

IX.—THE 'DOMUS DEI' OF NEWCASTLE: OTHERWISE ST. KATHERINE'S HOSPITAL ON THE SANDHILL.

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The foundation variously described by the names of *Domus Dei*, *Maison Dieu*, *Masyndew*, St. Katherine's hospital and Thornton's hospital occupied a site between the Sandhill and the river Tyne now absorbed in the buildings of the Exchange.

So much has been written of Roger Thornton, the founder of the hospital, that only a brief recapitulation of his career is needed to serve as an introduction, or preface, to his charter of foundation now printed for the first time. As in the parallel cases of Dick Whittington, lord mayor of London, and sir John Duck, knight and baronet, mayor of Durham, legend has gathered round his name. His origin is unknown. There is a story preserved by Leland that he came originally from Witton<sup>1</sup> in the parish of Hartburn, which estate he was subsequently able to purchase, and to have entered the town by the Westgate. In a play printed in 1655, but evidently written at a much earlier date, entitled *The Love Sick King*, Thornton is dramatized as Thornton the pedlar, and he is credited with the rebuilding of the town walls after success had crowned his enterprise.<sup>1a</sup> It is not impossible that he began life in such a capacity, for, much nearer our own day, enterprising men have come into the town as pedlars, and have gone out rolling in riches. So far for picturesque legend.

On the other hand weighty authorities seem to hold that Roger Thornton originally came from Yorkshire—where, at least in the

<sup>1</sup> *Itinerary*, vol. VI (1769 ed.), p. 60.

<sup>1a</sup> *Cf. Proceedings Soc. Ant. Newc.*, 3 ser., vol. III, pp. 87-90.

days of his success, he held lands at a place in that county named Thornton—and that he came of a landowning stock. On at least one occasion he is styled Roger *de* Thornton in the Patent rolls. If he were indeed a Yorkshireman he would almost certainly enter Newcastle, not by the Westgate, but over the old Tyne bridge. The question must remain open and the doubt unsolved. In either case he may well have been akin to that John Thornton who was one of the four bailiffs of Newcastle for the year 1392, and died shortly afterwards.<sup>1b</sup>

The earliest known reference to Roger de Thornton is in 1392, when he occurs as witness to a deed of John Vaux.<sup>1a</sup> His name next appears in history in the year 1398 when a Newcastle ship named 'The Good Year,' of which he was part owner, was seized and detained by the people of Wismar and Rostock.<sup>2</sup> He was one of the four bailiffs of Newcastle for the years 1397 and 1398, and as one of the two burgesses in parliament in 1399, he would seem to have had charge of the negotiations for the charter granted on the 23rd May, 1400, which separated the borough from Northumberland, and constituted the county of the town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. In the same year the grateful burgesses elected him to be their first mayor under the charter. 'He was elected mayor ten times in all, viz., in 1400, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1416, 1417, 1423, 1424,

<sup>1b</sup> John de Thornton was appointed, with William de Redmershill, a searcher for uncocketed goods between Berwick and Whitby on 18th May, 1377, being described as of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1374-1337, p. 469). He was appointed a collector of pontage on 24th November, 1387 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1385-1389, p. 367), and again on 24th December, 1390 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1388-1392, p. 359), on each occasion being called 'burgess.' He was one of the bailiffs during a mayoral year of William Bisshopdale, either in 1380 or 1392, probably the latter. He was dead before 8th March, 1394 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1391-1396, p. 386). There is every probability that he was a relative of Roger Thornton 1, and that Thornton was an adopted name. *Ex inf.* Mr. A. M. Oliver, town clerk of Newcastle.

<sup>1a</sup> Durham Treasury: Misc. Charters, 6623. *Ex inf.* Mr. A. M. Oliver.

<sup>2</sup> Welford, *Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. 1, p. 240.

1425, and represented the borough in four parliaments.<sup>3</sup> It may be that it was partly for his own convenience during the session of parliament, but more probably for commercial reasons, that he purchased property in London in Seacoal lane, Turnagain lane, and Tannersheld in Cheap.<sup>4</sup> Another legend preserved by Leland is to the effect that Thornton's wealth was due, in part, to 'Prices of Sylver Owre taken on the Se.' These words may mean that he had done a little successful privateering. If such were so, the arrest of his ship at Wismar or Rostock may be accounted for. The statement may, however, be based on the fact that he must have extracted silver from the lead mines of Weardale leased to him by bishop Skirlaw.<sup>5</sup>

In 1405, in consideration of his services in keeping the town against the first earl of Northumberland and other rebels, and for other services, he obtained grants of the manors of Kirklevington and Aclome in Yorkshire.<sup>6</sup>

The parentage of Roger Thornton's wife, Agnes Wanton, or perhaps Wauton, is not stated. Her arms [*argent*] a chevron and in base an annulet [*sable*] are blazoned on the Thornton brass to be mentioned presently. She may have sprung from a family of the name who, in the fourteenth century, owned Brotherwick, in the parish of Warkworth, whose heiress Joanna de Wauton became wife of Donald de Hesilrigg of Eslington. Agnes Thornton died on the 24th November, 1411, being the eve or vigil of St. Katherine. Her husband testified his grief in causing to be made the superb Flemish brass which still remains, though not in its original setting; in the church of All Saints.<sup>7</sup> On the

<sup>3</sup> Oliver, *The Mayoralty of Newcastle*, p. 16.

<sup>4</sup> Welford, *Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. i, p. 284.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 232.

<sup>6</sup> *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1405-1408, pp. 30, 42, 441.

<sup>7</sup> There is a photographic reproduction of a rubbing of the brass to illustrate Mr. J. G. Waller's note of it facing p. 78 of *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser. xv; an engraving in Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. i; p. 276, and a print with a key in Knowles and Boyle, *Vestiges of Old Newcastle and Gateshead*, p. 288. See also *Proc. of the society*, 2 ser. iv, 171n.

sinister side of the brass is a shield armorial [*sable*] a *chevron* [*argent*] a *chief indented* [*of the second*], for Thornton; on the dexter side a shield with the whole coat of Wanton or Wauton, and at the top and bottom are shields Thornton impaling Wauton. Below the feet of Thornton's own figure there is a row of seven males, and below the feet of his wife is a similar row of seven females, from which it has been inferred that their family numbered fourteen, or seven sons and seven daughters. The inference that Thornton had more children than his only surviving son and heir is supported by the words once inscribed on the glass of the great east window of St. Nicholas's, in which were represented 'The Twelve Apostles' and the 'Seven Deeds of Charity,' with the injunction to pray for the soul of Roger de Thornton and for his sons and daughters.<sup>8</sup>

Before his wife's death—possibly before their marriage—it had been Thornton's purpose to found a hospital. On his petition a writ was issued from Westminster, 1st August, 1402, directed to the mayor, Robert Cherdene, as the name is spelled on the roll, who, by virtue of his office, was also the king's escheator. The latter under the authority of the writ, on the last day of the same month, took an inquisition when the twelve jurors found that it would not be to the king's damage or prejudice, nor of any diminution of the farm of the town, if the king should grant a licence to 'Roger de Thornton, burgess of the said town,' that he may assign land, a hundred feet in length and eighty feet in breadth, with the appurtenants, to the mayor and commonalty 'to find certain persons in food and clothing in a certain *domus dei*, to be built by the said Roger, upon the said land, to pray for the health of the estate of His Majesty and of the said Roger

<sup>8</sup> This inscription is preserved in Gray, *Chorographia*, p. 12. Roger Thornton's window was destroyed in 1860 during one of the periodical restorations, each one more drastic than its predecessor, which have afflicted the mother church of Newcastle.

while they live, and for their souls when they die, and for the souls of the father and mother of the said Roger, and of all the benefactors of the said house.<sup>9</sup> The royal licence to alienate was granted on the 12th February, 1402[-3], the dimensions of the plot of ground being described as a hundred feet in length and eighty feet in breadth.<sup>10</sup> The building was probably completed before the 20th June, 1412, when the licence of incorporation was granted. The college was incorporated under the style of the 'Custos, Brothers and Sisters of the Hospital of St. Katherine, called Thornton's hospital,' and there was to be a common seal. The dimensions of the building are given as a hundred feet in length and forty feet in breadth. Licence was also granted to Thornton to found a chantry at St. Peter's altar in All Saints parochial chapel, and to endow hospital and chantry with lands and tenements to the value of 10*l.* per annum.<sup>11</sup> A third licence was obtained from Henry VI, on the 6th July, 1424, which after reciting the licence previously granted by the king's grandfather, grants permission to Thornton to assign to the hospital ten messuages and ten tofts to the value of 7*l.* per annum in full satisfaction of the recited licence to endow.<sup>12</sup> Up to this point the circumstances connected with the foundation of the institution have long been known, but the charter by which Thornton formally made his endowment and so completed his beneficent work has never been printed, and was scarcely known to exist. It is dated the 25th November, 1425, being St. Katherine's day.<sup>13</sup> On the same day Thornton founded the chantry of St. Peter's in All Saints church.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Inq. ad quod damnum*, 4 Hen. iv, no. 39.

<sup>10</sup> The licence is printed in Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. i, p. 24. Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1401-1405, p. 207.

<sup>11</sup> The licence is printed in Bourne, *Newcastle*, p. 124. Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1408-1413, p. 412.

<sup>12</sup> The licence is printed in Brand, *Newcastle*, vol. i, p. 25. Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1422-1429, p. 213.

<sup>13</sup> See appendix, no. 1.

<sup>14</sup> See appendix, no. 2.

