

## LOCAL MUNIMENTS.

FOR the following documents and the engravings of seals which accompany them, the Society is indebted to the continued liberality of Sir William Lawson, Bart., F.S.A., Brough Hall.

“*CAETA DE TERRA DE FORSET.*”<sup>1</sup>—Margareta, Comitissa Brit’,<sup>2</sup> Omnibus hominibus et amicis suis tam futuris quam presentibus, salutem. Notum sit vobis omnibus me dedisse et hac meâ cartâ confirmasse Engeramo pincernæ meo pro servicio suo unam carucatam terræ in Fœseta. Scilicet illam dimidiæ carrucatam terræ de escaetâ quæ fuit Warini et quatuor bovatas<sup>3</sup> terræ propinquiores illi dimidiæ carrucatæ terræ quas Turstinus et Reginaldus tenuerunt, reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis singulis annis quinque solidos pro omni servicio scilicet ad Pentecosten ij sol. et vj d. et ad festum Sancti Martini ij sol. et vj d. Quare volo et præcipio quod predictus Engeramus et heredes sui habeant et teneant de me et de heredibus meis illam carrucatam terræ prenomina tam liberè et quietè et integrè in bosco et plano in pratis in pascuis in viis et semitis in turbariis in redditibus in terrâ arabi li et non arabi li et in omnibus locis eidem terræ pertinentibus cum omnibus libertati bus et liberis consuetudinibus; faciendo annuatim supradictum servici um. Testibus hiis Warin’ de Bassingeburn, Henrico de Bohun, Alano de Bassingeburn, Eudone de Chedestan,<sup>4</sup> Godefrido de Spicteshal, Ricardo de Ang’, Alano de Suatham, Elya Clerico, Pag[ inello] Marescallo.<sup>5</sup>

[Seal of green wax.<sup>6</sup> Pointed oval. A full length female figure with conspicuously long maunches. In the right hand an orb surmounted by a cross, in the left a bird.] [s]IGILLVM : MARGA [RETE : BRITTAN] ORVM : DVCISS[E.]

“*ROGERI BERTRAM<sup>6</sup> DE MITFORD. Antiqua et magna charta.*”<sup>7</sup>—Rogerus Bertram Dominus de Midford—Domino Hugoni de Euer, pro homagio

<sup>1</sup> In Richmondshire.

<sup>2</sup> She is called “Brittanorum Ducissa” on her seal. She was daughter of William the Lion, King of Scotland, and wife to Conan Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond, who built the present tower of the latter place in 1171. The scribe probably at first intended to describe the Duchess as Countess of Richmond, for as such she gave the charter.—ED.

<sup>3</sup> The carucate at Forcett was therefore eight oxgangs. The change of expression from half a carucate to four oxgangs is observable.—ED.

<sup>4</sup> Even with the application of galls I cannot be absolutely certain about the second and third letters of this word.—ED.

<sup>5</sup> The minute parallel lines in the robe are not mere indications of shading, but actual folds in the original.—ED.

<sup>6</sup> The third of the name.

<sup>7</sup> On the charter-rolls of the 52nd of Henry III. is enrolled a confirmation of this grant, which is not of much earlier date. John de Vesey, one of the witnesses, was under age at the time of his father’s death, 37th Henry III. The extent of Roger Bertram’s alienations is set forth in the Hundred Rolls at the beginning of the next



The Seal of Margaret daughter of William the Lion, Duchess of Brittany,  
and Countess of Richmond.



The Seal of the third Roger Bertram, Lord of Mitford.



et servizio suo, homagium et servicium Johannis de Woderington, et Constance uxoris suæ, et heredum dictæ Constance, de omnibus terris et tenementis quæ de me tenuerunt in Berwyk<sup>1</sup>, Pikeden<sup>2</sup>, et Edington<sup>3</sup> et alibi infra comitatum Northumbriæ; et homagium et servicium Rogeri de Areynes et heredum suorum de omnibus terris et tenementis quæ idem Rogerus tenuit in Calverdon<sup>4</sup> et alibi infra comitatum Northumbriæ; et homagium et servicium Roberti de Meneville et heredum suorum de omnibus terris et tenementis quæ idem Robertus de me tenuit in Milneburne et alibi infra comitatum Northumbriæ—cum wardis releviis maritagiis escaetis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis—faciendo sectam ad curiam dicti Domini Hugonis—apud Creklawe, et faciendo dicto Domino Hugoni—wardam et claustram quam mihi et antecessoribus meis ad Castrum meum de Midford et ad parcum meum ejusdem villæ facere consueverunt; et hæc facient—in wardâ et claustrâ vel in valore denariorum ad voluntatem dicti Domini Hugonis—Salva tamen mihi—secta predictorum Johannis [&c.] ad molendinum meum de Midford et Eland<sup>5</sup> ad tricesimum vas antecessorum [sic] meorum facere consueverunt.—Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unam sagittam barbatam.—Hiis testibus, Dominis Johanne de Balliolo, Johanne de Vescy, Adam de Gesemue, Johanne de Plasseto, Johanne de Aulton<sup>6</sup>, . . . Maudut, Waltero Eamon, Johanne de Hoggel, militibus; Rogero de Woderington<sup>7</sup>, Ricardo Benet, Hugone Vigrus.

