

IV.—RIDLEY CHARTERS.

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This series of 107 charters are preserved in a heavy, bound octavo volume kept in the library at Blagdon. Mainly thirteenth and fourteenth century in date, they relate, in the majority of cases, to Shotton, Plessey and Blagdon, though there are a few "strays", such as (57) which relates to Manchester and a small group at the end of the volume—(96) onwards—relate to Yorkshire. The principal families mentioned are those of Roger of Merlay and John of Plessey and their descendants.¹ The charters themselves are in an excellent state of preservation, though the seals have in many cases suffered irreparable damage as a result of mounting and binding the collection in book form.

The series, taken as a whole, is of interest to historians because it illustrates so many aspects of social and economic conditions in medieval Northumberland. There are references to feudal and agrarian organization and to ecclesiastical history. Examples of mortgage transactions are included. The lists of witnesses to each charter provide valuable material for genealogists, while the place names and field names are of interest to philologists. The majority of the series have already been published in Latin by John Hodgson, in his *History of Northumberland* but, as his narrative in English refers mainly to the topographical information which they contain, a brief indication of further subjects on which they touch is given below.

In the case of agrarian organization the majority of the charters are concerned with the holdings or estates of sub-

¹ For references to the Merlay family see *Archæologia Aeliana* (4), XXX, and J. Hodgson, *Northumberland*, Pt. II, vol. II, p. 374; N.C.H., V, 20. For the Plessey family see J. Hodgson, Pt. II, vol. II, p. 295.

stantial landowners and do not directly touch on the social status and economic resources of the peasantry of the district. Holdings are usually given in terms of acres, or occasionally in carucates, and the bovate, which was the normal unit of peasant tenure in the north-east, is not mentioned.² Many of the charters do, however, indicate that the holdings with which they were concerned include a large group of tofts and crofts, each one in the hands of an individual sub-tenant. Reference is also made to husbandlands (78). This term is also used in the case of the estates of Durham Cathedral Priory where it refers to a two-bovate holding, about 30 acres in extent.³ Again, the holdings of substantial landowners with which these charters are concerned are distributed in the open fields in blocks of half an acre or more rather than in the narrow strips, known as selions characteristic of the medieval manor and township. In one case (37) where selions are mentioned, they lie in consolidated groups of three in one place and eleven in another. Yet, though these shares in the common fields are distributed in a highly irregular fashion from which it is not possible to reconstruct an underlying standard pattern, this is not necessarily a symptom of the decay of the open field system. Similar irregularities, even in the case of small peasant tenements, existed in the Danelaw before the end of the twelfth century.⁴ In most cases the only means of identifying the blocks or shares of land comprised in an estate is by reference to the names of the men who held adjacent land, but occasionally reference is made to a river, or a mill, or some other feature of the landscape.

It is not clear from these charters whether a three-field or a two-field system of cultivation was in use, half the arable lying fallow each year in the latter case and a third in the

² The carucate was a unit of assessment for taxation comprising approximately 120 acres—see F. W. Maitland, *Domesday Book and Beyond* (Cambridge 1907), pp. 395-9.

³ Cf. also the entries in the *Black Book of Hexham*, Surtees Society 46 (1864).

⁴ F. M. Stenton, *Documents Illustrative of the Social and Economic History of the Danelaw* (London, 1920), pp. xlv-1

former. In one instance, however (104), the description of a fourteenth-century holding indicates that it was divided up between three fields in Hinxton.

Rights to common, including the right to take wood, are mentioned from time to time. Usually the formula of the charter refers to these rights in general terms—for example “all liberties and easements pertaining to the township of Shotton” in (1), but occasionally the description is more detailed. For instance (3) refers to the right to pasture 13 cattle and 4 horses and to pasture all the calves of the said cattle, while (4) refers to the right to take bracken in the common moor at Shotton and to take turves in the moor called Weymore. Such rights appurtenant to the arable played a most important part in medieval agrarian economy.

The feudal structure and organization of the district is also illustrated in these charters. In particular, they illustrate the characteristic feature of Northumbrian manorial organization—the association of a group of neighbouring villis or townships with a manorial centre or “capital” township.⁵ The associated group which occurs regularly throughout the series consist of Shotton, Plessey, Blagdon and Northweatslade. There is also a reference to the early subdivision of knight's fees into fractions (38), a feature which compares with the tenurial system of the Danelaw, covering the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester and Rutland.⁶ This charter also mentions the acquisition of land by duel, a form of trial introduced at the Norman Conquest.⁷ Multure, the payment for grinding corn at the lord's mill, was a valuable source of revenue as he normally had the power to compel all his tenants to bring their corn there. This is mentioned in a group of charters, (2), (12), (13), (14) and (31), relating to the establishment of a mill to serve

⁵ For an account of the social structure of Northumbria see J. E. A. Jolliffe, “Northumbrian Institutions”, *English Historical Review* (1926).

⁶ F. W. Stenton, *op. cit.*, p. cxxix.

⁷ For biographical details of Robert son of Roger see *Arch. Ael.* (4), XXX, pp. 23-4; *N.C.H.*, V, pp. 23-5, and Hodgson, Pt. II, vol. III, pp. 33, 70, 123, 312, 484.

Plessey, Shotton, Blagdon and Northweetslade.⁸ There are two examples of mortgage transactions, (18) and (35). In each case the donor conveys his land for a sum of money given *in mea maxima necessitate*—in my great need—a formula regularly used in the middle ages when land pledged to secure a sum of money was eventually forfeited when the borrower failed to repay the loan. There is also an interesting reference to clerical marriage (37) at a date when this was forbidden by canon law. Finally there are the charters relating to the foundation of chapels at Plessey and Shotton, (3), (5), (8) and (9).

The description of the seals has been written by C. H. Hunter Blair.

HANDLIST.

(The abbreviation J.H. is used to signify John Hodgson's *A History of Northumberland*. Charters are numbered in the order in which they are mounted in the volume.)

