

V.—CALENDAR OF DEEDS IN THE LAING CHARTERS RELATING TO NORTHUMBERLAND.

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INTRODUCTION.

The collection of deeds here calendared forms but a small part of the very extensive bequest made by the Scottish scholar-antiquarian David Laing to the University of Edinburgh. Seventy-one in number, the documents relating to Northumberland cover the period from the second half of the thirteenth century to 1500, the latter being an arbitrary date, and not representing the end of the Northumbrian documents in the Laing Charters: the remainder may possibly be calendared on a future occasion.

The documents deal mainly with lands which once formed part of the honour of Carham or barony of Roos, held *in capite* by the family of that name: but we are witnesses not of their fall but of the rise of the well-known family of Strother; and the deeds are full of Glendale names—Lanton, Kirknewton, Paston, Shotton, Howtel and Kilham, to mention but a few. Most places represented are dealt with in the *Northumberland County History*, vol. XI (1922), Leachild in vol. VII of that work: no amplification therefore need be given here. In the same volume (XI), too, are pedigrees of the families which figure most prominently in the following pages—the Strothers of Lanton and Moneylaws, the Corbets of Lanton, the Baxters of Lanton, the Kilhams and Archers of Kilham, and so on—while many of the witnesses too appear frequently.

Of the remaining documents, a small group deal with Tweedside, near Berwick, a few with Newcastle upon Tyne.

In the last named, and appearing as witnesses to other deeds, are quite a number of persons prominent in the history of Newcastle—Hugh of Carliol, William del Strother, John Plummer, Laurence of Acton, Sampson Harding, and Robert Gabefore all are found in Dr. Hunter Blair's volume on *The Mayors and Lord Mayors of Newcastle upon Tyne, 1216-1940* (A.A., 4th series, vol. xviii). The notorious Alice Perrers, mistress of Edward III, makes a brief appearance in one document (35), while in another (29) war against the Scots is mentioned as a contingency.

Sixty of the documents are in Latin, nine in Norman French, and one whole and two parts of documents in English.

I have worked throughout with negative photostats of the deeds, which were produced at short notice by Mr. Finlayson, present Keeper of the Laing Collection. I am indebted to him, and to the Library Committee and the Librarian of Edinburgh University Library, for giving permission for the photostats to be made; and also to Mr. MacKenna, Librarian of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, for buying the photostats for King's College Library, and for facilitating the typing of this article.

The basis of the Calendar is the *Calendar of the Laing Charters*, edited by the Rev. John Anderson (Edinburgh, 1889); though not uniformly correct, it has served as an extremely good guide, and I have therefore given at the end of each deed a reference to the document as it is numbered in Mr. Anderson's book. I have also taken over from this work Mr. Anderson's descriptions of the most interesting seals, which I have not seen: the descriptions will be found within square brackets after the dates, or lists of witnesses where no dates exist. Similarly, conjectural dates for individual deeds are signified by enclosing them within square brackets at the beginnings of the deeds.

THE CALENDAR.

1. [1253-1280.] Charter by Nicholas Corbet to Simon de Holtehall

and his wife, granting and confirming to them for their lifetime all the conditions contained in the charter granted by Sir William, son of the Earl, the granter's father; namely, of the hospital in Neutona in Glendall, with a half carucate of land belonging to the said hospital. To be held to the said Simon and his wife as freely as Walter Corbet the giver of that alms (dator illius elemosine) first gave and granted it.

Witnesses: Sir Philip Le Brun, Sir Robert de Nesebite, Patrick Corbet parson of Kinhull, Simon de Conhatheam, John de Grubeshewed.

[Seal attached (somewhat broken), an armed knight riding to sinister. On the housings of his horse, and apparently on his shield, a lion rampant.]

[*Calendar*, No. 9.]

2. [1253-1280.] Charter by Sir Nicholas Corbet, knight, to Sir Walter Corbet, knight, his brother, granting to him the lordship of Langetona in Glendale, with all the liberties and easements belonging to the said lordship within the town of Langeton. To be held for payment of one penny yearly at the Assumption of the Virgin (18th August). With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Walter de Hontergom, William Hayrun, Sir Robert de Insula, Sir Walter de Cambehou, Sir Michael de Killum, Sir David de Coupeland, knights; Alan de Holtal, Robert de Neuton.

[*Calendar*, No. 10.]

3. [1270-80.] Charter by Patrick Corbet, brother and heir of Sir Nicholas Corbet, to Thomas Baxter (Pistori) of Langetona in Glendal, granting to him a half carucate of lands, in tofts and meadows as well as arable lands (tam in toftis et pratis quam in terris arabilibus), belonging to the Hospital of Great Newton in Glendal', for the purpose of sustaining three poor men of Christ (ad sustentacionem trium pauperum Christi) in the said hospital in reasonable food and clothing in the sight of faithful men (ad victum et vestrum rationaliter per visum virorum fidelium); and if the three poor men will not work, or do to the best of their power or degree of infirmity (modum suarum infirmitatum) what they are commanded, then at the will of the granter and his heirs or assignees they shall be expelled from that alms, and other three poor men substituted. To be held freely to the grantee; reserving to the granter and his heirs the wood of Ruttok', which Thomas and his heirs are not to cut or use without leave; the said Thomas and his heirs being "rumfre" and quit of multure for the grain of the said Hospital at the mill of Langetona. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir William Heron, Sir Michael de Kylum, Sir David de Coupeland, knights; Maurice de Ewrith, Robert de Neuton, Hugh de Heddon, Thomas de Paluxston, Nicholas son of Stephen de Coupeland.

[Seal attached. A tree in the centre, with two animals, probably lions, rampant on the dexter and sinister sides of the stem, facing towards it, with two birds (?ravens) on the upper branches of the tree. Legend somewhat defaced. This seal, which is small and shows no shield, appears ingeniously to show the arms of both the father and mother of the granter—the lion of Dunbar and the raven or corbie of Corbet.]

[*Calendar*, No. 11.]

4. [c. 1270-1290.] Charter by Basilia, daughter of the late Sir German, lord of Folebir', in her widowhood, to Robert Chaunterelle (Chauncerelle) and Matilda her daughter, his wife, granting them half of the tofts which the late Hugh Meggeson and William de Hesilrigge held in Folebir', as they were assigned to the granter at the place of her principal messuage, with all claim which she had to the half of a third part of the fee of one knight which the said Sir German held formerly of the lord of Alnewick in Folebir', Heselrig' and Caldmer-tona. To be held to the grantees as freely as Thomas de Folebir', the granter's brother, held the lands, for service used and wont to the lord of Alnewick.

Witnesses: Sir Ralph son of Roger, Sir Robert de Loucker', Sir William de Middletona, knights; John de Middeltona, clerk, Philip de Woxfeld', Roger de Rypeea, [Walter?] de Faludona, Roger de Turberuill', Theobald de Chattona, William de Heselrigge, Leodat of the same.

[*Calendar*, No. 14.]

