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TO THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY
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These Records of the Court Leet

OF THEIR ANCIENT

AND RENOWNED

CITY.

PREFACE.

SINCE the Introduction is to come when the whole volume is complete, here is place only for thanks. The Coventry Corporation by their readiness in lending the MS. for transcription, and the Chairman and Committee of the Leamington Free Library for housing the same so safely, and its transcriber so airily, sunnily and cheerfully, have great claims on my gratitude. I would crave the continuance of their forbearance if I seem long about my task. It is a heavy one, and the nature of the work necessitates such care that hurry could only spell disaster.

But it is the readers of the *Leet Book*, as well as myself, who should tender their acknowledgments to Mr. W. H. Stevenson and Mr. R. E. G. Kirk, who at Dr. Furnivall's request undertook to revise the proofs of an entire stranger. To all that the book has thereby gained in exactitude, in the elucidation of many a bewildering crux, and in occasional annotation, the transcriber can bear most grateful testimony. Their labours have not been light; the value of them has been inestimable. Miss Brocas Harris has been as unflinching in kindness in the revision of proofs as she has been quick-sighted in the detection of casual errors. And Dr. Furnivall has throughout lent me the aid of his kind help and encouragement.

Leamington, April 18, 1907.

ERRATA.

p. 41 note 1, p. 43, p. 62, p. 139, *for Jorden read Jordan.*

p. 70, *for "Iklynton Collar" read Iklynton Collar.*

p. 103 note 3, a suggested reading is *epularum*, i. e. master of the banquets.

A NOTE ON COURTS LEET AND THE LEET BOOK.

A LEET is a court held by a lord of the manor or other liberty—or the lord's grantee—for the trial of petty offences. Concerning the meaning and derivation of the word itself scholars are divided, and where Professor Skeat and the late Professor Maitland only offer conjecture, it were best to suspend judgment. The derivation of the alternative to Court Leet, a word often occurring in these pages, view of frankpledge, is fairly assured; it is the Latinized—and mistaken—form of O.E. frithborh = peace-pledge, *i. e.* a tithing, or body of (normally) ten mutual sureties. The institution of the tithing tended to make every one his neighbour's policeman, and at a "view of frankpledge" every one amenable to the court's jurisdiction had to show himself properly included in an association of the kind.

With all this, however, we have here small concern. Justices-in-eyre and Justices of the Peace tended in time to diminish the importance of manorial jurisdiction, and the *Leet Book* reveals the court of fifteenth century Coventry less as a judicial than as a legislative body. It is the town parliament rather than the town tribunal of justice. The records show a series of ordinances or by-laws grounded on the petitions of aggrieved parties presented to the Leet, arranged year by year with fair regularity from 1420 to 1555. These touch mediæval urban life on every side, and are interwoven with a chronicle of the various happenings within the city. Of such is composed the great bulk of the matter of the *Leet Book*. A few leaves at the beginning and end of the volume, that would otherwise have been blank, were filled by Elizabethan and Stuart scribes with a miscellany that defies classification.

The value of the *Leet Book* from the social historian's point of view will be treated of in the Introduction in a subsequent part. Members of the E. E. T. S. may feel equally interested in the volume from the philological standpoint, as illustrating the Warwickshire dialect in the century before Shakespeare's birth.

One example of this, and I have done. In *Coriolanus*, II. i. 226,

occurs the line, "Stalls, bulks and windows are smothered up." Dr. Murray gives no earlier example of the word *bulk* than the close of the 16th century, and Professor Skeat suggests as a derivation the O.N. *bálk-r* = beam, which should give M.E. *bolc*, hitherto not found. But in John Leeder's proclamation of 1421, p. 27, townspeople are enjoined to keep "no swyne in hur *bolcys*." Here is without doubt the connecting link between the Old Norse and the Shakespearian form.

[Note on the word *Leet* kindly communicated by Dr. Henry Bradley.] The difficult word *Leet* certainly represents 13th century Anglo-French *lete*. I think it possible that this may be adopted from O.E. *læp*, which we have in the "lathes" of Kent (for a suggestion to account for the phonological anomaly see *N. E. D.*, article *Lathe* sb.¹). *Læp* seems to mean "landed property," and perhaps it may not be altogether too wild to suppose that it may have been used as a native synonym of "manor," and that either the simple word or some compound may have been employed to denote the meeting of the tenants of the manor, the manorial court. If such a use existed it would be natural that the Normans should adopt the term, pronouncing it as nearly as French phonetics would allow.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS, ETC.

- a. r. r. = anno regni regis, the year of the king's reign.
 b. = bailiff.
 Burton MS. = Humphrey Burton's MS., Free Library, Coventry.
 ch. = chamberlains.
 cor. = coroner.
 Corp. MSS. = MSS. in possession of the Coventry Corporation. Catalogued by
 J. C. Jeaffresson for Hist. MSS. Comm. 1896.
 E. D. D. = English Dialect Dictionary (Clarendon Press).
 m. = mayor.
 mace = serjeant-at-mace, sub-bailiff.
 M. E. = Middle English.
 M. G. C. C. = Magister Gilde Corporis Christi, master of the Corpus Christi
 Guild.
 M. G. S. T. = Magister Gilde Sancte Trinitatis, master of the Trinity Guild.
 N. E. D. = New English Dictionary (Clarendon Press).
 V. f. p. = Visum franci plegii, view of frankpledge, or leet.
 w. = wardens.
 " " in the margin denotes marginal annotations in MS.
 (etc.) in the text denotes the omission from the transcription of some oft-
 repeated formula, *e. g.* maior (etc.) = maior civitatis Coventrie,
 the mayor of the city of Coventry, etc., without brackets, how-
 ever, is a copy of the MS.
 [] in the English text denotes an abbreviated rendering of a cus-
 tomary formula, *e. g.* [Ordayned] = Hit was ordeyned by
 auctorite of this present lete.
 [] also denotes a translation from the Latin. MS. abbreviations
 and contractions are represented in the transcript by italics.



§ 1. QUIT CLAIM OF GERARD DE ALSPATH TO THE FILLONGLEY MEN, 1251-2.

[Copy of deed shown in 1581 at Old Fillongley.]

[Because disputes had taken place between Sir Gerard of Alspath and all the freemen of Old Fillongley, about these men's liberties, before the Judges at Warwick in the 36th year of King Henry, King John's son (Oct. 28, 1251—Oct. 27, 1252), they finally came to an accord thus :

[Let present and to come know that I, Gerard of Alspath, have granted and quit-claimed, and by this present charter confirmed to all men of Old Fillungley and their heirs forever from me and my heirs all outside service, relief, ward and suit of court in free socage, freely and quietly without challenge, vexation or hindrance. Moreover I, Gerard, and my heirs, will warrant all liberties aforesaid to the men aforesaid of Old Fillungley and their heirs for ever. For this concession and quitclaim, warranty and recognition, the men aforesaid gave me for good of peace five marks and a half of silver. And that this my concession,

¹A true Coppie of a deide shewed forthe by Wm. Denton of ffyl- lingley at a Court holden at Old ffyllongley in the time of John Myles, maiour.

Cum Lites et Contenciones mou-
rentur inter dominum Gererdum de
Alespath ex vna parte, et omnes
Liberos homines de Olde Fillungley
ex altero (*sic*) parte, super Liberta-
tibus dictorum hominum Coram Jus-
ticiariis apud Warwik a. r. r.² Hen-
rici filii Johannis Regis tricesimo
sexto in hunc modum finaliter con-
quieuerunt :

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego,
Gerardus de Alespath, concessi, et
quietum Clamavi, et hac presenti carta
mea Confirmavi, omnibus hominibus
de Old Fillungley et heredibus suis
imperpetuum de me et heredibus meis
omne servicium forinsecum et omne
Relevium et³ omnem wardam et om-
nem sectam Curie in Libero Socagio,
Libere et quiete, sine omne (*sic*) ca-
lumpnia, vexacione nec impedimento.
Insuper, ego Gerardus et heredes mei,
omnes Libertates predictas predictis
hominibus de Old Fillungley et here-
dibus suis imperpetuum warrantiza-
bimus. Pro hac autem Concessione
et quieta clamacione et warranta-
cione et Recognicione dederunt mihi
predicti viri pro bono pacis quinque
marcas et dimidiam argenti. Et vt
hac (*sic*) mea concessio et quietum

¹ leaf i a, Scribe Z, v. Introd. ² anno regni regis. MS. looks like 'pro.'

quitclaim, warranty & recognition may remain firm and established by me and by my heirs, in testimony of this thing I have affixed my seal to this present writing. These being witnesses, etc.]

Clamacio et warrantacio et Recognicio stabilis et rata pro me et heredibus meis permaneant (*sic*), ¹In cuius rei testimonium¹ huic presenti Scripto Sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus etc. [Scrawl possibly intended for monogram T. G. D. follows.]

§ 2. TRINITY GILD FIELDS.

[Mem. of a certain bill shown, as it appears, at the following leet, by the master, brethren and sisters of the Trinity gild, concerning £10, which they paid of their desire and will to the prior of S. Mary's Cathedral in exoneration of the community of the city of Coventry; which £10 the mayor and community are bound to yield every year to the prior and convent. For which £10 it is conceded, that the said master, brethren and sisters shall have and hold divers fields in severalty; and that the said master, brethren and sisters shall pay every year £10 to the said prior and convent in exoneration of the mayor and community, as it appears more plainly below.

²Mem. de quadam bulla (*sic*) per magistrum, fratres et sorores Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie exhibita, et ad letam sequentem, ut patet, de decem libris,³ quas soluerunt ad eorum libitum et ad eorum voluntatem priori ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria in exonerationem communitatis ciuitatis Couentrie; quas quidem x li. maior et communitas Ciuitatis predictae singulis annis dictis priori et conventui reddere tenentur. Pro quibus x li. concessum, concordatum et ordinatum est, quod predicti magister, fratres et sorores habeant et teneant diuersos campos in separali; Et quod dicti magister, fratres et sorores soluent singulis annis dictis priori et conuentui dictas x li. in exonerationem maioris et communitatis ciuitatis predictae prout inferius plenius liquet, etc.

[Michaelmas Leet, 1384.

[At the view of frank pledge held there Oct. 5, 1384, in the presence of J. de Marton, mayor, and the bailiffs of the

Ad visum francpleggi tentum ibidem die Jouis proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum,

¹⁻¹ Redundant. On the Alspath family of Fillongley and Meridon (Ailespede, in Domesday), v. Dugdale, 697, 725. ² leaf 5 a. Scribe A of the *Leet Book* proper.

³ By the Indenture tripartite between Queen Isabella, the prior and the corporation in 1355 the corporation agreed to pay the prior an annual ferm of £10 for the judicial rights he relinquished. v. Burton MS. ff. 98-105.

same town, by oath of

H. de Kele and others,

jurats.

[To which leet the master (etc.) of the gilds sent a certain bill of having allowance of £10, which the same master (etc.) annually paid and still pay to the prior and convent in the name of the community of the said town, of which bill the tenor followeth in these words:—

[To the mayor, bailiffs, chamberlains and other good people of the inquest sheweth the master of the gild of holy Trinity, S. Mary, S. John, S. Katherine of Coventry, that as the said master and his brethren bear from year to year a great charge for the town aforesaid, paying to the prior and convent of the same town £10 at the term of S. Michael. And besides that where they

octaou, coram Joh. de Marton, tunc maiore, Alex. Wright, & Joh. Smyth, hosier, tunc Balliuis eiusdem ville, per sacramentum Hen. de Kele, Will. Wolfe, Joh. de Maxtok, Joh. Bottoner, Ric. de Teynton, Joh. de Crose, Hen. dell Hay, Gurdeler, Tho. de Nassyngton, Sim. de Langham, Tho. de Sutton, Joh. Inge, Joh. Tate, Rob. de Estelton, Joh. Gart, mercere, Hen. Draycote, Nich. de Dudlay, Rob. Bladdurwyk, Hen. dell Hay, mercere, Ric. Helony, Will. Welye, Will. Bondy, Ad. Deyster, Joh. de Wilye, & Will de Cayfeld, *Juratorum* :

Ad quam letam magister et confratres Gildarum S. Trinitatis, S. Marie, S. Johannis Baptiste et S. Katerine in Couentria miserunt quandam billam de habendo allocacionem decem librarum, quas iidem magister et confratres predicti annuatim soluerunt, et adhuc soluunt, priori et conventui de Couentria nomine communitatis eiusdem ville, cuius bille tenor sequitur in hec uerba:—

As Maire, Ballyfs, Chamburlens, & autres bonez gentez del enquest moustre le mastre (*sic*) de la Gilde sanct Trinite, seynt Marie, seint Johan, seynt Katerine de Couentre, qe come lez ditz mastre & cez confreres portout de a ne (*sic*) en ane vn graunt charge pur la vile auant dit, paiauntz a lez priour & Couent de mesme la vile x li. a la terme de seint Michell. Et outre icela, ou il solient (*sic*) auoir

are wont to have divers fields in severalty time out of mind, that is to say, Poddy-croft, Stivichallhurne, Long-croft, and Batemans-acre, now they are every year broken and laid open at the time of the Gule of August (Lammas), to the great impoverishing and ruin of the gild aforesaid, so that they cannot obtain more than half the rent according to the value of the said fields: That it may please the said mayor, bailiffs and chamberlains and good folk to ordain such a remedy that they may keep the said fields in severalty in peace; or otherwise for certain the said master and his brethren desire to be discharged of the payment of the said £10 in time to come.—And therefore by common assent of the honest and lawful men elected at that leet, it is thus agreed, that the master and brethren of the said gilds be discharged of the £10 which they were wont to pay to the prior and convent of Coventry, not by any compulsion but of their free will; so that the mayor, bailiffs and chamberlains of the town fix among themselves a certain day, at which day they shall cause to come before them from every street of the town six or four honest and lawful

diiversez chaumpez severals puis le temps de memorie, cest assavoir, Pody Croft, Stevechallhurne, le long Croft, & Batemansacre, Ore ils sount chescun ane acrauantz et mys ouertez a le temps de Goldaust, a graunt

empoueriment & anyentiment de la gilde auaunt dit, quare ne puissent auoir mez de la demy rent solonc la

¹valoue dez ditz Chaumpz: qe please as ditz maire, baillifs, chamburlens, & bones gents ordiner ent tiell

remedie, quils puissent auer les ditz chaumps en seueraltie en peas; ou outrement pur certeine les ditz

meistre & cez confreres voillent estre dischargez dell payment dez ditz x li. en temps a vener etc.—Et vnde per *communem assensum proborum et legalium hominum ad hanc letam*

electorum, ita concordatum est, quod magister et confratres gildarum predictarum exonerentur de x li. quas soluere consueuerunt priori et conventui de Coventria, non ex aliqua coercione, set eorum spontanea voluntate; ita videlicet quod maior et Balliui et camerarii ville ordinent

inter se vnum certum diem, ad quem diem venire faciant coram eis de quolibet vico ville sex uel quatuor

¹ leaf 6.

men to try if they, for themselves as well as the whole community of the town of Coventry, will fully consent that the said fields, expressly named in the bill, be in future several, or not, without challenge of any one of the said community,

and that the said master and brethren pay the said £10 issuing from the said gilds to the same prior and convent and their successors while it shall please the said master and brethren. And now the mayor and bailiffs on Thursday after S. Denis' day in the 8th year abovesaid (Oct. 13, 1384), by the assent of [names following] for themselves and their neighbours in Gosford Street; and others for

Mill Lane and New Street; and others for
Jordenwell;
others for

Much Park Street;
and others for

Earl Street and Little Park Street;

¹ MS. repeats after *necne* "consentire voluerint ut campi predicti sint in futuro separabiles."

² (etc.) between brackets denotes the omission of a repetition in the MS.; etc. without brackets is, on the contrary, found in the MS.

*probos et legales homines ad temp-
tandum si ipsi, tam pro seipsis, quam
pro tota communitate ville de Couen-
tria, plenarie consentire voluerint
quod predicti campi, in billa pre-
scripta expresse nominati, sint de de-
cetero separabiles, necne,¹ absque con-
tradiccione vel perturbacione alicuius
de communitate predicta, [et] quod
predicti magister et confratres solu-
ant dictas decem libras exeuntes de
Gildis predictis eisdem priori et con-
ventui et eorum successoribus dum
eisdem magistro et confratribus
placuerit. Et modo maior et Balliui
& camerarii die Jouis proximo post
festum S. Dionisii anno octauo supra-
dicto & per assensum Ric. Luff, Ric.
de Dodenale, Nic. de Frereby, Joh.
de Molton, Joh. de Withibrook, Rob.
de Cortenhall, pro se & vicinis suis
in vico de Gosford; Joh. Twenge,
Ric. Bobynhull, Will. Cowper, Joh.
Benduyde, pro se et vicinis suis in
le Mulnlone et New strette; Ad.
Botoner, Joh. Toftes, Ric. Verdon,
Dauid Corby pro (etc.)² apud Jorden-
well; Ric. Clerk, Joh. Andrew, Joh.
Lybard, Ric. Hatter, Hen. Dilcok,
Joh. Northfolk, Sim. ffrebern, pro
(etc.) in vico Parci Maioris; Joh.
de Stow, Will. Gryme, Pet. de
Chareilton, Will. de Wodusbury, Joh.
Crudworth, Joh. de Stafford, pro
(etc.) in vico Comit'is, & in vico
Parci Minoris; Joh. Founder, Ric.*

others
 in Bayly Lane and Hay Lane ;
 others
 at Broad Gate and Friar Lane ;
 others
 in Smithford Street ;
 others
 in Spon Street ;
 and others
 in Cross Cheaping ;
 others
 within S. John's-bridge, it
 was ordained and conceded
 that the said master and brethren
 of the said gilds well,
 peacefully, freely and quietly
 may have and possess the said
 fields all times of the year for
 themselves and their succes-
 sors, without hindrance or dis-
 turbance of any one of the
 community ; paying yearly to
 the said prior and convent and
 their successors £10 while it
 shall please the said master
 and brethren.

[Another leet on this same
 matter following.]

Coteller, Sim. Sheffield, Joh. Bate,
 & Nic. Glasewright *pro* (etc.)
 in Baylilane et Heylane ; Rog.
 Dandy, Tho. Marshall, Walt. Cull,
 Tho. Grene, Will. Cuttyler, Will.
 Okcam, Will. Peyntour *pro* (etc.)
 ad Latam Portam et Frere lane ;
 Joh. Perry, Joh. Maxstock, Will.
 Craas, Ric. Dubber, Ric. Welton,
 Joh. Russell, Hug. Woleman, *pro*
 (etc.) in vico de Smythford ; Ric. de
 Duddeley, Joh. Pape, Ric. Helony,
 Tho. Godeale, Joh. de frereby, And.
 Napton, Joh. Haw, Joh. Raye, Joh.
 Wallsall, Tho. Flawndurs *pro* (etc.)
 in vico de Sponna ; Rob. Fureneaux,
 Joh. Moldriche, Rog. de Weedon,
 Rob. de Estelton, Ad. de Keresley,
 Tho. de Sutton *pro* (etc.) in vico de
 Croschepyng ; Will. Pakstaf, Joh.
 Meie, Rob. Ascheburne, Will. Cokes,
 Rob. Wolff, Rog. de Lodyngton, *pro*
 (etc.) *inter (sic) pontem S. Johannis,*
ordinatum et concessum fuit quod
predicti magister et confratres dict-
arum Gildarum bene, pacifice, libere
et quiete dictos campos omni tem-
pore anni habeant et percipiant pro se
et successoribus suis, absque aliquo
impedimento, vel perturbacione ali-
cuius de communitate ville predicte ;
soluendo annuatim prefatis priori
et conventui et eorum successoribus
predictas decem libras dum eisdem
magistro & confratribus placuerit.

Alia leta super eadem materia
*sequente.*¹

¹ v. *infra*, p. 19, and *Life in an Old English Town*, 75-7.

218° die Februarii 1583.

A true Coppie of the metes, bondes and divisions of certen hamlettes neare vnto the Cittie of Coventre taken out of a boke written with old Gregories hand as followethe:

§ 3. METES AND BOUNDS.
RADFORD.

[12 H. IV. Sept. 30, 1410-
Sept. 29, 1411.

¹“Radford.”

[Bounds begin at a stone cross in the highway between Coventry and Radford, thence

by a lane under Cobelyngcroft to Batemans-acre, and thence to another lane between Batemans-acre and Myriholt

leading to Schochers-lane including the pastures, Batemans-acre and Ashmore, thence to Hill-lane, thence to

Shottes-lane or Boker-mill-lane, and thus through Whitmore-Park by the hedge and ditch below the said park between Thamley and Shottes-field, descending by the other ditch below the park to R. Beaufitz' tenement, including the whole

³Anno R. Henrici quarti post conquestum xii°.

Hec sunt mete, bunde et diuise totius hamlette de Radford. Imprimis, incipit ad Crucem Lapideam, que stat in Regia via ducente de Couentria uersus Radford: Et a cruce per vnam venellam subtus Croftum Ricardi Clarke, vocatum Le Cobelyng Crofte, que ducit ad⁴ Bote-mans acre, et abinde ad aliam venellam inter le Batemansacre & magnum campum, vocatum le Myriholt, ducentem ad aliam venellam, vocatam Le Schocherslane, includendo pasturas de Batemansacre & Ashmore, & abhinc ad venellam vocatam Lehullane inter Counduln & Chilternsleys,⁵ & abinde ad aliam venellam, vocatam Shotteslane,⁶ sive Bokermillane,⁷ & sic per medium parci de Whittemore per cepem & fossatum infra parcum predictum inter Thamley & Shottesfield,⁶ & sic descendendo per aliud fossatum infra parcum ad tenementum Ricardi Beaufitz, includendo semper totum

¹ The marginal notes between commas “ ” are in the MS.

² leaf ii, Scribe Z.

³ See also Lansd. MS. 400, f. 3: *Rentale factum per fratrem Willelmum Haloughton, monachum Couentrie . . . de redditibus pertinentibus Priori et Conventui . . . in Whytmore, Coundulne, Keruesley, Coreley, Ecclesale, Newlande, Wylnehale, ffolxhull, Stoke et Coventre.* I refer to this as L. Unimportant variations are not noted. ⁴ per L. ⁵ Chilternsleys L. ⁶ Scottes- L.

⁷ Bokermilane L.

manor of Whitmore, with fields and pastures on either side to Endemore water, and thus by that brook as far as

Ounettes-forthe and from that ford through the middle of Shuckmore, and from Shuckmore to Sandipit-lane, and from that lane by the hedge between Hill-field above Radford and the field to the N. of S. Nicholas' Church, until the cross where it begins. Thus ends the vill of Radford, in Trinity parish, parcel of the half of Coventry in which the Cathedral was founded.

“Counduln.”

[Prior as lord of Coundon has view of frankpledge, gallows, pillory, assize of bread and beer,

felons' and fugitives' goods, heriot, mortuary fee, waif and stray, and is rector; he has a pasture called Fowlesmore and Prior's-field.

[The vill is part of the half of Coventry, in Trinity parish, and of the foundation of the mother church.

manerium de Whitemore cum campis & pasturis ex vtrisque (sic)¹ parte annexis, & a tenemento dicte (sic) Ricardi, vsque ad aquam de Endemore,² et sic per illud³ Riululum vsque ad Ounettesforthe,⁴ & ab illo vado per medium Shuckmore,⁵ excludendo le Steplefield, & a Schuckmore⁵ ad Sandipitlane,⁶ & ab illa venella per sepem inter Hullfield super Radford & Campum ex parte boreali⁷ ecclesie S. Nicholai vsque ad crucem predictam vbi incipit. Et sic terminatur villa de Radford, & est in parochia S. Trinitatis in Couentria, ac parcella medietatis ville Couentrie in qua fundata est ecclesia Cathedralis Couentrie cum aliis.

¶ Prior de Couentria est dominus de Coundulne, & habet ibi visum franciplegii omnium tenentium suorum ibidem, furcas & Collistrigium, assisam panis & servisie, et omnia que ad visum⁸ franciplegii⁸ [pertinent], Cattalla felonum & fugitivorum, harrieta & principalia, vayvium & extrahuras,⁹ et est Rector eiusdem hamleti et habet in manu sua vnam pasturam,¹⁰ vocatam Le ffowlesmore & Priors feild, et omnia alia terre et tenementa ibidem sunt in manibus tenentium. Ista villa est membrum medietatis ville Couentrie, et de parochia S. Trinitatis Couentrie, et de fundacione ecclesie matricis Couentrie.

¹ vtraque L.

² Corp. MSS. C. 95. Grant of a pasture called “Eneadmere in territorio de Radeforde.” ³ sic. super illum L. ⁴ f. 3 dorso. ⁵ Schuggemore L.

⁶ Sandyput- L. ⁷ sic. boreali L. ⁸⁻⁸ omitted L.

⁹ MS. here blotted and almost illegible. ¹⁰ gravam L.

¹“Coundulne dominii.”

[Bounds of New Coundon.
Begins in Hill-lane

by Chiltern's land,
and thus to the gate of Prior's-
field,
thence to Benitt hedge, in-
cluding Benitte's-field, thence
to Warensdam, and thence by
Pokebrook
as far as Northbrook
by a boundary to an oak be-
tween two warrens,

and thence by a mere to
Brown's-lane, and thus by the
lane to Brown's-oak,
thence to a ditch under Holyn-
fast wood,
and by the ditch to Thief-
stake-field,
thence by the highway which
leads to Coundon gallows, and
thence below Bushell-field to
Shottes-lane,

then across the highway to
Hill-lane.]

“Coundulne parochia.”

[Coundon parish begins at
the oak called Brown's-oak, and
thence to Brown's-lane, and

²¶ Mete, divise et bunde dominii
noui Coundulne. Inprimis incipit in
introitu vocato Le Hullane iuxta ter-
ram Roberti de Chilterne, et sic per dic-
tam venellam vsque ad portam tocius³
Campi, vocati le Priors feild, deinde
ad sepem vocatam Le Benitt hedge,
includendo le Benittes feild & Boy-
den grove, et ab illa hedge directo
ad Warensdam⁴ illam includendo, et
abhinc directo per le Pokebroke usque
ad Northebrocke, et ab illo riuo per
quamdam metam⁵ vsque ad quarcum
(sic)⁶ inter duos cunicularios, includ-
endo semper vnum cunicularium,
et abinde per aliam meram vsque ad
Browneslane, & sic per medium dicte
venelle vsque ad Brownseshack,⁷ & tunc
ab illa quercu vsque fossatum subtus
boscum de Holynfast, & sic directo
per predictum fossatum vsque le
Theifestakefeild,⁸ includendo dictum
campum, et deinde per Regiam
viam, que ducit ad furcas de Cound-
dulne, et deinde per regiam viam
subtus Bushell feild vsque ad Shottes-
lane⁹ et deinde directo ex trans-
verso Regiam viam (sic)¹⁰ vsque ad
venellam de Hullane, vbi prius in-
cipit.

¶ Mete & bunde totius parochie
de Coundulne iuxta Couentriam. In-
primis incipit ad quarcum (sic) voca-
tam Le Brounschacke, & deinde ad
venellam vocatam Le Brounslane, &
sic per medium venelle, & ab hinc

¹ leaf ii a.

² f. 9.

³ sic. illius L.

⁴ Warreynsdam L.

⁵ ? meram.

⁶ quercum L, et passim.

⁷ Brounschoke L.

⁸ Thefetakefeld L.

⁹ Scottes L.

¹⁰ vie L.

turning by a boundary to the oak between two warrens, and

thus direct to Frithbrook,

and thence to Allesley mill, thence by the mill-water

to Burton's mill on Spon bridge,

and thus by the lane leading to Woodmilles-hey to Scocherlane, and thence by the way leading to S. Chad's chapel

below Batemans-acre to

Hill-lane, and thence to the way that leads from Corley by Coundon gallows, and thence to Thiefstake, and by the ditch

under Holifast, to the oak where it begins.]

“Counduln.”

[First from J. Northampton for the holding once R. Reynolds' of Coundon, 12*d.* a year. And he finds a cart for the carriage of hay from Fynford to Couentry, or pays annually 12*d.* for a cart.

[From W. Odard for a common fine of that field in Coun-

diuertendo per quandam metam¹ vsque ad quarcum inter duos cunicularios, includendo semper vnum cunicularium, et sic ab illa quarcu per aliam meram directo vsque ffrithbroke, & sic per illum riuulum² vsque ad molendinum de Allesley, & abinde per aquam dicti molendini per medium Alshawe directo per aquam predictam vsque ad molendinum Ricardi de Burton super pontem de Sponna, et sic ab illo molendino directo per parvam venellam ducentem uersus Woodmilles³ heye, vsque ad aliam venellam, vocatam Scocherlane, & sic per regiam viam que ducit de Couentria uersus Capellam S. Ceddesubtus Botemansacre & Ashemore,⁴ vsque ad venellam vocatam Le Hullane, & sic per dictam venellam vsque ad Regiam viam que ducit de Corley per furcas de Coundulne, & sic abinde vsque ad Theefestake, & sic diuertendo vsque ad fossatum subtus Holifast, & sic per fossatum predictum vsque ad quarcum Brounhack vbi prius incipit.

⁵ *Communi (sic) fines*⁶ de Counduln cum operibus natiuorum⁷ tenentium.

¶ Inprimis, de Joh. Northampton pro tenemento quondam Ric. Reynolds de Coundulne per ann: xij*d.* Et inuenit Carectam pro Carriagio feni a Fynford vsque Couentriam, vel solvit annuatim xij*d.* pro carecta.⁸

Item de Will. Odard pro communi fine illius campi in Conduln, quem

¹ meram L. ² riuum L. ³ Woddemyll L. ⁴ f. 9 dorso. ⁵ leaf iii.
⁶ communis finis L. ⁷ native L. ⁸ carecta L, et passim.

don, which he holds at the lord's will, called Bennettes field, 11*d.* a year.

[From the same William for his field which he holds by the king's highway, for the common fine of 8*d.* a year; half a cart at Fynford, 6*d.*

[From R. Shipley for land in Coundon called Norman place common, fine 12*d.* a year, and for a cart at Fynford, 12*d.*

[From J. Hoore for his holding 7½*d.* a year, and for half a cart, 6*d.*

[From J. Boyden for common fine of S. Reynolds' land, 1½*d.* a year. And for a fork-load of hay at Fynford, 2*d.*

[From J. Oneley for Gallowstree-field, 7*d.* a year, and for a fork-load, 2*d.*

[From W. Collins for Hobcroft, 4*d.*

[T. Disher, Geoffrey-field, 4*d.*

[Keresley for J. Reynolds' holding, and for half a cart, 6*d.*]

tenet ad voluntatem domini, vocati le Bennettes feild, xj*d.* per ann :

Item de eodem Willelmo pro campo suo, quem tenet *ibidem* iuxta regiam viam pro communi fine per ann : viij*d.* Et pro dimidia carecta apud Fynford vj*d.*

Item de Rob. Shipley pro terra in campis de Coundun vocata Norman place, pro communi fine per ann : xij*d.* & pro carrecta apud Fynford xij*d.*

Item de Joh. Hoore pro communi fine tenementi sui per ann. vij*d.* ob. et pro dimidia carrecta vj*d.*

Item de Joh. Boyden pro (etc.) de terra Sim. Reynolds per ann. j*d.* ob. Et vno furcatorio feni apud Fynford ij*d.*

Item de Joh. Oneley pro (etc.) de Gallowstrefeild¹ per ann. vij*d.*, et pro vno furcatorio ij*d.*

Item, de Will. Collyns pro (etc.) de Hobcroft iiij*d.*

Item de Tho. Disher pro (etc.) de Geoffrey feild per ann. iiij*d.*

Item de² Keresley pro (etc.) de tenemento Joh. Reynoldes xij*d.*, et pro dimidia carrecta vj*d.*

[Hasilwood within the liberties begins in Caludon lane, and contains all Stoke, much of Harnal, part of Whitmore, and Henley, and the wood of Lord Segrave in Hasilwood. Segrave's deed ;

Boscus Intrinsecus de Hasilwood incipit in Calloudon Lane, & continet totum Stoke, multum de Harehal, partem de Whitmore & Henley, et boscum dominus (sic) Segrave in Hasilwood.

³ij deides of demises made by John

¹ Gallowtrefield L.

² No other name in MS.

³ These are probably notes of miscellaneous copies. For Ranulf's charter v. Dugd. 110; for Joh. de Segrave of Caludon *ib.* 88, and for Osberte *ib.* 180.

dominus de Segrave.
 the Abbot's deed; One deide of Osbarte, abbott of
 Stoneley.
 other deeds; One deide of demyse made by R.
 of Stivechall, & Wm. of Pynley.
 Ranulf's deed.] One deide of Randle, Ear[le] of
 Chester.

¹ Mete, bunde et divide parochie
 de Stichall.

["Stivichall parish, part of S.
 Michael's, from Dillotford
 by the river Sherborne to
 Heathe mill,
 and by the said watercourse
 to the Bagington fuller's mill,
 and thence
 to Alsorsaie meadow,
 and thence to Merdon-siche,
 and turning by the ditch to
 Grange-lane,
 thence by the ditch to Corks-
 lane,
 thence to Sandely-green,
 and athwart the green to K.
 de Shultern's close, the Can-
 nocks or Canley yard, and
 thence to Hallane,
 and by that lane to the Rid-
 ings, and thence to the king's

¶ Inprimis, parochia de Stichall,
 que est parcella ecclesie S. Michaelis
 Coventrie, incipit ad Dillotford in le
 Hale, illudcroftum de le Hale inclu-
 dendo. Et sic per aquam de Sher-
 bourn vsque ad Heathe milne, illud
 molendinum includendo, & sic per
 cursum aque ² vsque ad molendinum
 ffullonis de Bakington, includendo le
 floodeyates dicte (sic) molendini et
 dimidium cursum aque decurrentis de
 predicto molendino. Et abinde per
 aquam predictam diuertendo ad pra-
 tum de Alsorsaie, illud pratum inclu-
 dendo. Et abhinc vsque Merdonsiche.
 Et sic per illam siche diuertendo vsque
 venellam vocatam Grange lane end,
 et abinde per fossatum quod ducit
 ad Corkslane. Et sic per illam ven-
 ellam vsque Sandeley grene, et sic
 ex transverso dicti grene vsque ad
 fossatum Clausure Katerine de Shul-
 tern [*interlined* Kanox de Canley]
 vocate Canley yard, et ³ sic per illud
 fossatum vsque ad Hallane³ [*interlined*
 Harnale] & sic per Litle wast [*inter-
 lined* ad Astull wast]⁴, et sic per
 illam venellam vsque le Ruydinges,

¹ leaf iii a. Not in L.

² insert *predicte*.

³⁻³ Repeated again except the word "illud" in MS. after 'Astull waste.'

⁴ Margin reads: 'Mem. that the wordes that be enterlined are the wordes
 that be lately Corropted and Rased in the prior's boke in the Exchequer.'

highway that leads to the highway to Coventry.]

[J. Francis, Joh. Marshall and T. Overton held a chief messuage in Stivichall

of the prior, and pay 8s.

“vij s.”

to the treasurer,

also heriot, ward, relief and other services.

[This service reserved in a fine between William, the prior, and R. de Mohaut,

concerning land in Stivichall and Wyken.

[The same John and his joint holders hold Little-waste, paying 2s.

“ij s.”

to the Treasurer;

they inclosed this waste lately with the prior's licence.

[Joh. Clarke holds also

a messuage and two pieces of land in Stivichall-fields, which messuage is at the Coventry end of Stivichall, and was once [?part of] the glebe, for which he pays 8s.

“vij s.”

et abinde ad regiam Viam, qui (sic) ducit ad regiam viam uersus Couentriam.

Rentale de Stychall.

Item, Joh. ffrances, Joh. Marshall & Tho. Overton tenent simul vnum Capitale messuagium in Styuchall, quondam Vitalis de Folxhull, quondam Johannis de Shultern, et quondam Johannis de Honington in campis eidem annexis, de priore et Conuentu de Coventria, pro quo soluunt per ann: officio Thesaurarii viij s. ad quatuor terminos [anni] et harriet (sic), ward, relivium, et omnia alia seruicia inde debita et Consuetā. Istud seruicium reseruatur in fine levato inter Willelmum, priorem et Rogerum de Monte Alto et Ciciliam vxorem eius, de terra dicti Vitalis in Styuchall et Galfridi Langley in Wiken.¹

Idem Johannes et parcenarii sui predicti tenent in feodo in eadem villa vnum vastum, vocatum Le Litle wast, pro quo soluunt per ann: officio Thesaurarii ijs. et alia omnia seruicia inde (etc.). Quod quidem vastum nouiter incluserunt licentia prioris et Conuentus etc.

Item, Joh. Clarke de Stychall tenet ad terminum vite vnam (sic) messuagium et duas magnas pecias terre in Campis de Stichall, quod quidem messuagium situatum est ad finem ville de Stychall uersus Couentriam, quod quondam fuit gleba rectorie de Stichall, pro quibus soluit per ann: officio Thesaurarii viij s., et

¹ For Roger de Mohaut see *Life in an Old English Town*, 59, 60, Dugdale, 94-5.

to the treasurer every year, and all other usual services.

[Dom. J. Hallome, chaplain, has a cottage,

and pays 6*d.*

“vj d.”

a year,

and this cottage belongs to the Convent treasury.

[The prior has the reversion of three cottages

and ten acres of land,

after the said John's and A. Elcock's death.

[The prior as rector has tithes of sheaves, hay, lambs, fleeces, mortuary fee, and tithes of fish caught in the fuller's mill,

and of the meadow assigned to tithes.

[Prior finds a chaplain to celebrate Divine service three days a week, and buries the dead at Coventry.

[Tithe of sheaves worth 100*s.* and of hay, lambs and fleeces, 26*s.* 8*d.*]

²“Keresley.”

[Bounds of Keresley, demesne and parish.

[It begins at Coundon gal-

lows under Gallows-tree-field, and thence by the king's high-

harriet et omnia alia seruicia inde (etc.).

Item, *dominus* Joh. Hallome, *Capellanus*, tenet ad terminum vite vnum *Cottagium* in eadem qui (*sic*) iacet inter terram *Willelmi* Canley, et terram *Johannis* ffrauncis & sociorum suorum, pro quo soluit per ann. vj d. et heriet et omnia alia seruicia inde (etc.). *Istud Cottagium* pertinet *Camere* *Conventus* *Coventrie*. Et sciendum est quod *predictus* prior et *Conventus* habent reuercionem trium *Cottagiorum* simul *situatorum* in *Styuchall*, cum decem acris terre, post decessum *predicti* *Johannis* et *Agnetis* *Elcock*.

Prior est rector eiusdem hamletti, et habet decimas garbarum, feni, agnellorum, velles (*sic*), principalia et decimas piscium captorum in le flodyates molendini ffulonis de *Baginton*. Et decimas prati iacentis in *parcellis* assignatis pro decimatione. Et prior invenit *ibidem* *Capellanum* divina *ibidem* celebraturum per tres dies in septimana, et sepeliet¹ Cadauera mortuorum apud *Coventriam*. Et valet (*sic*) decime garbarum *ibidem* C*s.* et decime feni, agnellorum, et vellorum (*sic*) xxvj*s.* viij d.

¶ ³*Mete*, diuise et bunde tocius dominii de *Keresley* ac *parochie* eiusdem que est *parochia* *S. Michaelis* *Coventrie*. Inprimis incipit ad *furcas* de *Counduln*, que *situatur* (*sic*) subtus le *Gallowetrefield*, et sic directo a *predictis* *furcis* per *Regiam* *viam*, que ducit de *Coventria* uersus *Corley*

¹ MS. reads 'sepelieit.'

² leaf iv.

³ L. f. 16.

way to Allesley gallows, thence to Thiefstake-field pits,

and thus by a hedge by R. Priest's land

to Hen-lane, which divides Keresley demesne from Corley and Keresley parishes; and thus to the highway toward Astley under

Corley grove;

and thus to the corner of the field of the Manor of Newland called the Bryches,

and by the hedge to Ouerheye-

field, and by the hedge towards Newland, and by a way

as far as Whitmore park, and

by a way below the park, and a hedge called Ledyat-lane,

and a hedge under R. Sewall's meadow,

to Coundon gallows.]

'Ecclessall.'

[Boundaries of Exhall.

It begins at Newland corner, stretching by the ditch of S. John's hospital called Corley-heye,

and Meynerd's-field,

¹⁻¹ omitted I.

vsque ad furcas de ¹Allesley, uel¹ Corley, et abinde ad Campum vocatum le Theiffestake feild *pitis*, ipsum Campum includendo, & sic per sepem et fossatum inter le Theiffestakefeild *pittis* et terram Ricardi Preist de Corley, vsque ad venellam vocatam Heyne lane, que diuidit inter dominium et parochias de Kerresley & Corley; & sic per illam venellam vsque ad regiam viam que ducit uersus Astley subtus grovam prioris vocatam le Corley grove, & sic per illam Regiam viam ad corneram campi manerii de Nova terra, vocatam le Bryches; et sic per illam sepem ad campum vocatum le Ouerheye, et sic directo per sepem et fossatum illius campi, que ducunt uersus parcum de Whitmore uersus Novam terram; et sic per illam viam vsque ad parcum de Whitmore, et abinde per viam subtus parcum uersus austrum vsque ad venellam subtus parcum vocatam Ledyatlane; & sic per illam venellam & per sepem subtus parcum vocatum le medowe Roberti Sewall, & sic directo per sepem terre dicti Roberti vsque ad furcas de Counduln, vbi incipit.

^{2¶} Iste sunt mete, bunde & diuise totius parochie de Ecclessall. In primis, incipit ad corneram ¹terre,¹ Nove terre, extendent (sic) per quoddam fossatum hospitalis S. Johannis vocatum le Corley heye in parochia de Corley, et campum predicti hospitalis vocatum Meynerdsfeild, illud

² f. 28 dorso.

as far as Corley brook,

and by the brook to Smercote water mill, and thence turning by the hedge and ditch called Row-ditch, as far as Lufay-green, and by the highway to

Catcroft-lane, and thus to Little-heath, and thus to Bedworth rectory gate, and to

Dounbroke,

and to the Doun-gate,

and How-gate,

and by Weston-heye to Priest's-wood-end.

And thence by the ditch between the Hey and Sydnall-wood,

to Boyse-waste; and thence to Warche-lane,

to Foleshill-gate.

Sydnall-wood, the Breches, and Sidells

are in both Exhall and Foleshill parishes.

And thence to Blackamore, and by the hedge to the pen which R. in le Close holds.

And thence

campum includendo, vsque ad cursum aque *ibidem*, vocatum Corley broke; et sic per illum cursum aque vsque ad portas aquatici molendini de Smercote¹; et deinde diuertendo per sepem et fossatum *ibidem*, vocatum le Rowdiche, vsque ad Lufay grene; & sic per Regiam viam semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Catcroft Lane; & sic per illam venellam vsque ad Litle heathe, & abhinc semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad portam Rectorie² de Bedworthe, semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Dounebroke, & abhinc diuertendo per le Rowdiche inter Exall & Bedworthe vsque ad le Dounzate; & abinde semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Howyate, & abhinc semper per le Weston heye vsque ad Preistes wood end. Et abinde per fossatum inter le Hey & Sydnall wood,³ (hic⁴ intermediant⁵ parochie de Ecclesall & Folleshill)⁴ vsque ad Boyse wast, et abhinc vsque ad Warchelane,⁶ & abinde per fossatum vsque ad Foleshull yate. Et sic boscus de Sidenhall, le Breches, & Sidells et quicquid continetur inter Merston waye et ffolkeshull yate sunt de parochiis de Exall et ffolleshull simul mixtis.⁷ Et a ffolkeshull yate vsque ad Blackamore, & sic per fossatum & sepem de Blackamore, vsque ad le pene quam Ricardus in le Close modo tenet. Et tunc abinde per metam diuertendo⁸ transuerso regia

¹ Smertcote L.

² Rectoris L.

³ wod L.

⁴⁻⁴ This also repeated in margin.

⁵ intermediante L.

⁶ Wright- L.

? mixte L.

⁸ ex L.

across the kings highway towards Eaton, as far as Madgeleys,
and by the hedge
and W. Bandy's gate
to Wyblyns brook,

thence to R. Sewall's land,

and thence to Gybe-lane.

¹ "folkeshull."

[Bounds of Foleshill.

[Parish begins at hedge of Boyswaste by "Stakecrosse,"² and goes down by "Hooe" to "the le broke," and along it to "Lady lane," and goes up by this lane

to the further corner of "Mordiffe," and thence

across the end of Wood-lane by the ditch to a way opposite W. Bagott's house, including the Ruydinges and the Wethersfield, to the cross before H. Ive's gates. [Here the three parishes of Sow, Foleshall, Wyken end.] And thence

to the hedge and ditch which divides between Wyken and

via (*sic*)³ que ducit de Couentria uersus Eaton vsque ad Madgeleys, & sic per sepem inter Madgeleys et terram quam Will. Bowton quondam tenuit, & abinde per portam Willelmi Bandy, vsque ad Wybylyns-broke, & sic assendendo⁴ per regiam viam vsque ad ⁵terram quam Rob. Sewall de Counduln modo tenet, illam excludendo, quia in parochia de ffolkes-hull [est], & abhinc vsque ad Gybe-lane etc.

¶ Mete, bunde & diuise ⁶per precinctus totius domini et ⁶parochie de folkshull.

⁷Inprimis, parochia incipit ad vltiorem sepem de Boyswast iuxta Stake Crosse, illud vastum includendo; et sic descendendo (*sic*)⁸ per sepem de le Howe vsque ad the le broke,⁹ et sic per le broke vsque ad Lady Lane, et abinde ascendendo per dictam venellam uersus orientem, vsque ad vltiorem corneram de Mordiffe,¹⁰ illud includendo; & adhinc ex transuerso finis de Wood-lane per fossatum vsque ad viam exopposito tenementi quondam Willhelmi Bagott includendo Le Ruydinges & le Wethersfeild,¹¹ vsque ad crucem que stat ante hostium Henrici Iue. [Hic terminatur (*sic*) parochie de Sowe, ffolkes-hull & Wiken.¹²] Et ab illa cruce descendendo uersus ffolleshill per Regiam viam ad sepem et fossatum que diuidunt inter Wiken & Henley vsque

¹ leaf iv (dorso). ² The names within inverted commas are in margin.

³ regie vie L, et passim. ⁴ sic. ascendendo L, et passim. ⁵ L. f. 29.

⁶⁻⁶ omitted L. ⁷ L. f. 36 (dorso). ⁸ descendendo L. ⁹ Telebroke L.

¹⁰ Morcyf L. ¹¹ Wenchesfeld L. ¹² In margin also with "nota ubi."

Henley as far as Henley brook,
and thence to Miles-meadow,
as far at Deedmore corner,
and thus by the watercourse
coming from Caludon well,—
and from the well to Water-
field, as far as Hasilwood,
including all the Henley de-
mesne; and thus by Hasil-
wood as far as Redeslowe, and
by Harnal-waste ditch,
to Brood-oak, and thence across
the highway

to the farther hedge of the
Ridings of S. John's Hospital,
and by the croft called the
Stripe to Ounetsford, and thus
by Endemer water to the Slowe
in Lockhurst-lane, and thence

to Whitmore park corner, as far
as Walsiche-lane,

and thus as far as the way
leading to Newland, as far

as Lullehurst-lane, including
Corley waste and Farthing-
heye, and thus by the sich
(brook) to Hugland,

and by the hedge to W. Hol-
broke's land,

as far as R. Green's land,

Henley broke; et sic per illam semper
vsque ad¹ Miles medowe, illud pratum
includendo, vsque ad corneram de
Deedmore; et sic assendendo (*sic*) per
cursum riuli venientis de fonte de
Calloughdon, & ab illa fonte directo
ad Watorisfeild, illud campum includ-
endo, vsque ad Haselwood, totum
dominium de Henley includendo;
et sic per Haselwood vsque ad Rede-
slowe; & sic riuertendo per fossatum
de Harnalwast, illud vastum exclud-
endo, vsque ad Brodehocke; et ab-
inde ex transuerso re[g]ia via (*sic*) *ibi-*
dem vsque ad vltiorem sepem de le
Ruydinges hospitalis S. Johannis;
& sic per fossatum duorum camporum
predictorum, que vocantur le Ruy-
dinges,² et per croftum vocatum le
Stripe vsque ad Ounetsford; et sic
assendendo per aquam de Endemer
vsque ad le Slowe³ in Locardes lane;
et abinde diuertendo ad corneram
parci de Whitmore; et sic per fos-
satum parci *predicti* vsque ad Wal-
sichelane, et sic per illam venellam
vsque ad regiam viam, que ducit
uersus Novam terram, et dividit inter
Folleshull & Keresley⁴ vsque ad
Lullehurst-lane,⁵ includendo totum
Corley wast & le Farthing heye;
& sic descendendo per le Seche
vsque ad corneram de Hugland; &
sic assendendo (*sic*) per sepem &
fossatum inter Hugland et terram
Willelmi Holbroke vsque ad terram
predicti Willelmi, illam includendo,
vsque ad terram quondam Radulfi

¹ ab illa semper ad L.

² Rudynges L.

³ Slade L.

⁴ In margin, 'divisio inter ffolleshull & Keresley.'

⁵ Hulhurst L.

and thus by the well

to Gibe-lane,
and across Gib-lane to Elias
Mylleward's land,

and as far as the highway lead-
ing to Wolpitlediat,
and thus to Madgeleys, and by

the bound to the Eaton way,

and thus to Shitthurneway,
and thence to Shitt-croft
corner, thence to Sydnall-gate,
and thus by Merstone-way to
Priest's-wood-end,

and by that to the Heye; and
by the ditch to Boyswaste;
and thus Sydnall-wood, the
Breches, and the Sidoles, and
what is contained between
Merstone way, Foleshill-gate,
Blackamore and W. in the
Close's pen, are of the joint
parishes of Foleshill and Ex-
hall.]

§ 4. TRINITY GILD FIELDS.

[Oct. 4, 1414, it was ordained
by the 24 honest and legal men
of the same leet; viz. J. Pres-

Greene, et sic ad pute[u]m inter
terras Radulfi Grene et Thome
Grene, et a puteo directo ad Gibe-
lane, et sic ex transuerso le Gib-
lane vsque ad terram quondam
Elie Mylleward quam Robertus
S[e]wald nunc tenet, illam terram
includendo, vsque ad Regiam viam
que ducit ad Wolpitlediat; et sic
per illam viam directo vsque ad
Madgeleys, et sic directo per metam
vsque ad viam que ducit de Covent-
ria uersus Eyton, ¹vbi intermediant
parochie de ffolkeshull & Exall,¹ &
sic directo per illam viam vsque ad
Shitthurne waye, & abhinc vsque
ad Shittercrofte corner; & abinde ad
Sydenhall-yate veniendo de Exall;
& sic sequendo per Merstone waye,
vsque ad Preistes wood end, & sic
sequendo le Preistes wood vsque ad
le heye; & sic per fossatum de le
heye vsque ad Boyswast; & sic
boseus de Sydenhall, le Breches,
& le Sidoles & quicquid continetur
inter Merstone waye & ffolkeshull
yate & Blackamore vsque ad le
penne quem *Willhelmus* in the Close
nunc tenet, sunt de parochiis de
²ffolkeshull & Exhall simul mixte.²

³Ad v. f. p. tentum apud Couen-
triam die Jouis proximo post festum
S. Michaelis archangelii a. r. r. Henrici
quinti (etc.) secundo, Ordinatum fuit
per xx^{ti} iii^{or} probos et legales
homines eiusdem lete, videlicet per

¹⁻¹ Repeated in margin.

²⁻² In margin.

³ Scribe A. leaf 6, back. V. f. p. = Visum franci plegii, view of frank-pledge.

ton, etc.,

Joh. Preston, Joh. Skarborgh, Rob. Schipley, Will. Attilborgh, Joh. Allesley, Will. Bedford, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Joh. Horneby, Laur. Cooke, Pet. Weston, Joh. Parker, draper, Rob. Brodde, Joh. Happeford, Tho. Marchall, Joh. Wymondeswold, Hen. Wentbrygg, Tho. Harries, Galf. floure, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Joy, Edw. Lichefield, Will. Prees, jun: et Joh. Normaton, *quod quilibet in futuro delinquens circa clausuram camporum gilde S. Trinitatis de Couentria capiatur et imprisonetur, ibidem com[m]oraturus donec sufficienter fecerit emendacionem per visum magistri Gilde predicte qui pro tempore fuerit, & sex suorum fratrum gilde predicte absque alia gracia.*

that whoever in future damages the enclosure of the Trinity Gild fields be taken and imprisoned, there to remain until he have made amends fully according to the view of the then gild-master and six of his brethren without any grace.]

§ 5. ¹MICHAELMAS LEET, 1420.

[Jury of 24,

[V. f. p. Wednesday after Michaelmas day 8 Henry V. (Oct. 2, 1420.)]

Joh. Onley, Will. Attilburgh, Will. Bedford, Will. Dilcok, Ric Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Leeder, Rad. Garton, Tho. Wildgryse, Egid. Allesley, Rob. Byfeld, Joh. Herdburgh, Gal. Floure, Tho. Grene, Ric. Poweyr, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Will. Frysley,² Joh. Egeston, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Michell.

who elect H. Peyto and J. Golofre bailiffs. At which view it was ordained that if any one prosecutes his neighbour in a strange county "court" without the mayor's

Qui elegerunt Hen. Peytoo et Joh. Golofre Balliuos.

Ad quem visum ordinatum fuit quod si aliquis imposterum prosequutus fuit (sic) proximum suum in Comitatu extraneo absque licencia

¹ leaf 11.

² ? Frysby.

licence he shall lose at every offence 100s.

Street cleaning.

[Ordnained that the openings in "cunduits" at Bablake and at the house formerly John Patch's, and in West Orchard be destroyed and stopt up, so that for the future they may not be used.]

Item, at the same lete was ordenyd by the Justices of peas, *with* thassent of the same lete, what artyficers and laborers shuld take from *Michaelmas* vnto *Estur* aftur the fourm of the Statute, ut sequitur.

ffirst, the *master* mason shuld tak be þe day v d. *without mete*, and iij d. *with* meit & drynk.

Item, a-*noþer* mason þen a *master* should take iiij d. *without* meite, & ij d. *with* meit & drynk.

Item, a *master* Carpynter be the day v d. *without* mete, & iij d. *with* mete, and a-*noþer* iiij d. *with-oute* mete, and ij d. *with* mete.

Item, thakker, laborer, dawber, and palyer be the day iiij d. *without* mete, & ij d. *with* mete.

Item, *master* Tiler be þe day iiij d. *without* mete, and *with* met ij d., and his man iij d. *without* mete, & j d. ob. *with* mete.

maioris, quod perdat ad quodlibet delictum centum solidos.

Allso hit was then ordenyd þat William Oteley, wich kept¹ a cart & horses for clensyng of the stretys, shuld haue quarterly of euery hall dorre j d., & euery schop ob.

Item *ordinatum* fuit quod les *Suspiales* apud Bablake² et apud domum nuper *Johannis* Patch ac in le Westorchard deleantur et obstantur (*sic*), Ita quod de cetero non vtantur.

"Raites of wages" of labourers fixed according to Statute of Labourers.

§ 6. ³ELECTION OF JOHN LEEDER, JAN. 25, 1421.

[Election of new mayor, coroner, chamberlains, & wardens of rents, before the mayor and bailiffs on Saturday, the Conversion of S. Paul, 8 Henry

Eleccio Noui maioris, Noui Coronatoris, [nouorum] *Camerariorum* & *Custodum redditum*, coram *Johanne* Goote, tunc maiore, *Henrico* Peytoo et *Johanne* Golofre, balliuis libertatis ciuitatis *Coentrie*, die Saboti (*sic*) in festo conuersionis S. Pauli, a. r. r. *Henrici* quinti post conquest-

¹ keepeth.

² At the west end of Coventry.

³ leaf 1.

V until the same feast next following. *um octauo usque ad idem [festum] proximo sequens.*¹

The under-written elect the mayor,

coroner,

bailiffs,

wardens.]

²⁴ Electors.

Joh. Oneley, Will. Bellgraue, Joh. Esterton, Will. Dilcok, Will. Bedford, Will. Attilborgh, Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, Egid. Allysley, Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Harborgh, Ric. Power, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Bowzer, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Harrys, Joh. Tate, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Crose, passynger,² Joh. Pynchebeke, Joh. Allysley, Irmonger, Will. Barton, hosyar.

[Ordnained that the wardens make their accounts on Monday after Mid-Lent Sunday next to come.]

Item, ordinauerunt quod predictus (*sic*) Willelmus Byfelde, Johannes Michell, Custodes redditum, etc. facient comptum suum pro anno preterito die Lune proximo post diem Dominicam in medio xl^{me} proximo future.

[Keepers of the keys of the common chest, where the common seal is kept.]

Isti sunt electi per maiorem Custodes, quorum quilibet eorum habet in custodia sua claves communis pixidis, vbi commune sigillum communitatis custoditur, videlicet, Joh. Leder, maior, vnum (*sic*) clauem, Ad. Hyton, magister Gilde S. Trinitatis, alium clauem, Will. Bellgraue, similiter vnum clauem, Ric. Southam alium clauem, Laur. Cooke vnum clauem.

Ordinacio maioris & consilii pro honestate ciuitatis predictae.

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council for the honesty of the said city.

Hitt is ordenyd that noo man put tymbur ne kyddes ne Carry none thourho the churchyard, vpon the peyne of forfeiture of the forsaid tymbur and kyddes; and that

¹ 1419 added in later hand.

² v. Gloss.

no mān lay noo dōnge therin, vpon the pēyn of xij d. at euery defaute; Allso that no mān pyse in the churchyard, ne defile hit in noo maner wise, vpon the pēyn of vj d. for euery default *without any grace.*²

"Church-
yarde."¹

³Allso that euery man make clene the streyte befor hur place be-twen this and Thursday, and so euery Saturne-day aftur, that is to say, from Saturday thurgh the yer, vpon the payn of xij d. at euery defalte *without any grace*; and that no man Raak ne swep in tyme of rayne fro one to a-nothur, vpon the peyn of xij d. at euery default *without any grace*, and his body to prison.

"Streets
clensed."¹

Allso that hit be lefull to euery sergeant & Constable to rere the peyn abouesaid, or els to tak distres þerfor, and who þat lettyth hym or stryvyth *with* hem, or fallyth at debate *with* hem doying þer office, he shall have xl^{ti} [daies] emprisonment, and pay xx s. to the vse of the Cite, *with-
outten any grace.*

Sergeant and
constable to
raise the
fine.

Allso that no man [put] no dong out of hur housis in-to the hiȝe streit, but hit be caryed a-way *within* a nyght and a day, vpon the payn of xij d. at euery default to the vse of the Cite *withouten grace.*

"Dung."

Allso that no man haue no tymbur, nor Stoonys nor stokkys⁴ lyyng be-for hur places, ne vndur hur bulkes, ne in the highȝ streit, a-pon the peyn of xl d. and of forfatur of the said tymbur abouesaid.

"Tymber in
street."

Proclamacio maioris Coventrie.

THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

⁵We commaunde ȝou, on the kynges behalf of Ingland and of the maiours behalf and the Balyffes of Couentre, þat euery Baxster that bakethe to sale, that he bake & sell iiij wastels for a peny, and ij for a peny, and iiij cokett louys for a peny, & ij for a peny and no less, so þat they ben of good bultre, and well bake & weyyng as the

"Bakers."

Price of loaf

and weight;

¹⁻¹ The marginal notes in inverted commas are those in MS., but in a later hand.