Before the completion of his charitable foundation Thornton had arranged the marriage of his daughter Isabella with John Middleton, the articles before marriage being dated the 6th November, 1421.<sup>15</sup> Seven years later he negotiated a marriage for his eldest and perhaps only surviving son, Roger Thornton II, with Elizabeth, daughter of John, second lord Greystock, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of sir Robert Ferrars, of Wem, in Shropshire. The marriage settlement,<sup>16</sup> dated 4th February, 1428[-9], brought into settlement Witton by the Water,<sup>17</sup> now called Netherwitton, and broad lands at Windgates, Stanton Shield, Todburn, Long Horsley, Gerard-lee, Seaton in Woodhorn, Coldcotes, Kearsley and Ingo, the mill of Shieldfield near Newcastle, the advowson of St. Nicholas's chantry in Netherwitton chapel, certain property in Newcastle, and the manor and vill of 'Folansby,' with 'le Shelmore,' in the county of Durham. The grant was made with the proviso that if the said Elizabeth should not agree to the marriage, or do

<sup>15</sup> Indenture in Old French dated 6th November, 1421, between dame Christiana de Middylton, John de Middylton, knight, her son and heir, and Joan his wife, of the one part, and Roger Thornton, the elder, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, John de Fenwyk, chaplain, and Thomas de Pitynton, chaplain, of the other part, agreeing that John de Middylton, eldest son and heir apparent of the said sir John, shall marry Isabella, daughter of the said Roger, before the Feast of the Purification. If the said John should die, then the next heir of the said sir John should marry the said Isabella if living, or another daughter of the said Roger. The Middleton parties are to lease to Roger, East Swinburn, Jesmond, and their Derwentside lands for ten years to secure provision for his daughter's maintainance. Roger will pay to sir John 200*l.* in gold, and eight fothers of lead. Cotton Charters xii, 41. Communicated by Mr. F. W. Dendy. The contemplated marriage took place before 3rd May, 1422. See *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1416-1422, p. 435.

<sup>16</sup> See appendix no. 4.

<sup>17</sup> Thornton purchased the manor of Witton, with lands in Witton, Windgates, Stanton, Horsley, Gerardlee, Stannington, Benton, Killingworth, Bellasis, Shotton, Plessey and Tranwell from Thomas Griffith, lord of Wichnor, and by letters patent, granted 30th January, 1405[-6], had pardon for purchasing without licence. *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1405-1408, p. 138.

anything whereby it should be dissolved, then her estate in the premises should determine.<sup>18</sup>

Roger Thornton I died on the 3rd January, 1429[-30], the date of his death being subsequently filled into the vacant space, left for that purpose, in the memorial brass he had placed in All Saints church. Over and above the large settlement he had made on his son on his marriage, as mentioned above, Roger Thornton I, besides his mansion house in the Broad chare, left much property in Newcastle, in London, at Kirklevington<sup>19</sup> in Yorkshire, a moiety of the manor of Great Benton with lands in Benton, Weteslade, and Killingworth, a moiety of the manor of Stannington with lands in Stannington, Plessey, Shotton and Tranwell, property at Axwell, Swalwell, Bradbury with the Isle, and Ludworth in the bishopric; also the advowson of the two chantries of St. Elgy and the Holy Trinity in St. Nicholas's, the advowson of the chantry of St. Peter in All Saints, and the advowson of St. Katherine's hospital, otherwise Thornton's hospital.<sup>20</sup> The will of Roger Thornton I, made on the Thursday next before Yule day, in the year 1429, and proved at Durham on the 19th January following, has been printed by the Surtees Society.<sup>21</sup> It displays an anxious solicitude to stand well with the ecclesiastical authorities of the day. Gifts are made to the churches and chapels of St. Nicholas, All Hallows, St. John, St. Andrew, St. Thomas upon Tyne-bridge, Wall Knoll, the Nuns, the Order of Mendicants, and the Lepers in Newcastle, the chapel of Netherwitton, the monasteries and cells of Hexham, Tyne-mouth, Newminster, Brinkburn, Blanchland, Holystone, Farne

<sup>18</sup> In February, 1431[-2] Roger Thornton, donsel, nobleman, and Elizabeth his wife, damsel, noblewoman, of the diocese of Durham, obtained an indult from pope Eugenius IV to have mass celebrated before daybreak. *Cal. Papal Reg.*, vol. VIII, p. 362.

<sup>19</sup> See appendix, no. 1.

<sup>20</sup> Abstracts of the inquisitions taken on Roger Thornton's death are given in Welford, *History of Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. I, pp. 284-287.

<sup>21</sup> *Durham Wills and Inventories*, vol. I, p. 78 (2 Surtees Soc. publ.).

Island, Coquet Island, Whitby, Guisborough, Yarm, Hartlepool, Mount Grace, also Durham minster. He also gave 20*l.* for adorning 'ye mesondieu of Sint Kateryne of my foundacion,' and ordered that John Felton should be permitted for the term of his life to 'corrodeye in Seint Kateryne's.'<sup>22</sup> Thornton's provision was repaid by the abbot and convent of Newminster, who caused his name and death to be inscribed in their martyrology,<sup>23</sup> and the other communities who benefited by his provision would probably make similar acknowledgment.

Roger Thornton II—apparently the only surviving son, as well as heir, of Roger Thornton I—as patron of the Maison Dieu, in the year 1456 granted to the mayor and burgesses the use of the hall and kitchen of the hospital to permit young couples therein to make their wedding dinner.<sup>24</sup> There is a similar provision in one of the old halls in Copenhagen. The hall used for marriage feasts was no doubt that in which the company of merchant adventurers were used to hold their courts. The earliest existing ordinance of the company made, or re-enacted on the 23rd March, 1480[-1] provides for a court to be held every month in the 'playse appontyt' called 'the Masyndew of Sanct Kateryn,'<sup>25</sup> and here until the structure was demolished and rebuilt in 1823 the company's courts continued to be held.

By his marriage with Elizabeth Greystock, Roger Thornton

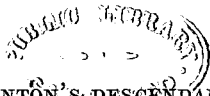
<sup>22</sup> A corrody, was an allowance of meat, drink and clothing, a privilege often given by a religious house for a consideration at the request of a benefactor.

<sup>23</sup> Anno Domini mccccxxix, in crastino Circumcisionis, obiit Rogerus de Thornton, burgensis villae Novi Castri, et dominus de Witton, qui castrum ibidem construxit, et dedit nobis plumbum quo operitur navis ecclesiae nostrae; pro quo Rogero, et Agnete uxore ejusdem, et liberis, dicimus quotidianam missam beatae Virginis, et aliam missam pro defunctis, et jacent in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum in Novo Castro. *Newminster Chartulary*, p. 302 (66 Surtees Soc. publ.).

<sup>24</sup> Bourne, *Newcastle*, p. 124. Gray, *Chorographia*.

<sup>25</sup> *Newcastle Merchant Adventurers*, vol. I, p. 1 (93 Surtees Soc. publ.).





II<sup>26</sup> had issue two daughters and co-heiresses, viz., Joan, wife of Robert de Ogle, who died without issue, and Elizabeth, wife of sir George Lumley, of Lumley, knight, who transmitted to a long line of descendants the bulk of the lands acquired by the industry of her grandfather, and also the advowson of the hospital of St. Katherine.

Having no sons by his marriage with Elizabeth Greystock, Roger Thornton II, after patriarchal fashion, took to himself Joan Law, by whom he had issue three sons, whom he named Giles, Roger and John—and perhaps a fourth son named Thomas—upon whom, in the year 1470, he settled the manors of Thornton in Yorkshire, Bradbury with the Isle, and Ludworth in the bishopric, and to whose use he succeeded in diverting from his legitimate heir the manor of Witton by the Water, in the parish of Hartburn, with its appurtenants. This arrangement was resented by his grandson, Thomas de Lumley, who having married a natural daughter of Edward IV, and quarrelling with his half-uncle, Giles Thornton, killed him in the moat or garden of the castle of Windsor. From the above named John Thornton, the youngest of the three brothers, descended the long line of Thornton of Netherwitton, now represented by Mr. J. S. Trevelyan.

John, lord Lumley, great great grandson of Roger Thornton II fought at Flodden, but, tamed by age, stayed quietly at home in the Aske rebellion, for taking part in which his son, George Lumley, was attainted and executed. The latter's son, also named John Lumley, succeeded to the estates on his grandfather's death, under an entail, and was subsequently created a baron. Although the chantry of St. Peter, in All Saints

<sup>26</sup> Roger Thornton II died shortly before 5th February, 1471[-2] on which day a commission was issued to sir Ralph de Graystock, knight, and four others, to enquire of what lands in Northumberland Roger Thornton, esq., had died seised as tenant in chief. *Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1467-1477, p. 317.*

church,<sup>27</sup> was dissolved by the acts of 1545 and 1547, the Lumleys succeeded in retaining the advowson or patronage of the hospital.<sup>28</sup> In the reign of Elizabeth there were proceedings in chancery, a bill apparently having been filed by sir John Lumley, knight, lord Lumley, as 'patron of the hospital of St. Katherine the Virgin upon the Sandhill,' and Martin Hollyman, scholar of Merton college, Oxford, 'warden or master of the hospital,' against Richard Dawson, of Mickle Benton, into whose hands had come some of the title deeds of two messuages belonging to the hospital, viz., one in Pandon street and the other in Gowler Rowe, in Love lane, in colour of which he had possessed himself of the property.<sup>29</sup> This Martin Hollyman under the description of master of the Maison Dieu was cited to appear at the vicar-general's visitation held on the 15th June and 15th July, 1584, and there was ordered to attend a meeting of the royal commissioners on the 3rd August following at Stockton with the foundations, ordinations, statutes, etc., of his house.<sup>30</sup>

A dispute between the crown and the patron was decided in favour of the latter on the 14th July, 1593, when Mr. Sergeant Owen and Mr. Lewkner, counsel learned in the law, gave their opinion that the institution was 'a lay hospytall as for that yt was fowndyd, encorporatyd and endowed by lycence from thee

<sup>27</sup> The inventory of the goods of St. Peter's chantry in All Saints, drawn up in 1548, is printed 97 Surtees Soc. publ., p. 162.