1. 1255-7. Grant from Roger of Merlay the third to John of Plessez and his heirs of licence to build a mill in the territory of Plessez (Plessey), Scotton (Shotton), Blakeden (Blagdon) and Northwydeslad (Weetslade). Latin. Seal—Round, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " diam., red wax, armorial, pear-shaped shield, three blackbirds (merles) paleways flying to the dexter. Legend in small caps. [SIG]ILL : ROGERI : DE : MER[LAI]. (Plate III, no. 1.) J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 342, (39).
2. Before 1250. Grant from William de Paris to Robert, son of Hangesai of Schottune of 7 acres of land in Schotune (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 313-14; Pt. III, vol. II, p. 396.
Note.—This charter must date from the first half of the thirteenth century since Robert, son of Robert, son of Angeray of Shotton to whom the grant was made, quitclaimed all his land to John of Plessey between 1255 and 1274. See (6).
3. 1268-1272. Grant from John of Plessey (Plesseto) to Thomas of Kyrkeby, his chaplain, and other priests succeeding him, in endowment of the chapels of Schotton (Shotton) and Plesseto

⁸ See N. Neilson, *Customary Rents* (Oxford, 1910); pp. 98-9, for discussion of part played by multure in seignorial economy in the north.

- (Plessey) in frankalmoign of lands in Schotton (Shotton), Blakeden (Blagdon). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. III, vol. II, pp. 70, 71, 72; see also Pt. II, vol. II, p. 300.
4. Sunday, the morrow of St. Agnes—22nd January, 1323. Quitclaim from John of Plescy to Robert Cook of Newcastle upon Tyne of all rights in a rent of 7s. 6d. which the later paid for land in Blakeden (Blagdon) and of 6d. a year towards castleworks and scutage, homage, relief, cornage, military service and suit at the mill of Blakeden for which he was now to render 1d. a year. Also grant of common pasture in Schotton (Shotton) pertaining to the free tenement in Blakeden except in those parts of the township where John of Plescy held in severalty. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 347, (54).
 5. 1246-57. Quitclaim from Henry Freman to John of Plessey (Plesseto) his lord of all his land in Schottona (Shotton), in service and in demesne, towards the endowment of the chapel of Schottona (Shotton). Latin. Seal—Round, green wax, device a star pattern of six points. Legend part caps. and part minuscules—✱ s' HENICI : D : SCHOTVN. (Plate III, no. 8). J.H. Pt. III, vol. II, p. 70.
Note.—Land in service was land in the hands of tenants in return for "service", or unpaid labour—Bracton, *Summa*, f. 81, 392.
 6. 1255-74. Quitclaim from Robert, son of Robert, son of Angeray of Schotton to lord John of Plessey (Plesseto) of all his land in the township of Schottona (Shotton) and Plessehe (Plessey). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 345, (45). See also (2).
 7. c. 1250. Grant from Ysod, son of William Godswain to Richard of Pleysiz, his heirs and assigns of 12½ acres of land in Scotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 335, (11).
 8. 9th October, 1264. Ratification and confirmation by Robert, Bp. of Durham of the foundation by John of Plessey (Plesseto) of a perpetual chaplaincy in the chapels of Scottona (Shotton) and Plesset' (Plessey). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. III, vol. II, p. 73.
 9. 23rd September, 1266. Inspeximus and confirmation by Hugh, Prior of and the Convent of Durham of the preceding charter. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. III, vol. II, p. 73.
 10. 1255-74. Quitclaim from Richard, son of Robert of Schotton to John of Plessey (Plesseto) of all rights in the land which once belonged to William of Paris in the townships of Plesseto (Plessey) and Scotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 345, (46). See also (2).
 11. Mid 13th century. Grant from Robert Frankeloyne of Bokingfeld to John of Lyem of half the inheritance with which his

- uncle, William of Wydeslade, was seised in demesne or in fee in Wydeslade (Weetslade), Blakeden (Blagdon), and Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 347, (53).
12. 19th July, 1257. Grant from Roger of Merlay the third to John of Plessey of freedom from suit of court, hunting rights over his lands except his woods, the right to take timber in the woods of Witton and Horseley (Horsley) to build his mills of Plessey and Stanington and also estovers in the woods of Morpath (Morpeth) for that purpose, also estovers for these two mills from the dene of Blye (Blyth) on the south and in the wood of Schaldefen, right of way for his cattle from Plessey via Blye to his pasture at Waimor, the right to make a fish pond beyond the water of Blye as far as Roger's land on the south of Blye. If the said John or his heirs incurred a fine they were to pay 12d. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 334, (7).
 13. 18th July, 1247. Grant and confirmation to the same effect as (12). Latin. Seal—the same as on no. 1. (Plate III, no. 1). Followed by an unsealed fourteenth century parchment copy, also in Latin.
 14. Post 1255. Grant and confirmation from Roger of Merlay III to Adam of Beret and his heirs of the quitclaim which John of Plessey made to the said Adam and his heirs of multure from a mediety of Norrwideslad (Weetslade) and appurtenances and of multure from 2 bovates of land and appurtenances in Shotton and also grant of the right to build a mill in the fee of Norrwideslad. Witnessed William of Hayrun, John of Plessey, Roger of Toggesden, William of Blockley, Wido of Normansville, Anselm of Harpham, Nicholas of Lunde and many others. Latin. Fragment only of seal; green wax.
 15. Monday after St. Vincent, the martyr—24th January, 1317. Agreement between John of Plessey and Weland Mauduyt, whereby the said John leased to the said Weland for term of 21 years a "culture" of land called Shortbuttes in the fields and territory of Shotton. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 345, (43, a).
 16. Saturday after the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross—18th September, 1350. Confirmation from Thomas of Heselrig, son of Simon of Heselrig and William Hunter, son of Robert Hunter of Horsely to William of Qwelpedale and Richard Somer of the manor of Plescys (Plessey) and appurtenances. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (32).
 17. 12th March, 33 Edward I (1305). Quitclaim from Robert of Welham of Longstratton, co. Norfolk, to John of Plessey of Northumberland of all rights in 10/- annual rent which he used to pay for lands in Schotton (Shotton) and Plessey and

