

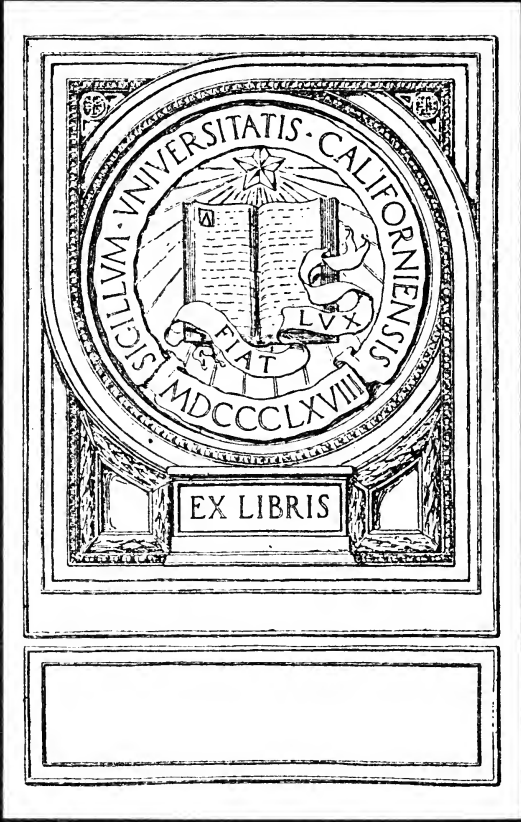
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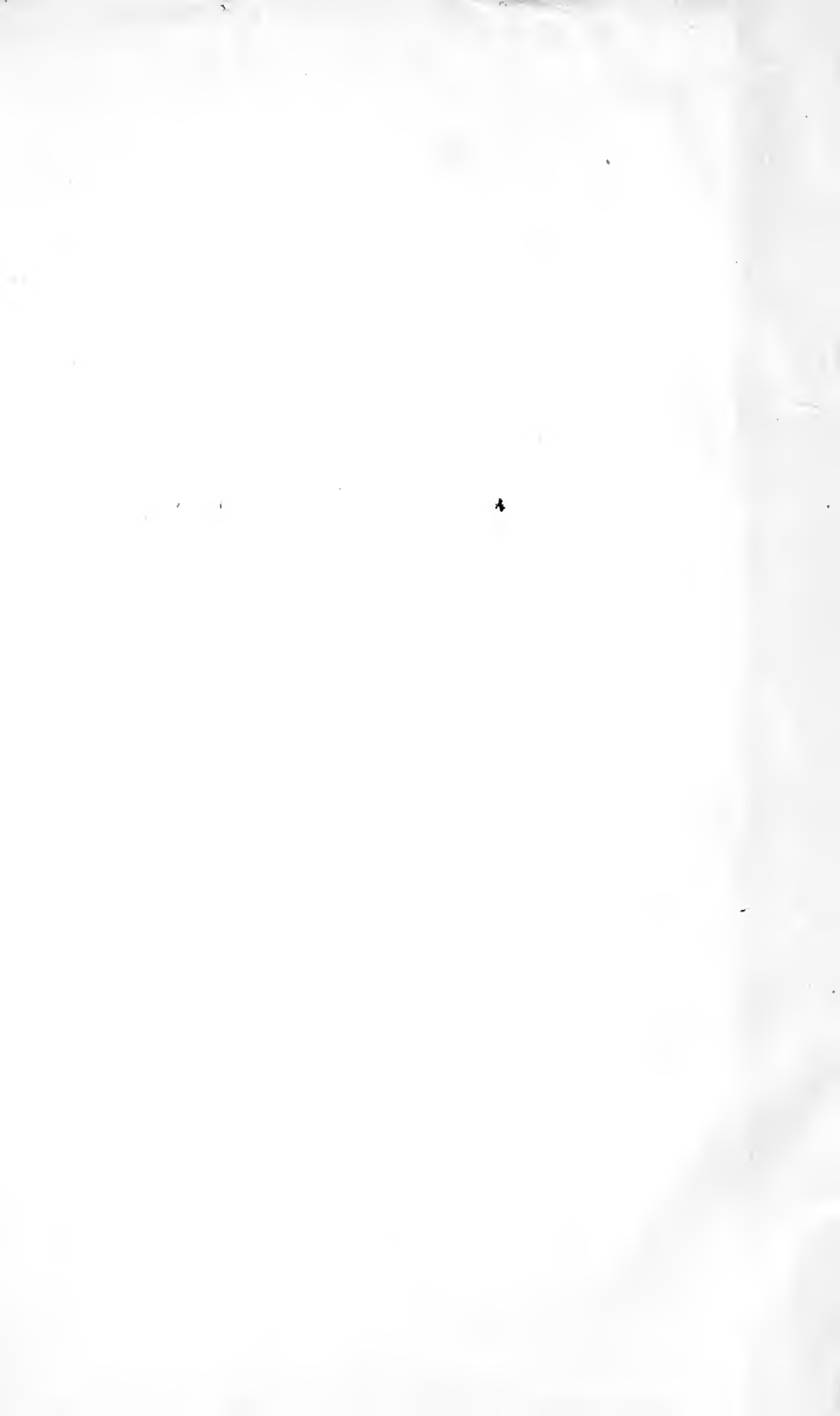
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THE

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From the Sunday after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 1528,

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WITH

REMARKS AND NOTES

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This curious document was presented to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society in the year 1849, by Mr. Henry Sotheran, who stated that it had been lately found in a chest in the vestry of a church in the neighbourhood of York.

It is written on eight skins of parchment, forming a Roll exactly 12 feet long and 12 inches broad; and, with the exception of a small portion at the beginning, in a good state of preservation. To the foot of the Roll are attached five small quarto leaves of paper, containing particulars of expenses attending the celebration of four Anniversaries, and of the day of 'O Oriens.'

At the back of the roll is a list of tenants and others who were in arrear in their payments; and also an inventory of effects under the especial charge of the Computant.

The Abbey of St. Mary was the most wealthy of the Monasteries in Yorkshire; the clear annual revenue at the Dissolution being estimated at no less than £1670. The Annual expenditure was, no doubt, proportionate to this income. But the receipts and expenditure accounted for by Thos. Syngleton, amount not to a twelfth part of that income. To understand the nature of this document, therefore, it must be observed, that in every monastery, a certain number of the brethren, who were called *Obedientiarü*, were appointed to superintend each a separate department in the establishment, having tithes and other revenues assigned to them to defray the necessary expenses of that department. At the end of the year, which began and ended at some great festival, each of these officers delivered to a superior officer, as the Bursar, or

the Prior, an account of what he had received, and of what he had expended during the year. From these the superior officer formed one large roll, which, together with the smaller upon which it was formed, was deposited in the treasury or the muniment room of the Monastery.* Many of these larger rolls have been published; but few, if any, of the smaller rolls have been brought to light. On this, if on no other account, this document drawn up by a Monk of St. Mary's, will be regarded as curious and valuable.

The writer of this roll describes himself as holding the offices of *Camerarius* and *Custos Communie Specierum*. The *Camerarius*, or Chamberlain, was an officer who belonged to every Monastic House; although the nature and extent of his duties may not have been uniformly the same. But no such officer as the *Custos Communie Specierum* is mentioned in the ordinary lists of Monastic officers; nor is it noticed by Du Cange or Carpentier or R yner. The title denotes that he had the care of the common stock of the Spicery. Spices appear to have formed a large and important portion of Monastic stores; comprehending a great variety of articles; as ginger, pepper, mace, cloves, cinnamon, raisins (great raisins), currants (small raisins), prunes, almonds, liquorice, sugar, sugar candy, barley-sugar, sandars, turnsole, comfits, cakes, &c. &c. They were generally expensive articles, yet, as Dr. Whitaker has observed with respect to the Monks of Bolton Priory, "they were used with no sparing hand."† The Bursar of the Monastery of Durham accounts for the delivery to the Cellarer, in one year of more than 130 lbs. of pepper, of 105 lbs. of currants, of 48 lbs. of prunes, of 55 lbs. of sugar, in addition to a large supply of honey. The charge for spicery in that year was above £38, when a sheep was sold for 2s. and an ox for from 14s. to 16s.

Bp. Kennet says that spices were sometimes taken as parts of account payment. Instances of this occur in the Durham Book; where four tenants pay a portion of their arrears due to the Monastery in saffron; grants also were sometimes made

* Durham Household Book. Preface by the Rev. J. Raine, p. viii.

† History of Craven, p. 403.

with the express purpose of providing for the purchase of spices : thus we find among the grants to the Abbey of St. Mary, York, half a carucate of land in Sezevaus given by Astinus de Pykering, "*ad emendas species.*"

It is remarkable that in this *Compotus* by the *Custos Communiæ Specierum* no charge is made for the purchase or for the delivery of spices ; excepting in the celebration of four Anniversaries, and the day of 'O Oriens.'

COMPOTUS FRATRIS THOME SYNGLETON MONACHI AC CUSTODIS
COMMUNIE SPECIERUM ET CAMERARII MONASTERII
SANCTE MARIE EBOR. A DOMINICA PRIMA POST FESTUM
SANCTI MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI ANNO DOMINI MILESIMO
QUINGENTESSIMO VICESIMO OCTAVO USQUE AD EANDEM
DOMINICAM ANNO DOMINI UT SUPRA VICESIMO NONO.

ARRERAGIA NULLA. Quia idem computans solvit ad manus Domini Abbatis pro pede compoti ultimi anni ut patet per manus ejusdem scriptoris in fine compoti anni precedentis xxx^s. iiij^d. ob.

LIBERE FIRME. In primis, Idem computans respondet de lxxvj^s. iiij^d. ob. receptis de liberis firmis infra tempus compoti, viz., de Priore Sancti Andree¹ Ebor. ij^s. De Magistro Maneriorum² pro terris apud Wotlas³ x^s. De Willelmo Gyllame pro terris in Huntynghon⁴ vij^s. i^d. ob. De Willelmo Pawling ibidem v^s. De Domino le Scrope de Bolton pro terris ibidem iiij^s. vj^d. De Johanne Joye pro terris ibidem xx^d. De Roberto Wywell pro terris in Thornton⁵ xij^d. De heredibus Willelmi Jacob pro terris ibidem iiij^d. De Eleemosinario Monasterii pro terris

¹ The Priory of St. Andrew was situated in Fishergate, adjoining the Ouse. It belonged to the order of Monks of Sempringham or Gilbertines; and was founded in 1202 by Hugh Merdae, Archdeacon of Cleveland, for 12 Canons.