5. [1292-1295.] Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by John de Herteweyton, knight, to his son John and the lawful heirs of his body (*heredibus suis de corpore suo procreatis*) granting to him that land and meadow etc. (*terram et pratium cum toftiscroftis domibus et edificijs redditibus servicijs liberorum bondis bondagijs et eorum servicijs servagijs et sequelis*) which he has in the town and territory of Follebyry and Caldmerton', together with his part of the mill "*situ et secta eiusdem*", and with his share of the dowry of Constance, wife of Roger Baret, when it shall happen, and all other rights falling or descending to him in Follebyry and Caldmerton': To be held to the said John and the lawful heirs of his body from the lords of the fee for the usual services; failing John and his lawful heirs, the lands etc. are to pass to Robert his brother, son of the

granter, whom also failing, to the granter's two daughters, Johanna and Christiana, and failing them also, to revert to the granter and his heirs. With clause of warrandice. The granter also gives to his son Robert that land and meadow etc. which he has in the town and territory of Hesylyrigg' (with part of the mill and dowry as above), also his whole share of the rent and service of William de Hesylyrigg' and Nicholas de Lylleburn and of all the other free men (omnium aliorum liberorum hominum) of Hesylyrigg': To be held to Robert and the heirs of his body, "uel heredibus dicti Roberti de me et Margareta vxore mea matre sua exeuntibus", of the lords of the fee, the lands to pass to John, Johanna and Christiana in default of Robert's heirs, and to revert to the heirs of the granter. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Hugh Gobyon, sheriff of Northumberland (vic. Northumbr'), Sir Walter de Cambhow, Sir Stephen de Muscamp, Sir Robert de Maners', knights; John de Cambhow, William de Hesylyryg', senior, William his son, Robert de Wetewod, John de Follebyry, clerk, Heruy (Heruico) de Bylton.

[*Calendar*, No. 16.]

6. [1292-1295.] Charter by Bartholomew Patoun, burgess of Newcastle upon Tyne, to Henry called the Scot, burgess of the same municipality, granting him three acres of arable land in the plain of Elsewyk', in the cultivated land (cultura) called Le Moreflat, lying between those four acres of land which the said Henry had by sale from Walter Patoun, the granter's father, on the one side, and the King's highway on the other, and abutting towards the east on the land of the late Mr. William, son of the Dean. To be held to Henry and his heirs freely for the services due to the lords of the fee, and paying to the granter and his heirs a rose on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (24th June) if asked.

Witnesses: Sir Hugh Gubioun, then (tunc) sheriff of Northumberland, Sir Robert Bertram, Sir Robert De La Vale, knights; Nicholas Vigrus, then steward of Tynemuth, Hugh de Karliolo, then chief bailiff of Newcastle upon Tyne, John Le Escot, John de Blakeden, Stephen de Neuton, Richard Benet, Adam Baret, lord of Walker, Adam lord of Little (parua) Benton, John de Whicestr', William de Wydeslade, John de Esterhydewyn, Robert de Throckelawe.

[*Calendar*, No. 17.]

7. 19 February, 1303. Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by John son of Sir John de Hertwayton, to John de Folebyri and Cristian his wife, granting them the lands and holdings which he has in the town and territory of Folebyr' of the gift and feoffment of

Sir John de Hertwayton, in the same town: To be held for service due and wont, and paying to the granter and his heirs a rose on 24th June, if asked: in exchange for the lands and holdings which the granter has from the said John and Cristian in the towns and territories of Folebyri and Heselrigge, to be held for services due and wont. With clause of warrandice. Granted in duplicate by the parties at Folebyri, 19 February (die Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Petri in Cathedra), 1303.

Witnesses: Sir John de Cambou, Sir William de Muschauns, Sir Nicholas de Punchardon, knights; Hugh de Leyhama, James de Houburn, William de Gosewyk'; Walter de Tuggehale, Robert de Esselynton, Roger de Vmphanck'.

[*Calendar*, No. 19.]

8. [c. 1316.] Charter by John de Penereth, son of Adam de Starthorp, to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, granting them three tofts and seven bovates of land and six pence of rent in the town of Shotton, near (iuxta) Palston: to be held to them and their heirs of the chief lords of the fee for the customs and services belonging to the holding. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Hayron, Sir Thomas Gray, Sir John de Lilburn, Sir John de Boroudon', knights; Robert de Maners, Robert le Archer, Patrick son of William de Killun, Adam son of Thomas de Kilun'.

[Seal attached. An eagle, with wings displayed, supporting a shield on its breast. The charges on the shield are difficult to define, but seem to represent the spear, reed with sponge, nails, and other emblems of the Passion. Legend illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 20.]

9. [1315 or 1317.] Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Walter Corbet to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, granting to them his manor of Langton' in Glendal', with all his demesne lands belonging thereto, excepting for his husband-lands and cottar lands and the rents of his free tenants in the same town, and for the mill and his wood (bosco) in the same town: granting also to the said William and Johanna all his demesne lands in the town of Neuton' in Glendal', and all the services of his men in the town of Langeton, which the said men and their ancestors were wont to pay to the granter and his ancestors, except for the rents of the said men; and granting to the said William and Johanna a reasonable estover (rationabilia estoueria, i.e. allowance of wood) in his wood of Langeton', to be taken when and as often as necessary, along with the right to pasture in the said wood; and granting that

the aforesaid William and Johanna and their men and servants within the manor and demesne lands aforesaid should grind their corn at his mill of Langton free, without multure, and that the aforesaid William and Johanna should be *rumpf* in the said mill; and that they may hold a law-court on all offences committed against them and theirs by any of the granter's men or tenants within the aforesaid manor and demesne lands, with all ameracements and fines pertaining to the said court; the said lands (excepting as above) to be held to the said William and Johanna for their lives, of the granter and his heirs. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Adam de Swynneburn, then sheriff of Northumberland, Sir Roger Heron, Sir John de Boroudon, knights; John de Ellewik, Thomas Baxster, David de Langton, John Archer de Kilnom, Nicholas de Kilnom.

[Small green seal, showing lion rampant and part of legend, "Will".]

[*Calendar*, No. 21.]

10. 3 June, 1318. Release by Walter Corbet remitting and releasing to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, and their heirs or assignees, all right and claim which he has to all lands, holdings, rents etc. which William and Johanna hold by his demission for their lives, in the towns of Langton and Neuton in the county of Northumberland, as is more fully stated in the writ made to them [?No. 9]. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Thomas de Carliolo, Thomas de Halbescotes, Robert le Surreys, John Pouerdy.

Dated at London, Saturday next after the Feast of the Ascension (die Sabbati proxima post festum assencionis, 3 June), in the eleventh year of King Edward son of King Edward (1318).

[Legend broken.]

[*Calendar*, No. 23.]

11. 23 November, 1313. Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Walter Corbet de Langeton, to William del Strothir, granting to him and his heirs, one water mill (molendinum aquaticum), with all the service pertaining thereto, in Langetoun in Glendale in Northumberland, and all the wood of Langetoun: To be held to the said William and his heirs for ever. And the said William granted, for himself and his heirs, that if Walter, his heirs or assignees, dispute this writing, he shall pay at the manor of E [defaced], in the county of Hertford, £10 sterling at the next Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, and then this charter, with sasine of the said mill and wood, with a certain recognition in the King's

Exchequer of £60 (cum quadam recognitione in Scaccario domini Regis de sexaginta libris), made to the said Walter by the said William, shall be quashed and of none effect (quassentur et pro nullo habeantur), and it shall be lawful to Walter to enter into the said mill and wood without contradiction.