- elsewhere in Northumberland. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 345, (44).
18. Mid 13th century. Quitclaim from Robert, son of Richard to Richard of Pleysiz and his heirs of all rights over 8 acres of land in Scottun (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 335, (10).
 19. Sunday after the feast of St. Dyonisius—11th October, 1349. Grant and confirmation from Margaret, wife of Richard of Plescys to Roger of Woderington of the manor of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) with lands and tenements, rents and services and villeins and their issue in return for a rent of £20 a year. Latin. Seal (impression almost effaced) in white wax, illegible. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 338, (25).
 20. Counterpart of the above indenture follows.
 21. 3rd April, 1356. Quitclaim from James of Haydon to Roger of Woderington and his heirs and assigns of all rights in the manors of Plesys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) and appurtenances such as the services of free and bond tenements and tenants, cottages, brew-houses, mills and their suit, dove-cotes, woods, meadows, pastures and pasture rights, waters, fishponds, fisheries, river banks, turves, peat, marl pits and other liberties, commodities, profits and easements. Warranty. Given at Wynburnwest. Witnessed William Heron, John Heron, Gerard of Woderington, knights, John of Coupland, sheriff of Northumberland, William of Lilleburn, Thomas Muscham, William of Heselrigg, William of Prestston (*sic*), Hugh son of Sampson and John, chaplain, who wrote this charter and others. Latin. Seal—Round red wax, $\frac{3}{4}$ " diam., device a sitting hare. Legend blurred and illegible. Used by James of Haydon.
 22. 7th April, 1357. Quitclaim from James of Haydon and Margaret, his wife, to Roger of Woderington and his heirs and assigns to the same effect as (21). Latin. Two seals. 1. Red wax, round, $\frac{3}{4}$ " diam., shield heater-shaped in tracery, three squirrels. Legend SIGILLVM . . . HIG . . . SAM . . . Used by James of Haydon. (Plate III, no. 4.) 2. Red wax seal as on no. 21, used by Margaret wife of above James. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 337, (20).
 23. 20th May, 1491. Agreement and concord between the abbot and convent of Newminster and Ralph Wodryngton, knight, relating to the chapels of Schotton (Shotton) and Placeto (Plessey). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 340, (35).
 24. Tuesday after the feast of St. Cuthbert in March—21st March, 14 Edward III (1340). Grant from John, son of Simon of Plescys to Richard, his son, of all services and rents of all free

- tenants and their heirs holding lands and tenements of the said John in Shotton, Plescys (Plessey), Blakeden and Wydeslade North (Weetslade), the advowsons of the chapels of Shotton, Plescys and of the bridge of Hereford (Hartford) together with other rents. Latin. Seal—Light brown wax, $\frac{3}{8}$ " diam., device of bird with wings close. Legend illegible. Used by John, son of Simon of Plessey.
25. 15 days after easter—25th April, 4 and 5 Ph. and Mary (1558). Final concord between Anthony Midforde esq. and Cuthbert Midforde gent. versus William Burghe, knight, lord of Burgh, and Katherine, his wife, concerning 24 messuages, a water mill, 24 gardens, 500 acres of arable, 200 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 700 acres of heath, 40 acres of moor, 12s. rent and appurtenances in Highe Collerton (High Callerton), Pontelon (Ponteland), Mersfen (Matfen), Framlyngtonn (Framlington) and Midford (Mitford). Fine £525. Latin.
 26. 28th Dec., 17 Edward III (1343). Appointment by Gilbert of Collewell of Roger of Wyderington of Denton as his attorney to deliver seisin of lands in Collewell (Colwell). Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 252, (21, b).
 27. 6th Oct., 24 Edw. III (1350). Grant from William Baro, lord of Graystok to Roger of Woderyngton, brother of Gerard of Woderyngton, knight, of the lands which belonged to Philip of Dudden in Blakeden, now held by John of Hastynges, parson of Morpath reverting to William Baro and his heirs. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 347, (55).
 28. 18th April, 1369. Grant from Thomas son of Roger Grene of La Plescys (Plessey) to Roger of Woderyngton of a toft in Plescys and 12 acres of arable in Schotton (Shotton) and half an acre of meadow in Holford. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (47, b).
 29. Monday in the octave of St. Cuthbert in March—27th March, 1340. Grand from John of Heppescotes, parson of Morpath to Richard, son of John of Plescys of a toft and croft with appurtenances in Shotton and 54 acres of arable and 4 acres of meadow in Shotton. Latin. Seal—Light brown wax, partly destroyed. Shield shaped a beast passant to the sinister above it . . . LSV. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 337, (22).
 30. Morrow of St. James the Apostle—26th July, 1247. Agreement between John of Plesseto (Plessey) and Roger of Togsyden by which John granted the said Roger and Agnes, his wife, all his land of Plessiz (Plessey) and Scotton (Shotton) with the capital messuage of Plessiz and the wardship and marriage of Richard of Wydeslade. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 336, (14).