² Probably the person who had the general oversight of the manors or lands belonging to the Monastery: a general land bailiff, with local bailiffs under him.

³ Thornton Watlas, near Bedale.

⁴ Huntynghon, near York.

⁵ Most probably Thornton Steward, in Wensleydale.

ibidem iiij^d. De Sacrista Monasterii pro terris in Aclam¹ xvj^d.
 De Domino le Scrope de Bolton pro terris in Warmsworth² iiij^s.
 De Abbate de Thornton³ pro terris in Burnham⁴ et Thornton xl^s.
 Summa lxxvj^s. iiij^d. ob.

PENSIONES. Et de x^l. xv^s. iiij^d. receptis de pensionibus infra
 tempus compoti, viz., de Ecclesia de Hornsey⁵ c^s. De Priore
 de Wedderall⁶ xiiij^s. iiij^d. De Priore Sancte Bege⁷ xiiij^s. iiij^d.

¹ Probably Aclam on the Wolds.

² Near Doncaster, where the Scropes had a considerable estate. Hunter's S. Yorkshire, i. 126.

³ Thornton Curtis, in the Northern part of Lincolnshire, south-east of Barton, where a Monastery of Augustin-Canons was established in 1139 by William le Gros, Earl of Albermarle; by whom or by one of his descendants, it is probable, these lands were granted to the Abbey of St. Mary.

⁴ In the Isle of Axholme, Lincolnshire, near Epworth.

⁵ The Church, Manor and Mere of Hornsea were granted to St. Mary's Abbey, at its foundation by Odo, Earl of Champagne, and his son Stephen. In the year 1260, the Abbot of Melsa (Meaux, in Holderness) claimed a right of fishing in the Southern part of the Mere; which was resisted by the Abbot of St. Mary's. The Abbot of S. Meaux therefore brought a writ of right against the Abbot of St. Mary's; and it was resolved that the dispute should be settled by wager of battle. "On the day appointed for the combat, the parties and their champions appearing properly accoutred, the fight commenced, and lasted, according to the narrator, from morning till evening, when the champions of the plaintiff were beaten to the ground, and the fishery ultimately relinquished by the Abbot of Meaux." Poulson's History of Holderness, vol. i, p. 319. This account is taken from the *Liber Melsæ*. The date, 1260, refers this remarkable transaction to the second year of the Abbacy of Simon de Warwick; but it is not noticed by him in his Annals of the Abbey.

⁶ Wetherall, in the county of Cumberland. A priory was founded here in the reign of William Rufus, by Ranulf de Meschin, Earl of Cumberland, and given by him as a Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary, York, in the time of Stephen of Whitby, the first Abbot. The establishment consisted of a Prior and eight Monks.

⁷ St. Bees in Cumberland; so named after Bega, a pious woman, who founded a convent there for nuns, in the seventh century. Having been destroyed by the Danes, it was refounded as a Priory for Monks by William, son of Ranulph de Meschin, in the time of Hen. I., and given by him as a Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary, York, on condition that a Prior and at least six Monks should be maintained there by the Abbot and convent. It is observable that Leland in his Itinerary speaks of St. Bees as being in the neighbourhood of Lincoln; "in one of the east suburbs, scant half a mile from the Mynstere." He refers, no doubt, to the cell of St. Magdelene. The editors of the last edit. of Mon. Ang. observe, "Leland was probably right as to the situation of the cell, but wrong as to its name, which he seems to have confounded with St. Bees in Cumberland."

De Priore de Romburgt¹ vj^s. viij^d. De Priore Sancti Martini² vj^s. viij^d. De Vicario de Mydleton Tyas vj^s. viij^d. De Magistro Maneriorum pro Anniversario Richardi Grussy³ xxvj^s. viij^d. et Roberti Bulloke xl^s. Summa x^l. xv^s. iiij^d.

PORCIONES CUM DECIME.⁴ Et de xj^{li}. xviiij^s. iiij^d. receptis de porcionibus infra tempus compoti, viz., de Kneton⁵ iiij^{li}. et Medleton⁶ xiiij^s. iiij^d. De Multon⁷ xl^s. De Scruton xiiij^s. iiij^d. De Westanfild⁸ x^s. De Medleton⁹ et Melmerby iiij^s. iiij^d. De Andreby¹⁰ et Swaynby¹¹ xv^s. et de Warmsworth liij^s. iiij^d. Summa xj^{li}. xviiij^s. iiij^d.

FIRME AD VOLUNTATEM. Et de ^{xx}iiijxiiij^{li}. iiij^s. xj^d. receptis de firmis tenencium ad voluntatem infra tempus compoti, viz., in Ebor vj^s. In vico Sancte Marie ix^{li}. xvij^s. iiij^d. In Bowthome xij^{li}. xvij^s. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem¹² ex concessione Domini Abbatis¹³ v^s. In Gillygait xxix^s. viij^d. In Clyfton vj^{li}. xiiij^s. vj^d. et pro magistro Collegii ibidem ex concessione

¹ Rumburgh, in Suffolk. A small monastery founded about the time of the Norman Conquest by Almar or Agelmar of Elmham, and Thurstan, Abbot of St. Benet Hulm. It was given as a Cell to the Abbey of St. Mary, York, in the reign of Hen. I., by Stephen Earl of Richmond and Bretagne, or by Alan his son.

² A chapel dedicated to St. Martin near Richmond, was given with the church of Thornton and other possessions, about the year 1100, to the Abbey of St. Mary, by Wyman, Steward of the Earl of Richmond. Upon which the Monks of St. Mary's sent a colony of 9 or 10 of their number, with a Prior, to erect a Priory. It thus became a Cell to the house at York, to which it was subordinate in spiritual matters, while in others it claimed to be independent. It became richly endowed, keeping the original number of monks, and paying a yearly pension, as an acknowledgement of subjection, to the Abbey of St. Mary.

³ Or, Growsse, as in another part of the Computus.

⁴ i. e., Portions out of churches, with certain tythe rents of tenants at will.

⁵ Under Kneeton, near Middleton Tyas. ⁶ Middleton Tyas.

⁷ Moulton, near Middleton Tyas. ⁸ West Tanfield. ⁹ Middleton Quernhow.

¹⁰ Ainderby Quernhow.

¹¹ Near Pickhill, in Swaledale.

¹² 'Ibidem' is to be connected with 'et' and the clause translated thus: "And there (i. e. out of the same place, viz. Bowthome) v^s. for the Master of the College." And thus also in the following similar clauses. There was but one Collegium, and that was within the precincts of the Abbey; but the Master of the College appears to have had his endowments or money payments from various portions of the conventual property.

¹³ Probably as being specially granted for this purpose by the Abbot.

Domini Abbatis *iiij^{li}. xv^s. xj^d*. In Roelyff *iiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d*. In Huntynghton *xxvij^s. viij^d*. In Thornton *xvj^s. vj^d*. In Buttercram *iiij^s. vj^d*. In Myton *xxxij^s. vj^d*. In Dunsfurth *x^s*. In Elyngthrope¹ *lx^s*. In Huddeswell *xij^s. viij^d*. In Kirkby Rawynswath² *ix^s. viij^d*. In Smeeton *xiiij^s*. In Hornby³ *xxj^s*. In Appleton super Wysk *viiij^s*. In Spawnton *viiij^s. vj^d*. In Hutton juxta Spawnton *xxij^s. viij^d*. In Lastingham *v^s. x^d*. In Appleton juxta Spawnton *vij^s. viij^d*. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem ex concessione Domini Abbatis *xij^s*. In Kirkby Misperton *xiiij^s. iiij^d*. In Scamston *vj^s. viij^d*. In Syxendalle⁴ *viiij^s*. In FyMBER *xj^s*. In Kirkby Hundelsdalle⁵ *vj^s*. In Rudston *xiiij^s. vij^d*. In Southrope⁶ *xij^s. vj^d*. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem, ex concessione Domini Abbatis *xij^s. x^d*. In Cotyngwith *xij^s. ij^d*. In Dyghton *xxx^s*. In Fulfurth *lvj^s. iiij^d*. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem ex concessione Domini Abbatis *x^s*. In Kelfeld *ij^s*. In Over Poppleton *c^s. viij^d*. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem, ex concessione Domini Abbatis *xiiij^s. viij^d*. In Nether Poppleton *lxiiij^s. j^d*. et pro Magistro Collegii ibidem, ex concessione Domini Abbatis *lix^s. xj^d*. In Knapton *xlviij^s*. In Brynles⁷ *lxvj^s. viij^d*. In Hufflett⁸ *viiij^s. iiij^d*. In Warmsworth *cvj^s. x^d*. In South Fereby⁹ *lxxix^s. iiij^d*. In Bekfeld et Kermound¹⁰ *xxvj^s. j^d*. et pro uno tenemento in Lyncoln *j^s*.
Summa ^{xx}*iiijxiiij^{li}. iiij^s. xj^d*.

FOEDUM SIGILLI COMMUNIS. Et de *xiiij^s. iiij^d*. receptis pro Sigillo communi in presentacione ecclesie de Belton¹¹ in comitatu Lincoln ad Dominum Edmundum Metcalf.

Et de *xiiij^s. iiij^d*. receptis pro sigillo communi in presentacione

¹ Ellinthorpe, near Boroughbridge. ² Kirkby-Ravensworth, in Richmondshire.

³ Probably the village so called near Great Smeaton.

⁴ Sixteendale, now Thixendale on the Wolds, near Aclam.

⁵ Probably Kirby Underdale.

⁶ Near the south end of Hornsea Mere.

⁷ Brindles, near Howden.