<sup>28</sup> There was a demise, 10th February, 1512, from Edward S(eaton) chaplain, master, or *custos*, of the hospital of St. Katherine on the Sandhill, with consent of John, lord Lumley, the patron, of a tenement in Gowerley rawe between the tenement of John Ellison, mariner, on the north, and a tenement in the tenure of Thomas Caffo on the south, and on the west from the street aforesaid to the road which leads to Wallknoll. *Penes* Rev. William Greenwell. On the 5th February, 1532, sir John Lumley granted the presentation to the first vacancy in the chapel of St. Katherine on the Sandhill to Robert Ayton and Robert Halyman. *Arch. Ael.*, 2 ser., vol. xv, p. 185.

<sup>29</sup> *Chancery Proceedings*, Elizabeth, series 17, no. 22. Cf. *Newcastle Merchant Adventurers*, vol. I, p. xlix.

<sup>30</sup> Welford, *Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. III, p. 24.

king,' to this opinion the attorney-general of the period 'dyd yeald the same day.'<sup>31</sup> On the 1st March, 1594, there was a grant or demise of some property by John, lord Lumley, to the mayor and burgesses, sealed with the cōmmon seal of the town and that of Lyonell Maddyson, whose signature, as mayor, is affixed.<sup>32</sup> John, lord Lumley, died on the 11th April, 1609, and on the 12th November following his widow had dealings with property belonging to the hospital.<sup>33</sup> Having no surviving issue he was succeeded by his second cousin, Richard Lumley, who was baptized at Chester-le-Street, 7th July, 1589. He was knighted 19th July, 1619, and on the 12th July, 1628, was created viscount Lumley in the peerage of Ireland.

A rental of the property belonging to the hospital, drawn up 28th May, 1618, has been preserved.<sup>34</sup> It held:—in Sandgate 9 rents, in Love lane 3, on Keyside 3, in Pandon 6, in Grindon lane 2, in Broad chare 3, in the Side 4, in Westgate 6, in the Close 4, in Fryer chare 1, in North Dore (*sic*) 2, in Horse market 1, in Pilgrim street 3, in Middle street 2, and in Gateshead 9; the total of the annual rents from all these tenements only amounted to 17l. 14s. 7d.

Four years later, on the 22nd November, 1622, sir Richard Lumley, described as the 'true and undoubted patron of the hospital of St. Katherine the Virgin upon the Sandhill,' appointed John Lumley to be keeper or master of the same, with all the rights, etc., as of late used and enjoyed by Martin Hallyman, deceased, late master and keeper thereof, or by Thomas Hallyman, also deceased, late master. He required Nicholas Blaxton and George Clerké, gents., and all other his tenants and fermers within the liberties of Newcastle, to put John Lumley into possession.<sup>35</sup> Very unfortunately the three words which imme-

<sup>31</sup> See contemporary endorsement on charter, appendix no. 1.

<sup>32</sup> Documents with Rev. William Greenwell. <sup>33</sup> *Ibid.* <sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>35</sup> Document with the Rev. William Greenwell. Cf. Pedigree of Halliman, in Surtees, *Durham*, vol. II, p. 397.

diately preceded John Lumley's name have become illegible, but Mr. Greenwell thinks the first is 'my,' the second 'loving,' and the third possibly either 'son' or 'cousin.' If the latter, the relationship must have been very distant, for at the period the pedigree shows very few males of the family. If the illegible word was son it may be surmised that the father was appointing his only son to a sinecure with a view to future contingencies. On the 1st June, 1624, sir Richard Lumley, in consideration of 110*l.* (and apparently of a reserved rent) conveyed to the mayor and burgesses the structure or house of the hospital.<sup>36</sup> The following entry appears in the town's books under date July, 1632: 'Paide Mr. John Lomley, master of St. Catherine's, called the Mezon diew, for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  yeares rent of the Towne's Chamber, and Charnel house, due at Whitsonday, 1632, viij<sup>s</sup> iiij.' This proves that part of the hospital was used for meetings of common council. On the 14th March, 1636[-7], John Lumley,<sup>37</sup> master of the hospital of St. Katherine, called Thornton's hospital, with the brethren and sisters, demised to William Bonner, draper, a little cellar or vault<sup>38</sup> in his occupation, then used as a shop, in a street called the Sandhill, under a loft there, adjoining a house called the Charnel house, on the east side, and a cellar late in the occupation of Cuthbert Bewick on the south-west, to hold for a term of forty years.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Cf. Welford, *Newcastle and Gateshead*, vol. III, p. 258.

<sup>37</sup> Document with Mr. Greenwell.

<sup>38</sup> The cellar or vault in which William Bonner kept a shop will remind the reader of Mrs. Macleuchar's 'laigh shop' opening to the High street of Edinburgh 'by a strait and steep stair, at the bottom of which she sold tape, thread, needles, skeins of worsted, coarse linen cloth, and such feminine gear, to those who had the courage and skill to descend to the profundity of her dwelling,' and from which she emerged 'until her nose came upon a level with the pavement' to excuse the unpunctual departure of the Queensferry diligence as described in the first chapter of *The Antiquary*.

<sup>39</sup> On the 6th October, 1648, Thomas Bonner, being then mayor, requested the court of Merchant Adventurers to grant the use of the charnel house,

Then came the convulsion and confusion of the civil wars. Richard, viscount Lumley, and his son, John Lumley, suffered sequestration for their Sussex and Hampshire estates, but escaped for those in Durham and Northumberland. They petitioned for leave to compound alleging that though they left home to join the king, they neither bore arms nor contributed to his service. Their fines were reduced to 1,925*l.* 15*s.* The pressing need to raise money to pay the fines, which were paid before 6th November, 1652, may perhaps account for the further dismemberment of their patrimonial property in Newcastle.

New appointments of brethren or sisters would cease to be made, and then the inmates would begin 'to understand that soon, one among them would be the last—some one wretched being would be alone there in that now comfortless hospital.'<sup>41</sup> The last glimpse of these inmates that we catch is in the town's books for the month of October, 1656: 'Paide the poor widdowes in the Mazindew for  $\frac{1}{2}$  a yeares rent where they live, xvi<sup>th</sup>.'

The upper room, or hall, purchased by the mayor and burgesses in 1624, was leased by them to the merchants' company at the rent of five shillings per annum. That part known as the charnel house was assigned to the company of free porters. But the rights of the Lumleys were extinguished not before the year 1742, when complaint was made that the court room could not be repaired and beautified by reason of a great smoke from the rooms belonging to the earl of Scarbrough, the acquisition of which was greatly to be desired.<sup>42</sup> The merchant adventurers had

which the company apparently used for retailing seized goods, for a year. This period was apparently extended again and again, until 21st August, 1700, when an order was made that the governor should acquaint the mayor of the company's claim. *Newcastle Merchant Adventurers*, pp. 148, 241 (93 Surtees Soc. publ.).

<sup>40</sup> *Royalist Compositions*, 280 (111 Surtees Soc. publ.).

<sup>41</sup> Trollope, *The Warden*, chap. xxi.

<sup>42</sup> *Newcastle Merchant Adventurers*, vol. 1, p. 259 (93 Surtees Soc. publ.).

beautified their room in 1636 with a splendid mantle piece of oak carved with a representation of the ' Judgment of Solomon,' and the ' Miraculous Draught of Fishes ' which still adorns the hall built in 1656, now used for their meetings. Alderman Hugh Hornby,<sup>43</sup> whose woollen draper's shop stood on the north side of the Sandhill, and who must have looked out from his shop door every day upon what was once the site of the hospital, writing about the year 1774, states: ' The corporation of Newcastle purchased this building, which, when I first remembered it, consisted of a large room arched with stone, over which was the merchants' court, beneath, a cellar roofed in the same manner. On the north side was an ancient stone building covered with lead in which there were shops. This part was pulled down about thirty years ago and rebuilt of brick with piazzas in front by James Wilkinson, merchant, who was the tenant, for the purpose of making a dwelling house, and an office there. The old building was uniformly called the *Maison dieu*, but since the alteration it seems almost to have lost the name.' The eastern portion of the building seems to have remained until 1823, and is figured in Richardson's *Table Book (Hist.)* vol. III, p. 264. It was replaced by a portico or colonnade to be used as a market by the fish wives, who until that time occupied the Sandhill. This portico was enclosed in the year 1871, and added to the Exchange.

<sup>43</sup> Hornby's acquaintance with the place would date from the year 1748 when, as a boy from Lancaster, he was apprenticed to Snow Clayton, whose sister, Catherine Clayton, subsequently became his wife. Hornby who was mayor in 1778 and 1789, made good use of his opportunity of access to the town records, from which, and from his personal observation he drew sound conclusions.