31. Monday in Whitsuntide week—8th June, 1322. Deed poll of Richard of Horseley confirming to John of Plessis the reversion of lands in Plessis (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) with which the said John had enfeoffed him. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 117.
32. 24th March, 41 Henry III (1257). Inspeximus by Henry III of (1) q.v. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 343, (40).
33. 1255-7. Confirmation from Roger of Merlay III to John of Plessey and his heirs of the mill of Stanington with all appurtenances. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 332, (2, 2).
34. Agreement between Matilda and Eda, daughters of Ralph Freman, and John of Plessey concerning lands in Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (47, a).
35. Thursday, the morrow of St. John the Baptist—30th Aug., 1349. Quitclaim from John of Plessey to Roger of Woderington, son of John of Woderington, knight, of all rights and claims in the manor of Plesseys (Plessey) and in the townships of Schotton (Shotton), Blakden (Blagdon) and Witslade (Weetslade). Witnessed John of Fenwick, Gerard of Woderington, William Heron, John Heron, William de la Vale, knights, Richard, his son, and others.
36. Before 1250. Confirmation from William Paris of Schotton (Shotton) to Richard of Plessey of 6 acres in Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 336, (12).
37. Thursday the morrow of St. Michael—30th Sept., 1350. Grant from Robert of Massam and John of Horton to Roger of Woderington, brother of Gerard of Woderington of the manor of Plessey (Plessey) with appurtenances. Latin. Seals lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 340, (33, a).
38. c. 1333.¹ Grant from Agnes widow of William, son of Richard de la Neumore to John of Neubigg, clerk, and Christiana, his wife, of a toft, croft and 6 acres of arable in Neumore. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 540.
39. c. 1200. Grant from Robert, son of Roger, to Ralph Pincerna of all the land which the said Robert held from Robert of Throkelaue, acquired from Walter of Sotton by duel and situated in the township of Sotton (Shotton); to hold for the service of a fourth part of a knight's fee. Latin. Seal—Green wax, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " diam., equestrian knight in chain mail and conical helm, skirt of under garment flowing beneath mail, sword in right hand, shield in left, concave with rounded corners, quarterly a baston (*or and gules a baston sable*), horse saddled and bridled, no caparisons. Legend—✱ SIGILL[VM]·ROBERTI

¹ John of Neubigg clerk c. 1333 granted land in Newmoor to Sir Gerard of Widdrington. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 247 (f.).

[FILII·ROGERI]. *Secretum*, round, $\frac{3}{8}$ " diam. The flight into Egypt. SIGILLVM·SECRETI. (Plate III, no. 2.) See also *Durham Seals*, no. 1003. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 345, (43, b).

Note.—Robert son of Roger b. 1163, d. 1214.—C. H. Hunter Blair, "Baronys and Knights of Northumberland, A.D. 1166-1266", *Arch. Ael.*, 4th series, XXX, p. 23. This charter must have been granted before the death of John the sheriff who appears among the witnesses—see C. H. Hunter Blair, *op. cit.*, p. 47.

40. Easter, 1314. Receipt from Stephen of Cambrig to John of Plessy for 7s. 6d. in part solution of £6 10s. in which Bartholomew Benet, Walter of Burnton, William of Prestvik and the said John were bound. Latin. Seal lost.
41. Early 13th cent.² Grant from Eva, daughter of Hawis of Merlay to Richard of Plessiz of all rights and lands in Northumberland which Adam of Plessiz held from Hawis of Merlay. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 335, (9, b).
42. 1278-1303.³ Grant from William, son of William of Stanington to Simon of Plessy, knight, of half a carucate of land and appurtenances in the township of Blakeden (Blagdon). Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 336, (12).
43. Friday before conversion of St. Paul—18th Jan., 16 Edw. III (1342). Convention between Richard, son of John of Plessy and William Bell of Morpath by which Richard granted William lands and tenements in Schotton (Shotton) and 10s. annual rent to hold for 4 years or until William had received £16 if he did not receive that sum during the said term of 4 years. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (27).
44. Wednesday before Christmas—21st Dec., 32 Edward I (1303). Quitclaim from William, son of Roger of Bokenfeld to John of Plessy of all rights in 20s. annual rent from the manor of Schotton (Shotton) and Plessy (Plessey). Latin. Seal—Light brown wax, $\frac{3}{8}$ " diam., device a squirrel. Legend illegible. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 336, (15).
45. Sunday before St. Margaret the Virgin—18th July, 13 Ed. III (1339). Quitclaim from John of Plescy to Richard of Plescy, his son, of all rights in 2 tofts, 2 crofts and one terra husbandi⁴ and 60 acres in Scotton (Shotton) with appurtenances. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 337, (17, b).
46. Thursday before St. John the Baptist—28th Aug., 1270. Quitclaim from Robert, son of Walter of Kambou and Ysabell, his

² Richard of Plessey was the son of Adam who is mentioned in the Pipe Roll of 1170. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 295.

³ Simon of Plessey distrained to take the order of knighthood 1278; d'ead by 1303. See J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 295-6. ⁴ terra husbandi=about 30 acres.

wife, to John of Plessey of the mill of Plessey (Plessey) which he had given by way of marriage portion in return for a grant of the manor of Meldon. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. I, p. 279, (6, c).

47. 13th Aug., 12 Henry VII (1497). Quitclaim from Robert Lawe of Wytton to Ralph Wodryngton of Wodryngton, of the manor of Plessys (Plessey) near Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Signet of red wax, a beast, no legend.
48. Wednesday the morrow of the exaltation of the Holy Cross—16th Sept., 1350. Grant from Roger of Woderington, brother of Gerard of Woderington to John of Babington, son of William of Babington and William Chamberlain of all his goods and chattels in the manor of Plescys (Plessey). Latin. Seal—much destroyed—shield only left, quarterly a baston (*quarterly arg. and gules a baston sable*). Legend gone. See no. 87 *post*. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (31).
49. c. 1250-72.⁵ Grant from Sybilla, daughter of Robert of Plessees to Symon Plessees of a toft and croft in Schotton (Shotton) and an acre of land. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 335, (8).
50. Friday after St. Martin's—17th November, 1346. Grant from Richard of Plescis and Margaret, his wife, to Roger of Woderington, brother of Gerard of Woderington, knight, of an annual rent of 10 marks from the manor of Plescise (Plessey) and the township of Shotton. Latin. Seal—Round, red wax, 1" diam., armorial a monster, with long neck, hairy legs and long tail flexed over back, passant towards top of shield. Legend ✱ SIGILV · RICARDI · DE · PLESSIS. (Plate III, no. 6.) J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 338, (23).
51. 7th July, 1357. Quitclaim from William of Kellaw to Roger of Woderington of all rights in the manors of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal—round, red wax. See no. 52 next. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (33, b).
52. 7th July, 1357. Quitclaim from William of Kellaw to Roger of Woderington to same effect as (51). Latin. Seal—Round, red wax, $\frac{7}{8}$ " diam., armorial a chevron between three spear heads. Legend ✱ S' ROGERI · DE . . . HER . . . (Plate III, no. 7.) J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (33, b).
53. Notice that Roger of Wydryngton owed £10 for restitution of lands in Plessis and elsewhere in Northumberland. From the great roll of the year XXXII^{do} in Northumbr'.
54. 20th Dec., 32 Edward III (1358). Letters patent of Edward III making restitution to Roger of Wydryngton of the mediety of

⁵ Sybill d. of Robert of Plessey lived in the later part of the reign of Henry III. See J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 293.

