

V.—SEVEN CHARTERS RELATING TO THE
FAMILIA OF BISHOP HUGH DU PUISET.

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The following abbreviations have been used in the notes :

- BB*—*Boldon Buke*, ed. W. Greenwell (SS, 1852).
BF—*The Book of Fees* (3 vols., London, 1920-31).
Cart.—Cartulary.
DC—Dean and Chapter.
EYC—*Early Yorkshire Charters*, 9 vols., 1914-52, ed. W. Farrer and C. T. Clay.
FPD—*Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell (SS, 1872).
LR—*Liber Rubeus de Scaccario*, ed. H. Hall (RS, 3 vols., 1896).
Monasticon—*Monasticon Anglicanum*, ed. J. Caley, H. Ellis and B. Bandinel, 6 vols. in 8 (London, 1817-30).
NCH—*A History of Northumberland*, ed. Northumberland County History Committee, 15 vols. (Newcastle, 1893-1940).
PD—*The Pudsay Deeds*, ed. R. P. Littledale (Yorks. Arch. Soc., 1916).
PR—*Pipe Roll*.
PRO—Public Record Office.
RS—Rolls Series.
SS—Surtees Society.
Surtees—R. Surtees, *The History . . . of Durham*, 4 vols. (London, 1816-40).

The following twelfth-century charters concern in various ways a number of clerks and laymen who were members of the extensive household of bishop Hugh du Puiset. Individually they contain valuable material relating to the place-names, topography and feudal history of the bishopric, whilst collectively they illustrate aspects of episcopal policies which I hope to discuss at length elsewhere.

In (I) Puiset grants to Richard of Ifferley a house, toft and 48 acres in Stanhope at an annual rent of eight shillings. Richard's heir is to be quit of heriot and to pay an annual rent of ten shillings. From the favourable terms of the charter it would appear that Richard was in the episcopal service, whilst the form of his tenure suggests the commutation of a drengage holding, of which other instances may be found in the bishopric at this date. The mention of the common aid is worthy of notice. The grant was made before 1183, in which year it was recorded,¹ and the presence of archdeacon John of Northumberland among the witnesses indicates a date c. 1160-70.²

In (II) Puiset grants to "Monk Cook" (presumably a nickname, since Monk was a married man of property) a toft and croft in Bishop Auckland together with thirty-one acres in the fields of that township, of which ten lay within the park, three within the banks of the old fishpond and eighteen between the rivers Wear and Gaunless, all of which were to be held at the annual rent of one pound of cumin. Little can be discovered of the history of Monk. Inappropriately enough he appears to have been married, but whatever his status he must have been able to satisfy the palates of bishops Puiset and Poitou—who indeed refers to him as "our dear sergeant". For the rest it is known that he surrendered his lands to the convent of Durham early in the thirteenth century,³ and that in addition to his holding from the bishop he had land in Chilton from the family of Hairon.⁴ The present grant was made after 1183, at which time the lands in question were in other hands.⁵

The evidence relating to (III) is less tenuous, for this deals with a man who is clearly a clerk of some standing in the episcopal estimation. By this elaborate document Puiset grants to his "familiar clerk", Peter of Sedgfield,

¹ *BB*, 29.

² Cf. my note in *Arch. Ael.*, 1955, p. 64.

³ *FPD*, 178n.

⁴ *FPD*, 168n.

⁵ *BB*, 24, n. 8.

sixty acres of waste in Rowley to be held at an annual rent of five shillings. At the same time Peter is licenced to erect a chapel there, rendering for this privilege an additional two bezants a year. Control of the tithes and offerings from the land of Rowley is granted to Peter and his heirs to support the service of their chapel, and they are also permitted to arrange for the burial of deceased tenants where they will until a local cemetery be provided. The terms of this important charter call for some comment. The bishop endows his servant from "waste", here, as elsewhere, giving evidence of a discreet largesse which did not destroy his demesne by an abandoned "taking of homages and giving of lands" in that tradition fatally essential to the baronial style.⁶ The place as well as the nature of the grant is equally worthy of notice, for it was in a peninsula of agriculture which was being pushed westward into the waste in the upper reaches of the Derwent valley, running from what is now the melancholy Consett to the bleakness of Redburn Common⁷—a movement which recalls similar enterprise in the eighth and ninth centuries. The forthright terms in which the bishop endows his clerk with proprietary rights in the proposed chapel are an interesting reflection on the state of the diocese of Durham in the late twelfth century.

