholas,
Exeter.

1464.

John Hawker of Ilmystre (as above).

John Vele of Wynscomb (as above).

Dan John Brygge, monk of Mochelneye.

Dan John Brown, monk of Glastonbury.

Richard Sant of Mynhede, tit. abb. and conv. of Athelneye.

1788. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 22 September, 1464.

Examiner, Master Hugh Sugar, the bishop's chancellor.

Acolytes.

Thomas Tayllour of Wells.

John Strete of Ilmystre.

John Godewyne of Wynsham.

John Combe of Mynhede.

David Ogan, of St. Davids dioc.

John Petherham of Glastonbury.

Subdeacons.

Richard Carrok of Mertok, tit. pr. and conv. of Montagu.

Robert Walssh of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

William Boys of Taunton, tit. pr. and conv. of Taunton.

Thomas Bible, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Deacons.

Walter Grete, of Exeter dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Oseney.

William Gleyagh (as above).

John Holcomb, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Priests.

James Guyot, of Coutances dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Buckfast.

John Blakedon of Bruton (as above).

John Talbot, B.A. (as above).

Master John Harowe, M.A., of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Frideswyde's, Oxford.

Dan Nicholas Exetre, monk of Witham.

William Thurstyn of Taunton (as above).

Dan Thomas Payn and Dan John Axbrug, monks of Athelneye.

Robert Purviour (as above).

Dan William Lovell, Dan William Wyche and Dan John Syilly, monks of Glastonbury. 1464.

Ralph Pynde, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

1789. Orders celebrated by John, bishop of Tenos, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary by the cloister of Wells cathedral, on a Saturday of the four seasons, to wit 22 December, 1464.

Examiners, Master Hugh Sugar, chancellor, and Master William Childe.

Acolytes.

John Uphyll of Batheston.

Robert Cleyford of Welyngton.

Thomas Chymworthy of Brompton Regis.

John Tele, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Master John Rodberd, bachelor in laws, of Ilmystre.

Robert Ofrers of Porlok.

William Creyse of Mertok.

John Piers of Taunton.

William Loket, of Exeter dioc.

Subdeacons.

Thomas Fort of Lydeyard St. Laurence, tit. hosp. of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

John Gruffeth, of St. Asaph dioc., tit. abb. and conv. of Stratamarcell, Hereford dioc.

Robert Jones of Southpederton, tit. abb. and conv. of Forde.

Deacons.

Thomas Bible, vicar in Wells cathedral.

Robert Walssh of Taunton (as above).

Richard Carrok of Mertok (as above).

John Lamprey, canon of Bruton priory.

William Boys of Taunton (as above).

John Purce, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of St. Nicholas, Exeter.

John Hore, John Guylmyn and Philip Keynesham, canons of Keynesham.

Dan Thomas Kene, monk of Glastonbury.

1464.

Priests.

William Stonys, of Coventry and Lichfield dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Plymton.

Richard Doune, of Exeter dioc., tit. pr. and conv. of Launceston.

Walter Grete, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

William Gleyneagh (as above).

John Holcomb, of Exeter dioc. (as above).

Dan Richard Stevens and Dan John Dultyng, monks of Glastonbury.

1444.

1790. Letter (*in English*) from the bishop to John, duke of Somerset, informing him of the lawless behaviour of some of his tenants, as Shirborne and others, inhabiting his town of Langport, in regard to the sacraments, and praying him to use his influence. Woky, 18 April [1444].¹

1457

or Somerset, asserting the bishop's innocence of certain charges

1460.

laid against him, and requesting the duke to bring to an end his interference with the church of Bekynton. Banwell, 26 February [1457 or 1460].²

1792. *Visitation of the abbey of Glastonbury by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, by metropolitanical right, in 1408.*

1408.

On 13 September, 1408, about the hour of chapter, the abbot, prior and brethren assembled in the chapter-house in the presence of the archbishop; and, after they had seated themselves by his order in the manner of a chapter, a discourse was delivered by Walter Offcot, a monk of the abbey, who took as his theme *Fiat pax in virtute tua*.

¹ Printed in full in *Correspondence of Bekynton*, vol. ii, p. 340, but there conjectured to be addressed to Edmund, duke of Somerset. It is plainly stated in the margin of the register to be addressed to duke John, who died in May 1444.

² *Ibid.* p. 342. The date must be between 1456 and 1460, and the bishop was at Banwell in February in the second and the last of these years.

Then the abbot exhibited a certificate that—in pursuance of an order from the archbishop dated in Canterbury palace, 14 August, 1408 (recited), intimating that, at the King's instigation and on an urgent request from the abbot himself, the archbishop proposed to hold a visitation of the abbey on the following 13 September, in order to appease the dissensions which had arisen there,—he had cited all the monks of the abbey to be present on that day. 1408.