² This sentence shows the line over the n and m, a recurrent feature of this scribe's work. It is not reproduced in any further citations in print.

³ leaf 1, back. ⁴ MS. stolkyss.

⁵ See the Victuallers' Statutes, 13 Ric. II, st. 1, c. 8, and 23 Ed. III, c. 6.

penalties; kynges marchallys wull, vp the peyn at the fyrst trespas xiiij s. iiij d., at þe second trespas vp the peyn to lese xx s., and at the iiijde trespas to stond upon the pillary, and at the fourthe trespas to forswere the fredom of this Cite a twelmonyth & a day. Allso þat they bake & sell iiij whet lous for a penny, and ij for a peny, and no lesse, and that they be well bake, & that hit be noo dowh₃ *wit*hin, vp the same peyn; and iiij horselouys for a penny, up the same peyn, so þat they be made of bene meeles and peise mele *wit*hout branne¹ or draff, up the same peyne. Allso leeful be hit to the Bakers of the contre to com hidur and sell hur brede, so that hit haue the weight as the kynges marchallys wull; And þat no man lett them, vp the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat noo Osteler bake no maner of bred in hur houses, nodur mannys bred ne horsebred, to sell, up the payne of vj s. viij d. at every trespas; and that they sell no derre in hur Innes, nedur benes, ne pesez, ne ootys in encrease, but as the Statute wull, that is to witt, at euery schillyng a penny.

country bakers; ostlers. "Wyne"; Allso we commaunde that no maner man house no wyne till the maiour haue sene hit, vp the peyne of xx s., and þat no tauerner put his wyne to sell but if hit be well fyned, vp the peyn of xx s. be the ouersight of the maiour and his peerys at euery trespas; and þat they ²sell *per* wyn *wit*h mesur ensealyd, and that thei sell no red wyne, ner whitt wyne of Gascoyne no derre then viij d. a galon, and white wyne of Rochell no derre then vj d. a galon, & maluesey & romeney for xvj d. a galon and no derre, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. Allso that thei sell noo Osey ne algarbe ne no bastard till the meyres (*sic*) and his peres haue seen hit, & set price theron, as hit is worthe, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. And that thei set no maner of wyne abrooche till the maiour haue seen hit, up the same peyn. Allso for-asmoche as hit is do the maiour to witt þat tauerners haue sold wyne to *certen* men of hur alye, be Tailles maid bytween them, derre than þe maiour hathe ordenyd hit to be sold, hit is commaundyd þat as well he þat byeth

Mayor to inspect wines.

¹ MS. inserts 'of.'

² leaf 2.

wyne soo, as wele as the tauerner that sellyth his wyne so, schall lese xl s. at euery trespas.

Allso we commaund that no breuster sell no derre a galon of good ale will hit is new vndur the here syve, but for j.d.¹ q^a and when hit is good and stale for j.d.² ob. & noo derre, and that they seale with measures insealyd, & not with Cuppis ne bollys, and with sygne set oute; and that þei sell it furthe out of hur housez, as well as with-Inne, by measuris ensealyd, vpon the payn þat who-so will mak trew playnt to the maiour therof, he schall haue iiij d. for his travayll and a galon of the best ale. And all the remenaunt schal-be sold for a ob. ($\frac{1}{2}d.$), and no derre at euery trespas. And the maiour schall take distrese of euery breuster or hukster founden in default, & pay vj s. viij d. at euery default; and that no breuster sell no derre a Cestron ale to noo hukster but for xvij d., up the peyn of xld. at euery default of eche brethon.³

Allso we commaund that no fyscher of Town ner of Contrey by no maner of fysche on Thursday over-nyght by way of regratry, ne on Fryday aftur till hit be nyne of the Cloke, but if hit be lordys of the contrey or men of estate for hur household, up the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man be so hardy to by ne reseuye in-to hur housez, panyes with fysche by way of regratry, up the payne of xx s., & lesyng all the fysche at euery trespas þat they may be found with, and that they sell noo stynkyng fysche for mannys meit, vpon the same peyn.

Allso we commaund þat no vitaler, ffyschemonger, ne non oper person, passe out of the Cite of Couentre for to by fische, ne non othur vitayle comyng toward the Cite, ne bye nou in the Cite, till hit be ix of the clocke, till the maiour haue seen hit, that hit be able for mannys mett, with the ouersight of them þat the maiour hath ordenyd for to ouerse suche maner of vitales, vp the peyn of xld. at euery default.

Allso we commaund þat no bocher sell noo beestis of moren, ne no roten Schēp,⁴ ne Sussemy flesche, ne non

"Bruer";

ale $\frac{1}{2}d.$ and $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a gallon;

bribe to informers.

"Fysche not regrated" on Thursday.

Paniers of fish to be forfeited.

"Victuals to be viewed by the maiour," before purchase.

"Murrain beatz, rotten sheep," tainted flesh,

¹ quadrans, farthing. ² obolus, ha'penny. ³ v. Gloss.

⁴ The line occurs sometimes over vowels, v. note p. 23.

not to be sold
by butchers.

Country
butchers;

no ordinance
to the con-
trary under
pain of 100s.
fine.

"Cooke";

no rechaufe;

no filth to be
cast about;

no dead pikes
or eels to be
cooked.

"Corn not in
hiz";

badgers
not to hide
corn.

swyn of brym, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas; and þat thei put no flesche to sale on the Sunday that is left on the Thursday, but if hit be saltyd, and abull for mannys mette, up the same peyne. Also lefull be hit vnto euery bocher of the contre that will com hithur, and sell flesche þat he com hidur when his lykyng ys, any day of the weke, & also to take a house in what streit he will, and that no man let hym, vpon the ¹peyn of xls. and hur boodies to be prisoned xl^{ti} daies. Also lefull be hit to euery bocher *within* this cite to sley of euery maner of kynd of flesche sesonable to mannys mette, as myche as hem lykythe, and as ofte, so þat no caue be made among them in contrary, vnder the peyn of C s., and up the peyn of xx s. of euery bocher þat obeyth to suche Caue, and his boody to prison as ofte as he may be founden in suche defaute.

Allso we command² that no Cook by noo vitalys but in the comyn markett, as it is ordenyd, be wey of regratry, þat is [to] witt to kepe hem at the townys end or in the way, vp the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery default. Also þat no cooke sell no maner rechaufid meit³ up the peyn aforseyd at euery trespas. Also þat no Cook cast no maner of fylth vndur hur bordys, ne in the hye stret, ne suffur hit þer to lye, that is to wit, fethurs, here, ne entrayls of pygges, ne of no othur bestes, up the peyn of xld. at euery trespas. And þat they sell the best Goos for iiij d., & no derre, up the same peyn. Also þat thei bye noo maner of deed pykes ne Elys for to bake ne dyght for mannys meit, vp the same peyn.

Allso we comaund þat non Osteler, ne non odur man dwellyng in this Cite, Receyve ne harbrugh no maner of Corn fro one day to anodur *without*e the comune chepyng, up the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. Also þat noo bagger, ner non othur man sett no corn in hur houses ne in hydles,⁴ but þat they leden hit in to the Chepyng, & put hit þer to sale hooly to-gethur, vp the peyn of forfeiture of all the Corn; And whosoeuer will com to the

¹ leaf 2, back.

² MS. comāmd.

³ Compare Chaucer's 'Jak of Dover' pies that had been 'twies hot & twies cold.' See also Bateson, *Leicester*, II, 321.

⁴ *N.E.D.* hidels = hiding places.

maieur, be he of town or of contrey, & warn him perof wher hit is hyd¹ or sett, he schall haue a strik of corne for his labour. Allso pat all maner of baggers that com to this Cite, with corne to sell, pat they sett her corn by hem-selff, that is to witt, at the West orchard end, vp the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas.

Allso we commaund pat no man haue no Swyne goyng in the hyze streit, up the peyn of iiij d. at the first trespas, & at the second trespas viij d., ne that no man hold no swyne in hur bolkyes,² ne in hur stallys by the hyz way, up the payn of x d. at euery trespas; and pat no man haue no swyne goyng in no gardens ne pastures on the payn of x d. at euery trespas.

Allso we command pat no Bocher ne vitaler in tyme comyng mak non ordynaunce ne constitucion, but 3if thei byn ouerseen be the maiour and the Balyffes, up the peyn of x d. at euery trespas. Allso pat no congregacion be made be-cause echone to maynten odurs quarell,³ ne goo to noo bede-ale out of this cyte, ne no rydyng into the contrey, without leue of the maiour and balyffes, up the peyn of xls. at euery trespas. Allso pat no man be so bold ne so hardy to goo in-to the contrey to brek noo lordys parkes for to sley hur dere, ne hur Conyes, vndur peyn of a C s., and hur boodies to prison.

⁴Allso pat no man haue no dokys goyng in þe streit, vj, the peyn of forfatur of the same dokes, at euery default pat they may be founden withall, to the vse of the Cite.

Also pat no man hold no grett houndes ne byches goyng in the hyze way, up the payn of x d. at euery trespas.

Allso that no man throw ne cast at noo straunge man, ne skorn hym, ne draw no straw, ne hay, nor wood from no cart ne hors, vp the payn of emprisonment of xlth daies, and to mak fyne for the trespas to the maiour.

Allso we commaund, and hit is ordenyd, that the Swan of this Cite drive the Swyne of this Cite to wastes and marreys a-bout this cite, & into non odur places, as in-to medows or in-to feldys, ne no whethur els as they may do harme, up the peyn of x d. at euery trespas that

Corn to be sold in the West Orchard.

"Swyne in the street";

no swine in bulks, or 4d. fine.

"Boucher, Vitaylour, make no ordinaunce without the Maiour"; no maintaining of mutual quarrels among crafts;

no one to break into lords' parks to slay conies and deer. 100s. fine.

"Duckes in the street."

"Grey-houndes," 40d. fine.

"no scornour of strangers."

"Swyne"; the swine-herd to drive swine to waste places.

¹ A deleted "of" follows.

² v. Gloss.

³ Something omitted.

⁴ leaf 3.

he may be founden *withhall*, 3if any man will playn on hym.

"Deister."
"Nota."

Allso we commaund þat euery deister of this Cite, that hath a waturlad ouer the comyn Ryver, schall pay to the Chamburlayns of this Cite euery yer xij d. to the vse of this Cite.

"Fysher";
fisher's
board in the
Cross Cheap-
ing.

Allso we commaund that euery fyscher, or any othur man þat hath any borde or Crache stondyng in the Crosechepyng in the hi3e way, that thay byn don a-way euery Saturneday aftur none, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas, but 3if hit be in Lent tyme.

"Sworde
drawen."

Allso we commaund that no man of town ne of contrey draw no swerd, ne knyfe, to odur, ne non othur wepon, up the peyn of xld. at euery trespas, but if hit be hym-self defendant; and if he smyte *with* a swerd or a knyfe drawyn he schall pay half a marke at euery trespas to the Baylyffes, but if hit be hym-self defendant.

"Strikers."

Allso we commaund þat no man of this Cite plead oþer of this Cite of contractes þat be done in this cite in othur courtes *without* the Cite, but onely in the court of the maiour and baillifes of this Cite, up the peyn of a Cs., at euery trespas þat they may be found *with*, to be paid to the vse of this Cite.

Sute in this
cyty."

100s. fine.

"mares."

Allso þat no man haue marys goyng in the comyn pastur, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas to the vse of the Cite.

"Cartz on
Fryday."

Allso we command þat no man bryng no kyddes to this Cite, ne non odur wood in cartes on the Fryday to sell, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas to the vse of this Cite.

"Billz";

weapons
forbidden.

Allso we commaund that no bocher, ne non othur man of Craft, ne no nygh neighborgh of contrey, ber no billys, ne gysarnez,¹ ne no grett stauys *within* the Cite, up the peyn of forfeiture of the same wepons, and hur boodyes to prison and pay xx s. at euery trespas. And if ther ²is ony of them þat will goo to hur pastures, than leue her wepons at the townes hend & som mannys house. Saue leefull be hit to euery bocher and othur man of town and of contrey comyng to market to dryve hur beestis *with* smale stavys and non othur.

¹ Gisarme = a kind of battle-ax, bill or halberd.—*N.E.D.*

² leaf 3, back.

Allso we commaund þat every hosteler warn hur geestys that they leve hur wepons *within* hur Innes, but if he be a knyght or a Squyer that may haue a swerd born aftur hym, up the peyn of a xld. at euery trespas.

Innkeepers to warn guests about their weapons.

Allso þat no man of any Crafte *within* this Cite mak Caue ne othur ordynaunce among hem but hit be ouerseen be the maiour & his counsell, and if hit be resonable ordynaunce & lawfull hit schal-be affermyd, or els hit shal-be correctyd be the maiour & his peres, up the peyn of xls. at euery trespas to the vse of the Cite. Allso þat no maner of hand-Crafte were any lyuery, but of his owne Crafte þat he vsith, up the peyn of xx s. and forfatur of the same lyuery, but if hit be of the gyldys of the Cite.

"No crafts make bylaws but by Consent of the mayor"

no strange livery to be worn by craftsmen.

Allso that no Baxster sell no horsebred in-to any Ostree of more increase then ij d. at schillyng, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas to the vse of the Cite.

"Bakers."

Allso þat no Straunger sell bred *within* this Cite, but hit be furst brought to the Geylhall dore, & ouerseen by the maiour that hit haue lawfull wyghtz & due paaste, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas, and þat no man by suche bred till hit be ouerseen, up the same peyn.

"Fish to be viewed before it be sold."

Allso we command that no maner of Straunger vitaler þat bryngithe See fische, heryng or any othur vitall to this cite for to sell, that he sell no maner of suche fische ne no vitales till hit be ix of the cloke, & that hit be ouersen by the maiour, þat hit be abull for mannys meite, *with* the ouersight of them þat the maiour hath ordenyd to ouerse all suche maner of vitalyes, up the peyn of xld. at euery trespas þat they may be founden *with*hall and preved Gyilty.

Regrators.

Allso we commaund þat no maner of fresche fysher by, ne take up, no maner of fresche fysche of men of the contrey by way of regratry; þat is to witt, for to by hit of men of the contrey, and aftur to sell hit agayn to hur neyghbures, up the peyn of iij s. iiij d. at euery trespas.

Allso we commaund that no man by hym-self, ne by his *seruautes*, cast no dong of hur stablez, ne non othur fylthe in the comune Ryver, up the peyn to pay at the fyrst trespas half a marke, at the second trespas j

"Purpessures in the River": filth not to be cast into the river.

marke, and at the thryd trespas xx s. Allso þat no man make noo purpresture ne stoppyng *with* trees ne stones ne *with* no othur filthe in the forseid Ryver up the peyn aforsaid. Allso þat no man put noo dong to his neyghbour, ne Rake ne Swep in tyme of Rayne, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man by hym ne be his *seruauntes* cast in-to the dyke of this Cite no *maner* of filthe be day ne by nyght, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas þat they may be founde *with*all. And þat no man do make ony hegge ¹be viij foote nyghe the foresaid diche *within* ne *withoute* be vj fotte, ne that no man dig ne lede thens any cley, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas to the vse of the Cite, & allso up the peyn of imprisonment of xlth dayes *without* ony grace. Allso that no man Carry ne ley no dong vpon the hize pauement leedyng from the New zate toward the quarell but at the asche, up the peyn of ijs. at euery trespas. Ne þat no man by hym, ne by his neyghbourous lay no dong at the townsend in no placys, but *without* the stakes that be *per* sett in the dyke beyond the Frer gate, and in the pytt beyond the Lytull parke streitt gate, and at Derne yate up the payn of ijs. at euery trespas. Allso þat euery man mak his pauement clen be-for his housz euery Saturneday in the yer, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas. Ne that no man Carry no dong out of *hur* houses ne out of *hur* stables in-to the strett, but if they haue Cartes redy to carry hit a-way, up the payn of xld. at euery trespas *with*-Inne a day and a nyght to the vse of this Cite.

"Sweeping streets."

No hedge to be made near the town ditch.

Dong to be laid near the ash.

Every man make his pavement clean every Saturday.

"Sand [and] Clay."

Allso we command no man do dig clay at Botesgrene, ne that no man dig sond vndur Saynt Nicolas churchyard, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man dig no sond in the Lytull parke *withouten* leve, up the peyne of xld. at euery trespas. And that all thes peynyes abouesaid, when they be forfeid, be reryd to the vse of the comyn profet of the cite of Couentre.

"Bills to be brought 4 dales before the lighte" (leet).

Allso hit is ordenyd þat all *maner* men, þat will sew here aftur remedy for to haue by ordynance of the lete

¹ leaf 4.

generall or specyall, þat they mak hur bylles, and delyuer hem to the maiour iiij dayes be-fore euery lete, þat the maiour may tak afor the lete the general councell of this cite, xxiiij to comyn of the maters conteynyd in hur billes for the mor spede of the day of the lete, and that no byllez aftur the forsaid iiij day be receuyd.

Allso þat euery man that hath byn maiour & Baliff, and euery comyner of this Cite, be attendant and com to þe maiour up reasonable warnyng, up the peyn of euery man þat hath byn maiour of half a marke, and baliffes and Chamburlayns of xl d., and comyners at xx d. at euery default, levey to be made to the vse of the Chambure.

Allso that þe Ryuer and the brokes þat comyth and rennyth in to this Cyte, & allso the Red-dyche be enlargid of the breed he owithe to haue of ryght cours, þe wiche, be encrochment of dwellers of both sydes, be strayed and narrowid, & with filthe, dong and stonys the watur stoppyd of his cours; þat euery man voide afor his ground thorough the watur, and dyche and clense hym vnto his old ground, to thend the watur in flod tyme may the lyghtlyer passe, eschewyng dyuers perels had afortyme by floodys thurgh stoppyng and straying of the same Ryvers & dyches, a this side mydsomer day, up the peyne of euery man founde in default xx s. And þat all the preuies vpon the same Red-dych¹ be remouyd, & done a-way by Whitsonday, without makyng or releuyng of hem, up the peyn of xl s. of euery man þat may be found in defaute.

²Allso that the waturlades³ after the same Ryvers and brokes set within the streme be vturly remeuyd and done a-way a this side Whitsonday, up the peyn of xx s., Provided allwey that the maiour haue power be the generall counsaill of the Cite to treitt with the dwellers aftur the watursydes for hur waturlades vndur this forme for the comyn profett of this Cite. That is to witt, that whoso will haue ony esement a-pon the Ryver as by waturlades, þat he sue vnto the maiour suche esement to haue, bothe of lenght aftur the ryver and brookes, & brede in-to hem, yeldyng a certen vnto the Chambur as he may accord with the maiour & his councell afor said. And þat the watur-

"Fines for not appering at the Leet."

"For þe straiting of the Rivers."

River to be cleansed,

so as to avoid floods.

"Diers and others to Acree with the mayor for water-lays."

¹ In Little Park Street. ² leaf 4, back. ³ v. Gloss.

lades, suche trefy and acord had *with* the maiour, be drawyn up euery nyght eschewyng perell of ffloodes fallyng in nyghttyme, up the peyn of xx s. at euery defaute. And also þat no deister put no groundez of hur fattes, ne non othur fylthe, into the comyn Ryver, up the peyn of xij d. at euery default.

Cleansing of town ditch.

Allso þat euery man, hauyng housz or land a-gaynst the town dyk *without* the town wall Joynyng up the same dyke, void and clense the same dyke ayenst his house & lond, þe wich is throw down, streytid and stoppid in the default of the occupiers of the same housz & lond, a this side Whitsonday, up the peyn of euery man in default founden of xx s.

Craft rules.

Allso that the maiour, Recorder & Balyffes takyng to the maiour viij or xij of the generall councell [command] to com a-for hem the wardens of all the Craftes of the cite *with* hur ordynaunce touchyng hur craftys and hur articles. And the poyntes þat byn lawfull, good and honest for the Cite be alowyd hem, and all othur throw[n] asid, and had for none; and þat they mak [no] new ordynaunce a-yenst the law in oppression of the people, up the peyn of impresonment, & to tak fyne at the kynges wyll.

"Sellers of oatmeale to show at Jayle hall with bakers."

Allso þat Sellers of Otmele of the contrey stond nyghz the Jeilhall dore *with* sellers of brede, and that they sell by mesures ensealid, aftur the stondard for comyn profett of the people up the peyn of xx s.

"Butchers kill no flesh within the wall."

Allso that no maner of bocher fro this tyme forward sle no maner of beest *within* the wall of þis cite saue onely Swyne, up the peyn of xx s. at euery defaute. And also-sone as the skaldyng-house ordenyd by this Cite be full fynyshid and redy that they skald þer swyne in the same house, & in no othur house, up the peyn of xx s. at euery defaute. And þat euery bocher fro this tyme forward haue flesch to sell, and sell a-pon the Saturday to euery man þat will bye hit, up the peyn of xld. at euery default. And that all maner bochers sell all maner offall of beestys, the wiche is abull for mannys meite, to euery man & woman þat will bye þerof, up the peyn of ijs. at euery defaute þat they be founden in. ¶ Allso

lefall be hit to euery man of town and contrey to com and by flesche vpon the Saturday as well as any othur day in the weeke.

Allso fyschers þat bryng See fysche in-to this cite be not Osted ne Inned at any fischers housz of this cite, but at othur Innes at lymytacion of the maiour; and to mak true relacion to hym how many panyers and what maner fysche the forsaid fischers bryng in-to hur Innes ther hoost schal-be sworne to the maiour. And allso þat hur hoost haue in charge that they ¹bryng all hur fysche in-to the markett, without they sett up any fische in any othur fyschers houses, or that they conseyll hit in any maner, up the peyn of eche of hem þat may be found in default of xld.

"fish."

"fish-mongers."

Allso that þe Trinite gilde haue hur close feldis severell, þe wich haue be graunted a-fore tyme for the payment þat they pay to the priour, that is to witt x li, the wiche all the comyns be bound for to the same priour.

Trinity Gild closes.

Allso hit is ordenyd that the fraunches of this Cite be Ryden this yere within the monyth of May, what day the maiour will lymyt hit, be good aduyse and at his leysure.

"Riding the bounds."

THE COUNCIL.

John Leder, maiour of the Cite of Couentre with his counsell the Thursday next aftur the feest of the Purificacion of our Lady haue made a hall, and they haue made this ordynaunce folowyng :

Mayor's Council.
Feb. 6, 1421.

In primis they haue ordenyd þat the Chamburlans shull begyne to wurche at the New yate and the Cook strett yate.

Chamberlains to repair gates.

Allso they haue chesyn William Oteley comyn sergeaunt for this yer.

Allso þat all good ordynaunce of the leetys be sought up and wryton in a registre, that they may be of record foreuermore, be ouersight of the recorder, for worschip and honesty of this Cite.

Register of Leet ordinances.

Allso thei haue ordenyd þat John Golofre and Robert

¹ leaf 5.

Chamber-
lains' ac-
counts.

Melburn 3ef hur accompt for the yer that thei wer chamburleyns at Esture next comyng, up the peyn of a C s.

Allso þat Henry Breux & John Cotton 3ef hur accompt for the yere þat þei were chamburlens at mydsomer next comyng, up the peyn of C s.

Allso þat Ric. Joy com and 3ef his accompt of officer of chamburlen at the fest of Saynt Michaell, up the peyn of C s.

Allso that John Golofre, & Robert Sklatier com & mak hur accompt at the same fest of Saynt Michaell, up the peyn of C s.

¹[Henry Breux & John Coton to give their accounts at All Hallows, and John Braytoft & John Bristow at the Circumcision under the same penalty.]

[²Mem. that on Mar. 15.
8 Hen. V.

John Leeder mayor (etc.) with his council gave the lord king at his coming from France £100 with a gold cup worth £10, and also to the queen on her coming from France to Coventry £100 with a gold cup worth £10.]

Mem. quod quintodecimo die mensis Martii a. r. r. Henrici quinti (etc.) octauo Joh. Leeder, maior ciuitatis Couentrie, cum consilio suo dederunt domino Regi in aduentu suo de Francia centum libras cum vno Cipro de auro ad valenciam decem librarum. & etiam dederunt regine in suo aduentu a Francia in Couentriam Centum libras cum vno cipro de auro ad valenciam x li.

EASTER LEET.

[³Leet held on Wednesday after close of Easter 9. Hen. V. (Ap. 2, 1421.)]

Couentre. V. f. p. tentus ibidem die Mercurii proximo post clausum Pasche anno ix^o Henrici quinti.

[for jury v. p. 36.]

“Court.”

concerning
attorneys.

At wich lete was ordenyd þat no attorney of the court of the Cite of Couentre, ne non othur person longyng to the court, be not a-bout for to adnule þat is of Record in the court, & enrollyd in the court Rolles, that is to say somon [of] any Straungers, & continuance of *Capias* & *Scire facias*; and allso of his attorney and testaments, seyng to the Bayliffes or to the Clerk, hit is falsely entred

¹ leaf 5, back.

² leaf 6, back.

³ leaf 11, back.

& falsly done, ne sklaundur not the court in no wise, vppon the peyn at euery default to lese vj s. viij d. to the vse of the Baliffes, & for to be put out of the courte for the tyme of the same maiour & bayliffes, as long as they byn in office. And allso that no attorney be attorney for no straunge person, but if he bryng the same person for to be receyvyd, or els þat he bryng a lawfull *lettre* attorney; and þat he bryng not one person for a-nopur, up the same peyn.

[¹At the same Leet before John Leeder, mayor, Hen. Peyto & John Golofre, bailiffs, Ric. Crosby, prior of Coventry, Thomas ²master of S. John's hospital, M^r John Bredon, doctor of theology, and many others, presented the following bill.]

To the reuerent and wurschipfull states that her byn, and to all wurthy men of this grett lete be this bill Schewid and Rad:—For-as-moche as þer be many good ordynauncez maid by the maiour and be his good counsell, God saue hem, the wiche *with* the grace of God shuld turne the town to grett worschip & prosperite: We wold desiren a thyng, the wiche was neuer ordenyd be no lete, nor be counsell of the maiour and his peerys, That hit myght by your hye and good discession be set in a-nothur kynd, and that is the grett multytude of peopull, the wich is gatherid to-gethur on mydsomer evyn, and apon Seynt Peturs, for we supposyn þat hit lyeth in no mannys power, thowþe he ordeyn for hem as well as he can, for to plese hem all. And not onely for this cause, but allso of grett debate and man-slaughtur and othure perels and synnes þat myght fall, and late haue fallen. And þerfor 3if hit lyke yow, we wold shew you how us thynkyuth best hit myght be sett in bettur Gouvernanse in Eschewyng of many peryls. If hit lyke your discession, vs thynkyth þat hit were good Gouvernauns that euery ward kept hem *within* hur own ward in good and honest aray; and euery ward *within* hem-self chese hem ij wardens for to haue the gouernance of the ij nyghtes beforeid; and the maiour to walk *with* certen men, the wiche byn pleasyng vnto hym; and the Baylyffes the same wyse on the second

The prior and others present a bill concerning the riots on Midsummer Eve and S. Peter's Night.

¹ leaf 9, back.

² Blank in MS.

nyght, for to walk thorow all the wardys of the town; and the maiour to gyve a subsyde of money to the wardens of yche warde on the furst nyght, and the Bayliffes to doo the same on the second nyght; The wich subsidye must be ordenyd be the maiour and his counsell what hit schal-be in this mayres tyme, and allso in tyme comyng. Now 3e haue herd the entent of this bill wurche now by your discession in the name of the Trinite.

[¹At this leet before J. Leeder, mayor, J. Weston, A. Hiton, and his fellows, the lord king's Justices of Coventry, a certain Joh. Rook and Ric. Goddesley put up a bill, of which the tenor followeth in these words:]

To you worshipfull & Reuerent masturs & souérens of this wurthy Cite, Besechith, 3if hit lyke yow, John Rook & Ric. Goddesley, your *seruantes*, þat 3e wull vouche-saufe be consideracion of the good & greable *seruis* þat they haue done yow, and purposen to contynew at your will with all hur myght and connyng, vpon hur good beryng, to graunt hem a reward at your good avyse, in supportyng of hur honestye, to be takyn of the Cham-burlens that tyme beyng or heraftur for to be.

Petition of
two men for
a reward.

[And thereupon by common assent of the honest and lawfull men elected to this leet, by assent of [24 names] they have answered thus: that the said John and Richard shall have 20s. a year on their good behaviour, viz. 10s. apiece, for the fame of the city, from the Chamberlains for the time being.]

& vnde *per communem assensum proborum et legalium hominum ad hanc letam electorum, videlicet per assensum Ad. Hiton, Will. Belgraué, Joh. Goote, Will. Dilcok, Will. Attylburgh, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Will. Bedford, Tho. Wyldgryse, Rad. Garton, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Ric. Power, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Grene, Joh. Parker, Gal. fflore, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Michell & Will. Byfeld sic responsum dederunt: quod predicti Johannes et Ricardus super eorum bona gestura annuatim habebunt viginti solidos, videlicet quilibet eorum decem soli-*

¹ leaf 10.

dos, pro honestate Ciuitatis predicte,
de Camerariis qui pro tempore exist-
unt (sic) etc.

THE KING'S LOAN.

Loan of £100 to Henry V, May 3, 1421. ¹[The following lent (prestiterunt) £100 to the King at the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 9 Henry V.]

From	De	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From Gosford Street.	De Vico de Gosforde.							
In primis	Laur. Cooke	4	0	0	Johanna North-wood	1	0	0
	Joh. Golofre	2	0	0	Will. Swanne		6	8
	Will. Crose	2	0	0	Will. Repyngton		13	4
	Joh. Wellford	1	0	0	Joh. Normanton		6	8
	Joh. Ellford		6	8	Joh. Launde		6	8
	Bened. Marshall		6	8	Rob. Cctoner		6	8
					Will. Attylburgh	2	0	0
					Joh. Euerdon	1	0	0
From Jordenwell and Mill Lane.	De vico vocato Jurdenwell & Millane.				Broadgate.			
	Tho. Wildegryse	4	0	0	Brodeyate.			
	Ric. Power	1	0	0	Egid. Allesley	2	0	0
	Joh. Coton	2	0	0	Ric. Oneley	1	0	0
	Will. Deyster, Card- maker		6	8	Ric. Bushebury, barbour		10	0
	Joh. Abram		6	8	Rog. Cokkes		6	8
	Joh. Dilcock		6	8				
	Joh. Walley		6	8	Smithford Street.			
					Smythford [Street].			
Much Park Street.	Muche parke streit.				Joh. Oneley	3	0	0
	Joh. Esterton	5	0	0	Joh. Bowzer	2	0	0
	Hen. Peyto	4	0	0	Joh. Brystow	2	0	0
	Joh. Braytofte	2	0	0	Will. Wymswold		13	4
	Will. Byfelde	1	0	0	Gal. Flour	2	0	0
	Joh. Clerk	1	0	0	Will. Coppe		13	4
	Will. Faseman	1	0	0	Will. Pewterer		6	8
	Will. Brydd		6	8	Joh. Bramston		13	4
	Tho. Crose		6	8	Spon Street.			
					Sponstreit.			
Bayly Lane.	Bayly lane.				² Joh. Deister, wolman	6	8	
	Will. Brooke		6	8	Will. Pratte, deister	6	8	
	Hen. Brydde		6	8				
	Joh. Benet, wyrdrawer		6	8	Cross Cheap- ing.			
	Joh. Hurley		6	8	Crose Chepyng.			
	Leonardus Lyney		6	8	Adam Hyton	5	0	0
					Tho. Grene	3	0	0
					Ric. Joy	2	0	0
					Joh. Parker	1	0	0
					Rob. Melburn	2	0	0
Little Park Street	Litull parke streit.				Hen. Breux	2	0	0
	Will. Belgraue	5	0	0	Joh. Cambryge		6	8
	Joh. Goote	5	0	0	Joh. Egoston		6	8
	Rad. Garton	2	0	0	Hen. Sircok		6	8
	Rob. Byfeld	2	0	0	Will. Bettley		10	0
	Joh. Herdeborgh	1	0	0	Ric. Botoner		13	4
	Joh. Michell	1	0	0	Joh. Brydde, pewt- erer		6	8
	Will. Frysby		6	8				
	Joh. Warrant		6	8				

¹ leaf 8.

² leaf 8, back.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Joh. Style, deyster	6	8		Bishop			
Ric. Dene	6	8		Street.			
Agnes Weedon	6	8		Ric. Southam	5	0	0
Joh. Doughty	6	8		Will. Staunton		6	8
				Joh. Montgomery		6	8
				Hen. Knott		6	8
				Joh. Walgraue		6	8
				Will. Crudworthe	1	0	0

THE GILD FIELDS.

[¹On July 12, 1421, all underwritten were called to, and assembled in,

S. Mary's Hall, by the mayor's requisition, to enquire about certain fields of the Trinity Gild, whether they are several or no, viz. Poddy-croft, Stivichall-Hiron, Long-croft and Bateman's-acre, who indeed say that on Thursday after Michaelmas 8 Ric. II, at a leet held at Coventry before J. Marton, mayor (etc.) it was ordained and granted

that the Trinity gild master should have and hold those fields in severalty, and that the gild master should pay as long as he pleased £10 on the community's behalf, as appears more fully in the same leet. Therefore by these honest and legal men, chosen for this cause by the mayor, it was ordained and confirmed—that the said fields be held

¹ leaf 6, back.

Mem. quod duodecimo die Julii a. r. r. Henrici quinti post conquestum nono omnes subscripti conuocati fuerunt et congregati in aula S. Marie Couentrie, per requisicionem Johannis Leeder, tunc maioris ciuitatis Couentrie, ad inquirendum de quibusdam campis pertinentibus Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie etc.: Vtrum sunt separabiles vel non: Videlicet de campis vocatis Podycroft, Stycheallhiron, le Long Croofte & Batemans-acre. Qui uero² dicunt quod die jousi proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. r. Ricardi secundi (etc.) octauo ad vnam letam apud Couentriam tentam coram Johanne Marton, tunc maiore predictae ciuitatis Couentrie, Ordinatum fuit et concessum quod magister Gilde S. Trinitatis (etc.) haberet et teneret campos illos in separali: & quod magister Gilde predictae solueret pro communitate ville predictae quolibet anno quamdiu sibi placuerit decem libras, prout in eadem leta plenius continetur etc. Ideo per istos probos et legales homines, ex parte maioris causa predicta electos, ordinatum est et confirmatum quod campi predicti teneantur in separali quamdiu

² MS. looks like "non."

several, as long as the master will pay the £10 for the community, to the prior of S. Mary's Cathedral, as appears etc.]

magister Gilde predicte decem libras predictas pro communitate (etc.) soluere voluerit priori ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria, prout in leta predicta plenius apparet.

[Names follow.]

sequuntur nomina.

¹Joh. Oneley, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Esterton, Hen. Peytoo, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Parker, Rad. Garton, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Grene, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Power, Gal. fflower, Joh. Harborgh, sen., Rob. Byfeld, Ric. Joy, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristow, Joh. Welford, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alot, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Lysturley, Joh. Clerke, Will. Brydd, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrysby, Hen. Brydde, Joh. Sircok, Joh. Doughtye, Joh. Styll, deyster, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Allesley, Iremonger, Joh. Boteler, Hen. Knott, Joh. Egeston, Rob. Lyrpole, Joh. Wallgraue, Joh. Deyster, wolman, Mat. White, Joh. Lychefeld, mercer, Will. Staunton, Sim. Deyster, Will. Deyster, cardmaker, Joh. Bryane, Joh. Stafford, wyr-drawer, Ric. Walkleyne, Rob. Pinnok, Joh. Lee, Nic. Gryve, Tho. Daw, Rob. Danyell, Will. Byfeld. Will. 3ate, cardemaker, Will. Bayly, mercer, Joh. Wilbye, Nic. Byfeld, Tho. Cokkes, Ad. Swete, Tho. Reyuer, Joh. Warrant, Ric. Sharpe, Will. Swan, Rob. Cotoner, Joh. Chandelier, Ric. Benchis, Ric. Southam, jun., Joh. Michell, Tho. Bedford, Tho. Harrys, Joh. Normanton, Ric. Paunton, Joh. Harborgh, jun., Joh. Chubbok, Joh. Marston.

²Joh. Bramston, Joh. Crosse, Ad. Dyer, Will. Allesley, Joh. Whitley, Will. Brooke, Joh. Benett, wyrdrawer, Joh. Spencer, Will. ffilekney, Rog. Cookes, Rob. Saxton, Will. Marchall, Joh. Archar, Ric. Busshebury, barbour, Rob. Coteler, Will. Swetnam, Ric. Oneley, Will. Stoneley, Ric. Hiklyng, Joh. Tate, God. Barbour, Joh. Bowzer, Tho. Carter, Joh. Blakman, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Ive, Rob. Melton, Hugo Rogeley, Will. Pratte, Joh. Marnam, Ric. Leysyngham, Joh. Menley, Tho. Russell, Joh. Caumbyrge, coteler, Ric. Melburn, Edw. Lychefeld, Joh. Brygtsmere, Joh. Ronten, Ric. Botoner, Joh. White, Bocher, Hen.

Rondall, Joh. Edward, deister, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Marche, Hen. Walker, Will. Wilkyns, Joh. Auger, Will. Bate, Will. Crudworthe, Ric. Dean, Joh. Laund, Joh. Clyston, Walt. Assheby, mercer.

LAND GRANTS AND TOWN BUSINESS.

¹Joh. Leeder, maior, Ad. Hyzton, M. G. S. T.,² Joh. Esterton, M. G. C. Ch.,³ Will. Belgraue,⁴ Joh. Golofre,⁴ Rad. Garton, Tho. Wildegryse, Egid. Allesley, Rob. Byfeld, Hen. Breux, Joh. Coton, Joh. Brystow, Joh. Braytoft, Will. Wymswolde, Joh. Ray, Joh. Warraunt.

Witnesses of sealing of grants of common property.

[The above-written worthy men were summoned to S. Mary's Hall to witness sealing of indentures conveying tenements (of common property) and to give good counsel.

It was seen to be more expedient and necessary that the mayor should call together

the under-written and fellow citizens on this occasion. Therefore by the provision of the mayor the day fixed on the Thursday before S. James' day (Jul. 24), when the mayor summoned the under-written, who assembled for the sealing.]

[15 Jul. 9 Hen. V.] *Omnes supra-scripti fidedigni convocati fuerunt et congregati in aula S. Marie de Couentria ad interessendum sigillationi diuersarum indenturarum facturarum diuersis personis eiusdem ciuitatis de tenementis eis concessis, et ad perhibendum consilium suum bonum in hoc casu. & quia videbatur maiori et fidedignis suprascriptis ad tunc quod maius expediendum⁵ foret et necesse quod predictus maior conuocari faceret et haberi coram se in aula predicta personas subscriptas & plures conciuces Ciuitatis predictae occasione predicta. Ideo per providentiam⁶ predicti maioris et sui consilii dies prefixus est usque diem Jouis proximum ante festum S. Jacobi apostoli proximo futurum, ad quem diem predictus maior venire fecit istos subscriptos, qui Sigillatione (sic) indenturarum predictarum totaliter se aggregauerunt.*

¹ leaf 9. ² Magister gilde S. Trinitatis, Master of the Trinity Gild.

³ Magister gilde Corporis Christi, Master of the Corpus Christi Gild.

⁴ Bracketed as "ballivi." ⁵ sic. expediens.

⁶ sic. ? providentiam.

De Vico Gosforde. Laur. Cooke, Will. Crose, Joh. Wellford, Bened. Marshall, Rad. Alott.

More witnesses summoned by wards.

*Erlestreit.*¹ Will. Deyster, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Power, Joh. Cressy, Joh. Bryan.

Muchepark. Will. Brydd, Rob. Pynnock, Will. 3ate, cardmaker, Will. Bayly, mercer.

Brodyate. Will. Flekney, Rog. Cokkes, Will. Marchall, Ric. Bushebury, Ric. Oneley.

Erlstreit. Will. Attilburgh, Joh. Goote, Joh. Harborgh, sen., Tho. Bedford, Ric. Southam, jun., Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Harries, Will. Frysby, Tho. Cokkes, Nich. Byfeld.

Balylane. Joh. Harborgh, jun., Will. Brook, Joh. Runton,² Will. Allesley, Hen. Bryde, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Benett, wiredrawer.

Smythforde. Joh. Oneley, Galf. Flour, Will. Pewterer, Joh. Bow3er, God. Barbour.

Spanstreit. Hugo Rogeley, Joh. Deyster, wolman, Joh. Pynchbek, Will. Pratte, Joh. Marnam, Will. Kerver.

Crosechepyng. Rob. Melburn, Joh. Cambrige, Joh. Egynton, Will. Bynley, Joh. Parker, Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Rob. Lyrpoole, Joh. Pewterer, Tho. Grene, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Doughty, Will. Style, deyster.

Welstret. Ric. Southam, sen., Will. Staunton, Joh. Prentes, ³Joh. Collyshull, Hen. Knott, Will. Porter, Joh. Allysley, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Bate, Joh. Lychefeld, bocher.

⁴[V. f. p. before same⁵ on Saturday after Michaelmas 9 Hen. V.]

Michaelmas Leet, Oct. 4, 1421.

Ad. Deyster, Joh. Oneley, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Willgryse, Joh. Parker, draper, Rad. Garton, Gal. Floure, Rob. Byfeld, Ric. Power, Tho. Grene, Will. Crose, Ric. Joye, Joh. Herburgh, sen., Will. Byfeld, Joh. Michell, mercer, Joh. Northwod, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Bedford, Joh. Dilcok, sen., Joh. Euerdon.

Jurors

[They elected Hen. Breux and Rob. Melburn bailiffs.]

[⁶Oct. 11. 9 Hen. V : Delivered by John Leeder, mayor 1421.]

¹ An error for Jorden Well.

² Ronton, Staffs.

³ leaf 9, back.

⁴ leaf 11, back.

⁵ v. p. 35.

⁶ leaf 8, back.

Bonds for
£533 6s. 8d.
and tallies
for £100.

and his council to Ric. Acton in S. Mary's Hall the following bonds (obligaciones): a bond for £200 dating from John Goote's mayoralty; one for £100 from John Hornby's time; a bill of 200 marks upon a jewel (*supervno jocali*) from Laurence Cook's time; two of the king's Exchequer tallies for £100 from John Leeder's time.]

§ 7. JOHN ESTERTON, MAYOR.

"Couentre."
Easter Leet,
Ap. 22, 1422.

¹[V. f. p. held before John Esterton, mayor, Hen. Breux and Rob. Milburn, bailiffs, on Wednesday before S. George's day, 10 Hen. V.

Nothing ordained and enrolled.]

"Couentre."
Michaelmas
Leet, Oct. 3,
1422.

²[V. f. p. before the same on Saturday after Michaelmas, 1 Henry VI.]

Jury of thirty
names.

Ric. Southam,³ Wil. Belgrauce,³ Will. Dilcok,³ Laur. Cook,³ Ad. Deyster,³ Joh. Leeder,³ Tho. Wildgrise, Rad. Garton, Hen. Peyto, Will. Crose, Ric. Joye, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Herborough, sen., Tho. Grene, Joh. Parker, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Clerk de Mich[ael],⁴ Joh. Michell, *mercier*, Joh. Oneley, Will. Faseman, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Bryd, *peynter*, Rob. Lirpole, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Wymondeswold, Rad. Alot.

[John Braytoft and John Bristow elected bailiffs.]

"þe choos-
inge of þe
firse 48
men."

¶ At wiche lete hit was ordenyd þat the maiour shall chose xl^{ti} viij personez of the moost discret cominers, oute of euery warde a certayn, to here the accompte of þe chamburlens from this tyme forward and iij yer before past.

The Forty-
eight to
witness grant
under com-
mon seal.

¶ Allso hit is ordenyd þat þer schall no graunt be made vndur the Comyn Seale fro this tyme forward, but in the presens of xl^{ti} viij Comyners by the maiour to be takyn in euery ward a certen.

"Election of
Constables."

¶ Allso hit is ordenyd þat the grett enquest at Michaellmes shall chose Constabuls to þe nombur of xx^{ti} iiij and no moo, and þat they be sufficyent men and well gouernyd and of good name.

"Bochers,"

Allso hit is ordenyd þat notwithstanding the ordyn-

¹ leaf 11, back.

² leaf 12.

³ All bracketed together. The Twenty-four proper begin with Wildgrise.

⁴ ? of S. Michael's parish.

auunce made afor this tyme þat Bochers of þis Cite shuld slee þer beestys without the wallys, and not within, and hit is graunted now at this lette þat for this yere the Bochers schall slee Beefys, veell and moton within thor own howsen, and Swyn at the comyn slaughter housz; and non to slee in the strett, vpon the peyn of forfatur; of þe beestes so slayn in the strett, to be reryd to the comen profett of this Cite. And that thei tye noo beestys at þer dorr up the same peyn. Also þat they Carry a-way þer offall of ther beestys in-to the pitt vndur the Poody Crooft, up the peyn of iiij d. at euery default. And þat euery man kepe his durre clene fro bloode and oper fylthis, vpon the payn of xij d.

and the slaughter of beasts.

Offal in the pit in Poddy-croft.

Pinning of beasts.

Allso hit is ordenyd þat þer schall noo beestys be pynnyd at the comen pynfold by the comien seriante, but chapmannys warre, and the fyne & profett þerof to be to the Chambur.

Half fifteenth, Nov. 11, 1422.

[¹Names of collectors, four in each ward, of a half fifteenth, collected at the feast of S. Martin "in yeme," 1 Henry VI.]

(Names omitted.)

[From Gosford Ward £2 18s.; from Earl Street £2 16s. 10d.; from Jorden Well £2 11s.; from Much Park Street £2 10s.; Baylly and Hay Lane £1 15s.; Broad Gate £1 3s. 4d.; Smithford Street £2 0s.; Cross Cheaping £3 12s. 6d.; Spon £2 16s. 10d.; Bishop £2 16s. 6d.]

§ 8. HENRY PEYTO, MAYOR, 1423.

²[Election of a new mayor (etc.) before Joh. Esterton, mayor, Joh. Braytoft and Joh. Brystow, bailiffs, on Monday the Conversion of S. Paul, 1 Hen. VI.]

Election of Henry Peyto, Jan. 25, 1423.

Isti subscripti eligerunt (*sic*) Hen. Peytoo maiorem (etc.) Joh. Dilcok coronatorem, Will. Faseman & Joh. Braunston Camerarios, Joh. Michell & Joh. Euerdon Custodes (etc.) a festo Purificacionis B. Marie virginis³ a. r. r. Henrici sexti (etc.) primo vsque idem festum ex tunc proximo sequens, & Will. Oxtton communem clauigerulum pro eodem anno: videlicet:

The under-written elect the officers

to serve from the Purification (Feb. 2) to the same feast next following, and Will. Oxtton sergent-at-mace.

¹ leaf 10. ² leaf 12, back.

³ Although the election took place on S. Paul's day the mayoral year began at the Purification (Candlemas day).

Twenty-four
electors.

Will. Belgraue, Will. Dilcok, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Brystow, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Egid. Allesley, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofer, Tho. Grene, Joh. Harborgh, Hen. Breux, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Franklen, Will. Bryde, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warrant, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Pynchebek, Hugo Rogeley.

J. P.s,
and keepers
of the keys.

[Hen. Peyto, mayor, John Weston, recorder, Laur. Cook, Will. Belgraue, Ric. Southam and John Leeder, justices and wardens of the keys of the common chest.]

[Ordinances of the mayor & his council.]

The mayor's
council of
Forty-eight.

In the fest of Conuersion of seynt Pall the yer reynnyng of kyng Herry the Sixt aftur the Conquest the fyrst, at þe eleccion of Herry Peyto, maiour of the Cite of Couentre, hit was prouydyd by the same eleccion, þat the seid maiour shuld call and tak to hym the same xx^{ti} iiij wurthy men þat wer of his eleccion *with* othur xxiiij wyse men & discrette chosen to them & namyd by the seid maiour; and then þat the said meir and thes xl^{ti} viij whurthy men shuld orden & put in good rule all maner of good ordynnaunces þat ar profitable to the seid Cite of Couentre. Wich namys as well of tho þat wern of the eleccion, as tho þat wern chosen by the meyre, heraftur folowen :

"xlviijti
men."

Eleven
? of the elec-
tion.

¹ Will. Belgraue, Laur. Cooke, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcok, Adam Hyton, Joh. Leder, Joh. Esterton, Joh. franklen, Joh. Clerk, Will. Brydd, Ric. Sharp.

*Isti subsequentes electi fuerunt per maiorem.*²

The follow-
ing 36 were
elected by
the mayor.

Tho. Wildgryse, Joh. Braytoft [following ten down to Hen. Breux inclusive as above], Joh. Wellford, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Cooton, Will. Byfeld, Will. Faseman, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerton, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Runton, Ric. Acton, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowzer, Joh. Oneley, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Brown, draper, Joh. Style, Deyster, Rob. Lirpole, Will. Crudworthe, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Deyster, woleman, Will. ffrysby, Hugo Rogeley.²

¹ leaf 13.

² Curious arrangement of 11 and 36. Not all the names in the company of the mayor's electors.

SURVEY OF THE COMMONS.

¹ffor-asmoche as dyssencions, stirrynges and mocions haue byn had a-fore tyme, and not long a-gone,² for *certen comen*, the wich hath not byn conuersantly knowen as for comyn, In escewyng of perell þat myght fall, the xvi^{ten} day of the moneth of February the yer of the reign of kyng Henry the sixte aftur the Conquest the first, The said maiour and his counsell thus haue ordenyd & *pro*-uyded that *per* schall of four parties of the Cite of Couentre, þat is to say, of þe Est, West, Northe & southe, a *certen* of aunceant and wise men be chargid for to enquere of the Comyn of the said Cite, and what felldys owyn as of old tyme & of comyn ryght to be comyn; and than to bryng hit Inne to þe said maiour in wrytyng, to þat end þat heraftur hit myght be registred, & so the comyn openly knowen. Wheruppon tho þat wer Chargid to enquer for the Est *partie* of the said Cyte, þat is to say, from the hye way that is callyd Sewall Pauement, þe wiche ledyth from Couentre to Leycestre, vnto a noþer hie waye, þat ledythe from Couentre vnto a town þat is callyd Bynley, on the other syde, and to bring³ hit in in wrytyng vnto þe said Maiour on Monday next a-for the fest of saynt Gregory the Papa next aftur sweyng.

At the same day Comyn vnto þe said maiour, and say in the maner as heraftur folowen: And thies byn þe namys of thest syde:

Joh. Wellford, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alot, Ric. Walker, Joh. Stretton, tailour, Joh. Stafford, wírdrawer, Joh. Breton, Joh. Coton, Will. Deister, Joh. Abram. weuer, Rob. Defford, Rob. Rechford, Joh. Bryan. ⁴Hamlettes þat long to þe same side: Wykyn, Stooke, Bygyng.⁴

The wiche John Wellford and his felows aboue-namyd at þe day to them lymyted Comyn & seyn, þat *per* is a feld wich is callyd Byschops-hay, and hit lyeth in brode⁵ fro Wallforlong on that one *partie* vnto a hie way in

Disturbances about common lands.

"4juries of 48 men to set out the Comens," Feb. 1423.

Wise and ancient men to survey the commons,

their verdict to be registred.

The survey of the East part; "pur le Est partie." Between Sewall pavement and Binley highway.

Mar. 8.

Jury.

Hamlets. Wyken, Stoke, Bigging. Verdict.

¹ leaf 13, back. v. Corp. MSS. E. 7, for probable original of this Survey. Insignificant variations between the two versions not noted. The language of E. 7 is, of the two, the more archaic.

² In 1421 gardens at Cheylesmore were destroyed by the commons. Dugd. (1730), l. 148.

³ 'I' is here introduced in MS.

⁴⁻⁴ Not in E. 7.

⁵ brede E. 7, *et passim*.

Hasill-wood ledyng from Couentre to Leycestre, & in lenght from Cotes-wast vnto a hie way in Hasill-wood ledyng from Couentre toward Nuneeton, and þat feld, þat is to say Byschoppeshay, thay sayn is comyn at the fest of Lammas.

¹ Also thei say þat Billynges feld, þe wich lieth betwen le Long-Crofte & Swanneslane in brede, and lenght fro a noþer feld, þat is callyd Swannys-Croofte, vnto a feld of Ric. Bellours þat is callyd New-feld, and they seyn þat the same Billynges-feld is Comyn from the fest of saynt Michael tharchaungell vnto þe fest of the Purificacion of our blessid Lady *virgyn*.

Michaelmas
land.

Also þei say þat the Prioures wast in Hasillwod, þe wich strechit in bred from Sewall-pament vnto Swannys-lane & in Lenght from the land of Ric. Bellours vnto þe brod ooke in Hasill-wod, hit is comyn as thei haue herd of oold tyme, but þei say, as in² that as for as þei may thynke, hit hathe byn othur whylis holden as Comyn, and oþer-whiles as seuerall. ³ As for þe said wast in Hasillwod, þat longeth to the priour, hit was made by a grett leett holden in the tyme of Will. Sawndurs then maiour⁴ for such Evidence then shewyd þat hit shuld be seuerall all tymes of the yer to þe said priour of Coventre & his successours for euer.³

Also they seyn that Ludlow-feld, wiche strechythe fro Danyell-grove vnto Gosford-grene in lenght, & in breide from Sow-lane to þe way þat gothe toward Bynley, is comyn att Lammas.

And tho þat weren chargid for to enquer for the southe side, þat is to say, from the watur of Schirburn, þat rennyth to Whitley vnto Hethesale, com in and seyn in the maner as aftur folowithe: And thies byn ther namys:

Joh. Clerk, Will. Bryd, Rob. Pynnok, Will. Faseman, Joh. Chetwyn, Tho. Daw, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Harrys, Will. Swan, Nic. Byfeld, Joh. Frankelen, Will. ffrysby, Will. Brook, Joh. Runton, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Brydd, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Benett, wyrdrawer, Ric. Bushbery, Will. Marchall, Rog. Cokkes, Tho. Sporyour, Joh. Archer,

¹ leaf 14. ² in ther tyme and as fer as thei mow E. 7.

³⁻³ An interpolation; v. Introduction. Not in E. 7.

⁴ 1469, v. p. 47.

The south
side from

Whitley
water to
Hearsall.

Jury.

Sadeler, Joh. Janyns. ¹Hamelettes within the said side, Hamlets, Stycheall. Stivichall;

The names of the forens þat thei [tak] to them to tak foreigners to Euydence—Baron sen. Joh. Clark de Sticheall, Ric. Huett.¹ give evidence.

The wiche John Clerk and his felows seyn þat þer is a Croofte without the New-yate of John Clerkes, þat lyeth Verdict. be-hynd the Gardens of the same John Clerke, & hit con-teynyth iij landes & dimidium, is Comyn at Lammas, and all tho feldys, Croftes and medows, þat lyne from the said Croft² and barn of John Michels vnto Whitley in lenght, and in brod fro the the hie way þat ledithe to London vnto þe watur of Schyrburn, þe wiche rennyth to Whytley, be comyn at Lammas, Except a Grove þat Tho. Wildgryse holdithe of the brethren and systren³ of the Trinyte guylde of Couentre, & a Grove callyd Saynt Anne grove, & except also a medow þat is callyd Alltotedir medow, þe wich Laur. Cook now holdithe, for þei ar⁴ seuerall.

⁵ ⁶At a grett lette holden in the tyme of Will. Sawndurs, then beyng maiour, hit was grauntyd þat the tenement, 1469. sumtyme in the holdyng of Hochyn Possell⁷ with a quarrell lyng þerto withoute the New yate on the ryght hand, schal-be seuerall to þe priour of Couentre, and to his successors for euer all tymes of the yer; wich graunt is registred in the yer of the said Wylliam Sawndurs meraltie.⁶

Allso þei say þat all the feldys, medows and Croftys⁸ on the right side of the said wey, þat ledithe from Couentre toward London, þat is to say fro the tenementes quondam Thome Libard, the wiche Hochyn Possell⁷ ⁹with a quarrell⁹ modo tenet, vnto a watur Rennyng vndur Whitley in lenght,¹⁰ and in brede, fro þe said hie way vnto a garden and quarrell, þat is callyd Paradise, & so be the side of the Lytull-parke & Micheparke vntill Park-myll-foord ar Comyn at Lammas. "Lamas grounds."

Allso thay say þat the feld, þat is Crabtre-feld, with

¹—¹ Not in E. 7. ² of John Clerk and the bern E. 7.

³ bredern & sistern E. 7. ⁴ arn E. 7, *et passim*.

⁵ leaf 14, back. ⁶—⁶ Interpolation, v. p. 46. Not in E. 7.

⁷ Written without caps in MS. ⁸ -e3 is the usual plural, E. 7.

⁹—⁹ omitted E. 7. ¹⁰ a lengethe E. 7.

oper¹ iij Croftys annexid to þe same feld, and allso Pennyfeld, þe wich lyen by-twen þe hize² way þat ledyth from Coventre to Stycheall & Somerlesow in breed, and in lenght from Chelsmore-grene vnto Miryefeld and Alsdensfeld, ar comyn at the fest of Mychellmas vnto Candyllmass.

Michaelmas land.

Allso þei say þat Somerlesow-feld *with* all þe Crooftys annext vnto þe same feld, wich lye from Somerlesow-lane vnto a feld callyd Parsonnys-feld of the Spanne³ in breid, and in lenght fro a croft of Adam Huyztons vnto a lane þat ledyth fro Spanne vnto Hethsall, ar comyn.

Allso þei say þat Poody-Crofte, þe wich lieth from Crow-lane vnto a diche, þat is callyd the town diche in breid, and in lenght from the Gardens on Chelsmore-grene vnto the Spanne-broke, is comyn from the feest of Lammas vnto Candyllmass.

The survey of the west side, between Coundon-Lane and Hearsall. Jury.

And tho þat wer charged for to enquire of the west syde of the Cyte of Coventre, þat is to say fro Coundon-lane to Hethsall: Ric. Hikelyng, Joh. Tate, Will. Pewterer, Joh. Mowton, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Deister, Joh. Bowyer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Brown, draper, Will. Pratte, Hugh Rogeley, Joh. Lesyngham. ⁴Hamlettes *within* the said partie: Cowndull. Kersley, Whaburley.

Hamlets.

Names of those chosen to give evidence.

*Nomina electorum ad dandam evidenciam prefate inquisitionis:*⁴ Godefrid. Barbour, Joh. Pynchbek, Will. Keruer, Ric. Style, Will. Stone, Will. Colyns, Rob. Sewall, Hen. Colyns.

Verdict.

"Lamas grounds."

⁵The wiche Ric. Hyckelyng & his felows aboue-namyd comyn in at *hur* day to hem lymyted and sayn, þat thes ffeldys vnderwryton owtz⁶ to be comyn from Lammas vnto the Purifficacion of our Lady from yer to yer⁷; þat is to say, ffrythefeld, Hamondfeld, *with* a medow at þe end of the same feld, Braysfeld *with* a medow at the end, Bannefeld, Bowyerscroft, Skinnercroft, Hulfeld, wich Hullfeld strechith hym-self vnto Aschaw, wich feldys aboue-namyd longen to the place of the Spooone, the wich Tho. Bedfford holdyth, and thies feeldys lyne on the north side fro the hyz way fro Couentre to Allyslay.

¹ oder E. 7. ² hye E. 7.

³ Originally the field of the parson of Spon chapel. A pencilled note in Sharp's hand-writing says "Spon Causeway."

⁴⁻⁴ Not in E. 7. ⁵ leaf 15. ⁶ own E. 7. ⁷ 3er E. 7.

