

On some early Deeds relating to the families of Iboton of Ibooton, and Stanley of Storeton and Ibooton

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ROM time to time during the last ten years I have had the advantage and pleasure of exhibiting to our Society a number of early deeds and charters relating to properties not only in Chester itself, but also in the adjacent parts of Cheshire and Flintshire; and I have dilated upon the importance of original documents in the investigation, not only of local and family history, but also as bearing upon the general history of any particular county or district. I will not therefore detain you with any remarks of mine upon this latter point; suffice it to say that through the kindness of an antiquary friend in London, and the liberality of Alderman Charles Brown (one of our oldest members), our Society has, very fortunately, recently acquired the 14 early deeds which I exhibit here to-night. Considering their great age they are in a wonderfully good state of preservation, and many of the seals attached to them are beautifully perfect and sharp. My friend, Mr. Thomas Helsby, the learned author of the second edition of Ormerod's History of Cheshire, who has very kindly perused them, and furnished me with valuable notes on each of them, says of them: "These Charters form a most interesting, and, especially for their small number, unique collection, with just enough mystery about the connections of the cluster of old houses to which they relate to give piquancy to speculation. In the expression and character of their clauses they are emphatically unique (so far as my recollection goes), and lead one to think that each Hundred of a Shire once had its particular cult of scribes, or at all events, one particular individual, some following the beaten track, and a few, wearied with monotony, striking out into quite original passages, as in this grave old batch of Wirral writings."

They certainly furnish considerable additional information, and give valuable confirmatory evidence in respect to the pedigrees of the families of Walensis, or Hoton of Hooton, and Stanley of Storeton and Hooton, as given in Ormerod's History; and these early Wirral pedigrees are those from which the various branches of the all-important and powerful house of Stanley claim descent.

My friend, Mr. John A. C. Vincent, a well-known and careful transcriber of charters at the Public Record Office, has furnished me not only with copies of the originals, but also with translations. Further, the original deeds themselves will now, fortunately, remain in this building, which I venture to think is their proper home. They relate to property in our old County Palatine, of which this ancient city was, and still is, the Metropolis; and now that we have this Museum for local antiquities, with a proper fire-proof strong-room for their reception, and that of other documents of a similar nature, I venture to think they are appropriately placed here, especially situated, as this Museum is, hard by Chester Castle, where in ancient days so many old documents such as these were executed

and completed, some being enrolled in the "Cheshire Domesday Roll." Moreover, what is of the greatest importance, they will always be accessible to the student of local history.

I propose to offer a few general remarks upon each of the deeds, in order of date, and to leave it to others hereafter to deal with them more in detail.

No. I. is not dated, but from the fact that the first-named witness to the deed is described as "Richard de Draycote then Justiciar of Cheshire," we are able to fix the date of its execution as being about 1238, as at that time Draycote was in office as Judge of Chester.

The deed itself is in a very good state of preservation. The seal is of green wax, and bears the impression of a fleur-de-lys, the centre of which consists of an ear of wheat.1 The garb or wheat-sheaf, it should be remembered, is the badge of Cheshire. The legend around it bears the following letters: "SIGILL' RICARDI WALENSIS." With reference to the quantities of the land conveyed by this deed, Mr. Helsby says: "As is well known, authorities differ on the question of the acreage of a boyate of land, so I may as well give my own opinion on the point. I fancy the acreage differs according to the customs of various counties, and this must necessarily have been the case from the character of the land—hilly or clayey or gravelly or flat, wet or dry, of a rushy or cultured nature, or even the breed of oxen may have been an element in the calculation, so that the acreage cannot, with safety, always be given; but by striking a general average an approximate measurement may be obtained." The fishery with a decoy, mentioned in this deed, would be of a similar character to that at

¹ The ear of wheat is found in a good many seals of this period, and is merely conventional.

Llandrillo-yn-Rhos, near Colwyn, which is maintained by virtue of an old charter. A "selion" was a short piece of land, in arable ridges or furrows, of uncertain quantity.

The tenants' names read awkwardly, as Anderson's (Andrew's son) tenure evidently ends with the words "all appurtenances," and "liberties," &c., refer to the whole four bovates previously mentioned, and after the tenants' names the thread is taken up—"and one fishery, &c."

Robert Launcelyn, of Poulton Lancelyn, confirmed the grant of his forefather Siward of the Chapel of Bebington to the Abbey of St. Werburgh. His son and heir William married Agnes, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Richard de Kingsley, forester of Mara and Mondrum, who is another witness to this deed.

The Cheshire Domvilles were the ancestors of the Leghs of Lymme and of West Hall. They had property at Oxton and Brunstaeth in Wirral at this time.

The family of Haselwall or Heswall took their name from the place of that name in Wirral. Ormerod has no reference to John de Haselwall, nor do I find his name on the Recognizance or other Cheshire Rolls.

With regard to the witness Hugh de Corona, Mr. Helsby says: "Is 'Hugh de Corona' not Torond? Corona of Adlington was out of the world—at the other end of the county—though of course as a Bencher (or one of the 'County') he would occasionally be present at such legal gatherings at Chester. And, moreover, he might have held lands in Wirral, as did Adam de Hellisby, another witness to this charter, in the Assize Court of Great Session; and also Richard de Kinge, or, as I think clearly, Kingslegh [before-mentioned], all

according to the extent of their holding in the Hundred in which a deed is executed, appear to me, almost invariably, to take precedence, so that if the word is 'Corona' [as is the case], it is almost certain that he was a tenant in fee or tail in Wirral."

The name of the last witness to this charter is also an addition to the pedigree of the Wirral family of Poole, as given in Ormerod. The first known member of that family is Robert de la Pulle, who was living in the time of Simon, Abbot of St. Werburgh, between 1265 and 1289. Our witness was probably the father of Robert, and the founder of the family.

Deed No. II. is also in a good state of preservation. Mr. Helsby says of it: "This confirmation charter appears to have been made at the same time with the last, the word 'Villeins' being added (with their 'sequel or offspring'—wives, I should say, were certainly included with the children.) It seems to have been quite as a matter of precaution to execute this second charter, as the Villeins, being clearly appendant, passed with the land."

These Villeins were either regardant, that is, annexed to the manor or land; or, in gross, that is, annexed to the person of the lord, and transferable by deed from one owner to another. The children of Villeins were also in the same state of bondage as their parents, whence they were called in Latin, Nativi, which gave rise to the female appellation of a Villein, who was called a Neife.

There is no warranty clause in the first charter, and it is therefore added in this. The witnesses are the same as those named in the first charter or deed. The seal is a duplicate of the one appended to the first deed, except that it is in a little better condition.

Deed No. III. is beautifully written in text hand, and looks as if it was printed. It is in good preservation. Mr. Helsby seems to think it is of a date anterior to the reign of Edward the first, or perhaps it was of the early part of the reign. I think he is right in the latter surmise, as I find the witness, William de Bunbury of Stanney, was found by inquisition to be the son and heir of his father, Alexander de Bunbury, 16 Edward I., and died 26 Edward I., leaving the witness, Richard Bunbury, his son and heir. The word "assigns" is unusual in deeds of this early date. Mr. Helsby says: "I have found scores of odd personal or trade surnames, but never yet came upon a 'Clockespoke.' He was a man evidently in advance of his age."

This deed furnishes valuable information with respect to the Hooton, Stanney, Poole, Storeton, and Stanley pedigrees, both in the names given in the body of the deed as well as those of the witnesses. The name Bennville is perhaps accurate. It was a name (like nearly all) afterwards written as spoken, the phonetic spelling being of course Banville, of Storeton. Perhaps Bemville was the correct Norman-French. In Domville the "m" was often corrupted into "n." The last witness furnishes us with the name of another cleric of Estham. The witness Robert of Bebington was the first known Lord of Bebington.

The seal is round and perfect, having a five-petal flower in the centre. On the verge, within a border, are the letters "s' will' f' ioh's" (Seal of William son of John).

Deed No. IV. proves that William de Blechley, Rector of the ancient church of Waverton, was living at the date of this deed, viz.: 16th November, 1337. In the

list of Rectors of Waverton he stands second, the date opposite to his name being 1304, 13 Kal. Junii.

This charter is a very simple Deed of Entail, but gives valuable additional information for the Hooton pedigree. It proves that Ralph de Hooton was living at the time of the date of the deed, and furnishes us with the name of the wife of his son Richard, who succeeded him. The names of all the witnesses are to be found in the pedigrees of Hoton, Poole, Storeton, Backford, and Capenhurst, as given by Ormerod.

The seal (which is of white wax) is oval, but undecipherable. The deed itself is not in a very good state, but is legible.

No. V. is a Polled Deed in Latin, and is a bond by one William Torond to secure an annuity to his mother, Margerie, through a trustee, one Henry Torond, who is described as a citizen of Chester. It is dated at Chester, on a day synchronising with our modern 27th March, 1325. I have already referred in my notes on Deed No. I. as to the connection of the Torond family with that of Hoton, as to be seen in the pedigree in Ormerod. The Toronds were connected with Great Mollington. The following extract from Ormerod I think rather bears upon this charter:—

"II Edward II. William, son of William de Toround, occurs as vouchee in a suit by Richard le Bruyn of Wymbaldstroghford and Margaret, his wife, late wife of William, son of John Coround, against Henry, son of John Toround, for dower of two parts of a messuage and fourteen acres in Rouacre, in Wyrhale."

