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Office-Holders and Political Society in the Liberty of
Durham, 1241–1345 (Part 2)**M. L. Holford*

SUMMARY

*The principal aim of this article is to offer a list of the major officeholders in the liberty of Durham for the periods 1241–83 and 1311–45. Provisional though such a list must be, its production requires little justification. Few adequate lists of the liberty's officers have been printed since the eighteenth century, and full lists for the period treated here have never been published. The absence of reliable information on the liberty's officeholders has been a significant obstacle to all historians of the medieval north-east, and also for historians interested in medieval English local administration more broadly. Because of its length, the article appears in two parts. Part 1 appeared in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 5th series, vol. 36 (2007), 93–110. This offered an introduction to the list, which described the distinctive structure of the liberty's administration, and outlined the relationship between that administration and local political society. Part 2 comprises the list itself.*

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I: SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

No list of the liberty of Durham's officers can hope to be fully comprehensive. Even by the later fourteenth century, formal records of appointments were by no means routinely preserved. Throughout the later middle ages, many office-holders are only known through their appearances in charter witness-lists, or the chance survival of other records of their activities; and relatively unlikely sources can contribute extremely valuable information.¹ In such circumstances no account can be definitive; 'one can only aim to improve on existing lists and provide a good basis for lists not produced before'.² There can be no doubt that additions will emerge as records at Durham and elsewhere are more intensively explored and catalogued.³

The following list, furthermore, does not aim to be fully comprehensive. It deals only with the officers who were most important in the political life of the liberty, and excludes certain 'lesser' officials. These 'lesser' positions, it must be admitted, are not easily defined. There is no ready distinction between 'public' and 'private' administration in the liberty: as we have seen in part 1, the most important officer, the steward of the liberty, supervised both the bishop's 'personal' estates, and the liberty as a whole. Nevertheless, there were many officers whose functions were very largely concerned with the bishop's private estates: bailiffs, parkers, and the like. There were also officers whose roles, while essentially public in nature, were of relatively minor importance, such as the gaoler of Durham castle.

These men were not without their significance in the liberty, not least because their positions provided bishops with an ample store of patronage for their servants and retainers.⁴ Minor offices can also be important in attempting to understand any *cursus honorum* that may have operated in the liberty. There are signs, for example, that the keeper of the gaol in Durham castle could progress to more important posts. William Hornby, keeper of the gaol in 1314, occurs as coroner in 1333-4,⁵ Richard Whiteparish, gaoler in 1329-30, was later chief forester in 1341-3.⁶ Again, the bishop's senior estate officials might also hold lesser public office, and there could be overlap between bailiffs of boroughs and officers of the liberty. Silvester Darlington, sheriff and coroner around 1242, was also bailiff of Darlington.⁷ Bernard Thrislington, one of the liberty's foresters, was also bailiff of Darlington in 1327 or 1328;⁸ and John Thropton, coroner of Darlington ward in the 1330s and 1340s, also seems to have acted as a bailiff for bishop Bury.⁹

Space, however, does not permit a fuller listing of these 'lesser' officers.¹⁰ Nor does it permit inclusion of the bailiffs of the bishop's boroughs of Durham, Stockton, Darlington, and Gateshead, who deserve fuller study in a different context. And finally, the officers appointed by the Crown during vacancies of the see have also been omitted from the following list. For all these reasons, the information presented here is only a starting-point for research into the liberty's political society. And this is all the more true because the list deals only with secular appointments, and gives no account of the bishop of Durham's ecclesiastical officers. The omission is justifiable, not least because much information on clerical careers is available elsewhere;¹¹ but the reader should bear in mind that a good number of 'secular' officers were clergymen who also had a role in the administration of the diocese or archdeaconry of Durham.

II: FORMAT AND PRESENTATION

Offices are listed in the following order: steward; chancellor; constable of Durham or treasurer/receiver; sheriff; justices; commissioners; coroner; foresters; constable or sheriff of Norham; receiver of Norham; justices in Norham. As explained in part 1, the offices of constable and treasurer were probably associated in the thirteenth century, and in the fourteenth century the offices of chancellor, constable, and receiver became combined. Also by the fourteenth century, the sheriffs of Durham and Norham were acting as, and sometimes described as, escheators. 'Norham' here denotes the 'county' of Norham (also called 'Norhamshire' in part 1). Norhamshire was also used by contemporaries, but less frequently, to denote one of the districts (the other was Islandshire) within the county of Norham.

I have aimed to provide full, but not exhaustive evidence for individuals' tenure of office. In the case of officers who only occur in a few dated charters, some undated appearances have

also been noted. Inevitably, periods of office are often approximate, not least because some are based on charters which can only be loosely dated. In several cases, it is probable that tenure of office extended beyond the dates given here. Thomas Surtees, for example, almost certainly continued as steward of the liberty until the end of Richard Bury's episcopate, even though he does not seem to be documented in that office during 1345. Such deductions and speculations, however, must be left to the reader.

References to the liberty's justices have been given in particular detail; and in addition to listing the justices, I have provided the dates of judicial sessions. These have been given in their original as well as modernized form, since there is a possibility that they denote legal return days rather than calendar dates. A broader aim in listing these justices and sessions has been to illustrate the nature and extent of legal activity in the liberty. It is hoped that such a record can make some contribution to the debate about the effectiveness, or otherwise, of Durham's judicial systems.

Personal names have been standardized where possible. Surnames derived from place-names (where these can be identified with reasonable certainty) are given in the Ordnance Survey spellings. The exception is Kelloe, since by convention the bishop of Durham who took his name from that place is known as Richard Kellawe. Other surnames are given in a common modern spelling (Chancellor, Surtees) or in the most common medieval form (Gategang, Menevill). With some regret, no attempt has been made to distinguish knights. The sources used are not consistent in recording the status of officers, and there are too many cases where dominus could be the honorific of a clergyman rather than a knight. There is some consistency, however, in the use of magister, and 'masters' have been distinguished.

III: ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Acta</i>	<i>English Episcopal Acta 29: Durham 1241–83</i> , ed. P. Hoskins, Oxford (2005)
BL	British Library, London
Bodl.	Bodleian Library, Oxford
DCL	Durham Cathedral Library
DCM	Durham Cathedral Muniments (Durham University, Archives and Special Collections, 5 The College, Durham)
DRO	Durham Record Office
DUL	Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections (Palace Green, Durham)
<i>Greenwell Deeds</i>	J. Walton, <i>Calendar of the Greenwell Deeds in the Public Reference Library</i> , Newcastle (1927)
Hutchinson	W. Hutchinson, <i>The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham</i> , 3 vols., Newcastle (1785–94); 2 ed., Durham (1823).
M&S	DUL, Mickleton and Spearman MS 2, part 1 (a list of officers of the see of Durham, compiled by James Mickleton (d. 1693))
NDD	<i>Northumberland and Durham Deeds from the Dodsworth MSS</i> , ed. A. M. Oliver, Newcastle upon Tyne Records Committee 7 (1929 for 1927)
<i>North Durham</i>	J. Raine, <i>The History and Antiquities of North Durham</i> , London (1852)
NYCRO	North Yorkshire County Record Office, Northallerton
'Ravensworth deeds'	H. E. Bell, 'Calendar of the deeds given to the society by Lord Ravensworth', <i>AA</i> ⁴ , 16 (1939), 43–70
RPD	<i>Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense: The Register of Richard de Kellawe, lord Palatine and bishop of Durham 1311–1316</i> , ed. T. D. Hardy, 4 vols., Rolls Series 62, London (1873–8)
TNA	The National Archives: The Public Record Office, Kew, London

Surtees Society publications are cited in abbreviated form as follows:

- SS 6 *The Charters of Endowment, Inventories, and Account Rolls of the Priory of Finchale, in the County of Durham*, ed. J. Raine (1837)
 SS 9 *Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres*, ed. J. Raine (1839)
 SS 25 *Boldon Buke: A Survey of the Possessions of the See of Durham*, ed. W. Greenwell (1852)
 SS 32 *Bishop Hatfield's Survey*, ed. W. Greenwell (1857)
 SS 58 *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, ed. W. Greenwell (1872)
 SS 89 *Cartularium Prioratus de Gyseburne*, ed. W. Brown, ii (1894)
 SS 95 *Memorials of St Giles's, Durham*, ed. J. Barmby (1986)
 SS 117 *The Percy Cartulary*, ed. M. T. Martin (1911)
 SS 119 *Richard D'Aungerville of Bury: Fragments of his Register and Other Documents*, ed. G. W. Kitchin (1910)
 SS 127 *Miscellany 2*, containing: 'Two thirteenth-century assize rolls for county Durham', ed. K. C. Bayley; 'North country deeds', ed. W. Brown (1916)
 SS 155 *Durham Annals and Documents of the Thirteenth Century*, ed. F. Barlow (1945)

IV: LISTS

EPISCOPATE OF NICHOLAS FARNHAM

(temporalities 12 Feb. 1241, resigned 2 Feb. 1249)

Steward

- 1242 Geoffrey Lewknor
 Occurs 16 June, 3 Oct. (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d; *Acta*, no. 7). See also DCM, Misc. Ch. 5784; SHD 1/7.
 1247 John Romsey
 DCM, SHD 3/7; cf. Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2297, of the same date, where he is not called steward but heads the witness-list. Also occurs 1241 x 9 (*Acta*, no. 28); and cf. 'Ravensworth deeds', no. 12.
 ?c. 1249 John Gilet
 Called steward and executor of Nicholas Farnham in 1255 (*CPR 1247–58*, 423).