APPENDIX I.<sup>44</sup>

1425. Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum indentatum peruenerit, Rogerus Thornton de Nouo Castro super Tynam, salutem et rei geste perpetuam memoriam. Quoniam vt ait Apostolus omnes stabimus ante tribunal Cristi prout gessimus corpore, recepturi siue bonum fuerit siue malum. Vnde ego dictus Rogerus, hac meditatione compunctus, volens diem meum extremum operibus misericordie prouenire cupiensque terrena in celestia et transitoria in eterna commercio commutare, licencia domini regis ac omnium et singulorum quorum interest consensu pariter et assensu prehabitis, quoddam hospitale, vocatum Thornton hospital, in honore sancte Katerine, in quodam mesuagio, per me nuper edificato infra villam dicti Noui Castri, in quodam loco vocato le Sandhill, ex parte orientali de Guyldhall in dicta villa, continente centum pedes in longitudine et quater viginti pedes in latitudine, de vno capellano diuina infra hospitale predictum pro salubri statu mei prefati Rogeri dum vixero, et pro anima mea cum ab hac luce migrauero, ac animabus patris et matris meorum et Agnetis nuper vxoris mee, necnon antecessorum et liberorum nostrorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum, singulis diebus celebraturo; ac de nouem viris et quatuor feminis pauperibus in eodem hospitali sustentandis iuxta formam dicte licence ac ordinacionis mee subsequente, rite et legitime feci, fundavi, erexi et stabiliui, facio, fundo, erigo et stabilio, ac illud de bonis michi a Deo collatis per formam presentis scripti in parte dotavi, et in futurum sufficienter Deo dante dotare propono, ac tempore huius fundacionis, ordinacionis et statuta pro gubernacione dicti hospitalis feci et facio, que imperpetuum vt subscribitur obseruari volo. Imprimis ordino et preficio Johannem Fenwik capellanum in custodem hospitalis predicti et custodiam ac regimen eiusdem hospitalis pauperum ac terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, possessionum et bonorum dicti hospitalis, fratribus et sororibus eiusdem pertinencium, eidem Johanni confero per presentes, ibidem deseruienti per formam presentis ordinacionis. Et insuper preficio et denomino istas tresdecim personas subsequentes tanquam primos tresdecim pauperes dicti hospitalis, videlicet, Johannem Pynchebek, Robertum Wermouth, Willelmum Coke, Johannem Ireby, Willelmum Miton, Stephanum Hunter, Thomam Bywell, Johannem Flemmyng, Johannem de Sayntannes, Isabellam del Bothe, Luciam Smyth, Margaretam Fenwyk et Katerinam Filay, in fratres et sorores eiusdem hospitalis, ad deseruendum ibidem per formam presentis ordinacionis prout inferius declarabitur. Item volo, ordino et statuo quod custos et pauperes, sic vt premititur per me deputati vel per me seu heredes meos imposterum deputandi, sint perpetui, et quod jus conferendi officium

<sup>44</sup>The transcripts have been made from the original documents in the possession of the Rev. William Greenwell by Mr. R. Welford, and collated with the originals by Mr. William Brown, F.S.A.

dicti custodis et denominacio pauperum ad me, quamdiu vixero, et post decessum meum ad heredes meos tanquam fundatores et patronos dicti hospitalis pertineat imperpetuum. Item volo et ordino quod predicti custos et successores sui, futuris perpetuis temporibus preficiendi, sint persone idonee et capellani bone fame, et quod duodecim de dictis tresdecim pauperibus ibidem fore contingentibus sint tales persone que propter debilitatem aut grandem senectutem pro sustentacione sua nequiunt laborare, et quod terciodecimus dictorum pauperum sit talis persona, que per mandatum dicti custodis circa necessaria dicti hospitalis scit et laborare teneatur, et quod illi pauperes qui de bonis suis ad supportacionem dicti hospitalis dare voluerint, necnon illi pauperes, de quibus terras et tenementa aut possessiones michi et heredibus meis perpetrari et adquisiui, huiusmodi denominatione preferantur. Item volo et ordino quod quilibet custos, tempore quo primo preficitur in custodem dicti hospitalis, in presencia patroni aliorumque fidedignorum, tactis sacrosanctis euangeliis, sacramentum prestat corporale quod omnia et singula in presenti ordinacione contenta, quatenus ipsum contingunt, fideliter et plenarie iuxta possibilitatem suam rationabilem faciet et complebit, et quod quilibet custos qui pro tempore fuerit, statim et immediate postquam in custodem preficitur, in presencia patroni aut eius deputati et aliorum fidedignorum plenum inuentorium facere teneatur de omnibus calicibus, libris, vestimentis, ornamentis, cartis, scriptis, munimentis ceterisque rebus ad dictum hospitale ordinatis, de quibus vel de melioribus aut saltim equivalentibus teneatur idem custos et executores sui futuro custodi rationabiliter respondere; et insuper quod quilibet custos ad tunc inueniat sufficientes plegios et manucaptos patrono dicti hospitalis pro eisdem bonis ad vsum dicti hospitalis conseruandis et annuatim dicto patrono aut suo deputato comptum reddendo et demonstrando sine dolo et fraude. Item volo quod quilibet custos dicti hospitalis percipiat annuatim pro sustentacione sua de exitibus dicti hospitalis decem libras monete Anglie, et quilibet dictorum tresdecim pauperum per manus dicti custodis et successorum suorum ad finem cuiuslibet septimane absque vltiore dilacione fienda, nisi cum consensu dictorum pauperum, habeat et percipiat de exitibus predictis octo denarios ad sustentacionem suam imperpetuum. Item volo et ordino quod dicti custodes, qui pro tempore erunt, reddant rationabilem comptum quolibet anno infra octabas sancte Katerine certis auditoribus per predictos patronos assignandis de omnimodis terris, tenementis, ceteris commoditatibus, ornamentis, bonis et rebus quibuscunque eidem hospitali spectantibus, ad effectum quod totum residuum vltra predicta stipendia et onera rationabilia dicto hospitali incumbencia plenarie et integre ad manutenenciam et supportacionem eiusdem hospitalis cum suis edificiis et pertinenciis conuertatur. Item volo et ordino quod predicti custos et successores sui ac predicti tresdecim pauperes et successores sui moram personalem in dicto hospitali continue faciant imperpetuum, nisi lepra conspersi fuerint vel alia



infirmirate graui seu intolerabili detineantur, qua infirmitate contingente adtunc idem infirmus ad alium locum per discrecionem patroni amoueat extra dictum hospitale, dictoque stipendio suo durante vita sua gaudeat modo consimili sicut ceteri pauperes gaudent vt predictum est. Item volo et ordino quod non liceat prefato custodi aut successoribus suis officium dicti custodis cum aliquo beneficio, dignitate vel officio permutare, nec officium dicti custodis simul et semel cum alio beneficio, dignitate, officio vel stipendio optinere et possidere. Quod si fecerit dictum hospitale re et verbo dimittere teneatur absque difficultate seu contradiccione quacunq[ue], liceatq[ue] tunc michi, heredibus et assignatis meis, patronis dicti hospitalis fore contingentibus, eundem custodem ab officio predicto expellere et alium custodem loco suo in custodem dicti hospitalis preficere. Prouiso semper quod bene liceat prefato Johanni Fenwik durante vita sua officium custodis dicti hospitalis simul cum capella sancti Laurencii iuxta Biker tenere et possidere, capiend[um] de exitibus dicti hospitalis annuatim nisi octo libras monete Anglie pro tanto tempore quanto contigerit dictum Johannem Fenwyk predictam capellam sancti Laurencii cum pertinenciis tenere et possidere. Item volo quod quandocumq[ue] contigerit me et Rogerum filium meum ab hac luce migrare et dictum hospitale, cedente vel decedente custode eiusdem hospitalis aut alia causa quacunq[ue] vacare contigerit, quod vnus alius capellanus idoneus, habens famam bene viuendi, preficiatur per heredes vel assignatos meos, patronos predictos, in custodem hospitalis predicti ibidem, deseruendi per formam presentis ordinacionis, et hoc infra quadraginta dies proximo sequentes postquam huiusmodi casus euenerit post mortem nostram. Item volo quod si aliqui dictorum pauperum post mortem meam et post mortem dicti Rogeri filii mei decesserint vel aliquis eorum decesserit, amoti fuerint vel aliquis eorum amotus fuerit, alii per heredes vel assignatos nostros, patronos dicti hospitalis, prefato custodi denominentur et per ipsum ad sustentacionem eiusdem hospitalis admittantur, et hoc infra quadraginta dies postquam huiusmodi casus euenerit post mortem nostram, saluo tamen michi ac dicto Rogero filio meo durante vita nostra iure preficiendi et presentandi dictos custodem et pauperes ad dictum hospitale cum huiusmodi casus euenerit, quandocumq[ue] nobis placuerit et nullo termino inde nobis limitato. Et si heredes vel assignati nostri, patroni dicti hospitalis, post mortem nostram negligentes fuerint vel remissi, et prefatos custodem vel pauperes infra dictos quadraginta dies minime prefecerint et denominauerint vt predictum est, quod tunc post mortem meam et post mortem dicti Rogeri filii mei bene liceat maiori, vicario, vicecomiti et sex aldermannis ville Noui Castri predictae pro tempore existentibus, infra alios quadraginta dies extunc proximo sequentes vnum custodem et pauperem vel pauperes in forma predicta hac vice preficere et denominare, et sic tociens quociens heredes vel assignati nostri patroni dicti hospitalis post mortem meam et post mortem dicti Rogeri filii mei negligentes fuerint vel remissi. Et si contingat dictos maiorem,

