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# CHARTERS OF CUMBWELL PRIORY.

THERE exists in the Archives of the College of Arms a fine collection of original Charters, relating to the Kentish Priory of Cumbwell, evidently the muniments of the Priory itself which escaped the wanton destruction to which such documents were too often exposed at the Reformation. There is no evidence to show how they came to their present safe custody, but it is surmised with some probability that they formed part of the collection of Sir William Dugdale, who, however, has not made use of them in his 'Monasticon.' It is rare indeed to find so perfect a collection of Charters relating to one spot; and, full as they are of valuable matter for Monastic and County History, it is thought that, published *seriatim*, they will form a great addition to the next few volumes of our Archæologia.

The PRIORY OF CUMBWELL was founded as an Abbey, for Canons of the Order of St. Augustine, by ROBERT DE THURNHAM, who in the reign of Henry the Second gave a spot called HENLIE, in the parish of Goudhurst, for the Abbey buildings, and endowed it with the Manor of CUMBWELL, with lands in THURNHAM, and with the advowsons of the churches of THURNHAM, and of BRICKHILL in Buckinghamshire. Dugdale, in his account of the Priory, gives a Charter of Inspeximus of Henry III., dated July 6 in the eleventh year of his reign, which recites *in extenso* a deed of confirmation by STEPHEN DE THURNHAM, son of ROBERT the founder, of all the grants

made by his father and himself to the Abbey; enumerating them as follows:—

1. His father's grants, "HENLE, que est sedes Abbatie; CUMBWELL; ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Thurnham; ecclesiam Sancte Marie de BRICHEL; in Thurnham terram que vocatur HOCH et CASTREYE; super montes de Thurnham xx acras."

2. His own, "vi acras et iij perticatas in MORIENE, juxta terram canonicorum; ij acras super montes in Torneham; xiij acras in BRICHULL; terram de LOFHERSTE; ELHERSTE; HERTESDUNE; tenementum in HAMWOLDE; terram de HERINDENE; terram et decimas de LINCHESHELE; situm molendini apud Turnham super montes."

In the charters of which we here give copies, we shall find the original grants of some of these lands, and confirmation or other mention of nearly all; as well as many others of later date, accumulated as the piety of neighbouring lords increased the possessions of the Priory.

It seems however that the value of these endowments was by no means great, and about the year 1216, some fifty years after the foundation of the Abbey, it was thought advisable to reduce it to the less expensive dignity of a Priory; which was accordingly done with the consent of Stephen Langton, then Archbishop, and of Mabel de Gatton, then patroness, as will be seen in the Charters below. Hasted affects to doubt that it ever was an Abbey, and it is satisfactory to be able to set this matter beyond dispute. We learn from Dugdale that 170 years later, in the eighth year of Richard II., the revenues of the Priory amounted to no more than £66. 2*s.* 6*d.* And when the crash came at the Reformation, (in spite of large benefactions lately made by one of the Lords Dacre, reputed, as Leland tells us, its second founder,) it was one of the small monasteries first suppressed by Henry VIII., its gross income, as returned by the Prior to the King's Commissioners, being only £128. 1*s.* 9½*d.*

The Charters, upwards of 180 in number, are in a grand state of preservation, and many of them bear fine and interesting seals, of which woodcuts are given. The general order in which they will be arranged is that of date, but this is modified in some cases for clearness of connexion, and for the sake of placing together the different charters embodying the grants of one family or dealing with one estate. Thus, in commencing with the grants of the Thurnhams, the original founders, it has been thought best to follow up this family through all their charters which we possess, carrying them on for a century through the Gatton, Bending, and Leybourne grants, as well as their confirmations by the Archbishops, and by the Maminots and Says, the superior lords. In pedigree, which under this arrangement is the more clearly developed, they will be found to be particularly rich.

The Society owes their publication of these most interesting Charters to the liberality of Sir Charles Young, Garter King of Arms, and the other Members of the Heralds' College, and the Editor is glad to place here on record his sense of the unvarying kindness and courtesy with which he has been always received there, and of the facilities and valuable assistance afforded to him.

I.

[Date, prob. *circa* 1160.]

*Confirmation by* WALKELIN DE MAMINOT, *superior lord of* CUMBWELL *etc., of the grant of* ROBERT DE THURNHAM *to the Abbey of Cumbwell, and of all other grants which men holding under himself may make to the same Abbey. This he does out of love for* HURSO, *the first Abbot.*

Sciant qui modo et qui futuri sunt quod ego WALCHELINUS MAMINOT granto et concedo et hac presenti carta mea confirmo deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus et in perpetuum servituris donacionem illam quam ROBERTUS DE TORNEHAM dedit ecclesie de

Cumbwell sicut carta ipsius testatur. Et hoc facio peticione ipsius ROBERTI DE TORNEHAM. Concedo eciam pro amore dei et sancte Marie Magdalene et pro dilectione quam habeo adversus virum venerabilem dominum HURSONEM primum abbatem de CUMBWELL ut quicunque liber homo de tenemento meo ecclesie de CUMBWELL aliquam ecclesiam vel terram redditus vel quascunque possessiones ad majorem sustentacionem pauperum fratrum de Cumbwell dare voluerit ut Canonici de Cumbwell totum teneant et habeant ita libere et quiete sicut carte donatorum suorum eis confirmant. Et hoc facio pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum et pro anima Regis Henrici qui me nutrivit et pro animabus heredum meorum. Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio in perpetuum remaneat stabilis et firma hanc cartam sigillo meo corroboravi. Hiis testibus ROBERTO capellano BERNARDO capellano ROBERTO sacerdote STEPHANO DE HAIA ENG⁹ DE SANCTO GEORGIO ALANO DE CASTEILUN ROBERTO DE LA MUSCA RICARDO DE WALBAD MICHAEL DE COD̄ NORMANNO camerario WILLELMO filio SIMONIS WILLELMO WISŌ GAUFRIDO DE NUIERS et fratre ejus HUMFRIDO OSBERTO DE COL̄ ROBERTO filio WLU⁹ ROBERTO DE GER(UN) et PAGANO fratre suo RADULPHO marescallo et multis aliis.

*In dorso*: "Confirmacio W. Maminot,"—and later, in hand

apparently of Peter Le Neve:[1] "Carta Generalis Walkelini Maminot facta Hursoni primo Abbati de Cumbwell omnium donationum hominum suorum eidem ecclesie et precipue donationum Roberti de Thornham."

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Robt. de Gerun. — Paganus, — Godfrey de Nuiers. — Humfrey.

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## II.

[Date, nearly as the preceding.]

WALKELIN MAMINOT *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell his land called* SELKETINSELE, *for the good of the soul of King Henry his guardian, and that of himself, his father and mother, Matthew and his other brothers, his ancestors, his wife Juliana the Countess, and her ancestors.*

WALCHELINUS MAMINOT omnibus hominibus suis et amicis Franceis et Anglicis salutem. Notificetur tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego WALCHELINUS MAMINOT dedi et concessi ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et Canonicis fratribus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quandam terram meam que vocatur SELKETINSELE [-cuisele, -ruisele.] cum pertinentiis suis ad lumen ecclesie predicte. Hanc terram dedi pro anima Regis Henrici qui me nutrivit et pro anima mea et pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro anima MATHEI fratris mei et omnium fratrum meorum et antecessorum meorum et pro anima JULIANE Comitisse uxoris mee et antecessorum suorum. Quapropter precor omnes amicos meos et heredibus precipio ut hanc elemosinam predictam ecclesia predicta et fratres liberam teneant et quietam ab omni seculari servicio et anatematis gladio feriantur omnes illi qui hanc elemosinam studuerint minuere. Hujus donationis testes sunt Comitissa JULIANA uxor mea et ROB^s DE THORNEHAM et STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM et ROB^s frater ejus et MICHAEL DE THORNEHAM et JOHANNES frater ejus et THOMAS BIGOD et THOMAS DE DENNE et STEPHANUS DE LA HAIE et ROBERTUS filius

[1] Peter Le Neve was Norroy King of Arms from 1704 to 1729. He has indorsed nearly all these charters.

