

NOTE OF A GRANT OF LANDS AT DOCKING (CO. NORFOLK?) AND SEAL WITH UNUSUAL INSCRIPTION APPENDED.

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John Luvel son of Sir John Luvel Lord of Suthemere, grants to Martin son of Ramplph of Sutnemere, and Miriella his wife and their heirs for their homage and service, 91 ac. $3\frac{1}{2}$ roods "in the fields of Docking." The lands consist of 52 parcels, varying in extent from $1\frac{1}{2}$ roods to 8 acres, and are enumerated by descriptive bounds and names, doubtless of interest locally. The only "reddendo" is a rose at Midsummer yearly in lieu of all services. The witnesses are Sir Hervey de Stanhowe, Sir Roger de Toftes, Sir James Luvel, Sir Nicholas de Dockingge and others. It is fairly written on a skin of about 12 inches square, and 33 lines. It is without date, and probably early in the reign of Edward I, or late in that of Henry III.

The seal, in brown wax, here engraved, shows a triangular shield, bearing the arms of Lovel, three bars nebulee, and a label of three points. The inscription "Signum eius cuius egis," may be read "His signet whose the shield [is]." There is a contemporary indorsement, "Carta Martini de Suthemere de quatuor ving (*sic*) acris terrar' in campis de Dockingg"; and some later possessor of the deed in the seventeenth century has added another—"An old deed without date of 811 acres 1 rood and a halfe of lands in Boxworth." There is a Dockinge in the extreme N.W. of Norfolk, which may be that named in the grant.

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