Chancellor

- 1242–6 Walter Merton
 Occurs 16 June 1242 (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d), and (as datary) 3 Oct. 1242, 2 April 1243, and 15 March 1246 (*Acta*, nos. 7, 20, 21 note aa). See also DCM, Misc. Ch. 5784.

Sheriff

- c. 1242–6 Silvester Darlington
 Occurs c. 1242 (SS 127, *passim*, in relation to Sadberge). Silvester, sheriff of Sadberge, occurs c. 1246 (Cumbria Record Office, Carlisle, D HC/2/20/1).
 c. 1247–50 John Gilet *alias* John Eggescliffe
 Oxford, Merton College Muniments, 2308; DCM, Haswell Deed 102; 'Ravensworth deeds', no. 12; cf. *Acta*, nos. 27–8.

Justices

- ?1241 x 9 John Romsey
 Styled justiciar (*North Durham*, appendix, no. DCCL).

- 1242-3 Robert fitz Meldred, Richard Ducket, Geoffrey Lewknor, John Romsey, Geoffrey fitz Geoffrey, and Walter Merton
Final concord at Durham, morrow of Trinity, 2 Farnham (16 June 1242) (DCM, Cart. IV, f. 106^v); final concord at Sadberge, morrow of John the Baptist (25 June) (SS 89, p. 333); assizes at Durham, 26 Henry III and 2 Farnham (SS 6, pp. 108-9). Pleas at Durham, before fitz Meldred, Ducket, Lewknor, Romsey, and Merton, morrow of Trinity (16 June) (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d). Final concord at Sadberge, before Romsey, fitz Meldred, Merton, fitz Geoffrey, Thursday after Low Sunday 2 Farnham (23 Apr. 1243) (BL, MS Add. 28024, fos. 178^v-179^r).
- 1246 John Romsey, Walter Merton, Geoffrey fitz Geoffrey, Robert ?Cambo
Pleas at Sadberge, Friday after octave of Hilary (26 Jan.) (M&S, f. 23^r). M&S, f. 23^r also gives justices for 8 Farnham (1247-8), but the men named (Robert fitz Meldred, John Romsey, Geoffrey fitz Geoffrey, and Jordan Heron) all occur in the plea roll of 1235-36 (SS 127, p. 75), and the entry should be dated 8 Poore.

Coroner

- c. 1242 Silvester Darlington
Called sheriff and coroner, in relation to Sadberge (SS 127, p. 4).
- c. 1242 Alan Warin
Held a carucate of land in Sadberge in fee by serjeanty of being coroner (SS 127, p. 69). Occurs similarly in 1235-6 (*ibid.*, p. 84).

Foresters

- 1248 Adam Bradley and Nicholas Pontop
Occur 3 Sept. (*Acta*, no. 2).

Constable of Norham Castle

- c. 1242 Simon Heddon
DCM, SHD 1/7, datable by occurrence of Geoffrey Lewknor as steward. Cf. *North Durham*, p. 45, where Simon Heddon is given as constable in 1260, without reference.
- 1244 William Colville
Occurs 23 March (*North Durham*, appendix, no. DCCLIV).

EPISCOPATE OF WALTER KIRKHAM

(temporalities 20 Oct. 1249; d. 9 Aug. 1260)

Steward

- 1252-4 William Middleton
Occurs 10 Feb. and 10 July 1252 (*Acta*, nos. 66, 100-1); 20 Jan. 1253 (BL, Stowe MS 930, f. 81^v; DCM, 2.14.Spec.41); 25 March 1254 (DCM, 2.11.Spec.18). See also 'Ravensworth deeds', no. 14; *Acta*, nos. 61-3; DCM, SHD 1/11; SS 127, p. 111.
- 1257 John le Bel
Occurs 1 Jan. (*Matthaei Parisiensis . . . Chronica Majora*, ed. H. R. Luard, Rolls Series (1872-84), VI, 340).
- 1256 x 60 Robert Crepping
Acta, no. 54; cf. DCM, 2.1.Elemos.22, 3.1.Elemos.1.

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- 1258-60 John Gilet *alias* John Eggescliffe
Occurs 15 Sept 1258 (DCM, 1.3.Spec.22, called John Gilet); 18 Oct. 1258 (DCM, SHD 3/9, called John Eggescliffe), 23 May 1260 (DCM, SHD 1/16, called John Eggescliffe); and cf. SS 155, p. 15 and SS 9, p. 44, for Gilet's breaking of Kirkham's seal at the bishop's death.
- c. 1258 x 61 Richard Middleton
Ushaw College MS 25, f. 74^r; DCM, 2.1.Elemos.25, 26a. Possibly steward under Bishop Stichill rather than Bishop Kirkham.

Constable of Durham Castle

- 1258 Roger Waltham
Occurs 15 Aug. (SS 155, p. 14; SS 9, p. 43); cf. DCM, 1.1.Finc.6.

Sheriff

- c. 1250 x 4 master Richard Bervile
DCM, SHD 1/11; cf. 'Ravensworth deeds', no. 14; SS 127, p. 111.
- 1256 x 60 John Haldan
DCM, Misc. Ch. 6146*, misprinted in *Acta*, no. 58; cf. Misc. Ch. 1816, 1.1.Finc.6.

Justices

- 1256 Alan Wassand, Marmaduke fitz Geoffrey, William Middleton, and Alan Kirkham
Final concord, Durham, octave of John Baptist (1 July); pleas at Sadberge, quindene of John Baptist (8 July) (M&S, f. 23^v). Itinerant justices, Peter in Chains (1 August) (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 36), and 1256 (BL, Lansdowne Ch. 621); final concord, Durham, octave of James (1 August) (DCM, Cart. IV, f. 106^{r-v}). See also DCM, 1.15.Spec.38, where styled justices itinerant.
- 1260 John Gilet, Marmaduke fitz Geoffrey, Richard Chancellor, and Peter Brandon
Final concord at Durham, Tuesday before Mark (20 April) (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 40).
- c. 1258 x 61 John Eggescliffe; and Marmaduke fitz Geoffrey and Richard Chancellor associated with him
Reference in an undated charter to a plea of dower in the court of the bishop of Durham (DCM, 2.1.Elemos.26a). The justices named suggest that this document belongs to Kirkham's episcopate rather than Stichill's.

EPISCOPATE OF ROBERT STICHILL

(temporalities 5 December 1260; d. 4 August 1274)

Steward

- c. 1258 x 61 Richard Middleton
Ushaw College, MS 25, f. 74^r; DCM, 2.1.Elemos.25, 26a. Possibly steward under Bishop Kirkham rather than Bishop Stichill.
- 1261-4 Richard Chancellor
Occurs 3 March 1261 (*Acta*, no. 163); 1261 x 1262 (*Acta*, nos. 148-9); 7 Jan. 1262 (SS 58, p. 49 n. 2); 18 February 1263 (*Acta*, no. 179); 24 June 1263 (DCM 4.12.Spec.18); 1 May 1264 (DRO, D/Sh.H.586). See also *Acta*, no. 131, dated 1261 x 1270; no. 161; nos. 187-8, dated 1261 x 8; DCM, SHD 1/19.
- 1266 John Octon
Occurs 4 April (Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2311).

- c. 1268–74 Geoffrey Russell
Occurs c. 1268 (Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2299); 10 Sept. 1269 (*Acta*, nos. 121, 139); 17 Feb. and 8 July 1271 (Merton College Muniments 2319; TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d); 1273 (*NDD*, pp. 104–5); 13 March 1273 (*Acta*, no. 117); 10 Feb. 1274 (*Acta*, nos. 118, 176). See also BL, MS Stowe 930, f. 129^r.