The description of Peter as the bishop's "familiar" clerk is of great interest, though he makes but rare appearances in *acta*. He was involved in an episode related in Reginald of Durham's *Godric*⁸ and fined as a clerk during the vacancy of the see after Puiset's death.⁹ The charter must have been issued after 1180, since it is witnessed by Philip fitzHamo as sheriff. The style of Henry Puiset suggests a period later in the episcopate, which is also indicated by other evidence. Peter Harpin was alive in 1208,¹⁰ and occurs as late as

⁶ Cf. nos. IV (a grant from escheat) and V (another grant from waste).

⁷ Cf. the grants recorded in *BB*, 31-2.

⁸ *Libellus de Vita et Miraculis Sancti Godrici*, ed. J. Stevenson (SS, 1845), 472.

⁹ *Chancellor's Roll 8 Richard I*, 257.

¹⁰ *BF*, 28.

c. 1218, when, described as a knight, he gave evidence on events which had taken place during Puiset's episcopate.¹¹

(IV) concerns the well-known name of Gilbert de Laley, who in this charter receives the vill of Witton Gilbert, once the property of Gilbert the sheriff, to hold at an annual rent of twenty shillings. The fee, it is interesting to notice, comes either from escheat or some sort of confiscation, and the enfeoffment, although for an integral fee, is for rent and not for service.¹²

Gilbert was a member of the family of Leathley, neighbours and tenants of the Puisets and their relatives, the Percies, at Settle,¹³ and like them benefactors of the Cistercians of Sawley.¹⁴ In 1166 Gilbert held half a fee of the new enfeoffment of the bishop of Durham, the land lying either at Crook or Witton Gilbert.¹⁵ He was also an episcopal tenant at Egglestone and Kilvington on the Durham-Yorkshire boundary,¹⁶ and a tenant in chief at Spindleston and Budle in Northumberland.¹⁷ Through marriage with the family of Papedy he acquired further interests in Northumberland at Ancroft and Ord.¹⁸

The present charter must have been issued after 1180, since it is witnessed by Philip fitzHamo as sheriff. A later date is indicated by the presence of the sons of Richer of Wassant, Thomas of Helbeck and Richard de Parc.

In (V) Puiset grants to Walter of Caen and Robert, son of Roger, nephews of Simon the chamberlain, the vills of Cornsay and Hedleyhill, originally granted to their uncle from the episcopal waste. The comments above on (III) are

¹¹ *FPD*, 235.

¹² In all Puiset made about ninety-five major grants involving land; only fifteen were enfeoffments, of which only three involved the service of an integral fee, the remainder being fractional, and in practice rent paying freeholds. The other eighty were grants at rent.

¹³ *EYC*, II, 201; *PD*, nos. 2, 3, 7.

¹⁴ *Cartulary of St. Mary of Sallay in Craven*, ed. J. McNulty (Yorks. Arch. Soc. 1933-4), no. 55.

¹⁵ *LR*, 418; *FPD*, 188n.; *DC Durham*, 2. 6. Spec. no. 68.

¹⁶ *Monasticon*, VII, 943; *EYC*, V, no. 313.

¹⁷ *BF*, 1118; *NCH*, I, 177.

¹⁸ *DC Durham*, Cart. IV, fo. 2; *Chancellor's Roll 8 Richard I*, 255.

equally applicable to the place as well as the nature of the present charter.

Simon the chamberlain was one of the most important members of the episcopal *familia*, and from his attestations of private and conventual charters a man of great standing in the diocese. He appears on one occasion with his own clerks and chaplains, and was parson of the convent's church of Billingham, where he was succeeded late in the century by his son, Henry.¹⁹ Henry, who describes himself as master Henry of Durham, witnessed a large number of Puiset's charters, and is subsequently found as the official to bishop Poitou.²⁰ The exact relationship of Walter of Caen and Robert, son of Roger, is uncertain. Walter later bought land in Hartburn, and Robert acquired an interest in Middleton and Follingsby and appears to have received lead from the custodians of the vacant bishopric in 1211.²¹

In 1183 the lands mentioned in the present charter were still in the hands of Simon the chamberlain,²² whilst the form and style of the document suggest that it was issued late in the episcopate.