Wluruni et Robertus de Pivinton [piuĩ?.] et Alanus Wirchard et Andreas canonicus et Robertus canonicus et Matheus canonicus et Petrus canonicus et Stephanus de Gerun et Robertus de Gerun et Normannus camerarius et Galfridus clericus et Wills Perci et Benedictus clericus.

[Seal as in No. I.]

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "Walkelinus Maminot de Sel. in parochiâ de Cranebroke,"—in Le Neve's hand: "Selketinsele terra data Canonicis de Cumbwell," etc.

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Walkelin Maminot = Juliana the Countess.[1] Matthew. Other brothers.

Stephen de Thurnham. Robert. Michael de Thurnham. John.

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## III.

[Dated anno 1168.]

Michael de Thurnham *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell his land of* Racchele, *reserving a rent-charge of two shillings to the lord of* Nortune, *payable on each feast of St. Michael. Among the witnesses is* Adelaide *Countess of* Angi, *who redeems the said land from the Canons for one mark.*

Notificetur tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Michael de Thorneham dedi et concessi ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwelle et canonicis fratribus ibidem deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam quandam terram meam que vocatur Racchele cum pertinentiis suis habendam et tenendam solam et quietam de omni seculari servicio preter duos solidos quos canonici debent reddere annuatim ad festum Sancti Michaelis domino de Nortune. Quapropter precor omnes amicos meos et heredibus meis precipio ut predicti canonici elemosinam predictam firmiter et honorifice et integre teneant in boscis et in aquis et in planis et in semitis et in omnibus aliis locis. Hiis

[1] Juliana, widow of Hugh Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, and daughter of Alberic de Vere.

testibus Juliana Comitissa Thomas Bigod Willelmus le Blund Radulfus de Claindune Heuerard de Chaluindune Petrus filius Ricardi Walterus sacerdos de Burherse et Reginaldus clericus Willelmus de Dethlinge Johannes le Bret Willelmus Torel Petrus clericus et Willelmus frater ejus Holbertus venator et Adelidi$^{s}$ Comitissa Angi que eodem die dedit marcam argenti canonicis predictis ad redimendam terram predictam. Hæc carta facta est anno ab incarnatione domini m.clxviij.

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "Michael de Torneham de Rachel,"—continued by Le Neve: "Canonicis de Cumbwell Kanc., 1168."

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## IV.

[This Charter is a duplicate of the preceding, differing from it only in bearing no date, and in having the names of the witnesses in the ablative case, corrected from the nominatives of the other. (Qu. will this correction account for the duplicate in the Priory Archives?) It has the accompanying seal.]

*In dorso*, in contemporary hand: "Michaelis de Torneham,"—then continued by Le Neve: "Canonicis de Cumbwell. Rakle in Thornham, Kant."

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## V.

[Date, between 1174 and 1184.[1]]

RICHARD *Archbishop, on petition of* STEPHEN DE THURNHAM, *gives to the Abbey of Cumbwell the advowson of the Church of* THURNHAM, *after the death of* ROBERT *its existing chaplain, and settles a dispute between* STEPHEN *and the chaplain, by providing that* STEPHEN *should grant to the Church of Thurnham six acres and three virgates eastward, in exchange for land westward in his park, and should confirm to it three acres next* DUN STREET, *which his father had given.* ROBERT *agreeing to perform service in* STEPHEN'S *chapel in his court at Thurnham, when* STEPHEN *and his family are there, on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, (feast-days excepted), and once a week in their absence to offer prayers there for the departed faithful.*

RICARDUS dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus et totius Anglie Primas Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes literæ pervenerint illam que est in domino salutem. Ad universitatis nostre notitiam volumus pervenire nos ad petitionem et presentationem dilecti filii nostri STEPHANI DE THORNEHAM domini fundatoris dedisse et concessisse dilectis filiis nostris Canonicis Cumbwell ecclesiam de THORNEHAM cum universis pertinentiis suis libere et quiete post decessum ROBERTI ejusdem ecclesie capellani possidendam. Ita quidem ut fructus et obventiones quaslibet de ea pervenientes salvo episcopali jure quod de ea debetur in usus suos convertant. Capellanus tamen qui in eâdem ecclesiâ nomine canonicorum divina officia celebrabit ad eorum presentationem ab episcopo recipietur qui eidem episcopo de hiis que sibi debentur respondeat et canonicis prout ab eis ordinatum fuerit de temporalibus respondeat et satisfaciat. Hoc quoque ad communem omnium volumus devenire notitiam quod cum controversia inter predictum STEPHANUM et ROBERTUM ejusdem ecclesie presbyterum super quâdam terrâ ad ecclesiam de THORNEHAM pertinente mota ad

[1] The period of Richard's Archiepiscopate.

nostram audientiam fuisset delata tandem eandem questionem sub tali compositionis forma ad pacem reduximus et concordie unitatem reformavimus. Predictus siquidem STEPHANUS dedit et concessit ecclesie de THORNEHAM in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam sex acras et tres virgatas terre in bosco suo versus orientalem plagam partem videlicet in bosco partem in plano liberas et quietas ab omni seculari servitio in concamvium illius terre quam idem STEPHANUS habet in parco suo versus occidentalem que olim at ecclesiam de Thorneham pertinebat. Preterea idem STEPHANUS concessit tres acras terre que jacent juxta DUNSTRATUM ecclesie de THORNEHAM quas pater ejusdem Stephani olim eidem ecclesie pietatis intuitu in liberam contulerat elemosinam. ROBERTUS vero capellanus ecclesie de THORNEHAM facto concamvio et controversia inter ipsum et STEPHANUM sopita concessit et firmiter promisit quod in capella STEPHANI DE THORNEHAM quam habet in curia sua fundatam si idem STEPHANUS cum familiâ suâ ibi moram fecerit tribus diebus in septimana videlicet tertia quarta et sexta nisi festus dies qui perferri debeat intervenerit et die dominica per se vel per capellanum suum divina faciet celebrari. Quod si idem STEPHANUS residentiam ibi non fecerit per unam diem totam in septimanâ pro fidelibus defunctis per eundem ROBERTUM vel capellanum ejus divina in eâdem capellâ celebrabuntur. Ita quod quod memoratur STEPHANUS in libris in vestimentis et ceteris quibuslibet divinorum celebrationi necessariis in capellâ suâ faciet exhiberi id ipsum quoque Abbas et Canonici Cumbwell temporibus suis cum liberam ejusdem ecctie de Thorneham habuerint dispositionem eidem militi se exhibituros promiserunt. Et quia ea que coram nos et a nobis rationabiliter ordinata sunt volumus perpetuâ stabilitate gaudere eadem presentis scripti patrocinio et testium subscriptione communivimus. Hiis testibus Magistro GIRARD Magistro P. BLESENSI Archidiacono BATHON Magistro ROBERTI DE INGLESHAM Magistro ROGERIO DE RULVESTON WILLIELMO DE SOTINDON HENRICO BAIOC THOMA DE NOWESDEN MICHEL DE BURN Magistro ROGERIO HEREFORD HEREBERTO elemosinario GAUFRIDO DE MILDEBAT et multis aliis clericis et laicis.