Some of the Toronds were most probably surnamed Molynton, many of which name occur in the Rolls and Inquisitions in connection with Wirral Hundred. In 1395, John de Molynton was appointed Deputy Constable

of the Castle of Chester, and Sheriff of Flintshire on the other side of the Dee. In the list of Mayors and Sheriffs of the City of Chester, I find the name "Henry Torrand" filling the office of Sheriff in 1335, and that of Mayor in 1346.

I have referred already to the families of several of the witnesses, and the following interesting entry on the Chester Recognizance Rolls mentions two others. The properties of the Prentons, of Prenton, ultimately passed to the Hockenhulls—

"1310. William Lascelles, Roger Dumville, Alan de Prentone, and Fulk de Meules, Purveyors to the King in the Hundred of Wyrhale, recognizance in 100/- to produce at Chester all the corn and 'bacon' charged upon the said Hundred, or 4/- for every 'bacon.'"

The deed is in a fair state of preservation, but the parchment on which it is is poor in quality.

The seal is of green wax, and is perfect. It bears the impression of a long-tailed bird with a falcon-like head, and has lettering on the verge, which, however, is illegible.

Deed No. VI. is indented, and is in Norman-French, and undated. It was probably executed in 1328—about the same time as Deed No. 7, to which it is attached. At this time the "Hoton" family seem to have acquired that name in lieu of Waley or Walensis. This and other charters appear to have been taken from ancient precedents.

"Ouptone" is a barbarous libel on Upton. This deed furnishes us with the name of the wife of Henry de Hoton, which is missing in the pedigree in Ormerod.

The Abbey of Basingwerk, by Holywell Railway Station, in Flintshire, was intimately associated with Wirral on the other side of the Dee, and in this instance it was especially so, as the Abbot, whose name is given in the charter as "Richard de Acton," was a Wirral man. Mr. Helsby says of him: "His paternal line held a manorial interest in Backford Parish, as he paternally descended from Hellesby, of whose male descendants, also a 'de la Lee,' held a small manor of that name in Chorlton-by-Backford for very many generations. The last of these Lees died early last century."

The witness, Gilbert de Podyntone, Mr. Helsby says, was probably a Mascie, who held as mesne lord (as was so often customary) from his kinsman, the lord paramount. The Dunham Mascies held Puddington as early, it is said in the Harl. MSS., as the reign of William Rufus, who gave those Barons the manor "with bounds and limits from Heaven above to Hell beneath." The well-known legal maxim relating to this is:—"Cujus est solum ejus est usque ad coelum."

- The deed is in a fair state of preservation.

The seal is of white wax, is undamaged, but difficult to make out.

Deed No. VII. is attached by hemp to the deed No. VI. It is written in Latin, and is in a fair state of preservation. It is dated at Backford, in 2 Edward III., viz.: 20th June, 1328, and is an entail general of the Manor of Rough Shotwich. It gives new information, as there is no reference in local histories to this manor having belonged to the Hoton family.

There is no seal-tag remaining.

Deed No. VIII. From this charter we gather that William Torond was the nephew of Henry Torond. The name Rowe-acre is met with in some Abbey Chartularies. The date day is singularly interesting. It synchronises with 20th April, 1322. The deed is in

an excellent state, and the seal attached, which is of brown wax, is perfect, and bears a device which I cannot quite make out.

Deed No. IX. should, I think, by right precede the last charter, as the latter is only the Release by No. IX's grantor's heir of the freehold for life. It is attached to it by hemp. It is undated, but was probably executed in 1322—about the same time as the Release.

The name of the witness, Lecthon, I think, should be Leighton or Leghton, and I take it he is the William de Leghton whose daughter and heiress brought his manors and estates in marriage to Reginald de Thornton, and their daughter and heiress, Ellen, to Richard del Hough of Thornton Hough (Constable of Flint Castle and Sheriff of Flintshire, 1340-51), which in later years passed to the Savages, and from them to the Mostyns.

It is in a good state of preservation. The seal is gone.

Deed No. X. is in a fair state, and has a seal (half-aninch in diameter) of white wax, bearing an impression similar to that on the seal of No. VIII. Its date is 19th April, 1334. Mr. Helsby says of it: "William de Rouaker was evidently a William de Torond, probably son of Henry. The latter seems to have died within the ten years following the release to him by his nephew, and therefore the chief lord in those tricky days, as was customary, took the usual precaution of having a release of any dower attaching to even so limited a freehold as for life. I can perfectly understand the point as arising from a consideration similar to that of a tenant by the courtesy. What is the Baron's for life, is also the Femme's by way of dower. What is mine is thine, the oneness of the relationship. But the elder Toronds seem to have passed the estate to Henry de Hoton. It is scarcely credible that Hoton was a Torond. The alternative is that marriage had, rather than purchase, carried the four bovates to the Hotons, who were Waleys."

The name of the witness, Robert Kenyon, will be found referred to as a free tenant in Capenhurst in Ormerod, and also on the Cheshire Recognizance Roll. The following entry on the Chester Recognizance Rolls is interesting, as giving the names of Henry de Hoton and several of the witnesses:—

"1316. December 10th. Alexander de Waley, or Whalley, takes to farm the custody of the land, and heir of Bertram de Meoles in Meoles, in the hands of the Earl of Chester, by the minority of Henry, son and heir of the said Bertram, at nine marks yearly. Sureties: William de Hoton, William de Lasceles, Alan de Prenton, and Robert de Bebynton."

Deed No. XI. is indented, and is written in a neat round hand. It is in a fair state of preservation. Its date is 17th January, 1350-1. It was executed at Hooton. From the endorsement I gather it is the original counterpart deed of settlement executed by the trustees. The two seals attached, I think, were theirs. One of them is rather injured, but shews a device; the other bears the sacred monogram "X P," but the lettering cannot easily be read.

This charter is an important one in the Hoton and Stanley family history. It is clear that William Fitz Henry de Hoton and Katherine Torond were already man and wife, and it is very probable that through this marriage passed the Rouaker estate mentioned in the last deed. There was issue of this marriage an only daughter, Margery, who married Sir William de Stanley, Knight, Lord of Hooton by the courtesy, and from this marriage the family of Stanley of Hooton descend. The limitations over-confirm and add to Ormerod's Hoton pedigree.

Among the names of the tenants there is a curious old word "dab," from dabber or dauber, the trade of the substantial wattle and daub builder. There is also a "souter" (a term for shoemaker, now only surviving among the Scotto-Saxons of the Lowlands of Scotland—we have Souter's Lane in Chester), which in its turn in England was supplanted by cordwainer, possibly from Cordova, Spanish leather being then largely used.

Of the witnesses-Ferrars and Danvers were both knights at this time. These Ferrars were Earls of Derby (West Derby), and curiously enough, in the following century, this title was laid hold of by Lord Stanley of Knowsley, grand or great-grandson of a vounger son of Stanley of Storeton. Danvers, or D'Anvers, appears to have been identical with Sir Thomas Danvers of Bradley and Clifton, of Crecy fame, whose daughter and heiress married a Savage of Derbyshire, the first of his family who settled in Cheshire. I have already spoken of the other witnesses. As to the last witness, John de Lascelles, or his predecessor, Mr. Helsby says "He was a Yorkshire follower of Lacy Earl of Lincoln, of Pomfret Castle, and Baron of Halton. The Lascelles came in with the Conquest, and one of them was Constable of York Castle and Governor of the City, in perhaps the twelfth century, about the time the Grevs held office there. They were both very knightly. The William and John Lascelles of these charters were perhaps father and son, and evidently of a younger line. One or both of them in succession were Constables or Stewards of Halton Castle. The elder line, remaining in Yorkshire, were of the manor now known as Castle Howard, and other lands a long distance round. In Queen Elizabeth's day they were called John Lascelles alias Jackson, and John Jackson alias Lascelles-all being Jack or John; but in the last century the son of a younger line re-established the fortunes of the house by his mercantile talents in Spain, where he realized a large fortune as a wine merchant, and invested it in land in Yorkshire. His descendant accepted the peerage of Harewood."

Deed No. XII. is dated at Storeton, the 23rd June, 1377, and is a well-written deed on good parchment. Attached to it is a seal in green wax, which is perfect, but rather flattened. It is similar to the one given as an illustration to the pedigree by Ormerod. It bears the impression on a shield of the Arms of Hoton. On the verge is lettering, which cannot be made out with certainty. The grantor, William Fitz John de Stoneley, was hereditary chief forester of Wirral forest, and in that character releases to Hoton the putures of the forest, due from the grantee's lands. Putures was the right to have food for men, horses, and hounds, which was exacted by keepers of a forest from the inhabitants. But about this date Ormerod states the forest was disafforested. Doubtless, William de Hoton (and no doubt others) bought his puture dues of Stanley, in consequence (probably owing to an increase of population) of a great forest lying on a narrow peninsula being at length about to be razed. The forest had evidently, from the following entry on the Cheshire Recognizance Rolls, been for some time in a poor state:—

"1358. February 8th. William de Stanley. Forester of Wyrhale, licence to, by Edward Prince of Wales, to receive four oaks out of the forest of Greves (in Wirral), the Prince having heard that the said William had no wood for fuel in the forest of Wyrhale."