⁸ Ousefleet, on the Southern bank of the Ouse, in the parish of Whitgift.

⁹ In Lincolnshire, near Barton on Humber.

¹⁰ These are also in Lincolnshire.

¹¹ In Lincolnshire, near Epworth, Isle of Axholm. The Abbey held several churches and considerable grants of land in this county.

ecclesie de Overton¹ in comitatu Ebor. ad Dominum Andream Rowthe.

Summa xxvj^s. viij^d.

REPARACIONES FORINSECA.² Et de ij^s. receptis de harbagio Sartrini³ hoc anno dimisso Ricardo Dyatson.

Et de xx^s. receptis de Jacobo Gelstrobe pro gressisma⁴ unius tenementi in Fulfurth nuper in tenura Ricardi Barwyk pro ix annis hoc anno primo.

Et de x^s. receptis de Thoma Bartyndall de FyMBER pro gressisma tenementi sui pro ix annis hoc anno primo.

Et de x^s. receptis de Johanne Mawmane de Thornton pro gressisma unius tenementi nuper in tenura patris sui pro ix annis hoc anno primo.

Et de x^s. receptis de precio unius equi venditi Roberto Sadler de Eboraco hoc anno.

Et de xx^s. receptis de precio unius millene fagatorum venditorum apud Dyghton Roberto Schales de Eboraco.

Summa lxxij^s.

SUMMA OMNIUM RECEPTIONUM ^{xx}vjiij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. ob.

De quibus,

PENCIONES CONFRATRUM. Idem computans petit allocari pro pencionibus solutis xxxix confratribus nostris ad festum Pentecostes quolibet capiente xxvj^s. viij^d. et non sacerdotibus⁵ quolibet capiente xij^s. iiij^d. xlviij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

¹ Near York, one of the earliest grants to the Abbey by Will^m Rufus. Here the Abbot had a Mansion.

² REPAIRS WITHOUT. But this must be a mistake of the writer, as it is perfectly inapplicable to the following items.

³ The Sartrinum or the Sartrina, as it is afterwards written, was the tailor's office: and harbagio (herbaggio) Sartrini is supposed to mean the herbage of a small close surrounding that office, which must therefore have stood detached from the other monastic buildings. That it was within the general enclosure of the Monastery is evident from a subsequent entry. Two shillings paid by Dyatson for the herbage was, at the period to which this roll belongs, the rent usually paid for an acre of meadow land.

⁴ Gressisma. The more usual form of the word is 'gersuma,' as in Du Cange. It signifies "a sum of money paid as an earnest upon purchasing a piece of ground, or upon entering on a lease, or upon any other occasion when a payment in hand is stipulated for." *Rev. J. Raine, Glossary to The Priory of Finchale.*

⁵ The Novices in the following lists.

Et in pensionibus solutis xxxij et dimidio confratribus nostris ad festum Michaelis quolibet capiente xij^s. iiij^d. . . xxjⁱⁱ. xij^s. iiij^d.

Et solutis scolaribus Cantabrigie studentibus pro¹ officio communie specierum xl^s. et Camerarii xxvj^s. viij^d. pro anno futuro ut in annis precedentibus lxvj^s. viij^d.

Summa lxxijⁱⁱ. vj^s. viij^d.

PENTECOSTES.

EX PARTE DOM. ABBATIS.	EX PARTE DOM. PRIORIS. ²
Fr. Johannes Rypeley xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	Fr. Will. Forest xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Th. Byrdlyngton xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	Fr. Th. Stawlay xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Ric. Sherburne xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	Fr. Will. Burton xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Nic. Burnyshton xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Th. Syngleton xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Will. Walton xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Will. Conerdail xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Rob. Paddy xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Th. Hartley apud
Fr. Will. Cokermouth xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Lincoln xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Joh. Lawson xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Joh. Poyll xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Will. Hapton xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Joh. Whytt xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Rad. Hartley ³ xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Guyd. Oswoldkyrk xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Ric. Newell xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Pet. Stanley xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Will. Fyley xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Joh. York xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Joh. Cawoode xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Joh. Byrkhed xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Th. Eshe xxvj ^s . vj ^d .	Fr. Th. Mars xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Novicii.	Fr. Ric. Hornsey xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Edm. Metcalff xij ^s . iiij ^d .	Fr. Rob. Lowthrope xxvj ^s . vj ^d .

¹ These scholars could not have been studying at Cambridge in order to prepare themselves for the offices of Spicerer and Chamberlain, as the expression here seems to imply. But supposing a comma to be placed after 'studentibus' and taking 'pro' in a sense somewhat unusual, the meaning of the clause will be, that the scholars received xl^s. from the Monastery *on the part of* the office or department of the Spicerer, and xxvj^s. viij^d. *on the part of* that of the Chamberlain. They probably received more from some other department; for at an earlier period the exhibition to a Student at one of the Universities from Whalley was £5: and that sum was nearly doubled to enable him to take his bachelor's degree.

² This division of the brethren probably means that part of them were under the Abbot's, and part of them under the Prior's superintendence.

³ He was afterwards made Prior of Wetherall; which office he held till the Dissolution of the Priory.

Fr. Nic Cowper	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Whytfeld	xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Th. Richmund	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Rob. Bowtham	xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
Fr. Joh. Gayll	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Clyfton	xxvj ^s . vj ^d .
		Novicii.	
		Fr. Joh. Grason	xiijs. iiij ^d .
		Fr. Jac. Fulthrope	xiijs. iiij ^d .
		Fr. Rog. Nelson	xiijs. iiij ^d .

Capita xxxix.

MICHAELIS.

EX PARTE DOM. ABBATIS.	EX PARTE DOM. PRIORIS.		
Fr. Th. Stawley	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Dominus Prior	xx ^s .
Fr. Th. Byrdlyngton	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Will. Forest	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Ric. Sherburne	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Th. Syngleton	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Tho. Hartley	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Whytt	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Nic. Burnyshton	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Guyd. Oswoldkyrk,	
Fr. Joh. Lawson	xiijs. iiij ^d .	apud Lincoln	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Will. Hapton	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Petrus	
Fr. Rad. Hartley	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. York	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Ric. Newell	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Byrkhed	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Will. Fyley	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Th. Mars	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Joh. Whytfeld	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Ric. Hornsey	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Th. Eshe	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Rob. Lowthrope	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Novicii.		Fr. Joh. Cawoode	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Edm. Metcalff	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Rob. Bowtham	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Nic. Cowper	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Clyfton	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Fr. Th. Richmund	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Novicii.	
Fr. Joh. Gayll	xiijs. iiij ^d .	Fr. Joh. Grason	xiijs. iiij ^d .
		Fr. Jac. Fullthrope	xiijs. iiij ^d .
		Fr. Rog. Nelsson	xiijs. iiij ^d .

Capita xxxii et dim.¹

¹ Thirty-two persons and a half, sounds strangely. There are thirty-three persons in the list, including the Prior, but one of them, Fr. Petrus, (Stanley) receives nothing. The allowance therefore is granted to thirty-two. But the Prior's allowance is xx^s, which exceeds xiijs. iiij^d. received by the others, by one half. The sum accounted for by Th. Singleton is equal therefore to thirty-two allowances of xiijs. iiij^d. each and one half.

SOLUCIONES AD EXTRA. Et in liberis firmis solutis, viz., Receptoribus Monasterii pro officio: Granatori iiiij^s. et Magistro Maneriorum xli^s. xj^d. Sacriste xiiij^s. x^d. Elemosinario vj^s. viij^d. Magistro parve cōmunie¹ x^s. Heredibus Domini Fythught² xij^d. Phylippo Sewell v^s. Priori de Wotton³ vj^s. Magistro Christofero Danby xvij^s. Edmundo Dalton v^d. Bursario Monasterii xij^s. viij^d. Elemosinario Monasterii pro Anniversariis parentum nostrorum⁴ vj^d. et Forestariis de Galtres ad manus Will. Emerson ij^s. Infirmario vj^s. vj^d.

Summa vj^{li}. viij^s. vj^d.

CUSTOS ANNIVERSARIORUM.⁵ Et in expensis factis in Anniversario Rob. Bullock ut patet per billam huic compoto annexam xxvij^s. viij^d.

Et in pecunia soluta in Anniversario Dom. Joh. Lewlyng, viz., Dom. Abbati xx^d. Priori Monasterii xvj^d. Precentori⁶ xij^d. et xxxvij Confratribus, quolibet capiente vj^d. xxij^s. ij^d.

Et in pecunia soluta confratribus ad altare Sⁱ Rumbaldi⁷ tribus diebus septimane per annum integrum qualibet septimana ad

¹ In every Monastery there was a Domus Communis or Common House, a sitting Room, in which the monks assembled when not engaged in study or devotion. The remains of such a room were discovered in the excavations of the Monastery of St. Mary, York, and the fire-place belonging to that room is still to be seen, as it was found, in the lower part of the Museum. It appears to have been a large and splendid room. We learn from this entry that there was another room of the same description, but smaller, and under the care of its own officer.

² For Fitzhugh. The Fitzhughs were Lords of Ravensworth in Richmondshire, where they flourished from the time of Edw. III. to that of Hen. VIII. *Clarkson's Hist. of Richmond*, p. 55.

³ Watton in Holderness: Vetadum of Bede: probably the most ancient religious house in Yorkshire: founded about 686, as a Convent of Benedictine nuns. Having been destroyed in the Danish invasions, it was refounded, as a Gilbertine Priory, by Eustachius Fitz-John, about 1150.

⁴ Anniversaria, were yearly obits, or solemn services for the dead. It is very doubtful for whom the rites here referred to were performed; whether for the parents of the Accountant only, or for those of all the brethren.

⁵ The officer of the Monastery under whose superintendence these annual rites were performed, and whose charges are here accounted for.

⁶ Nic. Burnyshton, as appears from one of the bills annexed to the Compotus.

⁷ More properly Romaldi. This Saint was born at Ravenna, about the middle of the tenth century, and was founder of the order of Camaldolites.

vj^d., pro anima dicti Johannis, ut patet per billam huic compoto annexam¹ xxvj^s.