And also they say þat John Ray of Couentre, theldur, in his tyme made couennaunt *with* the maiour and chamberleyns of the same Cyte þat¹ if he shuld haue the said feldys seuerall during his lyffe and his wyues, þat than aftur þer deceasse þe seyde feldys shuld remayn to þe vse and profuyt of the chambur of the said cyte foreuermore, for wyche graunte he and his wyffe wer² sufferd to hold þe said feldys as seuerall duryng þer lyues, but þe sayn þat anon aftur the said John Ray the couenaunt abouesayd brake,³ and the feldys abouesayd sold to one Rob. Neuton off Couentre; wherfore the Cyte⁴ seyng his disseite in-to þe seid feldys in tyme off comyn enterden, & for comyn occupyden,⁵ as ryght was; and so þai seyn thay own to be comyn, as hit is abouesaid. Allso þei seyn þat⁶ Goldy-crofte longyng to the house of the hospytall⁷ of Saynt Johannys in Couentre, lyeng by a hize way leedyng from the said Allysley way to Coundull, owth to be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-sayd.

John Ray's deceit, and breaking of covenant concerning these fields;

he sells them to R. Neuton.

The Commons enter and occupy the fields.

Allso they seyn that þe said hyze way þat leedyth from Allysley way to Coundull is stoppyd,⁸ wher hit owzte to be⁹ open.

Highway stoppt.

Allso they say þat on the west side of the said hyze way þat is stoppyd, thes Croftez and feldeþ þat folowen own to be comyn, as hit is abouesayd, þat is to say, Curweyns crofte of the tenure of the prior of Couentre, a Croft wich Joh. Pynchebeke holdyth of the Trinite zelde,¹⁰ Cros-felde, and a felde I-called Lychefeldys-felde, the wich Rob. Lyrpole holdythe.

Certain fields should be common,

Allso þai seyn þat the Crofte, þat strechith hym-selffe vnto Blake Orchard & Marl-felde bezond the seyde Blak-orchard, wiche Wylliam Stone holdythe of the prior & Covent of Couentre, own & ben comyn at þe fest of Lammas, as hit is aboue namyd.

Allso þei seyn that a hye way that is Called Blak-low,¹¹ the wich ledyth from Allesley-way vnto Hethsall is Comyn all tyme of the yere.

and a highway to Hethsall.

¹ 3if E. 7.

² wern E. 7.

³ breke E. 7.

⁴ *Comunalte* E. 7.

⁵ -on E. 7.

⁶ Goldrich- E. 7.

⁷ *hospitalite* E. 7.

⁸ E. 7 inserts " & enclosed."

⁹ E. 7 inserts "ouert &."

¹⁰ yeld E. 7.

¹¹ Blak-lane E. 7.

arn callyd Whaburley-feldes, þat lyen on this halue Guphul-lane, ar and own to be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-said, except the Hoomestalles & ij Croftez next Guphul-lane forseyd, wich arn seuerall.

Other fields
common at
Lammas.

Allso þei seyn þat on the northe-side beyond Bedfordes-feldes aboue-said, thes feldes folowyng be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-sayd, þat is to say, a feld of wich feld a parcell is¹ Joh. Clerkes of Couentre, and a-noþer parcell longithe to ye Chauntry, I-callyd Percyes Chauntry, and a feld callyd Percies felde longyng to þe said chauntry, allso a feld callyd Shel-felde of the said chauntry and Dudmanneswell-felde.

Another way
stopt.

Allso thei say þat þer is a way strechyng from Conndull wey throught² þe Milhay vnto þe Spane Cross, wiche is stoppyd wrongfully, as hit comyth,³ by heggynges & partynges on euery-side.

⁴Allso þei seyn that on the oþer partie of the same way so stoppid, thez feldes vndur-wryton ar comyn from Lammas vnto the *Purificacion* of our Lady yerely, that is to say, Skorchers-feld, the Pere-tre-feld, and a feld of Wylliam Wymeswold stretchyng hym-selff vnto a comyn hyȝe-way, þat is callyd the Deed-lane.

Deed Lane
should always
be open.

Allso Wyndmyl-feld, ii Croftes lyeng fro the said way, þat is callyd the Deed-lane, vnto a moore of Wylliam Wymswold; allso a-noþer Crofte of Margett Hall stretchyng hym-selffe to þe Spane-broke. Allso þei say þat þe said way, þat is callyd Deed-lane, þat strechithe hym-selff fro the Span-brooke⁵ toward the ⁶Hill-Crosse, þe wiche oweth to be opyn all tymys of the yer.

Land appro-
priated for
gardens;

Allso þei sayen þat þez feldes next aftur folowyng lyeng on the oþer side of the said Deede-Lane, own to be comyn at Lammas vnto þe *Purificacion* etc., þat is to say, a Croft þat is callyd the Hullzarde⁷ with certen gardens þerin ordynynd, of wiche gardyns Ric. Southam⁸ holdyth a parcell, the heires of John Poope⁹ holdythe a parcell, and Wylliam Attylbourgh³ holdyth þe iij^d parcell, and forasmoche as þe same parcels of gardens byn¹⁰ honestly made,

¹ of John; Clerk E. 7. ² thorgh E. 7. ³ apereth E. 7.

⁴ leaf 15, back. ⁵ brigge E. 7. ⁶ Hul. E. 7.

⁷ -yerd E. 7. ⁸ The mayoral families have got a little slice.

⁹ There is a "nota" in margin here. ¹⁰ costly & E. 7.

and lytull harme to the Cyte, þai besechyn the maiour & his counsaill þat þe said holders of the for-namyd parcels of gardens may haue them¹ seuerall all tyme of þe yer payng² a Certen to þe chambur yerly as thei may accorde.

matter
compromised
on payment
of rent.

And tho that weren chargid for to enquiryre for the Northe parte of the Cite of Couentre, that is to say, from Leycestre-way to Coundon-lane comyn in and say in the maner as here-aftur folowith : & these byn ther namys.

Rob. Lirpoole, Joh. Peuterer, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, deyster, Rad. Chaundeler, Joh. Lichefeld, mercer, Joh. Allesley, Will. Crudworth, Will. Wymyswold, Joh. Montgomery, Will. Kersley, Will. Staunton.

Survey of
north side.

³Hamlettes within þe said partie: Radford, Ecclesall, Folkeshull.³

Hamlets.

The wich Rob. Lyrpoole & his felows a-boue-namyd comyn in & sayn þat þer ar ij Croftez þe wich lye fro a barn of Wylliam Wymyswold vnto a feld, þat is callyd ⁴Crampy-feld in brede, & lenght fro Coundon-lane vnto Hulmyll-medow, & þei ij Croftys ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe fest of þe Purificacion. Allso þei sayen þat Crampy-feld, oþerwyse callyd Miryhull-groue, lyeng fro þe said ij Croftez vnto Batemannys-acre in lenght, and bred fro Coundul-lane vnto Hullmyl-medow, is Comyn at Lammas and so vnto Candilmas.

Verdict.

"Lamas
grounds."

Allso Batesmannys-acre, þe wich lyethe bytween⁵ and Ashemore-feld in lenght, and brede fro Coundul-lane vnto þe Childern leys, þei sayn is comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.

Allso þei sayn þat all Childern⁶ leys arn comyn at Lammas etc.

Other fields

Allso þei sayn that thay ij Croftez, wich ar callyd Pakes-Croftez lyeng bytween Batemannys-acre & ij parockes lyeng⁷ by Radford-way in lenght, and in brede fro Childern-lays vnto a feld of Wylliam Wymeswold, þe wich Rob. Weston now holdyth, ar comen at Lammas vnto þe Puryficacion etc.

common at
Lammas.

⁸Allso thei sayn that a Crofte of Wylliam Wymonds-

¹ hem E. 7. ² payeng E. 7. ³⁻³ Not in E. 7.

⁴ Grampy- E. 7. ⁵ E. 7 inserts "Grampy-feld."

⁶ Chiltern E. 7. ⁷ lyne E. 7. ⁸ leaf 16.

wodes, lyeng betwen the hyz-way þat is callyd Radford-way & Pakes-croftez, is comyn at Lammas vnto the *Purificacion of our Lady*.

Allso þe say þat Bell-orchard & Hullmyll-medow with all the feldys and Croftys lyeng bytween Radford-wey and Crampy-feld in brede, and in lenght from ij Croftez & þe housez and gardyns longyng to Saynt Mary awtur¹ in the Trinite churche, þe wich ij Croftez, housez and Gardyns ar seuerall, vnto a lane ledyng from Batemannysacre, ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe *Purificacion of our Lady*; except a house with gardyne sumtyme off John Askemare of Kenelworthe,² & a barn with a Gardyn of John Walgraue, and a Crofte with a dufhous³ of the tenure of þe priour & Couent of Couentre, þe wich ar seuerall.

Allso thei sayen that a quarell þe wich Edward Lichefeld holdithe, þe wich liethe a this halfe⁴ the church of Saynt Nicholas, is comyn at Lammas vnto þe fest of þe *Purificacion of our Lady*.

Allso thei sayen þat from the house and Gardyne of Henry Preston, & also from the Crofte off William Wymyswolde, wich is seuerall, vnto a lane ledyng to Nuneeton-way toward Seynt pyt-lane⁵ in lenght, and in brede fro þe way þat ledythe to þe churche of Saynt Nicholas to Nuneeton-way, all Croftez and feldys ar Comyn at Lammas vnto þe *Purificacion of our Lady*.

Allso þei say þat all Croftez and feldys þat lyen fro the churche of Saynt Nicholas vnto Whitmore-hege in lenght, & in brede fro Seynt pit-lane & Sukers-Groue vnto Radford and Radford way, arn comyn at Lammas etc., except a Croofte of John Oneley, & a Croft callyd Radfordmyll-crofte, wich ar seuerall.

Allso þei sayn þat the ij Croftes of the tenure of the priour of Couentre, þe wich lyen betwen Stapull-crofte & Bushefeld-lane⁶ in lenght,⁶ ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe *Purificacion of our Lady*.

Allso þei sayn þat þer ar oþer ij Croftes, þat ar callyd Sugmore Croftes, lyeng betwen Stapullfeld and Whitmorfeld in brede, & in lenght fro Saynt-putlane vnto a hie

¹ v. Corp. MS. C. 158. ² Kyllingworth E. 7. ³ dove-house.

⁴ halue E. 7. ⁵ Sandy-pit lane. ⁶⁻⁶ Not in E. 7.

Two crofts,
houses and
gardens are
several.

Crofts and
fields
common at
Lammas.

Other crofts

also common.

way, þat is callyd Eton way; and þei ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.

More crofts
common at
Lammas.

Allso þer is a-noþer Crofte, þat is callyd Sweyns-crofte, & a Crofte of the prioures of Couentre, wiche John Bryghtmer now holdyth, þe wiche lyeth bytween a Crofte of the said prioures þat Rob. Lirpole holdyth, & a Crofte of the *master* of the hospital of Saynt Johannys vnto Botgrene in brede, & in lenth from the way ledyng to Eton vnto a lane wiche strechithe to Pykedpere-crose, ar comyn at Lammas, ut supra.

Allso thei sayen þat all the feldys & Croftez lyeng fro Pennymore vnto a hie way ledyng to Ouenettesford in lenth, and in brede fro the hie way, þat is callyd Eton way vnto a watur rennyng fro Ouenettesford to Swanneswell, ar comyn at the feest of Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.

Allso thei sayn þat þer is a Crofte in Hasillwode lyeng in lenth by Eton way, & in brede fro þe said way vnto þe lond of þe brethren & sistern of Saynt Johannys, and þat Croft is comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.¹

²Memorandum, that þe Thursday þe xx day of January the vj yer of kyng Henry þe viiith, the verdit of Tho. Plant, Rob. Smyth, walker, Ric. Norys, Will. Fisher, Coruiser, Will. Goodlade, Wyll. Paynell, Will. Bamboro, Tho. Fleshehewer, Joh. Solsell, Will. Pootell, Ric. Sampson, Will. Wigston, tyler, Tho. Bredon, baker, and Tho. Oures, baker:—The wiche xij personnyys say apon þer hoolydome the day & yere a-foresaid afore Ric. Lee, maiour of the Cite of Couentre, Sir Rob. Oneley, knyght, *master* of the Trinite gilde, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytofte, Hen. Keball, Ric. Cook and Tho. Bayly: That þe Hillmyllfeld, þat the wyndmyll standyth in, wherof the fondacion is of stoone, wiche Nich. Randull late held, lyeth in bred betwene Bryghtmere feld on the one partie, and ij Croftez, gardyns, and howsez of our lady awtur of the Trinite church of the oþer partie, and in lenth from the hize way þat ledyth fro Couentre to Radford vnto Hillmyll ³medow, as in the quadri-

“Ciuitas
Couentre.”
Jan. 20, 1491.

A jury of 12

swear
before the
mayor

that Hill-mill
field

¹ End of E. 7. ² Interpolation; v. p. 46, 47. ³ leaf 16, back.

is common,

and declared
open to
commonalty.

partite more playnly it appearith, is & hath byn comyn from Lammas to Candilmass of tyme þat noo mannys mynd is; The wich verdite so herd by the said maiour and his brethern, the day and yer abouesaid, [they] will þat the comens Occupie the said feld as ther comens from Lammas to Candyllmas as of oold tyme it hathe byn used, Except þat heraftur bettur euydens can be shewid to the contrary.¹

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."
Ap. 13, 1423.

¶ [V. f. p. on Monday after the close of Easter 1 Hen. VI. before Hen. Peytoo, mayor, Joh. Braytofte and Joh. Brystowe, bailiffs.]

Jurors.

Laur. Cooke, Will. Belgraue, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Ad. Deister, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Wildgrise, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Parker, draper, Tho. Grene, Tho. Groue, Joh. Golofre, Hen. Breux, Joh. Harborough, sen., Tho. Paynell, Joh. Coton, Ric. Oneley, Will. Fase-man, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Mychell, mercer, Joh. Euerdon.

The town
ditch to be
kept free
from dung;
no cattle to
pasture by
the banks,
nor bridge
to be made
across it
under a 20s.
fine.
Other rules
appear in
the files.

Ad quam letam ordinatum fuit quod le towne diche per totam villam civitatis Couentrie sit bene custoditus & munde (*sic*), & vbi aliquod fimum in illo prostratur (*sic*) quod cito emendatur (*sic*). Et quod nullus habeat aliquod animal pasturans per littora ffofatti predicti, nec aliqualem pontem vltra ffofatum predictum, sub pena xx s.; & alie ordinaciones tunc ibidem ordinate fuerunt, prout patet in filaciis ipsius visus.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL.

May 4, 1423.
"Comptus
Camareriarum."

[Hen. Breux and Joh. Coton, render their accounts for the time they were chamberlains before Hen. Peyto, mayor, and the other Forty-Eight honest and lawful men chosen by the mayor to hear accounts.]

[Upon this account the amount of the charge (regular receipts) amounted to £99 16s. 1d.]

Super quoquidem compoto summa oneris predictorum camerariorum extensa fuit ad ^{xx}iiij xix li. xvjs. jd. summa super eorum disoneracionis (*sic*) extendit se, ut patet per libros

[The sum of the discharge

¹ End of interpolation.

(regular expenses) to £95 17s. 3d.]

[Balance (le rest) £3, which the chamberlains are charged to pay up

within 8 days of presenting the account on May 4.]

Balance received (except 4d. for the clerk's pay) in distress & in money as appears in the indenture.

[³ July 1, 1423.

the mayor and council ordain that all arrears in late mayors' hands, with the chamberlains' distrained goods, be placed with the mayor to make a new cross, and clean the ditches.]

[“Indenture of common”

to be placed in four parts of the city.]

eorum disoneracionis, ad ^{xx}iiij xv li. xvij s iij d., & summa que (*sic*) dicti camerarii onerantur, que vocatur le rest, extendit se ad iij li.¹ quas quidem iij li. predicti camerarii onerantur ad inducendum prefato maiore infra octo dies post comptum eorum camerariorum,² videlicet post iiij diem mensis Maii.

Quas quidem iij li. predictus Hen. Peytoo, maior, recepit de predictis camerariis, exceptis iiij^{or} solidis, qui eis allocantur pro stipendio Clerici eorum, videlicet in pecunia & districtione, prout plenius apparet per indenturam inter predictum maiorem et prefatos camerarios factam & instructam.

Mem. quod die Jouis proximo post festum Petri & Pauli a. r. r. Henrici VI^{ti} (etc.) primo, ordinatum est per maiorem & consilium suum, quod omnia arreragia in manu Johannis Leder et Johannis Esterton existencia, si que fuerint, simul cum districtionibus in manibus (*sic*) Camerariorum, uel precium eorundem, erunt leuata & in possessione maioris, videlicet Henrici Peytoo, posita ad faciendam vnam nouam crucem in vico Crucis, & similiter ad munda fossata Civitatis Couentrie.

Item, eodem die ordinatum fuit quod indenture pro Communia ciuitatis Couentrie facte et ordinate erunt posite in iiij partes ciuitatis predictae, videlicet, vna indentura in vna parte, et alia in secunda, & sic tertia, et quarta etc.

¹ 18s. 10d. are ignored.

² Word seems to be omitted here.

³ leaf 17.

[Late mayor's charges.]

[J. Leeder charged with £16 of money of defective weight worth £12 12s. 4d. and from Joh. Golofre with £15 15s. 2d. worth £11 15s. 4d.]

[From R. Joy £1 13s. 8d. worth £1 9s. 7½d.]

[Received of distraint £3 16s. 2d.]

[From J. Golofre £10 worth £8 8s.]

[Sum of receipts £38 1s. 4d., whence he asks allowance for the following.]

[lead £8 3s. 2d.]

[solder 4s. 2d.]

[timber, etc. £3.]

[boards & lathes 6s. 8d.]

[hooks, etc. 1s. 4d.]

[to plumber £1 5s.]

[J. Leeder pays £5 of arrears from his chamberlaincy.]

[Simon Mason's reward £2.]

[For an earthwork, etc. 5s. 3d.]

Mem. quod Joh. Leeder oneratur de istis, que sequuntur, receptis de Johanne Golofre & Ricardo Joy. In primis xvj li. de pecunia minus (*sic*) ponderis, que valet xij li. xij s. iiij d. Item de Johanne Golofre et Johanne Bowzer xv li. xv s. ij d. de pecunia minus ponderis, que valet xj li. xv s. iiij d. Item receipt de Ricardo Joy xxxiijs. viij d. de pecunia (etc.) que valet xxix s. vij d. ob. Item, Receipt de districcione iij li. xvjs. ij d. Item receipt de Johanne Golofre x li. de pecunia (etc.) que valet viij li. viij s. Summa Receptionis xxxviij li. xvj d.¹ vnde petit allocari de parcellis sequentibus:—

²[Henry Peyto receives from John Leeder an account for a tower newly made without the New Gate.]

In primis pro plumbo viij li. iij s. ij d.

Item pur sowdur iiij s. ij d.

Item a Derby wright pur tymbur & workmanshup iij li.

Item pur bordes & lathis vjs. viij d.

Item pur hookes, hynges & j loke xvj d.

Item pro labore vnius plumer xxv s.

Item predictus Joh. Leeder soluit Johanni Esterton v li. de vna parcella a retro existente de tempore quo fuit Camerarius.

Item soluit Simoni Mason pur vne reward xls.

Item, pur Erthwark³ & Whytyng v s. iiij d.

¹ Really £38 1s. 5½d.

² leaf 17, back.

³ Earliest example in *N. E. D.* dated 1633.

[For this register 7s.]

[For a sum which he gave to the poor, when he collected £200 for the king & queen, viz. £2 18s. 3d.

[17 Aug. the mayor receives arrears £6 2s. 6d. of sufficient weight; and £10 worth £8 5s.]

Item, isto libro, vocato le Registre, vij s.

Item petit allocari pro certa pecunia, Summa quam dedit pauperibus quando collegit CC li. Regi et Regine, videlicet lviijs. iij d.

[Mem. Henry Peytoo received from John Leeder £6 2s. 6d. "de poise;"]

and on the same day from the same, £10 "de pecunia minus ponderis ad valorem" £8 5s.]

¹[On the Thursday after S. Matthew's day ² Henry Peyto "made a halle of tho xl^{ti}viii personys and wurthy men a-boue³ namyd," when it was ordered that a cross should be built in Cross Cheaping.]

Allso hit was ordenyd & grauntyd that tho wurthy men þat Rydon with the maiour to London at Mich[aelmas] þe yer abouesaid be commaundment of the duke of Gloucestre, leue-tenaunt of Ingland, euery man schuld ber his own cost; and as touchyng thes othur personys, the wich ridon to London the same tyme, þat is to say of euery Craft a certen, hit is allso grauntyd & ordenyd by the same xl^{ti}viiij wise & wurthy men, þat euery crafte schall bere the cost as for her men þat rydon to London the same tyme.

[The former chamberlains, Hen. Breux and John Coton, John Braytoft and John Brystow, ordered to make their accounts, the former couple within the month of April next "at the vtterest," and the latter within eight days after the next S. John Baptist's day.]

⁴Allso be hit had in mynd þat at the same tyme thies xlviiij aboue-namyd pardonyd Symon Mason of iiij perchis of the towne wall withoute the New-yate, wiche he shuld haue made, by couenaunt afore tyme by-twene the Chamberlains of the said Cite and hym composid and fully made.

Sep. 23.

Ordinances of the Forty-eight.
"xlviiij."
"A Cross set vp in Crosscheapping."

Cost of riding to London to be borne by crafts.

Chamberlains' accounts.

Simon Mason's perches of wall.

¹ leaf 13.

² Probable error for S. Matthias, Feb. 23. St. Matthew's, Sept. 21, 1423, would not fall within the first regnal year of Henry VI. ³ p. 44. ⁴ leaf 13, back.

The gates of
the city to be
furnished
with leaves
and doors.

Allso hit is ordenyd that the Chamburlens schall make the Hill-streit yate new, & allso all the yates of the said Cite, þat be not leuyd ne dorryd, þat they schall leue hem als sone as thei mow.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre."
Oct. 6, 1423.

Jury.

¹[V. f. p. Wednesday after Michaelmas day, 2 Henry VI], Laur. Cooke, Will. Belgrauē, Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Southam, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Herdborgh, Tho. Grene, Ric. Joy, Will. Crose, Joh. Parker, Joh. Golofre, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburne, Will. Byfeld, Will. Faseman, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Warrant.

[These elect Ric. Onley and Joh. Bowyer, bailiffs.]

Bulis and
baiting.

²Allso thai orden þat no bocher of the Cite of Couentre sle no booll but ȝif he be baityd a-fore at a place consuet,³ a-pon the payn of vj s. viij d., and allso of forfayture [of] the same booll at euery trespass.

No swine
in the city.

Allso þat no oþer man or bocher kep within the wallys of this Cite noo swyne in sties, ne bulkes,⁴ ne within þer housez in þe Bochery, vpon þe payn of iij s. iiij d., and allso of forfaitur of the same swyne so I-founden.

Fines to be
collected for
trespasses.

Allso þat þe maiour and the baileffez shall enserche the bochery, and all oþer Craftez of certen defaultis þat they haue trespassid in against ordynauncez of leetis a-fore this tyme; & þat the paynez may be reryd, þer as defaute is, aftur the ordynaunce of the said leetis, and allso of ther own graunte.

Wardens to
take distress.

Allso þat the maiour & þe bayliffez with þer officers schall strenght the wardens of this Cyte to take distress for the rent of the town, þat is to say of Wylliam Keresley & all oþer, ryghtȝ as þe Law wyll.

Constables to
take no
money for
arrests.

Allso it is ordenyd þat noo Constable within the Cite take no syluer for no rest þei make by way off þer office, oþerwais þen þe Law wyll.

"Paving
streets."

Allso þat euery man repaire his pament afore his tenementes bytwyxt this and the next leet, euery man a-pon

¹ leaf 17, back.

² leaf 18.

³ accustomed.

⁴ v. Gloss.

the payn of iij s. iiij d., halfe to þe vse of the balyffes, & half to þe chambur, & þat by þe comen sergeant.

Allso þai orden þat the Reddyche be clansyd, & all þe pryves & swynesties þeron be done away.

Allso þei orden that Ric. Waite for his good seruice he hathe doone to þe Cite of Coventre, and for his long contynuanse in the same, shall haue of the Trinite gyld whill he lyuythe xiijs. iiij d., of Corpus *Christi* yeld vjs. viij d., & of the wardens of the said Cite xx s.

¹Allso thei haue retained Mathew Ellerton, Thomas Sendell, William Howton & John Trumper, Mynstrells as for the Cite of Couentre; and þat þei haue as oþer haue had a-fore them. Allso þat thai haue of euery hall place j d., of euery Cottage ob., euery quarter; & aftur þer beryng bettur to be rewardyd. And also þai orden þat thei shall haue ij men of euery ward euery quarter to help them to gathur þer Quarterage.

Allso thai sayen þat Symon Mason shall haue xl s. in rewarde of þe chambur to his costis.

Allso þat all men of Contrey, that com to town to sell Otys, þat thei stond with them be-nethe þe peesen, þat is to say at þe West-orchard end.

Allso þat John Cambirge be allowed for his costis þat he made agaynst the comyng of kyng Henre the Fifte, þat is to say xiiij s. iiij d. ob.; and þat be þe chamburlens.

Allso þat Mold Lichefeld pay to þe murage of this cite aftur þe lond þat she holdithe, & no oþer wyse.

Allso þat John Sheynton haue a yerez rent to allowanse of his Costys þat he hathe made.

Allso þat þer be a Cookestowle made apou Chelmsmore-grene to punysche skolders and chidders as þe law wyll.

Allso þei orden þat John Moweton, Clerke, be examynyd by the maiour whethur he be Notary impereall, or he be not; and if so be he be a Notary sworn & admyttyd, & may nott refuse² hit, þat then the sayd John Mowton be put a-wey from the court of Couentre, þat is to say, the mairez court & bayliffes.

"Clensing Reddich."

Ric. Wait's pension.

Minstrels.

Id. from every hall-place, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. from every cottage each quarter; 2 men to collect these fees.

Simon Mason's reward. "Pease market; ote markt." Sellers of oats at West Orchard.

Reward for preparation for Henry V's coming.

Mauld Lichefeld's murage.

Sheynton's costs.

"Cookstool" for scolds.

Notary imperial.

¹ v. Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 207 sqq. ² refuse = deny.

TOWN BUSINESS.

Oct. 17, 1423.
A hall of 69
men sum-
moned by
mayor.

[On the vigil of S. Luke Ev. 2 Hen. VI, Hen. Peyto made a hall (fecit aulam) of the following:]

Gosford [Street]. Laur. Cooke,¹ Will. Crose,¹ Joh. Welford, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Goloffre,¹ Rad. Alott, Bened. Marchall.

Jurden [Well]. Thos. Wildgryse,² Joh. Stretton, Will. Deister, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Dilkok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Cotton.¹

Muchparke [Street]. Joh. Harbourgh, sen., Joh. Prentes, Will. Byrde, Joh. Esterton,¹ Joh. Clarke, Joh. Ray, Joh. Braytofte,¹ Will. Faseman,¹ Rob. Danyell, Will. Byfeld.

³Erlestreet. Ric. Sharp,¹ Joh. Warrant,¹ Tho. Wirley, Ad. Swette, Nich. Byfeld, Joh. Launde, Joh. Frankelen.

Lytull [Park Street]. Ric. Southam, Rad. Garton,⁴ Joh. Mychell,⁴ Joh. Euerdon, Gal. Willnale, Will. Tolas.

Byschop [Street]. Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Southam,¹ Will. Wymyswold.

Bail[y Lane]. Will. Brooke, Joh. Ronton,¹ Ad. Dyer,¹ Joh. Benett,¹ Joh. Spencer, sadeler, Hen. Bryde.¹

Frer[e Lane]. Ric. Bushebury,¹ Egid. Allesley, Ric. Oneley,¹ Rob. Praty.

Smythf[ord Street]. Joh. Tate, Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Brystow,¹ Joh. Wymondswold, Joh. Bowyer,¹ Joh. Blakman, Joh. Braunston,¹ Joh. Egeston.

Span [Street]. Tho. Paynell,¹ Joh. Brown.

Crosche[ping]. Rob. Milburne,¹ Ric. Botoner, Hen. Breux,¹ Ad. Hyton, Joh. Parker, draper,¹ Will. Dilkoke,¹ Ric. Joye,⁵ Tho. Grene.

[Adam Hiton and John Leeder journey to London to negotiate about the royal debts.]

Qui ordinauerunt quod Adam Hiton & Johannes Leeder irent London' ad *prosequendum pro certis debitis que debentur per dominum Regem Henricum quartum et dominum H[enricum] quintum, nuper Reges Anglie, videlicet, tempore Willeimi Whit-cherche domino H[enrico] quarto*

[Henry IV owed £163; (*sic*) CCC li., vnde remanent Clxiiij li.]

¹ In list, p. 62-3.

² In Gosford, p. 62-3.

³ leaf 18, back.

⁴ Earl Street, p. 62-3.

⁵ Bishop Street, p. 62-3.

Henry V £200; and £100 and 200 marks.]

[John and Adam to obtain a licence to acquire in mortmain a tenement in Earl Street;

they are also to communicate with Sir R. Babthorp² and with the prior for buying the reversion of Wymondswold's houses and land to the use of the Chamber, if they consider it would be profitable.]

[And the 69 persons put these matters entirely in their hands,

and John and Adam get 10 marks for their costs.]

[³Oct. 17, 1423.]

non solute per talliam: & tempore Johannis Goote, tunc maioris, domino H[enrico] V^{to} Ccli. per obligationem: & tempore Johannis Horneby, tunc maioris, domino H[enrico] V^{to} C li.: & tempore Laurencii Cooke (etc.) domino H[enrico] V^{to} CC marce.¹

Item, ordinauerunt quod predictus Joh. Leeder et Adam prosequi debent pro le mortement vnus tenementi nuper Willelmi Whitchurch, iacentis in le Erlestrett de Couentria meliore modo quo sciunt aut poterint (sic).

Item, ordinauerunt quod predicti Johannes et Adam communicare debent cum Roberto Bapthorp,² milite, et cum Ricardo Crosby, priore (etc.) ad emendam reuersionem terrarum et tenementorum Willelmi Wymondswold ad vsum Camere ciuitatis (etc.), si eis videtur expedire, & quod sit [ad] proficuum predictae ciuitatis.

& qui lxxix persone supranominati submiserunt omnia supradicta ad manus & dispositionem predictorum Johannis Leder & Adam (sic) Hiton, ut ipsi ordinant (sic) et disponent secundum eorum discessionem etc. ad proficuum ciuitatis predictae.

Item, deliberatum est prefatis Johanni et Adam per manus Henrici Peytoo, maioris, ad eorum costagia decem marcas.

³Mem. quod in vigilia S. Luce, Euaugeliste a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, ordinatum fuit per aulam antedictam:⁴

¹ These debts were contracted in the years 1399, 1411 or 1420, 1412 and 1415 respectively.

² Steward of the Duchy of Lancaster. For Crosby, Prior of S. Mary's, v. *supra*, p. 35. ³ leaf 19. ⁴ v. p. 60.

[Ordned by the aforesaid hall that G. Allesley go to London to save the citizens of Coventry from paying £382, which the sheriff would have levied because the bailiffs, though they paid the fee farm each year, have not got their receipt (quietus est).]

[Allesley has his costs from the following persons :

total £8 3s. 4*l.*]

[²Nov. 2. A hall of certain from each ward to inquire whether the people will con-

sent to receive jewels now to the worth of half the debts owed by Henry IV and Henry V.]

Quod Egid. Allesley iret Londonias ad saluandum homines Couentrie indempnes de CCCLxxxij li. quas vicecomes Warrewici habuit in precepto ad leuandum de hominibus ville de Couentria, pro eo quod per longum tempus elapsum balliui ciuitatis predictae non habuerunt quietus est,¹ prout etc.; & non obstante quod quolibet anno ipsi soluerunt feodi firmam (etc.); & predictus Egid. Allesley habuit pro costagiis suis forma que sequitur, videlicet:—

[Will. Crosse, Joh. Goloffre, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Peito, Joh. Esterton, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Rob. Milburne, Hen. Breux, Tho. Wildgrise, Giles Allesley, Joh. Hardborghe, Ric. Joye, contribute 10s. each, and Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, 6s. 8*d.* each. Total £8 3s. 4*l.*]

²Mem. quod secundo die Novembris a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, Henricus Peitoo, maiour, fecit aulam, ad quam aulam ordinatum fuit quod certe persone cuiuslibet warde adquiri (*sic*) deberent inter se vtrum ipsi vellent consentire et consedere (*sic*)³ ad accipienda debita que debentur eis per dominum H. quartum & dominum H. V^{tum}, nuper Reges Anglie, in jocalibus nunc ad valorem dimidietatis debitorum predictorum; & super hoc ipsi adquisitores warde de Gosford veniunt & dicunt ut sequitur :

[The wards represented are Gosford Street, Much Park Street, Mill Lane and Jorden Well,⁴ Bailly Lane, Earl Street, Broadgate and Friar Lane, Smithford and Spon

¹ MS. quietus. ² leaf 18, back. ³ condescendere. ⁴ Joh. Rochford not in p. 60.

Streets,¹ Cross Cheaping, Bishop and Well² Streets. The representatives number 33, from two to four of the principal men from each ward; and each set announces that all those who bore their share of the loan are willing to abide by the decision of John Leder and Adam Hyton.]

[³Nov. 5, 1423.

[A licence of mortmain and other muniments sent to John and Adam in a sealed box with

£10 sterling.]

[They have the Duke of Bed-

ford's bond for £200.]

[⁴Jan. 14, 1424.

[The mayor and others

place in a chest in the tower in S. Mary's Hall, of which chest the mayor and gild master have a key each, a sealed box containing the Duke of Bedford's bond in £200, and another bond in £289 of the prior,

which is owed for two jewels; of which a tally of equal weight remains in the box;

Item, alio tempore missus fuit eisdem Johanni et Adam, videlicet v^{to} die mensis Novembris anno secundo Regis nunc, per Johannem Prentes de Couentre, mercer, le licens dell mortisment de camera ciuitatis Couentre cum vna alia Carta, & aliis certis munimentis eidem pertinentibus, in vno Cofano (sic) sigillato, & decem libris sterlingorum.

Item, predicti Joh. Leder et Adam habuerunt vnam obligacionem in qua Johannes dux Bedfordie tenetur et obligatur in CC li.

Mem. quod xiiij^o die Januarii a. r. r. (etc.) secundo Hen. Peitoo, maior, Joh. Leeder, mayster gilde S. Trinitatis etc., & Laur. Cooke posuerunt & ibidem dimiserunt in vnam Cistam in turre [aule] B. Marie existentem, cuius Ciste maiour habet vnam clauem, & magister Gilde predictae aliam, videlicet vnum box sigillatum, in quo vna obligacio in qua Johannes dux Bedfordie tenetur in ducentis libris; et aliam obligacionem in qua prior et ⁵Conuentus ecclesie cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria tenetur in CCiiij^{xx} ixli., quas prefatus prior debet pro ij^{obus} Jocalibus, cuius Jocale le Countre-poise⁶ remanet in prefata pixide. Item, vnam acquientanciam xli. pro

¹ Smithford and Spon Streets classed together. Will. Kerver, Hugo Rugeley not in p. 60.

² Joh. Walgrave not in p. 60.

³ leaf 18, back.

⁴ leaf 19.

⁵ leaf 19, back.

⁶ v. Gloss.

also a receipt for a £10 annuity owed by the mayor and community; also a covered

silver gilt cup

worth £10;

and a tally of Henry IV for

£163.

[The mayor and others give

to the prior a bond in £289, and receive two jewels, which

they place in the common chest, where they remain to be kept.

[See concerning this same matter in T. Wildgrise's time.]

[³Jan. 17, 1424, 10 marks from the late mayor.

[Late chamberlains give for complete settlement

in distraint and money by tale £6 2s.

vna annuitate prefatis priori & conuentui per maiorem & communitatem debita, videlicet pro tempore *Henrici Peito*, maioris. Item, dimiserunt in *Cistam predictam* vnum Cowp de argento, Couered & deauratum, ad valenciam x li. Item, dimiserunt et *ibidem* posuerunt, videlicet in *Cistam predictam*, vnam talliam domini *Henrici*, nuper *Regis Anglie* quarti (etc.) de Clxij li.

Mem. quod in vigilia S. Osburge,¹ virginis, anno predicto, predictus Hen. Peytoo, maior, Joh. Leder, Laur. Cooke & Ric. Southam et alii deliberauerunt obligationem predictam in qua prior et conuentus ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie de Couentria tenentur in CCiiij^{xx} li. prefatis priori et conuentui etc.; & iidem *Henricus*, *Johannes* & *Ricardus* receperunt duo Jocalia predicta etc. & imposuerunt in *Cistam predictam*, & *ibidem* remanent ad Custodiendum.

Vide de eadem materia tempore Thome Wildgrise maioris ij^o folio.²

[Henry Peytoo received from John Esterton ten marks of a certain sum remaining in his hands from the time of his mayoralty.]

Mem. quod Hen. Peitoo recepit de *Johanne Golofre*, *Roberto Milburn* & *Johanne Bowyer* de tempore quo fuerunt camerarii (etc.) pro plena solutione eorum in districcionibus et pecuniis numeratis vj li. ijs. ; & eodem tempore ex assensu et consensu H.

¹ Date unknown. It was determined on Oct. 13, 1410, that the saint's birthday should be celebrated through the archidiaconate. v. Dugdale, 110.

² In margin, v. p. 69, 70.

³ leaf 17, back.

[With assent of the "discreets," a great pan given to J. Golofre for being chamberlain for two years in his turn.

[The mayor receives £2 16s. from former chamberlains ;

and £5 4s. 10d. from J. Leeder, which the wardens received.

[See elsewhere.

[²Jan. 18, ? 1424.

[J. Braytoft and J. Bristowe, late chamberlains' account before the mayor and the 48 ;

they are charged for murage with £84 3s. 2d., for goods

valued at £15 16s. 1d. Total £99 19s. 3d.

[Discharge, or expenses as appear by items in the mayor's bag, and the chamberlains' books £99 2s. 11½d.

Peitoo, tunc maioris, Johannes (*sic*) Leeder, & aliorum virorum discretorum *ibidem* interessentium, data & deliberata fuit Johanni Golofre vna patella magna in remuneracione quod fuit camerarius per duos annos ad invicem.

Item, Hen. Peitoo recepit de Henrico Breux & Johanne Coton de tempore quo fuerint (*sic*) camerarii etc. in pecuniis numeratis & in districcionibus lvj s. pro plena solucione eorum. Item, Hen. Peito recepit de Johanne Leeder v li. iiij s. x d. de tempore quo fuit maior & in manu sua vsque ad tunc existencia, & prius per custodes (etc.) receptos etc. prout etc.

Vide de istis receptis & aliis in tercio folio ab isto folio in principio.¹

Mem. quod xvij^o die mensis Januarii a. r. r. (etc.) primo³ [secundo] Joh. Braytoft et Joh. Bristowe⁴ computauerunt coram Henrico Peytoo, maiore (etc.) & xlviij hominibus etc. de tempore quo fuerunt camerarii (etc.) *videlicet* :—

⁵In primis onerantur pur le murage ciuitatis *predicte* ^{xx}iiij li. iij s. ij d. Item pur Catell' *extensis* xv li. xvjs. jd. Summa *totalis* ^{xx}iiijxix li. xix s. iij d.

Summa *disoneracionis predicte camere eodem anno, ut patet per parcelas in бага Henrici Peytoo, tunc maioris existentis, & per libros dictorum cam-*

¹ In margin, v. 66-7.

² leaf 16, back.

³ Or else an error for February. Henry Peytoo was not yet mayor on Jan. 18 of the first regnal year of Henry VI (1423), as his mayoral year began on Feb. 2.

⁴ Chamberlains, 1421.

⁵ leaf 17.

balance for which they are "in debt" 16s.; which they ask to be allowed.

[On the same day John Michell and John Egeston, wardens of the Chamber (custodes camere), render their accounts for the preceding year before the mayor and the Forty-eight.]

["*Alia compota.*" Wardens' charge £76 14s. 1d., allowance

for reduction of rents £3 10s. 6d., for poor tenants

£1 3s. 1d., for Rothe 20s., for repairs and chief rents £55 1s. 7½d.,

for vacant houses £3 2s. 4d.

and £2 15s. 1½d.

[Sum of allowance £66 12s. 7d.

They owe the balance £10 1s. 6d.

[³Jan. 1424.

[The mayor receives £33 2s. granted by a hall of discreet persons in Corpus Christi (S. Nicholas) Hall;

which sum of £33 2s.

was granted to be raised like a fifteenth, except that a sum of 20s. in every ward was forgiven; which sum should have been £40, but more than £33 2s. could not be levied.

[The mayor received from

erariorum, ^{xx}iiijxix li. ijs. xj d. ob. & sic remanent in debito xvjs.¹ Vnde petunt allocari de predictis xvjs.

In primis onerantur dicti custodes cum lxxvj li. xiiij s. j d. Vnde petunt allocari pro abatementes de Rentes iij li. xs. vj d. Item, petunt allocari pro tenentibus pauperibus² xxiiij. j d. Item, allocari petunt pro Rothe, wever, de Gosford, xx s. Item, petunt allocari pro reparacionibus & Capitalibus redditibus lv li. xix d. ob.; & petunt allocari pro vacacionibus eodem anno iij li. ijs. iiij d. Item pro eodem anno predicto lv s. j d. ob.

Summa totalis allocacionis, lxxvj li. xij s. vij d.

& sic dicti custodes clare debent et onerantur etc. x li. xvij d.

Hen. Peytoo, maior (etc.) per quamdam aulam ex certis personis discretis in aula Corporis Christi (etc.) concessam, videlicet⁴ mensis Januarii a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, recepit xxxiiij li. ijs.; quas (? que summa) uero xxxiiij li. ijs. concessa fuit modo et forma quibus xv^{ma}⁵ leuari solebat, excepto quod in quolibet wardo xx s. erunt perdonati; que summa esset xlii., sed plus quam predictis xxxiiij li. ijs. multis causis levari non potuit.

Item, predictus maiour recepit de Johanne Michell & Johanne Euerdon

¹ 3½d. omitted.

² MS. pauperum.

³ leaf 19, back.

⁴ Day omitted.

⁵ MS. xv^{me}.

the warden £2 for J. Crosse of Gosford Street,

£10 for J. Happeford's soul ;

£4 0s. 6d.

£1 12s. 2d.

£2 0s. 0d.

£3 0s. 0d.

£2 0s. 0d.

£8 0s. 0d.

[This parcel of money delivered by J. Michel, warden.

Of which moneys, as well as of other receipts,

he asks to be exonerated in these items :

for the acquisition of Whitchurch Place in Earl Street ;

paid by the mayor £40 ; for the amortization of this messuage, and for following up

certain debts owed by Henry V, to Leder and Hiton £24 13s. 4d.

[To W. Babynton, chief

gardianis (etc.) pro Johanne Crosse de vico de Gosford xls.

Item, predictus maiour recepit de Ricardo Southam pro anima Johannis Happeford x li.¹

Item, pro anima Johannis Garton sen. de Radulfo Garton iiij li. vjd.

[from Joh. Wellford for Alice Cortnale's soul £1. 12s. 2d. ; from Hen. Breux for Ric. Marchall's soul £2 ; from Ric. Sharp for Tho. Pinkston's soul £3 ; from Will. Cross for Joh. Crosse's soul £2 ; from Joh. Esterton for Rob. Esterton's soul £8.]

Ista parcella de pecunia deliberata fuit Henrico Peito maiore per Johannem Michell, tunc custodem (etc.)

De quibus pecuniis suprascriptis, videlicet de Receptis tam in isto folio quam in viij^o folio precedenti,² predictus Henricus petit exonerari de istis parcellis subsequentibus, videlicet :—

In primis pro adquisicione vnius tenementi in Coventria, vocati Whitchurch-place, iacentis in vico Comitibus etc., solute per manus predicti Henrici (etc.) Willelmi Bowyer, Thome Wildgrise & Johannis Warrant, xl li.³

Item pur le mortement eiusdem messuagii ; et ad prosequendum et ad inducendum certas (sic) debita que debentur per dominum Henricum nuper Regem Anglie quintum, Johanni Leder et Ade Hiton, ad hoc assignatis, Soluti xxiiij li. xij s. iiij d.

Item Willelmo Babynton,⁴ tunc

¹ All the sums following are included in the "parcel of money."

² v. p. 64.

³ v. p. 61.

⁴ Chief justice of the common bench 1420.

Justice of the common bench,
for his counsel £3 6s. 8d.

paid to G. Allesley, besides
the former sum,

£3 6s. 8d.

[For the new cross in the
Cheaping £50.

[Allesley's business of the
bailiffs' "quietus est,"
as appears in certain

rolls, which remain in the
mayor's bags in S. Mary's
Hall.]

*capitali Justiciario domini Regis de
communi banco, ad essendum de
consilio predicto faciendo iij li. vj s.
viij d.*

*Item, soluti Egidio Allesley ultra
Summam viij li. iij s. iiij d. conces-
sam et solutam, per certos balliuos¹
ciuitatis Couentrie, prout in decimo
folio tempore Henrici Peito plenius
apparett (sic), iij li. vj s. viij d.*

*Item, factura nove crucis in vico
de Crosechepyng, solute per manus
eiusdem Henrici lli.*

*Mem. quod Hen. Peitoo recepit de
Egidio Allesley tres Rotulos, in quibus
comprehenditur labor de le quietus
est de tempore decem ballivorum,²
prout in predictis Rotulis plenius ap-
paret. & que quidem Rotule (sic)
remanent in vna бага predicti Hen-
rici Peito in aula B. Marie virginis
existente etc., que vocatur le meyres
bagges.*

³THO. WYLDGRISE, MAYOR, 1424.

[Election of officers.]

[Jan. 25.

[“*Nomina electorum.*”

[27 names.

Joh. Leeder, Will. Dilcok, Ad.
Hyton, Joh. Esterton, Egid. Alesley,
Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, Will.
Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofre, Hen.
Breux, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Bristow,
Will. Byfeld, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Sharp,
Ric. Deen, Joh. Franklen, Will.
Fryssby, Joh. Egeston, Will. Crosse,
passynger,⁴ Mat. White, Nic. Byfeld,

¹ v. p. 62.

² v. *ib.*

³ leaf 20. See for the formula, p. 21. The names of the outgoing mayor and of the bailiffs before whom the transaction took place will henceforth be omitted for brevity's sake. The election always took place on the Conversion of S. Paul, though the mayor did not take up office till Candlemas. The bailiffs, elected at the Michaelmas leet, served till the following Michaelmas.

⁴ v. Gloss.

THE COUNCIL.

Joh. Pynchebeke, Will. Bryde, Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Warrant.

[Officers.

[¹ m. Tho. Wildegrise; cor. Joh. Dylcok; ch. Will. Crudworthe, Will. Kerver; w. Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon; mace (clavigerilus), Will. Oxton.

[J. Ps.

Tho. Wyldgryse,² m., Joh. Weston, rec., Joh. Leeder,² Laur. Cooke,² Ric. Southam,² Ad. Hiton.²]

[Names of those chosen by the mayor to be of his council, with the other 24 being present at his election.

Isti subscripti electi sunt per Thomam Wildgryse maiorem etc. ad interessendum consilio eiusdem maioris cum illis xx^{ti} iiij discretis et honorabilibus viris, de electione predicti maioris essentibus (sic) etc., videlicet: Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peito, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Coton, Will. Faseman, Joh. Ray, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Harres, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Stille, deister, Joh. Runton, Joh. Braunston, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Ric. Bushebury, Joh. Harbourghe.

24 names.

PAYMENT OF ROYAL LOANS.

[Feb. 17. 1424.

Mem. quod die Veneris proximo ante festum S. Mathie³ apostoli a. r. r. Henrici vj^{ti} (etc.) secundo, Super tractatu habito inter Ricardum Croseby, priorem ecclesie cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria (etc.), ex parte vna, ac Thomam Wildegrise,

[An agreement between the prior, Ric. Croseby, and the chief men of the corporation about the jewels in which the

¹ m. = mayor, cor. = coroner, w. = warden, ch. = chamberlain, mace = sergeant-at-mace or sub-bailiff, rec. = recorder. ² All keepers of the common-chest keys.

³ S. Matthias falls on Feb. 24; S. Matthew on Sep. 21.

mayor and others have interest on account of the loans made to Henry V ;

the jewels are the "Iklynton Collar," a coronal, and an owche, delivered in satisfaction of the loans. It is agreed that the prior shall have the

jewels for 550 marks, paying annually 100 marks at Easter until 500 are paid, and 50 marks at Michaelmas after the date of the sixth and last bond, as appears by six bonds made between them remaining in a chest in S. Mary's Hall, of which Wildgrise and Leeder

have keys. The prior has delivery of the jewels. All which is done with the consent

maiolem, Johannem Leeder, M. G. S. T.¹ Couentrie, Laurencium Cooke, Ricardum Southam, Johannem Esterton, Henricum Peitoo & alios ex parte altera, pro etc. de & super diuersis iocalibus eisdem maiori & diuersis aliis personis in illis iocalibus interesse habentibus de denariis de prestitis domino Henrico, nuper Regi Anglie quinto, factis: videlicet, de vno jocali, vocato Iklynton Coller,² & alio jocali vocato Cournall, et quodam Nowche, pro satisfacione denariorum predictorum liberatis. Super quo taliter est concordatum quod predictus prior habebit dicta Jocalia pro Vcl marcis,³ soluendo annuatim C marcas, quousque V^c marce plene persoluantur, videlicet in festo Pasche, annuatim, et in festo S. Michaelis pro data (sic ? post datam) sexti obligacionis & vltimi (sic) l marcas, prout per diuersas sex obligaciones, per predictum priorem et conuentum Thome Wildgryse, maiori, & successoribus factas etc., & sub custodia dicti Thome Wildgrise & Johannis Leeder existentes in quadam Cista sub duobus (sic) Clauibus eorum remanente in aula B. Marie Couentrie, plenius apparet. & quorum jocalium idem prior sub forma predicta habet deliberacionem. Que omnia et singula acta sunt et fuerunt⁴ ex assensu et concensu

¹ Magister Gilde Sancte Trinitatis.

² Issue Rolls of Exchequer, H. III—VI. 402. The money was lent in the years 1399 and 1415, v. *supra*, pp. 60, 61. In 1422 Parliament ordered large sums in money and jewels to be transferred to the executors of Henry V and Henry IV in payment of debts, Ramsey, I. 328.

³ £366 13s. 4d.

⁴ leaf 20, back.

of the mayor,

the gild-masters,

and others.]

subscriptorum : videlicet, Thome Wildgrise tunc maioris, Johannis Weston, Recordatoris, Johannis Leder, M. G. S. T., Willelmi Dilcoke, Ricardi Southam, Laurencii Cooke, Ade Hiton, Johannis Esterton Henrici Peito, Egidii Allesley, maioris (sic) [gilde] Corporis Christi, Ricardi Oneley & Johannis Bowyer, ballivorum (etc.), Willelmi Crose, Ricardi Joy, Johannis Golofre, Henrici Breux, Roberti Melburne,¹ Johannis Braytofte, Johannis Bristow, & Johannis Mychell, cum aliis.

THE KING'S COUNCIL.

²Thes byn certen prouisions for the good gouernaunce of this land, þat the lordes, þe wich byn of the counsell, desiron at a parliament holden at Westmynster in the yere of our kyng Henry the VI^{te} the second.

ffirst for þat my lord of Glocestre, ne noo oþer man of the counsell, in noo suete þat shal-be made unto them, shall no fauour graunte, neithur in billes of ryght ne of office ne of benefice þat longithe to þe counsell, but only to answer þat the bill shal-be seen by all the councell, and the partie sueyng so to haue answer.

Item, þat all þe billes þat shal-be put vnto þe councell shul-be oonys in the weke att leste, þat is to sai, on þe Wennysday, red before þe counsell, and þer answers endosid³ by the same counsell, and on þe Friday next folowyng declaryd vnto þe partie sueyng.

Allso þat all the billys þat comprehend maters terminable at þe comen law, þat semyth not feyned, be remytted þer to be termyned, but 3if hit so be þat discession of the counsell fele to grette myght on þat one side and on-myght⁴ on þat oþer side.

The Duke of Gloucester to show no favour.

Bills.

Matters terminable at common law not within the Council's province.

¹ ? From Milburn in Stoneleigh parish.

² Almost verbatim version in Rot. Parl. iv. 201, referred to below as R. P.

³ Earlier form of endorse, v. *N.E.D.* endoss. ⁴ unmight = weakness.

In case of diversity of opinion, nothing shall be enacted unless there is a majority.

Item, 3if hit so be þat any mattur sued in the counsaill fall in any dyuers opynions, þat onlesse þen þat the moore partie of the counsell ben¹ present in tyme of discorde, fall to þat one partie, þat hit be not enact and assentyd, and the namys of the bothe parties enacted by the Clerk of the counsell with þer assent or dissent.

Item, þat in all suetes þat shal-be made to þe counsell in matturs whose determynacion longithe vnto þe counsell, but 3if hit so be þat thei touche the well of the kyng our souerayng lorde or hies realme, hastely to be sped, ellys þat thei be [noght]² enact doon by the counsell, onless then by the nombur of vj or iiij at þe leste of the counsell, with the officers that byn present, be of oon assent; and at þat tyme the namys of the sueters to be wryton of þer own hand in the same byll.

Unanimity of council's pronouncements.

Item, for-alsomoche [as]² hit is to grette a shame þat in straunge contres our souerayne lorde shall wryte his letteres be the advyse of his counsell for such matters & the personez as the counsell wrytith in his name, & singler personez of the counsell to write þe contrary, þat hit be ordenyd þat no man of the counsell presume to do hit on payne of shame & repreffe.

The poorest suitor's bill to be taken first,

Item, þat þe Clerk of the counsell be sworn þat euery day þat the counsaill syttythe on any byllys by-twyxt partie and partie, þat he shall, as ferr as he can, esspie which is the pooryst sueters byll, & that first to be redd and answeyd, & the kynges serieant to be sworn truely and playnly to 3yue the pore man, þat for suche is accepte to the counsell, assistens & true counsaill in his mattur so to be sueyd without [eny]² good takyng, on payn of discharge of þer officez.

and assistance given to poor suitors without fee.

Item, for-alsomoche as hit is likly þat many matters shal-be treatyd afore the counsell, þe which touchithe þe kynges prerogatyue & frehoold, [o]² that oo partie, & oþer sogettes of that oþer, in the which matus the counsaill is nott lernyd to kep the kynges [ryghtes]² and þe parties bothe, withoute the aduyce of the kynges Justicez, which be lernyd in his prerogatyffe, & in his comen law, þat in all suche matturs his Juggez be callyd þerto, and þer

The justices to be consulted in matters touching the king's prerogative.

¹ beyng R. P.

² Supplied from R. P.

adyuse with ther namys also be entryd of record what & how they determyne, & þe aduyse þerin.

Le duke¹ de Gloucestre, leuek de Cantelbers,² leuek de Loundres,³ leuek de Wynchestre,⁴ leuek de Norwyche,⁵ leuek de Worcestre,⁶ leuek de Duresme,⁷ chaunceller, le duk dExcestre,⁸ le Counte de Marche,⁹ le Counte de Warwyck,¹⁰ le Counte de Northumberland,¹¹ le Counte de Westmorland,¹² le *sieur* de Fitz Hugh, le *sieur* de Crumwell, le *sieur* de Lescrop,¹³ Mount*sieur* Watur Hongerford, mon-*sieur* John Typtoft,¹⁴ Thomas Chausers,¹⁵ *Wilhelmus* Halyngton.¹⁶

Members of
the Council.

THE COMMON SEAL AFFIXED TO INDENTURES.

[The following men seal the bag, in which the common seal is kept.

Memorandum, quod isti subsequentes sigillauerunt bagam in qua *commune* sigillum existit: videlicet, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer.

[Apr. 5, 1424.

[The following witness the sealing of divers indentures, sealed with the common seal, made to W. Bynley (etc.).

& isti subsequentes interfuerunt sigillacioni diuersarum indenturarum sigillatarum sigillo *communi*: videlicet, die Mercurii proximo post festum S. Ambrosii a. r. r. Henrici vj^{ti} secundo, & factarum Willelmo Bynley, bocher, Willelmo Saw, Tailour, Johanni seruiente¹⁷ Ricardi Southam.

[Sixteen witnesses.

Tho. Wildgryse, maiour, Joh. Leeder, M. G. S. T., Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Esterton, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Joye, Joh. Braytofte, Will. Crosse, Joh. Mychell, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Joh. Euerdon, Rob. Melburne.

¹ leaf 21. "Duke" repeated in MS. ² Henry Chicheley. ³ Tho. Kemp.
⁴ Cardinal Beaufort. ⁵ John Waking. ⁶ Phillip Morgan.
⁷ Thomas Langley. ⁸ Thomas Beaufort, son of John of Gaunt.
⁹ Edmund Mortimer. ¹⁰ Richard Beauchamp. ¹¹ Henry Percy.
¹² Ralph Neville. ¹³ John, Lord le Scrope of Masham.
¹⁴ Later, Earl of Worcester. ¹⁵ Twice Speaker.
¹⁶ Added to the Council in 1423. Lord Bouchier's name is omitted.
¹⁷ A servant or a sergeant.

A ROYAL LOAN.

March 29.

The king's
letter.

¹Memorandum, that in the tyme of Tho. Wildegrise, then beyng maiour of the Cite of Couentre, C li. was lant vnto kyng Henry the vjth by a *lettre* of the *privye seale* direct vnto [the] maiour and the *cominalte* of the said Cite, of the wich *lettre* the tenour folowith in thes woordes :—

[In order to put an end to this present war, as is earnestly desired,

it is necessary for the king to have provision of a notable sum of money,

as the reverent father in God, the Bishop of Worcester, and the Earl of Warwick will lay before them; being jointly assigned in letters under the privy seal, in the absence of the great seal, to communicate with them about the business of lending a notable sum in this great necessity,

and to promise sufficient security in the case of a loan.

[The king and council desire that in the advancement of this business, which will profit Christendom generally,

Treschiers & bien amez, come pur leexploit de le present guerre en nostre Realm de Fraunce, et pur metter oue laid de Dieu brieff fin & conclusion a memse² (*sic*) le guerre, ainsi come souereignment le desirons, nous couindra necessairement auoir cheuance & prouision dun grante³ & notable summe de dyners, si come pluiss au plein de par nous & nostre counsaill vous exposeront li reuerent pier en Dieu, leveqe de Wircestur, & nostre treschier & foiall cosyn, le Counte de Warr[ewyk]; lesqueux ioientment auoms assignez de lauis de nostre dit counsaill par nous letterez de commission de souz nostre priuie seale, en absence de graunt, pur comuniquer & traiter ouec vous de & sur la cheuance daucune somme notable par vous prester a nous en cest graunt necessetie, & pour vous prometter pour & en nostre nomz sufficeant suertie de repayment de tiell summe, come nous vous vuillez en ce cas apprester. Si vous prions treschere-ment Iqueu⁴ auancement de cest besoigne, quel a laid de nostre creatour tournira au bien & tranquillite de nous [et] de vous & dont⁵ (*sic*) cristianite, priendre vous voilez le

¹ leaf 22.² mesme le.³ MS. looks like grame.⁴ *sic*. ? quen = que en.⁵ de toute.

they will as quickly as they can, lend a notable sum, such as the bishop and earl will inform them of, putting faith in them, and belief in their account of what the council desire should be done in this matter.

[Given under our privy seal at Westminster.]