- the manor of Plessys and lands in Shotton of the gift of John of Stanyngton and Simon de Shotton, chaplains, by fine in King's Bench. Latin. Seal—Lower half of great Seal of Edward III used c. 1341-70. It is much rubbed and details gone. (Wyon's *Great Seals*, pl. X, no. 61.)
55. 1268-72.⁶ Grant from William, son of Richard of Northwydeslade to Germanus, son of Robert of Hylton, knight, of 5 husbandland tofts with appurtenant lands and tenements in the township of Blakeden, to hold for an annual rent of 15s. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 347, (52).
 56. c. 1267.⁷ Grant and confirmation from Symon of Pleysis to the prior and convent of Brinkburn of the settlement of a dispute regarding pasture at the bridge of Hereford (Hartford). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 341, (37).
 57. All Saints Day—1st Nov., 30 Edward III (1356). Record of a convention between John of Plessetis, plaintiff and John, abbot of Newminster, defendant, concerning the mills of Plessey (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 334, (41).
 58. Christmas Eve—24th Dec., 24 Edward III (1350). Quitclaim from Elena, daughter of Robert le Walker, in her widowhood, to Richard Pynchene, Sabina, his wife and their assigns of all rights and claims in a burgage in Manicestr' (Manchester) lying in Denesgate. Witnessed Lord John of Boterley, chaplain, Richard le Marshale, John of Strangeways, Robert, son of Gilbert, William, son of Robert and others. Given at Manicestr'. Latin. Seal lost.
 59. 4th Sept., 11 Hen. VI (1433). Quitclaim from Elena, widow of William of Lokwodde to John of Woddryngton, knight, Henry of Fenwyk, chaplain and their heirs and assigns of all rights in the manor of Plessey (Plessey) and the township of Shotton. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (34).
 60. Wednesday, the morrow of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist—1350. Grant from William of Qwhelpedale and Richard Somer to Edmund of Woderington and Robert Hunte of the manor of Plescy (Plessey) and appurtenances. Witnessed John of Fenwik, Robert de la Vale, Robert Bertram, John of Eure, Roger Mauduyt, knights, John of Couplande then sheriff of Northumberland, Robert of Fenwik, Thomas of Fenwik, Bartholomew Benet, Roger of Cressewell, William of Heppescotes, William of Seton, Richard of Cramelington and others. Given at the manor of Plescys (Plessey). Latin.
 61. 15 days after easter—11th May, 22 Edward III (1348). Final

⁶ Guischart of Charron who witnesses this charter was sheriff 1268-72.

⁷ See J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 304-6.

concord between Richard of Plescys and Margaret, his wife, and John of Stanynghton, chaplain, and Symon of Shotton, chaplain, concerning the manor of Plescys and Shotton and appurtenances. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 338, (24).

62. A second part of the above final concord—right hand margin slightly damaged.
63. 6th Oct., 1349. Quitclaim from John of Plesseto to Margaret who was wife of Richard of Plescys, his son, of all rights in the manor of Plescys and the townships of Schotton (Shotton), Blakden (Blagdon) and Witslade (Weetslade). Seal of John of Plessey as no. 24 above. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 337, (19).
64. 5th April, 1349. Indenture of lease from Richard of Plescis, son of John of Plescis to Thomas Paule and John Paule, his son. Whereas John, father of the said Richard, enfeoffed Thomas Paule, burgess of Newcastle with 10 crofts, 10 tofts and 2 acres lying nearer the east on the south of the manor of Plescis (Plessey) with all appurtenances in Plescis and Shotton except Tynnyngshaulgh, Milnhaulgh, grass, meadow and wood called Blythesden, Richard now leased the same to the said Thomas Paule and John Paule to hold from Whitsuntide 1349 for term of 2 years, rendering a rose a year on the feast of St. John the Baptist if it was asked for. Warranty. Witnessed John of Clifford, then sheriff of Northumberland, Robert of Milburne, Robert of Fenwyk, Thomas of Fenwyk, John of Faudun and others. Given at Plescis (Plessey). Cyrograph. Latin. Seal lost.
65. c. 1267. Grant and confirmation from John of Plesseto to Symon of Plesseto, his brother, of the manor of Plessey (Plessey), the advowson of the hospital of the bridge of Hereford (Hartford) and the advowsons of the chapels of Plessey and Schotton (Shotton) with the mill and wood and townships of Plessey and Schotton (Shotton) in demesne and servitude with the homage and service of Adam Bareth, William of Wydeslad, Helye of Blakeden and all other freemen in Schotton, Blakeden and Wydelade (Weetslade). Cyrograph. Latin. —Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 304-5, note t.⁸
66. Counterpart of (65).
67. Copy of (65).
68. Friday after St. Luke the Evangelist—24th Oct., 20 Edward II (1326). Testimony that John Archier and William of Bedlington, chaplains, granted to John of Plesseto the capital messuage of the manor of Plesseto (Plessey) which was enclosed with a wall and ditch, and a mediety of the demesne with appurtenances, the mediety of the land which Alice of Sadlingstanes

⁸ See J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 304.