When the said certificate had been read, the abbot, on bended knees, submitted himself to the judgement, correction, punishment and decree of the archbishop in regard to his rule of the monastery and any excesses or defects of his which might be discovered during the visitation; whereupon the archbishop ordered the prior and brethren to withdraw and proceed with the divine offices of the day, holding themselves ready to come to him when summoned.

Then, with the assistance of the following of his clerks, namely, Nicholas Ruyssheton and Philip Morgan, doctors of both laws, William Milton, licentiate in laws, archdeacon of Buckingham, John Bathe, canon of Wells, John Kempe, bachelor in laws, and others, he examined the abbot as to the state and rule of the monastery and the root of bitterness and dissension which then reigned therein, as is more fully contained in the quire (*quaterno*) of the examination; and in the afternoon of the same day and on the morrow, to wit Friday the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, he examined the officers and monks of the monastery individually, namely Thomas Coffyn, prior, Richard Bodmyn, George Croukern, Thomas Whityng, Peter Mochelney, John Barton, Henry Pyket, John Payn, Richard Hounesworth, Thomas Osemund, Walter Offcot, Baldwin Rosemond, John Taunton, William Draycote, Robert Parys, John Stapull, John Gloucestre, John Knoel, Walter Pedewell, Walter Staunton, Geoffrey Bristou, Nicholas Gaylard, John Cammell, John Broun, Robert Baryngdon, Nicholas Frome, John Pope, John Sampson, Thomas Pool, John Murlyng, William Sende, Henry Sone, John Laumport, Robert Togood, Richard Prentyse, William Newport, John Grenhirst, John Polglas, William Luyt, John Samdford, Thomas Barton, Thomas Penryn, Thomas Mudeford, John Okyngham,

1408. Richard Spyne, Richard Burnell, John Symnell, John Ledbury, John Bradeford, William Leuysham and John Aylesby, as is more fully contained in the quire of the examination, and those who were responsible for the discord then reigning in the monastery were duly punished, as follows in the acts. This done, the archbishop adjourned the visitation until the following day, Saturday.

On the said Saturday, after the abbot, prior and brethren had assembled in chapter, the prior announced to the archbishop, on behalf of himself and the whole convent, that they had not heard the submission made by the abbot on the first day of the visitation on account of the low voice in which he made it, and that if they had heard it they would have made a similar submission, which they were now ready to make, and made, prostrating themselves to the ground. Then the said prior resigned his office into the archbishop's hands on account of old age and bodily weakness and for other reasons, and prayed that notarial instruments of his resignation might be made.

This done, the archbishop ordered the brethren to go to their places; and then called the abbot and announced to him in public that John Polglas, one of his monks, had deposed against him that he had drawn to himself and kept around him men who were immature, weakminded, improvident and dishonest, not punishing offenders as he ought to do, and that owing to his example the inferior guardians and rulers of the order had not dared or cared to punish or correct offenders. Against this accusation the abbot honourably and canonically excused himself by all the brethren; whereupon the archbishop made a declaration and decree (recited) that all injunctions, by whatever authority made, and all obligations, promises and oaths made by the abbot before any superior, were null and void, and that he ought to be, and thereby was, restored to his original estate, fame, dignity, and honour, and to his original administration of the monastery.

Immediately afterwards, the archbishop called before him the following persons, namely, Richard Hounsworth, outer cellarer, John Gloucestre, inner cellarer, Nicholas Frome, almoner, John Pope, subprior, John Grenehurst, third prior, Henry Sone,

hosteler, Nicholas Gaylard, chamberlain, Richard Prentyse, kitchen-steward, and William Luyt, prior's chaplain, and, after reciting their crimes, excesses and defects, relieved them of their offices and received from them their seals and keys of office. 1408.

Thereupon Master Thomas Chillynden, prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, who was assisting the archbishop, enquired of the abbot and brethren whether, in order to prevent delay and expense, they would empower the archbishop to appoint new officers to take the places of those released from office. To this the abbot and brethren agreed, with the proviso that it should not be drawn into a precedent; whereupon the archbishop made the following nominations and promotions, to wit George Croukerne to be prior, Robert Parys to be subprior, Robert Togood to be third prior, John Staple to be chamberlain, Walter Offcote to be almoner, William Sende to be kitchen-steward, Walter Staunton to be outer cellarer, John Knoel to be inner cellarer, and Geoffrey Bristowe to be hosteler, and delivered to those nominated their keys and seals of office.