Dated at London, on Thursday in the feast of St. Clement (23 November), in the twelfth year of King Edward II (1318).

[*Calendar*, No. 24.]

12. 11 November; 1319. Charter by Walter Corbet to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, granting them the whole lordships and services of Sampson de Neutone, David de Langetone, and of all other free tenants of all lands and holdings which they hold of him in the towns of Langetone and Neutone in Glendale, and in the town of Colewelle, in the county of Northumberland; excepting the services they owe to the granter's mill in Langetone, and except 40s. of rent in which the said Sampson is bound to the granter yearly from his holdings in Neuton; to be held to William and Johanna for ever, the granter renouncing all claims against the free tenants in future.

Witnesses: Sir Walram de Rochessore, Sir William le Bane, knights; Geoffrey de La Lee, John Marshall de Staundon, William de Vabadoun, Richard de Ware, John de Staundon, clerk.

Dated at Sauecampe, Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Martin Bishop and Confessor (11 November), in the thirteenth year of King Edward II (1319).

[*Calendar*, No. 25.]

13. January, 1321. Memorandum apparently from the Rolls of Exchequer that Walter Corbet de Langeton' recognizes that he owes to William del Strother £21, to be paid at next Michaelmas (soluend. eidem ad festum Sancti Michaelis prox. futur.) 10s., at Easter following 10s., and at the following Easter, £20.

Below the Memorandum are the notes: "Ro lxxxxvij", "Termino Sancti Hillarii anna xiiij" (1321).

[*Calendar*, No. 28.]

14. 12 February, 1321. Charter by Walter Corbet of Langton', to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, granting to them the homage and services of all his holdings in Shotton' and Holthale, namely the homages etc. of John le Ken, Thomas de Throklawe, Walter fitz Hugh, Hugh Broun, Nicholas de Panbery, and Elena his wife, Thomas de Holthale, Adam Danysman, Patrick de Holthale, Agnes de Holthale and Margaret her sister, Thomas Wylkynson and

Alan Smale: To be held to the said William and Johanna, and the heirs of William, for services due and wont. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Herun, Sir John de Burudon, Sir Thomas Gray, knights; Thomas de Heton, Robert de Maners, Hugh Muscamp (de Musco campo).

Dated at Westminster, 12 February, fourteenth year of Edward II (1321).

[*Calendar*, No. 29.]

15. 25 April, 1322. Charter by Walter Corbet of Langetone, to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, granting to them and the heirs of the said William the whole manor of Leuerechild in the county of Northumberland, with mill, wood, etc., along with five acres and one rood of arable land lying in the "solum" (in solo) of Edelyngtham in a place called Pykeles, with marl-pits, quarries (cum marlers, quarers), and other pertinents, and two acres of meadow lying in the same vill, in a place called Hertessollyng: to be held the same manor, etc., for services due and wont. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Richard de Fryuille, Henry de Oseuille, Philip Pelletot, Geoffrey de Brokhole, John le Mareschal, Peter de Sauecampe, Roger de Godesfeld, William Scot, Richard Smebert, Alexander de Spaldyng, John Noreys de Mundene, clerk.

Dated at Sauecampe, on Sunday in the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (25 April), in the fifteenth year of King Edward II (1322).

[*Calendar*, No. 30.]

16. 22 May, 1322. Release and quitclaim by Elena, sometime wife of Adam de Colewell, in her widowhood, to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, of 40s. of rent due from certain lands and holdings which Sampson de Neuton held in Westerneutona in Glendall; renouncing all claim.

Witnesses: Thomas de Herona, David de Langeton, Robert de Scughall, John de Wallemere, Richard de Atona, Gilbert Horyng, William de Suatham(?), Gilbert Hawkyn.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 22 May, 1322.

[*Calendar*, No. 31.]

17. 8 May, 1329. Demise (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Roger Corbet de Langeton to William del Strothir and Johanna his wife, granting to them "omnia tenementa in dominico et seruicio" which he has in Langeton in Glendal, Westerneuton and Kircneuton, except six husband-lands in Westerneuton; To be held to the grantees

for their lives of the granter and his heirs, paying to him and his heirs for the first two years, one mark yearly (to be paid in equal portions at Whitsunday and Martinmas), for the six following years, two marks each year, and 46s. 8d. each year thereafter for their lifetimes, beginning at Whitsunday 1330. With power to the granter or his heirs to distrain if the rent be in arrear at any term, until full satisfaction be made.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Grey, Sir Thomas de Heton, knights; Robert de Maneres, Robert Archer, Thomas son of Davit Baxster, John de Wollor, Patrick de Kylum.

Dated at Langeton in Glendal, 8 May, 1329.

[Seal attached, charge and legend not legible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 33.]

18. [c. 1330.] Release by Roger, son of Walter Corbet, to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, remitting and releasing to them all right he has to the holdings, services, etc., which the grantees possess in the towns of Langton in Glendal, Westerneuton and Esterneuton, Holtalle, Collewell, Schoton and Croukes. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Gilbert de Burugdon, Sir John de Burugdon, his brother, knights; Thomas de Carliol, John de Midilton, Patrick son of William, Henry de Tughale, William de Cornhale.

[*Calendar*, No. 34.]

19. 15 April, 1330. Writ by Roger Corbet, declaring that he has granted and demised to William del Strother and Johanna his wife, all the holdings falling to him of those holdings which Isolda his mother held in dowry, in Langton, Westerneuton and Kirkneuton, with rents, services, etc. To be held to the grantees for their lives, at a rent of 13s. 4d. yearly (in equal portions at Whitsunday and Martinmas) for eight years complete from Martinmas 1330, and thereafter for their lives, 20s. a year. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Grey, Sir Roger Hayron, Sir Thomas de Heton, knights; Robert Archer, Thomas Baxter, John de Wollor, Walter Mautalaunt', John Aldirth, Roger de Holtal.

Dated at Langton, 15 April of the above year.

[*Calendar*, No. 35.]

20. 15 April, 1330. Indenture between Roger Corbet, on the one part, and Johanna, who was the wife of William de Strothir, on the other part, by which he leaves to her the holdings mentioned in the preceding writ, at the same rents, during her lifetime.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gray, Sir Thomas de Heton, Sir Robert de Maners, knights; Robert Archer, Thomas Bakister, John de Wollor, Walter Mautalaunt, Roger de Holtale.

Dated at Langton as above.

[*Calendar*, No. 36.]

21. 20 February, 1334. Release by John de Colwel, son and heir of Adam de Colwel, remitting and for himself and his heirs quitclaiming in favour of Johanna del Strothyr, formerly (quondam) wife of William del Strothyr, her heirs and assignees, his whole right in and to 40s. of annualrent which Sampson de Neuton and his heirs were bound to pay to Adam de Colwel for half of the town of Little (parue) Neuton in Glendale, with all services, etc.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gray, Sir John de Borudon, Sir Robert de Maners, knights; William Heroun, Thomas Baxster, Robert Archer, Patrick de Kyllum, Adam son of Thomas de Kyllum, William de Presfen.

Dated at Langton, 20 February, 1333[1/4].

[*Calendar*, No. 38.]