In (VI) Puiset grants to Philip fitzHamo the vill of Newton by Durham to hold by the service of the fifth part of one knight. Philip, who was a son of Hamo de Tani, was an important figure in the episcopal service, and clearly of sufficient esteem to be accorded baronial status. He held in Essex of the Mandeville fee,²³ and was a tenant of the Percies in Craven.²⁴ In Durham, where he held the office of sheriff, he was in possession of Migley before 1183.²⁵

Philip had two brothers, Thomas and Osmund, the latter of whom was his heir. He also had a sister, Maud, and a wife, Alice.²⁶ During the episcopate the family was active

¹⁹ DC Durham, 4. 2. Spec. no. 9; *FPD*, 249.

²⁰ PRO, Augmentation Office, Ancient Deed BII538.

²¹ *FPD*, 47n., 113n.; *PR 2 John*, 110; *PR 13 John*, 41.

²² *BB*, 31.

²³ PRO, Duchy of Lancaster Ancient Charter 27/LS 2.

²⁴ Whittaker, *Craven*, 110.

²⁵ *BB*, 32.

²⁶ DC Durham, 3. 7. Spec. no. 16; *FPD*, 126n.

in the acquisition of property. Between 1170 and 1180 Thomas received 6 bovates and Philip 2 from Roger of Eppleton in Silksworth.²⁷ Before 1180 Philip bought a carucate in Silksworth from Walter de Insula, and c. 1180 he received 44 acres in Silksworth from Geoffrey, son of Richard.²⁸

The present charter must date after 1189, since it is witnessed by prior Bertram. It probably comes from even later in the episcopate, since it is also witnessed by the young Gilbert Hansard, who had not gained possession of his lands by 1195.²⁹

The final charter (VII) of this group is a confirmation by Puiset in favour of Adam, the clerk of William of Howden, of seventy acres in the vill of Esh, granted to him by William of Howden. Nothing is known of the career of Adam, but his patron William—or, as he may have been, master William of Howden, was perhaps one of the episcopal justices and certainly one of the most important clerks of the diocese. He held the churches of Kirby Sigston (where he was succeeded by one of his sons, master John of Howden),³⁰ Ivesley and Rowley, and some title in that of Ellington.³¹ He had land at Kirby Sigston by the grant of bishop Hugh, and in addition purchased 100 acres in Durham from William of Butterwick.³² On one occasion he mentions his chaplain, Peter, his brother, John, and his sons, John, William and Nicholas.³³

It would seem from the witnesses that the charter was issued some time after c. 1185. If the precedence of Philip fitzHamo be attributed to his position of sheriff of Durham the date must be later than 1180, and possibly before 1192, in which year William of Blois became subdean of Lincoln.³⁴

²⁷ *FPD*, 123n., 124n.

²⁸ *FPD*, 18n., 125n.

²⁹ *PR* 7 *Richard I*, 25; *Chancellor's Roll 8 Richard I*, 261.

³⁰ *FPD*, 251.

³¹ *DC Durham*, 2. 6. Spec. no. 13; *PR* 31 *Henry II*, 152.

³² *EYC*, II, 280 and no. 980.

³³ *DC Durham*, 2. 6. Spec. no. 13.

³⁴ This date is established in my *Hugh du Puiset*.

If John of Howden may be identified as William of Howden's son of that name there is further reason for placing the charter late in the episcopate. Of the other witnesses it may be remarked that Osbert seems to have succeeded William of Layton after 1172, whilst Roger of Eppleton *fl.* from 1166 to the end of the episcopate. Radulf of Chester-le-Street does not appear to have succeeded his father, Waleran, until c. 1185,³⁵ and Walter, a son of Eudo de Punchardon, first appears c. 1180.³⁶ Robert de Humez was a son of that Guy de Humez who made a grant to the Cistercians of Sawley before 1172.³⁷

TEXTS³⁸

(I)