After this had been done, he made the following decrees and ordinances, to wit that Thomas Coffyn, doctor in theology, the late prior, should have an honourable chamber in the abbey, and a servant and all other things proper to his estate and doctoral dignity, as well as a yearly pension of 10 marks for life, to be paid by the prior; that the following persons should be transferred until further order to the undermentioned places for the peace and quiet of the house, namely, Richard Hounsworth to the monastery of Hyde, John Gloucestre to the monastery of Wynchcombe, John Pope to the priory of Bath, Nicholas Frome to the monastery of St. Augustine, Canterbury, and John Polglas to the monastery of Shirbourne in the diocese of Salisbury; that Henry Sone and Nicholas Gaylard should be committed to prison within the bounds of the abbey; and that John Grenhurst, William Luyt and Richard Prentyse should return to the cloister until further order.

Then he called before him Baldwin Rosemond, a monk of the abbey, and questioned him as to a report that he had obtained from the apostolic see bulls of exemption and licences to hold ecclesiastical benefices and other privileges. This the said

1408. Baldwin denied, and he renounced and swore not to use any bulls which had been obtained for him by his friends or others, and prayed that a notarial instrument of his renunciation might be made.

This done, the archbishop adjourned the visitation to the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next, or any day before then, and ordered the abbot and monks to be ready to appear when summoned. He then called in certain noble and powerful persons who had come to the abbey to see the issue of the matter, namely Sir Hugh Loterell and Sir Thomas Brook, knights, and the lord of Palton, esquire, and many other clerks and laymen, and expounded to them all the proceedings of the visitation, requesting them to assist in securing the execution of all that had been done; which they all with one voice promised to do.

The following were present at the proceedings on that day, namely, Thomas, prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, Master Nicholas Ruyssheton, doctor of both laws, William Mylton, licentiate in laws, John Chitterne and John Bathe, canons of Salisbury, and John Stevenys and William Gillyng, notaries-public.

Then the archbishop caused letters to be written under his signet to the prelates of the places to which the delinquent monks were transferred,¹ and appointed 21 November next [? 1409] as the day for continuing the visitation of the abbey. He then made certain injunctions for the abbot and convent, and commissioned Master John Bathe, canon of Salisbury and Wells, and Master John Kempe, bachelor in laws, to communicate the same to them, with power to make any necessary alterations therein, to correct and punish any crimes, excesses and defects which they might find, and to proceed against any persons contradictory or rebellious. The injunctions are dated in Lambeth manor, 16 November, and the commission is dated at the same place, 27 November, 1409. The tenor of the injunctions is as follows:—

The abbot, who has hitherto been somewhat lukewarm and

¹ At this point the text is confused, and there appears to be an omission of some length.

remiss in discovering and correcting offences, is to be more diligent in future. 1408.

The brethren are to be present in church at all the canonical hours, none being excused except such as are compelled to be absent for some necessary cause with the knowledge of their president. They are to bear in mind that they have been dispensed by the Holy Fathers from the bodily labours enjoined on them by the rule of St. Benedict for this very purpose that they may compensate for such labours by redoubled services of praise. They are also to be assiduous in celebrating mass, after the requisite confession and preparation; and no one is to be absent from mass except for some reasonable cause approved by his confessor. If anyone keeps away from mass for several days together, he must give his reason to the abbot, or, in his absence, to the president of the convent. Absence from matins, mass or the celebration of mass, or from the other canonical hours, is to be punished by withdrawal of the whole pittance for that day; absence from vespers or compline by withdrawal of the pittance for the following day. A second offence is to be punished by withdrawal, not only of the pittance but of wine and ale as well; and a third by fasting on bread and water during the president's discretion.

In order to prevent neglect of the discipline of silence, anyone who breaks silence at all in the choir, the dormitory, or the refectory, or noticeably in the cloister, is to be punished for a first offence by the withdrawal of his pittance, for a second by the withdrawal of all drink except water, and for a third by fasting on bread and water.

In order to put an end to the scandal of incontinence among some of them, no brother is to go outside the bounds of the monastery, especially to places where women are likely to be met, without special licence from the abbot, or, in his absence, from the president; and anyone offending against this rule shall *ipso facto* be suspended from entering the church until he has fasted for three days on bread and water, and moreover he is not to be allowed to go outside the bounds of the cloister for a whole year.

No brother is to take to himself a clerk without a special

1408. indulgence from the abbot ; and all such clerks, as well as other youths in the monastery under the age of twenty years, are to be excluded from all places of the order, especially the infirmary, and are to go straight across from table to church or school. Offences against this rule are to be visited by condign punishment at the discretion of the abbot.

