

67.11 Selected transcriptions, Edward I, 1272–1307

1274 Hundred Rolls, Edward I (143)

'They say that Stanbrigg was once a part of the demesne of Leyton and was held in his hand of the lord King, except half a service of Gilbert de Stambrugg; and he gave the said manor to 'Audusus' de Gatesden by giving four pounds to the monastery of Navenham as King's alms and for the care of two falcons, and it was changed to 'falcon service' of sixty shillings (£3) a year to the Exchequer, and it is held in chief in sejeanty ... Also they say that fifteen acres of land were sold to the Prior of La Grave by John de Gatesden, which used to be from a demesne of the lord King at Stanbrigg.'

Record Commission, *Rotuli Hundredorum*, Vol I, 1812; Thompson, JS, 1979–80.
The Hundred Rolls for Bedfordshire 1274, 1279, 1

1275 Patent Rolls, Edward I (144)

[Two letters patent dated 4 October at Leighton Buzzard; the king was there.]

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol I, 1272–81, 1901, 106

Also two Letters Close of the same date

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[4 October – Leighton]

List and Index Society, Vol 103, Itinerary of Edward I, Part 1, 1272–90

1276 Patent Rolls, Edward I

[Protection with clause *nolumus* for the prior of la Grave, until a fortnight after Easter.]

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol I, 1272–81, 1901, 232

1280 Harleian Manuscripts, Edward I (147)

[Inspex. of the confirmation of the original grant of the manor of Lenton to Fontevrault; King John 1200.]

Ellis, H J, and Bickley, F B, 1900. *Index to the Charters and Rolls in the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum*, Vol I, 443

1280 Patent Rolls, Edward I (148)

[Letters Patent dated 23 July at Leighton Buzzard; king present.]

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol I, 1272–81, 1901, 391

1280 Fine Rolls, Edward I (149)

[Writ dated 23 July at Leighton Buzzard; king present.]

Calendar of Fine Rolls, Edward I, Vol I, 1272–1307, 1911, 132

23 July, Gaddesden/Leighton

List and Index Society, Vol 103, Itinerary of Edward I, Part 1, 1272–90

1280 Close Rolls, Edward I (150)
[? After 6 October]

'The underwritten (including the prior of La Grave) have quittance of the common summons ...'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1279–88, 1902, 65

1280–81 Patent Rolls, Edward I (154)
[Brethren at La Grava in Leighton]

'Pro fratribus Fontis Ebraudi apud Gravam in Lecton.'

Calendarium Rotulorum Patentium, John-Edward IV, 1802, 49

1281 Close Rolls, Edward I (151)
'25 March

To the treasurer and barons of the exchequer. Whereas the king lately, believing that the abbess of Fontevrault had been amerced before the justices last in eyre in co. Dorset by reason of the common summons there, pardoned her 13s 4d, and he now understands that the Prior of La Grave is amerced at the above sum for this reason, and he has pardoned the prior the said sum: he therefore orders them to cause the prior to be acquitted thereof.'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1279–88, 1902, 65

1281 Patent Rolls, Edward I (152)
'21 May

Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Martin de Pecham, clerk, to the Abbess and nuns of Fontevrault, of a messuage of 100 acres of land in the latter's manor of Leighton.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol I, 1272–81, 1901, 437

1282 Patent Rolls, Edward I (153)

'Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Nicholas son of Robert Ster of Edlesberg, to the church of St. Mary, Fontevraud, and to the brethren of that church commorant (resident) at Grave in the parish of Lecton, of 6½ acres of arable in Edlesberg.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol I, 1272–81, 1901, 461

1282 Fine Rolls, Edward I (155)
8 November

'Order to the sheriff at Oxford to permit the prior of la Grave to hold the manor of Cheping Norton ...'