Et in Anniversario Dom. Will. Seuos² nuper Episcopi Dunelm. et ejusdem parentum, ut patet per billam huic compoto annexam xx^s. viij^d.

Et in pecunia soluta in Anniversario Dom. Will. Lambert Magistri Collegii,³ viz., Dom. Abbati iij^s. iiiij^d. Priori Monasterii xx^d. et xxxviij Confratribus quolibet capiente xij^d. ut patet per billam huic compoto annexam xliij^s.

Et in elemosina data pauperibus eodem die xiiij^s.

Et in pane de lez Mayne ij^s. et in vino v^s. dato Dom. Abbati et conventui vij^s.

Summa vij^{li}. xix^s. vj^d.

VINUM CUM PANE. Et solutis Magistro parve Communie pro xx diebus vini, viz., In Festis Omnium Sanctorum : Sancti Bege : Sancti Martini : Conceptionis Beate Marie : Nativitatis Domini : Sancti Stephani : Circumcisionis Domini : Pasche : Ascencionis Domini : Corporis Christi : Sancti Vincencii nuper incepti :⁴ Sancte Anne : tertio die Assumpcionis Beate Marie :

¹ This reference to a bill at the end of the Compotus is a mistake, probably of the scribe employed by Th. Singleton ; it belongs to the preceding entry.

² Severus, (*Godwin De Presul.*) His name is written in various ways. He was Abbot of St. Mary's from 1464 to 1502. In 1496 he was elected Bishop of Carlisle, and by a special Indulgence from the Pope held his Abbey *in commendam*. He was at the same time made Warden of Merton College, Oxford, and Provost of Eton ; but being chosen Bishop of Durham in 1502 he vacated his Abbacy and went to Durham. He held that See about 2 years, dying in the year 1505. Gent says he was buried in the Abbey over which he had presided.

³ This no doubt was Wm. Lambert, Clerk, Master of the College of Glayndorp, and Vicar of the Parish Church of Gayneford in the Bishopric of Durham, who made his will May 28th, 1480, and directed his body to be buried within the Monastery of St. Mary, York, before the altar of St. Nicholas, and against the tomb of Wm. Staveley, late fellow monk there. His will was proved Nov. 23, 1485. *Torre, Regist. Test. Arch. Tho. Rotherham, 253.*

⁴ Vincent Ferrier, a Dominican Friar, born at Valencia in Spain, in 1357. At the desire of Hen. VI. he preached as a Missionary in the chief towns of England, Scotland, and Ireland. He died in 1419, and was canonized in 1455 ; but the Bull was not published till 1458, seventy years before the writing of this Compotus. He is therefore said to be '*nuper inceptus.*' Three other Vincents appear in the Kalendar of Saints.

Anniversariis Abbatum, viz., Joh. Cotyngham,¹ Thome Molton,² Alani Nesse,³ Thome Spoffurth,⁴ Thome Wrathell,⁵ Johannis Gyllyng,⁶ Ricardi Growsse v^{li}.

Et in pane de lez Mayne dato in Anniversario Domini Thome Spofforth, et in die Sancte Anne quolibet die ij^s. iiij^s.

Summa v^{li}. iiij^s.

STIPENDIA FAMULORUM. Et in stipendio famulorum, viz., Ric^d Symson servientis officii⁷ pro termino Pasche et Michaelis xl^s.

Et in precio unius paris ocrearum dati eidem ex consuetudine pro officio camerarii vj^s.

Et in stipendio Antonii Wynzett viij^s. Magistri Scissorum⁸ pro termino Pasche et Michaelis infra tempus compoti cum convencione⁹ facta cum eodem in grosso pro campanagio¹⁰ xxx^s. iiij^d. et liberatura¹¹ v^s. quam solebat habere in Refectorio . . xliij^s. iiij^d.

Et pro filo albo et nigro empto per eundem hoc anno . . viij^s.

Et in stipendio Johannis Wynzett pelliparii¹² a festo Michaelis usque festum Pasche cum companagio etc. ut supra xx^s.

¹ John Cotyngham was chosen Abbot in 1438, having been Prior of the Monastery. He died in 1464.

² Or Thomas de Molton, a Monk of St. Mary's, elected Abbot in June 1331. He died in 1359.

³ A Monk of St. Mary's, the immediate predecessor of Thomas de Molton in the Abbacy, which he held from 1313 to 1331.

⁴ Or Spofforth. Having been Abbot of St. Mary's from the year 1405, he was chosen in 1422 Bishop of Hereford. He voluntarily abdicated that See after he had held it 26 years. He was one of the Ambassadors sent by Hen. V. to the Council of Constance.

⁵ Or Thomas de Warthill, elected in 1244, died 1258.

⁶ John de Gyllyng, first a Monk of St. Mary's, then Prior of the Cell of Wetherall, and elected Abbot of St. Mary's in 1303. He died in 1313.

⁷ The Accountant's own servant, who assisted him in the duties of his office.

⁸ Master of the tailors.

⁹ "Cum convencione" must here mean, 'according to agreement.'

¹⁰ Campanagium (or as it should be uniformly written,) 'companagium' signifies, 'all kinds of food eaten with bread.'

¹¹ Liberatura, whence our word 'livery,' generally denotes 'cloth delivered to servants and retainers as part of their wages,' but the word is also used, as in this instance, in a more extended sense, implying whatever was delivered to persons so situated, whether clothing or food, in part of payment. (Raine) A. Wynzett received for his wages 43^s. 4^d. of which 8^s. were paid in money; the rest, according to agreement, in food, a portion of which was supplied in the Refectory.

¹² The skinner.

Et in stipendio Christoferi Pyke servientis in Sartrina pro termino Pasche et Michaelis cum campanagio etc. ut supra xxvj^s. viij^d.

Et stipendio Will. Sperling servientis ibidem pro eisdem terminis ut supra xxvj^s. viij^d.

Et in stipendio sutoris cum oleo per eundem empto, ut in annis precedentibus, ut supra xx^s.

Et in stipendio dato eidem pro coloracione ocrearum confratrum iij^s. iiij^d.

Et in stipendio communis lotricis¹ pro termino Pasche et Michaelis xiij^s.

Summa x^{li}. ij^s.

EXPENSÆ CIRCA LAMPADES IN DORMITORIO. Et in xxvij lagenis Olei emptis de Roberto Marchall precium lagene xiij^d. infra tempus compoti xxvij^s.

Et in v lagenis emptis de Magistro Shaw precium lagene xiij^d. infra tempus compoti v^s.

Et in v lampadibus x^d. cum cirpis² ij^d. emptis infra tempus compoti xiij^d.

Et in stipendio fratris Ric. Hornsay custodis lampadarum in dormitorio iij^s. iiij^d.

Summa xxxvj^s. iiij^d.

EXPENSÆ CIRCA LEVACIONEM PECUNIARUM.³ Et in expensis dicti computantis et servientis officii circa levacionem pecunie in Comitibus Lincoln et Rychmund et Ebor. infra tempus compoti xxiiij^s.

Summa patet.

EXPENSÆ IN STABULO CUM FERRURA EQUORUM.⁴ Et solutis Johanni Wylson de Eboraco pro adjuvamine unius celle⁵ diversis vicibus ij^s. iiij^d. Et solutis eidem pro duobus paribus

¹ The washer-woman. She had little or nothing else to wash, but napery and towels. No linen was worn by the brethren. "They had no sheets to their beds," says Whitaker, "nor shirts to their backs."

² Cirpis (scirpis) rushes, used for wicks.

³ The collecting of money.

⁴ The shoeing of horses.

⁵ For the repairing of a saddle (sellæ).

stancilium¹ xj^d. cum una postella² ij^d. et uno pari stancellelorum¹ (sic) cum una antela³ iij^d. et duobus paribus singulorum⁴ vj^d. et pro uno freno ix^d. empto infra tempus compoti v^s. vij^d.

Et in ferrura equorum cum remocionibus infra tempus scripti iij^s.

Et in pane equino⁵ cum aveno (sic) et fabis infra tempus compoti xij^d.

Et in falcatione unius acri feni vj^d., cum factura vj^d. et carriagio feni ab Hurtbuk⁶ versus monasterium vj^d. infra tempus compoti xvij^d.

Summa xij^s. i^d.

EMPCIO CLAVORUM. Et solutis pro v m^l. double spykyngs emptis de Joh. Jacson precium m^l. ij^s. vj^d., infra tempus compoti xij^s. vj^d.

Et in viij m^l. syngle spykyngs emptis de eodem, precium m^l. xxij^d. xij^s.

Et in viij m^l. Stanbrode emptis de eodem, precium m^l. xij^d. viij^s.

Et in vj m^l. Scotseme emptis de Willelmo Jacson precium m^l. xij^d. vj^s.

Et in c. sharplyngs emptis de Will. Jacson, precium . . c. x^d.

Et in solutis pro iij m. lattbrode emptis de eodem Willielmo⁷ iij^s.

Summa xliij^s. iij^d.

EMCIO SERRARUM ET CLAVIUM⁸ CUM LIGATURIS ET JUNCTURIS.⁹

¹ *Bis*. It is not known what these articles of horse furniture were.

² Probably, a crupper.

³ A breast-band or breast-girth.

⁴ For 'cingulorum,' girths.

⁵ Probably, bran.

⁶ In the *Registrum Mariæ*, it is stated that "John de Gylling, parson of Smyghton" (Great Smeeton) "demised and released eleven messuages and ten acres of land in Bootham, and 12 acres of land and one of meadow in a place called Hurtebuke." This may have been the acre, the mowing of which, with the making and carrying of the hay, is here accounted for. In what part of Clifton Hurtbuk was, is not known.

⁷ Spykyngs, sharplyngs, scotseme and lattbrode, were different kinds of nails; the last being used, as the name implies, in nailing laths. Stanbrode were slate-pins, and generally made of the leg-bones of sheep.

⁸ Locks and Keys.

⁹ It is uncertain what these articles were.

Et solutis Johanni Magham fabro pro tribus seris cum clavibus, precium unius cum clave v^d. infra tempus compoti xv^d.

