

Notice of Two Ancient Deeds relating to Hambury.

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IN the fourth volume of this Journal, for 1882, were printed twenty-two *cartæ antiquæ*, relating to persons and places chiefly in Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

Two more deeds belonging to the same series lately rescued from amongst two tons of "rubbish" sold out of a lawyer's office in Lichfield, are printed below, with the text extended.

Information touching the property mentioned in these two deeds may be found in the Add. MSS. 6046. f. 9 (Brit. Mus.), and in Nichols' "Hist. of Leicester," Vol. 4, p. 860.

In case this should meet the eye of any solicitor, I would urge upon him, and all who belong to his profession, the great value from an archæological point of view, of such documents as these. Worthless, no doubt, for purely legal purposes, these *cartæ antiquæ* supply prime and direct evidence of many facts in the domain of genealogical and topographical research which can only be obtained elsewhere, if at all, on the doubtful authority of secondary and indirect evidences.

I plead for such historical MSS. as these that they are worthy of a better fate than to be sold by weight for a few shillings and pulped for paper or cut up by the bookbinder, as many thousands of such documents have been.

If the crowded state of a lawyer's office renders it necessary to clear out such "rubbish," a safe repository exists at the Public Record Office and the MSS. Department of the British Museum, to say nothing of Local Museums and Literary Institutions such as the admirable Salt Library at Stafford, where such documents would be gladly received and safely preserved.

“**U**niuersis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit, Ricardus filius et Heres Ricardi filii Herberti. Salutem in domino. Noueritis me concessisse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis quietum clamasse Willelmo de Neutone Clerico Manenti in Hambury et Mabilie vxori eius omnes terras et tenementa cum edificiis supstantibus que habui in villa et territorio de Hambury de hereditate patris mei, vna cum omnibus libertatibus commoditatibus et proficuis, que mihi accidebant de hereditate patris mei, in Foresta de Nedwode et que Ricardus pater meus habuit, ex dono et feoffamento Roberti de Ferrariis Comitis Derbye, et ipsum de eisdem per Cartam suam feoffauit, vt in Housbote Haybote aquietancia Pannagii secta Molendinorum Pastura ad aueria sua, et omnibus aliis estoueriis et proficuis in dicta Foresta capiendis. Ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei in predictis terris et tenementis nec in aliis omnibus supradictis, aliquid juris vel clamii preterquam vnam Marcam argenti, annui redditus, quam penes me retinui de predictis terris et tenementis precipiendam (or *percipiendam*) exigere poterimus vel venditare inperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti quiete clamacioni sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Stephano de Corzonn, Henrico Coco, Radulpho de Rollistone, Willelmo de Rideware, Stephano de Falde, Thoma de Camera, Philippo del Wodehouse et aliis. Datum apud Tuttesbury die Lune proxima post festum Natiuitatis beati Johannis Baptiste. Anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici vicesimo Quinto (1297).”

Membrane 8 × 4½ inches ; 13 lines.

One seal of green wax, representing a hawk standing upon a bird. Round them “S' RIC' FIL' HERB'T.”

ENDORSEMENTS.

(1) *In a hand, apparently almost contemporary with that of the deed,* "Relaxacio Ricardi Fitz Herberti. Facta Willelmo de Newetone de terris et tenementis in Hambury."

(2) *Below, in a later hand, is added,* "et diuersas libertates in foresta de Nedwode pro panage et aliis."

(3) *Below, in a hand like that of (1),* "Anno/25/e/1/."

Uniuersis hoc Scriptum visuris uel audituris, Ricardus le fitz Herbert, filius et heres Ricardi le fitz Herbert de Twycros salutem in domino. Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me concessisse, remisisse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis quietum clamasse Willelmo de Neutone clerico manenti in Hambury et Mabillie vxori sue et heredibus suis seu assignatis quibuscumque, totum jus et clamium que habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in omnibus terris et tenementis que habui in villa et territorio de Hambury cum omnibus suis pertinenciis vna cum omnibus libertatibus, commoditatibus proficuis et estoueriis capiendis in foresta de Nedwode que et quas michi accidebant jure hereditario post mortem dicti Ricardi patris mei, et que idem Ricardus habuit ex dono et feoffamento Roberti de ferrariis Comitis Derbeye. Sicut Carta feoffamenti quam predictis Willelmo et Mabillie de eisdem feci, plenius testatur. Ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei, nec aliquis nomine nostro aliquid juris uel Clamii in predictis terris et tenementis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis nec in nullo de supradictis, decetero exigere poterimus vel venditare, preter quam vnam Marcam annui redditus quam de predictis terris et tenementis annuatim precipiendis (*or percipiendis*) penes me retinui ad duos anni terminos, videlicet medietatem ad festum Annunciacionis et aliam medietatem ad festum Sancti Michaelis. In cujus Rei testi monium huic presenti Scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Domino Radulpho Priore de Repindone, Domino Roberto de Touke milite, Ricardo de Shultone tunc Senescallo Honoris Tutesburie, Willelmo le Burdeleys tunc Receptore ejusdem, Johanne de Miners, Randulpho de Rollestone, Matheo de Vilers, Willelmo Morelle et aliis. Datum apud Gresele die Dominica proxima

post festum Sancti Martini, Episcopi Anno regina Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici tricesimo tercio (1305)."

Membrane 8 × 6 inches ; 17 lines.

There has been one seal, but it and the sealslip are now wanting.

ENDORSEMENTS.

(1) *In the same hand as No. (1) of the former deed*, "Secunda Relaxacio Ricardi Fitz Herberti facta Willelmo de Newetone de eisdem terris et tenementis in Hambury que in prima continentur."

(2) *In the same hand as No. (2) of the former deed*, "et de proficuis in Nedwoude."

(3) *In the same hand as No. (3) of the former deed*, "Anno /33/e/i."

(4) *In apparently the same hand as No. (3)*, "it semeth this Newton was a prest & had a wyfe, ergo, the papists lie."