- held in Shotton for term of years, with the mediety of the advowson of the chapel of Shotton with certain husbandlands and other tenements (names of tenants given) and rents; to hold to the said John for terms of his life from Richard, son of the said John, and Margaret, his wife and their issue. Cyrograph. Latin. Seal—Brown wax, round, $\frac{3}{8}$ " diam., man and woman standing at each side of a tree or three-leaved flower. Legend illegible—probably a Biblical subject. Used by John Archier, chaplain. (Plate III, no. 10.) J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 337, (17, a).
69. Monday after St. Michael—30th Sept., 10 Edward III (1356). Grant and release from Thomas of Heppescotes, clerk, to Richard of Plessey of the lands, tenements and appurtenances in Shotton and le Plessys (Plessey) which he had of the gift and feoffment of the said Richard and John, his father. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (49).
70. Monday in the octave of St. Cuthbert—27th March, 1340. Indenture testifying that Thomas of Heppescotes, rector of the church of Morpath, granted and confirmed to Richard, son of John of Plescys and Margaret, his wife, whatever he held of the said Richard in the manor of Shotton and Plescys (Plessey) in demesne and in service except a toft and croft which Gilbert, son of William once held and 9 acres of demesne. Cyrograph. Latin. Both seals lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (50).
71. Counterpart of (70).—Seal—Brown wax, oval, $1'' \times \frac{3}{8}''$. In an upper niche demi-figure of Our Lady with child Christ, in middle niche two demi-figures, one crowned, the other mitred, in lower niche demi-figure praying. Legend blurred and illegible. (Plate III, no. 12.)
72. Sunday after St. Peter ad Vincula—4th Aug., 1325. Grant from John of Plescis to Thomas Paule, burgess of Newcastle upon Tyne, of 10 tofts and 10 crofts and 2 acres of land on the south-east of the manor of Plescis (Plessey) with all appurtenances in Plescis (Plessey) and Shotton for a rent of 10/- a year; also grant of common pasture. Cyrograph. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (48).
73. Sat. after St. Lucia the Virgin—15th Dec., 1324. Grant from John of Plessis to Lord Roger of Someruille and his heirs that whereas Thomas of Hydewyne and Katherine, his wife, and Johanna, his wife, held half the township of Wydeslade North (Weetslade) of the said John for the service of the 6th part of a knight's fee, the aforesaid John now granted their service to the said Roger with wardships and reliefs and the lordship of the said mediety of Wydeslade North, whereupon the said Roger released the said John and his heirs from the payment

of 2s. 3d. annual rent which John and his ancestors used to receive from the tenants in the mediety of the aforesaid township of Wydeslade North. If at any time the said Roger and his heirs were unable to obtain the said rent of 2s. 3d. direct from the tenants by lawful means, they were to receive that amount from all other lands of the said John of Plessis. The said Roger granted the said John and his heirs freedom from the 6th part of the scutage and relief which the said Roger was accustomed to receive from the tenants of the mediety of Wydeslade North. Given at Wydeslade North. Seal lost.

74. 1350-7.⁹ Grant from Roger of Woderington, son of John of Woderington, knight, to Gerard of Woderington, Henry of Hauerington, knights, Roger Heron, parson of the church of Ford, John of Burdon, parson of the church of Routhbury (Rothbury), William of Emeldon, parson of the church of Bottale (Bothal), Thomas of Heselrigg, lord of Heselrigg, Roger of Fenwik, Edmund of Woderington, William, son of Symon of Heselrigg, Elyna, daughter of Symon of Heselrigg, John, son of Adam of Rodum (Roddam), John of Heselrigg of Schepwash, Robert of Massam, Ranulf of Malteby, John, son of Gilbert of Babington, Gilbert Gaumbel of Werkeword (Warkworth), William, son of William of Swethop (Sweethope), Gilbert Heron, son of Roger Heron, knights, Richard, son of John Heron, knight, of the manor of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) with all appurtenances. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (28).
75. 1350-7. Grant from Gerard of Woderington and associates (as in (74)) to Roger of Woderington, son of John of Woderington, knight, of the manors of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Twenty small seals in light brown wax on ten parchment tabs have originally been attached, of these eleven now remain. Three are armorial but they are all so blurred and indistinct that they cannot be properly described. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (29).
76. 1350-7. Appointment by Gerard of Woderington and his associates (as in (74)) of Edmund of Esshet and Adam of Lyam to give seisin to Roger of Woderington in the manors of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton). Latin. Seal lost.
77. Sunday after St. Dionisius—11th Oct., 1349. Quitclaim by Roger of Woderington of all actions and claims against Margaret of Plessys, executrix of the will of Richard of Plessys. Latin. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 339, (30).
78. Saturday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross—15th Sept., 15 Edw. III (1341). Receipt from John of Plescys to Richard, his
- ⁹ J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 297—under Roger of Widdrington.

- son, for 40s. of the 5 marks annual rent due from tenements in Plescys (Plessey) and Shotton for term of the said John's life. Latin. Seal lost.
79. Friday after the morrow of St. Barnabas—12th June, 1349. Grant from Richard of Plessis and Margaret, his wife, to Roger of Woderington of the mills of Plessis (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) and Blakden (Blagdon). Cyrograph. Latin. Seals lost. Noted J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 311.
80. 13th June, 24 Henry VIII (1532). Grant from John of Wytherington of Wytherington (Widdrington), knight, to John Wytherington of Hawkesley, gent., and Mary Ogle, natural daughter of William Ogle of Cocle Parke (Cockle Park), in consideration of their marriage, of 3 husbandlands in the township of Shotton. Cyrograph. Latin. Signet—a bull's head in a fancy striped border. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 254, (35).
81. Counterpart of (80).
82. 1268-72.¹⁰ Confirmation from Robert of Hilton, son of Alexander of Hilton, to John of Duddene of 5 husbandland tofts with appurtenances in the township of Blakeden. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 318.
83. 4th June, 13 Richard II (1390). Confirmation from John of Fenwyk of Blakeden to Thomas of Watton of 64 acres and appurtenances in Shotton. Latin. Seal—Round red wax, Our Lady with the Christ child seated in a decorated niche. Legend blurred. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 346, (51).
84. 20th August, 134(?). Confirmation from John, son of John, son of . . . to Adam of Vaus and Alice, his wife, of all lands and tenements etc. which he had of the feoffment of the said Adam in Newcastle upon Tyne, Copo . . . , Benton, Wyndesselad (Weetslade), Gatesheued (Gateshead) and other places in the co. of Northumberland and the liberty of Durham. Latin. Seal lost. This charter is completely effaced in several places. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, pp. 252-3, (27).
85. Sunday after St. Luke the Evangelist—24th Oct., 1349. Indenture of confirmation from Roger of Woderington to Margaret, widow of Richard of Plescys of St. Martin's day farms of all free tenants and villeins of the manor of Plescys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) and other benefits including accommodation. Cyrograph. Latin. Seal lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 338, (26).
86. Counterpart of (85). Seal—Light brown wax armorial—Roger of Widdrington as no. 87.
87. Sunday after the feast of the Assumption—20th Aug., 1346. Indenture of confirmation from Richard of Plescise and
- ¹⁰ Witnessed by Guischar'd of Charron, sheriff, who held office 1268-72.