Hugo dei gratia Dunelmensis Episcopus, Omnibus hominibus Episcopatus sui francis et anglis. Salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse / et presenti Carta confirmasse Ricardo de hyspherlea et heredibus suis domum suam et Toftum. et / xlviii. acras terre in Stanhope. tenendas et habendas de nobis et de successoribus nostris libere et quiete. / reddendo nobis singulis annis et successoribus nostris pro omnibus seruciis, dum ipse Ricardus uixerit, / .viii. solidos et post obitum suum, heres eius reddet. x. solidos et erit quietus de herieht. Quare uolumus / et precipimus quatinus predictus Ricardus et heredes sui terram predictam teneant et possideant per predictum censum / bene et in pace. quietam et liberam ab omnibus aliis seruciis. excepto cum commune auxilium / uenerit per totum episcopatum. Testibus. Johanne archidiacono. Simone Camerario. Henrico Lincolnensi. Gileberto / halsard. Roberto Corbet. Radulfo filio Roberti. Radulfo cuinte. Vlpho de Cund'. Johanne de amundeuilla. / Roberto Cuinte. Ricardo filio Turchilli. Willelmo elemosinario. Hildred. Rogero Marchald.

Original: DC Durham, 3.1. Pont. no. 17.

Endorsed: 1. Carta Hug' Epi' facta Ric'o De hysperley de t'ra. in Stanhop (13th c.). 2. Stanhope. 3^a. prime pont. R.I. (15th c.).

³⁵ *BB*, 2; DC Durham, 3. 6. Spec. no. 16.

³⁶ DC Durham, 3. 7. Spec. no. 22.

³⁷ *Cartulary of Sallay*, I, 63, 65.

³⁸ I wish to thank the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and the President and Fathers of Ushaw for permission to print muniments in their possession. The spelling and punctuation of the originals have been retained in transcription.

Size: 8" × 4". The charter is badly written in what is almost a developed court hand. A number of letters have blotted where the ink has been absorbed by the parchment, and there is a large thumb print in medieval ink at the head of the text. The parchment is unruled and the course of the writing undulates. Small margins have been left on both sides of the text. There is a damaged seal in white wax hanging on a double tail. The reverse of the tail has a contemporary inscription .a.

Copy: DC Durham, Cart. II, fo. 96.

Date: c. 1160-70.

(II)

Hugo dei gratia Dunelmensis Episcopus Omnibus hominibus tocius episcopatus sui ad quos littere presentes peruenierint Salutem. / Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse et presenti Carta nostra confirmasse Monacho Coco et heredibus suis / pro humagio et seruicio suo vnum toftum et vnum croftum in Alklet cum xxxi. acras terre in campis eiusdem / uille. Scilicet. x. acras infra parcam. et. iij. acras infra fossatum ueteris uiuarii. et xvij. acras infra halham / inter Wer et Gauhenles. tenenda sibi et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodum et he/reditatem ita libere et quiete sicuti aliquis aliquam terram liberius uel quietius tenere poterit. Reddendo inde nobis / et successoribus nostris vnam libram cimini ad festum sancti Cuthberti in septembri. Hiis testibus / Henrico de puteaco. Gilleberto Camerario. Willelmo de Herleseia. Roberto filio Meldredi. Jordano esscolland. Rogero / Burdon. Rogero de Audri. Willelmo filio Gilleberti. Adam de Hardena. Symone hostiario. et multis aliis.

Original: DC Durham, 4.1. Pont, no. 7.

Endorsed: H. epo' de tofo in Alclend (14th c.) data monacho coco de xxxi acr' r. 4. prime pont. c. 2. 1a. 1e. Spalm. P. 2. (15th c.).

Size: 3½" × 7½", written irregularly on a sheet of unlined parchment. There is a good unvarnished seal in white wax hanging on a double tail.

Printed: in part, *FPD*, 177n.

Date: c. 1185.

(III)

Hugo dei gratia dunelmensis episcopus omnibus baronibus et hominibus tocius episcopatus sui francis et anglis tam futuris quam presentibus Salutem. Sciatis / nos dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse dilecto filio et familiari clerico nostro Petro de Seggesfeld. lx.^a acras terre de Wasto nostro in / Rueleia