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso :* "Ri. Cant. Arch. super eccl. de Torneham."

## VI.

[Date, even with the preceding.]

STEPHEN DE THURNHAM *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell six acres of wood and three virgates on the hills in* THURNHAM, *adjoining the lands of the Abbey, in exchange for six acres and three virgates which the Abbey owned in his East Park at* THURNHAM.

Sciant—etc., quod ego STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., in puram—etc. elemosinam sex acras terre de bosco meo et tres virgatas super montes in THORNEHAM proximo adjacentes terre predictorum canonicorum ibidem super montes in excambium pro vi acris terre et tribus virgatis que sunt in parco meo versus orientem apud THORNEHAM que fuerunt ipsorum canonicorum. Illas predictas sex acras et tres virgatus terre de bosco habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis libere—etc. Sicut ego vel aliquis antecessorum meorum illas melius et liberius unquam habui et tenui. Et ego STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM et heredes mei warantizabimus—etc. Et ut hec—etc., sigillo meo corroboravi. Hiis testibus Magistro WILLIELMO DE BATHONIA Magistro WILLIELMO DE BRISTOLL GALFRIDO DE DUNES JORDANO BISSOP WINT. NICHOLAO STERDI THOMA FLEMENG carpent^r WILLIELMO POTIN RICARDO clerico et multis aliis.

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "S. de Thornham de bosco in M . . . ."

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## VII.

[Attached to No. VI.: the hand and witnesses are the same; we may presume the date also.]

STEPHEN DE THURNHAM *grants the Church of St. Mary, at* THURNHAM, *and a garden and messuage next the church on the east, for the better sustenance of the Vicar, to the intent that the Vicar for the time being may the better daily remember himself and his ancestors.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Thorneham in puram—etc. ele-

mosinam ad majorem sustentationem vicarii ipsius ecclesie de THORNEHAM illud gardinum et mesagium quod est proximum adjacens ipsi ecclesie versus orientem. Ipsi vicario habendum—etc. Et hoc feci ut ipse quicunque fuerit vicarius predicte ecclesie me et antecessores meos intentius in memoriam cotidie habeat. Et ut hec—etc., sigillo meo roboravi. Hiis testibus Magistro WILLIELMO DE BATHONIA Magistro WILLIELMO DE BRISTOLL' GALFRIDO DE DUNES JORDANO BISSOP WINT. NICHOLAO STERDI, THOMA FLEMENG carpent^r WILLIELMO POTTIN RICARDO clerico et multis aliis.

[Very small fragment of seal, with the letters —NI DE.]

*In dorso*, in contemporary hand: "S. de Thornham de mesagio vicarii."

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## VIII.

[Dated May, anno 1194.]

STEPHEN DE THURNHAM, *in Chinon Castle, grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell,—for the soul of King Henry, the body and soul of King Richard, the souls of his father and mother and all his ancestors, and for himself and all his friends alive or dead,—the Den called* LECHINCHESE, *without prejudice to the right therein of the Prior of the Holy Trinity at Canterbury.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM dedi—etc., ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwelle et fratribus—etc., in puram elemosinam pro amore dei et beate Marie et pro animâ domini mei HENRICI Regis Anglie Patris domini mei RICARDI Regis Anglie et pro corpore et anima ipsius domini mei Regis Anglie RICARDI et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro me et pro omnibus amicis meis vivis ac defunctis Dennam que dicta est LECHINCHESE cum pertinentiis suis—etc. Tenendas—etc. Salvo jure ad Priorem Sancte Trinitatis de Cantuariâ spectante. Hiis testibus JOHANNE DE MUNZ ALEXANDRO clerico de LONDON cognomine LANGHALS RICARDO clerico de SUTHEWRCHIA. In castello de CHINUN. Qui si casu aliquo defuerint hec sigilli mei appositio certum testimonium et firmam et ratam prohibeat con-

firmationem. Anno ab Incarnatione domini m° c° lxxxx° iiij° Mense Maii.[1]

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso*, in contemporary hand: "S. de Thornham de Lechincese," and by Le Neve ". . . tempore Rs. Rici 1mi.

[1] This interesting Charter was granted by Stephen de Thurnham about a month after the coronation of Richard I., on his return from captivity. It is remarkable for the mention of the safety of Richard's *body* as well as soul for one of the objects of the gift,—no unreasonable addition when we remember the state of rebellion in which he found his kingdom on his arrival at home. The spot from which it is dated, Chinon castle in Touraine, shews it to have been executed in the course of the grantor's own safer but little less tedious journey home from the Crusade. He had not been in the King's train, but was honoured by being entrusted with the escort of Queen Berengaria, her sister, and companions, as we learn from the Chronicle of Roger Hoveden, who thus particularizes their route:—

"Eodem anno (1193) Berengera regina Angliæ, et Johanna quondam regina Siciliæ, et filia Imperatoris Cypri, venerunt Romam sub custodiâ Stephani de Thurnham . . . . et moram fecerunt ibi fere per dimidium anni spatium propter metum Imperatoris. . . . . Et perrexerunt usque Pisam, deinde usque Genoam, deinde usque Marsiliam. Apud Marsiliam suscepit eas rex Arragoniæ . . . . et conduxit eas usque ad fines regni sui. Et comes de Sancto Ægidio conduxit eas per terram suam. Et sic pervenerunt Pictaviam." (Savile's 'Scriptores post Bedam,' p. 417.)

The Castle of Chinon was, no doubt, the very point of safety for which Stephen had been making with his anxious charge through the whole of their long and perilous journey. It was situated on the borders of Touraine and Poitou, so that it is sometimes said by the Chroniclers to be in one, sometimes in the other. It was one of the strongest of the English fortresses in France, and much used as a royal residence for those provinces;—a castle, as Gulielmus Armonicus tells us, "non solum munitione, verum et edificiis, et habitatoribus, et situ amœnissimo, præclarum." (Recueil des Hist. xvii. 80 d.) Hither Henry II. had retired to die, in the middle of a campaign with Philip. (Chroniques de S. Denis, an. 1190.) Here Richard kept his treasure, which, on his death, Robert de Thurnham, then custodian, handed over to John. And hither, two years later, came Berengaria again, to receive her dower from John, who was holding his Court here. (Roger Hoveden, Savile's 'Scriptores,' pp. 451, 466.) Four years later it was lost to England, Philip having taken it from John.

The party then, safe at last on English territory, and in one of Richard's strongest castles, and fearing no more immediate danger for themselves, from either King of France or Emperor, might well take the first opportunity of doing all that in them lay for the safety of the King in the dangers which still awaited him at home,—an opportunity which, in the interests of the Church, the two monks who figure as witnesses to this Charter (their attendants and confessors probably) would certainly not

## IX.

[Date, prob. *circa* 1210.[1]]

STEPHEN DE THURNHAM *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell his land of* HERTESDON.

Sciant—etc. quod ego STEPHANUS DE THORNEHAM dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie beate marie maddalene de Cumbwell et canonicis —etc., totam terram meam de HERTESDON—etc., in puram—etc. elemosinam. Habendam—etc., salvo tamen servitio domini regis. Et hoc feci pro salute anime mee et animabus patris et matris mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum. Et ego predictus STEPHANUS et heredes mei warantizabimus—etc. Et ut hec—etc., sigillim ei appositione communivi. Hiis testibus ROBERTO DE GATTONE WANDRAGESILIO DE CURSILL ADAMO DE BENDINGES YON DE THORNEHAM BARTHOLOMEO DE CAPELLA et multis aliis.

let slip. Stephen's thoughts on such an occasion would naturally turn to his own Abbey at home, but we may well suppose a word to have been at the same time put in by the ecclesiastics, and probably with success, for the claims of their own respective foundations.