22. 9 September, 1348. Charter by William son of Sampson de West Neutoun in Glendale, to John de Couplande and Johanna his wife, granting to them all the lands and holdings etc. which the granter has in the town and territory of West Neuton in Glendale, with his wood of Ruttok, and with half of the lordship of the town abovenamed. To be held to the grantees for services due and wont. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gray, Sir Robert de Manerijis, Sir William Heroun, knights; Walter de Hakford, Henry del Strothir, Robert Archer, Roger Corbet, Roger de Holtale.

Dated at Wester Neutoun, Tuesday the day after the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (9 September), 1348.

[*Calendar*, No. 41.]

23. 13 May, 1355. Letters of Obligation by John Rode, as attorney for James Gabres and John Bane, younger, burgesses of the town of Bruges, binding them and himself to pay to William de Stroyer (i.e. Strother), burges of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, fourscore and ten pounds of good and lawful sterlings of the coin of the King of England (bonorum et legalium sterlingorum de cuneo Regis Anglie), for wools sold and delivered at Newcastle to the granter on behalf of his masters; the money to be paid at the said town to William, or his attorney, at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (24 June) next to come: the granter pledging all his goods,

movable and immovable, beyond sea, or wherever existing, to make payment or restitution of expenses, if necessary.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 13 May, 1355.

[The granter's seal and the seal for the staple of the town of Newcastle are attached. The charge on the former is indistinct, resembling an ivy leaf, apex downward, on shield; but the latter shows a turreted gateway, with raised portcullis, a leopard of England standing across the entrance, with a fleur-de-lis, on the dexter and sinister sides of the seal, and a river flowing past in the foreground. Legend broken. It is the statute merchant seal of Newcastle upon Tyne.]

[*Calendar*, No. 42.]

24. 1 July, 1355. Charter by Roger Corbet, lord of Leuerchilde, to Henry del Strother, granting to him seven husband-lands and all other lands and holdings which the granter has in the town and territory of Langtoun in Glendale: To be held for services used and wont. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gray, Sir William Heroun, Sir Robert de Manerijis, knights; John de Coupland, Alan de Hetoun, Roger de Holthale, David Gray, Robert de Hagarstoun, Hugh Sampson.

Dated at Langtoun, 1 July, 1355.

[Seal attached: A raven or corbie within a bordure of bezants. Legend illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 43.]

25. 20 September, 1356. Grant (in Norman French) by Thomas de Fennum, to William del Strothre, burgess of Newcastle upon Tyne, of all the coal mines (totes les myners des carbonnes) sunk within the granter's land of Fennum, or which the grantee wishes to sink in the said land in all parts where he pleases; with free issue and entry, to carry the coals, etc., without damage to the granter's crops and land. With clause of warrandice.

No witnesses.

Dated at Fennum, 20 September, 1356 (le vyntisme iour de Septembre Lan du regne nostre seignour le Ray Edward tierce puis le conquest Dengleterre Trentisme et de Fraunce disetoptisme).

[Granter's seal attached, small and neatly cut—a shield bearing a device like the stern of a ship, with a mast extending above the shield and cruciform at the top, with banner streaming. A merchant's mark.]

[*Calendar*, No. 44.]

26. 4 May, 1359. Letters (in Norman French) by John Darreys,

narrating that since Alayn del Strother has become bound under the "Estatut Marchant" made at Newcastle upon Tyne, 1 May, 1359, to pay the granter four-score pounds at the feasts of Whitsunday and St. Peter "ad uincula" (1 August) next, by equal portions, the granter wills that Alayn or his heirs may pay 40 pounds at Whitsunday and 40 marks on 1 August, until the "Estatut Marchant" lose its force and be of no avail, etc.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 4 May, 1359 (in the thirty-third year of Edward III).

[Seal attached, charges not distinct, apparently an orb on shield. Legend: "Sigillum Iohannis Darryas".]

[*Calendar*, No. 45.]

27. 1 July, 1359. Letters of Attorney by Roger Corbet, lord of Leuerchilde, constituting his beloved in Christ, John de Yeuren and Nicholas del Lawe, his attorney or attorneys to give sasine to Henry del Strother of seven husband-lands and all other the granter's lands and holdings in the town and territory of Langtoun in Glendale, according to the granter's charter to him thereupon.

Dated at Werk' super Twedam, 1 July, 1359.

[*Calendar*, No. 47.]

28. 20 September, 1360. Letters of Attorney by Walter de Hauwyk, constituting his beloved in Christ, Nicholas Bagot and William de Rypoun, his attorneys to give sasine to Alan del Strother, of the manor of Hauwyk, according to the terms of a charter.

Dated at Durham (Dunolm'), 20 September, 1360.

[*Calendar*, No. 48.]

29. 3 October, 1360. Indentures (in Norman French) between Sir David de Strabolgy, Earl of Athol, on the one part, and William del Strothre, Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne, on the other part, whereby the Earl assigns and establishes the said William as his steward to lease all the lands and holdings which he had or might have in the county of Northumberland and the franchise of Tyndale (danz le Comtee de Northumbr' et la fraunchise de Tyndale), to hold and use the said office according to the force and effect of an indenture between the parties (dated at Newcastle, 9 August, 32nd year of Edward III, 1359), by which the Earl wills and grants, for himself and his heirs, that all things contained in the said Indenture shall be held to the end of the term comprised in the same, without challenge by either party (sanz chalenge ou debate de lune partie ou de lautre), and the Earl grants that the said William and his heirs shall have and hold to him, his heirs and assignees, from the feast of St. Michael last to the feast of St. Martin next to come, and from the

feast of St. Martin to the end of five years complete, the lands and holdings, pastures and fisheries (pescheries), "en demeyn et en seruice", that is, in Tyndale, Kelderhayes, the "motte" of Kelder, "Bowes come les Belles", Waynehopside with the park of Waynehope, Poltirnernet, and the "motte" of Emelhop, to hold for five years, rendering each year a rose at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (une rose a la Natiuite Seint Johan le Baptiste, 24 June), for all services, etc. And if the said lands, holdings, etc., or any part of them be destroyed by war with the Scots (soient destruits per une gere Descoce) during the said term of five years, the said William and his heirs and assignees shall hold them after the term aforesaid, until they levy the full value of the destruction and disturbance made (tanquils eient leuez au pleyne a la valiance de la destructione et destourbance faitz), according to what the lords (les seigneurs) may have from the common right, and by reason may do or ought to pay to their tenants in like case, having regard to the yearly extent, made between the Earl and the said William, amounting to £13 (tresze liures) a year. With clause of warrandice by the Earl.

Witnesses: John de Coupland, Henry del Strothre, then sheriff of Northumberland, Robert de Angretoun, William de Hepescotes, William de Presfen, Nicholas Bagot.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, the Sunday next after the feast of St. Michael (3 October), 1360.

[*Calendar*, No. 49.]

30. 3 January, 1364. Letters (in Norman French) by Rauf de Neuill', lord of Raby, narrating that Henry del Strothre and Aleyn his brother were bound and obliged by their writing (par leur escrit) to pay him fourscore and ten marks at Martinmas last and at Candlemas next to come (a la Chaundeleur prochein), and discharging them of the sum of forty-five marks paid as at the Martinmas term.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 3 January, thirty-seventh year of Edward III (1364).

