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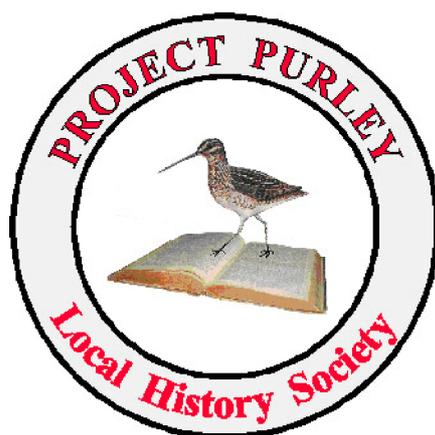
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62 *Walter, Rector of Purley is excommunicated (1373)*

From 'Significations of Excommunication in the Diocese of Sarum' (PRO reference C85/147/24) Contributed by John Chapman. Transcribed and translated by him with considerable assistance from Dr Arnold Baines FSA.

(Membrane 1)

Excellentissimo in Christe, principi et domino nostro, domino Edwardo Dei gratiam Regi Anglie et Francie illustri ac Domino Hibernie Roberto permissione divina --/-- Sarum episcopus. Salutem in eo per quem Reges regnant et regnorum gubernacula sustentant. Excellencie vicariam regis tenore pronomin' intomemus --/-- pro omnes et singuli quorum nomina cedula continet hiis annexa propter suas offensas et contumacias manifestas amicione non solucionis porciominus --/-- eos contingendum de subsides quinqagenta annualim librarum per cleri' Cantuarum et Eborum proin nimium donacionum vic' imper concessum multipliciter contractas --/-- fuerunt et sunt maions excommunicatis sin[]a inrodicta et pro sic excommuunicatus in nostra diocesium. In qua excommuunicatos per quadraginta dies et amplius --/-- perseverunt et adhuc contemptum ecclesie claribus indurato animo perseverant cum igitur ecclesia ultra non habeat quid faciat in hac pertic' vic' regis --/-- celsitudini supplicamus quatum contradictores sic punitione excommunicatum exerece dignitatum quod prororum regni consuetudinem regis congruevit maiestati ut quem dei --/-- timor a malo non revocat sustema coherceat animaduersis regis potestatis quam in prosperis consperuet altissimus et de hostibus det triumphum.

Datum apud Potterne octavo die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo tercentesimo septuagesimo tercio et nostra consultam anno quadragesimo tercio.

(membrane 2)

ad proxima excommunicatorum et delinte de quibus suo sit memorio sunt hec in comitatu Berks

Walterus rectorem de Porle

Sir Ricus de Pembrygge miles occupatorem temporalis abbatis de Stante in Wadele et Wykngesham

Willus rectorem de Appleton

Johes rectorem de Sonnyngwell

Rogerus de Boton occupatorum bonorum monachorum Wyntoniensis in Sperholte et possessionem Abbatis de Becco in eadem

Johes Holte occupator possessionem Abbatis Elmnerace in Ledecombe Regis

Ty Ricardus Tamworth miles et domino ibidem

Eustacine Yonge occupatorem postem de longa villa in civitas de Wittenham Comtre

Thomae More occupatorum temporalis perorumis de Frampton in est Hendred

Willus Baron occupatorum temporalis peroris de Bermondesene in Upton

Johes Eohnes occupatorem temporalis abbatis de Eynsham in Appleton in Comitatis Wiltsir

Johes Bettes occupatorem finia capella de Brybathe

Radolphus Salbeyie occupatorem pens prebend de Welles in Sortle et ec occupatorem temporalis possessiones de stadl in eadem

Johes Ploiett occupatorem temporalis abbatis de Stanton in Westbury

Robertus Bryden occupatorem temporalis abbatis de Stanton in Westford

(translation)

To the most excellent, in Christ our ruler and lord, the lord Edward by the grace of God illustrious King of England and France and lord of Ireland. From Robert by divine permission Bishop of

Salisbury.

Greetings in him by whom king's reign and the governments of kingdoms are sustained.