I cannot help conjecturing the motto of Stephen de Thurnham, which we find on his two counterseals here engraved (Charters IX. and XI.), to have been assumed on the occasion of this honourable service, and translating DEVS SALVET CVI MITTOR "God save her to whom I am escort." It is unfortunate that we have no specimen of his seal prior to this date, which might either refute this idea by an earlier use of the motto, or strengthen the probability by its absence.

[1] I have placed this deed, and those following, late in Stephen's life, partly for the names of Adam de Bending and Roger de Leybourne, his sons-in-law, which occur in them. The Robert de Gatton who is witness to this may perhaps be his son-in-law's uncle, as conjectured in the Pedigree.

*In dorso:* "Stephani de Thorneham de Hertesdone."[1]

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## X.

[Date, nearly as the preceding.]

Stephen de Thurnham *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell one soc (or ploughshare) on every feast of St. Michael, which* John de Esherst *was wont to render to him.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego Stephanus de Thurneham dedi—etc., deo et Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., unum soccum ad festum Sancti Michaelis recipiendum et habendum singulis annis in perpetuum in liberam—etc. elemosinam quam Johannes de Esherste mihi reddere solebat. Et ut hec—etc., sigillo meo corroboravi. Hiis testibus Ricardo Malerbe Rogero de Leiburne Magistro Waltero de Bistoe (qu. Bristol) Magistro Willō Bathoniensi Willō Potin et multis aliis.

[Seal and Counterseal as in the preceding.]

*In dorso:* "S. de Thornham de Socco."

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## XI.

[Date, perhaps a little later than the preceding.[2]]

Stephen de Thurnham *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell his land of* Herindenn.

Sciant—etc., quod ego Stephanus de Torneham dei intuitu et pro animabus antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee Edeline et pro animabus heredum meorum dedi—etc. Ecclesie Dei et Sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc. totam terram meam de Herindenn cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in liberam—etc. elemosinam. Habendam—etc., de me et heredibus meis—etc.

Hiis testibus Ricardo de Meisi Johanne de Curcelles

[1] The woodcuts of this seal and counterseal are from Arch. Cant. Vol. II. p. 40. The impression of the seal to the present Charter is rather the finer one, but it has not been thought worth while to re-engrave it.

[2] The Counterseal being different, and with Mitor corrected to Mittor.

Magistro WALTERO DE SIREBURNE Magistro WILLELMO DE BATHONIA Magistro WILLELMO DE BRISTOLL HENRICO DE AUCT[9] RICARDO LE MASZUN WILLELMO DE LOFHERST et multis aliis.

[Seal as in No. IX. Counterseal as given.]

*In dorso :* "S. de Thornham de Hirinden."

Stephen de Thurnham = Edelina.

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## XII.

[Date, prob. nearly as the preceding.]

EDELINE DE THURNHAM *grants to the Abbey of Cumbwell the tenement which she holds of the King at* HAMWOLD, *to be held "cum corpore suo." The grant is confirmed in a second deed of evidently even date, by* STEPHEN DE THURNHAM, *her husband.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego EDELINA DE TORNEHAM dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumwell et canonicis—etc., totum tenementum meum quod teneo de domino Rege in HAMWOLDES. Habendum—etc., cum corpore meo ad faciendum anniversarium meum. Ita quod de predicto tenemento nihil retineo ad opus meum vel heredum meorum. Et hoc feci pro anima Henrici Regis et pro anima Ricardi Regis et pro anima Johannis Regis et pro salute anime domini mei STEPHANI DE TORNEHAM et pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum. Et ut hec mea donatio rata et inconcussa permaneat sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus RADULFO DE SANCTO LEODEGARIO ADAM DE BENDINGES GILEBERTO DE CURTUNE JOHANNE DE HASTINGLE Magistro WILLELMO BATONIENSI et multis aliis.

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "Edelina de Torneham." "E. de Broc, de Hamwlod;" and by Le Neve: "Carta Edelinæ de Torneham data Canonicis de Cumbwell Kanc. Hamwold."

Edeline de Broc = Stephen de Thurnham.

## XIII.

[Attached to the last, and evidently of even date.]

Sciant—etc., quod ego STEPHANUS DE TORNEHAM dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie sancte Marie Magdalene de Cumwell et canonicis —etc., totum tenementum meum quod teneo de domino Rege in HAMWOLDE. Habendum—etc., in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Ita quod de predicto tenemento nichil retineo ad opus meum vel heredum meorum. Et hoc feci pro anima Henrici Regis et pro anima Ricardi Regis et pro anima Johannis Regis et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee EDELINE et heredum meorum. Et ut hec—etc., sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Hiis testibus RADULFO DE SANCTO LEODEGARIO ADAM DE BENDINGES GILEBERTO DE CURTUNE JOHANNE DE HASTINGELE Magistro WILLELMO BATONIENSI et multis aliis.

[Seal and Counterseal as in No. XI.]

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "S. de Thorñ, de Hamwold," and by Le Neve: "Carta data Canonicis de Cumbwell

Kanc. Hamwold confirmatio Stephani de Tornham superioris (!) domini Edeline de Broc."

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## XIV.

[Date, between 1214 and 1219.[1]]

MABEL DE GATTON, *in her widowhood, grants to the Priory of Cumbwell certain land in* THURNHAM, *on the hills between* BENGEBERI *and* EINTON, *which* WALTER NIGER *and* BARTHOLOMEW *his brother held of her and her ancestors; also seven acres in* THURNHAM, *on the hills beside the road from* THURNHAM *eastward to* EINTON; *also a rent of 9d. which* GODWIN DE BERITEGE (*or* BERTIE) *and his heirs are to pay at the Canons' Court of* HOCK, *with a remedy of distraint upon* GODWIN.

Sciant—etc., quod ego MABILIA DE GATTON tempore viduitatis mee intuitu dei et pro salute anime mee et STEPHANI DE TORNEHAM patris mei et animarum antecessorum et heredum meorum dedi—etc., Deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., in liberam—etc. elemosinam totam terram quam WALTERUS NIGER et BARTHOLOMŒUS frater ejus habuerunt et tenuerunt de me et antecessoribus meis in TORNEHAM super montes cum ejus pertinentiis que jacet inter BENGEBERI et EINTON cum redditibus—etc., quas ipsi et antecessores sui mihi et antecessoribus meis consueverunt facere. Preterea septem acras terre cum eorum pertinenciis in TORNEHAM que jacent super montes juxta vicum qui ducit de TORNEHAM apud EINTON ex parte orientali, ita sane—etc., quod nil juris—etc., retinui. Preterea dedi iisdem canonicis et presenti carta mea confirmavi novem denarios redditus quos GODWINUS DE BERITEGE, et heredes sui contradiccione occasione remotis annuatim ad festum Sancti Michaelis solvent ad Curiam ipsorum Canonicorum de HOCK. Cum autem ipse GODWINUS vel heredes sui prefatos novem denarios jam dictis Canonicis ad terminum prefixum plene non persolverint licebit eisdem canonicis distringere ipsum GODWINUM—etc. Et ego MABILIA DE GATTON et heredes mei warantizabimus—etc. Et ut hoc—etc., sigillo meo roboravi. Hiis testibus WILLELMO DE GATTON WALTERO

[1] 1214 is the last date we possess for her first husband Hamo de Gatton (as I surmise him to have been), when he was with the army in Poitou (see Pedigree), and was probably killed there. 1219 is our earliest notice of her being the wife of Thomas de Bavelingham.

de Risseford Ada de Hoch Wlunod de Lofhurst Willelmo Potin Ricardo clerico et multis aliis.