vicarium, vicecomitem et aldermannos in huiusmodi preficione et denominacione discordes existere, quod factum fuerit per maiorem partem eorundem ibidem tunc presentem illa vice robur optineat firmitatis, salvo heredibus et assignatis nostris alias iure suo inde cum acciderit. Item volo quod custos predictus et successores sui in eodem hospitali singulis diebus diuina celebrent, et in memoriam specialem habeant animas predictas et omnes benefactores dicti hospitalis ac animas omnium fidelium defunctorum, nisi causa infirmitatis vel in agendis necessariis dicti hospitalis aut alia causa rationabili legitime fuerint impediti vel occupati. Dicent etiam cotidie Placebo et Dirige cum commendacione pro animabus predictis, festis duplicibus dumtaxat exceptis, nisi causa rationabilis interueniat; et insuper diebus dominicis singulis annis in pulpito capelle dicti hospitalis inter preces specialiter et nominatim recommendabunt animas predictas et animas benefactorum eiusdem hospitalis, dicendo deuote hunc spalmum, De profundis, ac antiphonam beate Marie. Decantari insuper faciant dicti custodes et eorum successores infra eandem capellam dicti hospitalis Placebo et Dirige et unam missam cum nota in illo die quo contigerit me ab hac luce migrare pro obitu meo; et sic de anno in annum ad eundem diem anniuersarium meum pro anima mea, vxoris mee, et pro animabus predictis distribuendo tunc de exitibus dicti hospitalis quadraginta denarios inter capellanos ibidem tunc deseruientes et decantantes, et alios quadraginta denarios pauperibus egenis illuc tunc causa elemosine venientibus; ac etiam orent et intercedent predicti tresdecim pauperes assidue et deuote pro statu et animabus predictis, et quilibet eorum, nisi causa rationabilis interueniat, dicat cotidie tribus vicibus spalterium beate Marie virginis, videlicet terquinquaginta salutaciones angelicas cum quindecim oracionibus dominicis et tribus simbolis, videlicet spalterium pro matutinis, alterum pro missa et tertium pro vespers, et quinque oraciones dominicas pro viuus, et alias quinque pro mortuis nomine completorii. Et si aliquis dictorum pauperum decesserit, ceteri superstites orabunt pro illo et dicat quilibet eorum quolibet die quindecim oraciones dominicas pro anima defuncti quousque quindecim dies transcurrantur. Et si aliquis vel aliqua dictorum pauperum fornicauerit, latrocinium fecerit, aut contumeliosus fuerit seminando verba discordie inter fratres suos, vel si inobediens fuerit dicto custodi in mandatis licitis et honestis, quod tunc quilibet dictorum pauperum sic delinquens primo, secundo et tercio puniatur per oraciones dicendas aut per ieiunia rationabilia, et si quarto deliquerit et gratis emendare noluerit aut non poterit, quod tunc per discrecionem et denominacionem patroni dicti hospitalis tanquam rebellis et discors a dicto hospitali eiciatur et expellatur, et loco suo alius vel alia pauper de bono gestu sub modis et formis vt predictum est substituatur et denominetur. Preterea volo quod ego, heredes et assignati mei, patroni memorati hospitalis, potestatem habeamus pauperes predictos propter notabiles et notorios eorum defectus aut crimina seu excessus in ipsis repertos et super eisdem conuictos, a dicto

hospitali amouendi aliosque ibidem substituendi vt predictum est. Item volo et ordino<sup>1</sup> quod non liceat prefato custodi aut successoribus suis vastum, vendicionem, exilium seu destruccionem fecerit de terris, domibus siue possessionibus cum suis pertinenciis ad dictam custodiam seu ad hospitale predictum assignatis vel assignandis, vel si aliquod crimen notorium commiserit et inde conuictus fuerit; aut si diuinis seruiciis ceterisque oracionibus ex parte sua virtute presentis ordinacionis et fundacionis dicendis, perficiendis et obseruandis, cessauerit per quadraginta dies in anno, nisi causa rationabilis interueniat; vel si stipendia dictorum pauperum in eius defectu sint subtracta, detenta, et qualibet septimana sine causa rationabili et sine consensu dictorum pauperum non soluta vt predictum est; vel si dictos pauperes maliciose et indiscrete contra tenorem presentis ordinacionis gubernauerit, seu terras, tenementa, possessiones, redditus aut alia bona dicti hospitalis in destruccionem aut preiudicium eiusdem hospitalis, fratrum et sororum eiusdem devastauerit, dismembrauerit, alienauerit, impignorauerit seu expenderit contra tenorem presentis ordinacionis sine consensu et voluntate patroni dicti hospitalis; vel si aliquem articulum in presenti ordinacione contentum voluntarie et absque causa rationabili ex parte sua infregerit seu contraierit, et inde sufficienti testimonio probabiliter conuictus fuerit, quod tunc bene liceat michi dum vixero, et post decessum meum heredibus et assignatis meis, patronis dicti hospitalis, huiusmodi custodem expellere, amouere aliumque in custodem dicti hospitalis loco suo preficere et assumere, ibidem deseruiturum per formam presentis ordinacionis, et sic tocienis quociens talis casus delicti in gubernacione dicti custodis aut successorum suorum euenerit. Item volo et ordino per presentes quod omnes et singuli articuli presentis ordinacionis singulis annis quolibet quarterio anni, in capitulo et conuocacione dictorum pauperum fiendis, in audiencia dictorum pauperum palam et distincte legantur, ne prefati custodes et pauperes de predictis oracionibus dicendis negligentes fuerint, et de ignorantia fundacionis excusare non poterint. Item volo et ordino quod predictus custos, fratres et sorores et successores sui habeant imperpetuum sigillum commune cum ymagine sancte Katerine in sigillo huiusmodi contenta, quod quidem sigillum commune erit in custodia dicti custodis in quadam pixide siue cista serata et sigillata sigillo mei predicti Rogeri et heredum meorum patronorum hospitalis predicti. Et si aliquod, ad dictum hospitale pertinens, aliquo sigillo quam sigillo predicto sigillatum fuerit, careat omni robore et effectu. Premissa vero omnia et singula modo quo premittitur volo et ordino inuiclabiliter obseruari et imperpetuum habere roboris firmitatem. Et in auxilium sustentacionis dicti hospitalis et onerum suorum sciatis me, prefatum Rogerum Thornton, auctoritate et licencia predictis michi

<sup>1</sup> Originally the clause appears to have been 'quod si custos aut successores sui,' etc., and the later writer ought to have altered 'fecerit' to 'facere.'

concessis, dedisse, concessisse et hac presenti carta et scripto meo confirmasse Johanni Fenwyk custodi, fratribus et sororibus pauperibus hospitalis predicti et eorum successoribus imperpetuum omnia terras, tenementa, redditus et possessiones subscripta cum suis pertinenciis iacencia in dicta villa Noui Castri; videlicet, unum messuagium cum pertinenciis iacens super le Sandhill, ex parte orientali de Lorkburn, vocatum Thornton sellers, inter tenementum Johannis Mosdale et tenementum Roberti Bothe ex parte australi et tenementum quod prior Dunelmensis tenet de domino rege ex parte boriali, et extendit se in longitudine a via regia vocata Sandhill ex parte occidentali usque ad venellam vocatam Brounchare ex parte orientali. Item vnum aliud messuagium cum pertinenciis quondam Johannis Stokdale, sicut iacet super le Keyside, in latitudine in fronte versus austrum inter tenementum Thome Holden ex parte orientali et tenementum nuper Willelmi Fulthorpe militis ex parte occidentali, et iacet in latitudine retro versus boriā inter tenementum nuper Willelmi Johnson ex parte orientali et tenementum pertinens ad abbatiam de Tyne-mouth ex parte occidentali, et extendit in longitudine a via regia vocata le Keyside versus austrum usque ad gardinum nuper dicti Willelmi Johnson versus borialam. Item vnum messuagium cum pertinenciis quondam Agnetis Eton, sicut iacet in vico vocato le Close inter illud magnum tenementum vocatum Percy in nunc ducis Bedford' ex parte orientali et quoddam vastum domini regis vocatum Ald Javell, iacens super le northest corner venelle vocate Javelgrippe ex parte occidentali, et iacet in latitudine retro versus austrum super aquam Tyne inter predictum Percy in ex parte orientali vsque a predicta venella vocata Javelgrippe ex parte occidentali, et extendit in longitudine a dicto vico vocato le Close ex parte boriali vsque ad aquam Tyne ex parte australi. Item vnum messuagium cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in eodem vico del Close super le west side venelle del Javelgrippe, in latitudine a dicta venella de Javelgrippe ex parte orientali et tenementum nuper Willelmi Bonyfant ex parte occidentali, et extendit se in longitudine a via regia vocata le Close ex parte boriali vsque ad aquam Tyne ex parte australi. Item vnum messuagium cum pertinenciis nuper Johannis Blith, sicut iacet super Fleshe-rawe prope le Calecrosse, in latitudine inter tenementum Thome Hesilrig de Swarland ex parte occidentali et tenementum pertinens cantarie sancte Margarete in ecclesia sancti Nicholai ex parte orientali, et iacet in longitudine a via regia ibidem ex parte australi vsque ad quandam terram vastam ibidem ex parte boriali. Item vnum messuagium nuper Willelmi Redemershill, sicut iacet in illo vico vocato le Side, que ducit a Sandhille versus ecclesiam sancti Nicholai, et iacet in latitudine inter tenementum vocatum Wodmansland, pertinent (sic) communitati dicte ville, ex parte boriali, et tenementum Laurencii Acton ex parte australi et in longitudine a dicta via ex parte orientali vsque ad le Castelmote ex parte occidentali. Item vnum mesuagium nuper Johannis Backworth cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in vico vocato Westgate in latitudine inter tenementum Johannis Holden prope Whitefreres ex parte australi, et