Chancellor

- ?1261–74 master Roger Cave
Occurs 13 Feb. 1261 x 3 Sept. 1273; 10 Feb. 1274 (*Acta*, nos. 118, 120, 176). See also BL, MS Stowe 930, f. 129^r.

Constable of Durham Castle

- 1261 Peter Thoresby
Occurs 21 March (M&S, f. 23^v).
- c. 1261–7 Robert Burnigill
Occurs 13 Feb. 1261 x 13 Aug. 1262 (*Acta*, nos. 148–9); 1261 x 8 (*Acta*, nos. 187–8). Cf. DCM, 3.2.Sacr.29; 3.9.Spec.25.
- 1267 Peter Brandon
Occurs 17 Aug. (DCM, Misc. Ch. 4015). Cf. 3.14.Spec.5.
- c. 1269 Roger Bernard
DCM, 3.2.Sacr.21; cf. DCM. SHD 5/3.
- 1273 William Whitby
Occurs 8 Jan. (SS 155, p. 31; SS 9, p. 53)

Sheriff

- 1261–9 Alexander Biddick
Occurs 13 Feb. 1261 x 13 Aug. 1262 (*Acta*, nos. 148–9); 4 April 1266 (Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2311); 10 Sept. 1269 (*Acta*, no. 121). Also 1261 x 8 (*Acta*, no. 187, no. 188 (where erroneously called John Biddick)).
- ?1271–4 Lawrence Lintz
Occurs 17 Feb. 1271 (Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2319); 1274 (BL, Add. Ch. 66337); c. 1268 x 74 (DCM, 1.2.Finc.18). He also acts in what may be a shrieval capacity in 1267–8 (*Northumberland Pleas from the Curia Regis and Assize Rolls: 1198–1272*, ed. A. Hamilton Thompson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Records Committee 2 (1921), nos. 773, 793). Probably the 'Lawrence de [blank], sheriff of Sadberge', who occurs in an undated deed (SS 58, p. 135n) that may be as early as 1261 x 4.
- ?1269 x 79 Walter Savage
Said in 1279 to have been sheriff 'since the last eyre' (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d).

Justices

- 1261 Peter Thoresby and Robert Burnigill
Pleas at Durham, Monday after Cuthbert in March (21 March) (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1261 Thomas Herrington and Peter Thoresby
Pleas at Durham, Tuesday before Annunciation (22 March) (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1263–4 Richard Chancellor and Robert Burnigill
Pleas at Durham, Monday after Martinmas (12 Nov.) 1263 (M&S, f. 23^v); pleas at Durham, Monday after Dunstan (26 May) 1264 (*ibid.*).

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- 1264 Robert Burnigill, and Richard Chancellor and John Eggescliffe associated with him
Pleas at Durham, Monday after Exaltation of the Cross (15 Sept.) (M&S, f. 23^v). See above for John Eggescliffe *alias* John Gilet.
- ?1265 John Eggescliffe, Robert Burnigill, and Guy Cleatlam
Pleas at Durham, Tuesday after Barnabas (?16 June) (M&S, f. 23^v, where year is not specified, reading Robert Burnigill for 'Robert de Monhill').
- 1266 Peter Brandon, and John Middleton associated with him
Pleas at Ancroft (in Northamptonshire), Vigil of Lawrence (9 Aug.) (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1266 Richard Chancellor and Robert Burnigill, and Marmaduke fitz Geoffrey and John Gilet associated with them
Pleas at Durham, Vigil of Lawrence martyr (9 Aug.) (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1269 John Gilet and Robert Burnigill
Final concord at Sadberge, Friday after John ante portam Latinam (10 May) (DCM, Misc. Ch. 325).
- 1269 master Roger Seaton, Marmaduke fitz Geoffrey, William Northburgh, and Geoffrey Russell
Pleas at Durham, octave of Martinmas (18 Nov.); pleas at Sadberge, and pleas at Durham, quindene of Martinmas (25 Nov.) (M&S, f. 23^v). Final concord at Durham, three weeks from Martinmas (2 Dec.) (Oxford, Merton College Muniments 2310); pleas at Durham, same date (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1271 master Roger Seaton, William Northburgh, and Geoffrey Russell
Final concord at Sadberge, quindene of John the Baptist (8 July) (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d); pleas at Sadberge, pleas at Durham, same date (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1272 Geoffrey Russell
Pleas at Durham, Tuesday before Bartholomew (23 Aug.) (M&S, f. 23^v).
- ?1272 Robert of Holy Island, prior of Finchale, and Geoffrey Russell
Pleas at Durham, 12 Stichill, no date specified (M&S, f. 23^v).
- 1273 Robert, prior of Finchale and Geoffrey Russell
Pleas at Durham, Monday before Ascension (15 May) (M&S, f. 23^v).

Coroner

- c. 1274 John de Hoton, ward unknown
DCM, 1.1.Finc.31, concerning Coxhoe, datable by occurrence of Henry Burton as vicar of Kelloe. Possibly coroner under Bishop Robert of Holy Island.

Constable of Norham Castle

- 1261-2 Thomas Herrington
Occurs 6 Jan. 1261-6 Jan. 1262 (R. B. Pugh, 'Ministers' accounts of Northamptonshire and Islandshire, 1261-2', *Northern History*, 11 (1975), 17-26).

EPISCOPATE OF ROBERT OF HOLY ISLAND *ALIAS* ROBERT LISLE

(temporalities 8 November 1274; d. 7 June 1283)

An asterisk (*) on a person's first occurrence denotes officers who also served, not necessarily in the same capacity, under Bishop Anthony Bek (1283-1311); for details see C. M. Fraser, 'Officers of the bishopric of Durham under Antony Bek, 1283-1311', *AA*⁴, 35 (1957), 22-38.

Steward

- c. 1274–83 Guichard Charon*
Occurs 1274 x 77 (*Acta*, nos. 198, 234, 237, 242, 250); 1277 (*Acta*, app. III no. 5); 3 Oct. and 13 Dec. 1278 (*Acta*, nos. 196, 216); 2 June and 8 Sept. 1279 (*Acta*, nos. 206, 210); ?8 May 1280 (*Acta*, no. 207); April–June 1281 (*Acta*, nos. 208–9, 236, 243, 262; DCM, 2.3.Finc.14); 24 Feb.–14 May 1283 (*Acta*, nos. 241, 261; DRO, D/Lo/D 594).

Chancellor

- c. 1274–83 master Robert Avenel
Occurs 9 Dec. 1274 x 7 Nov. 1276 (*Acta*, no. 203); see also NYCRO, ZBO MG/1, 2 (probably before 1281: cf. MG/3). Broke the bishop's seal at his death (SS 155, p. 54; SS 9, p. 63).

Treasurer

- c. 1274–9 master Peter Thoresby*
Occurs 9 Dec. 1274 x 7 Nov. 1276 (*Acta*, no. 203); 9 Dec. 1274 x 1 April 1279 (*Acta*, no. 204); see also DCM, 4.7.Spec.8.

Sheriff

- ?1269 x 79 Walter Savage
Said in 1279 to have been sheriff 'since the last eyre' (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 16d).
- c. 1274 x 83 John Malton
Occurs in several deeds datable only to this episcopate, for example: NYCRO, ZBO MG/1, 2 (probably before 1281: cf. MG/3); DCM, 1.5.Finc.17; 2.10.Spec.18; 4.7.Spec.8; 1.10.Spec.48 (where styled sheriff of Durham and Sadberge).
- 1283 Ralph Warsop*
Occurs 29 March (DRO, D/Lo/D 594).

Justices

- 1279–80 Robert Neville, Guichard Charon, Thomas Herrington, and Alan Walkingham
Occur Philip and James (1 May), morrow of Michaelmas (30 Sept.), and Monday before Lucy (11 Dec.) 1279; morrow of Matthias (25 Feb.), Thursday after James (1 Aug.), morrow of Michaelmas (30 Sept.) 1280, justices itinerant, Sadberge; Saturday after Michaelmas (6 Oct.) 1280, in 'Blacdike' in the march between Durham and Sadberge (TNA.; JUST 1/225, *passim*); final concord, Durham, morrow of Low Sunday (10 April) 1279 (DCM, 1.4.Spec.28); final concord, Sadberge, Thursday after mensem Pasche (4 May) 1279 (DRO, D/Sa/D 219). See also TNA: DURH 3/92, mm. 16d, 17d; BL, Lansdowne MS 902, f. 359^r.
- 1283 Guichard Charon and Peter Thoresby
Final concord at Durham (relating to Bedlingtonshire), morrow of Hilary (14 Jan.) (NDD, p. 286). Guichard Charon heard an assize of mort d'ancestor at Sadberge around April 1283 (BL, MS Lansdowne 902, f. 74^r).