We intimate to the excellent sherrif of the king as aforesaid in respect of all and singular (whose names are contained in the schedule annexed to this [writ]) on account of their offences and manifest contumacies by the omission of even the smallest payment touching them in respect of the annual subsidy of fifty pounds by the clerics of Canterbury and York, just as much of the donations as has been ordered to be conceded to the sheriff agreed in many ways. They were and are all severally liable to the major excommunication, and on this account are thus excommunicated in our diocese. In which excommunication for forty days and more they have remained and still they persist in contempt of the church, manifestly with hardened mind. When therefore the church has nothing further which it can do in this regard we supplicate your worship the king's sheriff, seeing that these are opponents, so by punishing the excommunicates to exercise that authority which [] the custom of the realm and is agreeable to the king's majesty, that those whom the fear of God does not recall from evil the system of punishment by the king's power may coerce; whom may the Most High continue to prosper and give triumph over his enemies.

Given at Potterne, the eighth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord 1373 and in the 43rd of our office.

The names of those recently excommunicated are remembered below:-

In the County of Berkshire

Walter, rector of Purley

Sir Richard Pembroke, knight, usurper of the temporalities of the abbot of Stanton in the Vale and Wokingham.

William rector of Appleton

John rector of Sunningwell

Roger de Boton, usurper of the revenues of the monastery of Winchester in Sperholte and the property of the Abbot of Bec

John Holte, usurper of the privileges of the Abbot Elminerace in Letcombe Regis and of Richard Tamworth lord of that place.

Eustace Young usurper of the long township in the city of Wittenham Comtre

Thomas More usurper of the temporalities granted to Frampton in East Hendred

William Barron usurper of the temporalities granted to Bermondsey in Upton

John Jones usurper of the temporalities of the Abbot of Eynsham in Appleton

In the County of Wiltshire

John Bettes usurper of the dues of the chapel of Brybathe

Ralph Salby usurper of the pension of the prebend of Wells in Sortley and usurper of the temporal possessions of 'Stadl' there

John Ploiett usurper of the temporalities of the Abbot of Stanton in Westbury

Robert Bryden usurper of the Abbot of Stanton in Westford.

Notes

The writ was issued by Robert Wyville who was the longest serving Bishop of Salisbury who held office from 1330 to 1375. It was addressed to King Edward III who reigned from 1327 to 1377.

Two quite different possibilities come to mind:-

a) the matter could concern a grant of £50,000 which was made by Parliament and which was to be paid equally by all the

parishes of the country. It was assumed that there were 40,000 parishes ie £1-5-0 per parish but in fact there were only 8600 so even if all had paid there would still have been a shortfall. In fact many parishes, especially those which had recently fallen under the patronage of monastic houses, refused to pay. In Purley's case it had recently come under the patronage of St Edmund's College in Salisbury and the 'Walter' referred to could have been Walter Childenham who was the Prior of St Edmunds at the time.

b) in the year 1366 Pope Urban put forward a demand for the payment of 1000 marks a year from England as recompense for the arrears of tribute to Rome since the convention in King John's time. This was attempted to be collected by some of the bishops who saw their loyalty as more to the Pope than to the King. But most of the parishes refused to pay up and in desperation the bishops excommunicated the holders of the benefices and entreated the king to add civil punishments.

63 Report of an Inquisition on Weirs on the Thames (1369)

Chancery Miscellaneous Bundles (PRO ref C260/80/6) Contributed by John Titterton and John Chapman)

Edwardus dei gratias Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernae diligenti et fideli suo Johem de Grey de Rotherfeld salutem. Volentes arius de causis versificatari super --/-- recorde et processu prostratonis et enulsionis gurgitum et molendinorum Prioris Hospitalis Sancte Johis Jerusalem in Anglia in Sannford in comitatu Oxoniensis et Berks per vos socios vestris ad inquitendi de gurgitibus molendinis stagnis palis et kedellis contra formam statuti inde edite in aqua Thamesis levatis et erectis rad a prosterends assignis gab inamotinandam quod recordem et processie predicta note in cancellaro uratis mutatis et hoc breve quantas quod hebdomus in crastinio sancte Margareto virginis proxime futuris Et hoc sub pena continent librarum nullatemis annrcrlis sigillis me ipsa apud Wesmonasterium xij dio July anno regni regis Edwardus Anglicanae quadresagimo tertio regni regis Edwardus Francae tricensimo.

Walter Recordis et processis quorumdam inquis captam coram Johes de Grey de Rethfelde et socius suis Justic domine regis per commisionem domine rege de inquirend de gurgitibus molendinis stagnis palis kedellis in aqua Thamesie inde Henle et Stretele tempra domine Edwardus quondam Regis Anglorum et ... erectis et positis que impedit constitu... navigatinem battelum at shectorum prout in statutis apud Westmonasterium anno regni regis nunc vicesimo quarto editio x patet in servicio.