[Seal attached, somewhat defaced and broken. Shield bearing a saltire; crest, a bull's head.]

[*Calendar*, No. 51.]

31. 16 January, 1364. Indenture (in Norman French) between Henry de Strothre, sheriff of Northumberland, on the one part, and John de Prestoun and John de Belasise, on the other part, whereby the sheriff acknowledges receipt from John de Prestoun of money of the issues from the said county (des issues du dite comite) amounting to £69 12s. 8d., and he has received from John de Belasise £8.

The sheriff charges the above-named to pay to William de Butill, 50s., and to Thomas Rute, for his wages (*par ses gages*), 20s.; to Henry Scot to pay to vintners (as taverners) in Newcastle, 31s.; to William Bridok, butcher (*boucher*), 23s.; and to Adam Baty, cordwainer, 6 marks, and to Henry Scot, 40s. The said sheriff has received from John de Thorp the issues of his bailiary, £10; and from James de Routhbiry, the issues of his bailiary, £11 10s.; and from Hugh Dawessoun, the issues of his bailiary, 60s. Sealed by the parties interchangeably.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 16 January, thirty-seventh year of Edward III (1364).

[Seal of John of Prestoun attached, a chevron between three crosses fitchy. Legend: "S. Johannis de Prestoun." Another seal is appended, it is illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 52.]

32. 26 June, 1365. Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Gilbert de Mynsternakeres and William de Rypoun, to William Lisle of Wodburn, granting and confirming to him all the lands, holdings, services, etc., which the granters have by the gift of the said Robert in Fenwyk, Estmatfen, Langtoun in Glendale, Haukewell, Troghen in Redesdale, and in the town of Newcastle upon Tyne: To be held to the said Robert for his lifetime of the lords of the fee for services due and wont. After the death of the said Robert, all the said lands, holdings, etc., shall remain with Robert, kinsman of the said Robert, son and heir of Robert, son of the said Robert Lisle and Mary, daughter of Sir Adamar of Athol, knight, and their heirs; and if they shall die without heirs, then the said lands, etc., shall remain with the right heirs of Robert son of Robert son of the said Robert Lisle. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir John de Streuelyne, Sir Henry Haueryngtoun, knights; Roger de Woderyngtoun, Robert de Fenwyk, John de Walyngtoun.

Dated at Neutonhall, on the Thursday after the feast of St. John the Baptist (26 June), 1365.

[*Calendar*, No. 53.]

33. 6 July, 1365. Letters of Attorney by Henry del Strother, constituting William de Farnyley and John de Wedelesmore his attornies, to receive for him sasine of all the lands and holdings which Cristiana, who was the wife of Hugh de Tyrwhit, granted to him in the town of Tyrwhit Nether: to be held in terms of her charter.

Dated at Kyrkneuton in Glendale, 6 July, thirty-ninth year of Edward III (1365).

[*Calendar*, No. 54.]

34. 3 April, 1368. Precept or Warrant by Henry de Percy, senior, Robert Dumfrauill, Roger de Wydringtoun and Henry del Strothre, appointed by the King as commissioners to inquire how much of the tenths and fifteenths granted to the King in the thirty-fourth year of his reign had been collected, directed to Henry del Strothre, narrating that it was found that Robert de Fenewyk, collector of the Ward of Tyndall, levied from all the townes of that ward a fourth part of the tenths and fifteenths which remain in his hands (in manu sua propria adhuc restat); that Robert de Ryhill, now deceased, and William Hepscoates, collectors for the Island Ward, levied the same amount, which was in Robert de Ryhill's hands; that William de Borowdoun, Thomas de Clenill (now dead), and William Berehall, collectors for the ward of Cokdall, did the same, the sums remaining in their hands, Clenill's share being in the hands of William de Hydewyn: commanding therefore the said Henry del Strothre, sheriff of Northumberland, to distrain the said collectors, their lands, executors, etc., with William de Hydewyn, to pay the sums collected without delay.

Dated at Feltoun, 3 April, forty-second year of Edward III (1368).

[Seal attached, broken and illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 55.]

35. 25 November, 1368. Letters (in Norman French) by William de Bnsley, chaplain, narrating that Henry del Strother is bound to pay him £8 of silver on 24 June next (la mois de Seint Johan le Baptistre prochein); yet the granter wills that if Henry do not infett him in the manor of Manylawes fourteen days after the said date, according to indentures made between the said Henry and Alice Perers, then the said Alice shall be free to do what she pleases with the said manor (et la dite Alice soite a large de bargaigner ou que lui plerra de dit manoir), until the obligation be void.

Dated at London, Saturday, in the feast of St. Catharine (25 November), forty-second year of Edward III (1368).

[Seal attached; shield bearing a chevron. Legend broken and illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 56.]

36. 25 October, 1369. Letters Patent by King Edward III, narrating that by an inquest made by Alan del Strother, bailiff of the Liberty of Tyndale, at command of Queen Philippa, then Lady of the Manor and Liberty of Tyndale, it was found that Katerina, lately Countess of Atholl, deceased, held the manor of Hentishalgn, with the forest of Lowes, for life, the reversion then belonging to Johanna, who was the wife of John Scott, the daughter and heiress of William

del Strother, which manor, etc., the Countess held of the Queen by military service, and it is now in the King's hands by the death of the Queen; the King therefore, on the manucaption of Hugh de Westwyk, of the county of Northumberland, has committed the custody of the said manor, etc., to Henry del Strother, with the exits due from the Countess's death, that he may answer for these, may preserve the manor from lying waste (*manerium et forestam predicta absque vasto et destructione custodiat*), and may do the real services and all others due.

Dated at Westminster, 25 October, forty-third year of the reign (1369).

[*Calendar*, No. 57.]

37. 2 June, 1370. Indenture (in Norman French) testifying that, as Richard son of John Scot, of Newcastle upon Tyne, has granted to Eleyne del Strothre of Lyham, his heirs and assignees, for ever, an annual rent of forty-eight silver shillings (*quarrant et oet souldz dargent*) over the lands of the said Richard, lying near (*gysanz ioust*) the Calcros in the said town of Newcastle upon Tyne, between the high way which stretches from the Calcros to the Church of All Saints on the one part, and the lands of William de Autun (?) on the other part, payable at Whitsunday and Martinmas,—the said Aleyn for himself, his heirs, etc., grants that, if he or his heirs are not disturbed at any time after the death of the said Richard son of John by Richard Scot, son of the said Richard son of John, his heirs, etc., of the land and possessions in Denom, granted to his son for life by the elder Richard, then this writing shall lose its force and be of no value in whose hands soever it may be found; and during the life of the said Richard son of John, Aleyn and his heirs shall not uplift the said annual rent. And the said Richard son of John grants, for himself, etc., that if the said Aleyn and his heirs are disturbed by the said Richard son of Richard, as stated, this writing and annual rent shall be in force "as touz iours". Moreover, the said Aleyn grants, for himself, etc., that, whenever the said Richard son of John obtains for Aleyn a release from Richard son of Richard of all his right over the said lands in Denom, the payment of the annual rent shall cease and this writing be of no value, into whatever hands it may come, and shall then be surrendered to the said Richard son of John.

No witnesses.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, 2 June, forty-fourth year of Edward III (1370).

[*Calendar*, No. 58.]