Margaret, his wife, to Roger of Woderyngton, brother of Gerard of Woderyngton, of an annual rent of 10 marks from the manor of Plescise (Plessey) and lands and tenements in the township of Shotton and appurtenances. Grant of power to distrain if the rent was in arrears. Warranty. Undertaking not to alienate the said estate. Witnessed Sir Robert Bertram, sheriff of Northumberland, Sir Robert de la Vale, Sir John of Fenwyc, Sir William de la Vale, knights, Robert of Fenwyc, Thomas of Fenwyc, Robert of Punchardon, Robert of Seton, William of Hepiscotes, William of Fenrother and others. Given at the manor of Plescise (Plessey). Cyrograph. French. Seal—Red wax, round, 1" diam., armorial, quarterly a baston (*quarterly argent and gules a baston sable*), lacertine crawl up sides and at top. Legend in small caps SIGILL' · ROGERI · DE · WIDERINGTONE. (Plate III, no. 3.)

88. Counterpart of (87). Two seals: 1. Round red wax, $\frac{7}{8}$ " diam., a quatrefoiled device. Legend in small caps ✱ WILLIAM . . . VCE . . . ILNE. Used by Margaret, wife of Richard of Plessey. (Plate III, no. 9.) 2. Armorial seal of Richard of Plessey as no. 50.
89. Sunday after St. Martin's day in winter—12th Nov., 1346. Indenture of confirmation between Roger of Woderyngton, brother of Sir Gerard of Woderyngton and Richard of Plescise and Margaret, his wife, whereby the latter agreed to pay the former an annual rent of 10 marks from the manor of Plescise (Plessey) and the township of Shotton. If the said Richard and Margaret, or their heirs and assigns, paid the said Roger, or his heirs or assigns, 40 marks on St. Martin's day 1350 they were to be released from the said agreement. Cyrograph. French. Seal of Roger of Widdrington as no. 87.
90. Counterpart of (89). Seals of (1) Richard of Plessey as nos. 50 and 88. (2) Margaret, his wife, as no. 88.
91. 4th Oct., 1393. Indenture between Robert, abbot of Newminster and the convent of Newminster and John of Woderyngton regarding a dispute about an annual rent of 5 marks from the mill of Shotton and the manor of Plessys (Plessey) whereby the said abbot and convent released all claim to arrears of the said rent except action and recovery against the heirs and executors of William of Hasilrig and the said John and his heirs were to pay the said abbot and convent 40s. a year from the said mill and manor at Easter and St. Michael's day for 30 years. Grant of power to distrain if the rent was in arrears. Given at Newcastle. Cyrograph. French. Red oval seal much destroyed. It is the common seal of the abbot and convent of Newminster Abbey (see *Durham Seals*, no. 3525, plate 65).
92. 9th June, 1351. Confirmation from Roger of Woderyngton,

- brother of Gerard of Woderington, knight, to Ralph Malteby and his heirs of the mills of Plesys (Plessey) and Schotton (Shotton) for a rent of £40 a year. Latin. Seal red wax much destroyed and being the shield also of Roger of Widdrington as nos. 86 and 87.
93. Friday after St. Barnabas—13th June, 1343. Indenture testifying that John of Plescys pawned certain vestments to Brother John, Master of the Hospital of St. Mary in Westgate, for 20s. to be repaid in three instalments of half a mark. Cyrograph. French. Seal lost.
94. Thursday after St. Hilary—20th Jan., 1356. Indenture testifying that Roger of Woderington and William of Menevill confirmed to John, son of Adam of Vaus and Barnaba, daughter of the said Roger and their issue, all lands, tenements, rents, services, or reversions in the township of Todehow, Gatisheued (Gateshead) and elsewhere in the bishopric of Durham with all appurtenances, which they had of the gift of Adam of Vaus. Given at Durham. Cyrograph. French. Two seals. 1. Red, round, $\frac{7}{8}$ " diam., shield, within a panel of tracery, bears an oak tree with leaves and acorns. Legend S' IOHIS DE BIRTELEY. (Plate III, no. 11.) No. 2 Seal as used by Margaret of Plessy, no. 88. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 253, (28, b).
95. 1356.¹¹ Indenture testifying that John del Bothe of Alnewyk (Alnwick) and Custannce, his wife, leased to Roger of Woddryngton all their lands and tenements with appurtenances in Blakkden (Blagdon). Cyrograph. French. Two small red seals $\frac{3}{4}$ " diam. 1. Beast in tracery. 2. An undefined object in tracery. Used by John de Bothe of Alnwick and Custance his wife. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 348, (56).
96. Eve of St. James—24th July, 1379. Indenture testifying that William of Hesilrig confirmed to John of Woddryngton, son and heir of Roger of Woddryngton, the manor of Plesseys (Plessey), the township of Shotton and a place called Gerardlee with appurtenances. Cyrograph. French. Seal—Red wax, round, 1" diam., armorial shield in centre of tracery on a chief a violet between two . . . beneath is a beast or monster of rats. Legend broken off. Used by William of Heselrigg. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 252, (24).
97. Sunday before St. Luke—14th Oct., 1358. Indenture testifying that Adam of Vaus and Alice, his wife, granted Roger of Woderington and William of Meneuill all their lands, tenements, rents, services and reversions in the town of Nove Chastell sur Tyne (Newcastle upon Tyne), Benton, Heton (Heaton), Bradeford, Coupon, Wydeslade (Weetslade),

¹¹ J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 320.