Coroner

- c. 1274 John de Hoton, ward unknown
DCM, 1.1.Finc.31, concerning Coxhoe, datable by occurrence of Henry de Burton as vicar of Kelloe. Possibly coroner under Bishop Stichill.

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Foresters

- 1274 x 7 Hugh Monhaut (de Monte Alto) and Walter Barmpton*
Acta, no. 237.
- 1275 Hugh Monhaut
Occurs 26 March (SS 58, p. 190n).

Constable of Norham Castle

- 1275 John fitz Marmaduke
Occurs 29 Sept. (DCM, 2.1.Spec.27).
- ?1279 Robert Kirkham
North Durham, p. 45 (without reference). Cf. *North Durham*, appendix, nos. DCLXXXIV-V (undated).

EPISCOPATE OF RICHARD KELLAWE

(temporalities 20 May 1311; d. 9 October 1316)

An asterisk (*) on a person's first occurrence denotes officers who also served under bishop Anthony Bek (1283-1311); for details see C. M. Fraser, 'Officers of the bishopric of Durham under Antony Bek, 1283-1311', *AA*³, 35 (1957), 22-38.

Steward

- 1311-14
There is apparently no record of a steward for these years. It seems that in this period the office was exercised by the chancellor, William Deanham; see, for example, *RPD*, I, 257-8, 511-3; II, 990.
- 1314-16 Richard fitz Marmaduke
Appointed 26 Dec. 1314 (*RPD*, II, 686); occurs 1 June and 27 July 1315 (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 129; *RPD*, II, 1276); 26 Jan. and 25 March 1316 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 6236; *RPD*, II, 1295).

Chancellor

- 1311-13 William Deanham
Occurs 8 Dec. 1311 (*RPD*, II, 885, as datary); 28 Nov. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 257-8); and perhaps (the documents refer only to 'W') 20 March 1312 (*RPD*, I, 165-6), 2 March and 22 April 1313 (*RPD*, I, 298, 312). Occurs 2 Kellawe (M&S, f. 15^r). Around 8 March 1314, in what capacity is not clear, he was to execute a royal commission of array in the liberty (*RPD*, II, 990).
- 1313-?16 Robert Brompton
Occurs 27 Oct. 1313 (*RPD*, I, 454); 3 Aug. 1314 (*RPD*, I, 589-90); ?10 Dec. 1314 (*RPD*, II, 680, as 'R. chancellor'); 5 Kellawe (M&S, f. 15^r).

Constable of Durham Castle and receiver of the liberty

- 1312-?14 master William Kellawe
Appointed receiver and constable of Durham castle, 12 Jan. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 116). Occurs as receiver, 8 Jan. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 114), 29 Sept. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 275), ?19 Feb. 1313 (*RPD*, I, 295), 15 Nov. 1313 (*RPD*, I, 467), ?1314 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 5846).

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- 1313-15 Robert Brompton
Occurs (as receiver) 18 Nov. 1313 (*RPD*, I, 468); 20 April and 14 June 1314 (*RPD*, I, 520, 562); 3 Jan.-4 Dec. 1315 (*RPD*, II, 699, 708-9, 762; III, 14). See also *RPD*, IV, 404 (receiver), 408 (constable).

Sheriff

- 1311 x 16 John Birtley, senior
Described as 'sheriff of Richard, bishop of Durham', in an undated deed probably from this episcopate (DCM, Misc. Ch. 369). Perhaps the man who was sheriff of the liberty while it was in royal hands in 1302-3.
- 1312-15 Adam Bowes
Appointed sheriff and escheator of Durham and Sadberge, 19 Oct. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 222). Occurs 7 Feb. 1313 (DCM, 3.14.Spec.29), 2 Dec. 1313 (*RPD*, I, 475-6); 9 Dec. 1314 (*RPD*, II, 1269), 21 Feb. 1315 (*RPD*, II, 688).
- 1316 Richard Stanley*
Occurs 6 April (BL, Egerton Ch. 551), 10 April (DCM, Misc. Ch. 5781).

Justices

- 1312 Lambert Threekingham*, Hugh Lowther*, Adam Middleton, and Thomas Fishburn
Mentioned in an episcopal writ of *praecipe* to the sheriff of Durham, concerning a plea of dower, 8 Dec. 1311 (*RPD*, II, 884-5); pleas of dower in the bishop's court at Durham (Threekingham only mentioned) on Monday, the morrow of Low Sunday (3 April) 1312 (*RPD*, II, 885-6). Final concord at Sadberge, morrow of epiphany (7 Jan.) 1312 (NYCRO, ZQH 2/14/94, and (without Adam Middleton), BL, Lansdowne MS 902, f. 355^v). Lambert Threekingham was called the bishop's chief justice around June 1312 (*RPD*, II, 868).
- 1312 Hugh Lowther and others
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Sadberge in a pardon of 27 Oct. 1312 (*RPD*, II, 1171).
- 1313 Hugh Lowther and others
Addressed in a writ of 26 July (*RPD*, I, 399-400).
- 1314 Lambert Threekingham, Hugh Lowther, Adam Middleton, Thomas Fishburn, and William Deanham
Final concord at Durham, morrow of circumcision (2 Jan.) ('Ravensworth deeds', no. 31/ii); final concord at Durham, Thursday in Easter Week (11 April) (DCM, Misc. Ch. 6089). Hugh Lowther and others were also to hear a plea of dower on Thursday in Easter Week (*RPD*, II, 1008-9).
- 1314 Thomas Colville, Thomas Fishburn and William Deanham
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Durham in a pardon of 12 June (*RPD*, II, 1258).
- 1315 Adam Bowes and William Mordon
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Sadberge in a writ of 29 August (*RPD*, II, 716-7).
- 1315-16 Lambert Threekingham, Hugh Lowther, Thomas Fishburn, William Deanham, and Robert Brompton
Occur 5 Kellawe (M&S, f. 24^v). See also Kellawe's writ to Lowther and his fellow justices concerning a plea at Sadberge, 4 March 1315 (*RPD*, II, 1051-2).
- 1316 Hugh Lowther, Thomas Fishburn, William Deanham and Robert Brompton
Final concord at Sadberge, Saturday after Exaltation of the Cross (18 Sept.) (BL, Lansdowne MS 902, f. 355^v). Final concord at Sadberge, before Lowther and

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Fishburn, Thursday in Pentecost week (3 June) (BL, MS Lansdowne MS 902, f. 355^v).

Commissioners

- 1311 Thomas Fishburn and William Deanham
Commissioners to take an inquisition into the endowments of Kepier Hospital; appointed 6 Dec., inquisition 21 Dec. (SS 95, p. 192-208).
- 1313 William Deanham and Adam Bowes
Commissioners to take an inquisition concerning messuages in Durham, 22 May (RPD, I, 338).
- 1314 William Deanham, Hugh Lowther, Thomas Fishburn, Adam Bowes
Commissioners to take an inquisition concerning lands in Sedgfield, 11 Feb. (RPD, I, 511-2).
- 1314 William Deanham, Robert Brompton, Patrick Kellawe, and William Brackenbury
Commissioners concerning the manor of Chopwell, 18 March (RPD, II, 1283-6).

Keeper of the peace

- 1312 Robert Hilton
Appointed 16 June (RPD, I, 180-1).

Coroner

- 1311 Ralph Warsop, Easington ward
Occurs 20 June (DCM, Loc. XXVIII. 14, m. 7d) and 3 August (DCM, 4.15.Spec.8, ward not specified). He is to be distinguished from his namesake who was sheriff in 1283.
- 1313 John Warin, Sadberge
Occurs 23 Feb. (RPD, I, 295-6). He or possibly an ancestor of the same name also occurs in DCM, 3.10.Spec.66, undated.
- 1314 John Birtley, Chester ward
Occurs May (BL, MS Cotton Nero C. VIII, f. 156^v).
- 1316 John Sadberge, ward unknown
Occurs 6 April in a document concerning Hawthorn (BL, Egerton Ch. 551); also 10 April (DCM, Misc. Ch. 5781)

Chief foresters

- 1311-12 William Brackenbury and John Daudre junior
Appointed 28 Dec. 1311 (RPD, I, 114-5, reading 'Baudre'); occur 20 Feb. 1312 (RPD, I, 143) and ?28 Sept. 1312 (RPD, I, 275).
- 1314 Gilbert Scaresbek*
Appointed 31 May (RPD, I, 552).