Deed No. XIII., although only a simple Release, furnishes much information. It is clear that the Henry

de Hoton mentioned in this charter is not on the Hoton pedigree in Ormerod. Again, as Mr. Helsby says: "It shows that the Hoton family had possessions in Northamptonshire, at West Thorpe, which very likely came to them from the Skiptons, a Yorkshire house, whose fee (or rather marriage lands) may have extended into that county under the Lacies. Some Cheshire families were connected with Northamptonshire; but with the exception of the home counties, there were no shires with which they were so closely connected as with those of Lincoln and York."

The witnesses were all more or less Wirral men, and many of them connected with the Hoton and Stanley families.

The following extracts from the Chester Recognizance Rolls are of interest as relating to some of them:—

"1412. April 13th. John del Pulle [Poole], Knight, James de Pull, and others to John Hokes, recognizance for £100 for the celebration of the marriage between the same John Hokes and Joan, daughter of the said John de Pull."

Referring to John Hokes, I also find the following entry:—

"1407. Commission of John del Hokes, Deputy Constable of Flint Castle [an office I have at present the honour of holding], of Flint, by Henry, Prince of Wales [the Prince Hal of Shakespeare], to provision Flint Castle."

This was the time of Glyndwr's rebellion and Hotspur's secession.

The Hokes or Hookes family owned the Leadbrook estate near to Flint, which an heiress of theirs passed by marriage to a younger son of the Salusbury family of Lleweni, and from them to the Trelawnys. The Hookes family were a prolific race. In Conway Church there is a sepulchral slab immortalising one Nicholas

Hookes, which records that he was the forty-first child of his parents, and that he himself was the father of twenty-seven children.

Again, the Cheshire Rolls have the following entries:—
"1402. May 23rd. Indenture between Henry de Percy,
Knight [Hotspur] and John de Pull and William de Stanley,
Knights, the said John and William de Stanley to serve the
said Henry, 'sur la meer,' with 24 lances and 48 archers, &c."
This was before Hotspur had seceded. Sir John was
Governor of Carnarvon Castle about this time.

Another Wirral entry on these Rolls is interesting in connection with these Deeds:—

"1402. July 7th. Appointment of John de Molynton and Thomas de Capenhurst by Henry, Prince of Wales, as Goverors and Chief Admirals of the barge called the 'Trinity' of Chester, and of other three vessels, fully armed, in which the Mayor and Sheriffs of Chester were about to put to sea in the service as well of the King as of the Prince."

Speaking of the Mayor of Chester I am reminded that the witness, John de Whitmore of Thurstaston, was either he who filled that office in 1369, or his son of that name, the companion in arms of our celebrated soldier of fortune, Sir John Calveley—(about whom I read a paper before our Society, which is printed in the last volume of our Journal)—and whose monument still lies neglected in Trinity Church.

The Litherlands of Liverpool were connected with Bidston, and the Hope family (as I have proved by early deeds in a paper printed in our Journal) were connected with Chester and Flintshire.

I find in 5 Henry II., William Stanley, Knight, junior, appointed John Hope and Robert Savage to receive his wages for the time he was with the King, "ad Bellum de Agyncourt."

This Deed, it will be noticed, was executed at Hooton. It is in beautiful preservation, and the seal attached to it is perfect. It is of red wax, and bears the impression of a Griffin, the lettering around it being almost illegible.

The last document is the license of entry granted to Rowland Stanley by Edward the Sixth as Palatinate of Chester. It has been abridged somewhat (as the terms of the original are formal and constantly repeated); but in its abridged form it is quite intelligible—a translation, pure and simple, would be a long and most uninteresting affair. Sir Rowland was a second son, and succeeded his brother William, 38 Henry VIII. He died 5th April, 1613, aged 96, and was buried at Eastham. The Palatinate Seal of Edward VI. attached to this license is perfect.

This last document brings us down to, comparatively speaking, modern times; and I hope other papers may be forthcoming that will bring the pedigree of this Cheshire family down to the present time, especially as the Baronetcy is now extinct.





English Translation of the Deeds

I.



NOW [all] present and to come that I Richard le Waleys of Hoton have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed

to Randle my son for homage and service four bovates (or oxgangs) of arable land in the town of Hoton with all their appurtenances of which Hugh de Pulle held one boyate with all buildings and other appurtenances and that bovate which Roger Smith held with all buildings & appurtenances and that boyate of land which Adam the Vilator held and that boyate which Richard son of Andrew held with all appurtenances and liberties to the said four boyates of land appertaining and one fishery with a decoy which Philip son of Ketil held. Beside these also a selion which Dandus held of my demesne TO HOLD AND TO HAVE to him & his heirs freely quietly peacefully and hereditarily in feedings in pastures in ways in paths in waters in meadows in turbaries in heaths in all commons and liberties to the said town appertaining YIELDING therefor yearly he and his heirs to me and to my heirs one pound of pepper or eight pence at the feast of St. John Baptist for all service and demand to me appertaining Saving foreign service. And it is to be known that the said Randle and his heirs shall freely grind their own corn without toll in the mills of Hoton and of Pulle Saving the right of Reginald de Poulle and of his heirs from the same mill. MOREOVER the said Randle and his heirs with all their tenants of the

same land shall be free of pannage in my Wood of Hoton. And I truly Richard le Waleys [Welshman] and my heirs will warrant all the aforenamed tenement with all appurtenances against all men and women for ever. And that this writing may obtain force I have strengthened the present charter with the impression of my seal. These witnesses: Richard de Draycote then Justiciar of Cheshire, Robert Lancelin, Robert de Donvile, John de Haselewalle, Hugh de Corona, Richard de Kinge, Adam de Hellisby, Reginald de Poulle and many others.

II.

KNOW all as well present as to come that I Richard le Waleys of Hoton have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Randle my son and to his heirs for his homage and service Adam son of the Vilator with all his sequel and Richard son of Andrew with all his sequel as my bondmen So that I and my heirs and my heirs from now shall be able to demand nothing against the bondmen aforenamed. And I truly Richard le Waleys [Welshman] and my heirs will warrant to the aforesaid Randle my son and to his heirs the aforesaid bondmen with all their sequel against all men and women for ever. And that this my gift and grant may in time to come obtain force I have strengthened the present charter with the impression of my seal. These witnesses: Richard de Draicote then Justiciar of Cheshire, Robert Lancelin, Robert de Donvile, John de Haselewalle, Hugh de Corona, Richard de Kinge, Adam de Hellisby, Reginald de Poulle, Peter clerk and many others.

III.

KNOW [all] present and to come that I William, called Clockespoke, son of Agnes de Hoton have given granted and altogether for me and my heirs have

quitclaimed and by this my present charter confirmed to Henry son and heir of William le Waleys [the Welshman] lord of Hoton all the land which I had or by any right might have in the town and territory of Hoton, to wit, that boyate of land with messuage which I delivered for a term to Adam le Waleys uncle of the aforesaid Henry To hold and to have to the said Henry and his heirs or assigns of me and my heirs freely quietly fully entirely and peacefully with all its appurtenances within the town of Hoton and without to the aforesaid bovate everywhere belonging doing to the chief lord of the fee the service due and accustomed. For this gift grant quitclaim and confirmation of this charter the said Henry hath given to me in hand one hundred shillings of silver. I William truly and my heirs will warrant acquit and defend all the said land as is aforesaid to the aforesaid Henry and his heirs or assigns against all men and women who are of peace for ever. And that this my gift grant quitclaim and confirmation of this my charter may obtain firmness and validity I have strengthened the present charter with the impression of my seal. These witnesses: William de Bunneburi, Robert de Pulle, Alexander de Bennvile, William de Stanleg', James son of Robert de Pulle, Richard son of William de Bunneburi, Robert de Bebynton, Hugh de Berliston, Cradyn de le Greves, Walter de Estham clerk and others.

IV.