The approaches to the cloister on all sides, and the entry to the infirmary, are to be barred against seculars by doors and locks.

Hunting with hounds is prohibited ; and no one shall keep hounds inside or outside the monastery, except that the abbot may keep a reasonable number for the use of the parks and warren of the brethren, but these shall not be allowed in the monastery or the enclosures thereof. Anyone offending against this rule shall *ipso facto* be suspended from entering the church until he has got rid of the hounds and fasted on bread and water for three days.

In view of the heavy burden of repairing and building the houses and buildings of the monastery, a sum of 120*l.* is to be put aside yearly and spent on the construction and repair of the church, the refectory, the dormitory, and the chapter-house, until the work is completed ; and the said sum is to be deducted proportionally from the goods assigned to the abbot's table and the goods and provents pertaining to the table of the convent or any other offices or administrations in the monastery.

The archbishop sees clearly that the fury of dissension and root of bitterness which has made the monastery a byword and a scandal in all the country round had its beginning in an impatient spirit of disobedience ; and that it has been strengthened by conspiracies and meetings in corners, and by nightly potations and private feastings too long continued. He therefore charges the brethren to fulfil their solemn vow of obedience and humbly obey their abbot in all things which are not contrary to God. If anyone speaks irreverently of the abbot or resists his rule by word or deed, be the offence great or small, he is to be committed to prison and to remain there until he show fitting signs of repentance and be released at the abbot's discretion. Moreover, in order to preclude the possibility of future conspiracies

and assemblies by night or by day, all the brethren, without any exception by pretext of degree, administration, or office, are henceforth to eat in the refectory, the infirmary, or the abbot's hall, and nowhere else, and to sleep at night in the dormitory, and nowhere else; and after compline they are to devote themselves to prayer and rest only, all drinking and idle talk being forbidden, except in the case of those who are appointed by the subprior to see to the refreshment of the guests. Anyone eating in his chamber or any other private place, or sleeping outside the dormitory, shall *ipso facto* be suspended from entering the church until he has fasted on bread and [water] for three days, and the punishment for drinking after compline or breaking silence shall be fasting for one day on bread and water. Anyone who attends or consents to a conspiracy or assembly shall *ipso facto* incur sentence of the lesser excommunication and shall not be absolved therefrom except by the bishop. 1408.

If any of the monks transferred to other monasteries are received back without the archbishop's consent, the abbot and convent shall *ipso facto* incur sentence of the greater excommunication.¹

If any delinquent monk refuses to undergo any of the punishments for delinquency prescribed above, he shall be separated from the rule of the order (*a canone*) and shunned by all until he submits.

The above injunctions are to be read in chapter once a term.

¹ Nicholas Frome eventually returned from St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and was elected abbot of Glastonbury in 1420.

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Report for 1934.

THE list of subscribers for 1934 shows that our numbers have not expanded as we had hoped they might when we took in hand the publication of Bishop Bekynton's Register.

During the year, we have lost, through death, Miss Clark, of Millfield, Street. It is interesting to note that Mr. W. S. Clark became a subscriber in 1891 : on his death the subscription was continued by Mrs. Clark : and when she died, Miss Clark carried on the tradition. We must hope that the vacant space may be filled by another member of the family. Right at the end of the year, the passing of Walter Farrer, archdeacon of Wells, removed another valued subscriber. Resignations have been received from Miss Greenwood and Mr. Goodchild of the *Western Gazette*. Against these losses we have to record that Mr. H. E. Chafy, Mr. E. E. Mitchell and the Library of the University of Leeds have become subscribers.

The opportunity of 'temporary membership' which was offered by the Council a year ago has been taken by thirteen subscribers to the Canterbury and York Society. This has meant a slight increase in the amount available for the publication of the Bekynton Register, as in addition to their subscriptions for the years 1934 and 1935, several of the temporary subscribers have availed themselves of the opportunity to purchase other Episcopal Registers in our series.

Throughout the year, the work upon the Register has proceeded. Mr. Dawes has now finished the translation and Sir Henry Maxwell-Lyte's annotations and introductions are also

completed. The work has been heavy and the Society is very grateful to both of them for the care they have given to the volumes.

The expense of their publication is straining our resources severely. The balance sheet for 1934 contains no hint of this, as the accounts will not be rendered until we have passed into the financial year 1935. What is shown is that to meet them we have £288 4s. 7d. and the subscriptions for 1935. We are hopeful of making both ends meet : the only safe way of financing the Society's work is a large increase in the number of subscribers. That, we are persuaded, can only come through the personal efforts of our present supporters.

THOS. F. PALMER,
Hon. Sec.

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31 December 1934.

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