Oxon - Justiciar capt coram Johe de Grey et sociis suis Justicaris apud Oxoniene die lune proxime post festum translationem sancte Thome anno quadragessima tertio per sacrum illorum quorum noticia petent in panel huic constitis quis dicunt per sacrum suis quodprior hostpitalis Sancte Johannes Jerusalem in Anglie pro custodem suis apud Sannford obstur auct rectum ... aqae Thamesie in comitatis Oxoniensis et extra rectum auct de nova levanit unum gurgitem vocatem Sannfordeslok tempre regis nunc per qu.. const nav nbatteli et shuppe impedit pertex accessi cumn sociis meis ac locum predictum nocume.tis et vircicit comissionis predictis d... gurgit vocat Sannfordeslok prostig. perut commisio requirit fec per commissione ... requirit.

Berks - Inquisitionem capta coram Johe de Grey et siciis suis Justicis apud Redele super Thamesiam die Mercii proxima post festum Sancte Petris et Pauli anno quadragessimo tertio per sacrium illorum quorum noia patet in panell huic confiet que dicunt per sacrium suam quod Prioris Hospitalis Sancte Johis Jerusalem per custod suis apud Sannford rectium cursum aquae Thamesie juxta Sannford over stupanit cum pal et unum et gurgititis vocatur Sannfordlok de novo levavit tempore regis nuc quod imped piscatorem navitem batall et shictarum et virtictis .. legend accessi et supra.

(Translation)

64 - Thomas Walshe & Nicholas Carew hold fees in Purley - 1401

From Feudal Aids (Printed version page 62) for 1401 within the Honor of Wallingford

Thomas Walshe tenet medietatem un. f. m. quod Edmundus de Malynes quondam tenuit in Parva Purle Nicholaus Carew tenet terciam partam un. f. m. quod Thomas Huscarle quondam tenuit in Porle Huscarle.

Thomas Walshe holds half of a knights fee which was once held by Edmund Malyns in Little Purley

Nicholas Carew holds a third part of a knights fee which Thomas Huscarle once held in Great Purley.

Notes

Nicholas Carew II (1359-1432) was the son of Nicholas Carew I and Lucy the widow of Sir Thomas Huscarle

65 Agnes Huscarle & Nicholas Carew hold fees in Purley - 1428

From Feudal Aids - (printed version page 65) for 1428 within the Honor of Wallingford.

Agnes Huscarll tenet terras et tenementa in Foulscoute que quondam fuerunt Pagani Huscarll et tenentur de Nicholao Carew de manerio suo de Purle per servicium inde reddendi eidem Nicholao ad festum Michaelis pro omnibus serviciis unum nisum Anglice vocatem 'a sperawke' et si caret niso solvet ij. s

Translation

Agnes Huscarle holds lands and tenements in Fulscot which once were of Pagani Huscarle and held of Nicholas Carew of his manor of Purley by service that they render to Nicholas at the feast of Michaelmas for all services one hawk, in the English tongue 'a sparrowhawk' and if no hawk then to pay 2s.

66 Nicholas Carew records a charter - 1432

From the Calendar of Close Rolls 10 Henry VI

Nicholas Carreu esquire of Bedyngton co. Surrey to John Martyn one of the justices of the Bench, Roger Heroun clerk, John Corffe, Robert Fitz Robert, John Halle of Sussex, John Gaynesforde, William Selman and William Bradforde. Charter for term of his life

of the manors of Maythamme and Stoke in the hundred of Hoo co. Kent, and the advowson of Stoke chantry, also the manors of Purle, Sulham and Hyde co. Berkshire, the advowson of Sulham church,

the manors of Bandoun, Cressalton and Nutfelde co Surrey and the advowson of Nutfelde church of all which by fine levied in the king's court they and the Thomas Herynge made a grant and surrender to the said Nicholas

and Mercy his wife and to the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Nicholas, and gift of all other his lands, rents, reversions and services in the counties aforesaid.

Witnesses Edward Gildeforde, Thomas Anger, William Lynde, Thomas Rothwelle, John Burgh, Thomas Codungton esquires Walter Urry.