KNOW [all] present and to come that I William de Bleechelegh parson of the church of Wareton have given granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Ralph de Hoton all my lands and tenements and rents with the appurtenances in Hoton which I had by the gift and feoffment of the said Ralph as in a certain charter thereof by the said Ralph to me made more fully is contained. I have also given and granted to the

same Ralph all my bondmen in the said town of Hoton with all the sequel of the same TO HAVE and to hold all the aforesaid with all their appurtenances liberties commodities and easements whatsoever to the said Ralph for his whole life of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefor due and of right accustomed So that after the decease of him the said Ralph all the aforesaid with all their appurtenances aforesaid may entirely remain to Richard son of the said Ralph TO HAVE and to hold to the said Richard and to the heirs whom he shall lawfully beget of Maud his wife daughter of William de Skipton of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefor due and of right accustomed So that if the said Richard shall die without an heir lawfully begotten of the said Maud then after the decease of the said Richard all the aforesaid with all their appurtenances aforesaid may entirely remain to the right heirs of the aforesaid Richard TO HOLD for ever of the chief lords of that fee by the services which to the aforesaid lands and tenements and rents appertain. WITNESS whereof to this my present charter indented I have set my seal. These witnesses: Henry de Hoton, Robert de Pulle, John Donnvyle, Thomas de Mascy, John de Capenhurst and others. Given at Hoton on Sunday the feast of Saint Edmund archbishop in the eleventh year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

V:

TO ALL to whom these presents shall come William Torond Greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I am holden and bound to Henry Torond citizen of Chester to pay yearly without contradiction all the days of the life of Margery my mother four shillings of silver at the feasts of Saint John Baptist and Saint Martin by even portions So that if it happen that the said rent be in arrear at any term during the life of the aforesaid

Margery then I grant for me and my heirs that it shall be lawful for the said Henry Torond in my lands and tenements which John de Stoke holds of me in Molynton to distrain and that distress at his will to detain until he shall be satisfied of the arrearages. IN WITNESS whereof to the present agreement I have set my seal. These witnesses: William de Hoton, Robert de Bebinton, William de Lasceles, Alan de Prenton, Richard Sampson, Alexander de Waley and others. Given at Chester on Wednesday next after the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the eighteenth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward.

VI.

THIS Indenture tripartite witnesseth that whereas William de Hotone has granted to Henry his son a yearly rent of one hundred marks to receive from his Manor of Hotone and from all his lands and tenements in Mortone Massy Pultone Launselin and Ouptone as in the writing of the said William made thereof to the aforesaid Henry more fully is contained It is agreed by common assent between the parties aforesaid that the aforesaid writing of one hundred marks shall be delivered to the Abbot of Basingwercke to hold keep safe and deliver in the form hereafter following, that is to know, the aforesaid William grants for him and for his heirs that if so it be that the aforesaid William do disinherit by any deed or feoffment or other estate which he makes whereby the aforesaid Manor lands or tenements aforesaid after the decease of the said William do not wholly remain to the said Henry his son and the heirs whom he shall beget of the body of Isabel his wife the daughter of William Gerard that then the aforesaid writing of one hundred marks shall be delivered to the aforesaid Henry or to his heirs begotten of the body of the beforesaid Isabel as is aforesaid to use in its force And if the aforesaid William do not make a deed or

feoffment whereby the aforesaid Henry his son or the heirs whom he shall beget of the body of the aforesaid Isabel shall be disinherited contrary to the form aforesaid that then the aforesaid writing of one hundred marks shall be of no force or value. IN WITNESS of which things to the one part of these Indentures remaining with the aforesaid William the aforesaid Henry has set his seal And to the other part of these Indentures remaining with the aforesaid Henry the aforesaid William has set his seal And to the third part of these Indentures, that is to know, to the foot remaining with the aforesaid Abbot of Basingwercke which by assent of the parties is warrant to the said Abbot to hold and deliver in the form above said the aforesaid William and Henry have set their seals. These witnesses: Robert de Bebyntone, John de Capenhurst, Gilbert de Podyntone and Alysander de Waley and John de Bebyntone and others.

VII.

KNOW [all] present and to come that I William de Hoton have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to Henry my son and Isabel his wife my Manor of Rowchotewike with its appurtenances in Wyrale TO HAVE and to hold the aforesaid Manor to the said Henry and Isabel and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten with all its appurtenances as in homages services wards reliefs and escheats and other profits whatsoever everywhere to the aforesaid Manor appertaining well freely quietly and in peace of me and my heirs by the service of a rose by the year for all services and doing for me & my heirs to the chief lord of the fee the services therefor due and accustomed So that it is to say that if it happen that the said Henry and Isabel decease without an heir of their bodies lawfully begotten (which God forbid) that then the aforesaid Manor with all its appurtenances shall revert to me and

to my heirs And I truly the said William and my heirs will warrant acquit and defend against all people the aforesaid Manor with all its appurtenances as is aforesaid to the said Henry and Isabel and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten in all things as is aforesaid. IN WITNESS whereof to this my present charter I have set my seal. These witnesses: Thomas de Potinton, John de Capunhurst, Robert de Bebinton, William de Prenton, Alexander de Waley and others enough. GIVEN at Batford on Monday next before the Nativity of Saint John Baptist in the second year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

VIII.

TO ALL to whom this writing shall come William son of William Torond Greeting in the Lord Know ye that I have remised released and for me and my heirs have altogether quitclaimed to Henry Torond my uncle all right and claim which I had or in any wise might have in a messuage and four boyates of land with the appurtenances in Rouacre in Hotone in Wyrhale So that neither I nor my heirs nor any one by us or in our name may henceforth demand or challenge any right or claim in the aforesaid tenements but by force and effect of the present writing shall remain altogether excluded from all action of demanding anything in the aforesaid tenements. And I the aforesaid William and my heirs all the aforesaid tenements with the appurtenances to the aforesaid Henry his heirs and assigns will warrant acquit and defend against all mortals for ever. IN WITNESS whereof to these presents I have set my seal. witnesses: Robert de Bebyngtone, Alexander de Waleye, William de Lasceles, Alan de Prentone, Ralph de Haselevalle and others. Given at Hotone on Tuesday next after the Sunday in which is sung Quasi modo geniti in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward.

IX.

KNOW [all] as well present as to come that I William Thorond have given granted and for me and my heirs by this my present charter have confirmed to Henry Thorond my brother all my land with buildings set and to be set in Rouachre which I had or in any case might have together with dower happening all the days of his life TO HAVE and to hold of me and my heirs to the aforesaid Henry all the days of his life freely quietly well and in peace with all liberties commons and easements to the said land everywhere belonging YIELDING therefor yearly to me and to my heirs from the said Henry all the days of his life a silver half-penny at the feast of Saint John Baptist for all manner of services and demands. And I truly William and my heirs all the aforesaid land with the appurtenances to the aforesaid Henry all the days of his life as is abovesaid will warrant acquit and defend against all people. IN WITNESS whereof to this present charter I have set my seal. These witnesses: James de Pulle, Matthew de Bechetone, William de Hoton, William de Lecthon, John de Becheton, Roger de le Grenys, William le [for de] Lasselys, Richard de Rydelege and others.

X,

TO ALL to whom these presents shall come Ellen formerly wife of William de Rouaker Greeting in the Lord. KNOW YE that I in my pure widowhood have granted released and altogether quitclaimed without any retention to Henry de Hoton lord of Hoton all right and claim which by any law I might have in the name of dower in all those lands and tenements which were formerly of the said William my husband in Rouaker a hamlet of Hoton So that [neither] I Ellen nor any one in my name shall henceforth be able to demand or challenge anything of right or claim in the aforesaid

lands or tenements. IN WITNESS whereof to these presents I have set my seal. These witnesses: Robert de Pulle, John de Capenursth (Capenhurst), Robert de Kenyan, Randle de Hoton, Alexander de Waley and others. Given at Hoton on Tuesday next before the feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist in the eighth year of the reign of King Edward the third from the Conquest.

XI.

KNOW [all] present and to come that we Thomas de Lauton vicar of the church of Estham and Robert de Thorneton chaplain have given granted and by this our present charter confirmed to William son of Henry de Hoton and Katherine his wife daughter of Henry Torond and to the heirs of the bodies of the aforesaid William and Katherine lawfully begotten eleven messuages six bovates one acre and a half of land with common of pasture and turbary in my wastes and heaths of Hoton housbote and havbote housbolde and havbolde sufficient for the livery of the aforesaid Henry and his heirs to be taken in my woods of Hoton with Robert son of William my bondman and his sequel and with free ingress and egress in the town of Hoton Of which said eleven messuages six boyates one acre & half of land John de Estham lately held one messuage and two Lands; William the Dabber lately held one messuage and half a bovate of land; Roger son of Robert lately held one messuage and one boyate of land; Hugh son of Henry lately held one messuage and half a bovate of land; Henry del Wode lately held one messuage and one boyate of land; Adam the Souter lately held one messuage and five selions and three parts of an acre of land; William de Thorneton holds one messuage and half a bovate and one selion of land; Ralph son of Hugh Sperman holds one messuage and half a bovate of land; Margery Bosse lately held one messuage and one selion of land; Adam Cobbler holds one messuage and

one boyate of land; Robert son of William holds one messuage & half a boyate of land—with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid town of Hoton everywhere belonging TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the lands & tenements aforesaid with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid William and Katherine and the heirs of the bodies of the said William and Katherine lawfully begotten of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefor due and of right accustomed AND if the said Katherine shall die without an heir of the bodies of the said William and Katherine lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands and tenements aforesaid with all their appurtenances as is aforesaid shall remain to the said William son of Henry de Hoton and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten TO HAVE and to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefor due and of right accustomed AND if the aforesaid William shall die without an heir of his body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to David son of Henry de Hoton and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten TO HAVE and to hold &c. (as before) AND if the said David shall die without an heir male of his body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to Henry lord of Hoton and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten TO HAVE and to hold &c. (as before) AND if the said Henry shall die without an heir male of his body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to Joan daughter of the said Henry and the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten TO HAVE and to hold &c. AND if the said Joan shall die without an heir male of her body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to Isabel daughter of Henry de Hoton and the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten TO HAVE &c. AND if the said Isabel shall die without an heir male of her body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to Robert son of Robert