Et solutis Johanni Brampton fabro pro quatuor seris cum clavibus precium unius cum clavo v^d. infra idem tempus . . . xx^d.

Et solutis Thome Sperlyng fabro pro tribus seris cum clavibus precium unius cum clavo v^d. infra predictum tempus xv^d.

Et solutis Johanni Magham fabro pro vj paribus juncturarum precium unius paris iiij^d. et pro v parar¹ (*sic*) ligaturarum, precium unius iiij^d. infra tempus compoti iiij^s. ij^d.

Et solutis Johanni Bramton fabro pro quatuor paribus juncturarum precium unius iiij^d. Et pro vj paribus ligaturarum precium unius paris iiij^d. et pro viij paribus lez hespis et stapilis precium unius j^d. infra tempus compoti iiij^s. viij^d.

Summa xj^s.

EMPCIO LATTARUM CUM FACTURA EARUNDEM. Et solutis Johanni Snaw de Eskryke pro laceratione ij m^l. lattarum iiij^s. cum carriagio a Dyghton² usque Monasterium xvj^d infra tempus compoti iiij^s.

Summa patet.

SARRACIO MEREMII³ CUM CARRIAGIO. Et solutis Johanni Johnson de Dyghton scindicione duorum lignorum iiij^d.

Et solutis Christofero Falle pro sarracione duorum lignorum vj^d.

Et solutis Johanni Jakson et Jacobo Gelstrobe de Fulforth pro carriagio quatuor carrectorum lignorum a Dyghton versus Monasterium ij^s. x^d.

Summa iiij^s. viij^d.

EMPCIO CALCIS ET PLAUSTURE CUM CARRIAGIO TERRE ET SABULI. Et solutis Will^o Newton pro duobus lez buschells plausture infra tempus compoti vj^d.

¹ Wrongly written for 'paribus.'

² Deighton, near Eskrick. Here the Abbot had a mansion. The mansion has long since disappeared and given place to a farmhouse, exhibiting within some interesting memorials of the age of James I., but the house is of a much more recent date. The moat that surrounded the Abbot's mansion remains nearly entire.

³ Building timber. The term is here applied to two trees, the felling and the sawing of which cost 10 pence.

Et solutis uxori Magistri Thome Langton pro duobus carrectis calcis v^s. iiij^d. emptis de eadem cum carriagio xvj^d. a Skeldergait versus Monasterium vj^s. viij^d.

Et solutis Ric^o Newton pro carriagio xl carrectarum terre et sabuli ad diversa tenementa precium carrecti ij^d. infra dictum tempus vj^s. viij^d.

Summa xiiij^s. x^d.

EMPCIO TEGULARUM.¹ Et solutis Will^o Nawton pro ij^c tegulis emptis de eodem infra tempus compoti vj^s.

Summa patet.

REPARACIONES INFRA MONASTERIUM. Et solutis Thome Day pro carpentaria super sartrinam in factura unius hostie² et tres fenestre (*sic*) per unum diem capiens vj^d. vj^d.

Et solutis Thome Cuke dalbanti³ super stabulum officii⁴ per unum diem et dimidium capiens per diem iiij^d. vj^d.

Et solutis Th. Day pro carpentaria in stabulo officii pro adjuvamine unius lez Bay⁵ et aliis necessariis in eodem stabulo per unum diem vj^d.

Et solutis eidem Th. pro carpentaria in hospicio ex precepto Dom. Abbatis⁶ vj^d.

Summa ij^s.

REPARACIONES IN VICO S^{TE} MARIE. Et solutis Will^o Nawton tegulanti super domum Relicte Alexandri Thomson per duos dies capiens per diem pro se et servo xx^d. xx^d.

Et solutis Th. Day pro carpentaria super domum ejusdem relicte Alexandri per unum diem et dimidium capiens per diem vj^d. ix^d.

¹ Tiles. "By tiles, observes Mr. Raine, must be understood, at that period (the beginning of the 16th century), in the north of England, slates."—*Glossary to the Durham Book*. But most probably the tiles purchased of Wm. Nawton, were manufactured of clay.

² For 'unius ostii,' one door.

³ Plastering.

⁴ The stable belonging to the office of the Chamberlain. ⁵ One of the stalls.

⁶ The repairs of the hospitium, not regularly belonging, perhaps, to the department of the Chamberlain.

Et solutis eidem Th. pro carpentaria in factura unius hostie et duo fenestre (*sic*) in domo Christoferi Pyk, per unum diem capiens vj^d vj^d .

Et solutis Johanni Anson pro carpentaria super domum Th. Clark per duos dies, capiens per diem vj^d xij^d .

Et solutis Th. Cuke dalbanti super domum Th. Clark per unum diem et dimidium capiens per diem $iiij^d$ vj^d .

Et solutis Joanni Anson pro carpentaria super domum Antonii Lambe per unum diem et dimidium capiens per diem vj^d . . . ix^d .

Et solutis Th. Cuke dalbanti super domum predicti Antonii per unum diem et dimidium, capiens per diem $iiij^d$ vj^d .

Summa v^s . ix^d .

REPARACIONES IN BOWTHAM. Et solutis Will^o Nawton tegulanti super domum Ricⁱ Dyatson per quatuor dies pro se et servo capiens per diem vj^d ij^s .

Et solutis eidem tegulanti super domum Elene Millner per unum diem capiens per diem pro se et servo x^d .

Et solutis Thome Cuyke dalbanti super domum relicte Nicholei Drawswarde per unum diem et dimidium, capiens per diem $iiij^d$ vj^d .

Summa ij^s . $iiij^d$.

REPARACIONES IN GYLLYGAIT. Et solutis Johanni Anson pro carpentaria super domum Ricardi Shapman per duos dies capiens per diem vj^d xij^d .

Et solutis Thome Glover dalbanti super duos domos Ric. Shapman per grossum vj^d .

Et solutis Will^o Nawton tegulanti super duos domos ejusdem Ricardi per unum diem et dimidium capiens per diem pro se et servo x^d xv^d .

Et solutis eidem tegulanti super ij^{os} . domos vacuos per unum diem pro se et servo x^d .

Summa ij^s . $viiij^d$.

REPARACIONES IN CLYFTON. Et solutis Johanni Anson pro carpentaria super domum Ric. Skypsy per unum diem capiens per diem vj^d .

Et solutis Ric^o Skypsy dalbanti super eundem domum per unum diem iiiij^d.

Summa x^d.

EXPENSE MINUTE. In primis. In una tunica data computanti ex consuetudine pro labore vj^s. viij^d.

Et in renovacione cerearum coram ymaginibus Sancte Trinitatis ij^s. vij^d. ob.: Sancte Bege ij^s. iiiij^d. et Sancte Ursule xvij^d. ob. vj^s. v^d.

Et in cera empta pro sigillo commune infra tempus compoti ij^s.

Et in expensis factis circa O Oriens,¹ ut patet per billam huic compoti (*sic*) annexam xvj^s. ob.

Et in ix ulnis panni linei emptis pro manutergiis in claustro² precium ulnæ v^d. iiij^s. ix^d.

Et in fimbacione earundem per relictam Henrici Thomson vj^d.

Et in regardis³ datis confratribus Seneschallis Quadragesime⁴ ex consuetudine vj^d.

Et solutis Magistro Mansell pro adquisicione j lez Whytwort⁵ cum solucione facta Th. Watton de Sowthfereby in Comitatu Lincoln iiiij^s. pro expensis apud Vicem Comitem Lincoln et pro adquisicione et copia unius lez Wort cum littera attornatûs viij^s.

Et in solucione facta pro uno equo empto de fratre Will^o Couerdale pro officio⁶ xij^s.

¹ On the day of O Oriens, the 21st of December, and so called from the beginning of the Antiphon which was sung in the appointed service of that day. "O Oriens splendor lucis eternæ, et sol justitiæ, veni et illumina sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis!" How beautifully appropriate to the shortest day in the year, and to the season then so near, commemorative of the birth of Him who was "the light of the world!"

² In the cloister, it is probable, where the common lavatory was usually placed.

³ Presents of money; rewards.

⁴ The priests engaged in the performance of certain religious offices during the forty days preceding the festival of Easter.

⁵ Whytwort or whytword. This very uncommon word most probably means, 'an acquittance' corresponding with 'whittance' which not unfrequently is met with in that sense. In mediæval orthography, w or wh, is often used for qu. To what matters this acquittance related cannot be ascertained. The obtaining of this whytwortt appears to have been attended with some trouble and expence: the charge being not less than that in the next entry, for the purchase of a horse.

⁶ For the use of the accountant in the discharge of his duties.

Et in pergameno papiro et encausto pro isto compoto libri officii indenturarum acquietancium, et aliis necessariis.

Et pro scriptura hujus compoti et libri officii ij^s.

Et in pane de lez Mayne et vino datis auditoribus ad clausuram hujus compoti vj^s.

Summa lxij^s. x^d. ob.

ALLOCACIONES¹ IN FYSSHERGAIT. Et dictus computans petit allocari de ij^s. de decasu² unius tenementi in Fyshergait quia in manu Domini per dimidium anni.

Summa patet.

VICUS SANCTE MARIE. Et de vj^s. viij^d. de decasu³ unius tenementi in tenura Johannis Tyndal nuper xxvj^s. viij^d. modo sibi dimissi ad xx^s.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Th. Cuyk nuper viij^s. modo vj^s. et in manu Domini per dimidium anni.

Et de xvij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Will. Curtes ad vj^s. quia in manu Domini per quarterium.

Et de xj^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Thome Clark quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de ij^s. decasu unius tenementi in tenura Mercialis Morland nuper ad viij^s. modo vj^s.

Et de iiiij^s. de decasu unius tenementi nuper in tenura Relicte Symonis et Relicte Whytt, quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Johannis Person quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi olim in tenura Johannis Alanson quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de ij^s. iiiij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Thome Bawton nuper vj^s. modo ij^s. viij^d.

¹ Allowances in the account of certain sums remitted to the tenants of the monastery and others.