Forester of Lanchester ward

- 1311 x 16 Adam Scot
Appointment by Kellawe mentioned in confirmation of 1338 (DCM, Reg. II, fos. 110^v-111^r). This office may also have been held during Kellawe's episcopate by Adam Durham and John Weardale (RPD, IV, 491, 494, 504-5).

Constable of Norham Castle and sheriff of Norhamshire

- 1311-12 William Ridell
Appointed 5 June 1311 (*RPD*, I, 19-20); occurs April 1312 (see below), ?Sept. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 274-5).
- 1312 ?Patrick Kellawe
Ordered in April 1312 to make room in Norham castle for William Ridell (*RPD*, I, 173-4).
- 1312-14 Walter Goswick
Occurs Nov. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 251), May 1314 (*RPD*, I, 544-7).
- 1314 Robert Colville
Appointed 15 May 1314 (*RPD*, I, 543-5).
- 1314 William Ridell
Occurs 2, 5, 13, 16 Aug. 1314 (*RPD*, I, 585-9; II, 1013). Norham castle had been granted to Edward II in May 1314: when it was returned in August that year, Ridell was constable; he was briefly re-appointed by Kellawe, but seems to have been replaced by Robert Clifford (below) who may then have been replaced or accompanied by Ridell. The castle was briefly granted to William Deanham, Geoffrey Edenham and Robert Soppeth on 5 Aug. 1314 (*RPD*, I, 587-8).
- 1314 Robert Clifford
Had custody of the castle and county of Norham, 14 Aug. 1314 (*RPD*, I, 598).
- 1314-16 Walter Goswick
Appointed 9 Oct. 1314 (*RPD*, I, 614). Occurs 19 Oct. 1315 (*RPD*, II, 746), 13 Jan. 1316 (*NDD*, 101).
- 1316 Henry Beaumont
Occurs 23 May 1316 (*RPD*, II, 788). The castle was loaned to the king in Nov. 1315 and returned in May 1316. Beaumont delivered it to Walter Goswick, William Brackenbury, Geoffrey Edenham and Roger Saxton.
- 1316 Walter Goswick
Appointed 30 May 1316 (*RPD*, II, 815-6). Re-appointed by Edward II during the vacancy of the see, 11 Oct. 1316 (*CFR* 1307-19, 305). The other constables appointed by the Crown during the vacancy were Robert Hastang (occurs Jan. 1317) and John Darcy (appointed 20 Jan. 1317: *CPR* 1313-17, 616).

Receiver of Norham

- 1312, 1314 Robert Soppeth*
Occurs 4 April and 18 Nov. 1312 (*RPD*, I, 174, 251). Reappointed on 25 May 1314 (*RPD*, I, 547). For Soppeth as receiver of Norham under Bek see *SS* 25, p. xxxiii.

EPISCOPATE OF LEWIS BEAUMONT

(temporalities 4 May 1317; consecrated 26 March 1318; d. 24 September 1333. Beaumont's episcopal years are apparently dated from consecration)

Steward

- 1317-18 Richard fitz Marmaduke
Occurs 8 Nov. 1317 (*DCM*, Reg. II, fo. 91^{r-v}), 19-21 March 1318 (*DRO*, D/St/D5/2/1-3); Dec. 1318 (*Chronicles of the Reigns of Edward I and Edward II*, ed. W. Stubbs, 2 vols, Rolls Series 76 (London, 1882-3), II, 56).
- 1320 master John Lisle
Occurs 13 May (*DCM*, Reg. II, fo. 73^r), 15 June (*DCM*, Misc. Ch. 6238). Styled Beaumont's lieutenant in June 1319 (*TNA*: C 255/12/2/17).

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- c. 1323-5 ?Robert Brompton
Occurs 20 Nov. 1323 (DRO, D/St/D7/1: 'dominus Robert de B...ton', ms. torn); cf. BL, MS Cotton Faustina A. VI, fo. 36^v (c. 1325: 'R. de B. '), and 'dominus ... de Crumpton' in Hutchinson, I, 345.
- 1330-33 Thomas Surtees
Occurs 10 March 1330 (DCM, Haswell Deed 63), 12 March 1333 (DCM, 1.3.Pont.5*, Haswell Deed 64).

Constable of Durham Castle, chancellor, and receiver of the liberty

- 1318-31 Nicholas Gategang
Occurs 1 May, 22 Aug. 1318 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 4265, as constable, 4166*, as receiver); 15 June 1320 (DCM, 3.2.Sacr.16, as constable); 28 May and 16 Sept 1320 (Bodl. MS Laud Misc. 748, f. 73^{r-v}, as datary); c. 1325 (BL, MS Cotton Faustina A. VI, fo. 36^v, as receiver); 3 July 1331 (TNA: C 260/42/51, as datary). See also M&S, fos. 15^r, 20^r.
- ?1333 master Ralph Holbeach
Called late chancellor of Beaumont on 7 Oct. 1333 in a document concerning the breaking of the bishop's seals (DCM, 1.7.Pont.14).

Sheriff

- 1317-18 Richard Stanley
Occurs 8 Nov. 1317 (DCM, Reg. II, fo. 91^{r-v}); 19 and 21 March 1318 (DRO, D/St/D5/2/1-3).
- 1320 Nicholas Sutton
Occurs 5 April (TNA: DURH 3/2, f. 3^r).
- 1320 William Walworth
Occurs 12 May, 25 Nov. (DCM, Loc. V. 76, Misc. Ch. 4026).
- 1323 Nicholas Sutton
Occurs 7 July, 6 Aug., 10 Dec. (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 139; TNA: DURH 3/2, f. 3^v).
- c. 1325-7 William Walworth
Occurs ?8 Beaumont (DCM, Misc. Ch. 2245) and c. 1327 (Misc. Ch. 355).
- 1327-?8 John Hanby
Occurs 15 April, 2 Nov., 14 Dec. 1327 (TNA: DURH 3/2, f. 4^v, 5^v; DCM, Misc. Ch. 192); 10 Beaumont (DCM, Loc. V. 33).
- ?1328-33 William Walworth
Occurs 1327 or early 1328 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 355, date only partially legible); 13 June 1328 (DCM, 1.5.Pont.11, Misc. Ch. 2640); 10 March 1329 or 1330 (DCM, Haswell Deed 63); 5 Feb. 1330 (DCM, 1.5.Pont.11); 29 Sept. 1330-29 Sept. 1331 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 52); 29 Sept. 1331-29 Sept. 1332 (DCM, Haswell Deed 81), 15-16 Beaumont (DCM, Loc. V. 75); 12 March 1332 or 1333 (DCM, Haswell Deed 64).

Justices

- c. 1318 Robert Neville and his fellows
Referred to as justices of assize (court not specified) in a royal pardon of 15 April (*CPR 1317-21*, 135); this may well relate to the vacancy of 1316-17.
- 1318 Robert Brompton and Richard Stanley
Final concord at Durham, morrow of James (26 July) (DCM, Misc. Ch. 1532).