de Bebynton and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten TO HAVE &c. AND if the said Robert shall die without an heir male of his body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands &c. shall remain to Nicholas son of Hamon de Mascy of Tymperleigh and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten TO HAVE &c. AND if the said Nicholas shall die without an heir male of his body lawfully begotten (which God forbid) then all the lands & tenements aforesaid with all their appurtenances shall remain to the right heirs of the aforesaid Henry lord of Hoton for ever TO HAVE and to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the services therefor due and of right accustomed. AND we truly the aforesaid Thomas and Robert and our heirs all the lands and tenements aforesaid with all their appurtenances aforesaid to the aforesaid William and Katherine and to the heirs of the bodies of the said William & Katherine lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid William and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid David and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Henry and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Ioan and to the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Isabel and to the heirs male of her body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Robert and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten and to the aforesaid Nicholas and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten and also to the right heirs of the aforesaid Henry lord of Hoton against all people will warrant acquit and defend for ever. WITNESS whereof to this our present charter indented we have set our seals. These witnesses: Thomas de Ferrars then Justiciar of Cheshire, Thomas Danyers then sheriff of Cheshire John Donnville, Robert de Pulle, Richard del Hoghe de Thornetone, William de Stanleghe, John de Lasceles, and others. Given at Hoton on Monday next after the feast of Saint Hilary in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

XII.

TO ALL those who shall see or hear this writing William son of William son of John de Stanley of Wyrhale the elder greeting in God. Know ye that I by this writing have released granted & confirmed and for me and my heirs quitclaimed to William de Hoton and to his heirs for ever all manner of putures profits rents and moneys for putures and all manner of charges whatsoever by reason of putures which I or my ancestors in any wise had to take and were wont to receive of the said William de Hoton or of his ancestors due from their lands and tenements in the town of Hoton with the appurtenances in Wyrhale So that [neither] I the aforesaid William son of William son of John nor my heirs may henceforth claim or demand any putures profits rents moneys for putures or by reason of putures from the lands and tenements aforesaid or from any parcel thereof but by this writing be excluded for ever AND the aforesaid William de Hoton and his heirs may have and can hold the aforesaid lands and tenements with the appurtenances quit and discharged of putures profits rents and moneys for putures or by reason of putures by me or my heirs to be claimed or demanded for ever. IN WITNESS whereof to this writing I have set my seal. Given at Storton the Tuesday next before the feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist in the first year of the reign of King Richard the Second after the Conquest.

XIII.

KNOW all by these presents that I Henry son of William de Hoton have remised released and altogether for me and my heirs have quitclaimed for ever to William de Stanley knight and Margery his wife and to the heirs of her the said Margery all my right and claim which I have, had, or in any wise might have in all lands tenements rents and services rights and claims

meadows feedings pastures woods fisheries moors marshes marlpits vivaries turbaries waters mills pools paths bondmen with their sequels and other their appurtenances whatsoever which were of Thomas son of Ralph de Hoton in Hoton in Wirrall in the county of Chester AND also have remised released &c. for ever to the said William de Stanley and Margery and to the heirs of her the said Margery all my right and claim which I have, had, or in any wise might have in all lands and tenements rents and services &c. (as before) which were of the aforesaid William de Hoton my father in Roghshotewyke in Wirall in the said county of Chester AND also have remised released &c. to the said William de Stanley and Margery and to the heirs of her the said Margery all my right & claim &c. (as before) in all lands &c. which were of the aforesaid William de Hoton my father in Westhrope in the county of Northampton AND also have remised released and altogether for me and my heirs have quitclaimed for ever to the said William de Stanley and Margery their heirs and executors all manner of other actions real and personal which I have, had, or in any wise might have against them from the beginning of the world up to the day of the making of these presents So that neither I nor my heirs nor any other in our name any right or claim in the said lands tenements rents services rights and claims meadows &c. whatsoever or in any parcel of the same as is aforesaid and also in all other actions real and personal abovesaid any action of right or claim therefor or of any parcel of the same henceforth shall be able to demand or challenge in any wise in future but from all action of right and claim therefor henceforth to be had or in any wise demanded shall be excluded for ever by these presents AND I truly the aforesaid Henry and my heirs all the aforesaid lands tenements rents and services etc. and their other appurtenances whatsoever as is aforesaid to the said William de Stanley and Margery and to the heirs of her the said Margery against all people will

warrant and defend for ever IN WITNESS whereof to this my present charter I have set my seal. These witnesses: John de Pulle Knight, John de Whitemore, Hamon de Mascy, James de Pulle, John de Lytherlonde, John del Meoles, John Hope and John Launcelyn and many others. Given at Hoton on Tuesday the vigil of Saint Cuthbert bishop and confessor in the tenth year of the reign of King Henry the fourth after the Conquest.

XIV.

SPECIAL LICENCE OF ENTRY GRANTED TO ROWLAND STANLEY ESQ., BROTHER AND HEIR OF WILLIAM STANLEY ESQ., LATE DECEASED. A.D. 1547.

EDWARD the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and in earth of the Church of England and of Ireland supreme head TO ALL to whom the present letters shall come Greeting KNOW YE that we of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and given licence and by these presents do grant and give licence for us our heirs and successors, as much as in us doth lie, to our beloved and faithful subject Rowland Stanley esquire, brother and heir of William Stanley esquire deceased—which said William on the day of his death held of Lord Henry the Eighth late King of England our father in chief by knight's service as of our Earldom of our County Palatine of Chester-by whatsoever name the said Rowland is named or called THAT he the said Rowland straightway without any proof of his age and without any suing forth of his inheritance or of any parcel thereof out of the hands of us our heirs or successors in the Chancery of us or of our heirs according to the course of our said Chancery or according to law

and the course of the Court of Wards and Liveries (lately established of record by force of a certain Act of Parliament) or the law of our Realm of England or in any other wise to be had or sued forth after the death of the said William or after the death of any other person or persons being lately seised to the use of the said William after the death of any ancestor or ancestors of the said Rowland may lawfully and with impunity enter into all and singular the lordships, manors, lands, tenements, etc. whatsoever with all their rights, members and appurtenances within our Kingdom of England, Wales, Calais or the Marches of the same which lately were of the said William or of which the said William or any of the ancestors of the said Rowland was or were seised in their demesne as of fee use possession remainder or service or in feetail whatsoever on the day on which the said William died and of which any person or persons lately was or were seised to the use of the said William AND WHICH by or after the death of the said William or of any ancestor or ancestors of the said Rowland or in any wise soever came or ought to come to our hands or now are or ought to be in our hands And also into all that which appertains or ought to appertain to the said Rowland in demesne possession reversion remainder or in use of all and singular the lordships manors lands etc. whereof any person or persons is or was are or were lately seised for term of life in dower or in the name of jointure of the heirs of the said William And that all those he may have hold possess and enjoy to him and to his heirs or to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or in any other wise whatsoever as the aforesaid William or any person or persons lately seised to the use of the said William had held and enjoyed in the said lordships manors etc. or any parcel thereof without any livery or suing forth of the same out of our hands in any wise to be had or obtained WILLING NOT that the said Rowland or his heirs by reason of seisin and entry of the lordships manors

lands and tenements aforesaid and other the premises or any of them heretofore made or hereafter to be made by us our heirs or successors justices escheators sheriffs or other bailiffs or ministers of us our heirs or successors whomsoever in any manner or for any cause whatsoever or matter be molested disquieted vexed distrained or aggrieved in anything Or that the said Justices &c. or any of them intermeddle in the said lordships etc. But that the said Rowland & his heirs for the premises and every parcel thereof shall be quit and discharged for ever by these presents And also that all escheators and other our officers may have as many writs and warrants for their discharge in this behalf as shall be necessary and requisite AND FURTHER of our more abundant grace we have granted and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do grant to the said Rowland Stanley that such entry and seisin of and in the aforesaid lordships etc. by force & authority of our grant and licence aforesaid shall be as valid as if the same had been taken into our hands And as if an inquisition or inquisitions after the death of the said William Stanley or after the death of any person or persons lately seised of the premises or any of them to the use of the said William or of any ancestor or ancestors of the said Rowland had been rightly and duly taken and returned into our Chancery etc., THE HOMAGE nevertheless fealty and reliefs of the said Rowland to us in this behalf due or to be due always saved and reserved AND FURTHER of our more abundant grace we have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant to the said Rowland all and singular the issues rents & profits revenues and emoluments of all and singular the lordships manors lands and tenements and other the premises from the time of the death of the said William Stanley his brother until now To have levy receive & retain the same to him the said Rowland his executors and assigns of our gift as well by his own hands as by the hands of the several late present and future