*In dorso*, in contemporary hand: "Carta M. de Gatton de terrâ Walteri Nigor et B. fratris sui;" and by Le Neve: "Mabilia de Gatton Filia Stephani de Torneham Canonicis Cumbwell pro terris in Thorneham."

= Stephen de Turnham.

Husband dead = Mabel de Gatton.

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## XV.

[Date, nearly as the preceding.]

Mabel de Gatton, *in her widowhood, confirms the grant made to the Priory of Cumbwell by* Walter de Risseford, *of certain land on the hills in the ville of* Thurneham *adjoining the land of the Priory, which he had held under a deed of* Stephen de Thurnham, *her father, by service of a pair of gilt spurs, etc.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego Mabilia de Gattunne in viduitate mea concessi—etc., Deo et ecclesie Sancte Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., Donationem quam fecit Walterus de Risseford Deo et prefate ecclesie de Cumbwell in liberam—etc.

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elemosinam—scilicet totam terram quam habuit et tenuit in villa de Thorneham supra montes proximo adjacentem terre ipsorum canonicorum de Cumbwell. Habendam—etc., secundum formam carte quam idem Walterus habuit de domino Stephano de Thorneham patre meo. Salvo servitio quod mihi et heredibus meis debetur scilicet duorum calcariorum deauratorum vel sex denariorum ad festum Scti Michaelis solvendorum. Salvo etiam forinseco servitio, quantum pertinet ad septem acras. Et ut hoc—etc., sigillo meo roboravi. Hiis testibus Magistro Petro de Inglesham Benjamino et Willō capellanis de Guherste Philippo filio Willielmi de Essetesford Stephano et Symone de Wicham fratribus Johanne de Hale Waltero Cimentario Symone Carpentario Moyse clerico et multis aliis.

[Seal lost.]

William de Essetesford = (al. Ashford).
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  Philip.

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Stephen de Wicham. — Symon de Wicham.

## XVI.

[Date *circa* 1219.]

Mabel de Gatton, *by petition to Archbishop* Langton, *confirms the presentation of* Henry *their Prior, to the church of Cumbwell by the Convent, to which she had given her consent while still a widow.*

Reverendissimo domino et Patri in Christo karissimo S. dei gracia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo.[1] Totius Anglie Primati et Sancte Romane Ecclesie Cardinali Mabilia de Gatton salutem. Noverit paternitas vestra quod cum Conventus Ecclesie de Cumbwell ejusdem ecclesie sede vacante habito de provisione pastoris tractatu diligenti pari voto et unanimi voluntate deum pro oculis habentes dominum H. ejusdem ecclesie Priorem in patrem et pastorem concorditer et unanimiter canonice elegisset et mihi de propria ipsius honestate discrecione et moribus plene constitisset et quod magis idoneus et sufficiens ad prefatam ecclesiam regendam tam a fratribus suis quam ab aliis juris discretis et religiosis crederetur illius electionem gratam

[1] The first few words of this charter, ending with "Archiepiscopo," are in different ink from that of the remainder, as if they formed a prepared official heading.

et ratam habens quantum ad me pertinet vel pertinere potest dum adhuc vidua essem benigne concessi et ad prefati conventus presentacionem jamdictum H. recepi. Inde est quod illum quantum in me est vestre excellencie presento et pedibus item paternitatis vestre provoluta supplico quatinus dilectorum fratrum meorum gratum prebeatis electioni assensum circa electum suum quod vestrum exsequemini. Valeat et vigeat paternitas vestra per multa tempora.

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso*: "Carta Mabilie de Gatton patronissæ Conventus de Cumbwell presentacionis Henr. Prioris de Cumbwell S. Archiepo. Cantuar."

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## XVII.

[Date, soon after the preceding.]

*Petition of* MABEL DE GATTON, *patroness of Cumbwell Abbey, to Archbishop* LANGTON, *praying for leave to consent to its being converted into a Priory, to save the expenses of an Abbey, the canons still retaining their right of election, and especially retaining intact the election just made of their Prior* HENRY.

STEPHANO dei gratiâ Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo Totius Anglie Primati et Sancte Romane ecclesie Cardinali MABILIA DE GATTUNIA salutem et debite subjectionis reverentiam. Super affectu pio quem vestra gerit paternitas de ecclesia de Cumwelle pro ejusdem loci utilitate in prioratum perpetuum convertenda ne abbatis sumptibus honeretur gracias vobis ago quantas possum. Supplicans toto corde ut cum in hoc negocio sanctitati vestre maxime sit credendum et ordinationi vestre standum assensum meum grato presto favore ut illius loci abbatia in prioratum perpetuum convertatur. Salva semper libertate juris predictorum canonicorum ecclesie de Cumwelle quam super electione canonica dinoscuntur habere. Salva quoque electione HENRICI prioris ejusdem loci quem nunc fratrum communis et concors electio assensu meo prestito sibi elegit in pastorem. In hujus autem rei testimonium literas meas presentes et patentes paternitati vestre transmitto ut vestra ordinatio et meus assensus perpetuæ stabilitatis robur optineat. Valeat et semper in Christo vigeat sancta paternitas vestra.

[Seal lost.]

*In dorso*: "Carta Mabiliæ de Gatton directa Stephano Archiepo. Cantuar. quod mutet Abbat. Cumbwell in prioratum ad vitandum sumptus abbatiæ, salvo patronatu Abbatiæ Mabiliæ."—Le Neve.

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XVIII.

[Date, probably even with the preceding.]

STEPHEN LANGTON, *Archbishop, ordains that Cumbwell Abbey shall be thenceforth a Priory.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentes literas suspecturis S. miseratione divinâ Cantuariensis Ecclesie Minister humilis Totius Anglie Primas et Sancte Romanæ Ecclesie Cardinalis salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos consideratâ paupertate domus Canonicorum de Cumbwell pensatis quoque omnibus que occasione abbatis sustinebat eam de Abbatiâ in prioratum de consensu redegimus patronorum et ibidem per canonicam ipsorum canonicorum electionem fecimus creari priorem. Cui ab eisdem illas que Abbati prestari consueverant obedientiam et reverentiam statuimus in temporalibus et spiritualibus impendendam et hac (*sic*) presentibus literis prestamur. Vale.

[Seal much mutilated.]

*In dorso,* in contemporary hand: "S. Cant. Arch. de Prioratu,"—continued by Le Neve: "constituendo ab Abbatia. Symon (*sic*) Langton."

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XIX.

[Date, probably even with the two preceding.]

MABEL DE GATTON, *as patroness of Cumbwell Abbey, confirms the ordinance of Archbishop* LANGTON *reducing it to a Priory.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, MABILIA DE GATTON salutem in domino. Ne ea que pro communi utilitate delibatione parvicla fieri dinoscuntur transitu temporis per oblivionis incommodum devocentur in dubium ad universitatis vestre noticiam volo pervenire quod cum Willelmus quondam Abbas de Cumbwell propter sui corporis impotenciam in manus Venerabilis patris STEPHANI Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi ipsam abbatiam spontanter resignasset et eadem

domus aliquamdiu regeretur postea per Priorem postmodum intellecto secundum quod eidem domino Cantuariensi ac plerisque viris prudentibus et discretis videbatur ipsam domum utilius sub Prioris quam sub Abbatis propter tanti prelati sumptus regimine gubernari provisum fuit et statutum de ipsius domini Cantuariensis consilio meoque pro me et heredibus meis interveniente consensu ut Abbatia predicta ob causas necessarias redigeretur in perpetuum prioratum salva in omnibus tam libera quam canonica eleccione canonicorum ejusdem loci in recreationem Prioris pro tempore proferendi eidem domui et mea meorumque successorum presentacione que spectat ad patronum. Ut igitur hec ordinatio predicti domini Cantuariensis de assensu meo facta perpetua gaudeat firmitate eam presenti scripta et sigilli mei munimine confirmavi. Hiis testibus Magistro THOMA DE FRACHAM Magistro WALTERO DE ENESHAM Magistro RICARDO DE WALINGEFORD Magistro WILLELMO DE BEAUTON AARON DE KENT VINCENTIO DE NORWIZ HENRICO DE COBBEHAM HENRICO DE KAREUILL JOHANNE LE MOINE WALTERO DE RIFFORD JORDANO DE LAMBERHERST WILLELMO POTIN RICARDO clerico et aliis.