Calendar of Fine Rolls, Edward I, 1272–1307, 1911, 171

1283 Fine Rolls, Edward I (156)

[2 April; repeat order [p182]]

1283 Close Rolls, Edward I (157)

'18 July

Order to acquit the Prior of La Grava – to who the king committed the manor of Cheping Norton ... of £23 yearly ... It is provided that the prior shall answer for the remaining £12 9s 3d'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1279–88, 1902, 213

7 October Patent Rolls, (159)

'Appointment ... of William, prior of la Grava ... of the manor of Cheping Norton, co. Oxford.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol II, 1281–92, 1893, 78

15 October Fine Rolls, (158)

'Commitment to William, prior of la Grava, and William de Hamelton of the manor of Chepingnorton ...'

Calendar of Fine Rolls, Edward I, 1272–1307, 1911, 191

1284 Fine Rolls, Edward I

[Commitment to William, Prior of La Grava ...]

Calendar of Fine Rolls, Edward I, Vol I, 1272–1307, 1911, 191

1285 Close Rolls, Edward I (160)

'The underwritten (including the Prior of La Grava) have quittance of the common summons in co. Buckingham.'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1279–88, 1902, 405–6

1286 Pleas, Edward I (161)

Bell and Baily transcript

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'The Abbess of Fonte Eboraudi was summoned to reply to the lord King concerning a plea of *quo warranto* concerning the claim to have the chattels of felons and fugitives, [?] acquittance of fines concerning murder, fines and other royal prerogatives, the view of frank pledge and waifs and strays, of their own and of their manor, a fair and free warren in their manor of Leghton which is to the disadvantage of the king and crown arbitrarily and without licence etc.

And the Abbess by her attorney came and said that she claimed the aforesaid liberties in her manor of Leyghton by the charter of the lord king John ancestor of the present king and it was confirmed by the now present king in free alms and then showed the said confirmation which witnessed the same. When asked if the whole vil was of her fee she said except for the part which pertained to the prebendal church of the same vil, and that he [she] had 24 pence there

Asked concerning the articles of enquiry etc she said that [?] the sheriff had made enquiry concerning the same points at his leet etc. Asked if she held a standard from the royal marschal etc she said that she did, and that she could check weights and measures and that she had gallows and other legal rights etc, and that she gave nothing for holding her view etc.

Asked if the tenths or fourths etc the reeve came to the sheriffs' leet to present etc and said not. And this same testimony is by Thomas de Brahy. And as regards the fair and free warren which they claim to have in the aforesaid manor they say that the lord king Henry father of the present king gave and confirmed in his charter to Mabil' the abbess of the aforesaid house and to the nuns serving god there etc, and that they have one fair every year for three days, that is to say on the vigil, the feast day and the morrow of the feast of St Dunstan and that they have for themselves warren in all their lands in the aforesaid manor of Legton. And for this they show the charter of the aforesaid lord King which testified the same and the date of this charter is the 20 day of January in the ... years of the reign of the aforesaid king. And that the said manor is ancient demesne land of the crown. And so as to the view of frank pledge, the fair and the warren and the other aforesaid liberties, except the chattels of felons and of their fugitives, are theirs at present and in future, always Saving to the lord king in his right when he has wished to pronounce on he matter on other occasions. And as to the chattels of felons and fugitives, let her have her day before the Treasury and the barons of the Exchequer at Westminster 15 days from Easter, afterwards from Michaelmas day in one month in the 15th year and on that day are to come the aforesaid abbess and prior by their attorney, and they are given a day 15 days from Easter etc. on which day the aforesaid abbess shall come by her attorney, and a day is given from the feast of St. Michael in 15 days And then a day is given from Easter day in 15 days. And then is given a day here in the octave of St Michael.'

Placito de quo Warranto, 1818, 3

1287 Patent Rolls, Edward I (164)

'12 October

William, prior De La Grave of the order of Font Evraud, going beyond seas, nominating Richard de Norton and John de Adeburch (as attorneys) until Easter.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls of Edward I, Vol II, 1281-92, 1893, 278

Close Rolls, Edward I'

'Memorandum that an inquisition ... was extracted from the files in chancery and delivered ... to John and Maud by R. Bishop of Bath and Wells, the chancellor, at La Grave, on 31 July.'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1288-96, 1904, 141

1290 Miscellaneous Inquisitions, Edward I

[Writ dated 1 August, at Leighton; King present.]