- 1318 or 1319 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, William Deanham and Richard Stanley
Final concord at Durham, 25 April 1318 or 10 April 1319 (DCM, 1.3.Pont.4, dated Tuesday after Crucifixion, 12 Edward II and 1 Beaumont).
- 1319 Nicholas Gategang, Adam Bowes, and Richard Stanley
Final concord, Monday after Matthias (26 Feb.), concerning Nether-ton in Bed-
lingtonshire (Nottinghamshire Archives, Portland of Welbeck, DD/4P/21/37).
- 1319 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, William Deanham, and Richard Stanley
Assizes at Durham, Tuesday after Peter in chains (7 Aug.) (TNA: DURH 3/70, m. 28). Assizes at Durham, before Gategang, Deanham, and Stanley, Tuesday after Low Sunday (17 April) (TNA: DURH 3/70, m. 28).
- 1320 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, William Deanham and Richard Stanley
Assizes at Durham, morrow of Exaltation of the Cross (15 Sept.) (DCM, 3.3.Pont.4). Final concord, Sadberge, before Deanham and Stanley, Saturday after circumcison (5 Jan.) (TNA: DURH 3/92, m. 17d). Pleas at Durham, before Nicholas Gategang and his fellows, Wednesday in Easter Week (2 April) (DCM, Reg. II, fos. 68^v-69^r).
- 1321 William Deanham and Richard Stanley
Final concord, Sadberge, Friday after Peter in chains (7 Aug.) (Bodl., MS Top. Yorks. e. 8, f. 76^v-77^r).
- 1322 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, William Deanham, Adam Bowes, and Richard Stanley
Final concord, Durham, Monday after Mattheus (27 Sept.) (DCL, Randall MS 3, p. 161).
- 1324 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, William Deanham, and Nicholas Sutton
Final concord, Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (18 April) (DCM, 1.7.Spec.12). See also Nottinghamshire Archives, DD/4P/21/38.
- 1327-8 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, and John Hanby
Final concord, Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (15 April) 1327; (DCM, 2.1.Finc.31); final concord, Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (6 April) 1328 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 2374).
- 1329 Nicholas Gategang, Robert Brompton, and William Deanham
Assizes at Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (26 April) (Northumberland Collections Service, Woodhorn, ZSW/5/16). Final concord at Durham, before Deanham and Gategang, Tuesday after circumcison (3 Jan.) (DCM, 1.2.Finc.31)
- 1330 Nicholas Gategang, William Deanham, Adam Bowes, and John Hanby
Assizes at Durham, morrow of Peter in chains (2 Aug.) 1330, with day given for Wednesday after circumcison (2 Jan.) 1331 (TNA: C 260/40/39B). Assizes at Durham, before Gategang and Bowes, Wednesday in Easter week (11 April) 1330, with day given for the morrow of Peter in chains (2 Aug.) (TNA: C 260/40/13B).
- 1331-2 Nicholas Gategang, William Deanham, Adam Bowes, and John Hanby
Assizes at Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (3 April), with day given for Friday, the morrow of James (26 July) 1331 (TNA: C 260/41/13). Appointed in a commission of 3 July 1331; pleas at Sadberge, Nicholas Gategang only named, Friday after Peter in chains (7 Aug.) 1332, with further day given for Friday before Matthias (19 Feb) 1333 (TNA: C 260/42/51). Assizes at Durham, before Gategang, Deanham, and Bowes, Monday after Peter in chains (3 Aug.) 1332 (DCM, Loc. V. 25). Pleas at Durham, before Gategang and Bowes, Tuesday before Mattheus (15 Sept) 1332 (M&S, f. 24^v).
- c. 1332-3 Adam Bowes, Roger Esh, William Walworth, and Simon Esh
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer, date mostly illegible (DCM, Loc. V. 75).

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1333 Nicholas Gategang, William Deanham, and Adam Bowes
Final concord, court not specified, Wednesday in Easter week (7 April) (DCM, Loc. V. 28).

Coroner

1320-1 Nicholas Marshall, ward unknown
Occurs 3 Beaumont (DCM, Loc V. 76).

1320-33 John Thropton, Darlington ward
Occurs 1320-1 (3 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 76, ward not specified); ?1327 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 355, date only partially legible); 1327-30 (10-12 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 33); 5 May 1329 (DCM, 2.9.Spec.10, ward not specified); ?22 March 1330 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 6383, ward not specified); 29 Sept. 1330-29 Sept. 1331 (ward not specified, DCM, Misc. Ch. 52); 1332-3 (15-16 Beaumont, ward not specified, DCM, Loc. V. 75).

1320-33 Geoffrey Aldwood, Stockton ward
Occurs 1320-1 (3 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 76); 1328-30 (11-12 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 33); 29 Sept. 1330-29 Sept. 1331 (ward not specified, DCM, Misc. Ch. 52); 1332-3 (15-16 Beaumont, ward not specified, DCM, Loc. V. 75).

1320-33 Robert Coventry, Easington ward
Occurs 1320-1 (3 Beaumont, ward not specified, DCM, Loc. V. 76); 1325-6 (8 Beaumont, ward not specified, DCM, Misc. Ch. 2245); 1328-30 (11-12 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 33); 29 Sept. 1330-29 Sept. 1331 (ward not specified, DCM, Misc. Ch. 52); 1332-3 (15 Beaumont, DCM, Misc. Ch. 6382*, Loc. V. 75).

1323-33 Nicholas Megre, Chester ward
Occurs 7 July 1323 (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 139); 1328-30 (11-12 Beaumont, DCM, Loc. V. 33); 8 Feb. 1330 (DCM, Loc. V. 65); 1330-1 (13 Beaumont, DCM, Misc. Ch. 52, 433, 2640); 1332-3 (15-16 Beaumont, ward not specified, DCM, Loc. V. 75).

1332 John Warin, ward unknown, probably Sadberge
Occurs June (DCM, Misc. Ch. 434).

1333 William Hornby, ward unknown
Occurs 16 Beaumont (DCM, Loc. V. 75).

Foresters

1323 John Birtley and Bernard Thrislington
Occur 10 April (TNA: E 210/11277)

Sheriff of Northhamshire

1319-25 Thomas Gray
Occurs probably 30 Nov. 1319 (TNA: C 47/8/2/34); 13 May 1320 (DCM, Reg. II, f. 73^v); 6 Aug. 1321 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fo. 3^v); 28 Oct. 1322 (*North Durham*, appendix, no. DCCXXXII); 28 Aug. 1325 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fo. 5^v).

1327-32 Robert Manners
Occurs c. Feb. 1327 (*Chronicon de Lanercost 1201-1346*, ed. J. Stevenson (Edinburgh, 1839), pp. 258-9); Jan.-Nov 1328 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fos. 4^v-5^v; DCM, Reg. II, f. 102^v; *NCH*, 2, 238n); 23 Jan. 1332 (DCM, 2.4.Pont.9). Noted as escheator in 1317 in *North Durham*, p. 381, but probably in error for 1327.

Coroner of Northhamshire

1332 John Grant
Occurs around 23 Jan. (DCM, 2.4.Pont.9).

EPISCOPATE OF RICHARD BURY

(temporalities 7 December 1333; d. 14 April 1345. Bury's episcopal years commence from an unknown day in February 1334)

Steward

- 1335 Thomas Haswell
Occurs 19 Sept. (DCM, 5.5.Elemos.4, 7); 21 Dec. (Nottinghamshire Archives, DD/4P/21/115).
- 1336 Simon Grimsby
Mentioned in a document of 3 April (TNA: DURH 3/206, part 1, no. 9).
- 1337-44 Thomas Surtees
Occurs 16 Sept. 1337 (DCM, 1.9.Spec.4), 21 June 1338 (TNA: DURH 3/29, m. 5); 10 Nov. 1339-11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32); 10 Jan. 1340 (DCM, 3.9.Pont.5); 28 Sept. 1341 (*RPD*, III, 344); 11 July 1342 (DCM, 1.4.Spec.9); ?12 Nov. 1343 (DCM, 1.4.Spec.7, dated Wednesday, Martinmas, 1343); 26 July 1344 (*RPD*, IV, 349).

Chancellor, receiver, and constable of Durham Castle

- 1334 Nicholas Gategang
Occurs, as datary, 26-8 June and 12 July (SS 119, p. 96-7, 99, 109).
- 1334 Robert de Calne
Occurs, as receiver, 28 Sept. (DCM, Misc. Ch. 4342).
- 1336-41 Nicholas Gategang
Occurs as datary, 3 April 1336 (TNA: DURH 3/206, part 1, no. 9); as chancellor, 9 April 1336 (SS 119, p. 111); as receiver, 29 Sept. 1337 x 29 Sept. 1338 (SS 32, p. 201; also DCM, Cart. II, f. 307^r); as datary, 28 March 1339 (DUL, SGD 54/11); as constable and receiver, 10 Nov. 1339-11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32); as receiver, 6 Oct. 1340 (*RPD*, III, 347); as chancellor, 9 Sept. 1341 (*RPD*, III, 354).
- 1341-5 Robert de Calne
Appointed constable of Durham, treasurer, and receiver on 12 Nov. 1341 (*RPD*, III, 358-9). Occurs March 1343-April 1345 (*RPD*, IV, 278-363, *passim*).

Sheriff

- 1334-9 Simon Esh
Occurs perhaps from 4 Feb., certainly from 18 July 1334, until 8 March 1339 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fos. 7^r-19^v, *passim*).
- 1339-42 John Menevill
Occurs from 17 May 1339 until 22 July 1342 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fos. 17^v-25^r *passim*; DCM, Misc. Ch. 494).
- 1342-3 Simon Esh
Occurs 9 Bury, Feb. 1342 x Feb. 1343 (DCM, 1.5.Pont.15, art. 3).
- 1343-4 William Mordon
Occurs perhaps 17 Feb., certainly 28 April 1343, to 4 Dec. 1344 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fos. 25^v-29^r; *RPD*, IV, 283-348, *passim*).
- 1345 William Blakiston
Appointed sheriff and escheator in Durham and Sadberge, 26 Jan. (*RPD*, IV, 345-6). Occurs 10 Apr. (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 172).