[Seal, as in No. XIV., but without the counterseal.]

*In dorso*, in hand late in seventeenth century (Le Neve): "Carta Mabilie de Gatton, patronissæ Abbatiæ Cumbwell, Kanc., quod sit prioratus pro futuro."

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## XX.

[Date, prob. a few years later than the preceding.]

MABEL DE GATTON, *with consent of her husband* THOMAS DE BAVELINGHAM, *grants to the Priory of Cumbwell the land between the walls of* THURNHAM CASTLE, *and* BEYNGEBURY, *and* DETLING, *and the street leading towards* EYNTON, *to be held "cum corpore suo."*

Sciant—etc., quod ego MABILIA DE GATTONE intuitu dei et pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum dominorum et heredum meorum assensu domini mei THOME DE BAVELINGHAM cum corpore meo dedi—etc., Deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., totam terram que me hereditarie contingit vel contingere poterit inter muros castri de THORNEHAM et BEYNGEBI et terram de DETLINGE et vicum

qui ducit de dicto castro versus EYNTON. Habendam—etc. Et ego dicta MABILIA et heredes mei warantizabimus—etc. Et ut hec—etc., sigilli mei appositione communivi. Hiis testibus Dnō RICARDO tunc decano de SANDH. [Sandhurst?] WALTERO DE FAUKINBERGE SIMONE DE WOTNESELL TOMA DE BAVELINGHAM JOHANNE DE SCIRLANDE MICHAELE DE EXHERSTE NICHOLAO præposito WILLŌ DE LOTH HENRICO DE THORNEHAM JOHANNE SPROT ROBERTO POLLARD OSBERTO CASTELEYN et multis aliis.[1]

[Seal fragmentary only.]

Mabel de Gatton = Thomas de Bavelingham,
2nd husband.

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1 These Charters of Mabel de Gatton and her kinsfolk, together with those granted to the Abbey of St. Bertin, published in Vol. IV. of our 'Archæologia,' throw much light on the difficult genealogy of the Gatton family. I have drawn together much other evidence on the subject which I have collected, and give the result in the accompanying Pedigree. I should overrun our space, and perhaps stray too far from Cumbwell Priory, were I here to give more than references to my authorities; these, with much other valuable matter on the great baronial family of Thurnham, will, I hope, form a not uninteresting paper for a future volume.

We trace especially the descent of the manor of Cateshull, from Dinus Porcellus, to whom it was given in grand serjeantry by Henry I., "tenere de eo per serjentiam hostiarii Cameræ domini Regis;" through Ranulph de Broc his son, to whom Henry II. confirmed it; Edeline his daughter, Stephen de Thurnham's wife; and Mabel their eldest daughter, first the wife of a Gatton, then of Thomas de Bavelingham: through Robert de Manekesey (in right of Isabella his wife, Mabel's daughter), whom we cannot but conclude to have assumed the name of Gatton, when a few years later we find the same manor (with a certain fifth part of a knight's-fee in Ertindon, which had descended with it) held, on the same tenure, by a Robert de Gatton, which Robert de Gatton dies within two years before a mention on the Fine Rolls of the recent decease of Robert de Manekesey. (See Pedigree.) We then trace the manor on through Hamo his son, and Hamo his grandson, to the infant son of the latter, Edmund, the last of his name, whose two sisters divide his inheritance.

These Charters prove incontestably that the great heiress Mabel de Gatton was twice married, and I have conjectured that the short-lived Gatton, who was her first husband, was the same as the Hamo who confirms Throwley Church to the Monks of St. Bertin, (Arch. Cant. Vol. IV. p. 218,) and as the Hamo whom the Close Rolls show to have been engaged in King John's campaign in Poitou in 1214. (See Pedigree.) It is not a little gratifying to find myself anticipated in the latter conjecture by no less an authority than Mr. Courthope, Somerset Herald, who, be-

## XXI.

[Dated 1225.]

ADAM DE BENDING *grants to the Priory of Cumbwell the tithes of the Marsh of* CAPENESSE, *enclosed by the Monks of Robertsbridge.*

Omnibus presentem paginam inspecturis ADAM DE BENDENG salutem. Noverit universitas nostra me dedisse—etc., caritatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum et heredum meorum Deo et ecclesie Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell, et canonicis—etc., in liberam—etc., elemosinam quantum ad laicum patronum pertinet omnimodas decimas totius marisci de CAPENESSE quem Monachi de PONTEROBERTI incluserunt et includere tenentur sicut testatur et continetur in cyrographo inter me et illas composito. Habendas et possidendas sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum ita sane et integre quod omnes decime de prenominato marisco perveniende dicte ecclesie de Cumbwell refundentur omni contradictione et appellatione prorsus pretermissa que per me vel heredes meos aliquo casu fieri poterit. Ut autem hec—etc., sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus GILBERTO DE BRANTEN RADULFO MAY PHILIPPO FILIO ALANI WALTERO DE HATTON W. . . . . FILIO BENGERI

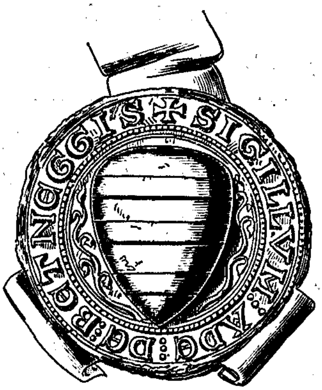
sides many other great kindnesses, has freely allowed me to compare the results of his researches on these baronial pedigrees with my own.

The conjecture that Robert de Manekesey became called Robert de Gatton is as old as Bray and Manning's 'History of Surrey' (vol. i. p. 84, etc.). There is no proof positive of this, but the evidence of possession and descent, and the coincidence of dates, amount to little less.

On the authority of the Pipe Rolls, and of researches made by the Rev. L. B. Larking, I have added a Clemencia de Braibœuf to the received five daughters and coheiresses of Stephen de Thurnham. The evidence as to the probable date of her death is rather conflicting, but capable, I think, of being harmonized. It is to be remarked, however, that she is only mentioned in documents very early after her father's death, and never in the same with Alianora Fitz Bernard; which, as well as the perpetual mention of five daughters and no more, and the evident division of the property into five shares, has induced me to conjecture this Alianora to be daughter and heiress of Clemencia, and thus *heiress* (only) of Stephen. This would explain the difficulty of finding two Alianoras his heiresses. It is true that she is once actually called his daughter (Rot. Pip. 6 Hen. III.). Possibly further investigation may solve this difficulty.

HENRICO BRON WILLIELMO DE HAUL STEPHANO DE PONTE ELFRICO DE PONTE et multis aliis.

Actum anno gratie m°cc°xx°v° mense Octob.



*In dorso:* "Copenesse;"—by Le Neve: "Carta Adæ de Bending facta Canonicis de Cumbwell decimarum Marisci Capenesse quam Monachi de Ponterose (?) incluserunt."