38. 20 January, 1371. Charter by Richard del Pole and Juwetta his

wife, to Thomas de Middelton, son of the said Juwetta, granting and confirming to him one messuage, two hundred acres of land and twenty acres of meadow, in Middelton and Belford, which the granters recovered in the King's Court, as of right of Juwetta against John de Denom de Vnthank': To be held to the grantee, his heirs, etc., for services due and wont.

Witnesses: Richard de Horseley, then sheriff, Walter de Swynhowe, John de Dychaunt.

Dated at Middelton, the Sunday after the feast of St. Hilary (20 January), forty-fourth year of Edward III (1371).

[Two seals attached—one of them a small oval bearing the Virgin and Child, and an indistinct figure in base; the other a demilion in chief, with two bars(?), legends illegible.]

[*Calendar*, No. 59.]

39. [c. February, 1372.] Release by Elienora, who was the wife of John Corbett of Leurichilde, in her widowhood, remitting and quitclaiming to Henry del Strother, her father, all her rights, etc., in the manor of Langtoun in Glendale, with all the lands, holdings and rents which she has, has had or may have in the towns and territories of Wester Newtown and Kirkeneutoun in Glendale.

No witnesses: undated.

[Two seals have been appended, but only one remains—the charges and legend of which, though very indistinct, appear to be identical with the seal in the next writ.]

[*Calendar*, No. 60.]

40. 1 February, 1372. Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by William de Eland, parson of the church of Angram, and John de Glideraw of Werk upon Tweed, to Sir John del Strothre, knight, granting him their whole manor of Langtoun in Glendale, which they had of the gift and feoffment of Henry, son of William del Strothre, lord of Menilaw: To be held to the said John and the heirs of his body by his wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Alan de Hetoun, for services due and wont; and should she die without heirs, then the lands shall remain with Sir John, son of Henry del Strother, and his heirs male of his body; whom failing, with Henry del Strother (father of Sir John), and after his death the lands shall remain with Thomas, son of the said Henry, and the heirs male of his body; whom failing, the lands to remain with the elder Henry (le pierre), and Johanna, daughter of the elder Henry, and their heirs male in succession; whom all failing, the lands to remain with the right heirs of the said Henry, son of William del Strothre.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Vmfraull, sheriff of Northumberland, Sir

John de Feltoun, Sir Alan de Hetoun, Sir Thomas de Ildretoun, Sir Robert Clauering, Sir William del Vale, knights; Alan del Strothe, John de Fennewik, Robert Ogle, John Muschauns, Hugh Sampson, William Haysand.

Dated at Langtoun in Glendale, the Saturday before the Purification of the Virgin (1 February), 1371 (1371/2).

[Only one seal now attached, apparently that of John of Glideraw, identical with the shield in previous writ; but more distinct, a shield bearing a cock, three crosses in chief. Legend: "S. Johan de Clidderowe".]

[*Calendar*, No. 61.]

41. 23 September, 1374. Release by Roger de Fulthorp, in favour of Henry del Strother, of all actions of debt which he has against Henry from the beginning of the world (a principio mundi) to the present date.

Dated at Newcastle upon Tyne, on the Saturday next following the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle (23 September), forty-eighth year of Edward III (1374).

[*Calendar*, No. 62.]

42. 27 September, 1379. Letters (in Norman French) by Henry del Strothre, lord of Newtoun, acknowledging that he is bound to Roger Corbet and his heirs in an annual rent of a hundred shillings for certain lands, which he has by grant of the said Roger, in Westerton, in exchange for the above rent, as appears by a charter made thereupon, and declaring that he had attuned (moi auoir attourne) by payment of one penny to Robert Ra and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Corbet, son and heir of the said Roger, in acknowledgment of the said rent, before Sir John del Strother his son, Sir William de Daltoun, chaplain of Killum, Sir Robert Gower, chaplain of Newtoun, and John Erle.

Dated at Newtoun, the Tuesday (Mercredy) before the feast of St. Michael (27 September), 1379.

[Seal attached—a wheel-like device.]

[*Calendar*, No. 63.]

43. 20 May, 1380. Indenture (in Norman French) to the effect that Walter de Folleberye, brother and heir of William de Folleberye, has given and granted to John de Hesselrig all the lands and holdings he has in Hesselrig, except the reversion of the lands and holdings which Agnes de Folleberye holds in dower in the same town of Hesselrig, which reversion belongs to Walter: To be held to the grantee for ever, under this condition, that if the said Walter or any in his name (oue ascune altre en son non) pay to John de Hesselrig

or his heirs, executors, or assignees, at Hesselrig, at Whitsunday 1383, twenty marks (vynt marz), then, or on payment of twenty marks, it shall be lawful to the said Walter to re-enter upon the said lands.

Dated at Hesselrig, 20 May, third year of Richard II (1380).
[*Calendar*, No. 66.]

44. 27 September, 1387. Release and Quitclaim (in Norman French) by John de Caretoun of Newcastle upon Tyne and Elizabeth his wife, in favour of Sir Thomas del Strother, kt., of all right and claim they have or had over the lands, holdings, rents, and possessions which the said Thomas has in reversion or in demesne (en desmesne) in Glendale, and obliging themselves to warrant to the said Thomas for ever an annual rent of one hundred shillings purchased by him from them and existing on their lands in Wester Neutoun in Glendale.

Witnesses: Robert Plummer, mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne, Laurence Dactoun, Robert de Rayntoun, and Thomas de Heryngtoun, bailiffs of Newcastle; Robert Olyuer, John de Thorntoun, John de Daltoun.

Dated 27 September, 1387, eleventh year of Richard II.
[*Calendar*, No. 75.]

45. 29 September, 1387. Charter by Sir Thomas del Strothr, knight, to Sir Robert de Bugthrop, chaplain of the parish church of Newtoun in Glengale (*sic*), and John Burell residing there, granting them the half of his town of Wester Newtoun in Glendall, with pertinents, etc., formerly belonging to the late Roger Corbet: To be held to the grantees, their heirs and assignees, of the chief lords of that fee, for services due and wont. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Heroun, Sir Gerard Heroun, Sir John de Maners, knights; Robert de Maners, John de Howburn, John de Hesilrigg.

Dated at Neutoun in Glendale, 29 September, eleventh year of Richard II (1387).

[*Calendar*, No. 76.]

46. 29 September, 1387. Letters of Attorney by Sir Thomas del Strother, knight, appointing Robert Maners and Thomas Vnyot his attorneys, to give sasine of the half of his town of Westernewtoun in Glendale (as in previous writ) to Sir Robert Bugthrope and John Burell.

Dated at Neutoun in Glendale, 29 September, eleventh year of Richard II (1387).

[*Calendar*, No. 77.]

47. 30 October, 1387. Charter by Robert de Bugthrope, chaplain, and John Burell, to Sir Thomas del Strother, knight, and Matilda his wife, daughter of Sir John de Huthome, knight, granting them the half of the town of Westernewtoun in Glendall, which the granters had by the gift and feoffment of the said Sir Thomas: To be held to Sir Thomas and Matilda and the lawful heirs of their bodies, whom failing, to the heirs of Sir Thomas, of the lords of the fee. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Heroun, Sir Gerard Heroun, Sir [Thomas] Gray de Hortoun, Sir John de Maners, knights; John de Hesilrig, John de Howburne, Robert [?Maners].