And for-asmoche as the said Erle of Warr[ewyk],⁴ the wich was assigned Jointely *with* the said bischop of Worcestur for to treet of this notable summe aboue namyd, myght not personally com vnto the said Cite for to treate as the lettur of þe privy ceale aboue-namyd openly speci-fiethe, the said Erle vnto þe said maiour & burges of the said Cite in Confirmacion of this said mattur his *lettre vndur* his signet sendythe, of þe wich the tenour folowith in thes wordes :—Dere and wel-belouyd, we grett you well ofte-sythis. And for-as-moche as now late þer is comyn a commyssion vndur the kynges greate seale, our soueryan lorde, direct vnto the ryght reuerent fathur in God, the bischop of Worcestur, and to vs to comune *with* you & *with oþer* of the moost notabull & sufficiant Burgesses of the Cite of Couentre, þat ye wold vpon sufficyant & couenable⁵ suertie make cheuaunce of a *certen* summe of gold vnto our souerayne lord in the supportacion of the highe and notable astatez of his Realme of Ingland and of Fraunce, & of the wellfare & good spede of my lord of Bedford, his vncl, the wich and all Englysche-men þat byn ther stonde in grett Jeopardie, but prouysyon and remedy be ordenyd from henez *with* all possible deliberacion & hast. And for dyuers matters, þe wich þat touchen our estate & heret- taunce we may not com personally to you for the said cause at this tyme, but haue buesied us here at Brystow *with* the maiour and Burgessez of that town by the com- maundment of the kyng, our said souerayne lorde, in the

plus prest qe vous purres en vois¹ aidant a ceo foitz par voie daprestre dune notable summe, tiell com par les susditz Eueqe & countte vous serra lemitre² (*sic*) et designe, en adioustant nientmains a exu³ (*sic*) ferm foy & credance en sa relacion a vous a faire de par nous & nostre dit counsaill en cell partie. Doné souz nostre priuie seale a Westm- [oustre], le xxix. iour de Marce.

The Earl of Warwick unable to come,

so he sends a letter;

praying for loan of a sum of gold for the king's necessities;

as Englishmen in France stand in great jeopardy unless speedy provision made.

The earl remains at Bristol, where the burgesses

¹ ? nous.

² ? limite, v. Gloss.

³ eux. Text corrupt.

⁴ Richard de Beauchamp, 1382-1439.

⁵ = fit, proper.

have been
very com-
pliant,

same & lyke case; the wich town hathe ryght Notabully and kyndly acquyt them, soo þat the same reuerent fathur in God comyth vnto you in his propre person in the name of the kyng, our said souerayng lord, be vertue of the commaundment direct vnto vs bothe for the said chey- saunce; prayng you als hertly as We can, þat all this mattur a-fore considred, wich schal-be moore effectually & expressly notified vnto you by the reuerent fader in God than we can do wryte to you at this tyme, Ye woll goodly encline you & consent vppon his certificacion for to do make by your good, kynd & wyse discession a conable prouysion and Cheuaunce of good¹ vnto our said souerayng lorde, now in his tendur age & his grettyst nede, and as 3e haue full kyndly and notably doon to his wurthy auncestres tofore thies tyme, to his ease and your good worship als effectually and kyndly as we wer with you in propre persone for our loue and for the hize trust we haue in you. Dere & Wel-belouyd, the Trinite haue you allway in his keypyng. Wryton in our manor of¹ Wotton vnder Egge,² the xiiij day of Aprill. Shirley.³

and he hopes
the Coventry
burgesses
will goodly
incline
them to
make the
provision of
money
needed by
the king in
his tender
age and
greatest need.

From Woot-
ton under
Edge.
The king's
loan.

[⁴The mayor and his council order that £100 shall be collected through the wards in the following manner.]

Gosford
Street.

Collectores de Gosforde.

Joh. Stafforde, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alott, Sim. Baker, deister, Joh. Melton, deister.

£11 12s. 0d.

Summa xj li. xij s.

Jorden Well.

Jurdenwell.

Joh. Recheford, Joh. Prentes, Will. Deyster, Rob. Defforde, Joh. Cooton.⁵

£10 4s. 0d.

Summa x li. iiij s.

Much Park
Street.

Michparke.

Joh. Lee, smythe, Rob. Danyell, Rob. Pynnok, Joh. Yate.

£10 0s. 0d.

Summa x li.

¹ sic. ?gold.

² Beauchamp held this manor in right of his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, Lord Berkeley. Of the lawsuits between the Berkeleys and the Beauchamps, v. Smyth, *Lives of the Berkeleys*, II. passim. ³ The scribe. ⁴ leaf 22, back. ⁵ ? Cootoner.

Erle.

Earl Street.

Will. Swane, Joh. Frankelen, Nich. Palmer, Tho. Harres, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrysbye.

Summa xj li. viij s. iiij d.; *recepti* inde xj li. viij d.;
& sic remanet pro *Nicholao* Metley vj s. viij d. £11 7s. 4d.

Baill[y].

Bayly Lane.

Joh. Rounton, Joh. Benett, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Sircoke, Will. Brook.

Summa vij li.; *recepte* inde vij li. £7 0s. 0d.

Brodeyate.

Broadgate.

Ric. Bushebury, Rog.¹ Cookes, Rob. Praty, Rob. Saxston, Tho. Lyones.

Summa iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d., *recepti* iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d. £4 13s. 4d.

Smythf[ord].

Smithford Street.

Ric. Hickeleng, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Blakman, Wal. Ashebye.

Summa viij li. £8 0s. 0d.

Spoon.

Spon Street.

Will. Pratte, Hugo Rigeley, Joh. Deister, whittawer, Joh. Broun, Joh. Essex.

Summa xj li. vij s. iiij d. £11 7s. 4d.

Crosche[pyng].

Crosscheaping.

Joh. Lichfeld, mercer, Rob. Lyrpoole, Joh. Style, deister, Ric. Botoner.

Summa xiiij li. x s. £14 10s. 0d.

Byschop.

Bishop Street.

Joh. Lichfeld, bocher, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Montgomery, Hen. Knott, Joh. Walgraue.

Summa xj li. vj s. £11 6s. 0d.

Summa totalis C li.

Total
£100 0s. 0d.

Vide ulterius in folio sequente quomodo *summa* pre-

See further
in the follow-
ing leaf how

¹ MS. Rongerus.

the sum of
£100 was
lent, and by
what persons
and how.
The follow-
ing con-
tributed
£100, lent
to the king.

dicta de Cli. prestita fuit, & de quibus personis & quomodo, etc.

¹ Mem. quod omnes isti subsequentes soluerunt ad Cli. domino Regi prestitas modo et forma quibus subscribuntur. & similiter ut patet folio precedente,² vbi collectores scripti sunt.

49 names.

[Gosford Street.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Tho. Wildegryse	1	6	8	Hen. Abram ³	2	0	Will. Inge	1	8
Laur. Cooke	1	6	8	Rob. Tylor	1	8	Ric. Skott	1	8
Will. Crose	15	0		Joh. Baker	3	4	Rad. Alett	6	8
Joh. Wellford	6	8		Will. Bagott	3	4	Bened. Marchall	6	8
Joh. Style	6	8		Rog. Deister	2	0	Simon Deister	6	8
Nich. Heywood	2	4		Joh. Knyght	1	8	Joh. Stafford	3	4
Joh. Wylde	2	0		Ric. Nicole	5	0	Joh. Melton	3	4
Juliana Twyng	2	0		Will. Cookes	2	6	Ric. Walker	1	8
Joh. Newby	2	0		Isabella Elford	3	4	Joh. David	1	6
Tho. Smyth	2	0		Joh. Solyhull	1	6	Tho. Draughton	1	8
Joh. Sheldon	3	0		Hugh Spencer	1	8	Walt. Bonde	1	4
Joh. Breton	6	8		Marg. Hall	2	0	Will. Colas	1	0
Tho. Mason	3	4		Ad. Baxster	6	8	Will. Horner	10	
Joh. Stretton	6	8		And. Evesham	6	8	Summa	xj li. xii s.	£11 12s. 0d.
Tho. Stooone	2	0		Ric. Beller	1	6	Ista summa suprascripta		
Joh. Evysham	5	0		Hen. Skylk	2	4	soluta est collectoribus		
Wyll. Abram ³	2	0		Joh. Luff	2	6	eiusdem warde. ⁴		
Ric. Kyng	5	0		Joh. Creke	3	4			

53 names.

Jurden-well.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Hampton,						Alex. Milner	1	0
plumer	3	4	Joh. Bryant	6	8	Pet. Tiler	1	8
Joh. Cressy, mercer	6	8	Joh. Prentes	4	2	Egid. Wener	1	0
Joh. Gale, Card-			Joh. Dilcok	10	0	Joh. Folkeshull	1	0
maker	2	0	Agnes Stanniforde	3	4	Ric. Plumer	2	0
Joh. Sutton	3	4	Joh. Coton	13	4	Pet. Glasier	3	4
Joh. Shaw	3	4	Joh. Lee	3	4	Tho. Dykons	3	4
Will. Leicester	3	4	Ric. Mildenhall	1	0	Will. Stoneley	2	0
Ric. Boise	3	4	Rob. Defford	6	8	Thrustans ⁵ Walker	2	0
Rob. Grene	3	4	Tho. Steynour	1	0	Will. Shurley	2	6
Will. Gale	1	8	J. Hawkyns, car-			Joh. Plumer	3	4
Will. Cleybrok	3	4	penter	1	8	Joh. Lusterley	4	0
Will. Warwyke	2	0	Joh. Morley	1	8	Joh. Abram	6	8
Joh. Freman	1	8	Joh. Recheford	3	4	Will. Deister	3	4
Tho. Turnor	3	4	Tho. Grene	3	4	Will. Wylde, molde-		
Ric. Rochford	1	0	Joh. Baxster	1	0	maker	1	8
Walt. Tyrrel	2	0	Rob. Clarke	3	0	Nich. Goor	3	4
Joh. Chandeler	1	8	Joh. Wade	1	8	Summa	x li. iiij s.	£10 4s. 0d.
Joh. Whalley	10	0	Joh. Gryme	3	4	soluta est collectoribus		
Joh. Leeder	1	13	Joh. Maidford	2	0	eiusdem warde.		
			Walt. Eton	3	4			

¹ leaf 24, back.² v. supra, p. 77.³ A Jew?⁴ This above-written sum was paid to the collectors of the same ward.⁵ ?Thurstan.

2 names.

Muche-parke-strett.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Will. Southam	3 4	John Lee, smyth	3 4	Will. Yate, card-	
Will. Bridde	3 4	Tho. Wallsall	1 8	maker	3 4
Ric. Dene	6 8	Tho. Crose	5 0	Will. Faseman	13 4
Joh. Esterton	1 6 8	Joh. Darby, coruiser	1 8	Joh. Braitofte	1 0 0
Joh. Clerke	13 4	Tho. Daw	3 4	Joh. Atwall, cor-	
Hen. Peito	1 6 8	¹ Will. Lyberd	3 4	uiser	1 8
Will. Freman	3 4	Ric. Staffordshyr	1 8	Joh. Ray	3 4
Agnes Brodde	6 8	Joh. Young, baxter	1 8	Ric. Hobbys	3 4
Will. Bifeld	13 4	Tho. Peyntour	3 4	Nich. Gryve	5 0
W. Broune, draper	3 4	Will. Charlton	3 4	Tho. Elderbeke	1 8
Hen. Hobbes	6 8	Rob. Pynnok	1 8		
Emmott Chaundeler	1 8	Rob. Danyell	3 4	Summa	x li. £10 0s. 0d.

55 names.

Erle-strett.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Joh. Harburgh	7 0	Will. Frysby	3 4	Tho. Swettenham	3 0
Rob. Chapman	2 0	Ad. Suett	3 4	Will. Wellis, mason	1 8
Joh. Launde	3 4	Tho. Cockes	1 8	Will. Belgrae	10 0
Nich. Grene	3 4	Joh. Warrant	5 0	Will. Donyngton	10 0
Joh. Clifton	1 8	Nich. Bifeld	1 8	Will. Crose	3 4
Joh. Cambrig	6 8	Joh. Carter	1 8	Joh. Mychell	6 8
Johanna Goote	1 8	Joh. Frankelen	3 4	Will. Colas	1 8
Marg. Cotener	1 8	Rob. Bifeld	10 0	Joh. Raymond	1 8
Joh. Rivell	1 8	Joh. Wilowby	3 4	Nic. Palmer	3 4
Joh. Vndurwoode	1 8	Ric. Cardemaker	1 8	Rad. Garton	10 0
Rog. Wales	1 8	Thos. Swan	1 8	Tho. Whirley	3 4
Joh. Brabson	1 8	Rob. Wildegrise	1 8	Ric. Southam	1 8
Ric. Sharman	1 8	Johanna North-		Joh. Shotteswell	1 8
Will. Repynton	6 8	wode	10 0	Joh. Chacombe	1 8
Rob. Thed	1 8	Joh. Norres	1 8	Tho. Warmyngton	3 4
Will. Swan	3 4	Joh. Normanton	4 0	Will. Attilborough	6 8
Ric. Cologne	1 8	Tho. Harres	1 8	Summa	xj li. vjs. viij d. £11 6s. 8d.
Ric. Sharp	6 8	Galf. Wilnale	1 8		
Will. Dawe	1 8	Joh. Euerdon	5 0	soluta collectoribus	
Thos. Reyuer	3 0	Joh. Burton	6 8	eiusdem warde.	

72 names.

Bayly-lane.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Tho. Lock, thym-		Will. Clerke	3 4	Tho. Loke	2 0
eler ²	1 0	Tho. Dyvett	1 4	Ric. Whithede	1 0
Joh. Marston	2 4	Joh. Whettley	1 0	Ric. Deyster	2 0
Rob. Hert	1 8	Will. Ottley	1 4	Joh. Burbage	3 0
Christiana Allesley	1 4	Ric. Holte	2 0	Isabella Seward	1 0
Joh. Skyle	1 4	Hen. Horneby	1 4	Joh. Power	1 4
Joh. Harborgh	2 4	Hen. Walton	1 4	Joh. Chubboke	1 8
Hen. Brydde	3 4	Joh. Bordall	2 8	Nich. Edward	1 0
Joh. Sircoke	2 8	Hen. Abram	2 0	Hen. Upton	2 0
Tho. Shaw	2 0	Rob. Gloucester	1 0	Johanna Wedon	1 0
Hen. Watstyd	1 4	Rob. Herdwyk	1 4	Joh. Gamil	1 0
Joh. Crose	3 0	Ad. Dyer	3 4	Joh. Hethull, cot-	
Thos. Thorpe ³	3 0	Tho. Tokeby	2 0	ener ⁴	2 0
Joh. Chambur	2 4	Ric. Dyvett	2 4	Hen. Brynklow	1 0
Patricius Ray	3 4	Will. Allesley	2 0	Will. Raynold	1 8

¹ leaf 25. ² v. Gloss. ³ 3s. 4d. MS., the 4d. deleted.

⁴ Earliest example in *N.E.D.* 1557: One who puts a nap on cloth.

Bayly-lane (continued).

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hen. Bate	4	0	Will. Brooke	4	6	Ric. Croseby	1	0
Tho. Warner	1	0	Tho. Goldsmyth	1	0	Joh. Joyner	1	8
Joh. Cotener	1	0	Joh. Bechampe	2	6	Joh. Benett	4	0
Ric. Leuer	1	0	Rad. Cotener ¹	1	8	Walt. Clarke	1	0
Ric. Couper	2	6	Joh. Drasse	1	0	Joh. Patenmaker	1	0
Will. Steynton	1	0	Tho. Peuterer	2	6	Tho. Bayly	1	8
Eliz. Ookeam	2	0	² Joh. Milette	2	0	Joh. Freman	1	8
Joh. Hull	1	4	Joh. Spencer	3	4	Tho. Gryme	6	
Joh. Rounton	2	0	Joh. Braban, paten-					
Will. Colvyll	1	8	maker, ³	1	2	Summa vijli. ^{£7 0s. 0d.}		
Joh. Louthe	2	0	Joh. Wiche	1	8	soluta collectoribus eius-		
						dem warde.		

40 names.

Brode-yate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Pet. de la Mare	1	8	Tho. Cooke	1	8	Joh. Janyns	3	4
Will. Spencer	1	4	Will. Prentes	2	0	Will. Broun	1	0
Ric. Trentham	2	0	Joh. George	1	8	Will. Foster	1	8
Will. Flekney	3	4	Ric. Fyllipes	2	0	Joh. Fysher	1	8
Joh. Barnard	3	4	Will. Marchall	1	8	Ric. Grasier	1	0
Edm. Collshull	2	0	Joh. Archar	1	8	Tho. Lyones	1	8
Tho. Sporyar	1	8	Joh. Malory	1	4	Egid. Allesley	13	4
Joh. Ballsall	2	0	Rob. Sporyar	1	0	Ric. Oneley	10	0
Rog. Cookes	3	4	Will. Dawbney	1	8	Rob. Praty	2	0
Ric. Bushebury	3	4	Rob. Saxton	2	0	Joh. Harewood	1	0
Joh. Capper	1	8	Tho. Prentes	1	0	Summa iiijli. xiiij s. iiij d. ^{£4 13s. 4d.}		
Joh. Hosier	1	8	Ric. Sethe	1	0	soluta est collectoribus		
Tho. Barbour	3	4	Will. Sethe	1	0	eiusdem warde.		
Joh. Barrett	1	4	Joh. Darby	1	8			
Joh. Huntley	2	0	Will. Okyn	1	4			

36 names. 7

Smytheforde-strett.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard	1	8	Hen. Preston	5	0	Joh. Goodwryght	1	0
Will. Flore	1	0	Joh. Ooneley	13	4	Joh. Bower	10	0
Joh. Yate	3	4	Joh. Lirpoole	3	4	Tho. Ive	5	0
Will. Peuterer	10	0	Joh. Outered	1	8	Will. Jones, weuer	1	8
Rob. Holme	6	8	Rad. Bredon	1	8	Ric. Burton, sad-		
Joh. Bristow	13	4	Tho. Colman	1	8	eler	6	8
God. Barbour	5	0	Nich. Smyth	5	0	Joh. Egeston	4	0
Will. Bredon, skyn-			Will. Happeford	3	4	Ric. Hicklyng	3	0
ner	1	0	Joh. Peer, couper	1	8	Wal. Asheby	2	8
Joh. Wymondes-			Tho. Baxster	3	4	Jos. Tate	2	0
wold	5	0	Joh. Bramston	10	0	Joh. Blakeman	2	0
Tho. Broune	5	0	Tho. Joy	3	4	Summa viijli. ^{£8 0s. 0d.}		
Magott Chaundeler	3	4	Joh. Olyve	3	4	& soluta est collectoribus		
Tho. Carter	6	8	Joh. Multon, Clerk	3	4	eiusdem warde.		

¹ or Coton.² leaf 25, back.³ From Brabant; cf. Flawnders, p. 6.

71 names.

Croschepyng.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Joh. Rooke	2 0	Edw. Lychefeld	3 4	Joh. Lychefeld	3 4
Joh. Symondes, coruiser	1 0	Will. Benet, Cook,	1 0	Joh. Moole, coruiser	1 0
Hen. Sircoke, coruiser,	6 8	Will. Dilcok	1 0 0	Joh. Gascoyn	3 4
Rob. Mylburne	13 4	Will. Dey	2 0	Will. Chapman	3 4
Rob. Grubber	5 0	Rob. Hardwyke	2 0	Joh. Wall	3 4
Hen. Colyns	5 0	Agnes Wedon	6 8	Joh. Bandy, bar-	2 0
Joh. Doughty	5 0	Joh. Barbour	1 8	bour	2 0
Hen. Breux	13 4	Will. Bynley	5 0	Tho. Grene	13 4
Joh. Fryche	3 4	Hen. Rondull	4 0	Tho. Lokyer	1 0
Joh. Harbourghz	1 8	Joh. Northampton	1 8	Joh. Holland	1 0
Will. Huett	1 8	Joh. Rouley	1 0	Reg. Rede	1 4
Sym. Payn	1 8	Ric. Weuer	4 0	Nich. Hull	3 4
Wyll. Radclyff	1 8	Joh. Carmaker	1 0	Ad. Deister	1 6 8
Rad. Chaundeler	4 0	Rob. Lirpoole	4 0	Rob. Danyell, deister	1 8
Joh. Burne	5 0	Joh. White	3 4	Joh. Style, deister	6 8
Joh. Parker, draper,	13 4	Ric. Brykstook	2 0	Will. Darsett	3 4
Alicia Parker	1 8	Will. Potynger	3 4	Hen. Cooke	2 0
Joh. Bryghtmer	2 0	Tho. Lylynto ¹	4 0	Joh. Stockton,	1 0
Rob. Mason	1 0	Moricus Bocher	1 0	coruiser	1 0
Agnes Dalby	3 4	Joh. Huet, mason,	1 11	Joh. Haydon, Jun.	8
Joh. Appulby	2 0	Ric. Bere	1 8	Rob. Stockton, coruiser,	1 0
Ric. Joy	1 0 0	Joh. Peuterer	3 4	Joh. Dyrham, gold- smyth	1 0
Pet. Sheffield	1 8	Tho. Norwiche	1 8	Summa xiiijli. xs. ij d. £14 10s. 2d.	
Ric. Henty	1 7	Ric. Botoner	4 0	soluta collectoribus.	
		Tho. Bassyngburn	3 4		
		Nich. Fysche	1 0		
		² Will. Bromyche	1 0		

73 names.

Spon-strete.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Joh. Mershe	1 8	Joh. Chester	1 8	Will. Iryshe	1 0
Joh. Club	1 8	Joh. Marnam	6 8	Joh. Loote	3 4
Joh. Hastlyff	3 4	Tho. Skott	1 0	Rob. Myles	1 8
Joh. Nele	2 0	Joh. Eyre	3 4	Tho. Smyth	1 0
Joh. Essex	7 6	Math. Wryght	1 0	Tho. Straunge	1 0
Tho. Paynell	10 0	Ric. Wellford	3 4	Steph. Couche	2 0
Ric. Shustock	2 0	Joh. Wellynton	2 0	Joh. Plasterer	3 4
Joh. Sissetur	2 0	Joh. Milner	1 0	Isabell Walker	3 0
Ric. Waryn	3 4	Agnes Harries	1 0	Tho. Poole	1 0
Will. Pratte	17 6	Will. Stooone	1 0	Math. White	6 8
Johanna Dudley	13 4	Simon Est	3 4	Ric. Capper	2 0
Joh. Menley	5 0	Joh. Birde	1 0	Edm. Brogreue	3 4
Nich. Barre	1 0	Joh. Harres	1 0	Joh. Westley	1 0
Joh. Ward	5 0	Ric. Style	1 8	Geo. Weuer	1 0
Nich. Pryse	3 4	Hen. Holt	5 0	Rob. Baker	1 0
Joh. Brere	1 8	Hen. Mason	2 0	Joh. Ball	1 8
Joh. Broun	7 6	Will. Withybroke	1 8	Tho. Skott	1 0
Hugo Rugeley et pro Simone Busteler	7 6	Will. Stockton	1 4	Tho. Pratte	1 8
Joh. Pynchebeke	6 8	Tho. Lenton	1 8	Tho. Goldsmyth	1 8
Joh. Brettby	1 0	Joh. Baker	1 0	Will. Walker	1 0
Joh. Sewyne	2 0	Will. Wellys	2 0	Tho. Brounale	1 8
Will. Keruer	6 8	Will. Welsche	1 0	Ric. Walforde	3 4
Joh. Deister	15 4	Rob. Balle ³	1 8	Summa xj li. vij s. iiij d. £11 7s. 4d.	
Ric. Neuton	2 0	Johanna Bondy	1 8	soluta collectoribus.	
		Will. Yerdeley	1 0		
		Joh. Rydale	3 4		

¹ ? Lylyngton.

² leaf 26.

³ ? Related to John Ball, the priest, captured in Coventry 1381.

83 names.

Bysshop-strett.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				
Joh. Lyncoln		8		1	0	Joh. Schulton	1	0
Joh. Grynder	5	0	Joh. Chacombe	1	0	Bareboche	1	0
Alex. Barker	1	0	Ric. Bylston	1	0	Joh. Weston	1	0
Joh. Attwoode	3	4	Joh. London	1	0	Wal. Tryg	3	0
Ric. Marche	5	0	Joh. Cooke	1	8	Hen. Hethe	4	0
Joh. Stockton	1	0	Joh. Maunston		8	Gal. Cole	1	8
Ric. Stanlake	1	8	Rob. Bandy	1	8	Joh. Hayly		10
Joh. Woodmer	2	6	Joh. Edward	1	0	Joh. Fraiter		8
Joh. Stafford,			Tho. Fyshe		8	Simon More	1	8
mylner	2	0	Tho. Kerdyff	1	0	Tho. Wryght	2	0
Will. Kemp	2	0	Joh. Pratte		8	Rob. Weston	3	4
Hen. Hull	1	0	Rob. Trueman	1	0	Rog. Lesyngham	3	4
Ric. Southam	2	0	Joh. Gold	3	4	Joh. Nele	1	8
Rog. Bylston	5	0	Will. Newton	1	8	Rob. Barbour	1	0
Tho. Chacombe	2	0	Will. Bate	2	6	Joh. Couper	1	0
Rog. Taylour	2	0	Will. Bayly	1	0	Tho. Smythe	1	0
Joh. Staunton		6	Ric. Wryght	1	8	Will. Wilkyns	6	8
Joh. Folville	1	8	Ric. Felypps	3	0	Tho. Dovy	1	0
Johanna Palmer	1	0	Joh. Baxster	1	0	Rog. Goose	1	0
Tho. Illage	1	8	Hugo Shaw	4	0	Will. Vmbem	3	4
Joh. Gilbert	3	4	Joh. Belston	3	4	Joh. Mathew	1	4
Hen. Walker	2	6	Wyll. Allesley	1	0	Will. Gamill ²	1	0
Will. Barrett	1	0	¹ Rob. Wryght		8	Joh. Flecher	1	0
Ric. Pisfort		8	Will. Crudworthe	10	0	Joh. Augur	3	4
Will. Staunton	5	0	Reignald Prophet	3	0	Joh. Allesley	2	0
Will. Pere	1	0	Joh. Benet	3	4	de Collectoribus		
Edm. Drouer	3	4	Rob. Harwarde	3	4	ibidem	13	4
Ric. Byddell	1	8	Will. Thornton	3	4	Summa xjli. vj s.	£11 6s. 4d.	
Hugo Beuer	1	0	Joh. Wodcoke	1	8	soluta collectoribus eius-		
Joh. Kebull	2	0	Tho. Broun	1	8	dem warde.		

[³Security for the aforesaid Securitas pro predictis Cli., v £100: 5 bonds and delivery obligaciones & deliberacio earum. of the same.]

"A Cli. lent." Five bonds for

£101 2s. 11³/₄d., of which 22s. 11³/₄d. Joh. Leder paid.

One bond together with £32 8s. 2d., and £4 13s. 3¹/₄d., is delivered to John Braytoft.

ffor the wiche Cli. and for the suertie peroff v obligations wer delyuered vnto the said Tho. Wildegryse, maiour, the wiche v obligacions the summa of hem is Cjli. ij s. xjd. ob. q^a, the wiche xxij s. xjd. ob. q^a John Leder paid & ought to have hit agayn; & þe wiche v obligacions the said maiour hath delyuered to his successour, John Braytoft, oone with xxxijli. viijs. ijd. & iiijli. xiijs. ijd. q^a, as moore plainly in endenturs betwen the sayd Thomas Wildgryse and John Braytofte made is specified; of the wiche endentur þat one⁴ parte abydithe in the bag of the meraltie of the said Thomas in Saynt Mary Hall in the keyng of Ric. Goddesley.

And for as the sue[r]te of the Cli. myght not be gotton

¹ leaf 26, back.

² v. Sharp, *Antiq.* 75.

³ leaf 23.

⁴ = the one. O.E. þæt an, neuter.

without grett labour & cost, hit was ordenyd by the hoole councell þat John Leeder shuld ryde to London for the said suerty, and he had delyuered vnto hym by thandes of the said Tho. Wyldgryse xls., þe wich xls. com oute of the wardenship and thei owen to haue hit agayn.

John Leeder rides to London for the security; £2 for his costs.

EASTER LEET.

[¹V. f. p. before Tho. Wildegrise m., Ric. Oneley and Joh. Bowyer b., on Thursday after the close of Easter.² 2, Hen. VI.

Coentre. May 4, 1424.

Joh. Leder, Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcok, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Esterton, Hen. Peitoo, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Ric. Joye, Joh. Harbourghe, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Parker, draper, Hen. Breux, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Will. Keruer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Birde, gurdeler, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Tate.

Jury of 24.

At the wich lete was ordenyd þat the chamburlens schullen let make a comen mase for the-office of the comen sergeaunt, or els to pay the money þat he paith yerly for his mase.

"The Chamberleyns make the comon sergens mase."

Allso hit is ordenyd þat the wardens schall make³ the Costis that John Leeder spendithe at London abought certen occupacions for the Cite of Coentre, þat is to say in getyng Suertie of Cli. þat was lent vnto kyng Henry the vj^{te} in the tyme of Thomas Wildegrise, maiour of the said Cite. And allso thei shall make good the costis þat was made unto þe buschop of Worcetur in getyng his lordschip in furtheryng this said mattur.

Leeder's expenses about the loan of £100 to Henry VI, paid by wardens.

Allso þat the chamburlayns schall make a ryng at the Bullryng, to thend þat bullez may be baytyd as they haue byn hertofore.

A ring at th Bull-ring.

And oþer ordynaunces & grauntes arn ordyned & made at this said leett, as in the endosementis of certen byllys at þat tyme put-to þe leet moore specyally doo appere.

Other ordinaunces transcribed.

LOAN TO THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

⁴Mem. þat by a *lettre* directe vnto þe maiour, baileffez, and Cetyzens of the Cite of Coentre fro the duke of

"C marks" lent to the Duke of

¹ leaf 21, back. ² Clausum Pasche, the Sunday after Easter.

³ ? insert "good." ⁴ leaf 23.

Gloucester,
June 27,
1424,

in response

to his appeal
in this letter.

Gloucettur C marke was lent vnto þe said duke; of the wich *lettre* the tenour folowith in thies wordes:—Right trusty and wel-belouyd, we grett you well. And forasmoche as we haue takyn full purpos to pase ouer the see with Goddes myght in our own persone for to receyue in our handes our land and lordeships ther with due obeisance of our subiectes: We pray you hertly þat ye will do so moche for us at this tyme as for to ease us with CC li. vpon sufficient suertie, Consideryng that the well of us and of this our viage is lyke to turne to ryght great ese of the people, & specially of thies *merchauntis* of this Realme; and þat ye will certifie us agayn of your entent & good will in this behalffe by the brynger of this and by your letturs; hauyng you so toward us in this mattur, þat we may feele your good affectiõn, and haue cause for to show you in tyme to come contynuaunce of our good lordship. Right trusty and wel-belouyd, our Lorde haue you in his kepyng. Yeven vndur our pryvy signett at London, the xxvij day of Juyn.

“Suprascriptio littere in principio.”¹

By the duke of Gloucettur, Erle of Haynnau, Holland, Yelland (*sic*), and Penbrok, lord of Friseland, high chamburlen, *protectour* and defensor of England.²

Worthy men

Wherupon the meir lett make of thies wurthy men folowyng, John Leeder, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Ad. Hiton, Gil. Allesley, Ric. Joy, Rad. Garton, Joh. Braitofte, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Harborugh, sen., Will. Faseman, Joh. Mychell, Rob. Melburne, Joh. Parker, Will. Crose, Hen. Breux, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Coton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Clerk, Will. Frisby, Ric. Sharpe, Ric. Dene, Tho. Wirley, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Welford, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Tate, Joh. Broun, draper, Tho. Reyuer,³ Joh. Style, Deyster, Joh. Frankelen, Joh. Deyster, woleman, and oþer, by wose avyse and many oþer was ordenyd þat the said duke shuld haue C marke

decide to
lend the duke
100 marks,

¹ Superscription of the letter at the beginning.

² Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester (1391–1447), married Jacqueline, daughter of William IV, Count of Hainault, Holland and Zealand, and lord of Friesland, in 1422. In October 1424 Gloucester and Jacqueline invaded Hainault with an army of 5,000 soldiers, and Gloucester was recognised as Count of Hainault.

³ or Reyner.

of lone vndur sufficient suertie, & þat þe said C marke shal-be leuyd and rerd in the maner as heraftur folewith. And also thei orden þat þer shuld be in euery warde one or ij sufficiente men to ouerse the Collectours and to help them, þer as nede is.

under sufficient security.

¹ Warde de Gosforde.

Superuisores,² Laur. Cooke, Joh. Golofre. Collectores, Joh. Stafford, wírdrawer, Joh. Stretton, Bened. Marchall. £7. 14s. 8d.

Collection made for the duke's 100 marks.

Jurdenwell.

Joh. Leeder,³ Joh. Bray-Tofte,³ Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Rocheforde. £6. 16s. 0d.

Mucheparke.

Hen. Peitoo,³ Joh. Bray-Tofte,³ Joh. Clerke, Will. Brydde, Ric. Deene, Rob. Danyell. £6. 13s. 4d.

Erle & Litulpark.

Rad. Garton,³ Joh. Harbourg,³ Will. ffrisbye, Nic. Grene, Joh. Launde, Joh. Mychell, Nic. Palmer. £7. 11s. 8d.

Baill[y].

Joh. Rounton,³ Will. Brooke,³ Ad. Dier, Joh. Berett, wýrdrawer, Joh. Bechamp, Joh. Sircoke. £4. 13s. 4d.

Brodeyate.

Egid. Allesley,³ Ric. Oneley,³ Ric. Busshebury, Rog. Cookes, Edm. Collshull, Will. Marchall, Rob. Saxton. £3. 2s. 4d.

Smyth[ford].

Joh. Bowyer,³ Joh. Brystowe,³ Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Braunston, Tho. Carter, Joh. Blakeman. £5. 6s. 8d.

Spon.

Tho. Paynell,³ Will. Keruer,³ Will. Prate, Hugo Rugeley, Joh. Broun, draper, Joh. Meenley. £7. 11s. 8d.

¹ leaf 23, back.

² Overseers.

³ Bracketed together as overseers.

Crosch[-epyng].

Will. Dilcoke,¹ Ric. Joye,¹ Joh. Brydde, peuterer, Joh. Style, deister, Rad. Chaundeler, Will. Darsett. £9. 13s. 4d.

Byschop.

Will. Crudworthe,¹ Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Golde, Hen. Walker. £7. 10s. 8d. Total £66. 13s. 8d.]

Three obligations for security of the duke's debt.

²ffor the wich C markes, & for suertie of the same, iij obligacions were delyuered to the maiour. The wich iij obligacions the said Thomas Wildgrise hathe delyuered vnto his successour, Johannem Braitoft, meir of the said Cite, as in endenturus between the said Thomas & John made mor openly is conteynyd. The wich endenturs *pat* one parte abydith in the kepyng of Ric. Goddesley in a bag in Saynt Mary Hall abydyng.

R. Joy goes to London,

ffor-asmoche as the suertie of the said C marke myght not be gotten *without* grett cost and labour, by thadyuse of the hoole counsell Ric. Joy was sent to London, & he spent xls.

and spends 40s.

And Laurens Cooke went to Boston to speke *with* the customers *per*, & he spent xij s. iij d.

L. Cook to Boston, 13s. 4d.

To London and Sandwich,

And the same Laurence, when he went to London and to Sondwiche & so hoome agayn, hauyng suerty for the said C. marke, spendid vj li. xxij d. ob. *Summa totalis*, viij li. xv s. ij d. ob., the wiche viij li. xv s. ij d. ob. was receuyd of the wardens sauynge xx s., wich was receuyd of the chamburlens, and owith to be payd agayne.

£6 1s. 10½ d.

Total £8 15s. 2½ d.

The following paid towards 100 marks lent to the duke of Gloucester, which money was paid in the manner following as it was lent.

³ *Memorandum quod isti subsequentes soluerunt ad Centum marcas duci Gloucestrie prestitas tempore Thome Wildgrise tunc maioris. & predicte centum marce solute sunt subsequenti modo & forma prout prestite fuerunt, videlicet:—*

¹ Bracketed together as overseers.

² leaf 24.

³ leaf 29, back.

§ 9. *Thomas Wyldgrise, Mayor. Gloucester's Loan, 1424.* 87

54 names.

Gosforte-stret.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Wyldgrise	13	4	Joh. Knyghte	1	3	Margaret Hall	1	4
Laur. Cooke	1	0	Joh. Wright	8		Wal. Bond	1	0
Will. Crosse	10	0	Joh. Euesham	3	4	Hen. Skylle	1	6
Joh. Golofre	10	0	Rob. Tyler	1	3	Rog. Deister	1	6
Joh. Wellford	5	0	Ric. Somer	1	6	Joh. Buyton	1	4
Joh. Style	5	0	Tho. Stooone	1	6	Joh. Luff	1	8
Hen. Abraham	18	0	Will. Cooke	1	6	Ric. Kyng	3	4
Joh. Dau[i]d	1	0	Joh. Lee	3	4	Randolf Hauenell	8	
Tho. Mason	2	6	Ad. Baxster	5	0	Will. Colas	8	
Andreas Evysham	5	0	Tho. Draughton	1	2	Joh. Streyte	8	
Ric. Skott	1	6	Tho. Reve	8		Rad. Alott	3	4
Joh. Sheldon	2	0	Ric. Beller	1	0	Bened. Marchall	3	4
Ric. Walker	1	3	Joh. Wellys	8		Joh. Stretton	3	4
Joh. Solyhull	1	6	Will. Abraham	1	6	Joh. Stafford	3	4
Will. Yonge	1	2	Tho. Barker	8		Joh. Mollton	3	4
Will. Dagett	2	6	Joh. Wilde	1	4			
Nic. Heywood	1	8	Ric. Moole	3	4			
Joh. Nueby et mater eius ¹	3	4	Joh. Breux	8				
Joh. Baker, deyster,	2	6	Tho. Smythe	1	6			
			Sim. Deister	2	6			

£7 13s. 4d.

Summa vijli. xiiij s. iiij d.
soluta collectoribus.

53 names.

Jurdenwell.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Hampton	1	8	Joh. Dilcoke	6	8	Ric. Plumer	1	0
Joh. Cressy	1	8	Agnes Stamford	2	0	Pet. Glasier	1	10
Joh. Gale	1	4	Joh. Cooton	10	0	Tho. Dicons	2	0
Joh. Sutton	2	0	Ric. Mildnale	1	0	Will. Stoneley	1	4
Joh. Shade	2	8	Rob. Welford	4	0	Thrustanus Walker ⁴	1	0
Will. Leicestur	2	0	Will. Warr[wyk]	1	8	Will. Shurley	1	4
Ric. Boys	2	4	Hen. Abram	2	4	Joh. Plumer	2	4
Rob. Grene	1	8	Joh. Crooke	2	4	Joh. Listerley	3	4
Will. Bale	8			8		Joh. Abram	3	4
Will. Cleybrook	2	3	Joh. Hawkyn	1	0	Will. Deister	4	0
Joh. Freman	8		Joh. Rocheforde	3	4	Joh. Wilde	1	4
Tho. Turnor	1	8	Tho. Groome	2	0	Nic. Goore	2	4
Ric. Rocheford	1	0	Rob. Clerke	2	0	Joh. Manton	1	0
Wal. Tirrell	1	4	Joh. Wade	1	0	Joh. Morley	1	0
Joh. Chaundeler	8		Joh. Gryme	2	4	Tho. Coryer	8	
Joh. Whalley	3	4	Joh. Maidforde	1	4	Tho. Kyrton	8	
Joh. Leeder	1	6	Walt. Etone	2	0			
Joh. Bryan	4	0	Alex. Mylner	4				
Joh. Prentes	3	0	Perkyn Tyler ³	1	0			

[Total £6 16s. 0d. paid
etc.]

30 names.

Muche-[park-street].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Hen. Peitoo	1	0	0	Tho. Walsall, weuer	1	0	Joh. Yong, baxster	1	0
Joh. Esterton	1	0	0	Ric. Dene	1	8	Tho. Yorke	2	4
Joh. Braitofte	13	4	Agn. Broode	3	4	Will. Charlton	2	4	
Will. Faseman	13	4	Will. Broune	1	8	Tho. Eldurbek	1	2	
Will. Bifeld	10	0	Hen. Hobbys	3	4	Nic. Gryve	3	4	
Joh. Clerk	6	8	Joh. Lee	2	6	Hobbes, hosteler	2	6	
Will. Glasier	1	8	Tho. Crose	3	4	Will. Bryde	1	4	
Will. Southam	2	6	Joh. Darby	1	0	Rob. Danyell	1	4	
Will. Yate	1	8	Tho. Dawe	4	0				
Joh. Ray	2	4	Tho. Dawe	4	0				
Will. Freman	2	4	Will. Libard	1	0				

[Total £6 13s. 4d. paid
to the collectors.]

¹ and his mother.

² Blank in MS.

³ ? Name or trade.

⁴ ? Thurstan. Walker = a fuller.

⁵ leaf 30.

58 names.

Bailey-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Marston ¹	1	7	Rob. Gloucestre		8	Will. Reynold	1	0
Christian Allesley		8	Rob. Herdwiike	1	0	Hen. Bate	3	0
Joh. Skyll	1	0	Ad. Dyer	2	2	Tho. Warner		8
Joh. Harborough	1	4	Tho. Tokeby	1	5	Ric. Beuer		8
Hen. Birde	2	4	Ric. Dyvett	1	7	Joh. Duale		6
Joh. Sircoke	1	9	Will. Allesley	1	4	Tho. Gryme		6
Tho. Shaw	1	5	Tho. Loke	1	6	Ric. Conper	1	8
Hen. Watford	10	½	Ric. Whithede		8	Will. Steynton		8
Joh. Crose	1	10	Ric. Deister	1	6	Joh. Hull, baxter	1	0
Tho. Thorp	2	0	Joh. Burbage	2	2	Joh. Runton	3	4
Joh. Chambur	1	6	Isabell Sewarde		8	Will. Colvyll	1	0
Patric. Kay	2	4	Joh. Power	1	0	Joh. Louth	1	4
Will. Clerk	1	7	Joh. Chubboke	1	2	Will. Broke	3	4
Tho. Dyvett	1	0	Nic. Edwarde		6	Tho. Goldsmyth		8
Joh. Whitley		8	Hen. Upton		8	Joh. Bechamp	1	8
Will. Otteley	1	0	Ric. Braitofte	1	9	Rad. Cotener	1	3
Ric. Holte	1	2	Johanna Wedon		8	Joh. Brase		8
Hen. Horneby		10	Joh. Upton	1	6	Tho. Peuterer	1	10
Hen. Walton	1	0	Joh. Gamil		8	[Total £4 13s. 4d. paid		
Joh. Bordale	1	10	Hen. Brinklow		8	(etc.).]		

55 names.

Erle-strett.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Wyloughby, draper	2	6	Joh. Vndurwod	1	8	Will. Belgraue	5	0
Rob. Wildgrise	1	8	Joh. Ryvell	1	8	Will. Donyngton	5	0
Tho. Swan	1	0	Joh. Malory	1	0	Will. Crosse,		
Ric. Cardmaker	1	0	Johanna Goote	6	8	passenger	1	8
Rob. Bifeld	6	8	Joh. Cambrgye	5	0	Joh. Mychell	6	8
Joh. Frankelen	2	6	Joh. Carter, hosier	1	8	Joh. Raymond	1	8
Nic. Bifeld	1	8	Joh. Clifton	1	8	Nic. Palmer	1	8
Tho. Cookes	2	0	Nic. Grene	1	8	Rad. Garton	6	8
Joh. Warrant	3	4	Joh. Launde	1	8	Tho. Wirley	2	6
Ad. Suett	2	6	Joh. Harborough	6	8	Ric. Ryvell	1	0
Will. Frysby	3	4	Rob. Laughton	3	0	Tho. Warmyngton	2	6
Tho. Reyner	1	8	Will. Dey	1	0	Johanna Attil-		
Will. Dawe	1	0	Johanna Norwoode	6	8	borughz	3	4
Ric. Sharpe	5	0	Joh. Norwode	6	8	Joh. Wellys, mason	1	8
Ric. Colgraue	1	8	Joh. Norres	1	8	Joh. Chacombe	1	4
Will. Swan	1	8	Joh. Normanton	3	0	Joh. Schotteswell	1	0
Rob. Thede	1	0	Galf. Willnale	1	8	Joh. Forest, tailour	1	0
Joh. Brabson	1	8	Joh. Euerdon	4	0	Hen. Glasyer	1	0
Rob. Wallis	1	8	Joh. Burton	5	0	[Total £7 11s. 8d. paid		
			Tho. Suetham	2	6	(etc.).]		

42 names.

Broode-yate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
*Rob. Melton, sadeler		8	Joh. Ballsall	1	6	Joh. Huntley	1	4
Alicia Illage	1	0	Reg. Starky		8	Rob. Bradley	1	0
Pet. de la Mare	1	4	Joh. Starky		6	Ric. Morell, sporyer	1	4
Will. Spencer	1	0	Joh. Bredon	1	4	Will. Prentes	1	6
Ric. Trentham	1	4	Tho. Power	1	0	Joh. George	1	0
Will. Fleknay	2	6	Ric. Busshebury	2	0	Ric. Phelps	1	6
Joh. Barnard	2	6	Joh. Capper	1	4	Joh. Archer	1	4
Tho. Barbour	1	0	Joh. Hosier	1	0	Rob. Sporiour ³	1	0
Rad. Duffield		8	Tho. Barbour	2	0	Will. Dawbney	1	4
Tho. Sporiour	1	0	Joh. Barrett	1	0	Joh. Rodley		8

¹ (?) Ancestor of the Elizabethan dramatist.² leaf 30, back.³ A spurmaker.

Broode-yate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Schether ¹		6	Egid. Allesley	10	0	Joh. Harewoode		6
Joh. Darby, wryght	1	0	Will. Foster		8	Tho. Riconjay		4
Rob. Flecher		8	² Brasier extra			Will. Olyue		6
Rob. Mannyng		8	portam		8	[Total £3 2s. 4d. paid		
Joh. Jamys	2	0	Ric. Oneley	6	8	(etc.).]		

37 names.

Smythefford-[street].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynarde	1	0	Joh. Lirpole	2	6	Tho. Ive		3 4
David Burton	1	0	Joh. Outerede	1	0	Will. Jonys		1 0
Joh. Yate	1	8	Rad. Bredon	1	0	Ric. Sadler		3 4
Will. Peuterer		8	Joh. Egeston	3	4	Joh. Wymondes-		
Rob. Holme	4	0	Tho. Colam	1	0	wold		3 4
Joh. Bristowe	10	0	Nic. Smythe	3	4	Joh. Goode		8
Godefrid Barbour	3	4	Will. Happeforde	2	0	Joh. Bredon		8
Tho. Broune	4	0	Joh. Peer, Couper	1	0	Tho. Carter		2 2
Matill. Chaundeler	2	0	Tho. Baxster	2	0	Joh. Blakeman		1 8
Hen. Preston	3	0	Joh. Braunston	6	8	Ric. Hickelyng		1 8
Joh. Oneley	10	0	Ric. Osbern	1	0	Joh. Tate		1 8
Wal. Asheby	2	0	Tho. Joy	2	0	[Total £5 6s. 8d. paid		
Joh. Wymondes-			Joh. Olyve	2	0	(etc.).]		
wold, hosier	1	8	Joh. Bowyer	6	8			

79 names.

Span-[street].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
³ Tho. Brownall	1	2	Johanna Dudley	10	0	Tho. Goldsmyth		1 0
Joh. Eire	2	4	Ric. Shustoke	1	4	Tho. Standiche		8
Sim. Busteler	1	2	Joh. Syssettur	1	4	Will. Yardeley		9
Mat. White		8	Joh. Plasterer	2	4	Ric. Neuton		1 4
Tho. Skott		9	Joh. Balle	1	2	Joh. Brettby		8
Rob. Baxster		9	Joh. Nele	1	4	Ric. Wellforde		2 4
Ric. Wallford	2	4	Joh. Mershe	1	4	Isabell Walker		2 0
Ed. Brogreve	2	3	Nic. Barre		9	Will. George, weuer		9
Lesyngham	3	4	Joh. Ridale	2	4	Math. White		4 6
Will. Withibroke	1	4	Hugo Stone ⁵	1	4	Joh. Menley		3 4
Joh. Baxster		8	Will. Wellys	1	4	Hen. Mason		1 4
Joh. Marnarme	5	0	Will. Welshe		8	Joh. Ward		3 4
Joh. Looote	2	4	Will. Stockton	1	0	Will. Stoone		9
Will. Kerver	5	0	Hugo Rugeley	5	0	Joh. Broune, weuer		8
Joh. Deisterer	5	0	Joh. Kelow		9	Raignal Whitaere		1 2
Rog. Balle	1	2	Steph. Couche	1	4	Burbage		8
Joh. Chestur	1	2	Joh. Wellynton	1	4	Rob. Wattes		8
Hen. Holt	3	4	Rad. Honyman		8	Joh. Brere		1 0
Rob. Withibroke ⁴		9	Joh. Seywyn	1	4	Will. Baxster		6
Joh. Westley		9	Johanna Bondy	1	0	Joh. Hasclyffe		2 4
Ric. Waren	3	4	Joh. Saburton		8	Agn. Harres		1 0
Joh. Broun	4	6	Will. Keruer,			Will. Irysshe		9
Tho. Paynell	6	8	carpynter		8	Tho. Straunge		9
Joh. Clubb	1	2	Joh. Pynchebeke	5	0	Joh. Essex		4 6
Tho. Pratte	1	2	Sim. Est	2	4	Tho. Lenton		1 0
Ric. Capper	1	4	Ric. Style	1	2	Will. Pratte		4 6
Tho. Barbour		8	Joh. Bett		9	[Total £7 11s. 8d.]		

¹ ? Name or trade. ² Blank. extra portam = outside the gate.
³ leaf 31. ⁴ A village 8 miles N.E. of Coventry. ⁵ or Stene.

47 names.

Croschep[ing].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
¹ Hen. Sircoke	5	0	Joh. Burne	4	0	Will. Deister	1	4
Rob. Melburne	10	0	Joh. Parker	10	0	Joh. White	3	4
Rob. Grubber	4	0	Joh. Frithe	2	4	Joh. Hall	3	0
Hen. Colyns	3	4	Joh. Bryghtmere	1	4	Joh. Northman	1	0
Joh. Doughty	4	0	Rob. Mason	1	0	Will. Potager	3	0
Joh. Atwalle	3	0	Agn. Dalby	2	0	Joh. Huett, mason,	1	8
Hen. Breux	11	8	Joh. Appulby	1	4	Joh. Peuterer	3	0
Ric. Ho ²			Ric. Joy	16	8	Tho. Grene	6	8
Will. Huett	1	8	Edw. Lichefeld	2	0	Ric. Botoner	4	0
Hen. Cooke	1	0	Will. Dilcok	1	0	Will. Lychefeld	2	8
Nic. Hull	2	8	Will. Dey	1	4	Tho. Norwiche	1	0
Ad. Huyton	1	0	Will. Byneley	3	4	Will. Chapman	2	8
Joh. Stile, deister	3	0	Hen. Randall	3	4	Tho. Bassyngburne	2	8
Will. Darsett	2	0	Ric. Weuer	3	4	Joh. Gasqyne	2	8
Will. Radclyf	1	4	Rob. Lirpoole	5	0	Joh. Northampton	1	0
Rad. Chaundeler	2	0	Tho. Lylynton	2	8	[Total £9. 8s. 4d.]		

78 names.

Byschopstrette.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull	1	4	Joh. Lychfeld	6	8	Sim. Moore	1	2
Joh. Golde	1	8	Joh. Stockton		8	Joh. Nele	1	2
Joh. Edwarde	1	0	Joh. Atwoode	2	4	Joh. Couper		8
Middelham		8	Rob. Horwarde	2	4	Barre		8
Will. Leche	6		Hen. Walker	1	8	Rob. Trueman		8
Joh. Manston	6		Joh. Staunton		4	Joh. Auger	2	4
Joh. Pratte	6		Joh. Wadmorie	1	8	Joh. Mathew	1	0
Joh. Montgomery	6	8	Hen. Hull		8	Joh. Hayly		8
Ric. Bilston	8		Joh. Folvyle	1	2	Joh. Frayter		6
Rob. Bandy	1	2	³ Joh. Reynold	1	4	Wall. Trygg	2	0
Tho. Kerdiffie	8		Will. Kemp	1	4	Joh. Weston		8
Will. Keresley	1	2	Ric. Stanlake	1	2	Rob. Weston	2	4
Will. Whithiford	1	8	Alex. Barker		6	Rob. Barbour	2	8
Rog. Bilston	3	4	Joh. Stafforde	1	4	Ric. Wryghte	1	2
Johanna Palmer	8		Rog. Tailour	1	2	Rob. Wright		6
Joh. Walgraue	3	4	Edm. Drouer	2	6	Rob. Baxster		8
Joh. Lyncoln	6		Joh. Wodcoke	1	2	Will. Crudworth	13	4
Tho. Chacombe	1	2	Tho. Broun	1	2	Ric. Phelips	2	0
Ric. Marche	3	4	Hen. Hethe	2	8	Joh. Jacombe		8
Houlott		8	Will. Vnbem	2	4	Will. Nueton	1	0
Hen. Knott	1	8	Will. Wilkyns	4	6	Will. Allesley		8
Will. Staunton	3	4	Rog. Gose		8	Joh. Bels[t]on	2	4
Ric. Southam	1	6	Joh. Allesley	1	0	Joh. Baxster		8
Will. Barrett	8		Tho. Dovy		8	Will. Bate	1	8
Joh. Grynder	3	4	Tho. Smyth		8			
Will. Bett	6		Joh. Freman		8	[Total £7. 10s. 8d.] ⁴		
Tho. Ilage	1	4	Will. Gamill		8			

¹ leaf 31, back.² Blank in MS.³ leaf 32.⁴ The arithmetic in these lists seems often faulty.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¹[V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 3. Hen. VI]² Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Laur. Cooke, Will. Crosse, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swan, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Braytoofte, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburne, Joh. Brown, Will. Brydde, Joh. Harburgh, sen., Joh. Parker, draper, Will. Kerver, Wyll. Byfelde, Joh. frankelen, Nic. Byfeld, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Walley, Ric. Sharpe, Tho. Paynell, Ric. Dene, Nic. Palmeer.

“Couentre.”
Oct. 3, 1424.
Jury.

[Will. Faseman, Joh. Michell.]

Bailiffs.

& *ordinatum* est þat noo man shall cast dust ne oþer filth in the comen Ryver on the payn of xx s. *withouten* any grace at euery trespase, and þat the comen sergeant goo aboute & serche euery weke þe forsaid Ryuer & make relacion to þe maiour of euery man þat is fond giltye, to þe vse of the chambur to be received,³ and þat hit be *proclamyd*.

The river.

SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE AMONG THE WEAVERS.

⁴[Oct. 24, 1424.

Pro le weuers.

[Indenture between the master weavers and journey-

Hec indentura testatur quod cum lites et discordie mote et exorte fuerint inter magistros & artificiariorum de weuers Crafte ciuitatis Couentrie ex parte vna, & le Jornemen dicte artis ex parte altera, et super certis articulis et grauaminibus inter eos motis et pendentibus, tandem partes predictae tam magistri quam lez Journeyemen, amicorum suorum mediantium (sic), ac de mandato et desiderio venerabilis viri, Thome Wyldegrise, maioris ciuitatis predictae, vt ad laudem Dei, pax, tranquillitas et finalis concordia reformaretur et continuaretur, se posuerunt sua spontanea

men. By reason of the grievances between them both parties, through mediation of friends, and the mayor's desire,

and in order that for God's praise, peace, tranquillity and final concord should continue, voluntarily submit themselves,

¹ leaf 21, back.

² The names of the mayor and bailiffs before whom the leet was held being identical in both leets, they will not be repeated henceforth at the Michaelmas one for brevity's sake.

³ or “retained.”

⁴ leaf 27.

after each side had taken oath, to the judgment of arbitrators,

namely the reverend Sir John Comber, perpetual vicar of S. Michael's, and Will. Wymonds-wold, chosen by the masters, and Thos. Euerdon, master of S. John's hospital, and Will. Porter, fisher, chosen by the journeymen, to arbitrate upon the business.

[The arbitrators having called before them the parties and heard their account, and evidence having been given, arbitrated in the following

terms: that all good customs observed between the parties

should remain permanent, if they are not inconsistent with the arbitration lately made by the arbitrators:

and every master of the craft may freely use as many looms for cloth and linen as he will:

and he may have as many apprentices as he will, without challenge;

and that John Grynder, weaver, may use as many looms for cloth and linen as he will:

voluntate et assensu, fide media inde affirmata, in presentia arbitratorum subscriptorum & aliorum fide dignorum, in arbitrio & ordinacione Reuendorum virorum, domini Johannes (sic) Comber, perpetui vicarii ecclesie S. Michaelis Couentrie, et Willelmi Wymondeswold, arbitratorum per predictos magistros ex parte sua electorum, et Thome Euerdon, magistri hospitalis S. Johannis Baptiste Couentrie, et Willelmi Porter, fisher, arbitratorum per predictos Jornemen ex parte sua electorum, ad arbitrandum inter eos de premissis. Qui quidem arbitratores, conuocatis coram eis partibus predictis, auditis et intellectis ambarum illarum relacionibus, materiis, grauaminibus et euidentis hucusque inde deliberatis, arbitrati sunt et concordati in hunc modum: In primis quod omnes bone ordinaciones et consuetudines inter partes predictas antea factas & usitatas, que hic non specificantur [in] roborem permaneant et effectum, Ita quod non sint in preiudicium uel subuersionem [arbitrii] inter partes predictas per predictos arbitratores nuper inde facti. Item quod quilibet etiam magister dicte artis libere de cetero vti valeat tot wollenloomes & lynnloomes quot voluerit habere et occupare. & quod quilibet etiam magister habeat tot apprentices quot voluerit habere, sine contradiccione alicuius. Item, arbitrati sunt et ordinarunt per presentes quod Johannes Grynder, weuer, libere vtatur et habeat tot & quot de wollenloomes & lynn-

and for better ensuring Gryn-
der's liberty in this matter,

he shall pledge 100s., part of
which he shall pay to the
masters according to the arbi-
trators' decision :

and whoever wishes as a
master to employ journeymen
or strangers
shall pay the principal master
20s., by which he may use the
livery [or liberty] of the craft

with all its counsels and dis-
cussions :

and that the journeymen's
wardens pay 12*d.* to the chief
master for every brother ad-
mitted into their fraternity :

and that the chief master of
the weavers shall pay to the
journeymen's lamp² the third
part of the damages for mutual
trespasses agreed on :

and that each of the journey-
men

shall yearly pay 4*d.* towards

¹ or "libertate."