² 'Decasus' means here, a falling off of the rent. The tenement in Fishergate had been "in manu domini," in the hand of the Lord Abbot, i. e. untenanted, for half a year; the accountant therefore claims an allowance in his account of two shillings.

³ Here 'decasus' means, an allowance to the tenant; an abatement of the rent.

Et de ij^s. vj^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Relicte Alex. Thomson, nuper iij^s. modo iij et in manu Domini per dimidium anni.

Et de xvj^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Ricⁱ Hesslynton nuper xij^s. iij^d. modo xij.

Et de iij^s. viij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Ricⁱ Symson olim xvj^s. viij^d. et duo tenementa modo unum et ad xij^s.

Summa lj^s.

BOWTHOWM. Et de iij^s. iij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Joh. Plumber nuper v^s. modo iij^s. iij^d. et in manu Domini pro dimidio anni.

Et de ij^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Antonii Wynzett nuper x^s. modo viij^s.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Relicte Ricⁱ Manser quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Th. Glover quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de iij^s. de decasu unius tenementi nuper in tenura Johannis Loft ut patet per rentale, modo Infirmarius tenet.

Et de xx^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Relicte Harpham quia in manu Domini per dimidium anni, et ad iij^s. iij^d. per annum.

Et de vj^s. de decasu unius tenementi nuper in tenura Johannis Wryght, quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de vj^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Rob^{ti} Sothrone quia nuper ad xx^s. per annum, modo ei allocatur ei (*sic*) pro omnibus reparacionibus per ipsum faciendis vj^s.

Et de vij^s. decasu quinque cotagiorum in venella¹ Burss, olim omnes quinque per annum ad x^s. iij^d. modo dimissa ad Dominum Thomam Subthrope capellanum pro vj^s. viij^d. quia stabit omnibus reparacionibus, et in manu Domini per dimid. anni.

Et de iij^s. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Ricⁱ Jakson nuper xij^s. modo viij^s. quia stabit omnibus reparacionibus.

Et de vj^s. iij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Elene

¹ The lane. Venell is still used in this sense in Scotland. No traces of the lane Burss in York now remain.

Millner nuper viij^s. modo iij^s. iiij^d. quia in manu Domini per dimidium anni.

Summa l^s. iiij^d.

GYLLYGAIT. Et de xxiiij^s. de decasu x cotagiorum in Gyllygaitt quia in manu Domini per annum preteritum v^s. viij^d.

Summa patet.

CLYFTON. Et de viij^d. de decasu unius clausi in Clyfton vocati (*sic*) Craknok in tenura Ricⁱ Diatson quia stabit ad omnes reparaciones sibi dimissi per indenturam pro ix annis hoc anno secundo.

Et de iiij^s. de decasu unius acri prati in Hurtbuk quia intratur ad commodum officii.¹

Et de vj^s. viij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in tenura Th. Lazyby sic sibi dimissi per indenturam quia stabit omnibus reparacionibus.

Et de v^s. de decasu unius cottagii in tenura Ricⁱ Skypsy quia in manu Domini per annum.

Et de iiij^s. vj^d. de decasu unius cottagii nunc in tenura Rob^t Lewys quia in manu Domⁱ per iij quarteria et ad vj^s. per annum.

Summa xx^s. x^d.

FULFURTHE. Et de v^s. de decasu unius tenementi in Fulfurthe in tenura Relicte Berwyk xxxv^s. modo xxx^s. sic sibi dimissi pro ix annis per indenturam hoc anno nono.

Summa patet.

HUDSWELL. Et de iiij^s. viij^d. de decasu unius tenementi in Hudswell in tenura Henrici Nicolson sic sibi dimissi per indenturam pro ix annis quia stabit ad omnes reparaciones.

Summa patet.

LYNCOLN. Et de xvj^s. de decasu unius tenementi in Lincoln nuper xj^s. modo ix^s. viij^d. sic sibi dimissi per indenturam hoc anno octavo.

Summa patet.

¹ It had been let for four shillings, but was now appropriated to the use of the Chamberlain's department.

Et de ij^s. de decasu unius libere firme in Bekfeld pro quatuor annis per annum vj^d. de Priore de Markby¹ in comitatu Lyncoln quia non soluti pro xx annis et ultra.

ROWMBRUGHT. Et de vj^s. viij^d. de decasu Celle de Rowmbrught pro vino in die Pentecostes.²

Summa patet.

Et de xx^s. de decasu unius pencionis ecclesie de Myddleton Tyas pro vino in quarto die infra octavas assumptionis Beate Mare (*sic*) viz. pro anno vj^o., vij^o. et ix^o. quia male est dispositus³ et non vult solvere.

Et de ij^s. de decasu per personam Poille,⁴ qui solebat dare pro pane de lez mayne in quarto die infra octavas assumptionis Beate Marie et nunc denegat.

Et de xx^s. solutis Domino Abbati in modum subsidii ad pinciones⁵ magni altaris.

Summa xlij^s.

SUMMA OMNIUM EXPENSARUM ET ALLOCACIONUM, ^{xx}vjiij^{li}. j^d. ob.

Et sic debet super hunc comptum, xij^s. v^d.

¹ Near Alford. Here was a Priory of Augustinian Canons, founded by Ralph Fitz Gilbert to the honour of St. Peter, about the end of the xith century. The Prior appears to have held a farm in Bekfeld in Lincolnshire under the Abbot of St. Mary's, and to have been a bad tenant.

² This, which was probably a customary payment, had not been received by the accountant in consequence of the suppression of the Priory in the preceding year. Romburgh was one of five of the smaller monasteries, for the suppression of which Cardinal Wolsey obtained a grant from Pope Clement VII., in order to found a College at Oxford, and another at Ipswich. The Bull of the Pope is dated Frid Id. Maii, (the 14th of May,) 1528; and on the 11th of September following, the officers of the Cardinal took possession of the Priory. On the 20th of that month, the Abbot of St. Mary's, Edmund Whalley, addressed a letter to the Cardinal, deprecating the suppression of the Priory which had been granted to the Abbey by one of its earliest founders and benefactors; entreating that "yt might consiste and abyde as a membre to oure monastery, as yt haith done this thre hundred yeres and more," and offering, if his suit were granted, three hundred "markes sterlinge" towards the erection and foundation of the intended college at Ipswich. But his grace's "most bownden bedeman" sued in vain.—See '*Letters relating to the Suppression of Monasteries*,' published by the Camden Society.

³ This ill-disposed person was the Vicar. See p. 6.

⁴ The parson of one of the churches belonging to the monastery.

⁵ The word is uncertain, being very badly written; if it be thus rightly represented, it denotes, probably, some ornamental paintings.

*The Bills referred to in the Comptus, written on coarse paper,
and attached to the end of the roll.*

BILLA ANNIVERSARII MAGISTRI COLLEGII,¹ FACTA PER FRA-
TREM THOMAM SYNGLETON MAGISTRUM COMMUNIE SPECIERUM.
ANNO DOMININI M^o D^o XXIX^o

EX PARTE ABBATIS.	EX PARTE PRIORIS.
Dns Abbas iij ^s . iiij ^d .	Dns Prior xij ^d . ²
Fr. John Rypley	Fr. Will. Forest
Fr. Th. Byrdlyngton	Fr. Th. Staveley
Fr. Ric. Sherburne	Fr. Will. Burton
Fr. Nicol. Burnyshton	Fr. Th. Syngleton
Fr. Will. Walton	Fr. Will. Couerdaill
Fr. Rob. Paddy	Fr. Joh. Poole
Fr. Will. Cokermouth	Fr. Joh. Whytt
Fr. Joh. Lawson	Fr. Guido Oswoldkyrke
Fr. Will. Hapton	Fr. Pet. Stanley
Fr. Rad. Hartley	Fr. Joh. York
Fr. Nic. Newell	Fr. Joh. Byrkhed
Fr. Will. Fyley	Fr. Th. Marss
Fr. Joh. Cawood	Fr. Ric. Hornsey
Fr. Th. Eshe	Fr. Rob. Lowthrope
Fr. Edm. Metcalf	Fr. Joh. Whytfeld
Fr. Nicol. Cowper	Fr. Rob. Bowtham
Fr. Th. Richmund	Fr. Joh. Clyfton
Fr. Joh. Gail	Fr. Joh. Grayson
	Fr. Jac. Fulthrope
	Fr. Rog. Nelson

Capita xl.

Quolibet fratre capiente xij^d.

Summa xliij^s.

Et in pane de lez Mayne et vino datis Domino Abbati et
conventui vij^s.

Et in elemosyna data pauperibus eodem die xiiij^s.

Summa xx^s.

Summa totalis lxiiij^s.

¹ Wm. Lambert. See p. 12.

² An error of the scribe: it should be xx^d Ibid.

BILLA ANNIVERSARII ROBERTI BULLOKE ET UXORIS EJUS
FACTA PER FRATREM THOMAM SYNGLETON MAGISTRUM COM-
MUNIE SPECIERUM. ANNO DOMⁱ M^o D^o XXIX^o

In primis. In claris pecuniis datis Dno Abbati iiiij^s.
Et in uno capone empto pro ferculo Prioris vj^d.
Et in ix lez limys well¹ emptis pro Priore et confratribus ij^s. iij^d.
Et in ij lez costes² well emptis pro lez bukeray³ vj^d.
Et in ix lez brestes moton ij^s. iij^d.
Et in ij lez moton⁴ vj^d. cum duobus libris suet ij^d. viij^d.
Et in pist⁵ aque dulcis v^d.
Et in ovis vj^d. et in butiro v^d. et in una lagena⁶ mellis xv^d. et
in una libra piperis ij^s. et in croco⁷ vj^d. et in una libra powdere
de annas⁸ iiiij^d. et in cinamone v^d. et in gynger iiiij^d. et in masse⁹
et cloffe¹⁰ iiiij^d. et in suger iij^d. vj^s. j^d.
Et in i libra lez sanders¹¹ ij^s.
Et in una lagena vini rubei pro lez leche Lumbart¹² xij^d.
Et in pane lez mayne et vino datis Dno Abbati et confratri-
tribus viij^d.
Et in uno quarterio¹³ vini dati coko pro labore suo iij^d.
Summa xxvij^s. viij^d.