escheators feodaries surveyors sheriffs bailiffs and other our officers in the several counties in which the lordships manors lands tenements and other the premises are And also by the hands of Receivers bailiffs farmers tenants and other occupiers of the same or of any parcel thereof who now are and lately were or hereafter shall be without rendering accompt paying or doing any other thing to us our heirs or successors for the premises or any of them AND FURTHER we will and grant that the said Rowland and all late present and future escheators feodaries surveyors sheriffs receivers bailiffs farmers officers & occupiers concerning such revenues issues rents and profits of the premises from the time of the death of the said William Stanley until now from all accompts towards us our heirs and successors shall be quit and discharged for ever And that the said Rowland and the said sheriffs escheators etc. may have as many writs mandates and discharges as to them or to any one of them shall be necessary and requisite AND FURTHER of our more abundant grace we have pardoned remised and released and by these presents do pardon remise and release to the sd Rowland all and all manner of intrusions alienations without licence entries and ingresses into all and singular the aforesaid lordships manors etc. and every parcel thereof by the said Rowland or any of his ancestors heretofore made or perpetrated And also all and all manner of purchases alienations gifts and grants of the premises without our licence by the said Rowland or any other person heretofore made or had And also we have pardoned remised and released and by these presents do pardon remise and release to the said Rowland and to any other person seised to any use abovesaid all and singular debts accompts and arrearages and all other charges and sums of money and demands which to us and our heirs for the premises or for all and singular the rents issues revenues and profits of the premises and every parcel thereof by reason of the premises by the said William or by any

of his ancestors are due to be made yielded or paid AND ALSO all and all manner of actions suits plaints impeachments executions fines for alienations without licence processes judgments issues and demands whatsoever which we alone or jointly with any person or persons against the said Rowland or any other or others being seised to his use or the uses of any ancestors of the said William of and in the premises or any of them had have or in future might have by reason of the premises or any parcel of them in any wise ALTHOUGH express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises or of any of them or of other gifts or grants by us to the said Rowland heretofore made in these presents be not made or any statute act ordinance provision or restriction thereof to the contrary thereof published ordained or provided or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever in any thing notwithstanding. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. WITNESS Ourself at Chester the twenty-seventh day of March in the first year of our reign.





Latin Copy of the Deeds

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CIANT Psentes t fut g Ego Ric Walensis

de Hoto Dedi t concessi t hac psenti carta mea Confimavi Rand filio meo p homagio t svicio qatuor Bovatas tre arrabiles In villa de Hoto Cū Omib; ptinenciis suis qªz unam Bovatam Hug de Pulle tenuit Cum Omib3 Edificiis t aliis ptinenciis t illam Bovatam qam Rog fabl tenuit Cū Omib; Edificiis t ptinenciis t illam Bovatam Tre qam Adam vilator tenuit t illam Bovatam quam Rič filius Andr tenuit Cū Omib; ptinenciis t libertatib; Dictis iiijor bovatis tre ptinētib; t unam piscariam Cū uno volatu quam Ph filius Ketil tenuit P hec aut unu Seilu gm Dandus tenuit de Dñico meo Tenend t Habend si 't heredib; suis libere q'te pacifice 't hereditarie: In pascuis In pasturis In viis In Semitis In aquis In patis In trbariis In Bruariis In omib; Communis t libtatib; Dicte ville ptinētib; Reddendo Iñ auatim mi t heredib; meis Ipe t heredes sui unā Libram pipis I viij. đnữ ad f sối Ioh Baptiste p Omi Svicio L Omi Demanda mi ptinente Salvo forinceco svito. t sciena q pdict Rana t heredes sui libere molent Bladū suū Dnicū In molenđ sin tollonio De Hoto t De Pulle Salvo Jure Reg de Poulle Et heredū suoz De Eod molend . Ptea Pdictus Rand t heredes sui

Cũ Omib; tentib; suis De Eadem tra libri Ert De pannag In Bosco meo De Hotō. Et Ego vo Ric Walensis t heredes mei totū pnōiatū tenemtū Cū Omib; ptinēciis Conta Omis Homines t fēinas Inppetuū Warantizabim. Et ut hoc soptū Robotineat sigilli mei munimine pscentē Cartam Roboravi. Hiis testib; Ric de Draycote to Iustic Cestr Rob Lancelin Rob de Donvile Joh de Haselewalle Hug de Corona Ric de King Adā de Hellisby Reg de Poulle t multis aliis.

II.

SCIANT oms tam pscentes qam futri q Ego Ric Walensis De Hoto Dedi t Concessi t hac Scenti Carta mea Confimavi Rand filio meo t heredib; suis p homagio t svicio suo Adam filliū vilatoris Cū tota segla sua t Rič filiū Andr Cū tota segla sua sic Nativos meos Ita q Ego t heredes mei amodo Nichil Vsus Nativos Pnoinatos Exigere potim⁹. Et Ego v^o Walensis Ric [sic] t heredes mei pdicto Rand filio meo Et Heredib; suis pdictos Nativos Cū tota segla sua Conta Oms Homines t feminas Inppetuū Warantizabim⁹. Ut hec aut Donato & Concessio Inpostum Robr optineat hanc Scentem Cartam sigilli mei munimine Roboravi. Hiis testib, Ric de Draicote c Iustic Cestr Rob Lancelin Rob de Donvile Joh de Haselewalle Hug de Corona Riĉ de King Adam de Hellisby Reg de Poulle Pet^o Clerico 't multis aliis.

[Endorsed] Hotoñ.

III.

SCIANT presentes 't futuri quod Ego Wits d'as Clockespok filius Agnetis de Hotona dedi concessi t ōnino p me t heredib; meis quietū clamavi t hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico filio t heredi Willi Le Waleys đni de Hotona totā Tram qam habui vel aliquo Jure habere potui in villa t fritorio de Hoton^a Illam scilicet bovatam terre cum Mesuagio ga tradidi ad tminū Ade Le Waleys avunculo predči Henrici Tenena t habena deo Henrico t herediba vel assignatis suis de me t heredib; meis Libere quiete plene integre t pacifice cum omib; suis ptinentiis infra villam de Hotona t exta predce bovate terre ubiq ptinentib; faciendo capitali ano feodi servicium debitum t consuetum. autem donatione concessione quieta clamatone t hui's carte confirmatone dedit michi dcus Henricus Centum solidos argenti pro maniba. Will's 't heredes mei totam predcam fram ut predcm est predco Henrico t heredibus vel assignatis suis conta oms homines t feminas qui de pace sunt warantizabim's acquietabim's 't defendem's imppetuum. Et ut hec mea donatio concessio quieta clamatio 't hui's carte mee confirmatio robur firmitatis optineat presentem cartam signo sigilli mei Hijs testib; Wilmo de Bunneburi. Robto de Pult Alexo de Bamvile Willmo de Stanleg Jacobo fil Robti de Pull Ricardo fil Willi de Bunnebur Robto de Bebyntona Hug de Berlistona Cradvn de le Greues Walto de Estham clico t alijs.

IV.

SCIANT pentes t futi ad Ego Will's Blecchelegh psona ecclie de Wareton dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea cofirmavi Radulpho de Hotoñ omia tras t tenementa mea ac redditus cu ptin in Hoton que t quas hui de dono t feoffamento Pdči Rađi put in quada carta p eūdem Rađm inde mi fca pleni's cotinet . Dedi ecia t concessi eide Rado omes Nativos meos in dea villa de Hoton cu tota sequela eozdem Hnđ t tenenđ omia pdca cū omib, ptin suis libtatib, comoditatib, t aysiamēntis quibuscūq, pdĉo Rađo ad totā vitam suā de capitalibus d'nis feodi illius p svicia inde debita t de iure cosueta Ita qd post decessu ipius Radi omia pdca cū omib; ptin suis pdcis Rico filio pdci Rađi integre remaneant Hnd t tenend pdco Rico t heredib; quos de Matili uxe eius filia Willi de Skipton legitime pereavit de capitalib; anis feodi illius p svicia inde debita t de iure cosueta Ita ad si pdcs Rics obierit sine herede de pdca Matili legitime pereato Tune post decessum pdei Rici omia pdča cū omib, ptin suis pdčis rectis heredib, pdči Rađi integre remaneant Tenenđ de capitalib; đnis feodi illi's p svicia que ad pdca tras t ten ac redditus ptinent imppetuū. In cui's rei testīoniū huic psenti carte mee indentate sigillū meū apposui. Hiis testib; Henrico de Hotoñ. Robto de Pulle Johe Donnvylle Thoma de Mascy Johe de Capen-Dat apud Hoton die Dnica in festo hurst 't alijs. sci Edmūdi Archiepi Anno regni Regis Edwardi icij post Conquestū undecimo.

V.

OMIB; ad quos Psentes prenint Willims Torond sttm in đno. Novitis me tenli t obligatū esse Hñr Torond civi Cestr annuatim omib; dieb; vite Marglie matis mee in quatuor solid argnti ad fta Sči Joh Bapí t Sči Martini p. eqales porcões sñ cotradiccoe solvend Ita qd si contingat dem Redditū aliquo termino durante vita pdice Marglie aretro existere cocedo extúc p me t hređ meis qd liceat Pdčo Hñr Torond in Pris t tenemētis meis que Johns de Stoke de me tenz in Molynton disting? t distingle t disticcom illa ad voluntate sua detine αºus; eid de arreragiis fuit satisfactū. In c⁹ rei testm psenti covetoi sigili meu apposui. testib; Will de Hotoñ Robto de Bebintoñ Willo de Lascel Alano de Prenton Ric Sampsone Alexo de Waley 't aliis. Dat apd Cestr die Mercur pxīa post fim Anuciacois be Mar virg Ann Regn Rege E. fit Rege Edwardi decimo octavo.

