

action of Pope Clement V., who at the Council of Vienne formally dissolved the Order, and at the same time published a Bull, requiring that the Templars possessions in lay hands should be forthwith surrendered to the Knights Hospitallers of St. John. This was carried into effect in England by a Statute in Parliament 17 Ed. II.,¹ which enacted that all who held any lands of the late suppressed Order should account for the same at Westminster within one month of the ensuing feast of Easter. The Manor of Bisham, which had been granted to Hugh le Dispenser two years previously, would, by force of this Statute, pass to the Knights of St. John, but (probably at request of the King) within a few months (4th July) it was re-granted to the said Hugh by the Prior of the Order, as recorded in the *Inspeximus* Charter before quoted.

During the time that the possessions of the Templars were in the hands of the King, a return was made of all such in the various counties to the office of the Lord Treasurer Remembrancer, which still exists in three large Rolls in the Public Record Office. The following *Compotus* or Account was made by Richard Damory, Lord of Bucknal, and is interesting as giving an idea of the estate of a small Preceptory at the time of the suppression.

TRANSLATION.

Compotus^a of Richard Damory late sheriff of Oxon and Berks &c. . . . of the issues of the Manor of Bustleham, from the iiij day of July in the second year of the reign of the King that now is (Edward II.) on which day the said Richard by writ of the King to him directed, took into the hand of the King the said Manor from the custody of Robert de Hanstede, to whom the King had previously committed the said Manor, until the first day of August next ensuing before he delivered the said Manor to Roger de Wingefeud clerk of the King, from which time the said Roger shall answer thereof.

Bustleham. The same rendered account of xij^d. of underwood sold there, as is contained in the Roll of particulars which he has delivered thereof into the Treasury. And of xvij^s. of cxliiii customary works^b sold in summer, as is contained there. And of xviii^d. of pleas and perquisites of Court as is contained there.

Sum received xx^s. vi^d.

1 Statutes of the Realm, Vol. I, p. 194.

2 L.T.R. Accts. of Knts. Templars, Roll 24, m. 21.

3 Services due from tenants commuted for money payments.

The same accounts in iron and steel for tyres, nails and other necessities for repairing and keeping up the carts and ploughs together with the farriery of the horses and the wages of the smith xxii^d ob. as is contained in the said Roll of particulars. And for oil and tallow and for other lesser necessities bought for repairing and and putting into order the three water mills v^d. And in 1 quarter and a half of mestine⁴ bought for livery to the servants v^s. And for the wages of the Steward of the Manor for the time aforesaid, to wit for xxviii days taking per day ii^d. iii^s. viii^d.

Sum expended xi^s. xi^d. ob. And he owes viii^s. vi^d. ob. And he answers within.

The same renders account of iii. quarters, vi. bushels and half a peck of corn received of the issues of the three water mills for the time aforesaid. And expended in livery to the servants for the time aforesaid, as is contained in the Roll of particulars.

Also he renders account of ii. cart horses received of the said Robert by Indenture and delivered to Roger de Winkfeud by Indenture, value of each xvi^s. viii^d.

xii. steers rec^d. &c. viii. value of each vi^s. and viii^d. and iii. value of each ix^s.

ii. asses rec^d. &c. value of both vi^s. viii^d.

xx. oxen rec^d. &c. value of each ix^s.

ii. boars rec^d. &c. value of each ii^s. vi^d.

vi. sows rec^d. &c. value of each ii^s. vi^d.

xiii. pigs yearlings rec^d. &c. value of each ii^s.

xvi. hogs $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year old rec^d. &c. value of each xvi^d.

vii. hogs $\frac{1}{2}$ a year old rec^d. &c. value of each xii^d.

xii. porkers rec^d. &c. value of each viii^d.

viii. sucking pigs rec^d. &c. value of each iii^d.

iii. swans rec^d. &c. value of each v^s.

ii. swans rec^d. &c. of last year's brood, value of each ii^s. vi^d.

iiii. swans rec^d. &c. of this year's brood, value of each xviii^d. Total ix. swans.

i. peacock and i. peahen rec^d. &c. value of each xviii^d.

ii. young peacocks rec^d. &c. value of each vi^d.

ii. hawks and (other) ii. hawks rec^d. &c. value of each iii^d. and ii. hawks rec^d. &c. value of each iii^d.

i. cock rec^d. &c. value i^d. ob.

4 Mestilo = wheat and rye mixed.

Of customary works he answers equally in the Roll of Particulars as contained therein.