² A lamp the journeymen maintained most likely in S. George's chapel on Gosford gate. For the suppression of the S. George's (journeymen) Guild by the Trinity and Corpus Christi Gilds in Feb. 1425 v. Corp. MS. B. 43 and the Introduction.

lomes sicut voluerit habere et occu-
pare. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod
pro huiusmodi libertate ipsius Jo-
hannis Grynder in hac parte, & pro
bona pace & amore inter magistros
predicte artis & dictum Johannem
Grynder de cetero habendis et con-
tinuandis, quod Idem Johannes
Grynder vadiabit magistris artis pre-
dicte centum solidos de quibus soluere
[debeat] eisdem magistris secundum
arbitrium & reward predictorum arbi-
tratorum. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.)
quod quicumque de cetero qui exigere
voluerit ut magister artis predicte
tam de Jornemen quam de extra-
neis in ciuitate predicta, quod soluet
principali magistro eiusdem artis vi-
ginti solidos, pro quibus vti valeat
liberacione¹ dicte artis cum omnibus
conciliis et tractatibus inter eos habi-
tis & habendis. Item, arbitrati sunt
(etc.) quod custodes de le Journeymen
soluant duodecim denarios principali
magistro eiusdem artis pro quolibet
confratre in fraternitatem dictorum
journeymen admissio et recepto. Item,
arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod magister
principalis de Weuers Crafte, seu
magistri eiusdem, soluat vel soluant
ad luminare dictorum journeymen de
qualibet concordia pro transgression-
ibus inter eos factis terciam partem
emendarum. Item arbitrati sunt
(etc.) quod dicti Journeymen et eorum
quilibet soluet dictis magistris annu-
atim in futuro quatuor denarios ad

the masters' pagent; and that the journeymen have their drinking and feast with their masters as of old:

and that all the good customs practised between masters may be had in future and continued:

and that the journeymen pay 3*d.* to the masters for any contumacy done in the future:

and that no master, by reason of this ordinance, hinder any of the journeymen

from working freely with the masters

as they were of old accustomed, preferring the journeymen of the city before strangers, and especially those of the livery; and the journeymen shall work with their masters in preference to strangers:

and none of the journeymen shall hinder any of his fellows from working with his masters:

and the journeymen may have the third part of the payment for weaving cloth, as well less as larger, which they weave with their masters, as they used to have:

and every one, as well of the

opus de le pagent eorundem, & quod ipsi le journeymen habeant cum magistris suis potacionem siue collacionem sicut antea consueverunt. Item, arbitrati [sunt] (etc.) quod omnes bone consuetudines vsitate inter magistros & lez Journeymen artis predictae de cetero habeantur et continuantur. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod predicti Journeymen soluet (sic) prefatis magistris tres denarios de qualibet contumacia dictorum Jornemen in futuro facienda. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod nullus magister artis predictae occasione ordinacionis predictae aliquem de lez Journeymen impediatur uel expellatur, seu impediri uel expelli faciat quominus libere operarentur (sic) cum magistris illius artis, sicut ex antiquo ante litem motam consueverunt, preferendo lez Journeymen dicte ciuitatis pre aliis extraneis, et specialiter illis de liberacione¹; & etiam quod dicti Journeymen operantur cum prefatis magistris suis pre aliis extraneis. & quod nullus de lez Journeymen procurabit uel impediatur opere, concilio uel ordinacione aliquem de sociis suis operari cum suis magistris. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod dicti lez Journeymen, operantes de cetero cum dictis magistris, habeant terciam partem solucionis percipiende pro textura & operacione singularum telarum, tam minorum quam maiorum, quos (sic) dicti lez Journeymen operantur & telant cum suis magistris, sicut solebant habere illam terciam partem. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.)

¹ or "deliberatis."

masters as of the journeymen, in the matter of offences committed in the craft, be obedient to the chief master in reforming the same, as they were of old accustomed :

and that R. Marche shall restore to the wardens of the journeymen's lamp eight shillings of the debt delivered to him in exchange, for the journeymen's use :

and that W. Martyn shall restore 3s. 4d. of the debt lent to him for his use :

and that all debts owed by masters and men to the said masters,

by reason of the custom of the craft hitherto observed, be entirely remitted :

and that every master, who disobeyes these rules, shall pay a fine at the mayor's mercy of 40s.

and for the like offence a journeymen shall pay 20s.

[Lastly they ordain that the tenour of this indenture be

¹ leaf 27, back.

quod quilibet, tam de magistris quam de le Journeymen artis predictae, pro quibuscumque transgressionibus seu delictis in arte predicta commissis, sint obedientes principali magistro dicte artis pro huiusmodi transgressionibus seu delictis reformandis, sicut ex antiquo consueverunt.

Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod Ric. Marche, weuer, soluet & restituet custodibus luminaris de lez Journemen dicte artis octo solidos de lez debitis sibi traditis ad excambium, ad opus dictorum Journeymen. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod Will. Martyn, weuer, soluet et restituet custodibus de lez Journeymen tres solidos et quatuor denarios de lez debitis sibi prestitis ad vsum ipsius Willelmi. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod omnia debita hinc inde per magistros dicte artis & lez Journeymen predictis magistris debita, racione consuetudinis artis predictae inter eos habite & consuete, remittant[ur] omnino et extinguantur. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod quicumque magistrorum, qui contra istas conuenciones uel aliquam² earum in futuro contraheret (sic), quod soluat nomine pene ad muragium ciuitatis predictae in misericordia maioris eiusdem pro tempore existentis xl solidos. & similiter quod quicumque de lez Journemen qui contra istas ordinationes vel earum aliquam contraheret (sic) in futuro, quod soluet nomine pene ad muragium ciuitatis predictae xx^{ti} solidorum in misericordia maioris. Nouissime uero arbitrati sunt (etc.)

² MS. aliquem.

written in the paper of the mayor's mayoralty; and that the mayor and his successors have power to levy the said money penalties, when they may happen to be due.]

[The seal of the mayor is attached to the document as well as that of the arbitrators.]

[Oct. 24, 1424.]

quod tenour huius scripti indentati de uerbo ad uerbum scribatur in papiro maioratus predicti maioris ad perpetuam rei memoriam. & quod Idem maior et successores sui habeant liberam potestatem & auctoritatem leuandi predictas penas pecuniarias de tempore in tempus cum acciderint. In Cuius Rei testimonium hiis indenturis sigillum maioratus predicti venerabilis maioris ad predictorum arbitratorum requisicionem et sigilla predictorum arbitratorum sunt appensa. Datum apud Couentriam, xxiiij^{to} die Octobris a. r. r. Hen. vj^{ti} (etc.) tercio.

A ?LOLLARD PREACHER.

Nov. 30, 1424.

John Grace,
hermit,

preaches in
the Little
Park;

he is a famous
man among
the people;

shows many
marvels,

^{1 2} At the feest of saynt Andrew theapostull, þe yer of our liege lorde our kyng Henry the vj^{te} aftur the conquest the iij^d, com ³ John Grace, þe wich at that tyme was callyd John Grace, heremyte, and sithen men said he was a moonke, aftur þat a frere, and sithen a recluse, com to this cite, and prechid v daies to-gethur in the Lytull-parke, seyng þat he was lycenciate & licens had to preche of the bischops minysters of this diocese, and he had prechid at Lichfeld ther in the Close among the Canons iij dayes to-gethur, and aftur he prechid at Brynmyngham, and aftur at Wallsall, and aftur at Collyshull and so com down hithur. The wich John Grace was at that tyme a famous man among the peopull þer, as he had prechid seyng that he was a gracyous man in sayng, and a hooly lyuer, and many marvelous made and shewed; for the wich sayng many men trowen that it had byn so as hit was said upon hym a-fore tyme, and that causyd the people the more & tenderer to her his prechyng. But neuer-the-later upon

¹ Coventry was a Lollard centre. Swinderby preached, and heretical books were published there, v. *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, xx. 447.

² leaf 24. Printed, Sharp, *Antiquities of Coventry* (ed. Fretton), p. 205.

³ ? oone.

the said saynt Andrew day, when the said John Grace had prechid, hit was said he was not licentiate, nor noo lycens had to preche, notwithstanding he hym-selffe said in euery sermon þat he made þat he was licencieate and lycens had to preche. And at the same day at afturnone when Evensong was doon, Ric. Croseby, priour of saynt Mary church in Couentre, was in purpose to haue gone in-to þe pulpit in the Trinite churche, as the comen voise was then, to haue denouneyd acursyd all tho þat herd the sermon of the said John Grace; and so, what thurgh þe gouernance of the priour, and the sayng of oone Master John Bredon,¹ frere of the Gray frers in Couentre, castyng ouerthwart wordes amonges the people, grett seyng was a-mong the people þat þe priour and frer Bredon wold haue cursid all tho þat herdon the said John Grace preche; ffor the wich sayng þe priour nor þe said frere Bredon wold nott goo oute of the church vnto þe tyme þat the maiour com to hem, notwithstanding they myght haue goone well I-noughze whethur thei wold, & þat wott Allmyghty God. And apou this matur a-boue-namyd grett noise rose in the Contre þat the comens of Couentre wer rysen, and wold haue distroyd the priour and the said frer, wher God wott hit was not so, nor non suche thyng wrought nor purposid; the wich noise com to the counsell of the said our leige lorde, for the wich the counsell at þat tyme beyng in London leten make a *lettre* to þe maiour & bayleffes and comens of this Cite of the wich the tenour folowith in thes wordes:—Trusty and wel-belouyd, we grett you well; and for-asmoche þat now late hit hath byn reportyd vnto us, & sum of our counsell, þat a *certen* person, sumtyme a monke aftur . . . [cætera desunt.]

but it is said he was not licentiate.

There is a great saying that the prior and Friar John Bredon will curse the audience of John Grace.

On account of the fuss made by the clergy,

erroneous reports arise.

So there is trouble made by the king's Council about the supposed riot, and a letter written by them.

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

[²In this year Joh. Mychell and Joh. Everdon gave their accounts. The wardens are charged with £66. 12s.

¹ On Friar John's later escapade and dispute with the Convent about the funeral candles v. Leland, *Collectanea*, v. 304; Sharp, *Antiq.* 207; and *Life in an Old English Town*, p. 326-8.

² leaf 26, back.

2d. They ask allowance of £55. 15s. 5d. thus they remain in arrears £10. 16s. 11d.,¹ as it appears in their accounts in the mayor's bag; with which arrears they are charged in their accounts in the time of John Braytoft's mayoralty.²]

JOHN BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1425.

1425.
Election of
John Bray-
toft.

³*Eleccio noui maioris (etc.) tempore & decessu Thome Wyldgryse, tunc maioris, Will. Faseman and Joh. Michell balliuorum ciuitatis predicte a. r. r. H. vj^{ti} (etc.) tercio.*

Electors.

Joh. Leeder, Joh. Dilcok, Ad. Hiton, Egid. Allesley, Will. Faseman, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Onely, Joh. Pynchebeke, Joh. Egeston, Ric. Sharpe, Joh. Tate, Joh. Warrant, Will. Bryde, Joh. Frankelen, Joh. Whalley, Will. Cross, passynger, Tho. Dawe, Ad. Suette, Joh. Runton.

Officers

[m. Joh. Braitoft; cor. Joh. Dilcok; ch. Tho. Paynell and Joh. Deister, woleman; w. Will. Frissby and Joh. Euerdon; mace. Will. Oxtou, "A festo Purificacionis a. r. r. H. vj^{ti} post conquestum tercio usque idem festum extunc proxime sequens, etc."]

to serve from
the Purifica-
tion for one
whole year.

The wardens
are not to be
elected hence-
forth as
chamber-
lains.
This ordin-
ance affirmed
by the leet.

Prouisum est tunc & ibidem quod custodes ciuitatis Couentrie non erunt amodo positi neque electi in officium camerariorum etc. Que quidem ordinacio affirmatur per letam Pas[c]he tempore Johannis Braytoft tunc maioris.

J. Ps.
within the
city and
suburbs.

[Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Weston, rec., Joh. Leeder, Laur. Cooke, Ric. Southam, Ad. Hiton.

Key-keepers.

The same except the recorder.]

THE SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Mayor's
expenses in
connexion
with the
special Com-
missions
during the
Lent of 1425.

⁴*Mem. quod Joh. Braitofte maior (etc.) soluit de suis propriis denariis, videlicet tempore quo Ricardus, Comes de Warr[ewyk] et alii Justiciarii per commissionem fuerunt hic apud Couentriam tempore quadragesimali.*⁵ [For the justices' horses, and for rewards to their clerks and men.

¹ It should be 9d. (*ixd.*).

² v. p. 101.

³ leaf 28.

⁴ leaf 28, back.

⁵ In connection with the late riot. Warwick came "to seize upon the franchises." Grace was arrested by the mayor and taken to Coventry gaol. Sharp, 205.

with their dinner (prandio) £11. 5s. 9d. To W. Oxton for riding three times to London £1. 1s. 4d. To John Breton at the same time for his advice £1. 0. 0. To ¹ Mettley for the same 13s. 4d. To Will. Donnyngton for the same 13s. 4d. To Edm. Collyshull for the enrollment of presentations of indictments before the justices of the peace in Esterton's mayoralty £1. 0. 0.² Sum total £15. 13. 9d.

In this year £50 was granted by 48 discreet men to be levied and collected for certain business necessary for the city. It was delivered to John Braytoft, and used thus:—

In expenses at the time of the special commission (*commissionem specialem ad inquirendum*) £11. 13s. 9d.³

To Breton, Donnyngton, Mettley, Collishull & Oxton as above £4. 8s. 0d.

To Laur. Cook and Ad. Hiton for riding to London about certain business, and for the men being in prison there (*pro hominibus ibidem in prisona existentibus*) £20. 0. 0.

To Joh. Weston, recorder, for his labour and advice, and the necessary advice of others there £20. 0. 0. Total £55. 13s. 9d. Thus £5. 13. 9d. are owing to John Braytofte.]

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS.

[On the vigil of the Assumption, Ric. Oneley and Will. Bifeld, chamberlains in Esterton's time, render accounts. Charged with £98. 6s. 0d. Allowance £96. 6s. 6d. So they remain in clear debt £1 19s. 4d.⁴ Which sum they are enjoined to bring in before (*citra*) Michaelmas; they pay it to the mayor, and are discharged.]

MICHAELMAS LEET.

⁵[V. f. p. on Monday after Michaelmas 4 Hen. VI.]

Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Ad. Hyton, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegrys, Egid. Allesley, Rad. Garton, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Parker, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bower, Tho. Paynell, Will. Kerver, Joh.

Total £15
13s. 9d.
£50 granted
for these
necessities.

Expenses
£11 13s. 9d.

£4 8s. 0d.

To the men
in prison,
etc.,
£20 0. 0.

£20 0. 0.

Total £55
13s. 9d.

"Comptus
Camerariorum,"
Aug. 14;
accounts for
1422;
balance
£1 19s. 4d.
quit.

"Couentre,"
Oct. 1, 1425.
Jury.

¹ Blank.

² A probable reference to enclosure riots. See p. 50.

³ ? £11. 5s. 9d.

⁴ It should be £1 19s. 6d.

⁵ leaf 38, back. Scribe of B type.

Deister, wolman, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Onley, Joh. Egiston, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Dene. [Joh. Braunston, merchant, and Joh. Coton.]

Bailiffs.

Orders of Leet. Drapery.

£10 fine.

Hit is ordeyned that all maner men that sellen Cloth on ffrydays, that they sellen hit in the drapery, & nowhere elles, but if it be a woman that bereth on dossen in her armes, vpon the peyne ordeyned by the Charter,¹ that is x li.

"River" 20s. fine.

[A fine of 20s. levied upon every man who does not cleanse the common river before his dwelling; the work to begin "a Monday next comyng" and be ended "be that day Sennyht," upon the same penalty.]

"Houses against the drapery."

Also all the bordes of the houell anenst the drapery dore be taken a-wey after that charter be cryed & proclaymed, and a wall there made in enclosyng the Chircheyard.

John Montgomery fined 20s. for stopping the river.

Also is ordeyned that the peyne forfeit by John Montgomery, because of his stoppyng the Comen Ryuer a-fore is tenement, þat is to sey, xx s. be rered to the v^e use of the chaumbre.

And also oþer peynez forfeited be rered at euery defalt withouten redempcion.

[Any one within the liberties who surcharges the common with cattle shall pay 1*d.* for four sheep, 1*d.* for an ox, 1*d.* for a cow, and for every beast 1*d.*

Item, *ordinatum est quod si quis infra libertatem (etc.) communam pasture superonerat cum aueriis soluat pro quatuor bidentibus j*d.*, & pro vno boue 1*d.*, vna vacca j*d.* Et sic pro quolibet animali j*d.* Hoc intelligitur de pinguis (*sic*) animalibus.*

[The chamberlains to farm out the grass and garth of Gosford Green chapel.

Item, volunt quod Camerarii ordinant & ad firmam ponant gramen & gardum de le Chapell de Goseford-grene.

[As for the common river they wish all ordinances, made aforetime, to be kept,

Et quoad le comen Ryuer volunt quod ordinaciones ante hec tempora ordinate amodo custodiantur, sub

¹ The Drapery belonged to the Trinity Gild, v. Corp. MS. C. 194. It was let out in stalls among the drapers. No charter I know of mentions this fine; v. *infra*, p. 104.

and the penalty is to be levied by the chamberlains.

[John Barton to come to Coventry, if he will, and keep a grammar school, if he knows well how to teach children, and keep school.]

pena prius data¹ de & in premissis; & quod pena leuatur per Camerarios.

Item, volunt & ordinat[um est] quod Johannes Barton veniat ad ciuitatem Couentrie scolam gramaticalem tenendam, si velit, & si cognoscit² abile (sic) pueros informare et scolam tenere.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

³[Will. Faseman and Joh. Braunston⁴ render accounts before the mayor and the Forty-Eight. Charge £84. 3s. 2d. Allowance £74. 0s. 2½d.]

Chamberlains' accounts Oct. 25, 1425.

So they remain in clear debt £9. 16s. 5½d.,⁵ which sum they are enjoined to bring in on a day on this side of Christmas; on which day they bring £1. 6s. 8d. A later date, the Saturday before the Conversion of S. Paul, is given them, on which day they pay £8. 10s. 0d. of the £9. 16s. 6½d.,⁶ and are discharged.]

Balance £9 16s. 5½d.

[Will. Crudworth and Will. Kerver render accounts before the same. Charge £84. 3s. 2d. Allowance for costs of murage £70. 14s. 9d., and for the Little Park (*parvo parco*) £2. 14s. 0d. They remain in arrears in clear debt £11. 4s. 5d.⁷ The mayor gives them £4. 0. 0. Sum £15. 4s. 5d. They have a day on this side Pentecost. On which day they ask allowance for expenses at Cook-street gate £14. 11s. 11d. Hence arrears 12s. 6d.]

quit, Jan. 19, 1426.

Chamberlains' accounts for 1424. Jan. 4, 1426.

[Joh. Michell and Joh. Euerdon render accounts for Wildegrise's mayoralty.

Balance £11 4s. 5d. Further augmented to £15 4s. 5d. Further expenses £14 11s. 11d. Balance in arrears 12s. 6d.

Wardens' accounts for 1424. Jan. 19, 1426.

Charge £78. 8s. 9d. Allowance £53. 15s. 6½d. Balance in arrears £24. 13s. 2½d., whereof they remain in arrears as appears in their account in Joh. Braytofte's bag.]

Balance £24 13s. 2½d.

⁸[Joh. Braytofte delivered to Ric. Joy, mayor, 100 marks in part payment of 500 marks from Ric. Crosby, prior, for the first year, by the first bond as appears in the second folio of Wildgrise's time.]

Prior pays 100 marks.

¹ MS. repeats 'data.' ² Sic.

³ leaf 29. ⁴ Chamberlains 1423.

⁵ Something wrong. £10 2s. 11½d. would be correct.

⁶ Sic. They don't even stick to their own wrong calculations.

⁷ Sic. Correct £10. 14s. 5d. ⁸ leaf 32. v. p. 63.

RIC. JOY, MAYOR, 1426.

[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25, 1426.
Electors.

¹Hen. Peyto, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Leder, Laur. Cook, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Parker, Joh. Michell, Rad. Garton, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Joh. Egynton, Ric. Dene, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Will. Bird, Joh. Broun, draper, Will. Crosse, passenger.²

Officers.

[m. Ric. Joy; cor. Joh. Dilcok; ch. Ric. Busshebury, and Ric. Botoner; w. Joh. Euerdon and Will. ffrysby; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps.

Justices of the peace associated with the mayor, Joh. Weston, recorder, Hen. Peyto, Laur. Cook, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder.

Custodians
of the keys.

The mayor, the master of the Trinity Gild,³ Cook, Southam, and Leder.]

ACCOUNTS AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH
THE DUKE OF BEDFORD'S VISIT.Feb. 11.
Present to
Bedford.

[⁴On the Monday before S. Valentine, it was granted by the following 48 discreet men that 50 marks and a gilt cup (cipro deaurato) should be presented to the Duke of Bedford.]

The "Forty-
eight."

Ric. Joy, mayor, Hen. P[e]yto, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Brystow, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton,⁵ Egid. Allesley, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Parker, Rob. Melburn, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrisby, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Warant, Joh. Eggeston, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Dene, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Stille, deister, Will. Swane, Joh. Welford, Joh. Blakeman, Rob. Lirpole, Joh. Frankelen, Joh.

¹ leaf 39. Scribe of B type.² *N. E. D.* ferry-man or ford-keeper. This is earlier than the first example given there, viz. 1533.³ Henry Peyto.⁴ leaf 39.⁵ or Cotoner.

Runton,¹ Joh. Onley,¹ Joh. Broun,¹ draper, Joh. Launde,¹ Will. Brid, Joh. Walgrau, Bened. Marshall.

Expenses in the matter of the Duke of Bedford at the time of the presentation of the 50 marks and cup; master

Mem. quod iste fuerunt expense (?) *expendite*² versus *ducem* Bedfordie, tempore presentacionis predictorum l marcarum et Cipi.

? Sparver had 20s., the messenger and porter 3s. 4d. apiece; so had one who gave the mayor and others a stag; in expenses at a dinner at Warwick and for the horses 11s. Total £2. 1s.

In primis magister (?) Eperuer³ apud ffulbrooke⁴ *habuit* xx s.; le messenger xld.; le porter xld.; ac ipse qui presentavit maiori ac aliis viris cum vno Ceruo xld. Item, in expensis apud Warrewyk, dum fuerunt in prandio *ibidem*, et expensis equorum xjs. Summa totalis xljs.

Mem. quod isti subsequentes presentauerunt duce (*sic*) Beddfordie cum predictis l marcis ac Cipho, videlicet:— Ric. Joy, maior, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn.⁵

The following presented the duke with 50 marks and a cup.

⁶ Hit is to haue in mynde that Ric. Joy, meire, reseyued of Joh. Braytoft l marc' & a cuppe ouer-gilte. The whiche l marc' & the Cuppe the seyde meir with oder wurthymen presented the duches⁷ of Bedford at Fulbrok apou Gudtydmonday.⁸

The present to the duchess

Also the seyde meire reseyved of the seyde John Braytoft son after the seyde tym oder l marc'. Also the seyde Ric. Joy reseyved in the secound weke of Lenton of

upon Good-tide Monday, Feb. 11. Mayor's accounts, 50 marks.

¹ These names are bracketed together with the words, "non fuere presentes."

² An inadmissible form.

³ Quite plainly written epu. ? Sperviter = a keeper of sparrow-hawks (Halliwell).

⁴ For Fulbrook Castle v. Dugdale, 470. The gatehouse was built by Joan, Lady Bergavenny (v. *infra passim*), and when the property came into Bedford's hand he enclosed a park and built this castle. It became ruinous before the end of the century, and Sir William Compton took the materials to build Compton Winyates.

⁵ The last two paragraphs are bracketed together with "vacat quia alibi, videlicet folio subsequente" (omitted because elsewhere, viz. on the leaf following) in the margin.

⁶ leaf 40. ? Another scribe of type B.

⁷ Anne, sister to Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy. Married 1423; remembered for her protection of Joan of Arc.

⁸ The day before Shrove Tuesday, v. E. E. D. Gooddit. It is likely the duke was not present, as a council was summoned to be held at Northampton on Feb. 13. Ramsey, I. 365.

£116 4s. 4d.

and 100
marks from
the prior for
the monies or
payment of
Easter.²

Mayor asks
allowance
for divers
expenses in
entertain-
ment of the
duke and
duchess, Lord
Talbot and
others.

John Michell & John Breton¹ Cli. xvj li. iiij s. iiij d. Also the seyd Ric. Joy reseyved the moyses of Ester of Ric. Crosseby, priour of seynt Mary hous in Couentre, C marc'. The whiche CC marc' receyued of John Braytoft & of the seyd priour, how hit is payed & deliuered more playnly aperithe in the lef next after followeng.

Of the whiche summes the seyd Ric. Joy askythe allowance for certen expenses made to the duke of Bedford, the duchess of Bedford, the duk of Gloucestre, my lady of Bergeveney,³ my lord Talbote,⁴ & oder, the whiche expences the sume extendithe, as hit aperithe in a paper in the seyd meires bag beyng, to⁵

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."
Apr. 6.
Jury.

[⁶V. f. p. held before Ric. Joy m., Joh. Braunston and Joh. Coten b., on Saturday after Easter 4 Hen. VI.] Hen. Peyto, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Golofer, Joh. Michell, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Deister, wolman, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Onley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Egeston.]

Orders of
Leet.
'Selling cloth
in drapery';
only 'dozens'
to be sold by
women on
market days
outside
drapery or
6s. 8d. fine.

Hit is ordeyned þat no persone sell no cloth vppon þe ffriday but in the drapery, & in no place elles, except women sellyng dosens in hir armes, uppon the peyn at euery time of vj s. viij d. to be rered to the wardens of þe Cite.⁷

Chamberlains
to enclose
Barons Lane.

Also hit is ordeyned that a lane, called Barons-lane, be enclosed, so þat no man haue no harme in their gardens, ne hir closes, be no evell doers, and þat hit be inclosed be the Chamberleyns.

At which ther was put vp a bill be þe comens of the Croschepyng warde, the tenour wherof heraftur ensueth:—

¹ Michell was warden 1421 and 1423.

² v. *supra*, p. 63.

³ Joan, Lady Bergavenny, daughter of the Earl of Arundel. Her husband owned Fillongley and Fullbrook in Warwickshire. See Dugdale, *Warw.* 470, 730, for an account of this lady, whose portrait was in a stained-glass window in S. Mary's Hall.

⁴ John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury. He married Margaret, daughter of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

⁵ Blank in MS.

⁶ leaf 38. Scribe B.

⁷ v. p. 100, where the fine is the extraordinarily large one of £10.

To the worshipfull astates, mair & his peres of the Cite of Couentre, besecheth mekely your pore neyghbours of þe Croschepyng : ffor-asmoch as a full nedefull & worshipfull thyng to þe Comen profet was made with gret coste of goode of þe worshipfull mens, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wilgrise, Rog. Benet, Tho. Grene, Joh. Egeston & other, to come into þe Croschepyng to ease of all people, the comen Cundyte, and at diuers letes billes han ben endosed and ordenaunces made full worthely that þe Chamberleyns shuld ordeyn the pypes to be kept of the seid condite withoute þe barres, & iche warde aftur as the cundyte cometh to, be ij keepers in euery warde to kepe & ouerse that no welles nor suspiralles, other then ben ordeyned, shuld be had to let the comen Cours of the seid Cundyte ; ayenst þe which John Stafford in þe West-orchard, & at þe place late of John Lirpole, both welles & sprynges oute of þe same cundyte, sum made with lymie & ston¹ ; & in other place also the cours of the Cundyte is letted, to gret hyndryng of þe comen people. Wherefore please yowe to ouerse these defaltes and amend hem as reason asketh, & assigne certen keepers in ich warde aftur your discrecion to take charge of kepyng of þe same.

Which bill is indosid as foloweth : Hit is ordeyned the mater comprehended in this bill be holden aftur þe ordinaunces made before tyme be lete ; and ouer þat they ordeyn þat no maner man ne woman make no issue ne breke the Cundyte fro this tyme forward, vpon þe peyn of xls. ; and þat þe seid John make hit ayen within viij dayes, vpon xls., & for his offenses they amercy hym at xld.

NIC. ASSHEBURN AND THE TRUST.

²Mem. that the sixt day of Jun the yer of kyng Henre the sixt after the conquest the fourthe at Couentre, Nicholas Assheburn frely & of his own profre afore Ric. Joy, that tyme meir, Joh. Braunston & Joh. Coton bayllifs (etc.), Hen. Peyto, Will. Dileok, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Huyton, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Joh.

'Conduit':

Petition about its course,

which against all good rules is letted by John Stafford

and others with wells and springs ;

the petitioners request the leet to assign keepers in each ward to take charge of it.

The petition is endorsed with a confirmation of existing orders ; a 40s. fine fixed against offenders ; Stafford is fined 40d. and ordered to repair mischief within 8 days.

June 6, 1426.

Nich. Assheburn

¹ ? Omission here.

² leaf 40. The same scribe as above, p. 103.

is sworn to
give true
information

Michell, Rob. Melburn & Joh. Bowyer, preyed he myght be sworne to yif true enformacion of a mater that folouthe, vpon the whiche he at that tyme afore the seyd persons sworne seyd:—that the feffement that the seyd Nich. made to Ric. Joy, Tho. Burton, grocer, of London & to John Swetton of Couentre was apou trist, & the relas that the [seyd] Richard Joy made afterward to the seyde John Swetton was made apou trist, at the preyer of the same Nich., & to refef the seyd Nich. when he were requyred, that is to sey, of a mece lyeng atte Brodyate in Couentre in the whiche Edmund Colshull now dwellethe, that is called the Belle.

concerning a
message

called The
Bell.

Hugh
Rogeley

Also the same day of Jun Hugh Rogeley of Couentre cam afore the seyd meire, & all the seyd Wurthymen & profered hym to yif enformacion of the seyd mater; & he ther sworne seyd:—that wher Thomas Grene of Couentre enfefed hym & Nich. Assheburn in the seyd mece to haue to hem & to the Eyres of the seid Nich., that afterward the seyd Nich. confermede the astate of the seyd Hugh to hym & to his heires be a ded there shued. “And wher hit is seyde that I, the seyd Hugh, shuld be my dede rel[e]ce to the seyd Nich. all my right that I hadde in the seyd mece, I neuer relesed ne made dede except oon shued afore all the seyd wurthy men, the which abydethe stille in myn own kepyng & neuer was delyuered be-cause of diuers condicions broken.”

denies that
he has
relesed his
right in the
message to
Hugh.

And hit is to be had in mynde that the seyd meire, baillifs, & all oder wurthy men aboue named, haue grauntede yif the seyd Hugh dye to record this same mater, yif it be desyred, vnder the sele of the meyralte.

DECREES BY THE COUNCIL.

Sep. 7. 1426.
50 of the
Council

¹Hit is to haue in mynd that in vigill of the Natiuite of our lady thes *persones* folowyng, that is to sey, Ric. Joy, Laur. Cook, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Michell, Hen. Breux, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wildegryse, Rad. Garton, Joh. Coton, Will. Crosse, Rob. Melburn, Will. Keruer, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Warant, Joh.

Egeston, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Walgraue, Hugo Rogeley, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Swane, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Ray, Will. Brid, Mat. White, Joh. Frankelen, Benet. Marchall, Joh. Montgomery, Tho. Reyner,¹ Rob. Lirpole, Will. Darsset, Joh. Broun, draper, Joh. Runton, Will. Pratte, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Stille, Ad. Suette, Joh. Normanton, Nich. Palmer, Ric. Hykelyng, Joh. Prentes, mercer, Will. Broun, draper, Joh. Grynder, weuer, Joh. Lychefeld, bocher, Rob. Grubber, Will. Peuterer, Joh. Bryd, Joh. Deister, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Sircok, Joh. Bryd, peuterer, Tho. Illage, Nich. Hull, deyster, han ordeyned that the knyghtes² expences for this yere shall be payd be the wardens of this Cite, & not be the Chamburlens.

ordain that the knyghts' expences be paid by the wardens,

Also they ordeyne that the seyde knyghtes expences, the xli. that the mere hathe yerely, the fee of the Clok, shall heraftur be payd be the wardens, & not be the Chamburlens.

and the same for the mayor's fee of the cloak.

Also they ordeyn, & hit is confarmed be the lete, that ther be made a new extent of the murage thorough this Cite be-twene this and Cristmasse.

A new valuation for murage.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

³ ¶ [V. f. p. held on the Wednesday after Michaelmas 5 Hen. VI.] Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Joh. Braytoft, Rafe Garton, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Golofer, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Michell, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Clerk, Will. Kerver, Joh. Deister, Will. ffrisby, Will. Wymondeswold, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Runton, Will. Belgraue.

"Conentz." Oct. 2, 1426. Jury.

[Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth.]

Hit is ordeyned *pat* no maner man cast no muke nor wede, ne no maner of filth in the watir cald Shirburn; and *pat* all maner of swyncote, stables & houses for bestes that ben ouer the watir be do awaye, and that all maner of lowpes⁴ of stables & of other howses be stopped vp, on þe peyn of xx s., and of euery defalt aboue-sed xij d.;

Bailiffs.

Orders of leet. "River Shirbourn."

no filth to be cast in it;

pigstyes etc. to be done away.

¹ or Reyner. ² ? Knights of the shire. ³ leaf 41, back. Scribe B.

⁴ A loop-hole, probably a house drain communicating with the water. Not in *N. E. D.* in this sense.

and that þe comen *seriant* do execucion and rere hit to the vse of þe Citie. And all þe worthymen of the lete beseche the maire that hit be duely kept at her Instaunce; and þat Laur. Coke, Tho. Wilgrise & Joh. Golofre haue þe ouersight fro þe Erlesmill to Laur. Coke mylne; & Will. Dilcok, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, & Ric. Botoner haue þe ouer-sight from þe corner of Adam house¹ Deister to the Erlesmyll; Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Walgrau, Ric. Phelippes haue þe ouersight of þe water of Welstrete, Bishopstrete & Cokestrete to þe priours mylne, and þat Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Rad. Bredon, Tho. Paynell, Tho. Goldesmyth & Joh. Blakeman from the Brodezate vnto Bablake-zate, & þe watir a both sides þe Brige of Smythford vnto Ad. Deister.

Overseers of the river nominated.

"Butchers' filth."

Also þat no Bochour cary no entrelles of bestes vppon þe ffriday [or 40 d. fine at every default.]

"None te impound Cattel at Chelesmore."
"Pinffolds made."

[No man to "pynne" beast at Cheylesmore, or 40 s. fine to the use of the city at every default.]

[Four pinffolds to be made by the wardens in four parts of the city.]

Murage money to be applied only to the town wall.

Also they ordeyn and pray þe mair to extent of new þe murage or Cristmasse next comyng, and þat hit be applyed to þe Towne wall and no otherwyse, nor to non other vse.

"Cunduits Repaired";

no pipe more than a swan pen allowed to run from the conduit.

Also they ordeyn vppon a bill put to theym for þe Condyte that fro þe hedur-ende of þe Brige to þe hed of Cundyte that þe wardeyns haue þe ouersight & þe mendyng of hit, and þe wardes þe other parte, and þat warde þat woll not make þe coste and be founde fauty þat hit be stopped, and þat ther be no pype more then a swan penne.²

Ironmongers' horses to be led to water

Also hit is ordeyned that Iremongers & other resortyng to this Cite with their horsez that they frohensfurth lede their horses to þe water, & not to drive theym for dyuers Incon[uen]ienciez þat þeruppon myght fall; and þat þe comen *seriant* arest euery such horse, & take for a hors iiij d., at euery tyme they do contrarie to þis ordnaunce, to þe vse of þe Chambre.

on pain of 4d. fine.

¹ Correct M.-E. construction; dialectal omission of gen. sing. (Mr. Stevenson).

² pen = a quill-like pipe, a tube. v. *N. E. D.*

[Swine going on the common to be impounded in the common pinfold, and not at Cheylesmore.]

"Swine to be impounded."

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

[¹Tho. Paynell, & Joh. Deyster, 'wolleman,' render accounts before Ric. Joy, & other honest men being present, of their chamberlaincy. The said chamberlains are charged with £84. 3s. 2d., and with £4. 0s. 0d., which John Braytoft delivered them in money by tale (in pecuniis numeratis), total £88. 3s. 2d. They ask allowance for divers expenses connected with the wall etc. £87. 4s. 0d., and it is allowed them, as appears by the papers in the mayor's bag. And they remain in arrears 19s. 2d.]

Jan. 16, 1427.
Chamberlains' accounts for 1425.

Charge £88.
3s. 2d.
Expenses
£87 4s.

Balance
19s. 2d.

[On the Monday after the conversion of S. Paul, Ric. Joy, mayor, renders his account before Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Bristow, Will. Byfeld, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, John Michell, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer and Joh. Parker. He is charged with 200 marks, received from John Braytoft & the prior,² of which he asks allowance of £103. 0s. 8d.; and is in arrears £30. 6s. 0d. as appears by a paper in the mayor's bag.]

Jan. 27, 1427.
Mayor accounts before 15 worthy men;

charge £133.
6s. 8d.,

allowance
£103. 0s. 8d.;
balance £30.
6s. 0d.

GILES ALLESLEY, MAYOR, 1427.

³Tempore Egidii Allesley, maioris.

Jan. 25.

[Election of new officers.]

Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Dylcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Golofre, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Joh. Parker, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Onley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warant, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Bryd.

24 electors.

[m. Giles Allesley; cor. Joh. Dylcok; ch. Joh. Prentes, Joh. Runton; w. Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty; mace, Will. Oxton.

Officers.

The following justices of the peace were chosen (electi

J. Ps.

¹ leaf 41.

² v. pp. 103-4.

³ leaf 42.

sunt) by the new mayor, Joh. Weston, rec., Tho. Wyldgrise, Will. Dylcok, Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto.

Key-keepers.
Mar. 1.

[The mayor, Tho. Wyldegyrse, M. G. S. T., Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft.]

ACCOUNTS AND ROYAL DEBTS.

Mar. 1, 1427.

Henry IV's
debts.

Mayor's
accounts.

¹[Giles Allesley received from Ric. Joy £113. 4s. 4d. of a certain loan made to King Henry IV when Will. Whitchurch was mayor²; also £30. 6s. 0d. of the 200 marks received by Joh. Braytoft and Ric. Joy from the prior, as appears in the second leaf preceding.³]

3 Jan. ? 1428.⁵

King Henry's
debt goes to
church vest-
ments in S.
Michael's

⁴Mem. þat þe iij day of Januer the forseid Mair did come afore him *certein persones* in sancte Marie Hall, þer beyng þe chirche Reves of senct Mighels of Couentre, and asked of þaym þe dettes þat were owyng of þe tyme of kyng Henri þe iiij to go to þe vse of þe vestiments of þe forseid chirche. And so þei ziving good wille graunted, as a Rolle wole make mencion; the whiche is in þe maires bagge, of þe whiche he askep allowance of his charge. *Summa*⁶

and Trinity
churches.

Also the vj day of ffeuerer⁷ þe forseid mair dud calle before him in senct Nicholas halle men þat were owing of þe Trinite parisshe dyuers somes of time of king Henry þe fourthe to go to þe vce of vestments of þe Trinite chirche. And so þei ziving good wille graunted þerto, as a Rolle makeþ mencion, þe whiche is in þe maires bagge, and an oþer þat Sir John Heydon hap in his warde, of the which þe forseid mair askep allowance of his charge. *Summa xxxv li. v s. j d.*

EASTER LEET.

Couentre.
May 1, 1427.

⁸[V. f. p. held before Giles Allesley m., Will. Byfeld and Will. Crudworthe b., on SS. Philip and James 5 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joye, Joh.

¹ leaf 42, back. ² 1399. ³ v. p. 109.

⁴ leaf 43. Another scribe, variant of B type.

⁵ Year uncertain, v. next entry. ⁶ Blank in MS.

⁷ It could not have been the same mayor in both cases, as the feast of the Purification and beginning of new mayoralty intervenes between this and the last entry. ? read Januer.

⁸ leaf 43, back. Scribe B.

Golofer, Joh. Bristowe, Rafe Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Euerton, Tho. Paynell, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Runton, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Burton, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Sharpe, Will. Birde, Joh. Warant.

Hit is ordeyned that þe Cokes frohensfurth make hal-peny pyes as other Townes doth, vppon peyn to lese *dimidium marcæ*¹ at euery defalt.

Also that all maner Brewers, Tapsters & huksters sell goode ale & sufficient, like as the mair ordeyneth, as well withoute house as within, vppon þe peyn of xl d. at euery defalt.

'Cokes'

half a mark,
6s. 8d. fine.

'victualers'

3s. 4d. fine.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

²Hit is to haue in mynde that the Thursday next after the *Epiphanie*,³ þe yer aboucesyd, the seyd meir, be avise of his Counsell, made com afore hym thes wurthymen foloweng:—Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dylcok, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Ric. Joy, Ric. Sharp, Tho. Paynell, Will. Crosse, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Mychell, Rad. Garton, Joh. Launde, Nich. Palmer, Joh. Burton, Will. Belgraue, Will. Broke, Hen. Bryd, Joh. Benet, Tho. Wirley, Rob. Praty, Joh. Onley, Joh. Egyn-ton, Joh. Dylcok, Will. Bryd, Will. Swane, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Dene, Will. Cortenhale, Joh. Willowby, Joh. Revell, Ad. Swette, Tho. Reyner, Tho. (?) Glene, Joh. frankelen, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Runton, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Deyster, Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Will. Pratte, Joh. Broun, Joh. Esex.

þ Jan. 9,

1427.³

þ Aug. 1427.

Council of
forty-eight.

And then shewed & rad afore hem a letter directed be the duke of Gloucester, Erle of Haynnau etc. *protector* & *defensor* of Englund, to the meire, Recordour & Bayllies of the Cite of Couentre. The whiche letter folouth in thes wordes:

The Duke of
Gloucester's
letter.

By the duk of Gloucestre, Erl of Haynnau, & *protectour* & *defensour* of England.

Trusty and welbeloued, we wol, and in my lordes name and ouris, we charge you that ye shape you that ye be

¹ xl d. deleted.

² leaf 42, back.

³ Wrong date. Aug. 10 is date of letter.

Most per-
emptory!

withe vs a Fryday next comyng atte firthist, wher-sumeuer we be, for certayne causes whiche we shull declare vnto you at your comyng. And that ye fayle not hereof in no wyse. Yeven vnder our signet at Leycestre, the x day of August.

To our tristy & welbeloued meire, Bayles, Recordour of the Cite of Couentre.

Mayor and
others to go
to London
the quindene
of Michael-
mas, and
peace to be
kept with the
Earl of
Stafford.

And so the meir, Baylys, Recordour, & many oder wurthy Rydon to Leycestre to his wurthy presence to knowen the entent of his wille. And ther he comaunded the seyd meire, Bayles and Recordour to be at London afore hym the xv of Mich[aelmas] & the mene tyme to kepe the pese ageynest the Erle of Stafford & his.¹ Wher-apon thes xlvijj wurthy above named ordeyned the seyd meire, Baylis, Recordour, Laur. Cook, Henre Peyto, John Michell shuld ryde to London the seyd xv to the seyd wurthy lorde, and they ordeyned the Costes to be borne to Leycester & to London of the Tresour of this Cite, the whiche is in the seyd meires hondes. The whiche Costes apereth more pleyneley in a paper beyng in the seyd meires bag, beyng in seynt Mary halle.

They go,
and the cost
is borne by
the treasury.

PRIOR'S DEBT.

[(Sept. 29.) The mayor received from Ric. Crosby, prior, 100 marks, and delivered to him his written bond of the same sum.]

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Couentre.
Oct. 2, 1427.

²[V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas 6 Hen. VI.] Tho. Wylgrise, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joye, Will. Crosse, Rafe Garton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Michell, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Parker, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Onley, Joh. Warant, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Peuterer, Joh. Runton, Joh. Ray.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Sharpe, Tho. Paynell.]

¹ Humphrey, afterwards Duke of Buckingham, and owner of Maxstoke Castle, Warwick; killed at Northampton 1460.

² leaf 44.

Hit was ordeyned þat noman ley no more muke at þe cross beyonde the Newe-zate, but vppon þe mukhill besidis þe crosse vppon the right hande, vppon þe peyn of xij d., and þat hit be rered be þe comen seriant, or els þat hit be stopped vppon the hire of þe seid comen seriant.

Orders of leet. "muck" on the muck-hill.

Also hit is ordeyned that the Recorder haue his lyuere of þe Trinite Gilde at þe coste of þe Baillifs as hit hath ben aforetyme, and also his lyuere [hyre] of the Baillifs as hit was before.

The recorder's livery.

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

¹[Joh. Euerdon and Will. ffrisby account before Giles Allesley for the years 1425 and 1426, and are charged with the foot of the account (cum pede compoti) of Joh. Michell and Joh. Euerdon £24. 13s. 2½d.² and with £123. 17s. 0d. Total £148. 10s. 2½d.]

They ask allowance for repair of houses, chief rents,³ and other divers expenses, for the first year £38. 18s. 4d. The same for the second £72. 15s. 5d. And for vacancies (*vacacionibus*) the first year £4. 7s. 3d.; and the second year for the same £2. 12s. 0d. And for arrears of rent the first year £1. 9s. 3d., and for the second year £1. 10s. 4d.; and for money given to the tenants for two years 7s. 7d., and for a certain breakfast (*quodam iantaculo*) 6s. 6d., and for the clerk 3s. 4d. Also they ask allowance of £4. 2s. 7d. of the foot of the account of the said John Michell and John Euerdon because it could not be levied. Sum total £126. 12s. 7d. And so they remain in arrears £21. 17s. 6½d.⁴]

Expenses which appear in their book in the mayor's bag.

Sum of allowances £126. 12s. 7d. Balance £21 17s. 6½d.

JOHN BRISTOWE, MAYOR, 1428.

⁵[Election of officers.]

Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Ric. Joy, Will. Crosse, Joh. Parker, Rad. Garton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Sharp, Tho. Peynell, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Will.

Jan. 25, 1428. 24 electors.

¹ leaf 43.

² v. p. 101.

³ Quit-rents.

⁴ It should be £21. 17s. 7½d.

⁵ leaf 45.

Keruer, Joh. Deyster, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Coton,¹ Joh. Warant.

Officers. [m. Joh. Brystowe; cor. Joh. Doughty; ch. Joh. Lyche-
feld, grazier, and Joh. Stille, deyster; w. Will. ffrysby
and Joh. Doughty; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. P.s elected by the mayor. ²Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Cook, Will. Dilcok, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Tho. Wildegrise.

Key-keepers. The same, except the recorder.]

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

? Jan. 23,
1428, or
Jan. 26, 1429.

³Mem. that Will. ffrysby & John Doughty, wardenes of this Cite,⁴ haue acounted be-fore John⁵ Brystowe, meire, & oder worthi on the Wednesday next after seynt Poule day of the tyme of Giles Allesley beeng meire.

Charge £83
16s. 1½d.

Atte whiche accounte thei were charged withe ^{xx}iiij li. xvj s. j d. ob. *Summa oneracionis* ^{xx}iiij li. xvj s. j d. ob.

allowance
£56 4s. 2d.

Wherof thei aske allowans of lvj li. iiij s. ij d. of bates⁶ & oder discharges, as hit aperithe in a boke beeng in John Bristowes bag in seynt Mary halle.

£2 6s. 2d.
for poverty,
etc.
£58 10s. 4d.

Also they aske allowance of xlvj s. ij d. that myght not be leued for pouerte & oder causes. *Summa allocacionis* lvij li. xs. iiij d.

balance owed
£25 5s. 9½d.

And so thei abyden in arrerage & clere dete xxv li. v s. ix d. ob. *Summa arreraggi* xxv li. v s. ix d. ob.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre"
Apr. 15, 1428.

⁷[V. f. p. held before Joh. Bristowe m., Ric. Sharp, and Tho. Paynell b., on Thursday after the close of Easter.]

Jury.

Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wilgrise, Ric. Joye, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, Joh. Michell, Joh. Coton, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Onley, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Doughty, Will. Keruer, Joh. Style, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Prentes.

¹ or Cotoner.

² The mayor's name should be included.

³ leaf 46.

⁴ In 1427.

⁵ repeated.

⁶ *N. E. D.* deduction, diminution, abatement. This example is earlier than the one there given.

⁷ leaf 45, back.

Hit is ordeyned that Will. Wymondeswold fey¹ & clense his diches betwen Mich-graunpesfeld and Litel-graunpesfeld betwixt þis & þe Crossedayes,² vppon þe peyn of xx s. to þe vse of the Towne.

³[V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 7 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wilgrise, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Rad. Garton, Joh. Warant, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Parker, draper, Ric. Bottoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Stille, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Onley, Joh. Doughty. [Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon.]

Hit is ordeyned þat no maner huxster by no maner of vitail þat cometh to þe Cite till hit be xj of þe Clok, vppon þe peyn at euery defalt to lose xld.

Also þe ordeyn þat John Bretayn shall haue yerely whils he is Clerk of the Wardeyns xxvj s. viij d., with that he be abidyng & dwellyng within þis Cite.

Also they ordeyn þat no wiredrawer within þis Cite make no caue ne ordynaunce, but þat all journeymen of þe seid Crafte shall worch in their owne housez at their owne lust, vppon þe peyn þat who-so doth þe contrarie forfet Cs. at euery defalt, & that caue so made be theym be dampned, & had for nought.

At which lete þer was a bill put vp be þe priour to haue had seuerall Sacherscroft, Cristes-crofte,⁴ alia pastura iuxta Blaklane, alia pastura iuxta Quetesforde, Swannes-crofte, Spitelcrofte, & le Conynger⁵ in Hasilwode. Que peticio respectuatur.

⁶Hit is to haue in mynde that at [this leet] the smythes of Couentre put vp a bille foloweng in thes wordes :—

To you fullwurshipfull Meir, Recordour, bayles, & to all your discrete counsell, shewen to you the craft of Smythes how thei were discharged of the Cotelers pachand be a lete in the tyme of John Gote than meire,⁸ &

¹ To clean out.

² *N. E. D.* Rogation days; or the three days before Ascension day.

³ leaf 46, back.

⁴ v. Corp. MS. C 62.

⁵ *N. E. D.* a rabbit-warren.

⁶ leaf 45, back.

⁷ On this pageant v. Sharp, *Mysteries*, and Hardin Craig, *Corpus Christi Plays* (E. E. T. S.), 82–91.

⁸ 1420.

“Couentre”
Oct. 4, 1428.

Bailiffs.

Orders of leet.
Hucksters;

40d. fine.

The wardens’
clerk’s fee.

“Wier-
drawers”;
journeymen
to work in
their own
houses.

“Comons or
Lamas
Ground.”
The prior’s
petition is
respited.

“Smiths
pageant”;⁷

The smiths
complain

that they are forced to produce a pageant, from which burden they had previously been discharged;

quytances made be-twene the forseid craftes oder to oder, lik as hit is well knowen & redy for to shewe. And now late Giles Allesley in his office of meyralte preyed the forseid craft of smythes to take the gouernaunce of the seid pachand as for his tyme & no forther. And the seid craft did hit wilfully¹ to his plesaunce; for the whiche cause the forseid pachand is yete put to the forseid craft, & thei han no maner of dute to tak hit to hem. Wyche thei beseche that ye of your grete goodnes discharge the forseid craft of smythes of the pachand atte reuerence of God & of Truthe, and orden hit elles where ye ben better avised be your good discession.

the leet insist upon their continuing the practice.

The whiche bull (*sic*) be the avise of all the wurthy of the seid lete, and all oder upon the same lete beeng, was onsuered & endosed in this wise:—Hit is ordeyned that the smythes shull occupie the seid pachand forthe euery yere, upon the payne of x li. to be payd at euery defaute to the vse of the chambur.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

The city owes the chamberlains for the year 1426
£11 17s. 9d.

²[Ric. Botoner & Ric. Busshebury, late chamberlains, render accounts before the mayor.] And the Cite is founden in arrerage to the seid Chamburlenes xj li. xvij s. ix d., as hit aperith in a paper beeng in the seid meires bag. *Summa* xj li. xvij s. ix d.

The mayor's money;
£38 0s. 0d.

£20 paid for the work at the conduit;

balance
£18 0s. 0d.

Hit is to haue in mynd that John Bristowe hathe reseyuod of Giles Allesley xxxviiij li. of the money of the Cite, of the whiche *summa* xx li. he payd to the making of the hed of the condite, for the whiche xx li. John Onley is bonden be obligacion to pay x li. at *Michelmas*, the vii yere of the kyng that nowe is, & x li. at *Michelmas* then next foloweng, and the remenaunt is xviiij li.

Prior's debt:
100 marks.

Also the seid John Bristowe hathe reseyuod of the priour of Couentre at Ester the vij yere of the kyng that now is C. marc'.³

¹ Willingly, voluntarily.

² leaf 46.

³ v. *supra*, p. 104.

LAURENCE COOK, MAYOR, 1429.

¹[Election of Officers.]

1429.²

Will. Dilcok,³ Tho. Wildegrise,³ Joh. Braytoft,³ Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crosse, Rad. Garton, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Will. Bryd, Joh. Warant.

24 electors.

[m. Laur. Cook;³ cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Joh. Launde and Tho. Crosse; w. Will. ffrysby and Ric. Dene; mace, Will. Oxtou.

Officers.

Joh. Weston, rec., Hen. Peyto, and see note.³

J. Ps.

The same without rec.]

Key-keepers.

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

⁴[In the presence of the following 48 worthy persons, Joh. Brystowe delivered to Laur. Cook, mayor, the prior's Easter payment for the sixth year of Henry VI, 100 marks; also he delivered to him £18. Os. 0*d.*⁵]

Jan. 24, 1429.

Tho. Wildegryse, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Will. Crosse,⁶ Joh. Golofre,⁶ Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Coton,⁶ Joh. Prentes, *mercier*, Will. Bryd, Joh. Clerk, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Dene, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Welford, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warant, Will. Swanne, Rad. Garton, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Belgrau, Joh. Willowby, Tho. Reyner, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Onley, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Paynell,⁶ Joh. Broun, draper, Will. Keruer, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Benet, w*ir*drawer, Ric. Botoner, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Stille, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Southam, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Lychefeld, *bocher*, Joh. Walgrau, Will. Staunton, Ric. Phelippes.

The Forty-eight; really 50 names.

EASTER LEET.

[⁷V. f. p. on Tuesday after the close of Easter 7. H. VI, before the mayor.⁸]

Apr. 5, 1429.

¹ leaf 47.

² No day given.

³ J. Ps.

⁴ leaf 47, back.

⁵ v. p. 116.

⁶ A cross by these names.

⁷ leaf 48. Another scribe of B. type.

⁸ Names of jury and bailiffs omitted in MS.

Orders of leet.
"Shirbourn."
Mayor to
oversee the
brook.

Atte whiche lete among oder was ordeyned that the meyre shuld go be all the brooke, & se where hit is narowed, mysruled, or stopped, or encroched, & that hit be amended be his discession.

Actions at
law to be
brought in
the city
courts only.

Also they ordeyne that no man of this Cite sue non oder of the same Cite that is sufficient withe-Inne this Cite, but only atte comen lawe at Westm[ynstre], or elles withe-Inne this Cite [or 100 s. fine to go to the town-wall from any one "founden fawty."]

Master
Pynchard,
schoolmaster.

Also they ordeyne that mayster John Pynchard, skolemayer of Grammer, shall haue the place that he duelleth Inne for xls. ye yere, whyles that he duellithe In hit & holdythe gramer skole hym-self ther-Inne.

New assess-
ment of
murage.

¹ Also the murage be nowe extent be avyse of the mair, and that they þat haue lande pay for their lande; and they that haue non that they be extent be advyse of þe mair & hir agrement afore their goodes; and yf they woll not agree therto, that then they be extent be þe mair & his Councell.¹

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 3, 1429.

[V. f. p. before the same on Monday after Michaelmas 8. H. VI.²]

Orders of leet.
Town-ditch.

Atte whiche lete was ordeyned that no man cast non erthe ne oder fylthe in the town dyche [or 40 d. fine] to be rered to the vse of the town walle³ be the comen seriaunt, be ouer-syght of the meyre & chamburlenes.

Sergeaunt
taken in
adultery.

Also they ordeyne that no *seriaunt* ne oder officer taken in avowtery be no more officer, but that he be put out of her office at what tyme they or any of hem ben founden in suche defaute.

Hermitage
at Gosford-
gate.

Also they ordeyne that the Ermytage withe-out the Gosford-yat be vsed as an hermytage, & that the meyre for the tyme beyng put in that place what Ermyte he wille, so that he be of honest conuersacion & vertues man.

Swearing at
the leet.

⁴ Also they orden that euery man at euery lete be

¹⁻¹ Scribe B.

² MS. omits names.

³ The town-wall seems to have required much repair about this time. Perhaps it had been badly damaged during the quarrel with the Earl of Stafford.

⁴ leaf 48, back.

sworn that comyth vpon the grete enquest, except meyrez & baylyves that shullen [? be] charged after the old custome.

Also they orden that al-maner men of this Cite that may bere pay to the murage for ther godes as oder men don for her lond, as hit is graunted be the kynges patent¹; and that the meyre take in euery warde iiij persones suche as hym thynkethe best for to extent & assesse al-tho that han no lond in euery warde be tho iiij persones, that the meyre takethe of the warde that they duell Inne.

The mayor to take four persons in every ward to assess the murage.

Also they ordeyne that the meyre serche the brooke, & lat cast down all maner stakes and oder that letten the cours of the water, & that no man cast no muk ne weede ne non oder fylthe in to the comen water, upon the peyne of dim. mark at euery default to be rered be the comen seriaunt to the vse of town walle, be ouersight of the meyre. And that the comen seriaunt euery Saturday do serche euery mannes house be the broke, & certyfy the meyre as he fyndythe, upon the peyne of losyng of his office; & that the meyre execute hit in all haste wite-uten ony grace.

No filth in the water or "River Shirbourn." 6s. 8d. fine.

[Privies and purprestures in or upon the Red-ditch to be done away with by certain persons assigned by the mayor. No more to be made there on pain of half a mark to the town wall. The common sergeant ordered to search it every week.]

"Red-dich."

TALBOT'S RANSOM.

Hit is to haue in mynde that for the Rawunsome of the lorde Talbote² thez gode men of the Cite of Couentre folowyng han 3yvon to his Rawnsom wyth ale her gode hertes.

Gift towards Talbot's ransom.

[Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Peyto, Ric. Southam, Will. Byfeld, 20s. each; Ric. Joy, Joh. Braunston, Ric. Sharp, 13s. 4d. each; Rad. Garton, Joh. Euerton, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Mychell, Will. Carver, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Cater, Thom. Dawe, Will.

¹ 38. Ed. III, p. 2, m. 32 (Dugdale 98).

² John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, taken prisoner at Patay, June 18, 1429; killed at Castillon 1453.

Swanne, 6s. 8d. each; Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworth,
 Joh. Shadd, Joh. Ronten, Joh. Alen, Ric. Busshebury,
 Joh. Revell, Mat. White, 3s. 4d. each. Tho. Paynell 40s.
 £15 6s. 8d. Total 23 marks.]

COLLECTION OF A FIFTEENTH.

¹xv peny payd in tyme of Laurence Cooke beeng meyre,
 graunted at a *parlyment* holden in the terme of Mich[ael-
 mas], the yere of kyng Henry the vj the viij.²

Collectors. Gosford-strete.
 Will. Bryddesmere, Bened. Marshall, Joh. Stafford,
 £15 16s. 0d. Joh. Baker, deyster. *Summa* v li. xvj s.

Jurden-well.
 Joh. Cressy, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Lee, Rob. Derford.
 £15 2s. 0d. *Summa* v li. ij s.

Muche-park-strete.
 Will. Bryd, Will. Cortenhale, Will. Charlton, Joh. Lee,
 £5 0s. 0d. Smyth. *Summa* v li.

Bayly-lane.
 Joh. Harborgh, Joh. Merston, Joh. Spenser, Tho.
 £3 10s. 0d. Peuterer. *Summa* ij li x s.

Erl-strete.
 Ad. Suette, Tho. Reyner, Will. Belgraue, Nich. Palmer.
 £5 13s. 8d. *Summa* v li. xij s. viij d.