Calendar of Inquisitions Miscellaneous, Vol I, 1219-1307, 1916, 428

1290 Patent Rolls, Edward I (170)

[Four Letters Patent dated 1 and 2 August at Leighton; King present.]

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1281-92, 1893, 379-80

31 July - Langley/Leighton/Dunstable

1 August - Leighton/Dunstable

¹ Editor's note: no date given

(168) [Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1288–96, 1904, 141](#)

2 August 2 – Leighton

(171) [List and Index Society, Vol 103, Itinerary of Edward I, Part 1, 1272–90](#)

1291 Edward I

[The Prebendary of Leighton Buzzard was valued at £93 13s 4d; the Vicar was paid £4 6s 8d.]

[British History on Line: Prebendaries](#)

1291 Assize Rolls, Edward I

[Edward I is in Leighton Buzzard on 2 August.]

[Select Cases in the Court of the King's Bench \(Edward II\), Selden Society, Vol 74, 1955, Iii](#)

1291 Patent Rolls, Edward I (174)

'9 December

Licence for the abbess and nuns of Fontevraud to acquire in mortmain land and rent to the yearly value of £100 of the black money of Tours of the king's fee or not in Saintonge, Agenois, the isle of Oleron, or elsewhere in the duchy of Aquitaine, as it appears that divers persons have been moved to pity because their possessions are so meagre that they have only the blackest bread to eat on Fridays. Mandate to Stephen de Penecastre, keeper of the Cinque Ports, to exempt the said abbess and convent and their men from passage and other customs at the port of Dover and other ports.'

[Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1281–92, 1893, 462](#)

1292 Patent Rolls, Edward I (175)

'Grant to Mary, the King's daughter, nun of Fontevraud, dwelling at Aumbresbury, of 40 oaks yearly for her hearth in her chamber there, in the forests of Shut and Bokholte, to wit, one half in the forest of Clarindon, and the other in the forest of Lutegeresale, by the hands of the keepers thereof; also of 20 tuns of wine yearly by the hands of the bailiffs of Southampton.'

[Each tun contained the large quantity of 252 gallons; Mary was therefore provided with 5,040 gallons or 26,208 litres of wine yearly, or 32,760 bottles – about 90 bottles per day! She would have had her own household within the convent.]

[Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol II, 1281–92, 1893, 464](#)

1293 Close Rolls, Edward I (176)

'23 May

A dispute between the abbess of Fontevrault, by the Lady Mary, the King's daughter, a nun of the house of Aumbresbur(y), and the brother Peter, prior of that house, on the one side, and the prioress of Aumbresbury ... on the other, concerning the promotion of the prioress in the monastery of Aumbresbury ...'

[Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1288–96, 1904, 317](#)

1293 Lincoln Diocese Documents, Edward I (177)

'A dispute between the Abbess of Fontevrault (represented by Princess Mary, a nun at Amesbury, and by Peter the prior) of the one part, and the Prioress of Amesbury of the other.'

Hill, R M T (ed), 1958. *The Rolls and Register of Bishop Oliver Sutton 1280-99*, Vol IV, Lincoln Record Society, Vol 52, 87-8

1293 Patent Rolls, Edward I (178)

'3 June

The appointment of the Abbot of Stonelee to the custody, during pleasure, of the temporalities of the priory of Aumbresbury, of the order of Fontevraud, founded by the king's ancestors, which has been taken into the king's hands by reason of its impoverishment: with power to appoint a substitute when he cannot attend.'

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1292-1301, 1895, 18

1293 Royal Letters, Edward I (179)

[Mary of Woodstock was acting as the attorney of the abbess of Fontevrault in this letter to her father.]