- Schotton (Shotton), Ayden (Aydon) and elsewhere in Northumberland, in order to enfeoff John, son of the said Adam and Alice, and Barnaba, daughter of the said Roger (see (94)), Cyrograph. French. Two seals. 1. Roger of Widdrington as nos. 86, 87. 2. Red, round, 1" diam., armorial shield within tracery, a cross engrailed for William of Menuill. (Plate III, no. 5.) J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 252, (27).
98. Eve of St. James—24th July, 1389. Appointment by William of Hesilrig of Thomas Donkar, chaplain, and Robert Vaus as attorneys to give seisin to John, son of Roger of Woddryngton in the manor of Plessys (Plessey), the township of Shotton and a place called Gerardle. Cyrograph. French. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 252, (26).
99. Sunday after St. Hilary—20th Jan., 1356. Grant to same effect as (97), but given at Newcastle. Cyrograph. French. Seals lost. J.H. Pt. II, vol. II, p. 253, (28, a).
100. 29th June, 34 Henry VIII (1542). Indenture between Sir Thomas Wetheryngton of Wetheryngton (Widdrington), knight, and Sir Thomas Gower of Stitnam (Stittenham), Yorks, knight, whereby the former covenanted with the latter to marry Agnes, his daughter, and the latter agreed to pay 300 marks sterling, in 3 instalments of £33 6s. 8d. If the bride or bridegroom died before the payments were complete, the agreement was void. Cyrograph. English.
101. Charter now almost completely illegible as a result of fading.
102. . . . St. John the Baptist—29th Aug., 1403. Inspeximus by brother John, abbot of St. Agatha's near Richmond, of a dispensation of Pope Boniface for the marriage of William Dent and Joan, daughter of John of Halnachby of the diocese of York, of the 2nd and 3rd degree of affinity. Latin.
103. 1st February, 7 Henry VIII (1516). Bond—John Hawkynes of Sulthorne, Oxon, husbandman, to Henry Wiat, knight, and William Hudson, clerk, in £20, payable at Easter next. Latin. Endorsed: condition—if the said John, his heirs, executors and assigns, kept the terms of an indenture bearing the same date as this bond, the said obligation was to be null and void. English.
104. Octave of St. Hilary—20th Jan., 29 Edward I (1301). Final concord made at York between Milo of Stapelton and William de la Haye concerning the manor of Stapelton and a messuage and 3 carucates of land, 10 marks, 6s. 8d. in rents and appurtenances in Austwyk and Wykyngthorp. Latin.
105. Grant from Nicholas of Stapleton to the abbey of St. Agatha of half a carucate, half a bovate and half an acre of land in Stapleton with a toft and croft and appurtenances for the support of a chaplain in the chapel of St. James in Stapleton

- and the maintenance of a ferry across the Aise. Warranty. Witnessed Roger of Ase, Halnath of Halnathb', Geoffrey of Hudeswell, Robert of Oleseb, Master Peter of Southeton, Bernard of Halnathby, Alan and Thomas Hayrtin of Oleseb, Alexander Mausel, Simon Mausel, Henry of Joleby and many others. Latin. Seal lost.
106. 1st Feb., 11 Henry IV (1410). Confirmation by William of Clayton, knight, of a grant from Isabell of Clayton to Alice of Fyshewyk of an annual rent of 30s. from the manor of Hessewell, for term of life of the said Alice. French. Seal—Octagonal signet in red wax—large letter M.
107. Thursday after St. Martin's—14th Nov., 5 Edward III (1331). Indenture testifying that George Barbedor of Hinxton (Hinxton, Cambridgeshire) granted Robert in the lane of Pampesworth 3 pieces of land in the field of Hinxton, one piece in the Monefeld near the land of Robert Attehasch, one piece in that field near the land of William Coumbes and the other piece in the field called Breggefefeld at Fleylond between the land of Robert Herun and the land of Roger le Porter; to hold for a rent of 14d. a year for term of his life. Warranty. Witnessed by Thomas Steuene, Robert Reyn', William Atehil, William Baret and many others. Given at Pampesworth (Pampisford, Cambridgeshire). Cyrograph. Latin. Seal lost.

KEY TO PLATE III.

1. ROGER DE MERLAI the third, nos. 1, 13. c. 1255-57.
2. ROBERT SON OF ROGER, no. 39. c. 1200.
3. ROGER OF WIDDRINGTON, nos. 86, 87, 92. 1346.
4. JAMES OF HAYDON, used by him to no. 22, not his seal. 1356.
5. WILLIAM OF MENUILL, no. 97. 1358.
6. RICHARD OF PLESSEY, nos. 50, 88, 90. 1346.
7. WILLIAM OF KELLAWE, not his own seal, no. 52. 1357.
8. HENRY OF SHOTTON, no. 5. c. 1250.
9. MARGARET wife of Richard of Plessey, not her seal, nos. 88, 98. 1346.
10. JOHN ARCHIER, chaplain, no. 68, not his seal. 1326.
11. Seal of JOHN OF BIRTLEY, used to charter no. 94. 1356. John was sheriff of Durham 1302 and witnessed many charters of Bishop Bek in late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries.
12. THOMAS OF HEPPESCOTTE, rector of Morpeth, no. 70. 1340.



SEALS—RIDLEY CHARTERS.