[*Seal of green wax.* Circular. A knight on horseback: on his shield and on the caparison of his steed the arms of Bertram of Mitford.]  
S' RO[GERI . BERTRAM . MILITI ?]S . DE . MIDFORDE.

[An earlier seal of the family is engraved in Surtees, Plate VII., but the crosses are not fitchée as they appear to be in this example, in which, however, fleurs-de-lis may possibly be intended.]

“WETLAW” [ET CRAMLINGTON.]—Radulfus de Gaugi filius domini Radulfi de Gaugi.—Johanni de Pampedene, pro homagio et servicio suo, octo bovatas terræ—cum quatuor tottis in villa de Witelawe—Habenda—de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate cum omnibus communibus libertatibus et asiamentis ad predictam [sic] villam de Cramelington<sup>8</sup> et ad villam de Witelawe pertinentibus exceptis defensis meis—Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duodecim denarios—pro omni servicio consuetudine auxiliis et demanda, salvo forinseco servicio domini Regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram illius feodi.—Johannes et heredes sui et sui assignati quieti et soluti erunt imperpetuum a secta curiae meæ—Preterea—dabunt pro relevio suo duos solidos et erunt sine warda—Hiis testibus, Domino Hugone de Bolebec tunc vicecomite;

reign, including Creklaw (Kirkley), which was already the property of Hugo de Euer at the date of the present grant.

This is the only document hitherto printed which exhibits John de Widdrington as the mesne lord of Berwick-on-the-Hill, Pigdon, and Edington, in right of Constance his wife. She is described in the Hundred Rolls as Constance de St. Peter, being the heiress of a family of that name, who held these manors under the Bertrams at least as early as the reign of Henry II., by the same service of two knights.—J. H. H.

<sup>8</sup> Sir William Lawson quarters the arms of Cramlington of Cramlington.

Roberto de Camou subvicecomite;<sup>9</sup> Eustacio de Laval; Henrico de Laval; Roberto de Faudona; Hugone de Burutona; Adâ de Jesemuia; Radulfo Baarth: Rogero de Witelawe; Waltero de Perisiis; Ricardo de Herford; Willielmo le Clerc de Cramelingtona; Ricardo de Wideslade; Galfrido de Wideslade, et multis alius.

[*Seal of green wax.* Oval. A Roman gem engraved with a female figure.] SIGILL' [RADVLEI D]E GAVGI.

[CRAMLINGTON, 1331.]—Willielmus de Burdon' capellanus, tunc perpetuus vicarius Novi castri super Tynam—Willielmo de Kibblesworth et Ceciliæ uxori suæ, totum Manerium meum in villâ de Cramelington' cum omnibus terris meis dominicis et duabus acris prati eidem manorio adjacentibus; Et etiam quartam partem dominii ejusdem villæ; cum advocatione medietatis capellæ Sancti Nicholai in eadem; ac etiam omnia alia et singula terras et tenementa—cum singulis servitiis liberè tenentium quæ habuit ex donatione—Johannis filii Willielmi de Trewyk in Cramlington' et Whitelawe—Habenda—Willielmo et Ceciliæ et heredibus de assignatis ipsius Willielmi—una cum wardis, releviis, escaetis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis—Hiis testibus, Domino Johanne de Lilleburn' tunc vicecomite Northumbriæ; Dominis Roberto de la Vale, Johanne de Fenwyk militibus; Thoma de Fenwyk, Thoma de Hidewyn, Roberto de Byker, Roberto de Rihill', Johanne de Wydslade, Johanne de Plessetis,<sup>10</sup> Johanne de Lyam, Willielmo de Whitelawe,—apud Cramlington' die Mercurii proximâ ante festum Sancti Lucæ Ewanglistæ. Anno Domini, Millessimo tricesimo tricesimo primo.<sup>11</sup>

[*Seal of brown wax.* Oval. A Roman gem, engraved with a Cupid riding on a lion? The vicar had probably picked this up in his own churchyard.] s' WILELMI DE BVRDVN.