'Dearest Sire, we understand that your escheators have seized and placed in your hands the manor of Leighton and of la Grave, with all their appurtenances, on account of the death of a guardian of the said places. And because you know that your ancestors gave them in perpetual alms to the convent of Fontevraud, we beg you, dearest sire, for God's sake and your soul's, that you will place the said manors out of all seisin, if you please and command the said escheators to go away without taking anything.'

Green, M A E, 1850. Lives of the Princesses of England, Vol 2, 419

1293 Close Rolls, Edward I (180)

'To Malcolm de Hardy, escheator this side Trent. Order to deliver to the attorney of the abbess of Fontevrault her manors of Loghton and la Grave, which the escheator took into the king's hands upon the death of the keeper thereof, if they have been taken into the king's hands solely for this reason, taking from the attorney security to answer to the king for what ought to pertain to him thereof.'

Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1288-96, 1904, 298

1294 Close Rolls, Edward I (181)

[The king returns all priories and houses to Fontevrault.]

'27 August

To W. bishop of Bath and Wells, the Treasurer. Order to cause all priories and houses within the realm belonging to the abbey of Fontevrault, which were taken into the king's hands by his order, to be delivered, as the king wills that they shall be delivered so that the priories and keepers of the priories and houses may dispose of and ordain concerning them and their appurtenances without hindrance.'

1294–95 Exchequer Records, Edward I (183)

[The Prior of the Grave appears in a list of names of those who have forty pounds of lands and rents or more a year.]

Fowler, G H, 1914. *Records of Knight Service in Bedfordshire*, BHRS, Vol II, 257

1295 Patent Rolls, Edward I (182)

‘Mandate to the sheriff of Wiltshire to cause twenty oaks yearly, to be felled in the forest of Bokholte, for Mary, the king’s daughter, nun of Fontevraud, for her hearth in her chamber, for such time as she dwells at Aumbresbury; and the cost, when notified, shall be allowed in his account.

The like to the sheriff of Southampton, touching twenty oaks for the said Mary from the forest of Chut.

Precept to the bailiffs of Southampton to take to the said Mary 20 tuns of wine, one half a fortnight after Easter, the other half at Martinmas, which the king has granted to her for such time as she dwells at Aumbresbury, and the cost, when notified, shall be allowed in his account.’

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1292–1301, 1895, 88

1295 Titres du Prieure de Gravebury, Edward I (184)

[Payments to the abbess and brother William de Liencourt, Prior of La Grave. Guillaume was William of Valencia, first earl of Pembroke, half brother to Henry III and uncle to Edward I; he married the wealthy daughter of William Marshal.]

‘Fevrier 1295: Mandement de Guillaume de Valence et de son fils Thomas portent ordre de payer a l’abbesse de Fontevraud 240 livres sterling, qu’ils on recues en Angleterre de frere Guillaume de Liencourt, gardien de la Grave en Angleterre.’

Archives Departmentale de Maine et Loire

1295 Patent Rolls, Edward I (186)

‘Protection (until March 1st) for ... the prior of La Grave, going beyond seas on the king’s service with William de Valencia.’

Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1292–1301, 1895, 178

1295 Lincoln Diocese Documents, Edward I (185)

[In a list of ordinations of Subdeacons in religious orders]

‘24 September
John de Lyencurt, from Grovebury Priory’

‘December 17
John de Lyencote from Font Ebraud, from Grovebury Priory’

Hill, R M T (ed), 1975. *The Rolls and Register of Bishop Oliver Sutton 1280–99*, Vol VII, Lincoln Record Society, Vol 69, 68, 72

1295 Patent Rolls, Edward I (186)

'30 December

Protection for ... the prior of la Grave, going beyond seas on the king's service with William de Valencia (the earl of Pembroke).'

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1292-1301, 1895, 262](#)

1297 Patent Rolls, Edward I

'22 February

Protection for ... brother William de Lyencurt, proctor of the prioress de Claro Rivo, of the order of Fontevraud ... Brother William de Lyencurt, prior of La Grave, proctor-general in England of the abbess of Fontevraud.'