Brod-yate.
 Tho. Draper, Rog. Wales, Rob. Saxton, Rob. Praty.
 £2 6s. 8d. *Summa* xlvj s. viij d.

Smyth-[ford-strete.]
 Joh. Tate, Joh. Blakemon, Ad. Dyer, Ric. Hykelyng.
 £4 0s. 0d. *Summa* iij li.

Spon-strete.
 Ric. Walford, Joh. Broun, Mat. Whyte, Joh. Sysseter.
 £5 13s. 8d. *Summa* v li. xij s. viij d.

¹ leaf 50, back.

² Rot. Parl. IV. 336.

Cros-ch[eaping].

Will. Darsette, Joh. Halle, Ric. Chapman, Will. Brom-
wyche. Summa vij li. v s. £7 5s. 0d.

Bysshop[-strete].

Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Knot, Ric.
ffyllypes. Summa v li. xiijs. £5 13s. 0d.

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

¹[Laur. Cook paid away the prior's 100 marks, received
from his predecessor Jan. 24] vnto certen persones that
lant the seyde C. marc' to the sege of Harflete in the
tyme of the seyde Laurence fyrst beyng meyre.² Jan. 24, 1429.

100 marks
lent to the
siege of
Harfleur,
1415, repaid.

Also the seyde Laurence hathe reseuyed of John Bristow
xviij li. [and] thus is spende : & first delyvered to John
Clerk & John Euerdon, then bayles, iij li. for poor men that
weren endited in the kynges benche & might not pay her
fynes.³ Also to William Repynton 10 mark for brynger
of an C. li. fro the duke of Bedford, the whiche was
oweng to the Cite of Couentre. Also gyven to a messenger
of the seyde duke of Bedford for bryngyng lettres to the
seyde meyre & oder wurthy out of ffrance, xxvj s. viij d.

Mayor's
further
expenses ;
£3 to poor
men endited
at the King's
Bench ;
to the duke's
messenger
£6 13s. 4d. ;

Also to iij mynstrelles of the kynges xx s. And to iij
Trumpettes of the kynges xx s. Also to iij mynstrelles of
the quenes x s. And the residu of the money spende
apon the making of the Town dyche, & the spey[r]⁴ atte
Gosford yate.

to another
£1 6s. 8d. ;

the king's
and queen's
minstrels.

Hit is to haue in mynde that the seyde Laurance, meyre,
in the fest of seynt Thomas of Caunterbury last past,
hathe reseuyed of William Repynton, auditor of the duke
of Bedford, C li. of the summe of the CC li., the whiche
was lante to seyde Duke the tyme of Adam Deyster beyng
meyre.⁵ The whyche C li. the seyde Laurance hathe payd
to hem that lant hit withe-Inne iij wekes after that he
reseuyed hyt.⁶

July 7 or
Dec. 29.
The Duke of
Bedford pays
up £100.

¹ leaf 50.

² Cook was mayor 1415. Harfleur surrendered to Henry V
Sept. 22, 1415.

³ Probably on occasion of the Lollard rising under Grace the
hermit, v. *supra*, p. 97.

⁴ ? Spar = a bar or beam to fasten a door. v. E. D. D.

⁵ Adam Huyton or Deyster mayor 1419. ⁶ Some erasures here.

A further payment of the prior—100 marks—returned to Henry V.'s creditors. Siege of Harfleur 1415.

The dilatory prior.

Hit is to haue in mynd that the seyd Laurance, meyre, hathe reseyyved of the priour of Coventre C marc' for the payment of Ester the vij yere of kyng Herry the syxt; the whyche was lant to the sege of Harflete in the tyme of the seyd Laurence fyrst beyng meyre. And the seyd C marc' the seyd Lauraunce, meyre, hathe payd & delyuered at the fest of Cristmas last past vnto hem that lant hit; and the cause why hit was so long vnpayd was for the seyd meyre coud not gete hit payd of the priour but at iij paymentes, & the last payment was a litell afore the seyd Crystmas.

THO. PAYNELL, MAYOR, 1430.

Jan. 25.

¹[Election of officers.]

Electors.

Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braitofto, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Dilcoke, Will. Belgraue, Will. Bryde, Joh. Tate, Joh. Frankelen.

Officers.

[m. Tho. Paynell; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Swane and Hen. Sircoke; w. Ric. Dene and Joh. Warrant; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps.

Tho. Paynell, Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Coke, Will. Dilcoke, Tho. Wyldegryse.

Key-keepers.

Tho. Paynell, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte, Will. Dilcoke, Hen. Peytoo.]

[A letter was sent to the mayor and community about lending the king a notable sum; whereof the tenor is as follows:—

²*Memorandum quod ista subscripta litera missa fuit maiori & communi- bus ciuitatis Couentrie ad prestandum domino Regi quandam notabilem summam; cuius litere tenor sequitur in hec uerba:—*

REQUEST FOR LOAN.

[Mar. 1, 1430.

[The king who, with the aid of our Blessed Creator, pro-

Chiers & bienz amez, come pur lex- ploite de la viage, quell a laide de nostre benoit creature nous purpos-

¹ leaf 52. Scribe A.

² leaf 55.

poses to go over to France the next April,
to put short end to the war, as he earnestly desires,

wishes to be provided in all haste with a notable sum of money,
as will be shown to them by the reverent father in God, the Bishop of Chester, the Earl of Warwick, the Lady of Abergavenny,
Ferrers of Groby, the Prior of Coventry, Will. Mountforde, Barth. Brokesby, Joh. Weston, and the Sheriff of Warwick and Leicester, who by the Council's advice have been

jointly and severally assigned by letters and commissions under the Great Seal to treat about this loan of a notable sum,
to be lent to the king in this great necessity. The commissioners have authority to promise repayment in the king's name,
to come from the fifteenth granted by parliament,
to be paid in the following

ames fare en *nostre* persone en le mois davrell¹ *prochein* venaunt, viers *nostre* realme de Fraunce, pur y metter breffe fyn et conclusionz a nous guerrez, ainsi come souereinement le desirons, nous couiendra necessairement estre *purubux* a tout bon haste dun notable sume de money, sicome plus au plein vous exposeront de par nous le reuerent pier en Dieu, leuesqe de Cestre, & nos *treschieres* & foiaxl (*sic*) cosenes, le counte de Warwick et le (*sic*) dame de Be[r]geuenny, & nous *treschieres* & foialx le *Sieur* sire (*sic*) de Ferrers de Groby, le prioure de Couentre² & William Mountforte, Chiualer,³ Bartholemew Brokesby,⁴ John Weston,⁵ & *nostre* vicounte de nos countes de Warr[ewik] & Leic[estre], lesquex de lauis & assent de *nostre* counsell auomz assignez iointment & seueralment par nous *lettrez* & *commissionez* desouz *nostre* graund seale pur *communiquier* & *treter* ouesqe vous de & sur le cheuauance dune Notable⁶ sume de money a nous aprestre en cest *nostre* graunte necessite, & pur vous promitter pur & en *nostre* noun sufficient suertie & repaiment de le dit sume de lez deners *prouenauntz* de la quinzeisme de *nostre* darrein parlement, par lez *communes* de cest *nostre* Realme a nous graunte, & a nous a paye[r] a le fest de seint Marten en Iuerne *prochein* venant, solonc

¹ MS. looks like darrell. ² Ric. Croseby. ³ Of Coleshill, v. Dugd. 717.

⁴ *ib.* 732. He was in 1419 Sheriff of Warwickshire, and one of the executors of Lady Bergavenny's will.

⁵ Serjeant-at-law; he held lands in Wolston and Weston: *ib.* 25, 209, 541.

⁶ *i. e.* a sum to be noted and repaid.

Martinmas.

[The recipients of the letter are urgently requested that for the advancement of this, the king's first, journey which, with the Créator's aid, will turn to the good and tranquillity of all the king's loyal subjects, they will quickly provide a notable sum and that avowrey, and send it by a trusty messenger to the treasurer at London, between then and Easter following. The treasurer, by authority of parliament, will give them such security of repayment as will content them withal.

[They are entreated not to fail the king in this great necessity, as they desire his honour and welfare, and the final salvation of his realms, giving credence to what the commissioner or commissioners will expound to them on the king's behalf. Given under the privy seal at Westminster on March 1.

[The letter having been heard and understood, the mayor, bailiffs and community consented to lend £100;

leffett & contenue dun ait (*sic*) pur money a nous aprestre en mesme nostre parlement sur ce faite. Si vous priomez trescheirement quen avancement de cest nostre primer viage, que ia a leid de nostre benoit creature turnera au bien & tranquillite de nous & de vous & de toutz nos autrez bonez & loialx subiectz, Prendre voiez le pluis prest qe bonement fair le purres en nous eidant a cest foitz par voie dapprestre dun somme notable, & icelle auourey,¹ de qui vous vous confies enueier & delyuerer a nostre Tresorer dengleterre a Loundrez parentre cy & le fest de Paschqe procheine venant; lui quel nostre tresorer par autorite de nostre dit parlement vous ferra tiell & sufficiaunt suertie de Repayment de le dit somme qe de reason vous en serrez contens. & cest chose prendre voiez trespres a coer saunz nous en failer en cest nostre graund necessite, come vous desires lonneur et bien de nous & la final solucion ?[saluacion] de nous Realmez: En adioustant meintenains foy et credens a nous ditz commissarez & a chacun de eux, en ce quels vous exposeront ou aucum de eux vous exposera en cest matier de par nous. Done sus nostre priue seale a Westm[oustre], le primour Jour de Mars.

Visuque² (*sic*) littera predicta & intellecta, Tho. Paynell, m., ballivi & communitas concesserunt prestare domino Regi centum libras, ut patet

¹ Word uncertain. v. Gloss.

² Error for *visaque*.

and the money was delivered to W. Hungerford, the treasurer, by L. Cooke, who had £3 for his expenses.]

*foliis precedentibus*¹; & *postea pre-*
dicte centum libre deliberate fuerunt
Waltero Hungurforde, Thesaurario
domini Regis, per manus Laurencii
Cooke; & iidem (sic) Laurencius
habuit pro suo costagio inde ad tunc
facto iij li. Summa iij li.

[²The following lent £100 to the king, Mar. 15.]

Mar. 15, 1430.
45 names.

Gosforde-[strete].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Laur. Cooke	1	6	8	Sim. Deyster	5	0	Joh. Stafford	10	0
Tho. Wildegrise	1	6	0	Joh. Evesham	6	0	Ric. Molle	1	8
Joh. Breten	13	4		Will. Abram	1	8	Hugo Spencer	1	8
Joh. Stille	6	8		Rob. Kyng	3	4	Joh. Sheldon	6	8
Nic. Heywood	3	4		Wal. Bond	1	8	Ad. Baxster	10	0
Tho. Smyth	3	0		Rob. Thomas	3	4	Will. Bagett	3	4
Joh. Straunge	1	8		Joh. Melton	1	8	Rob. Danyell	1	8
Bened. Marshall	6	8		Joh. Baker	6	8	Tho. Weue		
Will. Mason	1	0	3	Ric. Skott	6	8	[?Weuer]	1	8
Joh. Stretton	6	8		Joh. Langton	1	8	Joh. Castell	3	0
Tho. Mason	5	0		Joh. Braban	6	8	Ric. Beller	1	8
And. Evesham	6	8		Joh. Wright	1	8	Hen. Cotoner	3	4
Rob. Wildegrise	3	4		<i>Christian Crosse</i>	5	0	Hen. Skyll	5	0
Ric. Somur	4	0		Will. Ing	2	0	Tho. Dawe	6	8
Joh. Manton	1	8		Will. Cocke	3	4	Joh. Breuster de		
Ric. Cookes	2	0		Will. Rothewell	1	8	Prioratu	1	8
<i>Christian Golofre</i>	5	0		Tho. Stohne	4	0	<i>Summa</i>	£12	3s. 8d.

57 names.

Jurden-well.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Ric. Hampton	4	0		Truston ⁴	2	0	Rob. Clerke	3	4
Joh. Cressy	5	0		Tho. Dykons	4	0	Rob. Baxster	1	8
Joh. Shade	5	0		Ric. Adam	1	8	<i>Margeria Godfray</i>	1	8
Joh. Symiond	4	0		Joh. Gamill	1	8	Joh. Lee	6	8
Joh. Sutton	4	0		Will. Coope	7	0	Tho. Grome	2	0
Rob. Grene	3	4		Nic. Gore	6	8	Joh. Rocheford	6	8
Tho. Illage	3	4		Tho. Gamill	2	0	Joh. Hawkyns	2	6
Will. Gale	2	6		Will. Bett	4	0	Joh. Wynnale	1	8
Joh. freman	1	8		Joh. Heywoode	1	8	Joh. Whalley	7	6
Ric. Rocheford	2	0		Tho. Thruston ⁴	4	0	Will. Harborough	2	6
Joh. Croke	5	0		Joh. Ashewell	7	0	Joh. Carter	7	0
Ric. Mildenall	3	0		Joh. Wilde	4	0	Joh. Bryan	6	8
Hugo Cowper	1	8		Ric. Plumer	4	0	Joh. Prentes	10	0
Will. Deister	6	8		Will. Eue	2	0	Joh. Dilcocke	7	6
Joh. Abram	6	8		Wal. Eton	10		Tho. Elderbek	3	4
Will. Wright	2	0		Joh. Egull	1	8	Rob. Defford	4	0
Tho. Maideford	5	0		Joh. Maidford	2	0	Joh. Freman	2	6
Joh. Plumer		10		Joh. Franklen	5	0	<i>Summa</i>	£10	14s. 4d.
Joh. Lacy	1	8		Joh. Woode	1	8			
Joh. Parkyn	2	0		Will. Shurley	5	0			

¹ See the list of names that follows.

² leaf 52, back.

³ or 1s. 8d.

⁴ v. p. 87, Thrustanus Walker.

44 names.

Much-parke-strett.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Will. Bryde	5	0	Joh. Attwell	1	8	Ric. Hobbes	1	8	
Ed. Sharman	1	8	Joh. Le, smythe	4	0	Joh. Braytoft	13	4	
Tho. Turnor	1	8	Tho. Crose	6	8	Will. Cortnale	3	4	
Ric. Dene	6	8	Ric. Smythe	1	8	Will. Osburn	1	8	
Will. Grene	1	8	Joh. Darby	3	4	Tho. Tyler	1	8	
Joh. Ray	1	8	Tho. Warmynton	4	0	Johanna Cotoner	6	8	
Joh. Follipoot	3	4	Will. Libard	2	0	Ric. Knightley	2	0	
Joh. Clerke	13	4	Ric. Staffordshire	2	0	Rog. Shipston	1	8	
Hen. Peitoo	1	3	4	Wal. Neuton	2	0	Gossnore,		
Vxor Freman	1	8	Tho. Yorke, peynter	3	4	passynger	3	4	
Tho. Walsall, weuer	1	8	¹ Will. Charlton	3	4	Hen. Bug	2	0	
Joh. Leder	1	3	4	Joh. Cale ²	1	8	Will. Southam	5	0
Will. Bifelde	16	8	Will. Cleibrooke	3	4	Will. Warde	1	8	
Joh. North[am]pton	1	8	Will. Heye	3	0	Summa	£10	10s. 0d.	
Hen. Hobbys	3	4	Nic. Gryve	5	0				
Rob. Hendman	1	8	Will. Glasier	2	0				

66 names.

Erle-street.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Swane	3	4	Will. Crose	1	8	Tho. Slenne ³	3	4
Will. Waren	2	6	Joh. Chacombe	1	8	Joh. Radeley	1	8
Joh. Holy	1	8	Ed. Brogreve	1	8	Joh. Chaundeler	4	0
Joh. Willowby	1	8	Joh. Euerdon	8	0	Joh. Revell	1	8
Ric. Bifeld	1	8	Joh. Burton	10	0	Joh. Malory	3	4
Joh. Warrant	5	0	Tho. Suettenham	1	8	Will. Stocke	1	8
Nic. Grene	1	8	Rog. Welles	1	8	Johanna Goote	10	0
Ad. Suett	4	0	Joh. Jones	1	8	Johanna Vndur-		
Will. Frysbye	5	0	Will. Donnyngton	1	8	wod	3	0
Joh. Moore	1	8	Will. Belgraue	3	4	Tho. Reyner ⁴	5	0
Will. Dawe	2	6	Joh. Launde	6	8	Will. Corby	1	8
Ric. Sharp	10	0	Gal. Willnale	1	8	Wal. Asheby	3	4
Ric. Boys	2	6	Tho. Spenser	1	8	Will. Broun	5	0
Will. Swan	6	8	Joh. Garton	3	4	Will. Donyngton	1	8
Rob. Thed	3	4	Nic. Palmer	3	0	Joh. Hardborough	2	0
Will. Repynton	6	8	Johanna Hosier	2	0	Tho. Cardemaker	2	0
Rad. Duffeld	3	4	Rad. Garton	13	4	Joh. Alen	3	4
Will. Perte	1	8	Joh. Normanton	5	0	Ric. Rasche	1	8
Ric. Gamill	2	0	Joh. Michell	10	0	Ric. Ryvell	1	8
Will. Dey	1	8	Joh. Shotteswell	1	8	Juliana Spycer	1	8
Johanna North-			Joh. Pyncherd	1	8	Tho. Bayly	1	8
woode	6	8	Joh. Neuby	3	4	Dav. Wryght	1	8
Joh. Northwoode	10	0	Hugo Cruiser	1	8	Summa	£11	19s. 0d.

49 names.

Bayly-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Marston	4	0	Joh. Vpton	1	8	Joh. Plumer	4	0
Sim. Vpton	1	8	Ric. Dyvett	4	0	Joh. Spencer	5	0
Joh. Harborgh	3	0	Joh. Skill	1	8	Rad. Cotoner	1	8
Joh. Sircocke	4	0	Joh. Malory	1	8	Joh. Wall	3	4
Joh. Whitley	3	0	Hen. Bate	3	4	Tho. Peuterere	4	0
Hen. Watford	3	0	Joh. Crosbye	1	8	Joh. Bechamp	2	0
Rob. Herdwyk	3	0	Joh. Benett	5	0	Will. Broke	5	0
Joh. Bordall	3	4	Joh. Sperpoynt	1	8	Joh. Ronton	6	8

¹ leaf 53.² Sic. Read Gale.³ Sic. Read Glenne.⁴ ? Reyner.

Bayly-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Hull	4	0	Will. Yate	4	0	¹ Tho. Thorp	3	4
Joh. Suetton	1	8	Tho. Loke	2	0	Joh. Crosse	4	0
Joh. Mulner	1	8	Joh. Burbage	1	8	Hen. Birde	4	0
Joh. Joyner	1	8	Joh. Gryme	3	4	Nic. Russell	2	6
Joh. Wiche	1	8	Joh. Bayly	1	8	Joh. Gilberd	2	0
Joh. Power	1	8	Rob. Gloucestar	1	8	Ric. Braytofte	5	0
Ric. Deister	1	8	Joh. Oderyche	1	8	Tho. Wirley	5	0
Joh. Chambur	1	8	Will. Clerke	3	4	<i>Summa</i> £7 7s. 0d.		
Joh. Frankelen	5	0	Pat. Kay	4	0			

35 names.

Brode-yate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Melton	1	8	Ric. Busshebury	10	0	Tho. Bedford	1	8
Joh. Lococe	1	8	Joh. Pers, hosier	1	8	Joh. Baker	1	8
Rog. Cooke	3	0	Ric. Freman,			Joh. Fisher	1	8
Joh. Capper,			walker,	6	8	Rob. Praty	2	0
cuteler	1	8	Tho. Sorche, cooke	1	8	Ric. Couper	2	0
Will. Daubney	1	8	Ric. Morell	1	8	Tho Lyons	1	8
Will. Marshall	1	8	Will. Prentes	3	4	Joh. Colyns	1	8
Will. Spencer	1	8	Joh. George	1	8	Joh. Chaturton	1	8
Will. Flekney	3	0	Joh. Archer	1	8	Will. Draper	1	8
Joh. Barnard	2	0	Joh. Cardemaker	1	8	Tho. Draper	6	8
Joh. Yong	1	8	Egid. Allesley	6	8	Rog. Walles	2	0
Hen. Sircock	10	0	Will. Shether	1	8	<i>Summa</i> £4 18s. 0d.		
Wal. Paslowe	1	8	Joh. Darby	3	0			

36 names.

Smytheford[-strett].

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard	3	0	Rog. Osteler	3	0	Joh. Braunston,		
Dav. Burton	3	0	Joh. Blakeman	5	0	sen.	13	4
Ric. Hikelyng	3	0	Joh. Oneley	10	0	Will. Sloley ²	3	4
Tho. Hosyer	3	0	Tho. Joy	1	8	Ric. Wymondes-		
Tho. Whitside	3	4	Ric. Osburn	3	4	wold	3	4
Joh. Yate	2	0	Joh. Kyngston	3	4	Will. Jones, weuer	3	0
Will. Peuterere	5	0	Joh. Owtrede	2	0	Joh. Bowyer	1	8
Joh. Tate, mercer	3	0	Joh. Egynton	5	0	Tho. Ive	6	8
Tho. Carbonell	2	0	Ad. Diere	4	0	Joh. Forest, taylour	1	8
Joh. Bristow	1	6	Wall. Norfolk	3	4	Joh. Russheton,		
Joh. Lynne	3	4	Will. Happefford	3	4	hosier	3	4
Joh. Bere	2	0	Tho. Baxter	1	8	<i>Summa</i> £8 8s. 0d. ³		
Tho. Broun	3	4	Will. Bredon	1	8			
Magote Chaloner	1	8	Joh. Braunston, jun.	2	0			

78 names.

Spon-strett.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Mersche	3	4	Ric. Waren	1	8	Joh. Warde	5	0
Joh. Hastlyffe	4	6	Joh. Gurdelford	1	0	Joh. Stanley	1	6
Joh. Watford	2	0	Will. Pratte	6	8	Joh. Brere	2	0
Joh. Essex	8	0	Joh. Bett	1	0	Joh. Broun, draper	6	8
Tho. Pratt	1	8	Joh. Menley	6	8	Joh. Brett	3	0
Ric. Shurstooke	3	0	Nic. Barro	1	0	Joh. Sewen	3	4
Joh. Shirctur	2	0	Joh. Lott	4	0	Joh. Honyburne	3	0

¹ leaf 53, back.

² In Warwickshire, near Arley.

³ Really £7 10s. 0d. Here, as in many other places, it is impossible to reconcile the total with the various items.

Spon-strett.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hugo Rogeley	5	0	Hen. Mason	2	4	Mat. Withe	6	8
Egid. Corbrond	5	0	Will. Stockton	1	8	Ric. Capper	3	4
Tho. Tokebye	5	0	Joh. Harries	4	0	Rob. Grynder	1	0
Rad. Ookes	1	4	¹ Joh. Hoges	1	8	Joh. Passynger	2	0
Joh. Robardes	5	0	Tho. Divett	1	4	Joh. George	1	0
Rog. Maltby	1	4	Tho. Lenton	2	0	Laur. Deister	1	0
Joh. Moole, coruyser	6	0	Joh. Baxster	1	8	Rob. Baxster	3	4
Will. Kerver	11	6	Will. Wellys	3	4	Joh. Balle	2	4
Joh. Deister	11	6	Joh. Perett	1	4	Nic. Hull	1	0
Will. Brown,			Joh. Thornton	1	0	Hugo Barbour	2	0
wever	2	4	Rog. Balle	3	4	Vxor Tho. Gold-		
Joh. Chestur	3	6	Wal. Bulker	2	4	smythe	1	8
Emma Marnam	4	0	Hugo Steyne	3	4	Tho. Samson	1	4
Reginald Whitacre	1	4	Ric. Baxster	1	4	Will. Hardwike	1	8
Joh. Eire, weuer	2	8	Margeria Ridale	2	0	Joh. Waren	1	6
Sim. Busteler	2	0	Rob. Myles	1	0	Ric. Walford	4	0
Ric. Welford	6	0	Tho. Smythe	1	0	Joh. Westley	1	0
Joh. Wellyngton	5	0	Tho. Straunge	1	0	Isabell Walker	1	0
Joh. Burbage	2	0	Joh. Plasterer	5	0	Rob. Boteler	1	0
Hen. Holt	6	0	Joh. Clyston	3	0	Summa	£11	19s. 0d.

94 names.

Crose-chepyng.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Flecher	2	6	Joh. Holland	1	8	Rob. Burman	4	0
Hen. Taunerer	1	8	Will. Humburston	1	0	ffratres Joh. White	1	8
Joh. Warde	2	6	Will. Marten	4	0	Ric. Imayne	1	0
Joh. Multon	2	0	Joh. Gobett	1	8	Hen. Cooke	2	6
Tho. Tate cum			Ric. Penson	2	6	Joh. Boise	3	4
socio suo	1	8	Tho. Norwiche	2	6	Sim. Payne	1	8
Rob. Mylburne	8	4	Will. Bromwiche	1	4	Will. Bedon	1	8
Rob. Grubber	5	0	Joh. Eborall	2	0	Mat. Alerton	1	8
Joh. Huntley	3	4	Joh. Nele, coruyser	1	0	Isabella Hnyton	16	8
Ric. Pulter	1	8	Ric. Bryd	1	0	Tho. Rastell	3	4
Joh. Fraiter	1	8	Johanna Gascoyne	5	0	Tho. Swayn	2	8
Ric. Botoner	6	8	Joh. Yong	1	0	Joh. Style, deister	5	0
Joh. Doughty	5	0	Rob. Stookton	1	8	Will. Pere, deister	3	4
Hen. Banbury	2	6	Tho. Chakeman	1	0	Hen. Euerdon	1	8
Joh. Hewer	2	0	Joh. Bryde	4	0	Will. Meke	1	8
Joh. Nele	4	0	Ric. Peyntour	2	6	Will. Newporte	3	0
Margaret Breux	6	8	Tho. Goldsmyth	2	0	Will. Stoneley ²	2	6
Gal. Draper	1	8	Joh. Huett, mason	2	6	Will. Huett	4	0
Ric. Harbours	2	6	Moric. Bocher	4	6	Tho. Waren	2	6
Ric. Lane	2	0	Tho. Bassyngburne	3	4	Joh. Colyn,		
Will. Radclyffe	5	0	Will. Potager	4	0	barbour	2	0
Will. Hend	2	0	Ric. Brystocke	1	8	Will. Dilcocke	16	8
Rad. Chaundler	5	0	Tho. White	2	6	Will. Barbour	1	0
Joh. Parker	2	6	Rad. Bocher	2	6	Will. Benett	3	4
Joh. Frythe	3	4	Hen. Randull	5	0	Will. Darsett	5	0
Joh. Bryhtmer	3	3	Ric. Wooner	3	0	Will. Hull, dubber ³	2	0
Nic. Smythe	3	4	Gal. Woolpayner	1	8	Joh. Weston	1	8
Will. Adderton	1	8	Elyzabeth Lirpole	2	0	Will. Dey	5	0
Joh. Appulby	3	4	Joh. Newport	2	0	Will. Byneley	2	6
Rob. Slye	1	8	Joh. Hall	4	6	Joh. Bandy,		
Rog. Mulner	1	8	Tho. Lylynton	4	6	barbour	4	0
Ric. Joy	16	8	Will. Deyster	3	4	Summa	£15	4s. 6d.
Hen. Adderton	1	8	Joh. Northampton	2	0			

¹ leaf 54.² leaf 54, back.³ dubber = one who furbishes up old clothes.

71 names.

Byshop-strette.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Gomery	2	0	Joh. Folvyle	2	0	Ric. Thomason	1	8
Ric. Biston	1	8	Joh. Raignold	1	8	Tho. Carter	3	4
Rob. Bandy	1	8	Will. Kemp	3	4	Rob. Weston	3	4
Joh. Grene	3	4	Joh. Barbour	1	8	Will. Couper	2	0
Tho. Carde	2	0	Moric. Steynour	1	8	Sim. Moore	2	0
Will. Withiforde	3	4	Joh. Atwoode	1	8	Rog. Lessyngham	3	4
Joh. Coston	1	8	Hen. Walker	3	4	Will. Feld	1	8
Joh. Kebull	3	4	Joh. Stafford,			Tho. Walgraue	2	0
Nic. Wiredrawer	1	8	myluer	3	4	Will. Wymondes-		
Will. Thornton ¹	5	0	Rog. Tailour	3	4	wold	6	8
Tho. Sulby	1	8	Edm. Drouer	5	0	Ric. Chetestur	3	4
Joh. Gold	3	4	Tho. Broun	1	8	Will. Crudworth	13	4
Item pro Garrett	1	8	Tho. Wodcok	1	8	Joh. Boteler	1	8
Joh. Welford	6	8	Tho. Cleybroke	1	8	Ric. Philleps	3	4
Will. Warr[ewyk]	1	8	Hugo Cartwryght	1	8	Joh. Gilberd	5	0
Sim. Pynne	1	8	Will. Savage	1	8	Will. Allesley	1	8
Joh. Walgraue	3	4	Will. Horsley	1	8	Ric. Speycer	1	8
Gervasius Coole	1	8	Will. Wilkyns	6	8	Will. Neuton	3	4
Ric. Marshe	1	8	Will. Aubem	1	8	Hugo Shaw	3	4
Joh. Lysturley	5	0	Hen. Hethe	3	4	Will. Cutt	1	8
Hen Knott	3	4	Will. Dyvett	2	0	Will. Bate	1	8
Will. Staunton	3	8	Joh. Augur	3	4	Ric. Clerke	1	8
Ric. Southam	1	8	Joh. Lychfeld	10	0	Will. Humburston	1	0
Will. Listurley	2	0	Will. Alys	1	8	Summa	£11	17s. 4d.
Joh. Grynder	3	4	Wal. Tryg	3	4			

Summa totalis Cv li. the wich Cli. is paid as hit apperith the ij^{cond} leff folowyng, and v li. is paid, that is to witt, ij li. to Laur. Cooke for his beryng the Cli. to London, and xls. to the collectours of the shire in money and in Costes. Of the wich costes the messyngere þat brought a commission to þe maiour for to retain Cli. of the collectors had vjs. viij d.

£105.

L. Cook has
£3 0s. 0d.
Collectors
£2 0s. 0d.

²And aftur þat the sayd our soueraign lorde in the said moneth of Aprill with othur lordes spirituall and temporall, þat is to say, the wurthy Cardynall, then bischop of Wynchestur,³ the bischop of Bathe,⁴ the bischop of Ely,⁵ and the bischop of Rouchestur,⁶ lordes spirituall; The duke of Yorke, the duke of Northfolke,⁷ the Erle of War[ewyke], the Erle of Stafford,⁸ the Erle of Huntynghon,⁹ the Erle of Arundell, the Erle of Oxenford,¹⁰ the

April 23.
The king
with the
lords spirit-
ual and
temporal,
bishops,

dukes and
earls,

¹ Possibly the painter of the stained-glass window at S. Mary's hall, and great window at York.

² leaf 55. ³ Cardinal Beaufort. ⁴ John Stafford.

⁵ Phillip Morgan. ⁶ John Langdon. ⁷ John Mowbray.

⁸ Humphrey Stafford, created Duke of Buckingham, 1444.

⁹ John Holland. ¹⁰ John de Vere.

barons and bachelors, took water at Dover, and came to Rouen.

Erle of Devonschire,¹ the Erle of Vrmonde,² *with* other reuerent barons and bachelors, the Summe of the retynew is. . . .³ And they toke þe watur at Douer, and Ryveden thorough Goddes grace at Calys, and so comen to the Cite of Roan by the lond of Pykardy.

⁴EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." April 22.

¶ [V. f. p. held before Tho. Paynell, m., Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, b., on Saturday in Easter week 8 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Joh. Bristowe, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Braftoft, (*sic*) Ric. Joy, Joh. Leder, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Bowyere, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Everdon, Rob. Melburn, Will. Kerver, Joh. Deister, Will. ffrysby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Will. Swanne, Joh. Launde.

The ditch.

Item, they orden that 3euerymen fey the towne dyke there as they haue ffylde hyt, or eny ffylth caste into hit, be-twene this and myssomer, yeuer-y-man [or 100 s. to the town-wall, to be raised by the chamberlains].

The gaoler and the prisoners' beds.

Item, they orden that John Stoke take but a peny ffor his owne bedde, there as ij men lyne there-in or iij, and that he take no money ffor no bedde there as it is 3eue on almes so to ley almes in,⁵ and that 3euer-y-man that is prisener brynge in his bedde at his lyste, and take it a-wey when he woll, vp-on the peyn of fforfet off his office.

The town-clerk's chamber.

Item, they orden that the Toownclerke shall paye ffor the Chambur that he occupieth yerly vj s. viij d. to the Trinite yeld.

The river.

[The mayor to search the river as is ordered in other leets; penalties contained ("contened") in previous orders.]

"Millers" must grind a strike for 1d.

Every miller taking toll

They orden that euery-man pay ffor a stryke of whette or Rye gryndyng j d., and 3eue ony mylner take ony corne or tolle ffor eny gryndyng, that 3eue hit be preued, that he make a-mendes and restitution to the parti; and allso that they shuld paye at 3eury defaute to the meir xx d., and

¹ Tho. Courtenay. ² Jas. Butler. ³ Blank in MS.

⁴ leaf 59. Scribe C. A difficult scribe.

⁵ ? to keep the bed only for those too poor to pay.

to the bayles other xxd., wethe-oute grace. And that they be swore 3euery 3ere twye to be trewe; and whoso will not be reweled be this ordynance that he pay as he was wonte to do off old tyme, and the mulners to be atte the large as a-3enes him, and not boundon to the peyne as hit ys boue seyde as a-3enns hem that wolle not be rewled be the ordinaunce.

to pay 1s. 8d. both to the mayor and to the balliffs; and other customers, who will not obey this rule, to pay as they were wont, and the millers to be free from penalty.

THE WIREDRAWERS AND THE CANOPY.

¹ Hit is to to haue in mynde, þat hit is ordenyd that the Crafte of the wiredrawers shall kepe the Canape ouer the hize autur in saynt Michel in Couentre, as hit appearith by indentur made, the wich tenour folowithe in thises Wordes :—

Sept. 1, 1430.

This indentur witnessithe that the furst day of September the yer of the raign of kyng Henre the sixte aftur the conquest the IXth, John Sheldon, Tho. Eldbek, Hen. Coton & Rob. Burges, wardeins of the wiredrawers of the Cite of Couentre, with Joh. Stafford, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Blakman, Joh. Benett, Will. Deister, Will. Claybroke, Nich. Jones, Joh. Straunge & Tho. Stafford with oper whurthy men of the same Crafte in the name of all the persones of the Crafte, hauyng hur deuocion to allmyghty God & to the blessid Sacrament, the wich is all Cristen mennys beleve, consideryng a devout thyng callyd the new Canape ouer the awtur in the churche of saynt Michaels of the said Cite in the wich the blessid Sacrament is wurthely at this tyme kepte, the wich keypyng must haue cost & reparacion, cam before Tho. Paynell, then maiour of the said Cite, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgryse, Joh. Braitofte, Gyles Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Legburne, Chaplen, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Prentes, Will. Swan, Joh. Franklen, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Godesley & oper moo in saynt Mary halle, prayng & desiryng of deuocion þat thei haue to þe said sacrament, & wurship to þe said Cite, to haue the keypyng and the gouernance of the forsaid Canape & all thynges longyng þerto. The wich the said maiour & oper wurthy men þer beyng

“The compagnie of wiredrawers,”

out of deuotion to the blessed Sacrament,

come before the mayor and others,

and request to be allowed to keep in repair the canopy ouer the high altar in S. Michael's;

¹ leaf 56, back. Scribe A.

which request is granted;

and the matter entered in the Mayor's Register.

with hym consideryng hur desire & hooly deuocion grauntyth them hur peticion, thankyng hem of hur desire and good will. And at request of the wardens & oþer men of the said Crafte this indentur is registred in a boke callyd the meynes Regestur in saynt Mary hall beforesaid for perpetual remembraunce þerof to be had in tyme comyng. And this said indentur abydithe in Tho. Peynell bag in saynt Mary hall.

"Coentre." Oct. 4.

¹[V. f. p. held on Wednesday after Michaelmas 9 Hen. VI], Joh. Brystowe, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Bower, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Michell, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Breton, Joh. Deyster, Will. Swanne, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Onley, Joh. Launde, Joh. Stille.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury.]

Orders of leet.

[Constables, who shall be chosen by the mayor and bailiffs, shall be of the more honest & discreet sort, according to the discretion and advice of the mayor & bailiffs for the time being.]

[The mayor to summon a hall of Forty-eight persons to inquire into the sheriff's interruption of the city's liberties, and how the cost of prosecuting the sheriff is to be borne, with all haste.]

Item, ordinarunt quod maior faciat vnam aulam de xlvij personis ad videndum pro interripcione (*sic*) libertatum ville de Coentre per vicecomitem facta & interipta (*sic*), & quomodo Costagium inde erit portatum ad prosequendum versus vicecomitem predictum Cum omni festinacione. Also atte the same tyme that they orden be the meirs avise ffor the balans and whutes (*sic*) after the fforme of the Statuta (*sic*).

[Balance and weights.]

A FIFTEENTH.

Michaelmas 1430.

²[Collectors of the second fifteenth, conceded in Michaelmas term, 9 Hen. VI.

Gosford Street. Will. Bagett, Hen. Weston, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Baker, deister. £5 16s. 0d.

¹ leaf 59, back. Scribe C.

² leaf 57. Scribe A.

Jorden Well. Joh. Cressy, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Lee, Rob. Defford. £5 0s. 0d.

Muchpark Street. Will. Birde, Tho. Warmynton, Will. Charlton, Joh. Le, smythe. £5 0s. 0d.

Bailly Lane. Joh. Harbourgh, Joh. Marston, Joh. Spencer, Tho. Peuterer. £3 10s. 0d.

Earl Street. Ad. Swett, Tho. Ryver, Will. Belgraue, Nic. Palmer. £5 13s. 8d.

Broadgate. Tho. Draper, Rog. Walles, Rog. Cookes, Rob. Praty. £2 6s. 8d.

Smithford Street. Joh. Tate, Joh. Blakman, Ad. Dier, Tho. Broun, weuer. £4 0s. 0d.

Spon Street. Ric. Wallford, Joh. Moole, Mat. White, Joh. Sissetur, Wal. Prate. £5 13s. 8d.

Cross Cheaping. Will. Darsett, Joh. Hall, Ric. Chapman, Will. Bromwiche. £7 5s. 0d.

Bishop Street. Will. Wymondeswolde, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Knott, Ric. fillypes. £5 13s. 0d. Sum of the second fifteenth. £50 0s. 0d.^{1]}

And aftur þat the said Tho. Paynell, meir, be comys-
sion to hym direct for to receive Cli. of the collectours of
the shyre of the second xv^{te} to make payment of the Cli.
þat was lant to our ²soueren lord the xv^{ten} day of Marche
the viijth yer of the kyng þat nowe is, as hit appearith the
v leffe precedent,³ the said maiour by vertu of the said
commission the said Cli. receyvyd, þat is to say, 1li. of
the Collectours of the Shire, and 1li. of the Collectours of
this Cite, and mad repayment to hem that lant the said Cli.
And the copy of the said comysion abydithe in the
maiours bag, Thomas Paynell; and the same comysion
abidith in the said bag allso.

The mayor
receives £100
from the col-
lectors of the
fifteenth;

and with it
repays the
king's loan.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Hit is to haue in mynd, for-also-moche as hit is
ordenyd þat ther shuld be but one Weyght & one mesure
thorout this Realme, the said maiour sent to London
for to haue the weightes acordyng to the weightes of
thexechecour and thens brought xiiij li., vij li., ij li., j li.,

"Mayor to
have over-
sight of
sealing
weights."

¹ Really £49 18s. 0d.

² leaf 57, back.

³ v. p. 129.

Dec. 10.

A hall of
worthy men
decide the
matter.

in brass. And *aftur* that the said meire lett make an hall, the x day of December last past, to haue knowlege who shuld haue the said weightes in his keypyng, the ouersight of the weyng, and the sealyng of weightes *pat* ben to seale. And by the whurthy men, whos namys folowen, was ordenyd *pat* the maiour shuld comen with the Recorder Donyngton & othur lernyd men, and as thei set rule so to be holden in tyme comyng; wherupon the said maiour, the Recorder Donyngton, & othur lered men commenyd to-gether of this *mattur*, and sett rule *pat* the said meire shuld haue the keypyng, ouersight of the weyng, and the sealyng of weightes *pat* byn for to seale.

The worthy
men;
54 names.

Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgrise, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braitofte, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Dene, Joh. Michell, Tho. Suettenham, Joh. Walley, Will. Swan, Hen. Sircoke, Will. Birde, Tho. Reyuer,¹ Joh. Clerke, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warrant, Will. Frissby, Rad. Garton, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Busshebury, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristow,² Joh. Egeston, Joh. Beachamp, Joh. Tate, Will. Crosse, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Blakeman, Will. Keruer, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Deister, Mat. White, Rob. Melburne, ³Ric. Bootoner, Joh. Wylowby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, deister, Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Joy, Rob. Southam, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Wymynswold, Joh. Lysturley, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Catur, Tho. Elderkeke,⁴ jun.

ACCOUNTS AND TOWN BUSINESS.

[Warden's accounts for 1428. ⁵Memorandum quod Will. Frisbye et Joh. Doughty, Custodes camere

(etc.) computauerunt coram Thoma Paynell, maiore, de tempore Johannis

[Charge £90 0s. 9½d.

Bristowe, et Onerantur cum ^{xx}iiii x li. ix d. ob.

[Allowances for expenses

Vnde petunt allocari pro certis

¹ ? Reyner.

² "weuer" deleted follows.

³ leaf 58.

⁴ ? Elderbeke.

⁵ leaf 55, back.

and remissions £91 18s. 6d.

And thus they are in advance
£1 13s. 8½d. But of this £91
18s. 6d.

there is owing 18s. 0d.

£8 5s. 0d.

1s. 6d.

£7 0s. 0d.

Total £16 4s. 6d.

Which (sum of) £15 18s.
6d. cannot be levied for divers

causes. Therefore it is re-
spited until next account.

Paper in mayor's bag.

[Accounts for 1429.

[Charged with the foot of
last account £15 18s. 6d., and

with £67 6s. 2d. Total £83
4s. 8d.

[Allowances £63 8s. 1d.

[Balance £18 16s. 8d.

[Owe £16 4s. 6d. by reason
of its being respited as appears
above.

[Chamberlains' accounts
1430.

[Charge £86 9s. 3d.; ex-

expensis, vacationibus & perdonis
^{xx}
iiij xi li. xviiij s. vj d.

Et sic presunt xxxiiij s. viij d. ob.

Sed memorandum quod de predic-
^{xx}
tis iiij xi li. xviiij s. vj d.

Will. Darset debet xviiij s.

Will. Kersley debet viij li. v s.

Joh. Pisfort debet xviiij d.

Johanna Goote debet vij li.

Summa xv li. iiij s. vj d.

Quam (sic) quidem (?) xv li. xviiij s.
vj d. non possunt adhuc leuari pro
diuersis causis. Ideo ponitur in
respectu vsque ad proximum compo-
tum. & papirus istius Compoti reman-
et in бага Tho. Paynell, maioris.

Compotus Will. Frisby & Ric.
Dene, custodum camere (etc.), de tem-
pore Laur. Cooke maioris. Et oner-
antur de pede compoti xv li. xviiij s.
vj d. & onerantur cum lxvij li. vj s.
ij d. Summa oneracionis ^{xx}iiii ij li.
iiij s. viij d. Vnde petunt allocari
pro diuersis expensis, vacationibus &
perdonis lxiiij li. viij s. jd. & sic
remanent in arreragiis xviiij li. xvj s.
viiij d.¹

Debent xvj li. iiij s. vj d. de pre-
dictis xviiij li. xvi s. vij d. [que] poni-
tur in respectu usque proximum
compotum, prout patet supra in com-
poto Willelmi Frysby & Johannis
Doughty. & papirus istius compoti
remanet in бага Thome Paynell,
maioris.

²[Will. Swane and Hen. Sircoke
are charged with £86. 9s. 3d. They
ask allowance for divers expenses,

¹ £19 16s. 7d.

² leaf 56.

penses £90 5s. 4½d.; deficit
£3 16s. 1½d.

[In this mayor's and these

chamberlains' time 14½ perches
of the stone wall of the city
near to the friars Carmelite,
and the half of a round

tower were built for £77 13s.
4d.

[The prior's written receipt
for £10 paid by T. Paynell,
due at the Michaelmas term
in the 9th year of the king,
remains in the mayor's bag.]

payments, vacancies and remissions
£90. 5s. 4½d. And thus they are in
advance £3. 16s. 1½d. as appears
by the chamberlains' record in the
mayor's bag. Total £3. 16s. 1½d.]¹

Mem. quod tempore Tho. Paynell,
maioris (etc.). Will. Swanne & Hen.
Sirocke, camerariorum, xiiij perche
& dimidium muri lapidei Ciuitatis
predicte iuxta fratres Carmelitarum
& dimidietatas vnus turre (sic)
rotunde ibidem composite & con-
structe fuerunt pro lxxvij li. xiijs.
iiij d.

Mem. quod acquietancia prioris et
conventus Coventrie de x li.² solu-
tis per manus Tho. Paynell maioris
etc. pro termino S. Michaelis anno
nono Regis nunc, remanet in бага
eiusdem Tho. Paynell.

THE WHITE FRIARS AND THE WALL.

"Carmelite
friars liberty
to make a
banke against
the town
wall."

³Mem. pat accord toke betwene Tho. Paynell, meir,
and bailyffes and chamburleins & Cominialtye of the Cite
of Couentre on pat one partie, and the priour and Covent
of the ffrere Carmelites⁴ of Couentre on pat oþer side:
That the said priour & Couent shall make within ther
Garden aftur⁵ the town wall a bank of Erthe Joynng to
the said wall on ther own Costes, in Lenght fro the four-
square toure there vnto þe Rounde Toure, a-foore Laur.
Cookees mylne on the Corner, & in height vnto the tabull⁶
of the said wall Except ij fette, and reparacion þeroff
shall make, as hit appearith in endenturs þeroff made more
playnely. The wich endenturs abydon in Tho. Paynells
Bag, with a obligacion in the wich the said priour &
couent arn boundon in x li. to kep the said Couenauntes.

¹ There was a complaint of the difficulty of bearing the heavy burdens for
murage about this time. In 1427 the mayor and community had licence to
amortize lands and rents to the yearly value of £40 for the support of the town.
Corp. MSS. B. 45.

² The annual ferm, v. *supra*, p. 2.

³ leaf 58.

⁴ v. Dugd. 122-3.

⁵ after = along.

⁶ A string-course.

WILL. DILCOCK, MAYOR, 1431.

¹[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegryse, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Will. Keruer, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Onley, Joh. Stille, Tho. Crosse, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Doughty, Will. Crosse, Mat. White.

Electors.

[m. Will. Dilcok; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton; W. Joh. Warrant, Rich. Dene; mace, Will. Oxton.]

Officers.

EASTER LEET.

“Couentre.”

²[V. f. p. held before Will. Dilcok, m., Joh. Rontton, Ric. Busshebury, b., on Saturday in Easter week 9 Hen. VI.]

Apr. 7.
Jury.

Joh. Bristowe, Laur. Cook, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildgrese, Joh. Brayftot, Tho. Paynell, Ric. Joy, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Rad. Garton, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Braunston, Will. Swanne, Joh. Onley, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Doughty, Rob. Southam.

The (*sic*) ordeyne that eueryman that will Cast asson³ lawfully that he haue hit.

Orders of leet. Essoins permitted.

Allso the orden that the meire haue the ouer-sight off ffrayes & debates ffor ther (*sic*) ees off the Comen⁴ pepul. And ther be no Constabull made but he be off good name & god fframe, be ouer-Syght of the meir. Also that no *seriant* somen no mo to wake but xvj persons anyght; & that the money that they take ffor to hire men withe, that thei hire men truly & duly & take no brybe, a-pon the peyn off vj s. viij d. at euery default to be rered to the town wall.

Constables;

sergeant to summon 16 men only to “watch” every night; and to take no bribes.

PRESENT TO THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

⁵Hit is to haue in mynd that at the feste of Whitsontyd the yere of Kyng Herri the vj the ix, be avyse &

May 20, 1431.

¹ leaf 60.

² Scribe C.

³ Bona fide reason for absence from a court of law.

⁴ Written above the line. ⁵ leaf 60, back. Scribe of B type.

40 marks, a cup, 4 pipes of wine, 20 pikes, 12 breams, total £50.

The worthy men; sixty-three.

ordenaunce of thes wurthimen foloweng, ther was gevon to the Duke of Gloucestre & to the Duchas¹ xl marc' & a Cuppe of siluer & ouergilt, iiij pype wyn, xx pykes, xij brems; the summa of all lli.

Will. Dilcock, meire, Joh. Bristowe, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshbury, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Michell, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Sharp, Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton, Joh. Onley, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Deyster, Will. Wymondeswold, Mat. White, Joh. Stille, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Tate, Tho. Wirley, Will. Derset, Will. Frisby, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Dilcock, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Blakeman, Joh. Stafford, Rog. Cookes, Joh. Garton, Joh. Stretton, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Merston, Rob. Praty, Will. Marchall, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Normanton, Joh. Brabson, Tho. Kemp, Will. Cortenale, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lyme, Joh. Evesham, Joh. Revell, Joh. Shadde.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Coentre,"
Oct. 4, 1431.

²¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas 10 Hen. VI.³]

Jury of 26.

Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Mychell, Will. Crudworth, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Parker, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Deister, wolman, Joh. Dilcock, Will. Frisby, Joh. Oneley, Will. Wymondeswold, Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Style.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Lichefeld, Will. Keruer.]

Orders of
leet.

Thei orden þat the maiour be prevy to theleccion of officers; and þat ther be noo mysgouernyd man officer⁴;

¹ The duchess was the duke's second wife, Eleanor Cobham, afterwards indited for witchcraft. This was the year of the Lollard rising under Jack Sharp, vigorously suppressed by Gloucester. Arrests were made at Coventry. Ramsey, I. 437.

² Scribe A., leaf 61, back.

³ The words "per sacramentum" (by oath) follow.

⁴ Cf. pp. 132, 137.

and þat the bailiffes yeve þer officers ther fees as thei wer wont to doo ; and þat noo officer do noo seruyce for nowght but for his wages, as thei did of olde.

Bailiffs' officers.

Thei orden þat thei com as ofte tymes as þei woll in the weke, and þat þei sell nott brede to noo huckster, vpon payn of forfeiture [of] the same brede ; and the said huksters lese¹ at euery tyme of defaute xij d. to the vse of the meire. And þat the baxsters of the said Cite do sell bred in the same place and the same tyme, as well as thei off the contrei doo.

"Bakers."

THE FIFTEENTH.

²Hit is to haue in mynd that thies persones foloweng wern the Collectours of xv^{te} peny in the tyme of Will. Dilcok beyng maiour.

³[*Gosford Street.* Joh. Baker, deister, Joh. Smyth, writillmaker,⁴ Tho. Mason, Coruiser, Ric. Somur, weuer.

Much Park Street. Will. Cleybroke, Nic. Gryve, Will. ffythRobert, Rob. Hendman.

Earl Street. Joh. Wylou³by, Ad. Suette, Ric. Boys, Tho. Suettenham.

Smithford Street. Joh. Maynard, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Osburne, Tho. Carbonell.

Crosscheaping. Will. Radclyffe, Joh. Bryghtmer, Joh. Hall, Joh. Hewett.

Jorden Well. Joh. Shade, Tho. Ilage, mercer, Will. Deister, cardmaker, Tho. Elderbek.

Bayly Lane. Rob. Hardwyke, Ric. Dyvett, Joh. Atwall, Joh. Bechamp.

Broadgate. Joh. Capper, Joh. George, Will. Marchall, Rob. Saxton.

⁵*Bishop Street.* Joh. Kebull, Tho. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Boteler.]

WILL BYFELD, MAYOR, 1432.

⁶[Election of new officers.]

Jan. 25.

Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Joh. Braitofte, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Brystowe, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon,

Electors.

¹ lose, *N. E. D.* s. v. leese. ² leaf 61.

³ For sums collected from each ward v. p. 133. ⁴ v. Gloss.

⁵ Curious omission of Spon Street. ⁶ leaf 62.

Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keruer, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcocke, Will. Swane, Tho. Crosse, Will. Frissby, Joh. Doughty.

Officers. [m. Will. Byfeld; cor. Joh. Walley; ch. Joh. Willowbye, Will. Darsett; w. Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee, hosier; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. The mayor, recorder, Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Leder.

Key-keepers. The same without the recorder.]

EASTER LEET.

June 26 or 29. ¹[V. f. p. held in the time of Will. Byfeld, m., Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keruer, b., on Thursday SS. Peter and Paul 10 Hen. VI.]

Jury. Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcocke, Joh. Leeder, Hen. Peytoo, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Bushebury, Will. Frysby, Will. Swan, Joh. Styllle, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Warrant, Ric. Dene, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcocke, Joh. Doughty.

Orders of leet. Town-ditch: those who have fouled it must cleanse it.

They orden that the maiour goo and ouersee the town dyke þat hit be clansyd, and þat the persons þat haue caste muke or othur fylthe within the dyke be chansyd (*sic*)² at þer cost þat haue fuld hit or cast any thyng³ þerin, Euery-man vpon the payn of xl s. betwen this and mydsomer to be rered to the town wall, and þat þer be noo more cast þer from this tyme forthe, on the same payn to be reryd to the same vse.

“Murage.” [Every man to be assessed (“extendid”) according to his lands and movables for murage between now and Michaelmas.]

Bridges at Earl's Mill floodgates.

They orden þat John Rocheford & John Lee, hosier, to make the byrges at the Erle myle flodyates sufficyent for hors and man to passe and com ouer þat wey within vj dayes, [or a fine of 40 s. from each to the town wall.]

¹ leaf 63. June 29 occurred on a Sunday this year.

² ? charged. ³ Repeated in MS.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The morn aftur the fest of the Natiuite of our Lady the xth yere of kyng Henry the vj^{te}, thes wurthy men folowyng wern aduised þat all the strykes w^{ith}in the Cite of Couentre shuld be serchid and made of one mesure & lyke, and none moore then othur, and that thei shuld be mesured aftur a halffe strike, wich is made w^{ith} a strype of Iron ourtheward.

Sept. 9, 1432.

Strikes to be made after one pattern,

which has a strip of iron overthwart.

The Council.

Joh. Weston, Recorder, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Breton.

And aftur that, William Byfeld, maiour, lett do com afore hym all the strykes of this Cite, and made them of one mesure aftur the forme abouesaid.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¹[V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 2 Hen. VI.] Will. Dilcok, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braitofte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Bushebury, Rob. Southam, Joh. Willoughby, Will. Derset, Will. Frysby, Ric. Dene, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Deister, Joh. Eiston, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Oneley, Mat. White, Joh. Bowyer.

Oct. 2.

Jury.

[Will. Swan, Joh. Warrant.]

Bailiffs.

Orders of leet.

[No bailiff to let to farm issues or fines to the sergeants-at-mace or any other, but to have and hold them as of old, under pain of £20 to the town wall.

& *ordinarunt quod nulli ballivi de cetero debent concedere nec dimittere exitus nec amerciamenta clauigeribus nec alicui alio ad firmam, sed habeant & teneant ut ab antiquo tenuerunt, sub pena xx librarum ad vsum muri ciuitatis per maiorem leuandarum.*

[The receiver of the Trinity guild payments not to be empanelled² so long as he holds the office.

Item, *ordinarunt quod ipse qui est receptor denariorum Gilde S. Trinitatis amodo non enpanellatur (sic), quamdiu dictum officium occupat.*

¹ leaf 64, back.

² ? On the Leet Jury.

Sergeants
to enter their
own actions.
Jailor to sell
no ale in the
prison.

Thei orden that the sergeantes somon there playnth them-selff, and non oþer Clerk, and þat the Gayler sell no ale w^{ith}in the gayle, but þat hit be (¶) fett in the town be mesure ensealyd, [or 20s. to the town wall.]

A FIFTEENTH.

Martinmas.
Nov. 11, 1432.

¹Thes byn the Collectours of the fourth parte of the xv^{ten}, which was paid at Martelmass the xj year of kyng Henre the vj^{te}.

Collectors.

Gosford. Joh. Baker, deister, Joh. Smyth, wirtilmaker,² Tho. Mason, Coruiser, Joh. Stretton. [£1 9s. 0d.]

Much-park. Will. Cleybroke, Nic. Gryve, Will. fyt-Robert, Rob. Hendman. [£1 5s. 0d.]

Erle. Ad. Swett, Ric. Boys, Tho. Swettenham, Tho. Reyuer. [£1 8s. 5d.]

Smyth[ford.] Joh. Maynard, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Osburne, Tho. Carbonell. [£1 0s. 0d.]

Crasch[epyng.] Will. Rad-Clyffe, Joh. Bryghtmer, Joh. Hall, Joh. Huett. [£1 16s. 3d.]

Jurden. Joh. Schade, Tho. Illage, mercer, Will. Deister, cardmaker, Tho. Elderbek. [£1 5s. 6d.]

Bayll[y.] Rob. Herdwyk, Ric. Dyvett, Joh. Bechamp, Ric. Parbroun. [17s. 6d.]

Brodeyate. Joh. Capper, Joh. George, Will. Marchall, Rog. Walles. [11s. 8d.]

Spon. Joh. Mershe, Joh. Essex, Joh. Sircetur, Joh. Mole. [£1 8s. 5d.]

Byschop. Joh. Keball, Tho. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Boteler. [£1 8s. 3d.]

THE WALL.

Joh. Clarke
allows the
town wall to
be built on
his land;

³Hit is to haue in mynd þat Joh. Clarke of Couentre, merchant, grauntyd by his fre will þat the town wall shuld be made upon his lond lyeng in lenght a this halue the toure þat is mache-collyd⁴ at the Bischop-yate, w^{ith}

¹ leaf 63, back.

² v. Gloss. Also rit, ritler, *E. D. D.*

³ leaf 62, back.

⁴ machicolated.

fre entre & issue to the same aftur the forme as hit is now be-gon to be made. And this graunt was made in the presence of Will. Byfeld, maiour, & oþer persons folowyng:—
 Laur. Coke, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytofte, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keruer, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcok, Will. Swan, Tho. Crosse, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Doughty, Will. Dilcoke, Hen. Peitou, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Le, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Wylouþby, Joh. Mychell, Ric. Bushebury.

30 persons witness his grant.

And aftur the said graunt the said John Clerke, oþerways aduised, said þat þe seid town wall shuld nott goo that way. Wheruppon the said William Byfeld, meir, lett make an hall and callyd afore hym thes persons folowyng and the said Joh. Clerke. The which, all the mattur seyn, seld, & vndurston don, ordenyd and grauntyd þat the said wall shuld goo and be made as hit was furst grauntyd.

But afterwards J. Clarke changes his mind;

nevertheless "a hall" of 73 towns-people insist on taking him at his first word.