venellam que ducit a Westgate vsque ad portam in muro regis vocatam Whitefreryate ex parte boreali, et iacet in latitudine a dicta via ex parte orientali vsque ad comune passagium subtus et infra murum domini regis ex parte occidentali. Item vnum mesuagium quondam Johannis Resham et postea Katerine Filay cum pertinenciis, sicut iacet infra Pampeden in dicta villa in vico vocato Fishergate, in latitudine inter tenementum nuper Willelmi Darcy capellani ex parte australi, et tenementum pertinens ad Walknoll ex parte boreali, et in longitudine a dicto vico ex parte orientali vsque ad Pampedenburn ex parte occidentali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper Roberti Anand, sicut iacet in dicto vico de Westgate super le cornar del Denton chare ex opposito le Pant, in latitudine inter venellam vocatam Denton chare ex parte boreali et tenementum pertinens cantarie beate Marie in dicta ecclesia sancti Nicholai ex parte australi, et in longitudine a dicto vico ex parte occidentali vsque ad le comongutter ex parte orientali. Item vnum toftum nuper Katerine Filay, sicut iacet infra Pampeden yate prope finem orientalem del Pampeden brig prope le horsemylne, inter gardinum nuper Johannis Broune ex parte australi, et inter illud vastum gardinum pertinens ponti Tyne, quod iacet infra Pampeden yate, ex parte boreali, et extendit in longitudine a via regia ante versus occidentem vsque ad murum petrinum de Walknollkirkyarde ex parte orientali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper Willelmi Redemershill, sicut iacet super Ratonrawe, ex parte boreali cimiterii sancti Nicholai, inter tenementum quod tenetur de Westspittel ex parte occidentali, et tenementum pertinens cuidam cantarie in capella sancti Thome super pontem Tyne ex parte orientali, et inter le Clathmarket ex parte boreali et dictum cimiterium sancti Nicholai ex parte australi. Item vnum longum toftum cum pertinenciis quondam Gilberti Flemyng, sicut iacet super le Keyside infra le Sandyate in latitudine a parua venella ibidem ex parte occidentali et comune passagium subtus vsque viam domini regis que ducit a Pampedenyate versus Walknoll ex parte orientali, et iacet in longitudine a via regia ibidem ex parte australi versus ad finem de Fishergate ex parte boreali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper Johannis Kede, quod tenetur in feodo de Westspittel, sicut iacet extra le Sandyate in latitudine inter comune passagium subtus murum domini regis ibidem ex parte occidentali, et inter alium toftum nuper dicti Johannis Kede, quod tenetur in feodo de heredibus Willelmi Fulthorp militis, ex parte orientali, et extendit se in longitudine a magno clauso vocato Walknoll Close ex parte boreali vsque in aquam Tyne ex parte australi, salua via regia ibidem vocata Sandyate. Et sciendum est quod in fine australi istius tofti nunc est constructa le Shipdok. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper dicti Johannis Kede, sicut iacet ibidem contigue ex parte orientali, et tenetur in feodo vt predicatur de heredibus dicti Willelmi Fulthorp, et iacet ibidem in latitudine inter proximum prescriptum toftum ex parte occidentali et inter vnum tenementum Roberti Gabifor et alterum tenementum pertinens ad cantariam sancte

Katarine in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum ex parte orientali, et extendit se in longitudine a dicto clauso del Walknoll ex parte boreali vsque in Tynam, salua via regia de Sandgate pro transitu hominum ibidem. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper Willelmi Redemershill, sicut iacet in Westgate super le Westrawe ex opposito (*sic*) le Pant, in latitudine inter tenementum Johannis Botrell ac tenementum comitis Westmerland' ex parte boreali, et tenementum nuper Thome Heryngton et Edwardi Bartram ex parte australi, et extendit in longitudine a dicto vico ex parte orientali, et<sup>2</sup> terram dicti comitis Westmerland' et Edwardi Bartram ex parte occidentali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis nuper Ricardi Pencher, sicut iacet in Pilgrymstrete supra le northside venelle vocate Grayfrerchare in latitudine et<sup>3</sup> dicta venella ex parte australi et tenementum Laurencii Acton ex parte boreali, et in longitudine a Pilgrymstrete ex parte orientali vsque ad paruam venellam que ducit a Northkirkdore dictorum fratrum versus passagium subtus murum domini regis. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta mesuagia, tofta, terras, tenementa, possessiones cum pertinenciis prefatis custodi et pauperibus fratribus et sororibus dicti hospitalis et eorum successoribus de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia inde debita et de jure consueta imperpetuum. Ac sciendum est quod omnia predicta mesuagia et tofta cum suis edificiis et pertinenciis adeo ad presens sunt vastata et ruinosa quod non valent per annum vltra reprisas et vltra redditus et feodi firmas inde annuatim soluendas nisi sex marce sex solidi et octo denarii: set propono deo dante tempore futuro cum grandis (*sic*) expensis omnia edificia superdicta mesuagia et tofta nunc constructa ad terram proicere et super solum eorundem plura alia edificia in mesuagiis, toftis et cotagiis de novo construere et edificare, ad intencionem quod per huiusmodi edificaciones in pluribus mansionibus vt predictur fiendis valor annualis eorundem crescat imperpetuum in auxilium sustentacionis onerum dicti hospitalis. In cuius rei testimonium partibus hujus scripti et carte mee indentate sigillum meum apposui. Dat. apud dictam villam Nouicastri in festo sancte Katarine anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo quinto. (Seal indecipherable).

Endorsed—'1425. No. 4. Mr. Thornton's deed for founding St. Katherine's hospital.'

'*M<sup>ed</sup>* that uppon reference had wth Mr. Sergeant Owen and Mr. Lewkner thee xiii<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1592, as towching thee hospitall within namyd, thee same ys wthout all danger of the statute made 1<sup>o</sup> Ed. 6 for colledges, free-chapells and chanteryes, etc., as well for that yt ys a lay hospytall as for that yt was fowndyd, incorporatyd and endowed by Lyncence from thee king vnto wch poynt Mr. attorney also dyd yeald thee same day.'

<sup>2</sup> 'Et' should be 'vsque ad.'    <sup>3</sup> 'Et dicta venella' should be 'inter dictam venellam.'

## APPENDIX II.

1427. Hec indentura facta inter Willelmum Harwod capellanum, custodem cantarie sancti Petri in capella Omnium Sanctorum in villa Nouicastro super Tynam, ex parte vna, et Johannem Fenwyk capellanum, custodem hospitalis sancte Kataryne vocati Thornton hospital in villa predicta, fratres et sorores eiusdem hospitalis, ex parte altera, testatur, quod predictus Willelmus ex consensu et assensu et speciali precepto Rogeri Thornton de Nouo castro super Tynam, tam patroni dicti hospitalis quam dicte cantarie, dedit, concessit et hac presenti carta tripartita indentata confirmavit predicto Johanni Fenwyk capellano custodi hospitalis predicti, duo messuagia cum suis pertinenciis, sicut iacent in dicta villa Noui castri, et septem tofta cum suis pertinenciis, prout iacent in predicta villa, quorum vnum messuagium cum pertinenciis iacet in predicta villa proximum le Newyate ex parte orientali vie regie ibidem super le corner de Freremynoure chare ex parte australi, et extendit se in longitudine a dicta via regia ante vsque ad terram vastam Ade de Killingworth retro, et in latitudine a dicta venella ex parte boreali vsque ad terram Willelmi Lilburn ex parte australi. Item aliud mesuagium cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in longitudine a via regia qua itur a Calecrosse vsque ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum ex parte australi vsque ad terram Willelmi Scaleby ex parte boreali, et in latitudine inter tenementum quondam Willelmi Gardiner ex parte orientali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte occidentali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in Grindonchare, sicut iacet in longitudine inter dictum Gryndonchare ex parte orientali ante et le Brovnechare ex parte occidentali retro, et in latitudine inter terras pertinentes cantarie beati Thome martiris in capella Omnium Sanctorum ville predictae ex vtraque parte ibidem. Item aliud toftum cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in longitudine inter Gryndonchare ex parte occidentali ante et terram Johannis Rodes ex parte orientali retro, et in latitudine inter terram Johannis Aslaby ex parte australi et terram dicti hospitalis beate Katerine ex parte boreali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in longitudine in Gryndonchare inter terram hospitalis beate Katerine predicti ex parte australi et terram quondam Willelmi Skryvyn ex parte boreali, et in latitudine a dicto Gryndonchare ex parte occidentali ante vsque terram Johannis Rodes ex parte orientali retro. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in Fishergate sicut iacet in longitudine a via regia ante ex parte australi vsque ad terram abbatis et conventus Nouimonasterii retro ex parte boreali, et in latitudine inter terram quondam Roberti Elward ex parte occidentali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte orientali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in le Skynnergate, in longitudine inter terram sanctimonialium ex parte australi et vnam venellam ex parte boreali, et in latitudine a via regia ante ex parte occidentali vsque terram Willelmi Fulthorp militis retro ex parte boreali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis sicut iacet in le Skynnergate in longitudine a via regia vocata le Skynnergate ex

parte orientali ante vsque le Melemerket ex parte occidentali retro, et in latitudine inter paruam venellam ex parte boriali et terram cantarie sancti Eligii in ecclesia beati Nicholai dicte ville ex parte australi. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in le Close, sicut iacet in longitudine inter terram quondam Johannis Horton ex parte orientali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte occidentali, et in latitudine a via regia ante ex parte australi vsque ad motam castri domini regis retro ex parte boriali. Habenda et tenenda predicto Johanni Fenwyk custodi, fratribus et sororibus hospitalis predicti et successoribus suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia debita et de iure consueta, reddendo inde annuatim predicto Willelmo et successoribus suis, capellanis custodibus cantarie predictae, sex libras argenti ad duos anni terminos, videlicet ad festa Pentecostes. et sancti Martini in yeme equis porcionibus, primo termino solucionis incipiente ad festum Pentecostes proximo futurum post datam presencium. Et predictus Johannes Fenwyk, custos hospitalis predicti, fratres et sorores eiusdem, pro se et successoribus suis imperpetuum volunt et concedunt per presentes cum consensu patroni predicti, quod si contingat predictum redditum a retro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquem terminum prenomiatum per quadraginta dies non solutum, tunc bene licebit predicto Willelmo, custodi cantarie predictae, et successoribus suis in omnibus predictis terris, tenementis, redditibus et seruiciis cum suis pertinenciis et in omnibus aliis terris et tenementis, redditibus, possessionibus et seruiciis, dicto hospitali qualitercunque pertinentibus, distringere et districciones fugare, asportare et penes se retinere, quousque de predicto redditu et arreragiis si que fuerint eis plenarie fuerint satisfactum. In cuius rei testimonium partes predictae hiis indenturis sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt vna cum sigillo predicti Rogeri patroni hospitalis et cantarie predictae. Dat. decimo die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo septimo. Seals:—1, missing. 2, Figure of saint with Thornton shield at foot. This seems to be Mrs. Thornton's shield *Argent, a chevron and in base an annulet sable*. The crest, which is very blurred, may be a bird. 3, Apparently a Madonna and Child.