Dated 10 February 10 Henry VI

67 Nicholas Carew appoints an Attorney - 1432

From the Calendar of Close Rolls 10 Henry VI

Nicholas Carreu (as above) to Robert Bamburgh clerk, Nicholas Pers, Thomas Heryng and Stephen Blakchalfe. Letter of attorney, appointing them to give (the said) John Martyn, Roger Heroun, John Corffe, Robert Fitz Robert, John Halle, John Gaynesforde, William Selman and William Bradforde seisin of the manors, advowsons etc

(mentioned in the last).

Dated (as the last)

68 Nicholas Carew issues a Quitcalim – 1432

From the Calendar of Close Rolls 10 Henry VI

Nicholas Carreu the elder to (the said) John Martyn, Roger Heroun, John Corffe, Robert Fitz Robert, John Halle, John Gaynesforde, William Selman and William Bradforde and to their heirs. Quitclaim with warranty, of the manors, advowsons etc.(above mentioned)

Dated 5 March 10 Henry VI

69 Nicholas Carew acknowledges previous charters – 1432

From the Calendar of Close Rolls 10 Henry VI

Memorandum of acknowledgment of the foregoing charter and writings at Bedyngton 10 June before Richard Sturgeoun by virtue of a dedimus potestatem which is on the chancery file for this

year.

Notes

Items 66-69 record Nicholas Carew III (1396-1458) taking possession of the lands of his father Nicholas Carew II (1359-1432) and establishing his claims formally.

70 Berks Constable wounded 1916

from the Reading Mercury of July 8th 1916

Pte Harry Robey a native of Arlington, Wantage who joined on the 30th June 1915 was injured by shrapnell in both knees shortly before Christmas and invalided home. As one of his legs is still stiff he is now on canteen duty. Robey was for some time stationed at Purley in the Reading Division.

71 Diary of Sir Samuel Luke 1642-3

Sir Samuel Luke was Scoutmaster-General for the Earl of Essex on the Parliamentary side of the Civil War. His Diary contains reports of his scouts (spies).

Published by Oxfordshire Record Society in 3 volumes. The following items are extracts which mention or are relevant to Purley

72 (p16) 25th Feb 1642 (Sat)

Prince Robert with many of his forces lay upon Thursday last at Pangbourne 6 miles from Reading and it is sayed his intencions are to cutt of Sir William Wallers troopes who they believe are going to transport some treasure out of the west

73 (p19) 1st March 1642

That Prince Robert's forces plundered all the contrye and tooke away all their horse sheep and lambs and all other provision in the country as they marched along

The force was reported to be 1000-1200 strong

74 (p25) 11th March 1642

That in the high ways from Twiford to Reading and from Pangbourne to Reading there are very deep trenches cast upp and bridges made over them for carts and horses to passe over in the day tyme and in the night they draw them upp and locke upp the gates which they made besides the trenches over the highways.

75 (p61) Sat 15th April 1642

Robert Goddard went out this day with warrants to Tilehurst etc.

76 (p61) Sun 16th April 1642

Another with warrants to Pangbourne, Englefield etc.

77 (p65) Fri 21st April 1642

Robert Pigeon went forth this day to Pangbourne, Englefield and returned.

78 (p66) Weds 26th April 1642

Richard Emmerton went out this day to Pangbourne etc He returned this day

79 (p88) note

Rupert marched to Pangbourne on the night of 2nd June returning to Abingdon on the next day (see Rupert's Journal)

80 (p174) Sunday 22nd October

Peter Street returned from Reading and saith there are about 4000 horse and foote and 4 peeces of ordnance abd that the workers are finisht on this side of the town but none on the other side towards Theal and Pangbourne

81 (p211) Dec 11th 1643

There are diverse carriers which come out of the west over Pangburne ferry to Henley and there load their horses with commodityes which came from London thither and soe return back into their owne country

82 Report of a search of Augmentation Office into the history of Purley

Source Powys Lybbe papers ORO E1/M6/CR/11 Microfilm WM32 Frames 261-267

Mr Caleys memo

Purley Magna & Parva Berks

An attentive search among the records in the Augmentation Office and elsewhere has been made for the purpose of discovering the original grant of the manor of Purley Magna which as it appears from antient documents was heretofore parcel of the honor of Wallingford

The result of this enquiry has produced much information with respect to the early history of the manor of Purley and though the particular object, viz that of discovering the original grant has not yet been obtained such information has been met with as it may the with reason be expected will lend materially to effect the object desired.