Laur. Cooke, Bened. Marchall, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Ashewell, Will. Deister, cardmaker, Will. Herdbourgh, Joh. Herdbourgh, Will. Byrd, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Clerke, Tho. Yorke, Ric. Dene, Will. Charlton, Joh. Garton, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Willouþby, Ad. Suett, Will. Swan, Walt. Asheby, Tho. Reyuer, Joh. Vndurwoode, Will. Frisby, Joh. Euerdon, Ed. Brogreue, Joh. Ronton, Hen. Byrde, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bechamp, Tho. Wirley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen, Rog. Cookes, Ric. Bushebury, Tho. Ruyton, Rob. Pratty, Joh. Tate, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakemon, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Lynne, Tho. Paynell, Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Ric. Botoner, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Joy, Joh. Hall, Will. Darsett, Joh. Kebull, Will. Peer, Hen. Rondall, Joh. Stoke, Rob. Southam, Joh. Walgrau, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Stafford, mylner, Ric. Fillips, Joh. Augur, Will. Rad-Clyffe, Joh. Maynard, Tho. Swayne, Ad. Dyer, Tho. Broun, weuer, Joh. Freman, chaundler.

Seventy-three names.

RIC. SHARP, MAYOR 1433.

Jan. 25.

¹[Election of officers.]

24 Electors.

Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braitoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Will. Keruer, Ric. Bushebury, Rob. Southam, Tho. Crosse, Will. Fryshy, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Deister, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakeman, Joh. Tate, Tho. Ruyton.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Sharp; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Brid, Rad. Chaundeler; w. Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee; mace, Will. Oxtan.

J. Ps.

Ric. Sharp, m., Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldgrise, Hen. Peitoo.

Key-keepers.

The same; except the recorder.]

WILL. CROSS' CHARTER.

Jan. 13, 1434.

[Let all present and to come know that we W. Crosse, ferryman, W. Legburne and J. Holbargh, chaplains, have delivered, enfeffed and by this present quadripartite charter confirmed to J. Garton, mercer, the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, a tenement with shops and all its appurtenances in the Bayly-lane, which J. Mokes formerly held, situated between the prior's tenement on one side, and that formerly held by D. Corby on the other side in breadth, and stretches itself in length from the said street to the prior's land called the Earl's orchard.

[We deliver also, and have confirmed to the said J. Garton

²Sciant presentes et futuri, quod nos Willelmus Crosse de Couentre, passenger, Will. Legburne et Joh. Holbargh, capellani, tradidimus, feofauimus et hac presenti carta nostra quaterpartita confirmauimus Johanni Garton, mercer, de Couentre & heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, vnum tenementum cum Shopis & omnibus suis pertinenciis in Couentre in le Balylane, quod Johannes Mokes quondam tenuit; & situatur inter tenementum prioris et conventus de Couentre ex parte vna, et tenementum quod Dauid Corby quondam tenuit ex parte altera, in latitudine, & extendit se in longitudine a predicta venella usque ad terram predictorum prioris et conuentus vocatam le Erles-orchard. Tradimus (sic) etiam et confirmauimus prefato Johanni Garton et heredibus de (etc.)

¹ leaf 64, back.² leaf 66.

and his heirs 15 selions and a headland lying together beyond the New Gate at the end of Much Park, between the Trinity guild land formerly H. de le Mure's on each side in breadth, and in length according to the bounds there made.

[To have and to hold the said tenement (etc.)

to the said J. Garton and his heirs of the chief lords of the fees by the service thence due and by right accustomed for ever. And if it chance that the said J. Garton die without legitimate heir, which God forbid, then we will, and by these presents do grant that the said tenement (etc.)

shall remain in its entirety to R. Praty, mercer, for the whole life of the same Robert, to be held of the chief lords of those fees for services due.

[And after the decease of the said Robert we grant that the said tenement, shop, land (etc.),

shall remain to R. Lylling, weaver, and his heirs ;

and if R. Lylling die

without heirs then we grant that these

quindecim seliones¹ & vnam forearam terre simul iacentes ultra Novamportam Couentrie ad finem Parci maioris, inter terram gilde S. Trinitatis quondam Henrici de le Mure ex vtraque parte in latitudine, & in longitudine secundum metas & diuisas ibidem factas. Habendum et tenendum predictum tenementum cum Shopa & omnibus pertinenciis suis, ac predictas quindecim seliones et forearam terre cum pertinenciis, prefato Johanni Garton & heredibus de (etc.) de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum. & si contingat predictum Johannem Garton sine herede de (etc.) obire—quod absit :—Extunc volumus & concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum cum Shopa & omnibus pertinenciis suis, ac predictae quindecim seliones et foreara terre cum pertinenciis, integre remaneant Roberto Praty, mercer, de Couentria ad totam vitam ipsius Roberti, tenendum De capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per seruicia inde debita et de iure consueta. & extunc post decessum predicti Roberti volumus et concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum cum Shopis (etc.) integre remaneant Ricardo Lylling, weuer, de Couentria et heredibus de (etc.) tenendum de capitalibus dominis (etc.). & si contingat predictum Ricardum Lylling sine herede de (etc.) obire, Extunc volumus & concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum

¹ v. Gloss

shall remain to J. Wyldgrise

and others, and their heirs and assigns for ever. So that they by the advice of the mayor, within half a year after this remainder shall fall to them, shall sell the lands and tenement in the best way possible, and the money for the same lands and tenements received

by the advice and assent of the mayor they shall distribute in works of piety for the soul of R. Garton, and for the souls for whom he was bound to pray. In testimony of which thing we have alternately affixed our seals. These being witnesses (etc.).

[Coventry Jan. 10, 1434.

[One part of this charter remains in a chest, called the wardens' counter, among the muniments, left there by the mayor, R. Sharp.

cum Shopis et omnibus pertinenciis suis ac (etc.) integre remaneant Johanni Wildgrise, Will. Braytofte, Tho.¹ Bristowe, Hen. Sharp, Joh. Hampton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Euerdon, jun., Vmfrido Swane, Joh. Burbage, jun., Joh. Praty, Joh. Broun, Tho. Kyrke & Will. Charlton, eorum hereditibus & assignatis imperpetuum. Ita quod ipsi, eorum heredes uel assignati, terras & tenementum predicta, per avisamentum & assensum maioris Couentrie qui tunc fuerit, infra dimidium annum post remanere predictum eis evenire contigerit, vendant meliore modo quo poterint; & denarii pro eisdem terris & tenemento recepti, per auisamentum et assensum eiusdem maioris, distribuant in operibus pietatis pro anima Radulfi Garton, & pro animabus pro quibus iidem (sic) Radulfus tenebatur exorare. In Cuius Rei testimonium hiis Cartis quadripartitis sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis testibus Ricardo Sharp, mercatore, tunc maiore (etc.) Rob. Southam et Will. Donyngton tunc balliuis (etc.) Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Clarke, Ric. Dene & multis aliis. Datum apud Couentriam decimo die mensis Januarii a. r. r. Henrici vj^{ti} post conquestum duodecimo.

& vna pars istius carte remanet in quadam Cista, vocata le wardens Countre,² inter munimenta ciuitatis Couentrie, ibidem demissa per manus Ricardi Sharp tunc maioris, etc.

¹ ? Will.

² *N.E.D.* A table or desk for counting money; a bureau.

ACCOUNTS.

[Wardens' accounts for
1430.

[Charge for which they must
account £83 4s. 8d.

[They ask allowance for ex-
penses, remissions, vacancies
and payments,
and also for £14 8s. 5d. of a
certain sum of £15 18s. 6d.,
and £63 11s. 11d.

[Arrears (or balance of charge
over expenses) £5 4s. 4d.

[Accounts for 1431.

[Charge £67 6s. 2d.

[Allowance
£59 2s. 0d.

[Arrears £8 4s. 2d.

[For the two years total £13
8s. 6d.

[Further allowances, 4 marks
(£2 13s. 4d.).

[For L. Cook £1 8s. 0d.

[17s. 2d. remitted; and they
ought to bring in balance in
money by tale £8 10s. 0d.

[Except that 12s. on a dis-
tress from W. Darsett should
be brought in.

¹ *Compotus Joh. Warrant & Ric.
Dene, Custodum camere ciuitatis
Couentrie tempore Tho. Paynell
maioris.*

In primis onerantur cum ^{xx} *iiij li.*
iiij s. viij d.

Vnde petunt *allocari pro diuersis
expensis, vacacionibus, perdonis &
solucionibus, et etiam de xiiij li. viijs.
vd. de quadam Summa xv li. xvij s.
vj d. de pede compoti Will. Frysby &
Ric. Dene,*² *lxij li. xj s. xj d. & sic
remanent in areragiis v li. iiij s. iiij d.*

*Compotus predictorum Johannis &
Ricardi Custodum camere (etc.) a
tempore Will. Dilcoke maioris (etc.).*

In primis onerantur cum *lxvij.*
vj s. ij d.

Vnde petunt *allocari pro diuersis
expensis, perdonis et solucionibus lix.*
ij s.

& sic remanent in *arreragiis viij li.*
iiij s. ij d.

& sic *predicti custodes remanent in
arreragiis pro illis duobus annis xiiij li.*
vij s. vj d.

Vnde petunt *allocari de iiij marcis
solutis Joh. Michell.*

Item, *pro Laur. Cooke xxvij s. qui
remanent in manus (sic) eiusdem
Laurencii.*

Item, *perdonantur de xvij s. ij d.*
Ad inducendum in pecuniis numer-
*atis maiori viij li. xs. Excepto quod
ipsi debent inducere xij s. vel vnum
distres pro Will. Darsett.*

¹ leaf 65.

² p. 135.

[They have clear £7 18s. 0d. and the 12s. or distress ;

which £7 18s. 0d. they pay to their successors.¹

[Accounts for 1432.

[Charge £65 18s. 6d., and with the foot of W. Frisby and R. Dene's account, for £7 0s. 0d. and 18s. from others. And with the foot of J. Warrant and R. Dene's account £7 18s. 0d., and for W. Dorset 12s.

[Total £82 7s. 0d.

[Allowances, as appear in a book in the mayor's bag,

£63 19s. 2½d., for vacancies
£8 9s. 8d.,
for a priest 2s.,
for J. Fynche, 6s. 8d.

[Total £72 17s. 6½d.

[Balance £9 9s. 6½d.

[Further allowances for certain debts owed by Laur. Cooke, J. Burton and W. Darsett,

& remanent de claro in pecuniis vij li. xvij s, et xij s. uel distres de Will. Darsett.

Qui (*sic*) quidem vij li. xvij s. iidem Joh. Warrant & Ric. Dene soluerunt Thome Wirley & Johanni Lee custodibus camere.

Compotus Tho. Wirley et Joh. Lee, custodum camere (etc.) tempore Will. Byfeld, maioris.

In primis onerantur cum lxxv li. xvij s. vj d. Item, onerantur cum pede compoti Will. Frisby et Ric. Dene,² videlicet cum vij li. pro Joh. Burton, xvij s. pro Will. Darsett, ³pro Ric. Pisford. Item, onerantur cum pede compoti Joh. Warrant et Ric. Dene⁴ cum vij li. xvij s. Item, pro Will. Dorset xij s.

Summa totalis oneracionis ^{xx}iiij li. vij s.⁵

Vnde petunt allocari pro diuersis expensis ut patet in quodam libro existente in бага Ric. Sharp tunc maioris de lxxij li. xix s. ij d. ob. Item pro vacacionibus viij li. ix s. viij d. Item pro sacerdote ijs. Item pro Joh. Fynche vj s. viij d.

Summa allocacionis lxxij li. xvij s. vj d. ob.

& sic remanent in areragiis ix li. ix s. vj ob.⁶

⁷& ulterius iidem Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee onerantur cum certis debitis que debentur per Laur. Cooke⁸ & Joh. Burton & Will. Dorsett, que

¹ Their successors are liable for it, v. *infra*.

² v. p. 135.

³ Something omitted.

⁴ v. *supra*.

⁵ Really £82 6s. 6d.

⁶ Really 5½.

⁷ leaf 65, back.

⁸ Curious that a J. P. and member of the elective jury should be in debt.

£7 0s. 0d.

£1 8s. 0d.

£1 8s. 0d.

18s. 0d.

12s. 0d.

6s. 0d.

£11 12s. 0d.

[Accounts for 1433.

[Charge £74 18s. 10½d.

[Allowance for divers expenses, vacancies, and other discharges, as appears in a paper in J. Mychell's bag, £73 11s. 10½d.

balance £1 7s. 0d.

[Further charge for certain debts owed by L. Coke, J. Burton and W. Dorsett viz. £11 12s. 0d. as appears above,

and again with £1 8s. 0d. owed by L. Coke for 3 tenements in Gosford Street, and with 6s. by W. Dorsett for rent of a tenement formerly E. Lychfeld's.

[Arrears £14 13s. 0d.

non possunt ad huc leuare; videlicet per Joh. Burton vijli., per Laur. Cooke, de tempore Ric. Dene xxvijs., et tempore predictorum Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee xxvijs., & per Will. Darsett tempore Will. Frisby per tres annos xvij s., tempore Joh. Warrant et Ric. Dene per ij^{os} annos xij s., tempore predictorum Joh. Lee & Tho. Wirley vj s. videlicet pro vno anno. Summa xj li. xij s.

Compotus Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee, custodum camere (etc.) tempore Ric. Sharpe, tunc maioris.

Qui onerantur cum ^{xx}iii xiiij li. xvij s. x d ob.

Vnde iidem custodes petunt allocari pro diuersis expensis, vacacionibus & aliis desoneracionibus, ut patet in бага Joh. Mychell, maioris, in quodam papiro ibidem de lxxij li. xj s. x d. ob.

& sic remanent in areragiis xxvijs. & ulterius iidem custodes onerantur cum certis debitis que debentur per Laur. Coke, Joh. Burton et Will. Dorsett, videlicet cum xj li. xij s. ut patet supra in compoto predictorum custodum in primo anno. & similiter onerantur cum xxvijs. pro Laur. Coke qui debentur pro iij^{bus} tenementis in Gosford-strett de anno vltimo predictorum custodum et cum vj s. pro Will. Dorsett de eodem anno de Redditu exeunte de quodam tenemento ejusdem Willelmi nuper Edwardi Lychefeld. & sic remanent in areragiis xiiij li. xij s.

JOHN MYCHELL, MAYOR, 1434.

Jan. 25.

¹[Election of officers.]

24 electors.

Egid. Allesley, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Rounton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bushebury, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lichefeld, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Style, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Will. Friseby, Joh. Egeston, Ric. Dene, Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Oneley.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Mychell; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Ad. Swett, Joh. Essex; w. Joh. Listurley, Ric. Braytofte; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps.

Joh. Mychell, Will. Donyngton, rec., Egid. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte.

Key-keepers.

Joh. Michell, m., Gil. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leeder, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegryse.]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Representatives from every ward take counsel about the "measures."

²Gosford[-strete.]

Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Stafford, Bened. Marschall, Joh. Stretton.

Jurden-well.

Joh. Prentes, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Bryan.

Much-parke[-strete.]

Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytofte, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Dene, Will. Charlton.

Erle-strett.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swane, Ad. Swett, Will. Frysby.

Bayly-lane.

Joh. Rounton, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Spencer, Joh. Franklen.

¹ leaf 66, back.

² leaf 67.

Brod-yate.

Egid. Allesley; Ric. Bushebury, Hen. Sircoke, Tho. Ruyton, Rog. Cookes.

Smyth[ford-strete.]

Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakmon, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Tate.

Spon[-strete.]

Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Joh. Essex, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Deister.

Crosch[epyng.]

Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Joy, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, Will. Dorsett.

Bischof[-strete.]

Rob. Southam, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Listurley, Joh. Boteler.

The wich of euery ward, as hit is aboue-said, in saynt Mary hall called to-githur, apoynted that all the strikes of this Cite shuld be accordant to the standard made and delyuered vnto this Cite in the tyme of John sumtyme kyng of Ingland,¹ the *which* standard is halffe a strike *with* a barr of Iron ouertwart beyng in the maiouris almyry in the geyl-hall off Couentre.²

“Measures.”

A standard strike of brass in the mayor's aumbry at the gaol-hall.

³ Also they orden that the maiour now beyng do orden a strike of laten in allsoo goodly⁴ as he may. Wherupon Joh. Mychell, maiour, lett orden a strike of brass accordaunt to the standard of London sealyd and *markyd with* a crown, and a Galon of brass accordant vnto the same, the wich abydithe in the keypyng of the meraltie.

Another strike, also a gallon of standard size;

And also *per* is ordeyned a strike of tree accordaunt vnto the Standard of theschekur.

a wooden strike.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF BEDFORD.

⁵ Egid. Allesley, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Braytoft,

Council of 62

¹ In Magna Charta. v. *Statutes of the Realm*, I. 117.

² “*Vte folium*” is written below; the reverse of this page is almost blank.

³ leaf 67, back.

⁴ word omitted.

⁵ leaf 68. Scribe of B. type.

Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Joh. Willoghby, Joh. Willowby,¹ Ad. Suette, Joh. Esex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffrysby, Ric. Dene, Will. Darsett, Joh. Lee, Tho. Wirley, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Burton, Rad. Chaundeler, Joh. Stille, Joh. Deyster, Will. Bridd, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Blakemon, Mat. Whit, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Asshewell, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Shadde, Joh. frankelen, Rog. Wilnale, Joh. Goolde, Will. Broun, Tho. Draper, Rog. Cockes, Joh. Boteler, Rob. Grubber, Nic. Gore, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Walle.

The whiche above writon han ordeyned that my lady, the duches of Bedford,² shuld haue l marke, & a Cowpe of siluer & ouergilt, price v mark.

Also they ordeyned that as-well the present that was sent to my lord, the Duke of Bedford, vnto ffullbroke, that is to sey, xxiiij pykes,³ price ls.³, xij bremes³ price xxxvjs.³, xij tenches, ³price xvjs.³, & a Tune of rede wyn, vij li. vjs. viij d.³, price of all with the Cariage, vjs. viij d.³, xij li. xvs. iiij d. As the seid l mark & the Cowpe of v marke shulde be leuyed be the wardes.

Also in dyuers costages made be iij tyme Rydyng to Fulbroke by dyuers officers & also be all the wurthy men of this Cite. *Summa* xxix s. vj d. *Summa totalis* lv li. xvij s. ij d.⁴

⁵Mem. quod isti subsequentes ordinauerunt quod dominus Dux Bedfordie haberet l marcas, ij pipes vini precii xxij (desunt.)

Vacat quia alibi, ex altera parte folii.⁶

[The following gave to the duke of Bedford.

⁷Mem. quod isti subsequentes derunt duci Bedfordie tempore Joh. Michell maioris (etc.) Will. Donyngton & Rob. Southam ballivorum (etc.)

ordain that
"a present"
be given to
the Duchess
of Bedford,
and "to the
Duke of
Bedford,"
and sent to
Fullbrook.

24 pike value
£2 10s. 07.
12 bream
£1 16s. 0d.
12 tenches
16s. 07.
a tun of wine
£7 6s. 8d.
carriage
6s. 8d.
total £12 15s.
47.

Other
expenses
£1 9s. 6d.
Total (with
55 marks)
£55 18s. 2d.

The duke to
have 50
marks, 2
pipes of wine
worth 22

See on the
other side
of the leaf.

¹ ? a repetition.

² The duke's second wife, Jacqueline of Luxembourg.

³ Written above the line.

⁴ ? £50 18s. 2d. But some items may have been omitted.

⁵ leaf 68, back.

⁶ In margin.

⁷ leaf 69.

51 names.

Gos[ford Street.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Laur. Cooke	10	0	Will. Dawe	3	4	Tho. Mason	2	6
Tho. Wildegrise	10	0	Will. Gilbert	3	4	And. Evesham	2	0
Wal. Bonde	1	0	Joh. Sheldon, jun.	2	0	Ric. Somer	2	6
Joh. Boteler	1	0	Joh. Derby	1	6	Joh. Manton	1	0
Will. Capper	1	0	Joh. Castell, wright	1	6	Tho. Reve	1	0
Joh. Baker	2	10	Tho. Smyth	1	6	Ric. Cokes	1	6
Joh. Watford	2	0	Joh. Maydford	1	6	Christiana Golofre	2	6
Ric. Skotte	2	10	Hen. Skille	2	0	Joh. Eston	1	6
Joh. Langton	1	6	Joh. Holyes	3	4	Will. Saunders	2	6
Tho. Horsley	1	0	Chris. Wright	1	0	Ed. Deister	1	0
Tho. Cokes	1	0	Tho. Bowyer	1	0	Sim. Baker	2	6
Rob. Shukborgh	4	0	Tho. Baker, draper	1	6	Joh. Evesham	2	6
Will. Cokes	1	0	Joh. Asshewell	3	4	Tho. Weue		
Joh. Brabon ¹	3	0	Joh. Breux		6	[?Weuer]	1	0 ⁴
Tho. Stone	2	6	Hen. Coton	1	8 ²	<i>Summa totalis v li. xvj s.</i>		
Joh. Stafford	3	4	Bened. Marchall	3	0	<i>& inde non recepti</i>		
Ric. Molle	1	6	Alicia Breton	4	0 ³	<i>xvj d.⁵</i>		
Hugo Spencer	1	0	Hen. Lambard		6			
Joh. Sheldon	2	4	Joh. Stretton	3	0			

60 names.

Jurdenwell.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. ffreman,			Joh. Wade		8	Joh. Abram	2	10
chaundler	2	2	Joh. Perkyns	1	4	Rob. Clerk	2	0
Rob. Defford	1	4	Joh. ffynche	1	0	Tho. Maydford	2	10
Ric. Sherman	1	4	Joh. Egull	1	4	Tho. Thruston ⁷	2	2
Tho. Elderbek	2	4	Tho. Thomas		10	Wal. Tyrell		10
Joh. Porter		10	Math. Tyler		8	Joh. Creke	1	0
Joh. Brewer	1	8	Joh. Bette	2	0	Joh. Symond	2	4
Joh. Dilcok	3	8	Joh. ffolshull		10	Joh. ffremon		8
Joh. Bryan	3	8	Joh. Stoneley		10	Will. Gale		10
Joh. Cater	3	8	Will. Castelton	1	8	Tho. Illage	2	6
Joh. Whalley	3	8	Ric. Adam	1	1	Joh. Multon	1	0
Ric. Barbour	1	0	Will. Oxton		10	Joh. Sutton	2	4
⁶ Hugo Couper	1	4	Joh. Stanfeld		10	Rob. Grene	2	6
Joh. Hawkyns	1	8	Will. Bulkley		8	Joh. Shad	3	0
Tho. Barnwell		10	Tho. Welles	2	0	Ric. Recheford	2	6
Joh. Rocheford	2	10	Joh. Gamull	1	4	Joh. Cressy	2	0
Rob. Shawe		8	Joh. Hall	1	0	Ric. Clerk	1	8
Joh. Lee	3	8	Joh. Pake		10	Ric. Cotoner		8
Margerie Godfrey		10	Hen. Cooke		10	Joh. Prentes	5	0
Will. Cressy	1	0	Joh. Bradley	1	0	<i>Summa v li. ijs. et vnde</i>		
Will. Shirley	2	6	Tho. Dykens	2	2	<i>non recepti xxij d.⁸</i>		

¹ "bson" deleted, and "bon" substituted in another hand or ink; read Brabon.

² "inde recepti xvj d." follows, added later.

³ "inde recepti ij s." added. ⁴ "nichil inde receptum" added.

⁵ Total £5 16s. 0d. of which 1s. 4d. has not been received.

⁶ leaf 69, back. ⁷ Thrustanus Walker, p. 87.

⁸ Total £5 2s. 0d. of which 1s. 10d. has not been received. v li. xxjd. has been scribbled in the margin.

45 names.

Muchpark strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Skille,			Tho. Norwyche		6	Will. Glasier		1 4
sporiour		8	Hen. Hobbes		2 6	Joh. Witham,		
Will. Beverley	1	4	Alicia Attewall	1	0	carter		1 0
Will. Brid	2	6	Ric. Bromley,			Joh. Garton		2 6
Ric. Dene	3	4	smyth	1	2	¹ Joh. Braytoft }		
Will. Grene	2	6	Joh. Lee, smyth	1	4	Will. Braytoft }	10	0
Will. Betley	3	4	Ric. Jones, smyth	10		Will. Cortenale		1 0
Joh. Clerk	6	0	Joh. Derby,			Tho. Tyler		10
Tho. Wylot		6	coruyser		2 0	Tho. Tate		1 0
Hen. Peyto	10	0	Tho. Warmynton	2	6	Rob. Hendeman		8
Rob. Mason,			Ric. Staffordshire	1	4	Ric. Knyghtley		1 0
coruyer	2	0	Will. Charlton	1	4	Joh. Gosnore		2 6
Tho. Walsale,			Tho. Peyntour	2	0	Hen. Carter		1 4
weuer	1	0	Joh. Gale	1	4	Will. Southam		2 6
Joh. Leder	10	0	Will. Deyster	2	0	Ric. Tyler, mason		8
Johanna Byfeld	4	0	Will. Cleybroke	2	0	Tho. Abell		6
Tho. Waren	1	0	Joh. Honey, mylner	8		Summa v li. et inde non		
Joh. Ray	1	0	Nic. Gryve	2	0	recepti x d. ²		

55 names.

Erlstrete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Barbour	1	0	Joh. Perpoynt	1	0	Rob. Praty		1 8
Joh. franklen	1	0	Rob. Thede	1	8	Tho. Kyrke		1 8
Margareta Horborgh	1	0	Will. Donyngton,			Rob. Barnesley		1 0
Joh. Lyones	1	0	hosier	1	8	Nic. Palmer		1 8
Nic. Russell	1	8	Joh. Bryan	1	8	Johanna Hosier		1 0
Joh. Willowby	3	4	Will. Ednam	1	8	Tho. Crosse		3 4
Tho. Morsby	1	0	Joh. George	1	0	Edm. Brogreve		1 8
Joh. Warant	5	0	Will. Perte	1	0	Ric. Boys		1 8
Ad. Suette	1	8	Galf. Cunwey	1	8	Joh. Chacombe		1 0
Will. Broun	3	4	Tho. Bayly	1	0	Will. Tolas ⁴		1 0
Wal. Assheby	1	8	Joh. Radley	1	0	Joh. Euerdon		5 0
Will. ffrysby	2	6	Agn. Crudworth	1	8	Joh. Burton		5 0
Joh. Motte	1	8	Johanna Brabson	1	0	Tho. Swettenham		1 8
Tho. Reyuer ³	1	8	Joh. Waterfall	1	0	Ric. Botoner		5 0
Joh. Hawkyns	1	0	Will. Dey	1	0	Will. Belgrave		1 0
Ric. Sharp	6	8	Tho. Glenne	2	0	Will. Donyngton,		
Ric. Braytoft	3	4	Joh. Kyrkeby	1	0	Recorder		5 0
Joh. Vnderwode	1	8	Johanna Northe-			Ric. Revell		1 0
Will. Swanne	5	0	wod	3	4	⁵ Summa v li. xiiij s. iiij d.		
Tho. Swanne	1	8	Joh. Michell	6	8	et inde non recepti ij s.		

27 names.

Brodeyate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Alicia Illage	1	4	Joh. Yate	1	4	Will. Abram,		
Locok, taylour		6	Hen. Sirecok	5	4	shether		1 0
Joh. Blackamour	1	0	Rog. Cokes	3	0	Joh. Cappe, coteler		1 6
Will. Spenser	1	0	Wal. Paslowe		6	Joh. Malory		1 0
Tho. Spenser	1	0	Ric. Busshebury		8	Katherina ffremon		1 0
⁶ Will. fflekney	1	8	Will. Draper		6	Joh. Huntley		1 0
Joh. Bernard	1	4	Wal. Chaterton		6	Ric. Morell		1 0
Tho. Barbour		6	Nic. Gore	3	0	Will. Dawbeney		1 0
Tho. Ruyton,			Ric. Cowper	1	0	Hugo Manton		1 0
draper	2	6	Egid. Allesley	6	8	⁷ Summa xlviij s. viij d.		

¹ leaf 70.² £5 0s. 0d. of which 10d. has not been received.³ (?) Reyner; v. 13 Ryver.⁴ Sic. (?) Colas; v. 79.⁵ £5 13s. 4d. Not received 2s.⁶ leaf 70, back.⁷ £2 6s. 8d.

41 names.

Smyth[ford strete.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard	2	0	Rog. Okburn	1	4	Wal. Northefolke	2	0
Will. Happeford	1	0	Will. Ive, smyth	1	0	Nic. Sadeler	1	0
Tho. Wodard	1	8	Joh. Hampton	1	0	Joh. Braunston	5	0
Tho. Whitside	1	8	Joh. Blackmon	3	4	Ric. Peche, Skynner	8	
Will. Ruyde	1	0	Joh. Onley	3	4	Joh. Wilde	1	0
Joh. Tate	1	4	Tho. Joy	1	0	Will. Jones	2	0
Tho. Peuterer	3	0	Ric. Osbarne	3	4	Margeria Bowyer	2	0
Joh. Bristowe	10	0	Will. Melodyne	1	4	Margeria Ive	3	4
Joh. Lynne	3	4	Joh. Kyngeston	2	0	Joh. Nele	1	0
Joh. fforest	1	0	Joh. Owterede	1	0	Rog. flecher	1	0
Ric. Wymondes-			Ric. flynte, osteler	2	0	Ranulph Plumer	8	
wold	1	0	Joh. Egynton	3	4	Rog. Profet, glouer	8	
Tho. Broun	3	4	Joh. London	1	0	² Summa iij li. & inde		
Reg. Bowyer	1	0	Tho. Leche	1	0	non recepti xij d.		
Joh. Gey [? Dey]	1	4	Joh. Wyponbury ¹	1	0			

85 names.

Croschepying.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. flecher	1	0	Joh. Barbour	1	0	Tho. Lyllynton	1	0
Dauid Hardware-			Joh. Sutton	1	0	Joh. Huet	1	0
mon	6		Ric. Drowht	10		Joh. Weston	8	
Rob. Melburn	8	4	Nic. Grene	1	0	Ric. Peyntour	1	0
Rob. Grubber	3	0	Tho. Bredon	1	8	Will. Deyster	1	8
Will. Prentes	1	0	Joh. Bandy	2	0	Joh. Halle	2	0
Joh. Walle	2	0	Ric. Penson	1	8	Joh. Northemon	2	0
Joh. Doughty	3	4	Tho. Norwyche	1	6	Ric. Weuer	1	4
Joh. Gye	1	0	Joh. Whight	1	0	Rob. Bron	1	8
³ Joh. Nele	2	0	Will. Hosier	1	0	Joh. Northampton	1	8
Margareta Breux	2	0	Will. Bromwyche	1	4	Hen. Rondull	2	0
Hen. Peyntour	1	0	Tho. Bassingburn	2	0	Joh. Bette	1	4
Will. Hende	10		Joh. Boteler	3	4	Ric. Bedon	8	
Swanlond	1	0	Joh. Eborall	1	0	Rob. Mors	2	0
Joh. Milner	1	0	Joh. Iveley	1	0	Will. Huyton	6	8
Ric. Lane	1	0	Joh. Colyns	1	8	Ric. Spicer	1	0
Ric. Hardeborgh	1	0	Tho. Aleyn	10		Tho. Swayne	1	4
Will. Radclyf	1	8	Joh. Yong	1	0	Joh. Stille	4	0
Rad. Chaundler	3	4	Will. Mason	1	0	Rob. Seriaunt	1	0
Will. Bredon	1	0	Tho. Goldsmyth	1	0	Ric. Cade	1	0
Joh. ffrithe	1	0	Will. Hulle	1	0	Joh. Warde	1	4
Nic. Smyth	1	4	Will. Darset	4	0	Will. Heyes	1	0
Joh. Appelly	2	0	Will. Benet	1	4	Will. Meke	10	
Will. Aderton	6		Will. Dilcok	6	8	Will. Huet	2	0
Nic. Wirdrawer	1	0	Joh. Barbour	1	0	Will. Stoneley	1	0
Joh. Suker	1	0	Will. Dey	2	6	Joh. Gelot	1	0
Ric. Joy	10	0	Rad. Hulle	2	0	Summa vij li. v s. et inde		
Thom. Holybrig	1	0	Joh. Imayne	10		non recepti xiiij d. ⁴		
Hen. Aderton	1	0	Tho. White	2	0			
Joh. Barbour	1	0	Galf. Wolpyner	1	2			

¹ Wappenbury, Warw.

² £4 0s. 0d.; 12d. not received.

³ leaf 71.

⁴ £7 5s. 0d. and 1s. 2d. not received.

49 names.

Baili lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Merston,			Joh. Spenser	2	0	Joh. Gryme	2	0
gurdeler	1	8	Ric. Perbroun	1	4	Tho. Wadard,		
Joh. Harborgh	1	0	Joh. Milet	1	0	hosier	1	0
Joh. Byram	2	0	Tho. Brid	1	4	Joh. Bayly	1	0
Joh. Whitley	1	8	Joh. Bechamp	1	4	Rob. Glouseter	1	4
Hen. Watford	1	0	Will. Booke	1	8	Joh. ¹	1	4
Will. Warde	1	0	Ric. Julians	1	0	Will. Clerk	1	8
Joh. Sircok	2	0	Joh. Ronton	5	0	Rob. Styff	1	4
Ric. Deister	1	0	Joh. Holt	2	0	Joh. Crosse	1	8
Ric. Dyvet	1	8	Joh. Whiche	1	0	Hen. Brid	1	4
Joh. Skille	1	4	Joh. Yate	1	4	Sim. Harfrey	1	0
Joh. Alen	1	8	Hen. Walton		8	Joh. Bordale	2	0
Joh. Patenmaker	1	0	Ric. Hampton	1	0	Joh. Gilberd	1	4
Tho. Jakemon,			Joh. ffrankelen	2	6	Joh. Cardmaker		8
coruyser	1	0	Joh. Power	1	0	Will. Oteley		8
Joh. Makesey	2	0	Rob. Herdewyk	1	4	Joh. Lowthe		8
Tho. Wirley	2	0	Tho. Loke	1	0	² Summa iijli. x d. et		
Joh. Plymmer	2	0	Joh. Burbage	1	0	inde non recepti viij d.		

61 names.

Sponstrete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will. Awberey	1	0	Joh. Molle	2	0	Mat. White	3	4
Tho. Hastlyf	1	0	Will. Kerver	5	0	Sim. Mores	2	0
Joh. Grynder	3	4	Joh. Deyster	4	0	Rob. Capper	2	0
Tho. Rastell	4	0	Joh. Chester	2	0	Joh. Westley	1	0
Joh. Essex	3	4	Joh. Saunder	1	0	Rog. Wales	2	0
Alicia Paynell	3	4	Sim. Busteler	1	4	Rob. Baxster	2	0
Joh. Mersche	1	4	³ Joh. Eyre	1	0	Joh. Balle	1	8
Ric. Shustoke	1	8	Hen. Holt	1	8	Rad. Okes	1	0
Joh. Sircetur	1	0	Ric. Welford	3	0	Hugo Barbour	1	4
Joh. Waren	1	0	Joh. Harres	1	8	Joh. Barkeby,		
Will. Peer	3	0	Joh. Adley	2	0	baxster	1	4
Gerv. Cole	2	0	Will. Stone	1	8	Will. Hardewyk	1	8
Joh. Menley	3	4	Nic. Smyth	1	0	⁴ Lote, weuer		8
Will. Welles	2	0	Tho. Brid	1	0	⁴ Burbage	1	0
Rog. Wilnale	2	0	Rog. Ball	2	0	⁴ Lenton		6
Will. Pratte	2	0	Wal. Bulker	1	0	Reg. Whittawer		8
Joh. Lote	1	8	Will. Spenser	1	0	⁴ Brasier		8
Joh. Broun	2	0	Hugo Steyne	2	0	⁴ Gurdelsford		6
Joh. Sewen	1	8	Ric. Baxster	1	0	⁵ Summa v li. xij s. iij d.		
Joh. Honeyburn	2	0	Tho. Smyth	1	0	et inde non recepti xvj d.		
Egid. Corbrond	3	0	Joh. Plasterer	2	0			
Tho. Tokeby	2	0	Rob. Boteler	1	0			

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."
Apr. 7.

⁶ ¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Michell, m., Rob Southam, Will. Donyngton, b., on Wednesday after the Close of Easter, 12 Hen. VI.]

¹ Blank.² £3 0s. 10d. ; of which 8d. not received.³ leaf 72.⁴ Blank.⁵ £5 13s. 4d. ; of which 1s. 4d. not received. Bishop Street omitted.⁶ leaf 72, back. Scribe B.

Egid. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharpe, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Ad. Swette, Will. ffrisby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Onley.

Jury.

They ordeyn that Joh. Onley haue þe comen seall þat þe stondard of þe cundyte in þe Smythford-strete afore his yate shall not be doon awaye.

Orders of leet. Joh. Onley and the conduit in Smithford Street.

Also they ordeyn þat Isabell Huyton & Will. Huyton make þe weye that stretcheth fro Cheylesmore Grene vnto Somerlesowe betwixt þis & Michelmasse next comyng, vpon the peyn of Cs. to the vse of þe Chambre.

A road to be made.

Also they ordeyn that þe Meir execute the ordenaunce made for Taverners that sell wyne ayenst þe olde ordenaunce [20s. to be raised at every trespass.]

Taverners.

Also they ordeyn that Will. Donyngton be Recordour of þe Citie of Couentre, als long as he is of goode beryng.

"Recorder elected."

[The bridge in Hill Street to be made, half at the chamberlains' cost, and half at the cost of those having tenements in Hill Street.]

Hill Street bridge.

Also that þe brige in the Palmer lane be made be þe wardeyns, & help of þe wardis þerto adioynyng.

Palmer's Lane bridge.

¹Also they ordeyn þat when þe mair hath nede to send for xlvij persones, that he send for þe most sufficient persones that shal-be at whome, & yf he come not when he is send for to lese xij d. at euery defalt, but yf he haue a resonable cause; & yf eny persone disobeye þe ordenaunce made be þe xlvij, he so disobeyng to lose vj s. viij d. at euery tyme to þe vse of þe Chambre.¹

The mayor to send for the most sufficient persons for the council of Forty-eight. Disobedience to orders of the Forty-eight punished by a 6s. 8d. fine. "Conduits."

And as touchyng the Cundyte they ordeyn that who-so make eny suspirall fro this tyme forward shall pay xl s. at euery trespasse to be rered to þe vse of þe Chambre.

Also they ordeyn þat the Standard at Bablake be doon awaye, and þat fro thys tyme forward ther be no graunte made vnder the comien seall to no man to haue eny suspirall, etc.

No grant under common seal to have suspiral.

¹⁻¹ Repeated almost verbatim, f. 90, p. 34. There the fine (6s. 8d.) is to go to the chamberlains.

See elsewhere
for the Mich-
aelmas leet.

Require alterum visum tentum ad festum S. Michaelis proximo anno tempore Joh. Euerdon, folio xvij^o proximo sequente.¹

²COLLECTION OF A FIFTEENTH.

Mar. 28, 1434.

Thes ben the Collectours of the iiij parte of a xv peny graunted be a parlyment made in the Terme of Mich[aelmas] the yere of kyng Henry the vj the xij, to be payd at iiij tymes, the first at the fest of Ester the seid xij yere.

Gosford[-strete.]

Sim. Deyster, Ric. Somer, Joh. Stretton, Hen. Coton. £1 9s. 0d.

Jurd[en-well.]

Joh. ffreman, Tho. Dikons, Tho. Thurston, Tho. Elderbek. £1 5s. 6d.

Much[-park-strete.]

Rob. Mason, Tho. Tyler, Edm. Shermon, Rob. Hendmon. £1 5s. 0d.

Erl[-strete.]

Joh. Motte, Will. Donyngton, hosier, Edm. Brogreve, Nich. Palmer. £1 8s. 5d.

Baill[y-lane.]

Rob. Herdewyke, Joh. Gilberd, Tho. Jakemon, Joh. Harborgh. 17s. 6d.

Brod[-yate.]

Joh. Yate, Will. Dawberrey, Hugo Manton, Ric. Morell. 11s. 8d.

Smyth[-ford-strete.]

Joh. Tate, Joh. Wilde, Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Hosier. £1 0s. 0d.

Spon[-trete.]

Joh. Hasclyff, Will. Welles, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Shirstoke. £1 8s. 5d.

¹ Joh. Euerdon's Michaelmas leet is included in this year, leaf 82, back. Joh. Michell's Michaelmas leet is found in part duplicated on leaf 64 (Byfeld's year), and on leaf 90 (Euerdon's year). v. *infra*.
² leaf 68, back.

Crosch[eaping.]

Will. Deister, Will. Bromwiche, Tho. Swayne, Joh. ffrith, smyth. £1 16s. 4d.

Bissh[op-strete.]

Will. Kempe, Joh. Augur, Will. Humberston, Ric. fillippes. £1 8s. 4d.

THE KING'S VISIT AND PRESENT.

[June 12, 1434.

[The following granted that

the men of Coventry shall ride to meet the king, in green robes and red caps; and that the king should have £100 in ready money in a certain silver and gilt cup, for which the money should be levied by the wards; and that 48 of the council of the city should be called to S. Mary's Hall to confirm this ordinance.]

Laur. Cooke, Egid. Allesley, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wilde-
grise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Joy, Ric. Sharp,
Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon,
Rob. Melburn, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Will.
Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Waraunt. Will. Swanne,
Joh. Braunston. 20 names.

[The following with the above-named discreet and reverend men have confirmed these ordinances, and ordained that they be observed. Note

¹Memorandum quod isti subsequentes concesserunt in aula B. Marie die Sabbati proximo post festum S. Barnabe apostoli [12 Henry VI], tempore Joh. Michell maioris, quod homines de Couentre equitabunt obuiando Regi cum viridibus Togis & Rubiis capiciis. Et dominus noster Rex predictus haberet Cli. in pecuniis numeratis in quodam Ciphos argenti & deaurato; & quod predicta summa & Ciphus essent leuata per wardas. Etiam ordinarunt quod xlvij discreti homines Ciuitatis predictae de consilio Ciuitatis predictae essent conuocati in aula predicta ad affirmandum ordinacionem predictam si voluerint.

Isti subsequentes cum prenomina-
tis discretis & Reuerendis viris affirma-
uerunt et ordinaciones predictas obser-
uandas ordinauerunt. Et etiam No-
tandum est quod Ciphus predictus

¹ leaf 73.

that the cup cost 10 marks 2s. (£6 15s. 4d.), or 29 oz. at 4s. 8d. per oz. with the fashioning and gilding of the foot 6s. 8d. Total £7 2s. 0d.

constabat x marcis ijs.; videlicet xxix vncie qualibet vncia iijs. viij d.; cum fassione & pro deauracione pedis eiusdem Ciphi vjs. viij d. Summa x marce viij s. viij d.

Hen. Sircok, Joh. Yate, Baxster, Joh. Blakemon, Joh. Onley, Tho. Broun, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Menley, Joh. Doughty, Rad. Chaundeler, Ric. Penson, Will. Dorsette, Rob. Grubber, Joh. Goolde, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Rebull, Joh. Asshewell, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Recheford, Will. Bird, Joh. Garton, Tho. War-mynton, Will. ffrysby, Nic. Palmer, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bechamp, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Rog. Wilnale, Will. Bromwiche. 30 names.

[The following gave £107 2s. 0d. in money by tale according to the ordinance on the other part of the leaf.

¹ Isti subsequentes dederunt domino Regi Cli. x marcas viijs. viij d. in pecuniis numeratis secundum ordinationem ex altera parte folii ordinatam.

126 names.

Gosford-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Holy	3	8	Joh. Stafford, wir-			Joh. Knyzt, wir-		
Joh. Maltman,			drawer	4	0	drawer	1	8
wirdrawer	4		Will. Rothwell,			Joh. Clerke, laborer	1	0
Joh. Godyng,			weuer	3	0	Will. Sturdy	1	0
bocher	8		Tho. Weuer	3	4	Tho. Chapman	1	0
Hen. Weston	1	0	Wil. Perte, wir-			Will. Saunders,		
Hen. Skille	3	4	drawer	8		deister	3	4
Joh. Mayford,			Joh. Preston,			Will. Harres,		
weuer	4	0	Taylour	1	3	deyster	1	8
Tho. Smyth,			Joh. Brabon, weuer	4	0	Rog. Boteler	1	6
writelmaker	2	0	Will. Cokes, weuer	1	8	Sim. Deyster	3	8
Wal. Purs	1	0	Laur. Cooke	10	6	Will. Lokier	1	3
Joh. Castel, wright	3	0	Tho. Stretton	4	0	Joh. ffyleng	1	0
Ric. Anabull,			Rob. Burges, wir-			Tho. Nedeler	1	0
mason	1	0	drawer	1	3	Sim. Baxster		10
Joh. Derby, wright	2	6	Tho. Sporiour, wir-			Tho. Hasting		11
Joh. Sheldon, jun.	3	4	drawer	8		Joh. Euesham	4	0
Joh. Tyrsethion	1	8	Joh. Wright	1	8	Will. Abram	1	7
Joh. Gilberd,			Tho. Cooke, baxster	4		Joh. Watres		8
mercer	4	6	Will. Corbet, weuer	4		Tho. Coke		8
Will. Dawe, Taylour	4	0	Joh. Treves, weuer	1	3	Joh. Sawyer	1	0
Joh. Sheldon, sen.	3	4	Tho. Cokes, weuer	1	8	Hayward		8
Hugo Spenser,			Tho. Horsley,			Joh. Rondull		8
Taylour	1	8	weuer	1	0	Johanna Nores		4
Ric. Molle, weuer	2	6	Joh. Lenton, walker	2	6	Joh. Rage	1	3

¹ leaf 73, back.

Gosford-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hen. Stone		6	Tho. Mores	1	0	Tho. Wildegryse	10	6
Wal. Bonde	2	6	Gal. Molle		3	Joh. Stretton,		
Hen. Warmynton,			Tho. Barker, weuer		6	Taylor	3	8
wright	1	3	Joh. Spake, wir-			Tho. Mason,		
Will. Magson,			drawer		6	coruyser	3	8
carter	1	2	Christopher Wright	1	8	And. Evesham	1	8
David Wright		6	Joh. ffennes, wir-			Joh. Poche	1	6
Joh. Boteler	1	8	drawer		6	Ric. Somer, weuer	3	8
Rob. Wattes		8	Ric. Willy, card-			Joh. Manton	2	8
Joh. ffrenshe		4	maker		6	Tho. Reve	1	8
Will. Newnam	1	3	Tho. Bateman	1	0	Tho. Milwarde		8
Joh. Clement		4	Joh. Stere		4	Rad. ffolshull		8
Will. Capper	1	3	Tho. Bowyer	2	2	Will. Andseld	1	8
Joh. Baker	3	8	Tho. Baxster, draper	2	6	Joh. Walker,		
Joh. Watford	2	6	Joh. Asshewell,			deyster		4
Hugo Welford		3	mercier		6	Ric. Welles	1	1
Nich. Stoke		4	Joh. ²		1	Ric. Cockes, weuer	2	0
Will. Smyth, writel-			Joh. Plymmer	1	6	Joh. Sande	1	3
maker,	1	0	Ric. Colet	1	8	Tho. Hayle, walker	1	0
Ric. Skotte	4	2	Tho. Bunsale, ³ tiler	1	0	Hen. Tredsyn ⁴	1	3
¹ Tho. Ston		4	Hen. Coton	2	6	Christiana Golofur	3	8
Will. Caladon	4	4	Will. Bomye		4	Joh. Eston, deister	3	0
Will. Miles	4	4	Bened. Marshall	3	8	Joh. Hethul	1	0
Will. Whiter	4	4	Alicia Breton	4	0	Eus. Golofer,		
Tho. Button	4	4	Joh. Baxster, hosier		8	deister	1	8
Tho. Barbour	6	6	Tho. Wene, weuer	1	8	<i>Summa</i> £11 12s. 0d. ⁵		
Ric. Mason	4	4	Reg. Lambard	1	0			

129 names.

Jurden-well.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. ffreman,			Ric. Barbour	1	0	Will. ² , Mason		6
chaundeler	4	0	Hugo Couper	2	0	Joh. Harres		8
Joh. Pynder		8	Joh. Hawkyns	2	4	Nic. Hinch		8
Rob. Defford	2	0	Tho. Dernwell	1	0	Joh. Toft, jun.		8
Rad. Baron		4	Joh. Neve		8	Will. Bradmere	1	0
Ric. Shermon	2	0	Joh. Recheford	5	0	Will. Milner		4
Tho. Elderbek	4	0	⁶ Rob. Shawe	1	0	Joh. Milner		4
Joh. Porter	1	0	Joh. Lee	5	4	Ric. Willy, mylner		8
Ric. Taylour		8	Margeria Godefrey	1	4	Mat. Tyler	1	0
Joh. Brewer	3	0	Will. Byg		6	Joh. Hosier		4
Joh. Dilcock	5	4	Rog. Cressy	1	0	Rad. Giterner		4
Tho. Wodcok		6	Will. Shurley	4	0	Joh. Marchall		4
Joh. Prentes	6	8	Tho. Smyth		8	Rad. Clement		4
Will. Gayton	4	4	Joh. Perkins	2	0	Joh. Egle	1	4
Joh. Brian	5	4	Joh. Wade	1	4	Tho. Thomas		8
Will. Marshall		4	Joh. ffynche	2	0	Rob. Arglas		8
Will. ²		8	Hen. Wene [?Weuer]	4		Joh. Tedyngworth		8
Joh. Cater	5	4	Joh. Lokier		6	Will. Bette		8
Hugo Neuton		4	Joh. Deister,			Tho. Gilberd		4
Joh. Whalley	5	4	pynner		6	Joh. ffolkeshull	1	4
Joh. Taylour		6	Will. Hurley		4	Hen. Robyns	2	0

¹ leaf 74.

⁴ ?Tredfyn.

² Blank.

³ Bonsall, co. Derby (Mr. Stevenson).

⁵ £12 8s. 3d. erased. £11 8s. 10d. in margin.

⁶ leaf 74, back.

Jurden-well.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Stonley	1	0	Tho. Welles	3	4	Rob. Archer		8
Gil. Dubber	4		Joh. Gamyll	1	8	Joh. Belmon		4
Joh. Egleston	4		Agnes Seuster	4		Walt. Tyrell		8
Joh. Broun	4		Pet. Tailour	4		Ric. Mildenale		6
Joh. Nicoll	4		Joh. Heywode	6		Joh. Creeke ³	1	0
Joh. Euesham	6		Greg. Hill	4		Joh. Symond	4	0
Ric. Clement	4		Joh. Heywode,			Joh. ffreman	1	4
Tho. Merston	4		coriour	8		Dauid Baxster		6
Rad. Plymer	8		Elys Tailour	4		Rob. Grene	1	8
¹ Castelton	3	0	Joh. Pake	6		Joh. Elderbek		8
Ric. Adam	2	0	Hen. Cooke	8		Will. Gale	1	4
Joh. Ekilsale	4		Joh. Bradley	8		Tho. Illage	4	0
Will. Oxston	8		Tho. Dykons	4	0	Joh. Multon	1	4
Will. Malyn	4		Joh. Abram	5	0	Joh. Sutton	3	4
Joh. Stanfield	8		Tho. Horne	4		Joh. Shadde	5	0
Tho. Kirtley	8		Joh. Dryffeld	6		Ric. Rechefeld	2	8
Joh. Chapman	4		Rob. Hosier	6		Will. flouter		4
Rob. Coucher	4		Rob. Clerk	2	8	Agn. Pynner		4
Joh. Halle	1	8	Rog. Kyngeley	4		Joh. Cressy	4	0
Joh. Peuterer	4		Isab. Hayle	4		Ric. Clerk	1	8
Will. Patenmaker	4		Will. Bolton	8		Ric. Cotoner		8
Tho. Wynchestre	4		Tho. Maydeford	4	0	<i>Summa</i> £10 4s. 0d.		
Will. Bulkeley	8		Tho. Thruston	4	0			
Tho. Bery	4		¹ ² Wotton, weuer	1	0			

93 names.

Much-park-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Eme, card-			Joh. Ray	2	0	Eleanora le Virgyn		8
maker	8		Tho. Norewyche	8		⁵ Tho. Burwey		8
Tho. Sherman	8		Hen. Hobbes	4	8	Tho. Harres		8
Will. Grove, card-			Joh. Atwall	2	0	Joh. Burnam		8
maker	8		Margareta Walkelen	8		Joh. Hony, mylner	1	4
Rob. Skille,			Joh. Lee, smyth	4	0	Alex. Mylner		8
sporiour	1	4	Ric. Bromley	2	0	Tho. More, mylner		8
Will. Beverley,			Ric. Burfrey	1	4	Joh. filippes,		
smyth	2	0	Joh. Derby	3	4	quariour	1	4
Will. Brid	4	0	Joh. Coruysr	8		Will. Peverell		8
Edm. Sherman	1	4	Tho. Warmynton	4	0	Tho. Abell		8
Joh. Steyner	8		Ric. Staffordshire	2	0	Joh. Dyvet, carter	1	4
Ric. Dene	5	4	Wal. Neuton	8		Ric. Tyler, mason	1	4
Joh. fford	8		Joh. Cockes, weuer	8		¹ Ston, werkman		8
Will. Grene	4	0	Joh. Braylesford	8		Nic. More		8
Will. Betley	4	0	Hen. Benet	8		Tho. Pawnton		8
Joh. Clerke	10	0	Joh. Yate	4		Tho. Tough		8
Tho. Willot	8		Hen. Balle	1	0	Joh. Dilcok		8
Hen. Peyto	13	4	Tho. Kyldraught	8		Joh. Shergrynder	2	0
Rob. Mason	3	4	Nic. Overton	8		Nic. Gryve, Tiler	3	4
Will. Jones	8		Tho. Peynter	4	0	Will. ffermon		8
Tho. Walsale	2	0	Will. Charlton	4	0	Will. Glasier	2	0
Joh. Leder	13	4	Joh. Cale ⁴	2	0	Katerina Asshow		8
Johanna Byfeld	8	0	Will. Deyster	4	0	¹ Onley, wir-		
Tho. Waren	3	4	Will. Cleybroke	3	4	drawer		8
Joh. Brayn, smith	8		Joh. Tirvile	8		Joh. Witham	2	0
Joh. Yong, baker	8		Joh. Steynour	8		Joh. Garton	4	0

¹ Blank.

² leaf 75.

³ *Sic.* p. 125 Croke.

⁴ *Sic.* ? Gale.

⁵ leaf 75, back.

Much-park-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		8	Ric. Knyghtley	2	0	Ric. Coriour		4
Joh. Braytoft	13	4	Joh. Gosnore	4	0	Margareta Harries		8
Tho. Tyler	2	0	Hen. Bug	2	0	Joh. Benet		8
Will. Osbern	4		Will. Southam	4	0	Patr. Glasier		8
Will. Molle	8		Rog. Shipston	1	4	<i>Summa</i> £10 0s. 0d.		
Tho. Tate	2	0	Tho. Harper		4			
Rob. Hendeman	1	4	Ric. Haddon		8			

124 names.

Erll-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Barbour	1	8	Galf. Draper	3	0	Rob. Barnesley	1	4
Joh. frankelen	2	0	Joh. Clerk	1	4	Johanna Hosier	1	4
Matill Harborgh	4	0	Johanna Brabson	2	8	Nich. Palmer	2	8
Johanna Skotte		8	Tho. Shermou	1	0	Will. Crosse		8
Will. floure		8	Joh. Shotswell	1	4	Nich. Esterton		6
Joh. Lyones	1	4	Will. Madam	4		Tho. Crosse		1
Nich. Russell	2	0	Ric. Butterley		8	Edm. Brogreve	3	0
Joh. Caunter	1	4	Willelmus seruiens			Ric. Boys	3	0
Joh. Willowby	3	4	Johannis Brabson	8		Joh. Chacombe	2	0
Tho. Morsby	1	4	Will. Brewer		6	Joh. Carles		6
Ric. Byfeld	1	4	Will. Dey	1	4	Will. Daget		1 0
Joh. Warant		1	Joh. Ryconjay		6	Will. Tolas [? Colas]	1	4
Joh. Bere	1	0	Will. Cowcher	1	4	Joh. Euerdon	6	8
Ad. Swete		1	Joh. Colman		6	Joh. Burton	6	8
Will. Broun		1	Tho. Sturdy	1	4	Will. Harold		8
Walt. Assheby	2	8	Will. Broke		8	Joh. Drayton		1
Will. ffrisby		1	Joh. Ryvell		6	Tho. Swettenham	2	8
Joh. Motte	2	0	Joh. Waterfall	1	4	Alicia Annesley		2
Joh. Hawkyns	1	4	Agn. Couper		8	Ric. Botoner	6	8
Ric. Sharp		1	Tho. Glenne	3	0	Will. Belgraue		8
Joh. Bentley		8	Hen. Clerk	1	4	David Wright	1	0
Ric. Braytoft		1	Joh. Hawton		8	Will. Donyngton,		
Will. Cotoner	1	4	Joh. Kyrkeby	1	4	Recorder	6	8
Tho. Reyuer	2	8	Joh. Bedemaker,			Ric. Revell	2	0
Tho. Owdeby	1	4	pynner		8	Will. Huyron		8
Joh. Colyns		8	Hen. Dalby	1	4	Ric. Welles, mason	2	0
Joh. Vnderwode	2	8	Alex. Barker		8	Elys Skinner		8
Tho. Swanne	2	8	The Tailour that			Tho. Mason	1	0
Will. Swanne		1	wedded the leches			¹ weuer		8
Rob. Thede	2	8	wyf		8	Joh. Bradley		8
Joh. Brian	2	8	¹		8	Rob. Wildegyrse	1	0
Will. Donyngton	2	8	Nich. Broun		8	Joh. Gynne	3	5
Joh. Perpoynt	2	8	Johanna Northe-			Hen. Crastron		8
² Jac. Glouer		6	wode	8	0	Joh. Cronesford		8
Ric. Cologne		8	Joh. Michell	8	0	Joh. Jones		8
Joh. George	2	0	Rob. Praty	2	0	Tho. Rede, skynner		8
Ric. Knyttesford	1	4	Rob. flysher		1	⁴ Ric. ¹		4
Agn. Crudworth	3	4	Joh. Stanbury		8	¹ Coruyser		8
Tho. Bayly	1	4	Ric. Nasshe	1	0	Joh. Bullesdon,		
Rad. Starky		8	Tho. Shawe	1	0	wright		8
Joh. Tempull		8	Agn. Nores		1	Joh. Russheton		4
Joh. Radley	1	4	¹		8	Tho. Ridware,		
Will. Ednam	2	0	Tho. Kirke	2	8	skynner		8
Will. Barbour		8	Hen. Louth,			<i>Summa</i> £11 7s. 4d.		
Will. Perte ³	2	0	Taylor		8			

¹ Blank in MS.

² leaf 76.

³ ? Perce.

⁴ leaf 76, back.

105 names.