Justices

- 1334 Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Simon Grimsby
Final concord at Sadberge, Friday after James (29 July) (Alnwick Castle, MS D. I. 1A, the Percy Cartulary, fos. 86^v, 139; cf. SS 117, pp. 205, 376, where details of the justices are omitted); final concord (court not specified), Thursday after Mattheus (22 Sept) (DCM, Loc. V. 28). Referred to in writ of 28 June 1334 (SS 119, p. 96). Assizes at Durham, morrow of James (26 July). The following days are given: the morrow of Mattheus (22 Sept. 1334); Circumcision (1 Jan. 1335); Tuesday after Low Sunday (25 April 1335); Wednesday, the morrow of James (26 July 1335); Monday after Michaelmas (30 Sept. 1335); Tuesday after Circumcision (2 Jan. 1336); Monday after Low Sunday (8 April 1336) (SS 119, pp. 109–10; cf. DCM, 3.3.Pont.4).
- 1335 Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Simon Grimsby
Final concord at Durham, before Esh and Grimsby, Tuesday after Circumcision (3 Jan.) (Nottinghamshire Archives, DD/4P/21/39); final concord at Durham, before Hepscott and Esh, Wednesday, morrow of James (26 July) (DCM, 4.12.Spec.21 *alias* 1.13.Spec.1); final concord at Sadberge, before Hepscott and Esh, Monday after James (31 July) (SS 117, pp. 376–77). Assize at Durham, before Hepscott and his fellows, Monday after Michaelmas (2 Oct.) (DCM, 1.11.Pont.1/1).
- 1336 Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Robert Parving
Essoins at Durham, Monday after Low Sunday (8 April) (2.6.Spec.45; see also SS 119, p. 111). Final concord at Durham, Monday after Peter in chains (5 Aug.) (DCM, 1.11.Pont.1/2). Final concord at Durham, before Hepscott and Esh, Monday, morrow of Michaelmas (30 Sept.) (DCM, 1.16.Spec.61a/b). Assize at Durham, same date, before Thomas Hepscott and his fellows (DCM, 2.11.Spec.36). See also TNA: DURH 13/221, m. 6.
- 1336–7 Roger Esh, William Walworth, John Menevill, and Simon Esh
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham, 22 May 1336. Pleas at Durham before Esh, Menevill, and Esh, 5 June and 10 June; before Roger Esh and Menevill, 17 June; before Esh, Walworth, Menevill, and Esh, 1 July; before Walworth, Menevill, and Simon Esh, 3 Feb. 1337 (*RPD*, IV, 215–21).
- 1337 Richard Aldbrough, Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Robert Parving
Final concord at Durham, Monday after James (28 July) (DCM, 4.10.Spec.14a).
- 1338 Richard Aldbrough, Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Robert Parving
Pleas at Durham, Monday, vigil of Michaelmas (28 Sept.) (TNA: CP 40/324, m. 318r). Pleas and assizes at Durham, before Aldbrough and his fellows, Monday after James (27 July) (DCM, 2.9.Spec.1(i); 1.11.Pont.1/3).
- 1339 Richard Aldbrough, Thomas Hepscott, Roger Esh, and Robert Parving
Mentioned in an episcopal writ of *praecipe*, 28 March (DUL, SGD 54/11). Assizes at Durham, before Aldbrough, Hepscott, and Parving, Monday after circumcision (4 Jan.), with days given for Wednesday in Easter week (31 March), Monday after Peter in chains (2 Aug.), Monday, the vigil of Mattheus (20 Sept.), and Tuesday after Circumcision (4 Jan. 1340) (TNA: C 260/50/26). Final concord at Durham, before Hepscott, Esh, and Parving, Monday after Peter in chains (2 Aug.) (DCM, 4.9.Spec.2a/b).
- 1339–40 Richard Aldbrough, Robert Parving, Thomas Hepscott, Roger Blakiston, and ?Thomas Seaton
Aldbrough received a fee from Easter 1339 to Easter 1340, styled justice. Parving received a fee for the same period; and Hepscott, Blakiston, and Seaton received fees for Martinmas term 1339 and Pentecost term 1340. None of these men's offices was specified. The receiver's account for 10 Nov. 1339–11 Nov. 1340 refers to four sessions of the justices of assize in both Durham and Sadberge (DCM, Loc. V. 32, mm. 1, 6d).

- 1340 Richard Aldbrough, Thomas Hepscott, and Roger Esh
Pleas at Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (19 Apr.) by virtue of a commission *si non omnes* to them and Robert Parving, and by virtue of an earlier commission *si non omnes* to Hepscott, Esh, and Parving; day given for Wednesday after Peter in chains (2 Aug.) (TNA: CP 40/324, m. 318r-d). Final concord at Durham, Wednesday after Peter in chains (2 Aug.) (DCM, Misc. Ch. 6213).
- 1340 Roger Esh and John Menevill
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Durham, in pardons of 7 Jan. (*RPD*, III, 238-9) and c. 5 Jan. (*RPD*, III, 281-2, reading Menevill for 'Exnewill').
- 1340 Roger Esh, William Walworth, and Simon Esh
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Durham, in a pardon of 7 Aug. (*RPD*, III, 341-2).
- 1341 Roger Esh, John Menevill, and Simon Esh
Referred to as justices of gaol delivery at Durham, in a pardon of 5 Sept. (*RPD*, III, 350).
- 1341 Thomas Hepscott and Roger Esh
Final concord, Durham, Wednesday after circumcision (3 Jan.) (DCM, Misc. Ch. 6211).
- 1341 Richard Aldbrough and Roger Esh
Final concord, Durham, Monday after James (30 July) (Nottinghamshire Archives, DD/4P/21/42); pleas at Sadberge, before Aldbrough and his fellows, Saturday after Mattheus (22 Sept.), with further days given for: Saturday before Hilary (12 Jan. 1342); Monday after Low Sunday (8 Apr. 1342); Monday before Peter in Chains (29 July 1342); Saturday before Mattheus (14 Sept. 1342); and Monday after Epiphany (13 Jan. 1343) (TNA: CP 40/333, m. 83d).
- 1343 Richard Aldbrough, Roger Esh, Thomas Fencotes and Roger Blakiston
Final concord, Durham, Wednesday in Easter week (16 April) (DCM, 2.8.Spec.20). All four were also appointed on 24 April, and again on 1 October, to hear an assize of novel disseisin (TNA: DL 27/100, 25/246).
- 1343 Thomas Surtees, Roger Esh, Adam Bowes, and John Fallodon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 10 June. Quorum: Thomas or Roger (*RPD*, IV, 286-7).
- 1343 Roger Esh, Adam Bowes and John Fallodon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 8 Aug. (*RPD*, IV, 301-2). Roger Esh and his fellows were referred to as justices of oyer and terminer in Sadberge, in a pardon of 2 Aug. (*RPD*, IV, 281).
- 1343 Roger Esh and John Menevill
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 10 Aug. (*RPD*, IV, 302-3).
- 1343 Roger Esh, Adam Bowes, William Mordon and Simon Esh
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 16 Sept. (*RPD*, IV, 303-4).
- 1344 Roger Esh and his fellows
Assizes at Durham, Monday after Epiphany (12 Jan.) (DCM, Loc. V. 41, mm. 1-2).
- 1344 Roger Esh, John Menevill, and William Mordon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 1 March (*RPD*, IV, 322-3).
- 1344 Roger Esh, John Menevill, William Mordon, and John Fallodon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 6 April (*RPD*, IV, 323-4).
- 1344 Roger Esh, Adam Bowes and Simon Esh
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 28 April 1344 (*RPD*, IV, 324).