XXII.

[Date, after 1229.[1]]

ALICE DE BENDING, *in her widowhood, confirms to the Priory of Cumbwell all the grants of* ROBERT DE THURNHAM *her grandfather,* STEPHEN *her father, and* EDELINDA *her mother, and* MABEL, BEATRIX, *and* ALIENORA, *her sisters.*

Sciant—etc., quod ego ALICIA DE BENDENG tempore viduitatis mee concessi—etc., Deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis—etc., terras redditus et omnes possessiones quas ROBERTUS DE THORNEHAM avus meus et STEPHANUS pater meus et EDELINDA mater mea et MABILIA et BEATRIX et ALIENORA sorores mee dicte ecclesie de Cumbwell contulerunt. Habendas—etc. Et ut hec—etc., sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus HAMONE DE GATTON ROBERTO FOSTER GALFRIDO DE BRAYBEF ADAM DE BROC WILLIELMO DE LOFH [Lof-

[1] Adam de Bending died in 1229. I am inclined, from the name of Hamo de Gatton as a witness (probably her great-nephew), to put this deed some years later than the preceding,—say 1250-60.

herst? or Losh; qu. Losenham?] HENRICO serviente de Thorneham JOHANNE SYROC ROBERTO OSBERTO CASTELEYN et multis aliis.

Robert de Thurnham =

Stephen = Edelinda.

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| Husband = dead. | Alice de Bending. | Mabel. | Beatrix. | Alienora. |

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## XXIII.

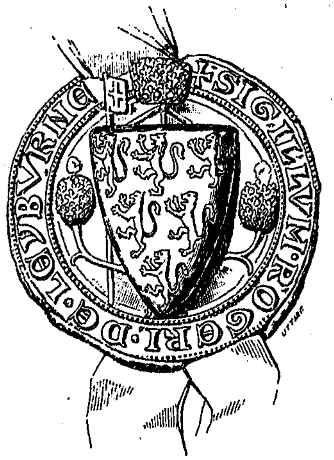
[Date, probably 1270.[1]]

ROGER DE LEYBOURNE *grants to the Priory of Cumbwell,* 5¾*d. of yearly rent in* GUTHERST (*Goudhurst*), *due to him*—2¼*d. from* ELYAS DE HAMME *and his partners,* 3*d. from the heirs of* ORDINGUS LE TURNUR, *and* ½*d. from* SIMON *and* ADAM DE TOTINGEHOLE.

Sciant—etc., quod ego ROGERUS DE LEYBURNE dedi—etc., deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Magdalene de Cumbwelle et canonicis—etc., in liberam—etc. elemosinam quinque denarios obolum et quadrantem annue (*sic*) redditus cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in GUTHURST quos annuatim percipere consuevi videlicet de ELYA DE HAMME et particibus ejus duos denarios quadrentem. De

[1] By the evidence of the seal, the banner upon it probably marking him as "crucesignatus" for the Crusade of that year. (See page 192.)

heredibus ORDINGI LE TURNUR tres denarios. Et de SIMONE et ADA DE TOTINGEHOLE obolum. Habendum—etc. Et ego predictus ROGERUS et heredes mei warantizabimus, etc. In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus domino STEPHANO DE PENECESTR milite ROBERTO DE CUMBDENNE ADAM DE BECHEBYRI GALFRIDO ALISANDRE DE CUMBDENNE HANNIS DE RYSDENNE WILLELMO de eadem NICHOLAO COCO WILLELMO DE REDMUNDENNE GALFRIDO DE SCARNFELD et multis aliis.




*In dorso,* in Le Neve's hand: "Carta Rogeri de Leyburn junioris (?) de v den.," etc. etc.

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## XXIV.

[Dated May, 1255, 39 Hen. III.]

WILLIAM DE SAY *acquits the Prior and Convent of Cumbwell of all suit of court and other service from all their tenements then held of his fee, but not from those acquired in future.*

Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego WILLS DE SAY miles relaxavi pro me et heredibus meis in perpetuum et quietum clamavi Priori et Conventui de Cumbwell et successoribus eorum omnimodam sectam Curiarum mearum in comitatu Kantie quam sectam ab eisdem aliquo tempore exigebam ratione tenementorum suorum que de meo feodo tenent in predicto comitatu. Ita quod de cetero de dicta secta quocunque modo petita pro me et heredibus meis liberi sint et immunes et

ab omni servitio seculari et demanda ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinente. Salvo quod si dictos Priorem et Conventum contingat amodo aliquid de meo tenemento adquirere quod michi et heredibus meis de terris quas amodo adquirent de meo feodo faciant inde servitia debita et consueta ea scilicet que in cartis donatorum suorum testantur. Et ne ego in vita mea vel aliquis heredum meorum post me contra hanc relaxationem et quietam clamationem venire possimus presens scriptum sigilli meum munimine pro me et heredibus meis roboravi. Hiis testibus domino WILLIELMO DE DETTLING et domino WALTERO LE KEU et domino ROBERTO DE CHASTELO militibus GALFRIDO DE SAXINHERST MICHAELE DE ESHERST WILLŌ DE LA GRENE JOHANNE PERDRIZ et aliis. Actum anno regni Regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo nono mense Maio.

[Seal as in preceding charter, but without counterseal.]

*In dorso:* "Quieta clamancia dño W. de Sai super secta curiarum suarum."

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## XXV.

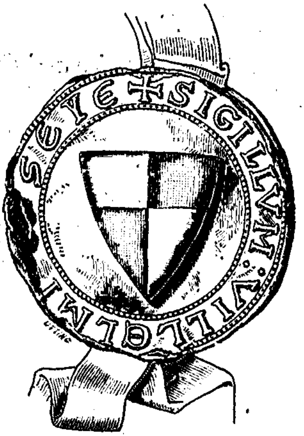
[Date, apparently after 1264.[1]]

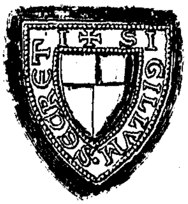
WILLIAM DE SAY *(as superior lord) confirms the Prior and Convent of Cumbwell in their seisin of land in* THURNHAM, *granted to them by* ROBERT DE MANEKESEY, *deceased, which he had by grant from* THOMAS DE BAVELINGHAM *and* MABEL *his wife.*

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris WILLS DE SAY salutem in domino. Quum fideliter inquisivi per bonos et discretos viros quod Prior et Conventus de Cumbwell fuerunt in vita ROBERTI DE MANEKESYE in plena et pacifica saisina illius terre de THORNEHAM quam ROBERTUS DE MANEKESEY aliquando tenuit in THORNEHAM de dono THOME DE BAUELINGHAM et MABILIE uxoris sue. Et quod dictus ROB[s] DE MANEKESEY habuit bonam et sanam memoriam quando dictam terram cum pertinentiis dedit et confirmavit predictis Priori et Conventui. Ego predictus WILL[s] recognosco pro me et heredibus meis predictam terram de THORNEHAM cum pertinentiis suis esse jus dictorum Prioris et Conventus. Et recognosco

[1] Death of Robert de Mankesey, if we may suppose him to be the same as Robert de Gatton.

saisinam suam quam inde habuerunt et qua usi sunt in vita predicti Roberti de Manekesey bone memorie et sane esse bonam et justam et dimitto et concedo eisdem canonicis predictam saisinam prenominate terre cum pertinentiis pacifice et quiete possidendam in perpetuum. Insuper ad majorem securitatem dictorum canonicorum de Cumbwell concedo et presenti cartâ meâ confirmo pro me et heredibus meis deo et ecclesie beate Marie Magdalene de Cumbwell et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus donationem et concessionem quam predictus Rob. de Manekesey fecit de predicta terra cum pertinentiis suis supradictis canonicis de Cumbwell tenendam et habendam ita libere et quiete sicut carta supradicti Robti de Manekesey quam eis inde fecit testatur. Et ut hec mea recognitio concessio et confirmatio stabit et firma permaneat in perpetuum presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Dnō Johanne de Say fratre meo Dnō Roberto de Castelon Dnō Thoma fil Godefre Willō de la Forde Simone de Bon Galfrido de Frimingeham Simone Cokel (?) Zacharia de Chynen, Wills Franceis Roberto coc Brin de War Willō coco et multis aliis.