## APPENDIX III.

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum indentatum peruenerit, Rogerus Thornton de Nouo castro super Tynam, salutem et rei geste (*etc.* as in no. 12) prehabitis, quandam cantariam in honore sancti Petri in capella Omnium Sanctorum infra dictam villam Nouicastro de vno capellano, ad altare sancti Petri infra dictam capellam diuina ibidem imperpetuum pro salubri statu mei predicti Rogeri dum vixero, et pro anima mea cum ab hac luce migrauero, ac animabus patris et matris meorum et Agnetis nuper vxoris mee, necnon antecessorum et liberorum nostrorum, necnon pro salubri statu et animarum salute omnium



et singulorum qui predictae cantarie vel capellano perpetuo pro tempore voluntate, verbo, consilio vel opere manus porrexerint adiutrices et supportauerint, ac omnium fidelium defunctorum, singulis diebus celebraturo, iuxta formam licencie predictae ac ordinacionis mee subsequenter, rite et legitime feci, fundavi, erexi et stabiliui, facio, fundo, erigo et stabilio, ac illam cantariam de bonis michi a Deo collatis per formam presentis scripti in parte dotavi, et insuper sufficienter Deo dante propono dotare; ac tempore huius ordinacionis pro gubernacione eiusdem cantarie dictique capellani et successorum suorum feci et facio que imperpetuum vt subscribitur observari volo, que quidem cantaria sancti Petri nuncupetur et appelletur. In primis ordino, facio et preficio Willelmum Harwod, capellanum custodem cantarie predictae, et ipsum Willelmum facio, creo et ordino primum capellanum custodem cantarie eiusdem, diuina in forma predicta inibi celebraturum; quem quidem Willelmum, capellanum custodem dicte cantarie, et successores capellanos custodes perpetuos ejusdem cantarie prefeci, ordinaui et deputavi, preficio, ordino et deputo, et dicto Willelmo, capellano custodi, dictam cantariam cum suis iuribus et pertinenciis vniuersis dedi, concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui. Habendam et tenendam dictam cantariam ad terminum vite sue; ipsumque Willelmum capellanum custodem in corporalem possessionem eiusdem cantarie posui, constitui, pono et constituo per presentes sub modis et formis et condicionibus infrascriptis; quodque ego dictus Rogerus Thornton ex licencia dicti domini regis ac omnium aliorum predictorum quorum interest pro sustentacione dicti Willelmi, capellani custodis dicte cantarie, et successorum suorum ad altare predictum vt predictum est imperpetuum celebraturorum, dedi, concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui dicto Willelmo, capellano custodi cantarie predictae in capella predicta ad altare predictum, per me vt predicatur deputato et ordinato, ac successoribus suis predictis, capellanis custodibus cantarie predictae, ibidem post eum modo et forma prescriptis deputandis, vnum mesuagium in villa predicta, sicut iacet prope le Nevyate ex parte orientali vie regie ibidem super le corner de Freremynoure chare ex parte australi, et extendit se in longitudine a dicta via regia ante vsque ad terram vastam Ade de Killyngworth retro, et in latitudine a dicta venella ex parte boreali vsque ad terram Willelmi Lilburn ex parte australi. Item vnum mesuagium cum pertinenciis, sicut iacet in longitudine a via regia qua itur a Calecrosse vsque ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum ex parte australi vsque ad terram Willelmi Skaleby ex parte boreali, et in latitudine inter tenementum quondam Willelmi Gardiner ex parte orientali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte occidentali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in Gryndonchare, sicut iacet in longitudine inter dictum Gryndonchare ex parte orientali ante et le Brownchare ex parte occidentali retro, et in latitudine inter terras pertinentes cantarie beati Thome martiris in capella Omnium Sanctorum ville predictae ex vtraque parte ibidem. Item aliud toftum cum pertinenciis, sicut iacet in longitudine inter

Gryndonchare ex parte occidentali ante et terram Johannis Rodes ex parte orientali retro, et in latitudine inter terram Johannis Aslaby ex parte australi et terram dicti (*sic*) hospitalis beate Katerine ex parte boreali. Item aliud toftum cum pertinenciis, sicut iacet in le Gryndonchare in longitudine inter terram hospitalis beate Katerine ex parte australi et terram quondam Willelmi Skryvyn ex parte boreali, et in latitudine a dicto Gryndonchare ex parte occidentali ante vsque terram Johannis Rodes ex parte orientali retro. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in Fisshergate, sicut iacet in latitudine a via regia ante ex parte australi vsque ad terram abbatis et conventus Nouimonasterii retro ex parte boreali, et in latitudine inter terram quondam Johannis Elward ex parte occidentali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte orientali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis, sicut iacet in le Skynnergate in longitudine inter terram sanctimonialium ex parte australi et vnam venellam ex parte boreali, et in latitudine a regia via ante ex parte occidentali vsque terram Willelmi Fulthorp militis retro ex parte boreali. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in le Skynnergate in longitudine a via regia vocata le Skynnergate ex parte orientali ante vsque le Melemerket ex parte occidentali retro, et in latitudine inter paruam venellam ex parte boreali et terram cantarie sancti Eligii in ecclesia beati Nicholai dicte ville ex parte australi. Item vnum toftum cum pertinenciis in le Close, sicut iacet in longitudine inter terram quondam Johannis Horton ex parte orientali et terram Laurencii Acton ex parte occidentali, et in latitudine a regia via ante ex parte australi vsque ad motam castri domini regis retro ex parte boreali. Habenda et tenenda dicto Willelmo capellano, custodi cantarie predicte, et successoribus suis imperpetuum. Volo eciam et ordino quod predictus Willelmus et successores sui, futuris perpetuis temporibus preficiendi, celebret et celebrent missas et diuina ad altare predictum in capella predicta pro animabus predictis et quod sint persone idonei (*sic*) et capellani bone fame. Item volo et ordino quod quilibet capellanus, tempore quo primo preficitur in custodem cantarie predicte, in presencia patroni seu aliorum fidedignorum per ipsum patronum deputandorum, tactis sacrosanctis euangelis, sacramentum prestat corporale quod omnia et singula in presenti ordinatione contenta, quatenus ipsum contingunt, fideliter et plenarie iuxta possibilitatem suam rationabilem faciet et complebit, et quod quilibet capellanus, qui pro tempore fuerit, statim et immediate postquam in custodem cantarie preficitur, in presencia patroni aut eius deputati, plenum inuentorium facere teneatur de omnibus calicibus, libris et vestimentis, ornamentis, cartis, scriptis, munimentis ceterisque rebus ad dictam cantariam ordinatis, de quibus vel de melioribus aut saltem equeualentibus (*sic*) teneatur idem capellanus et executores sui patrono aut capellano futuro rationabiliter respondere; et insuper quod quilibet capellanus adtunc inueniet sufficientes plegios et manucaptors patrono dicte cantarie pro eisdem bonis ad vsum dicte cantarie conseruandis. Volo eciam et ordino quod idem Willelmus capellanus custos et successores