VI.

CESTE endentur en troys parties devise tesmoyne que cum William de Hotone ait graunte a Henri son fitz un annuel rente de Centz Mars a resceivere de son Maner de Hotoñ t de totes ces tres t tenemens en Mortonemassy Pultone Launselin t Ouptone sicu en lescrit le dist William a le avandite Henri de ceo fet plus pleynement est contenu Acorde est entre les pties avandites que lavandist escrit de Centz Mars

soyt bayle par commune assent a le Abbe de Basingwerck a tenir sauver t liverer en la fourme ge ceo ensuit Ceo est asavoyr lavandist William graunte pr lui t pr ses eyres qe si ensi soyt qe lavandit William deserite p nul fete ou feofament ou autre estat qil face p quay lavandit Maner Pres tenemens avandites aps le desece lavandit William entment ne remeynent a dist Henri soen fit; 't les eyres les queus gil engendra du corps Isabele sa femme la filee William Gerard qe a duncke lavandit escrit de Centz Mars soyt liveree alavandit Henri ou a ses eyres engendre du corps le avandite Isabele cu avant est dist a user en sa E si lavandit William ne face fet ne feofement p quay lavandit Henri soen fitz ou les evres quels il engendra du corps lavandite Isabele soyt descrite encontre la fourme avandite qe a dunckes lavandite escrif de Cent; Mars soyt de nule En tesmoynans de geus choses a force ne value. le un ptie de cestes endentures demorant devers lavandif. William lavandite Henri ad mis soen seole E a lautre ptie de cestes endentures demorant devers lavandit Henri lavandit William ad mis soen E a la tierce partie de cestes endentures cest asavoyr alpee demorant vers lavandit Abbe de Basyngwerck la quele par assent des parties est garāt al dist Abbe a tener I liverer en la fourme sus dite les avandites William & Henri ount mis lour Ses tesmoynes Robert de Bebyntone Joh de Capenhurst Gilbert de Podynton t Alysander de Waley 't Ioh de Bebynton' 't autres.

[Endorsed] Carta Henrici de Hotoñ.

VII.

SCIANT presentes t futuri q ego Will's de Hotoñ dedi concessi t hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Hñrico filio meo t Isabelle uxi sue Manium meu de Rowchotewik cū ptinciis suis in Wyrale Hnd t tend pdem Manium pdeis Hnrico t Isabelle t hedib; de corporib; ipoz legitie pratis cu oib; ptin suis ut in homagiis sviciis Wardis Releviis t escaetis t quibuscu; aliis pficuis ubicu; pdco Manlio ptintib; bn libe quiete t in pace de me t hedib; meis p sviciū unius Rose p ānū p õib; sviciis t faciendo p me t hedib, meis capitli ano feodi svicia inde debita 't consueta Ita videlica q si otingat pdcos Hñricu t Isabella sine hede de corporib; ipoz legitie pcato decedere qd absit qd tunc odčum Manium cū oib; suis ptin michi t hedib; meis Revtat^r. Et ego vero pdes Will's 't hedes mei pdcm Maniū cū õibz ptiñ suis ut pdcm est Odčis Hnrico t Isabelle t heredib; de corporib; ipoz legitie pcatis in oib; ut pdcm est conta oms gētes Warantizabim⁹ acquietabim⁹ 't defendem⁹ In cui⁹ Rei testim huic psenti carte mee sigillu meu apposui. Hiis tetib; Thom de Potinton Johe de Capunhurst Rob de Bebinton Wifto de Prenton Alexandro de Waley t aliis satis. Data apud Batford die Lune pxima ante Nativitate Sci Johis Baptiste Anno Regni Regis Edwardi tercii post coquestore secudo.

VIII.

OMNIB3 ad quos hoc sciptum pvenit Willms filius Willi Torond salim in and . Novitis me remisisse relaxasse t omnino p me t her meis qietu clamasse Henrico Torond Anúculo meo totú Jus t clamiú auod habui seu aliquo modo habere potui in uno Mesuagio t quatuor Bovatis tre cum ptin in Rouacre in Hotoñ in Wyrhale Ita qd nec ego ne her mei ne aliquis p nos vi noie nro in pdčis ten aliquod Jus vil clamiu deceto exigle vil vendicare possimus set p vim 't effectū psentis scipti aliquid in pdcis ten petendi penitus exclusi ab omi accioie maneamus. Et ego pdcus Willms t her mei omia pdca ten cum ptin pdco Henrico her t assign suis conta oms mortales Warantizabim9 agietabim9 t defendem⁹ imppm. In cui⁹ rei testm psentib; sigillū meū apposui. Hiis Testib; Robto Bebyntoñ Alexo de Waleve Willo de Lasceles Alano de Prentoñ Rado de Haselwalle t aliis. Dat apud Hotoñ die Martis pxª post anicam in qua cantatur quasi modo geniti Anno regni Reg Edwardi fil Reg Edwardi qintodecimo.

IX.

SCIANT Tam psentes qam futur qd ego Wifts Thorond dedi concessi t hac psenti carta mea gfimavi Hñrico Thorond fatri meo totam terra meam cu edific posit t ponent in Rouachre qam habui vl aliquo casu habe porm una cu dote advenient omnib3 dieb3 vite sue p me t ħređ meis Habnđ t Tenenđ de me t ħređ meis pdčo Hñrico omnib3 dieb5 vite sue libe qiet bñ t in pace cũ õib3 libtatib5 cõib3 t asyamentis dõe terre ubiq, spitantib3. Reddendo inđ anuatī mi t herð meis de Dõo Henr omnib5 dieb5 vite sue unū obolum argent ad fest Sõi Johis baptiste p omnimođ svið t demandis. Et ego vo Wills t hereð mei totam pdðam terram cū ptinenð pfato Henrico õib5 dieb5 vite sue ut supadõm est conta oms gentes Warantizabio acqietabio t defende. In Cuio rei Testioiü huic psent carte sigill meū apposui. Hijs testib5 Jacobo de Pulle Math de Becheton Willo de Hoton Willo de Lecthon Johe de Becheton Rogo de le gouys Willo le Lasselys Rið de Rydeleg t aliis.

[Endorsed] Rouakur.

X.

OMIB3 ad quos psente pvenint Elena 9dam uxor Willmi de Rouaker slim in åno. Novite me in pura viduetate mea cōcessisse relaxasse it omino qietu clamasse Hñrico de Hotoñ åno de Hotoñ totu Jus it clameu qid aliqo Jure hre potui noie dotis in omib3 illis it it tenemetis que 9dam fuert dei Willi viri mei in Rouaker hamelt de Hotoñ sñ aliqo retenemeto Ita que Elena no aliquis noie meo aliquid Jur vi clamei in pdeis ir vi tenemete decedo exigle potimo vel vendicare. In co rei testm psentib3 sigilt meu apposui. Hiis testib3 Robto de Pult Johne de Capenursth Robto de Kenyan Rañ

de Hotoñ Alexo de Waley t aliis. Dat apd Hotoñ die Marte pxīo añ fim Sči Marce [sic] Ewangelist Ann regni Rege E. të a 9quest octavo.

[Endorsed] Rovaker.

XI.

SCIANT pentes 't fut qd nos Thms de Lauton Vicar Ecclie de Estham & Robtus de Thorneton Capelli dedim⁹ concessim⁹ t hac presenti carta ñra confirmavim⁹ Willo fil Henr de Hoton t Katine uxi eius fit Henr Torond t heredib; de corpib; pdcoz Willi't Katine legitie pereatis undecim Mesuag sex boyat unam acr t dimid tre cū cõia pastre t Trbar in vastis t Brueris meis de Hoton housbote t havbote housbold t havbold sufficient ad libacoem Ddĉi Henr t heredū suoz in Nemorib3 meis de Hoton capiena cu Robto fil Willi nativo meo t sequela sua t cu libo ingressu t egressu in villa de Hoton De quib; quidem undecim mesuag sex bovat una acr t dimid tre Johes de Estham nup tenuit unu mes t duas Landas Will's le Dabber nup tenuit unu mes 't dimid bovatam tre Roglus fil Robti nup tenuit unu mes t unam bovatam tre Hugo fit Henr nup tenuit unu mes 't dimid bovat Tre Henr del Wode nup tenuit unu mes t unam bovat tre Adam le Souter nup tenuit unu mes t quinq selliones t tres ptes unio acr tre Witts de Thorneton tenet unu mes t dimid bovat t unam sellionem dre Radus fit Hug Sperman tenet unu