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- 1344 Thomas Surtees, Roger Esh, Adam Bowes, and William Mordon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 20 May 1344 (*RPD*, iv, 325).
- 1344 Roger Esh, Adam Bowes and William Mordon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 10 June. Quorum: Roger. (*RPD*, iv, 328).
- 1344 Roger Esh, John Menevill, Thomas Lambard and William Mordon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Sadberge on 3 July. Quorum: Roger. (*RPD*, iv, 329-31).
- 1344 William Basset, Richard Aldbrough, Roger Esh, Thomas Fencotes and Roger Blakiston.
Basset was associated with the others as justice *ad omnia placita* in Durham and Sadberge on 25 July (*RPD*, iv, 331-2). Aldbrough, Basset, Esh, Fencotes, and Blakiston were styled justices in an ordinance of 26 July (*RPD*, iv, 348-50). Assizes at Durham, before Aldbrough, Esh, Fencotes, and Blakiston, Tuesday in Easter week (6 Apr.) (*Greenwell Deeds*, no. 170); assizes at Durham, before Aldbrough and his fellows, Monday after James (26 July) (DCM, Loc. V. 43, 3.3.Sacr.12).
- 1344 John, prior of Durham, Ralph Neville, Alexander Hilton, Thomas Surtees, Roger Esh, Roger Blakiston, Adam Bowes, and John Menevill
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham on 27 Aug. Quorum: Roger or Roger (*RPD*, iv, 334-7). Sessions at Durham, before Esh, Blakiston, and Bowes, 6 Sept.; before Surtees, Esh, Blakiston, and Bowes, 9 Sept.; before Surtees, Esh, Blakiston, Bowes, and Menevill, 16 Sept. (TNA: C 260/128).
- 1344 Thomas Surtees, Roger Esh, Robert de Calne, John Menevill, William Mordon, and John Fallodon
Appointed as justices of oyer and terminer in Durham, c. July or Aug. (*RPD*, iv, 337-9).
- 1345 William Basset, Roger Esh, Thomas Fencotes, and Roger Blakiston
Essoins and assizes at Durham, Monday after circumcision (4 Jan.) (TNA: DURH 13/221, part 1, mm. 1-4; DCM, 2.11.Spec.36).
- 1345 Richard Aldbrough, William Basset, Thomas Fencotes and Roger Blakiston
Described as justices of pleas and assizes in Durham and Sadberge, 29 March, in a notification that Roger Esh has been removed from the office of justice (*RPD*, iv, 361).
- 1345 Richard Aldbrough, Roger Esh, Thomas Fencotes, and Roger Blakiston
Assizes at Durham, 29 March (R. W. Hodgson, 'Deeds respecting the manor of Offerton', *AA1*, 2 (1832), 273-86, no. 10, dated Tuesday in Easter week, 18 Edward III and 12 Bury). Pleas at Durham, same date (but given as 19 Edward III and 12 Bury), before Aldbrough, Fencotes, and Blakiston, by commission of *si non omnes* (DCM, 3.3.Sacr.14b).

Commissioners

- 1338 Thomas Surtees, Nicholas Gategang, Adam Bowes, and John Birtley
Occur, styled justices, on an inquisition of 7 May concerning waste near Heworth (SS 58, pp. 110-11n.).
- 1339 Thomas Surtees, Thomas Hepscott, Nicholas Gategang, and Adam Bowes
Commission to inquire into the suit by which the manor of Hollinside is held, 1 Feb.; inquisition, 6 April (*RPD*, III, 269-71, 272)
- 1339 John Whitchurch, Thomas Surtees, and Thomas Hepscott
Commission, 8 April to inquire into a complaint of Thomas Haswell, master of Sherburn hospital, concerning the advowson of Kelloe (*RPD*, III, 261-3).

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- 1340 William de Tenu and Hugh de Hecham
Inquisition taken by them referred to in a pardon of 4 Jan. 1340 (*RPD*, III, 281-2).
- 1343 Robert de Calne, Roger Esh, and John Fallodon
Inquisition taken by them referred to in a document of 1 Aug. 1343 (*RPD*, IV, 300-1).
- 1343 Commission of array, 4 Feb. (possibly 4 Feb. 1344) (*RPD*, IV, 269-71)
Darlington ward: Robert Bowes, Alan Meynill, John Randolph, Robert Brackenbury
Stockton ward: Henry Langton, William Kilkenny, Robert Lucas, William Billingham
Easington ward: Simon Esh, Walter Ludworth, John Harpin, Nicholas Skelton
Chester ward: John Hedworth, John Bille, Thomas Struteville, William Kirkby
Sadberge, west ward: John Hurworth, John Menevill of Summerhouse, Geoffrey Headlam
Sadberge, east ward: John Lumley, Thomas Lambard, John Aislaby
- 1343 Commission to collect an aid for the defence of the liberty, 20 Feb. (possibly 20 Feb. 1344) (*RPD*, IV, 273-7)
Darlington ward: John Randolph, Thomas Whitworth, John Pollard, Stephen Burdon, John Fallodon, John Burnigill, William Lisle
Stockton ward: Henry Langton, Walter Bishopton, Robert Lucas, Leo Claxton, Robert de Hoton, Gilbert Clifton
Easington ward: John Menevill, Simon Esh, Nicholas Skelton, Gilbert son of Thomas Hulam, Roger de Hepdon
Chester ward: John Hedworth, John Bille, William Kirkby, Gilbert Marley
Sadberge, east ward: John Lumley, Thomas Lambard, Hugh Teesdale
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Coroner

- 1335, 1344 John Thropton, Darlington ward
Occurs 21 Dec. 1335 (DCM, 5.5.Elemos.14); 26 July 1344 (ward unspecified, *RPD*, IV, 349).
- 1339-41 William Dalton, Darlington ward
Occurs 10 Nov. 1339 x 11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32, m. 2, ward not specified), 23 October 1341 (DCM, Misc. Ch. 1611).
- 1335 John Durham, Chester ward
Occurs 28 March (DCM, Loc. IV. 52, m. 2).
- 1339-40 Nicholas Megre, ward unknown, perhaps Chester
Occurs 10 Nov. 1339 x 11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32, m. 2).
- 1339-40 Geoffrey Hadham, ward unknown, perhaps Chester
Occurs 10 Nov. 1339 x 11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32, m. 2).

Forester

- 1338 Adam Scot, forester in Lanchester ward
Confirmed in office for life on 31 March (DCM, Reg. II, f. 110^v-111^r).
- 1339-40 Robert Kilkenny, chief forester
Occurs 10 Nov. 1339 x 11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32, m. 6d).

- 1341–3 Richard Whiteparish (de Whitperis), chief forester.
Appointed 27 Sept. 1341 (*RPD*, III, 343–4). Dead by 16 March 1343 (*RPD*, IV, 272–3, where styled chief forester of Weardale).

Sheriff of Norhamshire

- 1334–45 Robert Manners
Occurs 28 April 1334 to 5 Feb. 1345 (TNA: DURH 3/2, fos. 7^r–27^v).

Receiver of Norhamshire

- 1339–40 William Twizel
Occurs 10 Nov. 1339 x 11 Nov. 1340 (DCM, Loc. V. 32, m. 6d).

Justices in Norhamshire

- 1343 Robert Darreyns, Robert Manners, Robert Tughall, and Michael Pressen.
Darreyns was associated with the others as justices of assize and 'for all pleas', 18 May (*RPD*, IV, 279–80). See also *RPD*, IV, 280–1, 288–90, 290–1 (14–30 May).

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¹ Thus the thirteenth-century chronicler Matthew Paris preserved a series of documents concerning the Durham estates of Tynemouth Priory, which was a cell of Paris's abbey of St Albans; one of these documents provides the only known reference to John le Bel as steward of Durham in 1257 (*q.v.*).

² *The Heads of Religious Houses, England and Wales, II: 1216–1377*, ed. D. M. Smith and V. C. M. London, Cambridge (2001), vii.

³ The author (matthewholford@hotmail.com) would be grateful to learn of any such additions.

⁴ E.g. *CPR* 1321–4, 417; 1330–4, 189, 307.

⁵ DCM, 1.16.Spec.49, and below.

⁶ DCM, Misc. Ch. 2640, and below.

⁷ 'Two thirteenth-century assize rolls for county Durham', ed. K. C. Bayley in *Miscellany* 2, SS (1916), no. 393; Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Top. Yorks. e. 9, f. 119^v.

⁸ Below, and DCM, Misc. Ch. 1328.

⁹ DCM, Loc. V. 32, mm. 1–2, 6d; *Bishop Hatfield's Survey*, ed. W. Greenwell, SS (1857), 207.

¹⁰ For lists of Bek's 'bailiffs and receivers', see *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense: The Register of Richard de Kellawe, lord Palatine and bishop of Durham 1311–1316*, ed. T. D. Hardy, Rolls Series 62, London (1873–8), II, 1094–9 and 1103–7. For Bury's estate officials, see *Hatfield's Survey*, ed. Greenwell, 200, 206, 207, and DCM, Loc. V. 32, *passim*.

¹¹ *Fasti Dunelmenses*, ed. D. S. Boutflower, SS 139 (1926); R. Donaldson, 'Patronage and the church: a study in the social structure of the secular clergy in the Diocese of Durham (1311–1540)' (Ph.D. thesis, University of Edinburgh, 1955).