Indorsed: "Willielmus de Sei de Thornham."

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Thomas de Bavelingham. = Mabel. William de Say. John.

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# Gatton.

(*To face p.* 222.)

HEMFRID, or HEREFRID, probably a direct descendant of the Herefrid who holds Throwley in Domesday. =

= DINUS PORCELLUS, to whom Hen. I. gave the manor of Cateshull on the service of being Usher of the King's chamber.

.... DE THURNHAM.

HAMUND DE THROWLEY, son of Herefrid. Charter granting the Church of Throwley to the Abbey of St. Bertin, 1162–1165. (Arch. Cant. Vol. IV. p. 210.) = MATILDA, or MABILIA, (but perhaps two wives). (*Id.*)

DAMIETTA, da. of William de GORHAM, dead before 1204. (Rot. Claus. 6 Joh. m. 19.) = RANULPH DE BROC, held Cateshull and Ertindon on the same tenure. Constable of Saltwood Castle, *temp.* Hen. II.

ROBT DE THURNHAM, *Founder of Cumbwell Abbey, temp.* Hen. II. Charter confirmed by Walkelin Maminot in Charter I. = Da. and coheir of BELLEW. (MS. Gul. Courthope.)

Michael de Thurnham. Charters III., IV.

John de Thurnham. Witness to Charter II.

ROBERT DE THROWLEY. Confirms his father's Charter 12 June, 1190. (*Id.* p. 217.) = MABEL (*id.*). [Qu. dau., or sister, and heiress of Rob. de Gatton?]

Reginald, apparently only brother in 1190. (*Id.*)

Other sons and daurs. mentioned in their father's Charter.

EDELINE DE BROC (coheir with her sister Sibilla). Charter XII. Gives 300 marks for liberty to remarry, 1215. = STEPHEN DE THURNHAM, Seneschal of Anjou 1186; escort of Queen Berengaria 1193–4. Charters V.–XI., XIII. Alive 1209. (Rot. Pip. 10 Jo.) Dead before 1214. (Rot. Fin. 16 Jo.)

Gilbert.

Robert de Thurnham, witness to Charter II.; one of the Founders of Bayham Abbey. = Isabella Fossard.

HAMO DE GATTON. Confirms the two above Charters of his *father* and *grandfather* by deed *s. d.* (*Id.* p. 218), mentioning a wife, and calling himself '*heir* of Robt de Gatton.' Qy. Is he not the same Hamo who had relief from "custodia quam debet castro Dovor" while in the King's service in Poitou, 1214? (Close Roll, 16 Jo.) and again of whom it is recorded "Rex dedit Ricardo filio suo terram Hamouis de Gatton"? (*Id.* 17 Jo., 27 Nov. 1215.) If, as we may suppose, he was the husband of Mabel de Thurnham, he was probably killed in John's disastrous campaign in Poitou, for he must have been dead before 4 June, 1216. (*Id.* 18 Jo.) = (1)

MABEL DE GATTON. Seisin of her share of Brichull and Ertindon, 4 June, 1216, then apparently a widow. (Close Roll, 18 Jo.) Charters XIV.–XX. = (2) THOS. DE BAVELINGHAM, See Charter XX., m. before 1219, (Rot. Fin. 3 Hen. III. m. 9,) but after 4 June, 1216.

CLEMENCIA, m. to HENRY DE BRAIBŒUF. (Rot. Pip. 16 Jo., etc.) Apparently dead before 4 June, 1216.

ALICE, m. to ADAM DE BENDING before 4 June, 1216. Charters XXI., XXII. Adam died 1229, in which year Walter his son had livery of his father's lands. Alice seems to have lived till *circ.* 1250, if we may suppose Hamo de Gatton, witness to her widowhood Charter (XXII.), to be her great-nephew.

BEATRICE, m. to RALPH DE FAY before 4 June, 1216.

ALIENORA, apparently under age 4 June, 1216; m. before 1219 to ROGER DE LEYBURN (whose wardship and marriage was bought 1199, by Stephen de Thurnham). Charter XXIII.

ALIENORA, apparently under age 1216; m. before 1219 to RALPH FITZ-BERNARD. [But qu. whether she was not daur. to Clemencia de Braibœuf?]

ISABEL, daur. of Mabel de Gatton. (Quo War. Roll, Surr. 25 H. III. rot. 1 dors.) [Stated to be her daur. by Thos. de Bavelingham, but qu.?] Apparently m. before 1235. = ROBERT DE MANKESEY. Cateshull and Ertindon confirmed to him, the gift of Thos. de Bavelingham and Mabel his wife, 30 Nov. 1235. (Rot. Chart. 19 H. III. m. 19.) He held them, 1241, as given to him "in maritagium cum Isabellâ filiâ eorum." (Quo War. Roll, as above.) See also Charter XXIV. Robert *de Gatton* held them, 1263, on the same tenure (*Id.* 47 H. III. rot. 26 dors.), and died 1264 (Inquis. 48 H. III., Arch. Cant. Vol. V.). Release to the heirs of Robert *de Manekesey*, defuncti, of 30 marks owed by him to the Exchequer, 1266. (Rot. Fin. 50 H. III., 28 Sep.)

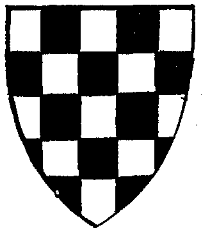
JOHANNA. Executes a fine with Hamo her husband, 1271 (Rot. Fin. 55 H. III. m. 4); seems to have been heiress of Northcray, and to have died 1309. (Rot. Fin. 3 Ed. II. m. 10, and 4 Ed. II. m. 21.) = HAMO DE GATTON, æt. 25 and upwards 1264 (Inquis. of his father); Sheriff of Kent, 1285; held, 1274–5, three knights'-fees of the honour of Peverel, in Throwley, Boughton-Malherb, Wormshill, Gatton and Caterham (Rot. Hund. 3 Ed. I., p. 208), one-fourth of Ertindon, 1278–9, (Plac. 7 Ed. I. rot. 27); died, 1291, seized of Gatton, Catteshull, and Ertindon. (Inq. 20 Ed. I.)

MARGERY, has dower of Gatton, Catteshull and Ertindon. (*Vide* Hamo's Inq.) = HAMO DE GATTON, æt. 28, 1291 (Inq. patris); died 1299 (Inq. 28 Ed. I.).

EDMUND DE GATTON, æt. half a year, 1299 (Inq. patris); Catteshull and Ertindon in custody of Guy de Ferre during his minority 1300 (Rot. Orig. 29 Ed. I. ro. 3); and Northcray, of B. de Badlesmere, 1309 (Rot. Orig. 3 Ed. II. ro. 6, and Rot. Fin. ej. an. m. 10). Dead before 1313.

Elizabeth, coh. m. Wm. de Dene.

Margery, coh. m. Simon de Norwood.



Arms of Gatton, from the Charter of Hamo to the Abbey of St. Bertin. (Arch. Cant. IV. 219.)