The same renders account of hay appraised at vii^{li} and delivered to the said Roger by the same value and Indenture.

The same Richard delivers to the aforesaid Roger—

clxxi. acres sown with corn, value per acre v^s.

lvi. acres sown with mestine, value per acre iii^s.

xxxv. acres sown with barley, value per acre iii^s. iii^{li}.

xxv. acres sown with drag,⁵ value per acre iii^s.

vi. acres with drag, value per acre xviii^d.

vii. acres and a half sown with peas, value per acre iii^s.

lxxxv. acres sown with oats, value per acre xviii^d.

By writ of the King and Indenture whereof the said Roger must answer, and he answers within at the end of Computus.

On another membrane of the same Roll (memb. 20), is an Inventory of the household effects of the Preceptory, to give which *in extenso* would be beyond the limits of this paper. The furniture proper appears to have consisted of v. table boards value viii^s, viii. pairs of trestles value viii^d, i table standing at the head of the Preceptory value viii^d, iii forms value vi^d; a long list of domestic utensils is then given, each article being carefully priced, which is followed by an Inventory of Church goods containing many items of interest.

ii Antiphonaries and i Antiphonary with Hymnary; i Great Legend in ii volumes well bound; i Ordinal bound; i Martiloge bound; ii graduals each of which with troparium well bound; iii Processionals not bound; i Epistolary bound; i book which is called *The Lives of the Fathers* well bound; ii Books of Collects bound; i Book of Sequences bound; ii Psalters bound; i called Processional unbound; i Book of Homilies; i Book of Narratives, which begins *Quadam die* well bound; i little book which begins *Anima nostra* unbound; i French book which begins *Une quilette fait avoms dist nostre seigneur*, &c. (sic); i Book which begins *Comence de sapience*; i Book of the Office of Blessed Mary bound; ii chalices parcel gilt, the weight of one of which is xxx^s, and of the other xvj^s by estimation; iii sets of vestments, i good vestment for Sundays, ii sets of ferial vestments without girdles; iii copes of silk for the choir; ii sets of three tunicles with dalmatics of different coloured silks; ii frontals of silk and ii other old

⁵ Dragium = an inferior kind of corn.

frontals ; iiii sets of corporals ; iiii cloths for the High Altar on Festivals, one with orphreys ; iii ferial cloths ; ii cloths for the altar of Blessed Mary ; i cloth embroidered with silk to cover the altar ; i ferial cloth to hang over the altar ; ii "custodias"⁶ of silk with gold bands ; i cloth of red silk to hold the paten ; i cloth of white silk to hold the paten ; i cross of parcel gilt with a certain piece of precious wood and other relics and with silver foot ; i Gospel Book (bound) with a Majesty⁷ and symbol of the four Evangelists silver gilt, set with precious stones ; i plate silver gilt⁸ with the image of Blessed Mary parcel gilt set with precious stones ; and a thurible of silver with silver handles, i Boat of metal in which to place the incense ; ii phials of silver containing relics of Cosmas and Damian, i vessel of metal in which to place relics ; iii surplices in bad condition, iiii rochets, i rochet in bad condition ; ii basins of tin ; iii phials of tin ; i thurible of metal ; ii "cushions"⁹ covered with silk ; iiii candlesticks of metal ; ii tall candlesticks of iron ; i linen vestment with red cross ; i processional veil ; v cloths to place upon the lectern ; i cloth, iii hempen cloths, i cloth ; ii processional banners ; i "paxbrede"¹⁰ ; i super altar ; i pix of parcel gilt for holding the Eucharist, with a crown of parcel gilt ; iiii processional crosses ; i metal vessel for holy water ; i carpet ; i "hucia" to place before the altar ; i lectern ; ii sconces ; ii chests to hold books and vestments ; i case with leaden pipes for the organs ; i box for candles ; ii large bells with ropes ; i cloth of gold which is called a "Baudekin" (*baldachino*).

The Account closes with a few miscellaneous items priced as before, comprising 3 bills value of each iii^d, old wood value xii^d, and a press in which is contained divers deeds and muniments, rents and possessions of the said brethren and also "ballinas" of divers brethren of the said Order.

6 Custodia, probably a covering for the hanging tabernacle.

7 The "Majesty" = a figure of our Blessed Lord, seated.

8 Perhaps the reverse cover of the Gospel book.

9 Auricularia.

10 Halliwell gives this word as equivalent to a pax.