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol III, 1292-1301, 1895, 263](#)

1297 Close Rolls, Edward I (189)

[Order to desist entirely from taxing and collecting the prior of La Grave's goods annexed to spiritualities.]

[Calendar of Chancery Rolls, Various, 1277-1326, 1912, 22, 41](#)

1300 King's Itinerary, Edward I

'25 January - Horton/Leighton

26 January - Leighton/Amersham'

[List and Index Society, Vol 132, Itinerary of Edward I, Part II, 1291-1307](#)

1301 Titre du Prieure de Gravebury, Edward I (190)

'Reconnaissance par Aimar de Valence d'une somme due a Fontevraud.'

[Aimar was William's son and second earl of Pembroke.]

[Archives Departmentale de Maine et Loire](#)

1300-1313 Mandates

[Four mandates (1300-13) from Mary acting in the capacity of Visitor, one retaining its seal, are preserved in the Archives of Maine et Loire, Angers. In a mandate of 1301 she describes herself as:]

'Maria illustris Regis nata vices reverende matris domine Margarete dei gracia Fontis Ebraudi abbatisse in Anglia gerens.'

[VCH Wiltshire](#)

1302 Patent Rolls, Edward I (191)

'25 January

Grant to Mary, the king's daughter, nun of Fontevrault dwelling at Ambresbury, that she henceforth receive ... the 20 tuns of wine a year which she has been accustomed to receive ... Mandate to the sheriff of Southampton to cause the 20 tuns of wine ... to be carried to Ambresbury ...'

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol IV, 1301-07, 1898, 19, 28](#)

1302 Patent Rolls, Edward I (192)

[This is one of many similar entries, keeping Mary in luxury while ensuring that she did not go to the mother house in Anjou; see (194, 195, 199)]

‘10 August

Grant to Mary ... of 40 old oaks a year in the forests of Chuyt and Bokholt ... The like to the same, in compensation of £200 a year at the Exchequer for the maintenance of her chamber at Ambresbury, and of 20 tuns of wine ... of ... [property to value of £266 13s 4d] ... to hold for as long as she stays in the realm.’

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol IV, 1301–07, 1898, 52](#)

1305 Close Rolls, Edward I (197)

‘27 May

To the treasurer and barons of the exchequer. Notification that the king has pardoned Mary, a nun of Ambresbury, his daughter, £13 13s 5d exacted from her for the tenth of the manor of La Grave, which is in her hands by demise from the abbess of Fontevrault, and order to cause her to be acquitted thereof.’

[Mary has been granted custody of the Manor of La Grava.]

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol V, 1302–07, 1908, 269](#)

1305 Close Rolls, Edward I (198)

‘13 July

Notification that the king has pardoned Mary, a nun of Aumbresbur, his daughter, £13 13s 5d exacted from her by the abbot and convent of Oseneye, sub-collectors of the said tenth in co. Lincoln, for the king’s use for the tenth due from her by reason of the manor of La Grave, which is in her hands by demise from the abbess of Fontevrault, and in order to discharge the abbess and convent of this sum and to cause Mary to be acquitted of it.’

[Calendar of Patent Rolls, Edward I, Vol V, 1302–07, 1908, 280](#)

1307 Close Rolls, Edward I, 200

[It is probable that the wine actually went to La Grava since it was in the hands of Mary, the King’s daughter. Edward I died shortly after.]

‘To the sheriffs in London. Order to receive 37 tuns of wines from William Trente, the king’s butler, or from his attorneys, which he will deliver to them at London for the use of Queen Margaret, the king’s consort, and to cause six tuns of them to Northampton, one to Stoni Stratford, two to Leghton Busard (c 3276 bottles), four to Berkhamstede, two to St Albans, two to La Bernete, and twenty to Benstede.’

[Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, Vol V, 1302–07, 1908, 503](#)