mes 't dimid bovat tre Marger Bosse nup tenuit unu mes t unam sellionem Pre Adam Sutor tenet unu mes t unam boyat tre Robins fit Willi tenet unu mes t dimid bovat tre cu omib; suis ptiñ pdce ville de Hotoñ ubiq, spectantib; hend t tenend omia tras t ten pdča ců omib; suis ptin pdčis Willo t Katine t heredib; de corpib; pdčoz Willi & Katine legitie pereat de capitaliba anis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. si pdca Katina sine hered de corpib, pdcoz Willi t Katine legitie pereat obierit ad absit tune omia Pre t ten pdca cu omib; suis ptin ut pdcm est remaneant pdco Willo fil Henr de Hoton t hered de corpe suo legitie pereat hend t tenend de capit d'nis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. Et si Odčus Wills sine hered de corpe suo legitie pereat obierit qd absit tune omia tre t ten pdea cu omib; suis ptin remaneant David fil Henr de Hoton t hered masclis de corpe suo legitie pereat hend t tenend de capit d'nis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. Et si pdcus David sine herede masclo de corpe suo legitie pereato obierit qd absit tunc omia tre t ten pdca cū omib; suis ptin remaneant Henr d'no de Hoton t heredib; masclis de corpe suo legitie pereat hend t tenend de capit anis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. Et si pdcus Henr sine herede masclo de corpe suo legitie pereato obierit qd absit tunc omia tre t ten pdca cu omib; suis ptin remaneant Johne fit pdči Henr t hered masčlis de corpe suo

legitie pereat hend 't tenend de capit d'nis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. si pdca Johna sine herede masclo de corpe suo legitie pereato obierit qd absit tune omia tre t ten pdca cū omib; suis ptin remaneant Isabelt fit Henr de Hotoñ 't heredib; masclis de corpe suo legitie pereat hend t tenend de capit dnis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. pdca Isabell sine herede masclo de corpore suo legitie pereato obierit qd absit tune omia tre t teñ pdca cu omib; suis ptiñ remaneant Robto fil Robti de Bebyntoñ 't heredib; masclis de corpe suo legitie pereat hend 't tenend de capit d'nis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure consueta. si pdcus Robtus sine herede masclo de corpe suo legitie pereato obierit qd absit tune omia tre t ten pdca cu omiba suis ptin remaneant Nicho fit Hamõis de Mascy de Tymprlegħ t heredib; masĉlis de corpe suo legitie pereat hend t tenend de capit anis feod illius p svicia inde debita t de iure Et si pdĉus Nichus sine herede masclo de corpe suo legitie pcreato obierit qd absit tunc omia tre t ten pdca cu omib; suis ptin rectis heredib; Ddči Henr đni de Hoton remaneant imppetm hend t tenend de capit dnis feod illius p Svicia inde debita 't de iure consueta. Et nos vero pdči Thms t Robtus t heredes nri omia tras t ten pdca cu omib; suis ptiñ pdcis pdcis Wiffo t Katine t hered de corpib, pddoz Willi t Katine legitie pereat t pdeo Will t hered de corpe suo legitie per t pdco David t her masclis de corpe suo legitie per t pdco Henr t her masclis de corpe suo legitie per t pdee Johne t her maselis de corpe suo legitie per t pde Isabell t her masclis de corpe suo legitie per t pdco Robto t her masclis de corpe suo legitie per t pdco Nicho t her masclis de corpe suo legitie per ac eciam rectis heredib; pdči Henr đni de Hoton cona omes gentes Warantizabim9 acquietabim9 t impptm defendem9. In cui9 rei testim huic psenti carte ñre indentate sigill ñra apposuim9. Hiis testib; Thma de Ferrar tunc Justic Cestr Thma Danvers tunc viĉ Cestris Johe Donnvill Robto de Pulle Riĉo del Hogh de Thorneton Willo de Stanlegh Johe de Lasceles 't aliis. Dat apud Hoton die Lune px post fm sči Hillar Anno regni Regis Edwardi Pcij post Conquestū vicesimo quarto.

XII.

A TOUZ iceux q̃ ceste escit verrount ou orrount William filz William filz John de Stanley de Wyrhale leisne saluz en dieu. Sachez moi p ceste escript avoir relesse gaunte t conferme t pr moi t pr mes heirs quiteclame a William de Hotoñ t a sez heirs a touz iours totes mans de puturs pfitz rentes t deniers pr putures t totes mans charges qeconqes p cause dez putures lez qeux moi ou mes auncestres en ascune man avoions padre t receyvre soloions de dit William de Hotoñ ou de sez auncestres du sez tres t tenementz en la ville de Hotoñ oe lez apprtenauncez en Wyrhale Issuit q̃ moi lavantdit

William filz Williā filz John ne mes heirs ascunez putures pfitz rentes deniers pr putures ou p cause dez putures du lez res t tenementz avantditz ne dascune pcelle dicelles desore clam ou demaunder puissons mes p ceste escipt soions forclos a touz iours Et lavantdit William de Hotoñ t sez heirs eiount t tenir puissent les avantditz res t tenementz oe lez apprtenauntz quitez t deschargez de putures pfitz rentes t deniers pr putures ou p cause dez putures p moi ou mes heirs clam ou demander a touz iours. En tesmoignance de quele chose a ceste escipt ay mis moū seal. Doñ a Stortoñ le Marsdy pschein devant la feste de la Nativite de seint John le Baptistr lan du regne le Roi Richart secunde aps le conqueste primer.

XIII.

NOV INT univsi p psentes me Henricum fit Witti de Hotoñ remisisse relaxasse tomño p me theredib; meis imppm quietum clamasse Witto de Stanley Militi t Marglie uxi eius theredib; ipius Marglie totum ius t clameum mea que heo hui seu quovismodo here poto in omib; tris tenementis redditib; t svicijs iurib; atq, clameis patis pascuis pastis boscis piscarijs Moris Mariscis Marlerijs vivariis turbarijs aquis molendinis stangnis semitis Nativis cu eoz sequelis t alijs suis ptiñ quibuscumq que fuerunt Thome fit Racti de Hotoñ in Hotoñ in Wirallia in Com Cestr Necnon remisisse relaxasse t omño p me theredib; meis imppm quietum

clamasse eisdem Willo de Stanley & Marglie & heredib; ipius Marglie totū ius t clameu mea que heo hui seu quovismodo here poto in omib; tris t ten redditib; t svicijs iurib; atq. clameis potis pascuis past^ris boscis piscarijs Moris Mariscis Marlerijs vivarijs t^rbarijs aquis Molendinis stagnis semitis t Nativis cū eoz sequelis t alijs ptiñ suis quibuscumo, que fuerunt pdĉi Willi de Hotoñ pris mei in Roghshotewyk in Wirwallia in eodem Com Cestr Aceciam remisisse relaxasse t omio p me t heredib; meis imppm quietum clamasse eisdem Willo de Stanley & Marglie & heredib; ipius Marglie totum ius t clameum mea que heo hui seu quovismodo here poto in omib; tris ten redditib; t svicijs iurib; atque clameis patis pascuis pastis boscis piscar̃ moris Mariscis marlerijs vivarijs aquis trbarijs molendis stagnis semitis 't Nativis cum eoz sequelis t alijs ptiñ suis quibuscumq que fuerunt pdči Willi de Hotoñ pris mei in Westhrop in Comitatu Norhampton. Et eciam remisisse relaxasse t omio p me t heredib; t executorib; meis imppm quietum clamasse eisdem Wiffo de Stanley & Marglie heredib3 t executorib3 suis õimodas alias accões reales t psonales quas vsus ipos heo hui seu quovismodo here poto a principio mundi usq in diem confeccois Psenciū Ita qd nec ego nec her mei nec aliquis alius nõie ñro aliquod ius vel clameū in eisdem Pris tenement redditib; svicijs iurib; atq. clameis patis pascuis pastris boscis piscar Moris Mariscis Marlerijs vivarijs aquis t^rbarijs molendinis stagnis semitis t Nativis cū eoz sequelis t eoz ptiñ

quibuscumq, seu in aliqua pcella eozdem ut Pdčm est aceciam in omib; alijs accoib; realib; t psonalib; supadĉis aliquam accõem iuris seu clamei inde seu de aliqua pcella eozam deceto exigle seu vendicare potim⁹ quovismodo in futur Set ab omi accoe iuris t clamei inde deceto hend seu exigend aliquo modo sim⁹ exclusi imppm p psentes. Et ego vero pdcus Henr t heredes mei omia pdca Pras ten redditus t svicia iura atq clamea pata pascuas past^ras boscos piscar Moros Mariscos Marleria vivaria aquas trbar molendina stagna semitas t Nativos cum eoz sequelis t suis alijs ptiñ quibuscuq ut pdcm est pfatis Willo de Stanley & Marglie t her ipius Marglie conta omnes gentes Warrantizabim⁹ t imppm defendem⁹. In cuius rei testimoniū huic psenti carte mee sigillum meū apposui. Hijs testib; Johe de Pulle Milite Johe de Whitemore Hamone de Mascy Jacobo de Pulle Joñe de Lytherlond Johe del Meoles Johe Hope t Johe Launcelyn 't multis alijs. Dat apud Hoton die Martis in vigilia sĉi Cuthberti Epi t Confessoris anno r r Henr quarti post Congm decimo.

[Endorsed] Relaxaço fact p Henricu Hotoñ ano Will'mo Stanley et Marglie ux sue de omib; terre suis.

Roghshoteweke.