Dated at Newtoun in Glendall, 30 October, eleventh year of Richard II (1387).

[*Calendar*, No. 78.]

48. 30 October, 1387. Letters by Sir Thomas del Strother, knight, and [M]atilda his wife, appointing John Kerre and Richard St[rother?] their attorneys, for receiving sasine of the half of the town of Westernewtoun, with all its pertinents, which belonged to the late Roger Corbet, and which they had by gift of Robert de Bugthrop and John Burell.

Dated at Newtoun in Glendall, 30 October, eleventh year of Richard II (1387).

[*Calendar*, No. 79.]

49. 12 May, 1388. Charter by Robert de Maners to Sir Thomas del Strother, knight, and Matilda his wife, granting them half a carucate of his land in Kyrknewtoun, tofts, meadows, arable land, pasture, woods, and fields, except the wood of Ruttok: To be held to Sir Thomas and Matilda and their heirs, whom failing, to the heirs of Sir Thomas. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Heroun, Sir John de Maners, Sir Thomas Gray de Hortoun, knights; John Burell, Richard Symondson.

Dated at Kyrknewtoun in Glendale, 12 May, 1388.

[Seal appended: an eagle displayed, supporting a shield quarterly, first and fourth, two bars and a chief; second and third, three squirrels. Legend apparently "Sigillum Roberti Ma[ners]", but somewhat defaced.]

[*Calendar*, No. 80.]

50. 4 May, 1409. Release by Richard de Newtoun and Elizabeth his wife, in favour of William del Strother, son of Alan del Strother, of all personal actions against him they have, or have had, from the beginning of the world to the present date. Given in presence of Robert Gabeford and Roger del Buthe, 4 May, tenth year of Henry IV (1409).

[*Calendar*, No. 89.]

51. 20 June, 1411. Release by John de Folbery, quitclaiming to William de Folbery, son of Cristiana, all right or claim which John has in the whole manor of Folbery, and in all lands, rents, etc., in the towns and territories of Folbery, Hesilyrg, and Caldmertoun, with the reversion of all those lands, etc., which Agnes, lately wife of William de Folbery, the granter's brother, holds in dowry, which lands the grantee holds by gift of the granter. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Sir Robert de Ogle, Sir John de Midiltoun, Sir Thomas Gray de Hortoun, knights; John Gray, Sampson Hardyng, Edward de Crawcester, William de R[*turn*]m, John de Wetewod, Richard de Harbotell, John Borell.

Dated at Folbery, 20 June, 1411.

[*Calendar*, No. 91.]

52. 13 August, 1425. Letters by William Spynk of Gateshed, appointing William de Lilburne and John Yocsoun (or Yotsoun) of Chattoun to give sasine to Robert Forster of Chattoun, Edward de Lilburne, and John Gray, vicar of the church of Nevtoun (sic), in terms of a charter, of a portion of a message in Chattoun, at the east end of the town of Chattoun on the Northrawe, and of twelve acres of land and one acre of meadow, with pertinents, etc., lying in the lordship and territory of Chattoun.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Gray de Hortoun, knight; William del Strother, Thomas del Strother, Edward de Crawcestr, William Hardyng, Richard de Lilburne, Robert de Doxford.

Dated 13 August, 1425.

[*Calendar*, No. 102.]

53. This writ is in a very illegible condition. The editor of the *Calendar* suggests that it is "apparently an obligation by the above-named William Spynk and another, to the same Robert Forster, to pay a certain sum of money", and that it is dated apparently the same day as the preceding writ. The photostats show that there is writing on both sides of the parchment: (a) an obligation by burgess[es?] of Gateshed, to pay something to Robert [?Forster], dated August, year of Henry VI: (b) on the other side, either an addition to writ (a), or a further obligation, where may be seen the names "Robert For.", ". de Lilburne", "John Nevtoun", presumably the three persons concerned in No. 52.

[*Calendar*, No. 103.]

54. 15 August, 1443. Obligation by Thomas Ildertoun and William Strother, esquires, to pay to Thomas Strother, esquire, the sum of

£40 English money, at Whitsunday next, pledging their goods and chattels, etc.

Dated on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August), twenty-first year of Henry VI (1443).

[Two seals attached—one bearing no impression, the other bearing a water bouget.]

[*Calendar*, No. 121.]

55. 6 October, 1443. Letters of Induction by the Official of the Archdeacon of Northumberland, narrating letters (dated 4 October, 1443) issued by Mr. John Nortoun, D.D. (decretorum doctor), and vicar "in remotis" of Robert, Bishop of Durham, requiring the induction of Sir (dompnum) John Borowbryge, canon of the monastery of Albalanda (Blanchland), who had been presented by the abbot and convent of that house, the true patrons (veros patrones), to the vicarage of the parish church of Kyrkherle, in the diocese of Durham, vacant by the death of Sir Hugh (?) Cole, last vicar there, the said Sir John having been admitted and instituted to the said Vicarage; whereupon the Official certifies that he duly inducted the presentee to the said church.

Dated 6 October, above year (1443).

[*Calendar*, No. 123.]

56. 27 June, 1449. Release by John Herbotill, burgess and merchant of the town of Berwick on Tweed, in favour of Thomas Strothir, esquire, lord of Newtown in Glendalle, releasing him from all actions, real and personal, which the granter has against him by reason of debt, etc.

Witnesses: John Burell, then mayor of Berwick; Stephen de Fischewik and William Clerke, bailiffs of the said town; Edmund Burell and John Wythyn, burgesses there.

Dated at Berwick, 27 June, 1449.

[Seal attached, curious device—a figure like a loaded camel kneeling, with a rabbit's head and ears.]

[*Calendar*, No. 127.]

57. 16 September, 1449. Charter by Sir Robert Ogle, senior, knight, to Robert Folbery; granting him all these lands and holdings which the granter has in the town and territory of Folbery: To be held to the grantee for his life, for the good counsel given by him to the granter. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: George Ogle, esquire, Master John Burun (or Burn), Master of Boltoun, Robert Mitford.

Dated at Folbery, 4 September, twenty-eighth year of Henry VI (1449).

[Small seal attached—floral device.]

[*Calendar*, No. 128.]

58. 4 September, 1450. Charter by John Coll[enw]ode, to Robert Folbery, granting him and his heirs all the lands and holdings which the granter has in the town and territory of Folbery: To be held to the grantee and his heirs and assignees of the lords of the fee for ever, rendering the usual service. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Robert Maners of Etalle; Thomas del Strothir, John Wetwod, Robert Maners of Cheswyke, Robert Forster.

Dated at Folbery, 4 September, twenty-ninth year of Henry VI (1450).

[Seal attached, charges and legend defaced.]

[*Calendar*, No. 130.]

59. 4 September, 1450. Letters by John Collenwode, appointing John Wetwode his attorney, to give sasine to Robert Folbery of the granter's lands and holdings in the town and territory of Folbery (as in the previous writ).

Dated at Folbery, 4 September, twenty-ninth year of Henry VI (1450).

[*Calendar*, No. 131.]