"DE ROBERTO DE LA LAW."—Robertus de la Lawe de Morpath—pro salute animæ meæ, Deo et Beatæ Mariæ Abbatii et Monachis Novi Monasterii, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, unum toftum cum edificiis in villâ de Morpath quod Robertus Pudding' tenet, quod jacet inter domum Walteri Quaryur—et domum Mathei Pelleter—Faciendo annuatim capitali domino et villæ de Morpath debitum servicium.—Et ego Robertus et heredes mei predictum toftum—contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus.—Hiis testibus, Domino Johanne de Plessez, Adâ del Hou, Alano Clerico de Morpath,<sup>12</sup> Thoraldo, Nicholao de Parcho<sup>12</sup> de eâdem villâ.

[*Seal of green wax.* Pointed oval. A fleur-de-lis. Legend defaced, but enough remains to show that the seal was not constructed for the user.<sup>13</sup> Handwriting similar to that of Roger Bertram's charter.]

<sup>9</sup> The date of the charter is ascertained within two years and a half by this attestation. Robert de Cambhou filled the office of under-sheriff for Hugh de Bolbec, in the 28th, 29th, and the first half of the 30th year of Henry III.—J. H. H.

<sup>10</sup> The nephew of the witness of the same name in two previous charters. Hodgson's Northumberland, Part ii., Vol. ii., contains a Plessey pedigree.—J. H. H.

<sup>11</sup> Brand mentions Burdon as Vicar in 1316-27.

<sup>12</sup> These personages frequently occur *cirea* 12 Edw. I.

<sup>13</sup> Oval seals are always used by females or churchmen. The exceptions are few indeed.

"TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS DE AUKLAND." 1399.—Die veneris proximâ ante festum Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene Anno Domini Millesimo trescentesimo nonagesimo nono. Ego Johannes de Aukeland, Burgensis villæ Novi castri super Tynam condo testamentum meum.—In primis lego—animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ, et omnibus sanctis ejus, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesiâ Sancti Nicholai in eâdem villâ.—Vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis xls.—Fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ v. marcas. Et fabricæ capellæ Omnium Sanctorum in eâdem villâ xxs. Et fabricæ capellæ Sancti Johannis in eâdem villâ xxs. Et fabricæ capellæ Sancti Andreæ in eâdem villâ xxs. Et fabricæ Ecclesiæ parochialis de Gatesheued xxs.—Fabricæ et operi de le Denebrig juxta ecclesiam Sancti Nicholai predicti xxs., sub conditione quod procuratores inde operentur et exalent muros.—Cuilibet capellano predictæ ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai xiid.—xxxii. marcas duabus capellanis idoneis ad divina servicia in predictâ ecclesiâ Sancti Nicholai pro animâ meâ animabus et omnium fidelium per duos annos integros celebrandis.—Isabellæ consanguineæ meæ x. marcas ad maritagium suum.—Roberto Johanson, Johanni Pullo, et Waltero Barker servientibus meis lxs.—Quinque servientibus meis tannatoribus xxxx. iiiijd.—Residuum bonorum meorum do et lego executonibus meis ut ipsi fideliter disponant et facient pro animâ meâ. Et Johannem del Halle capellanum et Johannem Kirkeby meos ordino—executores. Et Henricum de Bynkfeld et Robertum Gabyfore hujus testamenti et voluntatis meæ facio—supervisores. Item do—Margaretæ uxori meæ unum annum redditum x. librarum exeuntem de omnibus terris et tenementis meis—in villis de Novo Castro super Tynam et Gatesheued—ad terminum vitæ ipsius.—Et similiter—Aliciæ sorori meæ unum annum redditum xx. solidorum. Item do et lego Aliciæ filiæ meæ omnia predicta terras et tenementa ac redditus et possessiones—qua habeo in predictis villis, [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Johanni de Bynkfeld filio Henrico de Bynkfeld [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Willielmo de Bynkfeld fratri ipsius Johannis de Bynkfeld [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Roberto de Bynkfeld fratri ipsius Willielmi [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Henrico de Bynkfeld fratri ipsius Roberti [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Thomæ de Bynkfeld fratri ipsius Henrici [in feodo talliato]—remaneant Aliciæ de Bynkfeld sorori ipsius Thomæ [in feodo talliato]—si eadem Alicia sine herede de corpore suo exeunte obierit, volo extunc quod omnia predicta terræ [&c.] sine fraude et dolo vendantur per predictos executores meos seu eorum executores per visum dictorum—supervisorum—seu eorum executorum—et denarii inde percipiendi—pro animâ meâ et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum fideliter disponantur.—Hiis testibus Domino Willielmo de Stillyngton' capellano parochiali<sup>14</sup> ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai supradictæ—et aliis. Datum apud predictam villam Novi Castri.

Probatum—auttoritate Domini Dunolmensis episcopi officialis in capellâ Sancti Thomæ, villæ Novi Castri super Tynam vij. die Augusti Anno infraascripto.

[First Seal gone. A fragment of the official's seal remaining in red wax.]

<sup>14</sup> A parochial chaplain of St. Nicholas, distinct from the Vicar, who is a legatee.