¹ Joints or legs of veal.

² Sides or loins of veal.

³ The meaning of this word has not been ascertained.

⁴ Two sheep; but the price seems to warrant the suspicion that some portions or joints of a sheep are meant.

⁵ The word is uncertain, being ill written. It is probably intended for 'pisce'; and piscis dulcis aquæ, means some fresh water, or river-fish.

⁶ A gallon.

⁷ Saffron.

⁸ Aniseeds pounded or ground.

⁹ Mace.

¹⁰ Cloves.

¹¹ Sandal wood; the wood of the *Pterocarpus Santalinus*, a native of the East Indies. It appears to have been used in colouring jellies, and other articles of confectionary.

¹² Some kind of sweetmeat, generally perhaps some kind of jelly: but sometimes consisting partly of jelly and partly of pastry, and formed into some 'suttletie' or device. We meet with it in the bills of fare at various great festivities, forming a portion of almost every course. See the accounts of the Installations of Abp. Nevill and Abp. Warham, *Leland's Collect. Vol. VI.* This viand was distinguished by various appellations, as leche Lumbart, Cypres, Damaske, Florentine, Gramor, comfort. See *Prompt. Parvul. in verb.*

¹³ A quarter of a gallon.

BILLA ANNIVERSARII DOMINI JOHANNIS LEWLING FACTA
PER FRATREM THOMAM SYNGLETON MAGISTRUM COMMUNIE
SPECIERUM. ANNO DNI. M^o D^o XXIX^o

EX PARTE ABBATIS.

Dominus Abbas xx^d.
Fr. Joh. Rypley
Fr. Th. Byrdlyngton
Fr. Ric. Sherburne
Fr. Nic. Burnyshton, Cantor xij^d.
Fr. Will. Walton
Fr. Rob. Paddy
Fr. Will. Cokermouth
Fr. Joh. Lawson
Fr. Will. Hapton
Fr. Rad. Hartley
Fr. Ric. Newell
Fr. Will. Fyley
Fr. Joh. Cawood
Fr. Th. Eshe
Fr. Edm. Metcalf
Fr. Nic. Cowper
Fr. Th. Richmund
Fr. Joh. Gaill

EX PARTE PRIORIS.

Dominus Prior xij^d.
Fr. Will. Forest
Fr. Th. Staveley
Fr. Will. Burton
Fr. Th. Syngleton
Fr. Will. Couerdaille
Fr. Joh. Poole
Fr. Joh. Whyte
Fr. Guido. Oswoldkyrke
Fr. Pet. Stanley
Fr. Joh. Yorke
Fr. Joh. Byrkhed
Fr. Th. Marss
Fr. Ric. Hornsey
Fr. Rob. Lowthrope
Fr. Joh. Whytfeld
Fr. Rob. Bowtham
Fr. Joh. Clyfton
Fr. Joh. Grayson
Fr. Jac. Fulthrope
Fr. Rog. Nelson

Summa capitum xl.

Quolibet fratre capiente vj^d.

Summa xxij^s. ij^d.

BILLA EXPENSARUM FACTA PER FRATREM THOMAM SINGLE-
TON MAGISTRUM COMMUNIE SPECIERUM IN ANNIVERSARIO
DOMINI WILLⁱ SEUOS¹ EPISCOPI DUNELM. ET PARENTUM EJUS.
ANNO DOMINI M^o D^o XXIX^o

In primis. In clara pecunia data Domino Abbati . . iij^s. iiij^d.

Et in duobus et dimidio agnellorum² emptis pro Priore et
Conventu iij^s. x^d.

¹ See p. 12.

² Young lambs.

Et in ix lez brestes well, empt. cum duobus libris lez
suet, ij^d. ij^s. v^d.

Et in uno capone pro ferculo Prioris vj^d.

Et in lez sawcesters¹ v^d.

Et in j quarterio piperis vj^d. et in croco v^d. et in dimidio
libræ small raysins² ij^d. et in dimidio libræ great raysins ij^d. et in
melle iiiij^d. ob. xix^d. ob.

Et in vino dato Domino Abbati et Conventui v^s.

Et datis Sacriste propter oblacionem xij^d.

Et datis Sacriste pro luminibus tempore Misse. viij^d.

Et datis xij pauperibus orantibus tempore Misse xij^d.

Summa xx^s. viij^d.

BILLA EXPENSARUM FACTA PER FRATREM THOMAM SINGLE-
TON MAGISTRUM COMMUNIE SPECIERUM CIRCA O ORIENS.³
ANNO DOMINI M^o D^o XXIX^o

In primis datis Dno Abbati in clara pecunia iij^s. iiiij^d.

Et in turbot empto pro ferculo Prioris vj^d.

Et in j lez pykrell⁴ empt. xij^d.

Et in v les stykes anguillarum⁵ xx^d.

Et in lx lez rochys xv^d.

Et in ovis vj^d. et in butiro ij^d. et in melle iiiij^d. xij^d.

Et in pipere vj^d. et in croco iiiij^d. ob. et in j libra small raysins
iiiij^d. et in melle ij^d. et in lacte ij^d. et in dimidio libræ great
raysins ij^d. ob. ij^s. ij^d.

Et in vino dato Dompno Priori et Conventui ut patet per
librum Magistri vini⁶ xxij^d.

Summa xvj^s. ob.

¹ Probably sausages.

² Currants.

³ See p. 19.

⁴ A young pyke.

⁵ Of eels. A styke consisted of 25 eels; and 10 stykes formed 'a bynde.'—
Spelman's Glossary.

⁶ The Cellarer.

Written on the back of the roll.

NOMINA NON SOLVENTIUM.

In primis, Custos maneriorum pro pensione ecclesie de Hornsey pro anno viij ^o . et nono	x ^{li} .
Executores Doctoris Melton pro porcione in Medleton et Melmerby anno nono	iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
VICUS SANCTE MARIE. Johannes Stalker in vico Sancte Marie pro firma Pentecostes anno ix ^o	iiij ^s .
Johannes Sanderson pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	ij ^s .
Rowland Hampschaw pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	ij ^s .
Relicta Alexandri Thompson pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	xviiij ^d .
Relicta Will ⁱ Butterwicke pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Ricardus Heslyngton pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	ij ^s .
BOWTHAM. Relicta Drawswerd pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	ij ^s . vj ^d .
Relicta Brown pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	xx ^d .
Relicta Esterby pro termino Michaelis anno ix ^o	xij ^d .
Relicta Wyethawse pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	xij ^d .
Johannes Handley pro Pentecoste	iiij ^s . vj ^d .
Johannes Anderson pro duobus annis	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johannes Hakbarow pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	xl ^s .
Elena Mylner pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	xx ^d .
GELYGAYTE. Will ^o Yettes in Geligaytt pro termino Michaelis anno ix ^o	xij ^d .
Johannes Lyemburner pro termino Michaelis anno ix ^o	xij ^d .
Will ^o Syngleton pro termino Michaelis anno ix ^o	viiij ^d .
CLYFTON. Ric ⁱ Dyatson pro una clausura vocata Crakenuyke pro anno integro ad terminum Michaelis	ij ^s .
Ricardus Jakson pro columbina pro termino Michaelis anno ix ^o	v ^s .
Johannes Mawman de Thornton pro termino Pentecostes anno ix ^o	viiij ^s . iiij ^d .

Relicta Johannis Forde pro anno integro pro terris in Buttercrambe iij^s. vj^d.

MYTON. W^o Woodward de Myton pro termino Pentecostes anno ix^o. ix^s.

Thomas Poolter pro termino Michaelis anno viij^o. v^s. Schays pro termino Pentecostes a^o. ix^o. v^s. x^s.

Relicta Wodward pro termino Pentecostes anno ix^o.. . ij^s. iij^d.

Johannes Rawson de Dufforth pro termino Pentecostes anno ix^o. v^s.

Ric. Clarke de Elyngthrope pro termino Pentecostes a^o. ix^o. xx^s.

Dominus Henricus Blissing capellanus pro terris in Ravenswath pro anno integro ix^s. viij^d.

Henricus Taylyor de Hornby pro termino Pentecostes anno ix^o. x^s. vj^d.

Spawnton in manibus diversorum.

Schamyston in manibus Willielmi Hunter pro termino Pentecostes a^o. ix^o. iij^s. iij^d.

Cotyngwith in manibus Georgii Ceselle pro anno viij^o. vj^s. et in aliis tenementis pro isto anno vj^s. xij^s.

Fulfurth in manibus Johannis Anderson pro termino Michaelis anno ix^o. v^s. iij^d.

Kelfeld. Relicta Johannis Hogson pro termino Michaelis anno ix^o. ij^s.

Overpopleton. Guydo Wright pro anno integro xx^d.

Netherpopleton. Relicta Stabill pro uno anno et dimidio x^s. iij^d.

Brentleyes. Johannes Emerson pro termino Pentecostes anno ix^o. xxxij^s. iij^d.

Warmysworth in manibus diversorum pro terminis Pentecostes et Michaelis anno ix^o. lvij^s. vj^d.

Bekfeld in manibus diversorum pro anno ultimo elapso et isto anno xxxij^s. ij^d.

Magister Johannis Metcalffe, xij^s. iij^d. Dominus Andreas Rowthe capellanus, xij^s. iij^d. xxvj^s. viij^d.

Summa (*blank*)

INVENTORIUM COMMUNIE SPECIERUM ET CAMERARII FACTUM
PER FRATREM TH. SYNGLETON MAGISTRUM COMMUNIE SPE-
CIERUM ET CAMERARIUM DE OMNIBUS REBUS REMANENTIBUS ET
EXISTENTIBUS IN DICTO OFFICIO AD FESTUM SANCTI MICHAELIS
ARCHANGELI, ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESSIMO
VICESSIMO NONO.

SARTRINUM. In primis sunt ibidem iiij^{or}. pelves.¹ Item sunt
ibidem ij harprons. Item, sunt ibidem xij manutergia facta de
novo. Item, est ibidem una magna cista ad conservanda fratrum
vestimenta.² Item sunt ibidem tres sere cum clavibus. Item
sunt ibidem due magne tabule et ij^e. parve tabule et tres
formule et unus saccus ad portanda vestimenta fratrum.