per exartam ad tenam arabilem trahendas per rectas diuisas suas cum omnibus ad eas pertinentibus habendas et tenendas in / feudo et hereditate de nobis et successoribus nostris eidem Petro et ei uel eis cui uel quibus eandem terram assignare uoluerit et heredibus suis./reddendo inde nobis et successoribus nostris annuatim.v. solidos ad.iiij.^{or} terminos in episcopatu constitutos pro omni alio seruicio et consuetu/dine et exactione et auxilio. Concedimus Eciam eidem Petro ut ipse Capellam faciat et habeat in predicta terra reddendo inde nobis / uel ei cui assignauerimus singulis annis duos bisancios pro omni alio seruicio et consuetu-dine et exactione.unum scilicet bisancium / ad Pentecosten,et alium bisancium ad festum Sancti Martini.Ita quod de decimis et obuencionibus que de predicta terra prouenerint,pre/dictus Petrus et ille uel illi cui uel quibus assignauerit et heredes sui de eadem terra.ad libitum et uoluntatem suam ad deseruendum / eidem Capelle disponant et operentur.Quare uolumus et firmiter precipimus quod predictus Petrus et ille uel illi cui uel quibus assignauerit et heredes / sui de eadem terra,predictas.lx.^a acras terre cum libera capella sua in eadem terra sita et cum toftis et croftis et communi pastura cum / uicinis uillis.cum aquis et stagnis.cum molendino.cum uiis et semitis et exitibus.et cum quietancia de pannagio propriorum porcorum / de domo sua et eius uel eorum quibus assignauerit et heredum suorum.Ita tamen quod homines eius in eadem terra manentis panna/gium dabunt de porcis suis sicut homines aliorum liberorum nostrorum dare solent et debent.et cum omnibus aliis asiamentis et liber / tatibus ad predictas.lx.^a acras terre assignatis et pertinentibus habeant et teneant in feudo et hereditate per predictum seruicium./adeo libere.quiete.et honorifice,sicut alii liberi tenentes nostri liberius et quietius habent et tenent salua nobis in omnibus / aliis foresta nostra.et cum contigerit homines ipsius Petri de eadem terra ibidem mori,liceat eidem Petro et ei uel eis cui uel quibus / assignare uoluerit,et heredibus suis,corpora eorum humanda ubi uoluerint portare.donec Cimiterium perquisierint ibidem / faciendum.His testibvs.Burcardo archidiacono.Willelmo archidiacono.Simone Camerario.Magistro Willelmo de Blais. Magistro Ricardo de col/digham.Willelmo hansard.Ricardo de heli.Waltero decano.Domino henrico de Pusat.Filippo vicecomite. Gileberto de leia.Roberto de Wattuilla./ Toma de munda uilla. Galfrido filio ricardi.Jordano Escolland.Osberto de laton. Ricardo de parca.Galfrido filio eius.Waltero de / monasteriis. Rogero daudre.Petro harpino.Radulfo queinte.Radulfo daudre. Willelmo de butrewic.Radulfo de musters.et multis aliis.

Original: DC Durham,4.1.Pont,no.3.

Endorsed: 1. Carta h. epi' de terra in Rouley donata Petro de Seggefild (14th c.). 2. 1.^o6.^ospecialium. R. 1. (14th c.). 3. 2.^o3.^oa. 4. (15th c.). 4. Rouley 4.^aprime pont. C. 2. (15th c.). 5. Charta Hugonis Episcopi qua 60 Acras terrae Petro de Seggesfield confirmat (in the hand of Thomas Rud, who also wrote in the initial Hugo in the text):

Size: 9½" × 8". Written on a sheet of unruled parchment, slight margins having been left on all sides of the text. The hand is a neat, small and regular charter hand, showing occasional papal influence, as in the use of looped ascenders. There is a fractured seal in green wax hanging on a double tail (*Durham Seals*, II, 443, no. 3114a).

Date: c. 1190.

(IV)

Hugo dei gracia Dunelmensis episcopus, Priori, archidiaconis, baronibus et omnibus hominibus tocius episcopatus sui francis et anglicis, salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse, concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Gilberto de leia villam de Wytone juxta Dunelmum, quam de feodo Gileberti quondam vicomitis (*sic*) . . . et ad manum nostram reduximus, que nobis anuatim .xx. solidos reddere solebat, habendam et tenendam ei et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feudum et hereditatem, reddendo inde singulis annis .xx. solidos et acquietando per eosdem .xx. solidos liberum seruicium de feodo militis de omnibus rebus. Quare volumus et precipimus quod prefatus Gilbertus et heredes sui habeant et teneant predictam villam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus in bosco et plano, in terris cultis et non cultis, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et molendinis et viis et plateis et in omnibus aliis libertatibus ad predictam terram pertinentibus libere, quiete et honorifice per rectas diuisas suas per predictum seruicium. Testibus; Philippo filio hamonis, vicecomite, Galfrido filio Ricardi, Jordano Escoland, Henrico de Broce, Alexandro de Heltone, Rogero Burdone, Galfrido de Torp, Richerio de Wausant et Petro filio ejus, Thoma de Hellebete et Guidone filio ejus, Ricardo de Parca et Gaufrido filio ejus, Roberto de Watteuell, Henrico de Ferlyngtona et Waltero fratre ejus, Roberto filio Hasconis et Petro et Adam fratribus ejus, Roberto de Hotone, Jordano de Hameldene et Alexandro fratre ejus, Waltero de Whaltone.