sui in memoriam specialem habéant animas predictas, et quod in capella predicta singulis diebus celebrent, et continuam residenciam faciant nisi causa infirmitatis vel in agendis necessariis dicte cantarie aut alia causa rationabili legitime fuerit impeditus vel occupatus, et quod in aliis diuinis officiis, que in dicta capella cum nota cantari contigerit, in superpellicia . . . intersit et intersint, et ministret et ministrent, prout sacerdotalis dignitas exposcit. Dicant eciam predictus capellanus custos et successores sui, capellani custodes cantarie predicte, singulis diebus pro animabus predictis Placebo et Dirige cum commendacione, festis duplicibus dumtaxat exceptis, nisi causa rationabilis interueniat. Item volo et ordino quod si predictus capellanus et successores sui, capellani custodes cantarie predicte, aliquod crimen notorium commiserit et inde conuictus fuerit, aut si diuinis officiis ceterisque oracionibus ex parte sua virtute presentis ordinacionis et fundacionis dicendis et obseruandis cessauerit per quadraginta dies in anno, nisi causa rationabilis interueniat, vel si aliquem articulum in presenti ordinacione contentum voluntarie et absque causa racionabili ex parte sua infregerit seu contraierit, et inde sufficienti testimonio in presencia fundatoris et heredum suorum probabiliter conuictus fuerit, tunc bene liceat michi et heredibus meis, patronis dicte cantarie, huiusmodi capellanum custodem expellere et ammouere aliumque in custodem dicte cantarie loco suo preficere et assumere, ibidem deseruiturum per formam presentis ordinacionis; et sic tociens quociens talis casus delicti in gubernacione dicti capellani custodis et successorum suorum euenerit. Volo eciam, statuo et ordino quod omnes et singuli capellani custodes cantarie predicte, post mortem predicti Willelmi, vel si idem Willelmus de eadem cantaria fuerit ammotus, successores sui per me Rogerum antedictum dum vixero, et per heredes et assignatos meos, patronos cantarie predicte, qui pro tempore fuerint, ad cantariam predictam eligantur, deputentur et ordinentur, et per litteras nostras in corporalem possessionem cantarie predicte ponantur; ita tamen quod omnes et singuli capellani, eidem cantarie vt predictum est seruituri, instituciones aut inducciones aut aliquem titulum perpetuum auctoritate alicuius ordinarii nullatinus (*sic*) optineant aut per eos admittantur. Et si heredes et assignati mei predicti negligentes fuerint vel remissi per quadraginta dies postquam dicta cantaria aliquo modo vacauerit et prefatum capellanum minime prefecerint, quod tunc bene liceat maiori, vicario, vicecomiti et sex aldermannis ville Nouicastro supradicti pro tempore existentibus infra sex dies extunc sequentes vnum capellanum custodem cantarie predicte in forma predicta hac vice preficere et denominare, et sic tociens quociens heredes et assignati mei negligentes fuerint et remissi. Et si contingat dictos maiorem, vicarium, vicecomitem et aldermannos in huiusmodi preficione (*sic*) discordes existere, quod factum fuerit per maiorem partem eorumdem ibidem tunc presentem illa vice robur optineat firmitatis, saluis heredibus et assignatis meis alias . . . . . inde cum acciderit. In cuius rei testimonium partibus huius

scripti, ordinacionis et carte mee indentate sigillum meum apposui. Dat. apud dictam villam Nouicastro in festo sancte Katerine, anno Domini millesimo quadragesimo vicesimo quinto.

## APPENDIX IV.

Omnibus hoc scriptum indentatum visuris vel audituris Rogerus Thornton salutem in domino. Sciatis quod ego prefatus Rogerus dedi, concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Rogero Thornton filio me et Elizabet vxori sue, filie Johannis baronis de Graystok et Wem, omnia terras et tenementa, redditus et seruicia cum omnibus suis membris et pertinenciis in villis et territoriis de Witton bethewater, Wyndgates, Stantonshales, Todburn, Horsle, Garardle, Semer, Wodhorn, Caldcotes, Kareslawe, Ingowe, Shelefeld, cum molendino iuxta villam Noui castri super Tynam, in comitatu Northumbrie, vna cum aduocacione cantarie ad altare sancti Nicholai in capella de Witton predicta, exceptis omnibus illis terris et tenementis in Witton que nuper fuerunt Johannis de Witton ibidem, nunc in tenura Johannis Turnour; necnon illa quatuor tenementa simul iacencia in dicta villa Noui castri iuxta Saynt Nicholaspant, ac illa duo tenementa iacencia in eadem villa in le Syde, nunc in tenura Willelmi Peert et Johannis Glouer. Dedi insuper et concessi prefato Rogero filio meo et Elizabet manerium meum et villam de Folangby cum pertinenciis vna cum le Shelmores in comitatu Dunelmensi. Habenda et tenenda omnia predicta terras, tenementa, redditus, seruicia, aduocacionem, molendinum, manerium et villam cum pertinenciis, exceptis preexceptis, prefato Rogero filio et Elizabet et heredibus ipsius Rogeri, de corpore prefate Elizabet legitime procreatis, de et super condicionibus subsequentibus; videlicet, quod si prefata Elizabet minime consenciat et legitime non agreauerit matrimonio inter prefatum Rogerum filium et Elizabet celebratum, per quod dictum matrimonium in aliquo adnulletur, quod tunc status dicte Elizabet in omnibus predictis terris, tenementis, redditibus, seruiciis, aduocacione, molendino, manerio et villa cum pertinenciis omnino cesset et vacuus sit, quodque tunc bene liceat michi prefato Rogero et heredibus meis omnia predicta terras, tenementa, etc., reintrare, rehabere et in prestino (*sic*) statu possidere imperpetuum, presente carta et seisina eiusdem in aliquo non obstantibus. Et ego vero prefatus Rogerus et heredes mei omnia predicta terras, tenementa, redditus, seruicia, aduocacionem, molendinum, manerium et villam cum suis pertinenciis prefato Rogero filio et Elizabet vxori sue et heredibus ipsius Rogeri de corpore predictae Elizabet legitime procreatis modo et forma predictis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium vtrique parti huius carte indentate tam ego prefatus Rogerus quam prefatus Rogerus filius et Elizabet sigilla nostra apposuimus. Et sciendum est quod seisina et attornamentum omnium et singulorum premissorum terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, seruiciorum, aduocacionis, manerii et ville cum pertinenciis deliberata et facta sunt in sigulis comita-

tibus et villis predictis de et super condicionibus precedentibus, ibidem plenius lectis et declaratis. Dat. quarto die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo octavo, et anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie septimo.

## APPENDIX V. o

26th HENRY VI (1447). Omnibus hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Willelmus Hardyng, maior ville Novi Castri super Tynam, ac comunitas eiusdem ville salutem in Eo qui omnium est vera salus. Cum Rogerus Thornton armiger per mortem Rogeri Thornton patris sui seisitus et possessionatus existit (*sic*) de quadam pecia terre, superedificata in vico vocato Bradechare in villa predicta, et contigua tenemento eiusdem Rogeri filii in quo idem Rogerus modo inhabitat, continente in longitudine exeunte in viam regiam vnam virgam et in latitudine quatuor virgas et dimediam (*sic*) partem virge; ac de quadam alia pecia terre iuxta le Bradechare predictum in eadem villa, iacente inter tenementa eiusdem Rogeri filii ex vtraque parte, continente in longitudine quinquaginta et septem virgas, et in latitudine ad finem australem versus vicum vocatum Colyerchare tres virgas et tres quarterias virge, ac continente ad finem borialem in longitudine exeunte a clausura dicti Rogeri filii vsque ad le Bradechare predictum sex virgas, et in latitudine ad eundem finem borialem exeuntem in le Bradechare predictum versus occidentem duas virgas et dimediam partem virge; necnon de duabus peciis terre, iacentibus in quodam gardino dicti Rogeri filii in Pampeden in villa predicta, quarum una iacens in dicto gardino ex latere orientali continet in longitudine quinquaginta et septem virgas et in latitudine duas virgas, et alia pecia terre iacens in dicto gardino ex latere occidentali continet in longitudine quadraginta et quinque pedes et in latitudine duas virgas, que quidam pecie terre se extendunt a via regia vocata Fysshergate versus orientem vsque quemdam rivulum vocatum Pampedenburn; ac eciam de quodam ponte siue vouta de lapidibus inter edificia dicti Rogeri filii constructo supra et vltra dictum riuulum vocatum Pampedenburn, buttante super dictum tenementum in quo dictus Rogerus filius inhabitat ex parte occidentali, et gardinum dicti Rogeri filii ex parte orientali et continet in latitudine decem et septem virgas; ac eciam de omnibus et singulis purpresturis, appruamentis et accrochiamentis, ut in stallis, porechis, pentesis, cameris, getesis aut aliis purpresturis quibuscumque cum suis pertinenciis per predictos Rogerum patrem et Rogerum filium quouismodo factis, edificatis siue habitis. Noueritis nos, prefatos maiorem et comunitatem in plena gilda, tenta in Guilhalda dicte ville, die Lune, primo die Aprilis, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo sexto, vnanimi concensu nostro et voluntate, statum, titulum et possessionem dicti Rogeri filii, heredum et assignatorum suorum, in omnibus et singulis peciis terre, ponte siue vouta, ac in omnibus et singulis purpresturis, appruamentis et accroachmentis pre-

dictis cum suis pertinenciis ac qualibet parcella eorundem, pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum ratificasse, confirmasse et approbasse. Habendas et tenendas predictas pecias terre, pontem siue vountam, ac omnia et singula purpresturas, appruamenta et accrochiamenta cum suis pertinenciis prefato Rogero filio, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum absque impetitione, vexacione, molestacione vel implacitacione nostri vel successorum nostrorum. Et vltorius noueritis nos, prefatos maiorem et comunitatem, remisisse, relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse prefato Rogero filio, heredibus et assignatis suis, totum jus et clameum quod vnquam habuimus, habemus seu quouismodo in futurum habere poterimus in dictis peciis terre, ponte, purpresturis, appruamentis et accrochiamentis cum suis pertinenciis seu in aliqua parcella eorundem, ita vero quod nec nos, prefati maior et comunitas, nec successores nostri, nec aliquis alius nomine nostro in dictis peciis terre, ponte siue vounta, purpresturis, appruamentis et accrochiamentis cum suis pertinenciis nec in aliqua parcella eorundem de cetero exigere vel vindicare poterimus in futurum, set ab omni accione juris et clamei in eisdem simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto nostro sigillum nostrum comune est appensum. Dat. apud dictorum villam Noui Castri die et anno supradictis. [Seal, same as no. 13 in Brand's plate, vol. II, p. 142.]

Dorso: Relaxacio omnium apruamentorum accrochiamentorum cum ceteris infra villam et extra. Nouum castrum super Tynam. Roger Thornton Newcastle arms.

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MASTERS OF THE DOMUS DEI.

- 1425 JOHN FENWICK.  
 THOMAS HOLLYMAN.  
 1584 MARTIN HOLLYMAN.  
 1622 JOHN LUMLEY.