60. 10 October, 1451. Charter by Robert Folbery, to Thomas Gray of Horton, Master John Burn, Master of Bolton, and Thomas Ripplynham, granting them the manor of Folbery, and all the lands and holdings he has in the towns and territory of Caldmarton, Alnewyk and Roke: To be held to them for ever, on this condition, that the grantees or their heirs ought to reinfest the said Robert or his heirs in the said manor, etc., whenever required to do so.

Witnesses: Richard Lilburn, Thomas Bradeford, squires; William Bradefeld, William Elder, Thomas Bound.

Dated at Folbery, 10 October, thirtieth year of Henry VI (1451).

[*Calendar*, No. 132.]

61. 28 January, 1462. Indenture (in English) between Alexsaunder Atkynsoun on the one part and Robert Folbery on the other part, by which the former grants and confirms to the latter all lands and "tenementes" the granter has in "the town and feld of Folbery in the shire of Northumbirlond": To be held to the said Robert and his heirs, on this condition, that if at any time after Whitsunday 1472 the granter shall pay to the said Robert, or his heirs, at Folbery, 4d. "of lawfull monay of Englund", then the said Alexander shall again enjoy possession of said lands. With clause of warrandice.

Dated 28 January, first year of Edward IV (1462).

[*Calendar*, No. 146.]

62. 7 September, 1465. Charter (*indented in the form of a cyrograph*) by Roger de Grendoun, in the county of Northumberland,

to Robert de Werke of Lowyk, granting and confirming to him all the lands, holdings, etc., which he has in the town of Aldgrendoun in the parish of Norham: To be held to the said Robert, his heirs and assignees, of the lords of the fee, for the usual services; under this condition, that if the said Roger, his heirs or executors, pay to the grantee or his heirs the sum of forty marks, this grant shall be void, and they shall enter to possession of the lands. Done in duplicate.

Witnesses: William Gray of Norham, Robert Broun, Adam Thomsoun, John Floure, John Williamsoun, Robert Brandlyng of Lowyk, William Kerr, chaplain of Lowyk.

Dated 7 September, 1465.

[*Calendar*, No. 155.]

63. 28 September, 1478. Indenture between John Lorener, on the one part, and John Folbery, on the other part, to the effect that John Lorener shall give infetment to John Folbery in all the lands, holdings, rents, etc., which he has in the town and territory of Liham, and in return Folbery agrees that, if, within two years of date, Lorener or his heirs pay him twenty-one nobles of the money of King Henry VI, then they shall enjoy the lands again. Done in duplicate.

Dated at Kyrkharll, on Michaelmas eve (28 September), eighteenth year of Edward IV (1478).

[*Calendar*, No. 173.]

64. 20 October, 1491. Release by Thomas Werk, of the town of Berwick on Tweed, quitclaiming to John Ferrour of the said town all right which the granter has to those lands, etc., which he holds by gift and infetment in the town of Old Gryndoun (Gryndoun Seniore) in the county of Northumberland.

Witnesses: Sir William Tyler, knight, lieutenant of the town and castle of Berwick, Rolland Stafford, esquire, marshal of the said town, Robert Car, master porter of the said town, esquire, John Papdy, master of ordnance of the said town, Richard Berrow, mayor, John Vrd of Newbigging, gentleman, George Reide of Tundall House.

Dated at Berwick, 20 October, 1491.

[*Calendar*, No. 205.]

65. 20 October, 1491. Charter by John Ferrour, burgess of Berwick, to John Selby of Twisill, gentleman, granting him all the lands, holdings, etc., which he has in Old Gryndon. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: As in preceding writ, with the addition of Thomas Werk, burgess of Berwick.

Dated at Berwick, 20 October, 1491.

[*Calendar*, No. 206.]

66. 20 October, 1491. Release by John Ferrour in favour of John Selby of Twisill, quitclaiming any right he had or has in the lands, etc., of Old Gryndoun in Northumberland.

Witnesses: As in preceding writ.

Dated at Berwick, 20 October, 1491.

[*Calendar*, No. 207.]

67. 20 February, 1492. Release by Thomas Wark, burges of Berwick, in favour of John Ferrour, burges of the same town, releasing and quitclaiming all right and claim the said Thomas has or may have to all lands, holdings, rents and services in towns and fields within the bounds of Oldgrindoun in the county of Northumberland. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: Richard Berrow, this year mayor of Berwick, John Ferrour, Alan Lauerok, bailiffs, the master porter of the said town, with the notary public, Thomas Louthier, clerk of the watches (clerico vigiliarum) of the said town.

Dated at Berwick, 20 February, seventh year of Henry VII (1492).

[*Calendar*, No. 208.]

68. 20 February, 1492. Letters by the said John Ferrour appointing John Wilsoun of Twisill and Thomas Brade of the same as his attorneys for giving sasine to John Selby of the said lands etc. of Oldgrindoun.

Witnesses: The Mayor of Berwick, Alan Lauerok, John Reuchester, bailiffs.

Dated at Berwick, 20 February, seventh year of Henry VII (1492).

[*Calendar*, No. 209.]

69. 26 June, 1492. Release by Thomas Hagerstoun of Hagerston, esquire, releasing and quitclaiming to Richard Fowlbery of Fowlbery, gentleman, all right and claim which the granter has to lands and holdings, etc., in the town and fields of Fowlbery. With clause of warrandice.

Witnesses: John Grey, chaplain, then vicar of Newtown, Gaudewynne Hagerstoun, constable of the Castle of Bambuogh (*sic*), Henry Mustians [Muschamp] of Hesilrig, Thomas Louthier, notary public.

Dated at the town of Hortoun, 26 June, seventh year of Henry VII (1492).

[*Calendar*, No. 210.]

70. 2 July, 1492. Obligation (in Latin) by Thomas Hagerstoun of Lyamhaw, and Gawdewynne Hagerstoun constable of Bambuogh, in favour of Richard Fowlbery of Fowlbery, gentleman, to pay him

ten marks sterling of good and legal money of England, five marks at the fair (feriam) to be held after date in the town of Alnnewik or within fourteen days thereafter, and five marks at Michaelmas or fourteen days after.

Dated at the town of Hortoun, 2 July, seventh year of Henry VII (1492).

The condition of this obligation (in English) is that if Thomas and Gawin Hagerstoun recover certain lands etc. lying within the town of Fowlbery of old time, being called Hagerstoun lands, then £4 of the ten marks stands void, and 13s. 4d.; and if certain lands be not recovered to the hands of the said Richard, or his heirs, then this obligation to stand "in strenght and vertue", and if they be recovered, "to haue off this sum bot 40s. sterling money".

[*Calendar*, No. 211.]

71. c. 13 January, 1496. Memorandum that at the term of St. Hilary, eleventh year of Henry VII (1496), Elizabeth, who was the wife of Robert Foulbery, through John Bentley her attorney, sought against Richard Folbery, a third part of twenty messuages and twenty carucates of land, forty acres of meadow and sixty acres of pasture in Foulbery, Cladmertoun (*sic*) and Chattoun, as her dowry, by the gift of Robert, her late husband. On the other hand, the said Richard, through his attorney John Muscate, said that Elizabeth ought not to have dowry from the said holdings, because the late Robert neither on the day he married her (*desponsavit*) nor ever afterwards was seised in the said holdings, so that he had no power to give her dowry.

[*Calendar*, No. 226.]