Text: DC Durham, *Cart. Elemos.*, p. 223.

Date: c. 1185-95.

(V)

HUGO dei gratia Dunelmensis episcopus Baronibus. Militibus. et Omnibus (hominibus) suis de Haliwerefolc Francis et / Anglis, Salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse. et concessisse. et presenti (carta) confirmasse Waltero de Cadamo. et Roberto filio / Rogeri. nepotibus dilecti filii et familiaris nostri Simonis Camerarii. pro seruicio ipsius Simonis. et pro homagio. et seruicio eorum. vil / las de Cornesho. et de hethleia. quas prius dederamus eidem Simoni auunculo eorum de Wasto nostro. et quas postea idem / Simon nobis reddidit et quietas clamauit ad opus eorundem nepotum suorum. habendas et tenendas eis et heredibus eorum in feodum / et hereditatem. de nobis et successoribus nostris. reddendo inde annuatim. iiii. ^{or} solidos tantum. ad. iiii. ^{or} terminos in episcopatu consti / tutos. liberas et quietas ab omni alio seruicio. et consuetudine. et auxilio. Ita quod alter eorum medietatem earundem / duarum uillarum. et alter aliam similiter medietatem in omnibus habeat et teneat. Quare uolumus et firmiter precipimus / quod predicti Walterus et Robertus et Heredes eorum predictas uillas de Cornesho et de Hethleia cum omnibus rebus ad eas pertinenti / bus habeant et teneant. in feodum et hereditatem libere. quiete. et honorifice. per predictum liberum seruicium. iiii. ^{or} Solidorum re / dimendo inde liberum seruicium uicesime partis feodi unius (militis. cum pratis et pascuis). in terris cultis et incultis. In / stagnis et molendinis. in uiis. et semitis. et exitibus et cum omnibus ais(iamentis) et libertatibus) quas predictus Simon Camerarius / in predictis uillis melius unquam et liberius habuit et tenuit. salua (nobis in omnibus) foresta nostra. Ita tamen quod ipsi et herede/s eorum focalia et mairemium ad proprias domos et hominum (suorum faciendas et reparandas per visum seruientium nostrorum) de eadem / foresta. capient et habebunt sine wasto. Et si porcos habuerint in foresta et pastura ibi fuerit. liberi et quieti erunt / de Pannagio porcorum de propriis domibus suis sicut alii Barones et milites nostri quieti sunt et esse debent. His / Testibus. Henrico de Puteaco. P(hilippo) vicecomite. Gilberto de leia. R(ober)to de Wattevilla). Gaufrido filio Ricardi. Jordano / Escolland. Thoma de Amundevilla. Osberto de latona. Laurencio Camerario. Rogero de Audri. Gilberto Camerario et multis aliis.

Original: St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, Durham.

Endorsed: v. Rolles Epi Hatfeld, Sched 12 no. 3 (18th c.).

Size: 10½" × 10½". Written throughout in a large, bold hand showing strong traces of papal influence. The initial *Hugo* is in

capitals, of which the *H* is decorated with tracery. The ascenders of the opening line are all elongated. The parchment on which the charter is written is regularly cut, and has been carefully lined in graphite, margins being left at the head and sides of the text. There is a slightly damaged seal in green wax hanging on a double tail of fabric and silk. The document is now somewhat damaged, with holes in various parts of the text, but even so it is possible to recognize in it one of the most ambitious products of the scribes of the episcopal household.

Printed: Partially in *BB.App.no.vii*; mentioned in Surtees, II, 340, who notes that in the time of Hutchinson the charter was in the possession of Thomas Taylor.

Date: 1190-5.