DORMITORIUM. Item sunt ibidem in dormitorio iij^{ca}. lucerne
ij^e. ad portandum coram fratribus³ et tertia ad pendendum prope
hostium nove camere. Item sunt ibidem iiij^{or}. lampades nove.
Item sunt ibidem iiij^{or}. olle terree ad conservandum oleum.

DOMUS OFFICII. Item sunt in domo officii vj^e. et dimidium
lattarum. Item sunt ibidem una carecta et dimidium calcis.
Item sunt ibidem iiij^e. tegule. Item sunt ibidem iiij^e. scotseyme
ij^e. syngle spykyngs ij^e. dowble spykyngs et dimidium et iij^{xx}.
scharplyngs. Et sunt ibidem due magne ligature ferree.

STABULUM. Et est in stabula unus equus ambulans. Et est
ibidem una cella cum freno et ceteris ornamentis equi. Et est
ibidem unum magnum dolium⁴ ad conservandam prebendam
equi. Et est ibidem tres carecte feni. Et sunt ibidem due sere
cum clavibus.

¹ Basins.

² The garments not in use. Every monk had a change of garments, so that they might be occasionally washed.

³ They went to the dormitory in procession, after the complin or last service.

⁴ A cask or tub, used here to denote the chest or bin in which the 'prebenda' or food of the horse was kept.

GENERAL REMARKS.

From this valuable document we obtain some interesting information respecting the state of the Monastery of St. Mary, at York, at the period to which it relates: but it is to be regretted that we have not the fuller information which the Bursar's roll, comprising the accounts of all the inferior officers, would undoubtedly have afforded.

This document contains four lists of the brethren then in the establishment, from which we learn that the whole number of them, including seven Novices, amounted to thirty-nine; beside the Abbot and the Prior. From a manuscript in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, containing "Annals of the Monastery of St. Mary at York," it appears that in the year 1258, thirty-one monks, including two 'not professed,' voted at the election of the Abbot Simon de Warwick; and as the contest between him and the Prior of the Monastery was very severe, Simon having gained his election by a majority of only one, it is most probable that there were not more than the above number then in the House.* At the dissolution of the Monastery in 1540, the number of monks, including one Novice, was forty-eight. The

* The following is the list of these Monks, as copied by the late E. Strickland, Esq.

For Symon de Warwick.

Tho. le Maria (*sic*) Granator.
 Rob. de Selby.
 Ric. de Topclive, Sub-prior.
 Joh. de Acaster.
 Pet. de Ethlingthorp, Camerarius.
 Adam de Dalton, Tertius Prior.
 Will. de Spaunton.
 — de York, Sacrista.
 Joh. de Langtofte, Cocus.
 Ric. Agnus, Magister Operum.
 Adam de Lincoln.
 Gregorius de Walnea.
 Galfr. de Malton, Bursarius.
 Adam de Frazinis, Infirmarius.
 Eudo de Warthum.
 Steph. de Gilling, Refectorius.
 Rob. de Winnc, Non-professus.

For the Prior.

John de Lestingham, Prior.
 John de Melsa.
 Rob. de Ermyne, Eleemosinarius.
 Rob. de Garton.
 Tho. de Westehale, Receptor hospitum.
 Tho. de Walmgate.
 Tho. de Lestingham.
 Martinus de Wyrkington.
 Gilb. de Leyrton.
 Rob. de Vill, Cantor.
 Tho. de Wymundham, Prebendarius.
 Will. de Thorneton.
 Symon de Aberford.
 Mich. Armidela.
 Tho. de S^ca Wega.
 Joh. de Cruce, Non-professus.

usual number may be considered as fluctuating between the two extremes.

The names of the brethren who were in the monastery at the dissolution, eleven years after the date of this *Compotus*, are preserved in the *Monasticon Anglicanum*; on comparing them with those recorded in the four lists in the *Compotus*, we find that eight only of those which occur in these lists, appear in that of the *Monasticon*. The rest of the brethren, with the exception of Ralph Hartley, who had been appointed, and was at the time of the dissolution, Prior of Wetherhall, had either been removed, or, as is most probable, had died. One of the eight remaining, was Tho. Singleton, the Chamberlain, himself; who, with two others, John Byrkhed and Rob. Lowthrope, received an annual pension from the Crown of £6. 8s. 4d. each; the remaining five, W. Walton, W. Hopton, Th. Eshe, Th. Marss and Edm. Metcalfe, having each a pension of £6.

Among the brethren who voted at the election of Simon de Warwick, we find a Sub-Prior, and also a third Prior: a Master of the works also, and a Receiver of the Guests. There may have been the same officers in the Monastery in the time of Abbot Whalley when this Account-roll was written, but they are not mentioned in it; but the following, beside the Abbot and Prior, are noticed: the Chamberlain, Tho. Singleton who was also keeper of the Spicery, the Precentor, whose name is also given, the Master of the Manors, the Master of the College, the Bursar, the Sacrist, the Almoner, the Receivers of the Monastery, the Master of the Wine (Cellarer), the Granarer, the *Magister parvæ Communix*, the Infirmarer, the Keeper of the lamps in the dormitory; the Foresters of Galtres also may have been two or more of the brethren.

It was usual, especially in Monasteries of the Benedictine order, to send some of the younger and more promising brethren to one of the Universities; generally to Oxford. It appears that when this *Compotus* was written, there were scholars from St. Mary's studying at Cambridge. Their number is not stated. The Accountant provides out of his two departments for the expenses of one: the sum for which he accounts, viz. 66. 8^d.

being exactly that which we find, in another instance, to have been deemed sufficient for the purpose. In the "Testamenta Eboracensia," published by the Surtees Society, the will of Rob. Savage of York, dated 1391, is cited, in which he bequeaths to his Son xx marks to find for his expenses at the University four years: *i. e.* five marks or 66^s. 8^d. yearly. (See above, p. 9 and *Test. Ebor*, No. cxxviiij.) The other scholar or scholars must have been provided for out of other departments.

The number of servants in such an establishment as that of St. Mary at York, must undoubtedly have been considerable. At Bolton Priory, where there were no more than fifteen Canons, Dr. Whitaker supposes that the whole establishment consisted of more than 200 persons; the Prior alone having 20 servants. The servants particularly mentioned in this roll, are, the servant of the Chamberlain, the master tailor and his assistants, the shoemaker, the skinner or preparer of leather, and the washerwoman or laundress.

Among the possessions of the Monastery were many houses in the suburbs and neighbourhood of York, which appear to have been under the charge of the Chamberlain. The highest annual rent he received, was 30 shillings for a tenement at Fulford; the lowest was 3^s. for one in St. Marygate. One tenement in the same place was let for 26^s. 8^d. and one in Bootham for 20^s. A pigeon-cot was let for 5^s. per ann.: and an acre of meadow land at Clifton for 2^s.

We learn something from this account-roll respecting the rate of wages at York, at the beginning of the xvith. century. A master tailor, working in an apartment appropriated to him, and perhaps living in the Monastery, received annually, 43^s. 4^d. and his food; and two men working under him received 26^s. 8^d. each and their food. The skinner received 20^s. and his food. The shoemaker, finding his own oil, 20^s. and 4^s. 4^d. for colouring the boots (*ocreae*) of the brethren. The common washerwoman received 12^s. and a semstress was paid 6^d. for making nine ells of linen into towels (the number not stated) for the use of the Monastery.

A master plasterer was paid 4^d. a-day, and his man 2^d. A tiler and his man 6^d., on one occasion 10^d. A carpenter 6^d.

The mowing of an acre of grass-land cost 6^d.; the making of the hay 6^d. and the carting of it to the Monastery from Clifton 6^d.

The felling of two trees cost 4^d.; the sawing of them 6^d.; and the carting of them, in four cart loads from Deighton to the Monastery, a distance of about five miles, 16^d. The price of 100 tiles was 3^s. and of 1000 fagots 20^s.

A garment (tunica) given annually as a gratuity to the Chamberlain, cost 6^s. 8^d.; a pair of boots for the Chamberlain's servant, 2^s.; linen for towels, 10^d. an ell. A lock and key cost 5^d. One sort of nails, 2^s. 6^d. a thousand, another 1^s. 6^d., another 12^d. and one 10^d. a hundred. A bridle cost 9^d. A gallon of oil for lamps, 12^d.

From this roll we gain little information concerning the price of cattle. One horse was sold from the Monastery for 10^s., and another was purchased from one of the brethren for the Chamberlain's office for 12^s.

From the bills of fare at the obits provided by the Custos Anniversariorum, we learn that the price of a capon was 6^d., of a joint (a leg or shoulder) of veal 3^d., of a breast of mutton 3^d. A turbot cost 6^d., a stick, or quarter of a hundred of eels 4^d., a small pike 12^d., 60 roaches 15^d., 7 gallons of honey 15^d. Pepper cost 3½ a lb. Sanders 2^s. a lb., raisins 4^d. a lb., and small raisins, or currants 4^d. a lb. The price of a gallon of red wine was 12^d.

Such lists of the members of religious houses as are contained in the preceding roll, are not common; they may be considered therefore as forming a remarkable and interesting portion of this document. More than half of the names are names of places, chiefly in the county and neighbourhood of York; "doubtless the places of birth or of former residence of the party." It is observable that the particle "de" prefixed to the names of place, in the earlier list copied from the annals of the Monastery, is wholly dropped in these later lists.

Many other names beside those of the brethren, occur in this roll; names of persons connected with the Monastery as servants,

workmen and tenants. Some of these are no longer known in York ; but several remain, derived perhaps, in many instances, from those who bore them when the roll was written. Among these one may be deservedly noticed. The name of Sotherone is inscribed in the Compotus of Tho. Singleton, as a tenant of a house in Clifton belonging to the Monastery of St. Mary at York, in the beginning of the 16th century : and that name stands enrolled among the benefactors of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, in the middle of the 19th century, as that of the donor of this valuable document.