(VI)

Hugo dei gratia Dunelmensis Episcopus. Baronibus. Militibus. et Omnibus hominibus Tocius episcopatus sui francis et Anglis tam futuris, quam presentibus. Salutem. Sciatis nos / dedisse. concessisse. et presenti Carta confirmasse Philippo filio Hamonis Neuton cum omnibus pertinentibus. tenendam de nobis et de successoribus / nostris. ei et heredibus suis in feudum et hereditatem. per seruicium quinte partis unius militis. Quare uolumus et precipimus quod prenominatus Philippus et heredes / sui habeant et teneant predictam uillam cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in stagnis in aquis et molendinis / in uis et semitis et in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus. libere et quiete et honorifice per predictum seruicium. sicut aliquis de baronibus nostris melius et / honorabilius tenet. His Testibus. Bertramo priore. Willelmo archidiacono. Symone Camerario. Henrico de puteaco. Gilberto de laleie. / Ada de aldeham. Petro de Cauz. Marmaduco Darel. Jordano Escodlant. Willelmo filio Thome. Rogero Dauderee. Rogero de Punchardun. / Roberto de Punchardun. Waltero de Punchardun. Roberto filio Meldredi. Gilleberto hansart. Roberto de mondeuilla. Galfrido filio / Ricardi. Galfrido filio suo. Rogero de Epplingdena. Willelmo filio suo. Stephano cognato meo. Wincencio. Ada de Heint' et multis aliis.

Original: DC Durham, 3.1. Pont, no. 7.

Endorsed: 1. C. hug'epi'de Neotona data Ph'o vicecomiti (13th c.). 2. Neuton'3.^a prime pont. G.I. (15th c.).

Size: 9½" × 5". The parchment has been irregularly ruled in

graphite. Two lines have been left blank at the head of the charter and three at the foot. Single margins have also been ruled in. The document has been written with a fine point in a cramped charter hand, the scribe apparently having trouble with the ruling, and accordingly writing sometimes above and sometimes below his guides. The margins have been carefully observed. There is a double tail regularly attached, but the seal is missing.

Date: 1190-5.

(VII)

Hugo dei gratia Dunelmensis Episcopus Omnibus Baronibus. et hominibus suis. de Haliwerfolc. francis. et Anglis. tam presentibus. quam futuris. Salutem / Sciatis nos concessisse. et presenti carta confirmasse. Ade clerico Willelmi de Houedena. et heredibus suis uel cui ipse adam assignauerit. sexaginta et decem / acras terre in uilla de ES. cum toftis et croftis. ex Boreali parte exitus uille de ES uersus Orientem. propinquioribus Wascello . . . / capellam currenti. et cum omnibus ad predictam terram pertinentibus. quas Willelmus de Houedena pro humagio et seruicio suo. ei dedit. et carta sua con/firmauit. Scilicet Quadrag(inta quinque) acras terre proximas predictis toftis. et croftis. uersus orientem. et uiginti quinque acras terre Ex occidenta/li parte uille de ES. iuxta . . . Tenenda et habenda sibi et heredibus suis sicut predictum est. libere quiete et honorifice (infra) / uillam et extra uillam. in uis et semitis. in introitibus et exitibus. in terris cultis et incultis. in pratis et pasturis. in Bosco et plano (in) / moris (et ma)riscis. in aquis stagnis et molendinis (et cum) omnibus aliis aisiamentis et libertatibus ad prefatam uillam de ES (pertinent)ibus. Reddendo inde (singulis annis) quantum continetur in carta quam prefatus adam habet de predicto Willelmo de houedena (de illa) / terra. et faciendo commune . . . seruicium quantum pertinet ad duas Bouatas eiusdem feodi. pro omni seruicio. sicuti in predicta (carta) / quam habet de predicto Willelmo (de Houedena) continetur. Hiis Testibus. Burchardo Archidiacono. Philippo filio hamonis. (ma) / gistro Willelmo Blesensi. Gaufrido filio . . . Osberto de laton'. Waltero de musters. Rogero de Epplinden. Radulfo de Cestria. Ri . . . / Waltero de Punchardun. Roberto de (hu)mez. Johanne de laxint'. Willelmo de foxden. Willelmo de Wessigton. Johanne de Houedena. / Rogero chaat. Alana Pu(inant). Roberto et Waltero chadamo. Waltero de Yuesleia. Ketello et Waltero fratribus. et multis aliis.

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Size: 9" × 4½". Written in a neat small hand on a sheet of parchment irregularly ruled, both for spacing and margins, in ink. The document has been rotted by damp in a number of places, the seal is missing, and there remains but a fragment of a double tail.

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