Brodeyate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rob. Lemynton,			Hugo Manton	1	4	Will. Canley		4
Tailour		6	Rad. Duffield	1	4	Will. Coteler		4
Alicia Illage	1	0	Will. Draper		8	Will. Westbury		4
Joh. Melfton]		8	Will. Chaterton		3	³ Joh. Pigou		4
Joh. Locok		1	Joh. Kele		4	Tho. Ruydyng		4
Joh. Blakamour	1	4	Will. Barley		4	Tho. Parker		4
Will. Spenser	1	4	Will. Lyth ²		4	Margeria ffisher		2
Will. ffekeney	2	0	Tho. Catter		4	Joh. Chapman		2
Joh. Bernard	2	0	Joh. Yerwell, coteler		4	Ric. Bystowe		4
Tho. Barbour	1	0	Galf. Coteler		8	Clem. Wirdrawer		4
Tho. Ruyton	3	0	Will. Abram,			Margeria Onley	1	0
Rog. Milner, Taylour		8	shether	1	0	Joh. Basset		4
Joh. Hencote,			Will. Shether	1	0	Rob. Peuterer		4
Tailour		8	Ric. Barwell	1	0	Ric. Couper	1	4
Joh. Yate		1	Nic. Pikstaff		8	Joh. Heges		4
Joh. Yong		1	Joh. White		8	Will. Willcotys	1	0
Hen. Sircok	6	0	Joh. Solihull,			Joh. Purs		4
Rog. Cockes	3	0	wright		8	Joh. Repyn ⁴		4
Rog. Coke		8	Joh. Harres		8	Rob. Ingrewf		4
Joh. Marton		8	Ed. Coriour	1	4	Hen. Westley		4
Walt. Paslowe	1	4	Ric. Styward		8	Joh. Bullesdon		4
Ric. Busshebury	6	8	Tho. Lokyngton		8	Will. Wyresdale		4
Joh. Cappe, coteler	2	0	Bened. Stokton		4	Tho. Lyones	1	4
Will. Cockes		8	Ric. ffletcher		3	Joh. Yong		4
Joh. Malory	1	4	Joh. Barbour		4	Dav. Welsheman		4
vxor Ric. freman	1	8	Wal. Kyppeyng		4	Joh. Melton		4
Joh. Huntley	1	4	Tho. Wastell		4	Ric. Garton		8
Rob. Persale		8	Nic. Gore	2	8	Tho. Warde		4
Ric. Morell	1	4	Sibell Janyns	1	0	Will. Tyler, wright		4
Ric. Bromley, gold-			Joh. Nicoll, Coriour		8	Ric. Walsale		4
smyth	1	0	Alicia ffox		8	Joh. Hare, mason		4
Ric. Essex		8	Moricus Morewyk		4	Nic. Jones		4
Joh. Nele, Taylour		8	Will. Walton,			Joh. Robyns		4
Will. Dawbeny	1	8	Cobeler		8	Ric. Waterfall		4
Joh. Archer	1	0	Egid. Allesley	6	8	Rob. Illyot		4
Will. Marshall		8	Will. ffoster		4	Tho. Godfrey		4
Vxor Rob. Sporiour		8	Will. Grene, skole-			Summa £4 13s. 4d.		
Ric. Twyg		8	maister		4			

91 names.

Smythford-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard	3	4	Joh. fforest	2	0	Rob. Haliday		8
Rog. Profet	1	8	Ric. Holt		6	Simond Awdeley		4
Alex. Bower		8	Ric. Wymondes-			Joh. Jabet	1	8
Will. Happeford	2	0	wold	2	0	Ranulphus Plymner	1	0
Tho. Wodard	3	4	Tho. Broun	4	0	Johanna Holt		6
Tho. Whitside	3	0	Will. Ive, smyth	1	8	Rog. Rouke	2	0
Will. Rede	2	0	Joh. Kirkebank		8	Joh. Blakemon, jun.		8
Rob. Sherman	1	0	Joh. Bowterode		4	Joh. Hony	1	0
Johanna Peuterer	1	4	Joh. Abowte		8	Joh. Hampton	1	4
Tho. Tate	2	0	Hen. Balle			Tho. Plymer		8
Tho. Peuterer	3	4	Reg. Bowyer	2	0	Joh. Blakeman, sen.	5	0
Joh. Bristowe	13	4	Joh. Dey	2	0	Elena Rede		4
Joh. Lynne	4	0	Rob. Barley		4	Joh. Onley		5

¹ Blank in MS.² ? Heth, v. p. 177.³ leaf 77.⁴ p. 177, Rypon.

Smythford-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Joy	1	8	Tho. Leche	1	4	Joh. Braunston,		
Ric. Osbern	4	0	Joh. London	1	0	sen.	6	8
¹ Will. Melodyne	2	0	Joh. Wypenbury	1	8	Elis Barbour		4
Joh. Brewer		8	Margeria Prescote	1	0	Joh. Metburn	1	0
Joh. Hygreve	1	0	Joh. Glastenbury		8	Joh. frankelen,		
Joh. Kyngeston	3	4	Walt. Northfolk	3	4	jun.		6
Joh. Malory	1	8	Johanna Weram		6	Ric. Peche, skynner	1	4
Elys Tylour		10	Rob. Sturdy, Coteler		9	Joh. Wilde		1 8
Will. Gobeler		8	Joh. Peer		6	Will. Jones		3 0
Joh. Outered	2	6	Joh. Adderbury		6	Joh. Gode		1 0
Rad. Bredon	1	4	Tho. Hopkyns		8	Isabella Tyburton		6
Ric. Adlyngton		6	Ric. Baxster		8	Margeria Bowyer	4	0
Tho. Whetecroft	1	0	Ad. Deyster		4	Margeria Ive &		
Ric. flynt	3	4	Will. Heywode		8	Will. filius eius	6	0
Agnes Colam		4	Ric. Couper		8	Joh. Nele, sumnour	1	8
Margareta Abell	1	0	Will. Bredon	1	0	Joh. Swanlond	1	0
Will. Bolton,			Will. Mariot		8	Joh. Nele, coruyser	2	0
Coteler	1	4	Nich. Sadeler	1	4	Rog. fletcher	1	4
Joh. Egeston	5	0	Joh. Braunston,			Summa	£8 0s. 0d.	
Johanna Dier	2	0	jun.	1	0			

132 names.

Spon-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will. Awbrey	1	0	Ric. Pulter		6	Joh. Broun		1 0
Joh. Bette	1	0	Egid. Corbrond	3	4	Ric. Welford		4 0
Joh. Hasclyf ²	1	8	Hugo Rogeley	1	0	Will. Stokton		6
Joh. Grynder	4	0	Tho. Tokeby	3	8	Joh. Acaws		6
Joh. Stoneley	1	0	Joh. Honyburn	3	4	vide plura nomina de ista		
Tho. Rastell	4	0	Joh. Naylston		4	warda, qui (sic) solue-		
Joh. Essex	5	0	Joh. Molle	2	8	runt domino Regi, ut		
Alicia Paynell	6	8	Will. Kerver	10	0	supra, folio tercio sub-		
Joh. Mersche	2	8	Joh. Deyster	6	0	sequente post wardam		
Ric. Shistoke	2	0	Joh. Chester	3	0	de Bayly-lane. ⁴		
Tho. Pratte	1	4	vxor Will. Broun		6			
Joh. Sissetur	1	8	Joh. Blakenale		6			
Joh. Waren,			Emma Marnam } Joh. Saunders }	2	0	⁵ Pars warde Spon-		
coruyser	1	8	Reg. Whittawer	1	0	strete.		
Joh. Gurdelesford	1	0	Rob. Milner	1	0	£	s.	d.
Will. Allesley	1	0	Joh. Bullok		8	Joh. Harres	2	8
Will. Pere	3	4	Hen. Tylour		9	Joh. Hegges		8
Gervasius Cole	3	0	Ric. Corby		6	Joh. Howdon ⁶	1	0
Will. Pars		6	Joh. Eyre	2	0	Tho. Harper		6
Joh. Bette		8	Rob. Hache		8	Will. Roper		4
Edw. Laborer		8	Simon Busteler	2	0	Joh. Cowper		6
Joh. Menley	4	0	Ric. Rows		6	Joh. Vpton	1	0
Will. Welles	2	8	Joh. Brere	1	0	Joh. Pen		1 0
³ Rog. Iremonger	4	0	ffelicia Astley		8	Tho. Lenton		8
Will. Pratte	3	0	Tho. Tewe	10		Tho. Archer	1	0
Joh. Derby, deister		6	Johanna Brysaldon		4	Joh. Baxster		8
Joh. Lote	4	0	Joh. Lote	2	0	Joh. Wynfeldon		8
Tho. Irysshe	1	0	Joh. Knyghtley	1	4	Tho. Morton		6
Joh. Broun	4	0	Joh. Burbage	3	0	Joh. Stoke		6
Joh. Brette	1	0	Hen. Holt	3	0	Galf. Tygen	1	0
Joh. Sewen	3	0				Dav. Yong		8

¹ leaf 77, back.

² or Hastlyf.

³ leaf 78.

⁴ I have transposed these names from leaf 81. ⁵ leaf 81. ⁶ Howden, co. York.

Spon-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Benet, Typper		4	² Joh. Levyng		4	Rog. Wales		2 8
Joh. Wynale		6	Rob. Boteler	2	0	Joh. Wamburn		8
Joh. Thornton	2	0	Laur. Huyson		8	Rob. Bulkley	3	4
Joh. Stone		6	Ric. Tylour		3	Joh. Balle		2 0
Rog. Balle	3	0	Moric. White	3	0	Tho. Bayly		6
Walt. Bulker	2	8	Mat. White	6	0	Joh. Tykell		6
Ric. Rede	2	0	Ric. Kersyman		4	Rad. Okes	1	6
Hugo Steyne	4	0	Ric. Capper	3	0	Hugo Barbour	1	8
Ric. Baxster	1	11	Joh. Bulkeley		6	Agn. Goldsmyth		6
Joh. Gamull		6	Joh. Melton, sadeler		8	Joh. Baxster	2	0
Joh. Hamond		6	Joh. Chiry		6	Tho. Saumson		8
Will. Spenser	2	2	Hen. Brown		6	Will. Hardewyk	2	0
Joh. Cockes, walker		10	Rog. Barton		6	Ric. Walford		8
Tho. Caldwell	1	0	Ric. Huyton		6	Joh. Hadley	3	9
Will. Myles	1	6	Joh. Smyth		6	Will. Stone	2	0
Tho. Smyth	2	0	Rob. Grynder	1	0	Nic. Smyth	1	0
Will. Slede		4	Hugo Milner	3	6	Tho. Brid	1	4
Tho. Straunge	1	7	Joh. West		5	Hen. Prynse		6
¹ Paunton		8	Will. Bate	1	4	Nic. ¹		3
Galf. Capper		8	Joh. Westley	1	0			6
Joh. Plasterer	3	0	Joh. Couper	1	0			Summa £11 7s. 4d.

197 names.

³ Bysshop-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Cardyff		8	Ric. Tedde	1	0	Tho. Stafford		2 0
Will. Yong		8	Will. Wymonds-			Will. Aubenie		8
Joh. Auger	2	0	wold	6	0	Will. Wylykyns	5	0
Joh. Lychefeld	8	0	Tho. Broun, weuer	1	8	Joh. White	1	0
Joh. Welles		4	Alicia Widowe		4	Tho. Sponer		8
Hugo Cartwright	1	0	Tho. Cleybroke	2	0	Tho. Shawe		4
Ric. Tomson	1	4	Joh. Sandon		8	Sampson Wever ⁵		4
Rob. Crudworth,			Tho. Hawkeslow	2	0	Ric. Waren	1	0
mynstrel		4	Tho. Smyth		8	Ric. Cockes, Coto-		
Walt. Trig	2	8	Joh. Savaye		8	ner		4
Tho. Carter	2	0	Ric. Pyne		6	Will. Daventry,		
Joh. Wright		6	Simond Wright	1	4	glasier		4
Rob. Weston	2	8	Rad. Smyth		4	Tho. Cockes,		
Joh. Shilton, Tailour	8		Joh. Mathewe		4	ffyssher	1	4
Rob. Barbour		8	Joh. Cleybroke		8	Joh. Walker		8
Joh. Couper	1	4	Edw. Pyne		4	Will. Wythiford	4	0
Wil. Couper	2	0	Hen. Smyth		4	Joh. Broun		4
Sim. More	1	0	Paulus Weuer		4	Joh. ffethy		8
Tho. Lesyngham	4	0	Tho. Clerke, laborer		4	Joh. Bryn		4
Rog. Lesyngham	2	0	Will. Horsley	2	0	Joh. Bylston		8
Joh. Wodecote		1	Will. Russhton		8	Galf. Tylour		4
Joh. Span, coruysar	6		Persyvale Werkman ⁵		4	Joh. Grene	3	4
Will. fælde	1	4	Breymerus Mason ⁵		8	Joh. Golde	5	0
Joh. ffreman	1	0	Hugo Shaw, jun.		8	Joh. Welford	3	4
Tho. Walgraue	2	4	Nic. Harold,			Will. Chapman		4
Tho. Smyth	1	0	Bitter ⁶		4	Joh. Edward		8
⁴ Joh. Plomer		4	Will. Iressheman		4	Dav. Mores		4
Will. Trewman	1	0	Rog. Gose	1	0	Tho. Sulby	1	4
Will. Richardson	2	0	Seruens Tho. Staf-			Agn. Maltman		4
Tho. Broun	1	0	ford		4	Hen. Wright		4

¹ Blank in MS.² leaf 81, back.³ leaf 78.⁴ leaf 78, back.⁵ Not clear whether occupation or surname.⁶ v. Gloss.

Bysshop-strete.

			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Joh. Kebull	3	4	Rob. Cooke		4	Ric. Wyche ⁴		4			
Joh. Waldyf	1	0	Rob. Southam	10	0	Will. Smyth, wright		8			
Rob. Baxster		4	Will. Garet		8	Nic. Cook		4			
Ric. Cockes, baxster		8	Will. Lusterley	1	8	Hen. Baxster		4			
Will. Smyth, weuer		4	Tho. Wodeok	2	0	Ric. Alrestre		4			
Ric. Chichester	2	6	Will. Bette		8	Will. Bydell		4			
Joh. Stokton		4	Joh. Barres		4	Rob. Owtrede		4			
Joh. Hampton	4	0	Tho. Chester, glouer		4	Joh. Alys		4			
Pet. Milner	1	0	Joh. Couper	1	8	Nic. Tylour		3			
Joh. Sompton	1	0	Nic. Hulle	1	0	¹ fforest, wright		4			
Ric. fillipes	3	4	Hen. Hulle	1	0	Will. Brynton		4			
¹ Bardford		4	Ric. Pisford		8	Will. Tuttebury		3			
Will. Rolf		4	Joh. ffolvile	2	0	¹ Morley, walker		4			
Tho. Weuer		8	Joh. ffyndon		8	Margareta Stanffeld		4			
Will. Humburston	2	0	Joh. Reynold		8	Hen. Deyster		4			
Joh. of the Hoode		4	Will. Kemp	3	4	Will. Wyngode		8			
Tho. Barbour, weuer	1	0	Tho. seruiens Will. Kemp		4	Ric. Glouer	1	0			
² Ric. Harberd		8	Tho. Wardyghter		4	Laur. Bette		8			
Will. Neuton	2	6	Hugo Ryse		4	Will. Sawyer		6			
Joh. Chacombe, coruysr		8	Ric. Lorde		4	⁵ Joh. Tewe		4			
Tho. Sadeler		8	Seruiens Joh. Lusterley		8	Joh. Pynne		4			
¹ Wright		4	Rog. Holbeche	1	0	Hen. Walker	1	8			
Hugo Shawe	5	0	¹ Mores, Bocher	3	4	Joh. Attewode	1	4			
Will. Bate	1	0	Ed. Bitter		4	¹ Walsale, weuer		8			
Joh. Powes, wright		8	Rob. Wright		4	Moric. Steynour		8			
Matil. Profette & filius eius	2	0	¹ ffyndon, jun.		4	Ric. Bylston		4			
Tho. Eton		4	Thom. Sponer		4	Joh. Stokes, Tailour		8			
Ric. Clerk	1	4	Nic. Laborer ³		4	Tho. Senwer		4			
Ric. Spicer	2	4	Will. Sowle		4	Rob. Denyver		4			
Tho. Waren, wright	1	4	Will. Smyth, laborer		4	Will. Raby		4			
Eliott Coruysr ³		4	Ed. Drouer	5	0	¹ Halywode		4			
Joh. Seele		4	Moric. Sawyer		4	Will. Tryske ⁶		4			
Johanna Palmer		6	Rog. Tylour	3	4	Tho. Tebbe		4			
Will. Warrewyk	2	0	Tho. Smyth		8	Ric. Tomkyns		4			
Johanna Walgraue	4	4	Joh. Stafford	2	6	Joh. Delamare		4			
Joh. Tebbe	1	0	Joh. Bitter		4	Tho. Wakefeld		4			
Joh. Lyncoln	1	4	Alex. Barker	1	4	Galf. Polle		4			
Will. Lichefeld	1	0	Joh. Dormesa		4	Joh. Parker		8			
						Summa	£11 6s. 0d.				

149 names.

Cros-chepyng.

			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Rob. fletcher	1	8	Joh. Doughty	6	0	Ric. Lane		1 8			
Dav. Bulwyk		8	Guydo Draper ³	2	0	Ric. Harborgh		1 8			
Will. Tauerner		8	Joh. Henware		6	Will. Radclyf		3 0			
Joh. Multon, spicer		8	Joh. Nele	4	0	Rad. Chaudeler		5 0			
Rob. Melburn	6	8	Margareta Breux	5	0	Will. Bedon		2 0			
Rob. Grubber	6	0	Hen. Banbury	1	4	Joh. ffrithe		1 8			
Will. Prentes	2	0	Will. Hende	1	4	Nic. Smyth		3 0			
Joh. Otewalle	4	0	Tho. Swanlond	1	4	Joh. Marchall		6			
Tho. Garton	1	0	Joh. Milner	2	0	Will. Aderton		1 4			

¹ Blank. ² leaf 79. ³ Not clear whether occupation or surname.

⁴ A certain Ric. Wiche was burnt as a Lollard in London in 1439.

⁵ leaf 79, back.

⁶ Probably Thirsk, co. York.

Cros-chepyng.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Apelby	3	4	Will. Mason	2	0	Joh. Baker de Priory		4
Tho. Kerdyf	1	0	Tho. Goldsmyth	1	8	Will. Boteler		6
Nic. Taylour, wir- draver	1	4	Joh. Botte [? Bette]	3	0	Joh. Hayly	1	0
Will. Syvetare	1	4	Ric. Bedon	1	4	Joh. Barbour	1	4
Joh. Wright	1	4	Johanna Cooke	1	0	Will. Garen		4
Joh. Purdon		8	Simon Payne	1	8	Will. Dey	5	0
Margareta Jatkins		8	Tho. Doff		6	Will. Bynley	1	4
Nic. Burbury	1	0	Joh. Marchall		6	Agn. Westbury		8
Joh. Manton		4	Tho. Clerk, coriour		6	Ric. Peyntour		2 0
Ric. Joy	10	0	Mat. Allerton, wayte	2	0	Joh. Weston, sum- nour		1 8
Pet. Shefeld		6	Joh. Coucher		4	Joh. Huet, mason	2	8
Joh. Bylston		8	Joh. Maysbroke		4	Joh. Wright, bocher	1	4
Tho. Holybrg	1	0	Rob. Mors	3	4	Tho. Dokon		4
Hen. Aderton	2	0	Joh. flaxhale		6	Will. Lyllynton	1	4
Will. Dyvet	1	8	Will. Huyton	6	8	Tho. Lyllynton	2	0
Alicia Parker		10	Ric. Spicer	2	0	Golf. Wulpyner	2	0
Joh. Lokier		8	Hugo Cariour		6	Joh. Vynsent		8
Laur. Sutton	1	4	Tho. Swayne	3	4	Will. Norton	1	4
Joh. Bylston, bar- bour	1	4	Joh. Stille	6	0	² Tho. Whyght	2	8
Ric. Illage		6	Rob. Seriaunt	1	8	Joh. Imayne	2	0
Joh. Sutton	1	8	Joh. Cade		8	Ric. Imayne		4
Tho. Goloffre		8	Joh. Coriour		6	Rob. Hare	2	0
¹ Ric. Drought	1	4	Joh. Warde	3	0	Nich. Bocher		8
Nic. Grene	2	0	Will. Heyes	2	0	Hen. Wydwell	1	4
Tho. Bredon	3	0	Hen. Euerdon		8	Rad. Hull	3	0
Joh. Bandy	3	0	Will. Meke	2	0	Joh. Wynwyke		8
Joh. ffysher		8	Will. Nuport		6	Hen. Taverner		8
Ric. Penson	3	0	Will. Huet	4	0	Hen. Rondull	4	0
Tho. Norwyche	3	0	Will. Stoneley	1	0	Joh. Marchall		8
Joh. Wetoft	3	0	Joh. Shepey, Cori- our		4	Will. Manton		4
Will. Hosier	1	8	Joh. Prentes		4	Joh. Northampton	4	0
Tho. Bayly		8	Will. Gylyon	1	0	Ric. Lyrpull	1	11
Tho. Bassingburn	4	0	Juliana Dyssher		8	Rob. Burn	4	0
Joh. Boteler	4	0	Joh. Colyns, bar- bour	2	8	Joh. Bynley		8
Joh. Eborall	1	8	Joh. Launder		8	Ric. Wouer[?Weuer]	3	4
Joh. Iveley	1	4	Tho. Cobeler		6	Elisabeth Lyrpull	1	0
Joh. Brasse		8	David de le Priory	4		Joh. Nuport	2	0
Joh. Colyns	3	4	Joh. Blokley	8		Joh. Halle	4	11
Joh. Yong	1	8	Edw. Dilcok	10	0	Joh. Lyllynton	1	4
Joh. Shenston		8	Will. Barbour	8		Will. Deyster	3	4
Tho. Alen	2	0				Tho. Leyghton	1	0
						Summa	£14 10s. 0d.	

82 names.

Bayly-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Merston	3	0	Tho. Dyvet	1	0	Ric. Godefrey		6
Joh. Thorp	4		Hen. Watford	2	0	Ric. Dyvet	3	0
Will. Langcastell	4		Will. Wylde		4	Hen. Wright		4
Joh. Harborgh	2	0	Will. Warde	1	4	Will. Oteley	1	4
Joh. Bryan	3	0	Johanna Bryd		4	Nic. Edwarde		8
Joh. Hornby		8	Joh. Sircok	4	0	Joh. Alen	2	8
Joh. Whitley	2	8	Will. Harborgh	1	0	Joh. Bradley		8
Rob. Spenser		8	Ric. Deyster	1	8	Joh. Cardmaker	1	0

¹ leaf 80.² leaf 80, back.

Bayly-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Boteler	1	8	Joh. Bechamp	2	6	Rob. Herdwyke	2	6
Joh. Straunge	4		Joh. Wyche, pent- erer		8	Tho. Loke	2	0
Will. Wright	1	0	¹ Will. Broke	4	0	Joh. Burbage	1	8
Tho. Jakemon	1	8	Joh. Louthe	1	0	Joh. Gryme	3	4
Will. Westley		8	Joh. Langestell		6	Rog. Wodard	1	4
Ric. Goddesley	4	8	Ric. Julyans	1	4	Tho. Gryme	1	0
Katerina Crossely	8		Joh. Ronton	10	0	Joh. Bayle	1	4
Will. Grauncester	8		Joh. Hulle	3	4	Rob. Gloucester	2	0
Joh. Maxsey	4	0	Joh. Yate	2	0	Will. Clerke	3	0
Wal. Clerke		6	Joh. Joyner	1	0	Joh. Oderyche	2	0
Ric. ffurnes		8	Joh. Wyche	2	0	Rob. Styff	2	0
Tho. Wyrley	4	6	Tho. Coriour		4	Joh. Crosse	3	0
Joh. Plymer	3	0	Hen. Walton		8	Joh. Haddon	1	0
Joh. Spenser	4	0	Ric. Clerke	1	4	Hen. Brid	1	8
Ric. Tokeby	1	0	Ric. Plymer	2	0	Simon Harfrey	1	0
Rad. Cotoner	1	0	Joh. Skille	2	0	Joh. Bordale	3	0
Ric. Perbrown	2	0	Joh. Chambur		6	Joh. Gylberd	2	8
Joh. Mylet	1	0	Joh. ffrankelen	4	0	Hen. Typper		4
Tho. Peuterer	2	8	Joh. Power	1	4	Alicia ffloytour		4
Ric. Smale		8				<i>Summa</i> £7 Os. 0d.		

MICHAELMAS LEET.

²³[V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 13 Hen. IV.]

Oct. 4.

Jury of 23.

Egid. Allesley, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrysse, Joh. Braytoft,⁴ Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Will. Kerver, Joh. Licheffeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Essex, Ad. Swette, Joh. Stelle, Dyster, Ric. Braytoft.

[Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty.]

Bailiffs.

They orden that breusters selle a galon of good ale whill hit is newe ffor ob. q^a, and when hit ys stale ffor j.d., euery man & euery woman, a-pon the peyne off vjs. viijd. at euery defaute to þe vse of þe Cite; also þat they Galon, pottell and quart be made acordant to the stondart.

Orders of leet.

A gallon of new ale for $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and stale for 1d.

Also the orden that the seriauntes off the stresse Rolle warn euery man, ⁵be hym self or his neyghbour,⁵ that is in the Roule defendant euery fourteenyght ones or elles euery iij wekes atte lest, euery seriaunt opon þe peyne of xl d. at euery trespas, to be leuyed to þe vse off

The sergeants to warn those who have been distrained upon, or 3s. 4d. fine.

¹ leaf 81. ² leaf 90, duplicated leaf 64. ³ Scribe C.

⁴ MS. Brayftot. ⁵⁻⁵ Interlined and not on f. 64.

After the third holding of the court the defaulter is to be arrested.

The attendance of the Forty-eight.

The river.

A swain for the swine.

"No orders off Crafts to be good except Allowed by þe mayor & his bretheren." Millers.

þe Towne. And þat no man ffor þis tyme ren no lenger in þe stresse Role issues ne indymentes¹ (*sic*) but iij Courte dayes, & then to be returned to a Capias, and so attached to Com to onsuere.

Also the ordeyne that they meire tak xlvij off þe most worthiest men that arn at home present, euery man that Comyth not [see for penalties p. 157].²

The ordeyne tha[t] the Reuer be elarged be ouerseizt off þe meire, and þat euery man voide hit ffor his parte³ off hys tenement, vpon þe peyne off xx s.

The ordeyne þat the Comen sergeant Clense and haue away all þe filth at þe Costes off the towne with-Inne þis moneth, vndur þe peyne off *dimidie marce* to be paid by they Chamburlens.

⁴ They orden that they haue a swon as þey were wont to haue, and þat they þat⁵ that haue their swyn before hym paye hym,⁵ or elles the Comyn sergeuant distreyne hym ffor þe payment by sufficient distresse.

["Caves" and ordinances made by the crafts are all void; none to be made without the assent of the mayor and council, on pain of a £20 fine to the town wall.]

The orden þat melners Grynde ffrohensfurth for vjd. a quarter, and so after that rate without Toll⁶ takyng, vpon the peyn of *dim. marce* at euery default.⁶

A FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11, 1434.

⁷[The following collected the fourth part of a fifteenth "de festo S. Martini Episcopi," 13 Hen. VI.]

Gosford[-street.] Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Brabon, Tho. Stoone, Hen. Coton. £1 9s. 0d.

Jurdenwell. Tho. Eldurbek, Joh. Sutton, Cardmaker, Will. Gale, Joh. Rocheford. £1 5s. 6d.

Much[park-street.] Rob. Mason, Tho. Tiler, Ed. Sharman, Tho. Tate. £1 5s. 0d.

¹ "ne in indytementes," f. 64. Insignificant variations between the two versions are not noted.

² Here the duplication ends.

³ & or "a" in MS. The writing is slovenly and almost illegible with frequent deletions. ⁴ leaf 90, back.

⁵⁻⁵ In the hand of scribe B, who fills up the gap left by scribe C. Probably the former supervised the latter's writing.

⁶⁻⁶ In Scribe B.'s hand.

⁷ leaf 82. Scribe A.

Erle[-street.] Joh. Moote, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Clerke, tailour, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Thede. £1 8s. 5d.

Baill[y-lane.] Rob. Herdwike, Joh. Gylberd, Tho. Jakemon, Joh. Harbourgh. 17s. 8d.

Brodegate. Joh. Yate, Joh. Locok, Joh. Yong, sporiour, Ric. Morrell. 11s. 8d.

Smyth[ford-street.] Joh. Maynard, Tho. Carbonell, Joh. Wylde, Will. Melodyne. £1 0s. 0d.

Spoon[-street.] Ric. Austen, Capper, Ric. Shustoke, Will. Wellys, Joh. Sewyn. £1 8s. 5d.

Crosch[epyng.] Will. Deister, bocher, Will. Bromwiche, Sim. Payn, Joh. ffryth, smyth. £1 16s. 4d.

¹*Welstrett.* Will. Kemp, Joh. Awger, Will. Humburston, Ric. fylipes. £1 8s. 3d.

JOHN EVERDON, MAYOR, 1435.

²[Election of new officers.]

Jan. 25.

Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Warant, Rob. Southam, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Deyster, wollemon, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lee, Tho. Crosse, Joh. Onley, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Dilcok, Will. Brid, Joh. Boteler.

Electors.

[m. Joh. Euerdon; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Brown, draper, Joh. Briau; w. Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft; mace Will. Oxton.]

Officers.

[They ordain that an assize of novel disseisin shall be purchased against W. Dorsett, dyer, concerning an annual rent of 6s. coming from a tenement of which the mayor and community are seised.]

Eciam ordinatum est ad hunc diem quod assisa noue disseisine erit perquisita³ (sic) per maiorem & Communitatem (etc.) versus Will. Dorsette de Couentre, deister,⁴ de quodam annuo Redditu sex solidorum exeunte de quodam tenemento in Couentre nuper Edwardi Lichefeld, vnde maior & Communitas predicti fuerunt seisiati, etc.

¹ Usually Bishop Street.

² leaf 83, Scribe of B. type.

³ *i. e.* prosecuted. *v.* Gloss

⁴ *v.* p. 135. Dorset was to be evicted.

J. Ps.

[Joh. Euerdon, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp
M. G. S. T., Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wyldegyrse, Joh. Braytoft.

Key-keepers.

The same except the recorder and Joh. Braytoft.]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."
April 23.
Jury of 25.

¹[V. f. p. held before Joh. Everdon, m.,² on Saturday in
Easter week, 13 Hen. VI.] Laur. Cooke, Ric. Sharp,
Joh. Bray[to]ft, Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Egid. Allesley,
Joh. Michell, Joh. Rontton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke.
Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver,
Joh. Warant, Will. Swanne, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok
Will. Bird, Joh. Brian, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lee, hosier,
Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Joh. Whalley.

Orders of
leet.
No fuller to
stretch cloth
on the tenter
that is sold
for wet cloth.

They orden that no walker off the Cite of Couentre
ne non oder man Shall Rakke no Clothe on the Tey[n]tur
that schall be solde ffor wette-clothe, [or 6s. 8d. to the
town wall.]

Cloth to be
stretched to
the utmost.

And yffe ony man that woll haue hys Clothe Rakked,
that þe walkers abovesayde and all other Rakk hit to the
vtmast as they han don affore this tyme, but they shull
make non hengers³ off Clothe so Rakked, apou the peyne
to lose at eueri defeaute vj s. viij d. to the vse of the Towne
walle to be rered.

The saddlers
and painters
to be con-
tributory
to the card-
makers'
pageant.

The orden that the Sadelers and the peyntours off The
Cite of Couentre be fro this tyme fforward Contrebetory
vnto þe paiont off the Cardemakers, and tha[t] þey paye
as the Cardemakers don yerly, vppon the peyne off C s. to
be payd to þe vse off þe Chamburlens.

LOAN TO THE KING.

May 28, 1435.

King's letter

⁴Memorandum that ther was a letter send be our
soueren lorde the kyng to the meire and bayllyves and
oder notabull persons, and to the good cominalte of the
Cite of Couentre, for to Cheues⁵ of V^c marc', of the
whiche *lettre* the Tenour folowth in thes wordes:—

Be the kyng.

Trusty and wel-beloued, for alsomyche as we now late

¹ Scribe C., leaf 88, back. ² Bailiffs omitted. ³ v. p. 188.

⁴ leaf 83, back. Scribe of B. type. ⁵ = to raise (money).

instantly required, as well be solempne ambassates as be lettres of our holy fadur, the pope, the generall conceile, our broder the emperour, Vncle of Burgoyne, and many oder, to entende vnto the menes of pees to be tretede bitwix vs & our aduersarie in our Reaume of ffrance, be condessended to send our solempne ambassiate of the lordes of our blode and oder in grete noubre to mete with thambassiatours of our seid aduersarie at Arras¹ the furst dey of Jule next comeng; for whiche cause of necessity we must sende also atte same tyme in-to our seid Reame of ffrance a great armee to holde the felde, the whiche thyng, as ye in your discession can well consider, may in no wyse be don namely so soone withe-outten grete eid of cheuesance of our trewe ffrendes and subgittis, to the whiche aid attis tyme we han founde our leal vncle, the Cardenall,² and the remenaunt of our counsell and oder about our person, as well spirituele as temporell, as well willed as our hert can desire; notwithstanding that many of hem at our prayer shall goo vnto the seid conuencion in ther persons. We desire & preye you that considering the grete goode whiche we trist to our Lorde shall ensue of pees³ thynges before rehersed, ye confourmyng you vnto oder of your astate, like as ye han do right kyndely at all tymes, ye wold attis tyme lene vnto vs the summe of V^c marc, for the whiche our Tresorer of Englonde shall make vnto you be autorite of parlyment such surtees for your repayment as he makithe vnto our seid leall vncle, the Cardenall, and the remenant of our counsell, and oder that lene semblable summes and gretter vnto vs in this necessete. The whiche summe we prey you to be delyuered vnto our seid Tresorer at London atte oep⁴taues of the Trynite next comeng atte ferrest, as ye desire the wurship and wele of vs, and the conseruacion of bothe our Reames. Yeuen vnder our priue seale at Westminster, the xxviiij day of May.

concerning
the council of
Arras,

asking for a
loan

of 500 marks,

upon the
same security
as Cardinal
Beaufort and
others,

to be deli-
vered on
the octave
of Trinity
Sunday.

¹ Congress of Arras was opened Aug. 4, 1435. It was an unsuccessful attempt at mediation between the French and English.

² Cardinal Beaufort.

³ ?Something omitted.

⁴ "oep⁴taues" occurs in 1389 in *Proc. and Ord. Privy Council.*, I. p. 12a. (Mr. Stevenson).

Wheruppon the meire & the baillies & odur wurthy & discrete men of this Cite lat make an halle of all the substance of this Citie, among whom this letter Rad and vnderstonden, [it] was Grauntede that our seid soueren lorde shulde haue C li. be wey of lone, and that shuld be gedered be the wardes of this Cite in the forme as herafter folouthe.

91 names.

Spon-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Will. Tailour	1	4	+ Joh. Chester	3	4 ⁵	+ Tho. Straunge	1	8
+ Ric. Shermen	1	0	+ ⁶ Joh. Blakeney	1	0	+ Gal. Capper	1	0
+ Joh. Bette	1	0	+ Reg. Whittawer	1	0	+ Joh. Plasterer	5	0
+ Ric. Capmaker	5	0	+ Rob. Milner	1	4	+ Rob. Boteler	2	0
+ Joh. Gryndar	5	6	+ Ric. Bulloke	1	4	+ Hugo Wright	8 ⁸	
+ Joh. Stonley	1	0	+ Hen. fisher,			+ Laur. Yrn	8	
+ Tho. Rastell	6	8	Tailour	8		+ Will. Deister,		
+ Joh. Essex	6	0	+ Joh. Eyre	3	4	weuer	8	
+ Alicia Paynell	6	8	+ Sim. Busteler	3	4	+ vxor Math.		
+ Joh. Marche	1	4	+ Rob. Bulkeley	8		White	5	0
+ Ric. Shustoke	3	4	+ Tho. Tewe	6		+ Sim. Mores	4	0
+ Joh. Sirseter	2	0	+ Joh. Lote	3	0	+ Hugo Mulner	1	0
+ Joh. Gurdelsford	1	0	+ Joh. Burbage	2	0	+ Joh. Peuterer	8	
+ Will. Allesley	8		+ Hen. Holt	3	4	+ Elias Draper	1	0 ⁹
+ Agn. Goldsmyth	8		+ Ric. Burbage	1	4	+ Joh. Westley,		
+ Will. Peere	6	0	+ Tho. Broun	1	8	weuer	1	0
+ Gervas. Cole	4	0	+ Ric. Welford	6	8	+ Tho. Pratte	1	4
+ Joh. Menley	6	0	+ Joh. Harres	4	0	+ Rog. Wales	1	2
+ Will. Welles	3	4	+ Nic. Perines,			+ Joh. Whamburn	1	0
+ Rog. Wilnale	4	0 ¹	Barker	8		+ Rob. Baxster	4	0 ¹⁰
+ Will. Pratte	3	4	+ Rob. Smyth	8		+ Joh. Balle	1	8
+ vxor Joh. Lote,			Coruyser	8		+ Wal. Northefolk	4	0
wright	2	0 ²	+ Gal. Tygull	1	0	+ Rad. Okes	1	8
+ Tho. Irisshe	8 ³		+ Chaundeler	8		+ Hugo Barbour	3	0
+ Joh. Broun	5	0 ⁴	+ Joh. Brasier	1	0	+ Agn. Smyth	8	
+ Joh. Brette	1	0	+ Rog. Balle	3	4	+ Joh. Ingland,		
+ Joh. Sewyn	1	2	+ Wal. Bulker	3	4	baker	2	0 ¹¹
+ Egid. Colbrond	5	0	+ Hugo Steyne	4	0 ⁷	+ Tho. Saunsom	1	8
+ Joh. Molle	3	4	+ Will. Baker	1	0	+ Ric. Walford	1	8 ¹¹
+ Tho. Tokeby	2	0	+ Will. Spenser	2	0	+ Joh. Hadley	3	4
+ Joh. Honyburn	3	4	+ Tho. Cauldenall	8		+ Will. Stone	3	4
+ Will. Keruer	10	0	+ Rob. Miles	1	0	+ Nic. Smyth	1	8
+ Joh. Deister	6	8	+ Tho. Walker	2	0	Summa	£11	6s. 8d.

¹ "per ffynch" added in different ink. The crosses which precede the names have also been added later, probably when the payments were made.

² *recepti per Joh. Lote, weuer.*

³ *xij d. vije?* added.

⁶ leaf 84.

⁸ *recepti per Marsche, taylour.*

¹¹ *per maiorem.*

⁴ *per filium.*

⁵ *recepti per Starky.*

⁷ *per Suettenham & Goolde.*

⁹ *per filium.*

¹⁰ *per Starky.*

59 names.

Smythford-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Joh. Maynard	5	0	+ ² Rog. Osborn	3	0	+ Will. Bredon,		
+ Rog. Profette,			+ Joh. Hampton	1	0	skynner	2	0
glouer	3	0	+ Tho. Plommer	1	0	+ Tho. Leche	3	0
+ Alex. Bowyer	1	0	+ Joh. Blakemon	6	0	+ Will. Mariot	1	0
+ Will. Happeford	3	0	+ Joh. Onley	6	8	+ Nic. Sadeler	2	0
+ Tho. Wodward	5	0	+ Tho. Joye	2	0 ²	+ Joh. Braunston	6	8 ⁸
+ Joh. ffynch	3	4	+ ³ Rog. Osborn	6	0	+ Joh. Medburn	1	0
+ Will. Reede	3	0	+ Will. Melodyne	3	0	+ Ric. Peche	1	4
+ Rob. Cotoner	1	0	+ Ric. Co[u]pper	1	0	+ Joh. Wylde	2	6
+ Johanna Peuterer	3	0	+ Joh. Hygreve	1	0	+ Will. Peerte	1	0 ⁹
+ Tho. Peuterer	5	0	+ Joh. Kyngston	4	0	+ Joh. Good	1	8
+ Joh. Bristowe	10	0	+ Joh. Malory	1	6 ⁴	+ Margeria Bowyer	3	0 ¹⁰
+ Joh. Lynne	6	0	+ Rad. Bredon	2	0	+ Will. Donyngton,		
+ Joh. fforest	3	0	+ Ric. ffynt	4	0	hosier	4	0
+ Ric. Wymondes-			+ Tho. Whetecroft	1	0 ⁵	+ Margeria Ive	5	0
wold	2	0	+ Johanna Dyer	2	0 ⁶	+ Joh. Nele	3	0
+ Tho. Broun	5	0	+ Joh. London	1	4	+ Joh. Barbour	3	0
+ Will. Ive	1	2 ¹	+ Marg. Prescote	2	0	+ Tho. Whitside	5	0
+ Reg. Bowyer	4	0	+ Johanna Sher-			+ Rog. ffletcher	2	0
+ Joh. Dey	3	0	man	1	0 ⁷	+ Rog. Costantyne	1	0 ⁸
+ Ranulph Plumer	1	8	+ Ric. Baxster	1	6	Summa	£7 10s. 6d.	
+ Alanus Tayler	1	0	+ Will. Bylton	1	6			

129 names.

Croschepyng.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Rob. ffletcher	1	8	+ Tho. Carde	1	4	+ Ric. Drought	1	8
+ Agn. Bulwyk	1	0	+ Nic. Wirdrawer	1	4	+ Nic. Grene	1	3
+ Agn. Molton	1	8	+ Nic. Bunbury ¹⁴	1	0	+ Tho. Bredon	3	4
+ Rob. Melburn	10	0 ¹¹	+ Will. Syvekar	1	0	+ Joh. Bandy,		
+ Rob. Grubber	6	0 ⁸	+ Joh. seruiens			barbour	4	0
+ Joh. Walle	4	0 ⁸	Joh. Walle	1	0	+ Joh. Savage,		
+ Tho. Weuer	1	8	+ Joh. Yong,			ffisher	1	4
+ Joh. Doughty	6	8	coruyser	2	0	+ Ric. Penson	1	3
+ Guido Weston	2	0	+ Tho. Alen	1	8	+ Tho. Norwyche	4	0
+ Joh. Huewer		8	+ Will. Mason	3	0	+ ¹⁸ Joh. Wyttoft	3	4
+ Joh. Nele	4	0	+ Tho. Goldsmyth	2	0	+ Will. Hosier	2	0
+ Will. Hende	1	4	+ Ric. Joy	16	0	+ Will. Bromwyche	2	0
+ Tho. Swonlond	1	8 ¹²	+ Pet. Shefeld	1	0	+ Tho. Bayly	1	0
+ Ric. Carde	1	0	+ Joh. ¹⁵ Bilston	1	0 ¹⁶	+ Joh. Eborall	2	0
+ Ric. Lane	1	10	+ Tho. Holybryg	1	4 ¹⁷	+ Tho. Paynton	1	0 ¹⁹
+ Ric. Harborgh	2	0	+ Rob. Purdon	1	0	+ Joh. Nele,		
+ Will. Prentes	2	0	+ Hen. Adderton	2	0	coruyser	3	0
+ Rad. Chaundeler	6	0	+ Will. Dyvette	2	0	+ Joh. Brasse	1	0
+ Will. Bedon	2	0 ¹³	+ Will. Radclyff	1	8	+ Joh. Colyns	3	0
+ Joh. ffrithe	1	0	+ Joh. Sutton	2	0	+ Agn. Westbury	1	0
+ Joh. Sheldon	2	0	+ Will. Stretford	1	0	+ Joh. Boteler	5	0
+ Will. Aderton	1	8	+ Joh. Barbour	1	8	+ Ric. Peuterer	2	0
+ Ric. Pulter,			+ Ric. Hillage	1	0	+ Reg. Goldsmyth	1	0 ²⁰
deister	1	8	+ Tho. Glouer	1	0	+ Ric. Smale	1	0

¹ per J. Wylde.

²⁻² Added in different ink and hand.

³ Interlined "Ric." leaf 84, back.

⁴ *recepti* per R. Hedon.

⁵ per (?) Joh. filium & executores.

⁶ per Shustoke.

⁷ per Kyngeston.

⁸ per ffynch.

⁹ per Bartram.

¹⁰ per W. Donyngton [illeg.].

¹¹ per W. Benyngton.

¹² per H. Banberry.

¹³ *recepti* per Ric. Bedon

¹⁴ Substituted for Bowyer.

¹⁵ Interlined Will.

¹⁶ per W. [illeg.].

¹⁷ per vxorem.

¹⁸ leaf 85.

¹⁹ per J. ffynch.

²⁰ per Nic. Welles.

Croschepyng.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Joh. Huet	2	4	bocher	1	0	+ Will. Stonley	1	0
+ Will. White	1	8	+ Will. Deister	3	0	+ Tho. Sulby	1	8
+ Joh. Vynsent	1	0	+ Tho. Leyghton	1	0 ³	+ Joh. Bynley	1	0 ⁷
+ Gal. Wolpynere	2	0	+ Joh. Botte	1	8 ⁴	+ Joh. Colyns,		
+ Will. Norton	1	8	+ Ric. Bedon	1	8	barbour	2	8
+ Tho. White ¹	3	0	+ Johanna Cooke	1	0	+ Joh. Tailour	1	0 ⁸
+ Joh. Sadeler		6	+ Sim. Payne	1	8	+ Tho. Gest	1	0
+ Rob. Harry	2	0	+ Tho. Dovy	1	0	+ Joh. Blokley	1	0 ⁹
+ Rad. Hulle	3	4	+ Ric. Loder	1	0	+ Edw. Dilcok	10	10 ¹⁰
+ Joh. Wynwyk	1	0 ²	+ Mat. Elerton	1	8	+ Will. Barbour	1	0
+ Hen. Taverner	1	0	+ Rob. Mors	3	4	+ Joh. Baker	1	0 ¹¹
+ Hen. Rondull	3	4	+ Joh. Stille	5	0	+ Will. Boteler	1	0 ¹¹
+ Joh. Marshall	1	0	+ Jac. Seriaunt	2	0	+ Joh. Hayle	1	0
+ Joh. Northamp-			+ Rob. Seriaunt	1	8	+ Will. Benet	4	0
ton	5	0	+ Will. Huyton	10	0 ⁵	+ Will. Darset	6	0
+ Ric. Lirpull	1	0	+ Ric. Spicer	2	0	+ Will. Hulle	1	8
+ Rob. Broun	3	4	+ Hugo Cariour	1	0	+ Joh. Barbour	1	8
+ Ric. Weuer	3	4	+ Tho. Swayne	4	0	+ Joh. Weston	1	8
+ Joh. Ymayne	2	0	+ Ric. Cadde	1	0	+ Will. Dey	5	0
+ Joh. Neuport	2	0	+ Will. Hayes	2	0	+ Will. Bynley	1	8
+ Joh. Halle	4	11	+ Hen. Euerdon	6	6	Summa	£14	18s. 11d.
+ Joh. Lyllynton	1	0	+ Will. Meeke	1	8			
+ Tho. Deister,			+ Will. Huet	3	4			

67 names.

Bysschopstrete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Joh. Kebull	5	0	+ Moric. Steynour	1	6	+ Joh. Lichefeld	15	0
+ Will. Walker	3	4	+ Will. Coper	3	4	+ Ric. Tomson	1	8
+ Joh. Goold	6	8	+ Rog. Lesyngham	2	0	+ Wal. Trig	3	4
+ Joh. Grene	3	4	+ Joh. Appelby	3	4	+ Hen. Weston	3	4
+ Will. Wythiford	5	0 ¹²	+ Joh. Wodecote	1	8	+ Joh. Couper	1	8
+ Joh. Lyncoln	1	8	+ Will. ffelde	1	8	+ Tho. Waren	1	8
+ Joh. Lusterley	8	0	+ Joh. Trewman	1	8	+ Ric. Clerke	1	8
+ ¹³ Will. Warrewik	3	4	+ Will. Richardson	1	8	+ Pet. Milner	1	8
+ Hen. Rastell	1	8	+ Tho. Broun	3	4	+ Hugo Shawe	5	0
+ Hen. Knotte	2	4	+ Ric. Tedde	1	8	+ Will. Neuton	3	4 ¹⁷
+ Rob. Southam	15	0	+ Will. Wymondes-			+ Joh. Brasier de		
+ Will. Garet	1	8	wold	7	2	Angleslane	1	8
+ Tho. Wodcok	3	4 ¹⁴	+ Joh. Waldegraue	6	8	+ Will. Humber-		
+ Joh. Coper,			+ Tho. Waldegraue	1	8	ston	1	8
baker	1	8	+ Joh. Broun	1	8 ¹⁵	+ Joh. Warde,		
+ Joh. ffolvyle	2	0	+ Tho. Cleybroke	1	8	deister	1	8
+ Joh. Reynoldes	1	8	+ Joh. Hawkeslowe	1	8	+ Ric. ffelippes	3	4
+ Will. Kempe	6	8	+ Sim. Wright	1	0	+ Ric. Spicer	3	4
+ Joh. Mores	3	4	+ Will. Horsley	2	0	+ Joh. Hampton	6	8
+ Alicia Nores	1	8	+ Ric. Mason de			+ Ric. Chichester	3	4
+ Ed. Drouer	10	0	Dogl[ane]	1	8	+ Ric. Baxster	1	8
+ Rog. Tylour	5	0	+ Hen. Hethe	1	8	+ Joh. Welford	6	8
+ Joh. Stafford,			+ Tho. Stafford	1	8 ¹⁵	+ Alex. Barker	1	8
nylner	3	4	+ Will. Wilkyns	3	4 ¹⁶	+ Joh. Tebbe	10	
+ Ric. Glover	1	0	+ Will. White de			Summa	£11	6s. 0d.
+ Joh. Attewode	1	8	Dog-l[ane]	3	4			

¹ Substituted for Wright.

² per ffynch.

³ per maiorem.

⁴ scilicet Bette pro Botte.

⁵ recepti per Southam.

⁶ W. Welles, weuer.

⁷ per vxorem.

⁸ recepti viij d.

⁹ per Lirpull.

¹⁰ per H. Locok.

¹¹ per W. Barbour.

¹² per Starkey.

¹³ leaf 85, back.

¹⁴ per Ric. Welford.

¹⁵ per maiorem.

¹⁶ executores.

¹⁷ recepti xxd.

82 names.

Brod-yate.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Alicia Illage	2	0	+ Will. Archer ⁸	1	0	+ Egid. Allesley	6	8
+ Joh. Melton		8	+ vxor Rob.			+ Will. Grene,		
+ Hen. Louthe ¹		4	Spourour		8 ⁹	skolemaister		8
+ Joh. Blakamour	1	4	+ Ric. Twyg		8 ³	+ Joh. Coly		4
+ Will. Spenser	1	4	+ Hugh. Manton	1	4	+ Ric. B[r]lystowe		4
+ Tho. Spenser	1	4	+ Rad. Duffeld	1	4	+ Clemens Wir-		
+ Will. fflekeney	2	0	+ Will. Draper	1	0	drawer		4
+ Joh. Bernard	2	0	+ Will. Chaterton		8	+ Joh. White,		
+ Will. Stafford et			+ Tho. Wytham		4	grynder		4
socius suus	1	0	+ Will. Hethe		4	+ Margeria Onley	10	12
+ Tho. Ruyton	3	4 ²	+ Will. Barley		4	+ Margeria Lyl-		
+ Rog. Milner,			+ Gal. Rose, coteler	8	10	lyngton		8 ¹³
tailour		8	+ Will. Abram,			+ Joh. Basset		4
+ Joh. Hencote		8	shether	1	4	+ Ric. Couper	2	0
+ Hen. Sircok	6	0 ³	+ Will. Ryder,			+ Ric. Machon	1	0
+ Rog. Cockes	3	0	shether	1	0	+ Will. Wylcote	1	4
+ Rog. Cooke		8	+ Ric. Barwell	1	4	+ Joh. Purs		6
+ Wal. Paslowe	1	4 ⁴	+ Nic. Pykstaff		4	+ Joh. Rypon		4
+ Ric. Busshebury	6	8 ⁵	+ Tho. Lokyngton		8	+ Hen. Westley		4
+ Joh. Cappe,			+ Benedict Stokton		8	+ Joh. Persyvale		4
coleter	2	0	+ Edw. Coriour	14	11	+ Tho. Lyones	1	4
+ Joh. Locok	1	4	+ Joh. Barbour		8	+ Joh. Otley		4
+ Joh. Malory	1	4	+ Wal. Kyppyng		8	+ Joh. Melton		4 ¹⁴
+ Joh. Bradley		8	+ Joh. ffawkes		4	+ Will. Tyler,		
+ Katerina Bradley	2	0 ⁶	+ Tho. Wastell		4	wright		4
+ Joh. Huntley		8	+ Nic. Gore	3	4	+ Ric. Garton	1	0
+ Rob. Persale		8	+ Cecilia Janyns	1	4	+ Joh. Bere		4
+ Joh. Dalton		8	+ vxor Joh. Vnder-			+ Tho. Mason		8
+ Will. Holt	1	4	wode	1	0	+ Joh. Hare, mason		2
+ Ric. Esex	1	4	+ Alicia ffaux		8	+ Tho. Warde		4
+ ⁷ Joh. Nele, Taylour		8	+ Will. Walton,			+ Tho. Godfrey		4
+ Joh. Archer	1	0	Cobeler		4	Summa	£4	13s. 0d.

62 names.

Bayli-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Joh. Merston	3	4	+ Joh. Alen	3	0 ¹⁶	+ ¹⁷ Hugo Shyryf	1	0
+ Joh. Thorp		6 ¹²	+ Joh. Cardmaker	1	4	+ Ric. Perbroun	3	0
+ Joh. Langcastell		6 ¹²	+ Joh. Boteler	2	0	+ Joh. Millet	1	0
+ Joh. Wylkyns	2	0	+ Joh. Straunge		6	+ Tho. Peuterer	3	0
+ Joh. Bryan	3	4	+ Joh. Worstedman	1	0 ³	+ Joh. Beauchamp	2	6
+ Joh. Whitley	3	4	+ Will. Wright	1	8	+ Joh. Whiche,		
+ Hen. Watford	2	4	+ Tho. Jakeman	2	0	pe[ut]terer		1 0
+ Will. Warde	1	8	+ Ric. Goddesley		8	+ Will. Broke	4	0 ⁴
+ Joh. Sircok	4	0	+ (?) Will. Grauncestre		8	+ Joh. Louthe	1	0
+ Ric. Deister	2	0	+ Tho. Wirley		6 0	+ Ric. Julyans	1	8
+ Ric. Dyvette	4	0	+ Joh. Plymmer	2	8	+ Joh. Ronton	10	0
+ Will. Oteley	1	4	+ Joh. Spenser	4	0	+ Joh. Hulle	3	4
+ Tho. Dey	1	0 ¹⁵	+ Ric. Tokeby	1	0	+ Joh. Baron	1	0 ¹⁸

¹ ? Lonche. ² per Brogreve. ³ per maiorem. ⁴ per Starky.

⁵ per Bartram. ⁶ per filium recepti. ⁷ leaf 86.

⁸ Deleted. Marshall added in different ink. ⁹ per Barley filium.

¹⁰ per Rog. Cooke. ¹¹ per Joh. Wyche, clericum.

¹² per W. Allesley. ¹³ per filium ¹⁴ (?) pro Melton.

¹⁵ per Beauchump. ¹⁶ per R. Starky.

¹⁷ leaf 86, back. ¹⁸ per Southam.

Bayli-lane.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Editha Mowton	1	0 ¹	+ Joh. Power	1	4	+ Joh. Oderiche	2	4
+ Joh. Hony	1	0 ²	+ Rob. Herdewyk	2	0	+ Rob. Styff	2	0
+ Joh. Bradley		8	+ Tho. Loke	2	0	+ Joh. Crosse	3	4
+ Hen. Walton		8	+ Joh. Burbage	1	0	+ Hen. Brid	2	0
+ Joh. Colyns		8 ³	+ Joh. Gryme	4	0	+ Simon Harfrey	1	0
+ Ric. Plymmer	2	8	+ Tho. Gryme	1	0	+ Joh. Bordall	3	4
+ Joh. Skille	3	0	+ Joh. Bayly	3	0	+ Joh. Gilbard	2	8
+ Millesant			+ Rob. Gloucestre	2	0			
Frankelen	2	0 ⁴	+ Will. Clerke	3	8			
								Summa £6 18s. 0d.

62 names.

Erl-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Rob. Barbour	1	8	+ Rob. Thede	3	0	+ Ric. Nasshe	1	0
+ Joh. ffreman	3	4	+ Joh. Bryan	2	0	+ Tho. Shawe	1	0
+ Matill. Harborgh	4	0	+ Joh. Perpoynt	1	8	+ Agn. Nores	1	0 ⁷
+ Joh. Watford	1	8	+ Will. Ednam	3	4 ⁸	+ Tho. Kirke	3	4
+ Joh. Lyones	1	0 ⁵	+ Joh. George,			+ Nic. Palmer	1	8
+ Nic. Ruffeld	3	0	fflecher	3	4	+ Tho. Crosse	10	0
+ Joh. Chaunter	1	0	+ Ric. Knyttesford	2	0	+ Rob. Barnesley	1	8
+ Ric. Clerke	2	0	+ Agn. Crudworth	3	4 ⁹	+ Ed. Brogreve	5	0
+ Ric. Byfeld	1	8	+ Tho. Bayle	3	0	+ Ric. Boys	5	0
+ Joh. Warant	10	0	+ Joh. Radley	2	0	+ Joh. Chacombe	2	0
+ Will. Gilbard	3	4	+ Ric. Alen	6	8	+ Joh. Euerdon	10	0 ¹³
+ Joh. White	3	4 ⁶	+ Joh. Clerke	2	0	+ Johanna Burton	5	0
+ Will. Broun	6	8	+ Johanna Brabson	3	0	+ Joh. Eyres ¹⁴	1	0
+ Wal. Assheby	4	0	+ Will. Dey	1	8 ⁸	+ ¹⁵ Tho. Suetten-		
+ Will. ffrisby	6	8	+ Will. Coucher	1	8 ¹⁰	ham	3	4
+ Joh. Motte	2	8	+ Tho. Glenne	3	4 ¹¹	+ Joh. Kirkeby	1	8
+ Joh. Hawkyns	1	8	+ Hen. Dalby	2	0	+ Ric. Cotoner	10	0
+ Ric. Sharp	13	4	+ Johanna North-			+ Will. Donyngton	6	8
+ Ric. Braytoft	6	8 ⁷	wode	13	4	+ Tho. Welles	3	4 ¹⁶
+ Tho. Owdeby	1	0	+ Joh. Michell	13	4	+ Joh. Gynne	2	0
+ Tho. Swan	1	8 ⁷	+ Rob. Praty	1	8 ¹²	+ Tho. Wapunbury	1	0
+ Will. Swanne	8	0	+ Rob. ffissher	1	0			Summa £11 17s. 4d.

87 names.

Much-park-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Rob. Eme, card-			+ Ric. Dene,			+ Tho. Walsale	2	0
maker	1	0	mercier	6	8	+ Johanna Byfeld	10	0
+ Tho. Sherman	10		+ Joh. fforde, Shar-			+ Joh. Brayne,		
+ Will. Grove,			man	1	4	smyth	1	4
cardmaker	8	1 ⁷	+ Will. Betteley	6	8	+ Joh. Yong, baker	1	4
+ Rob. Skille,			+ Joh. Clerke	13	4	+ Joh. Ray	2	0
sporiour	2	0	+ Tho. Willot,			+ Tho. Norwiche,		
+ Will. Bayle,			tailour	8		coruyser	1	4
mercier	2	0 ¹⁸	+ Rob. Mason,			+ Hen. Hobbes,		
+ Will. Brid, gur-			coruyser	2	4	smythe	5	0
deler	6	8	+ Will. Jones,			+ Alicia Attewalle	2	0
+ Ed. Sherman	1	4	coruyser	1	0	+ Joh. Lee, smythe	2	8

¹ per Lyrpull. ² per Starky. ³ per meyorem. ⁴ per J. Gryme.

⁵ per Solond. ⁶ per Johanna Swett. ⁷ per maiorem.

⁸ per Will. Swan. ⁹ recepti per W. Allesley.

¹⁰ scilicet Joh. Couchier. ¹¹ per Southam. ¹² per Gayton.

¹³ pro Kirke. ¹⁴ Eyles substituted. ¹⁵ leaf 87. ¹⁶ per Joh. Palmer.

¹⁷ per W. Cleybrooke. ¹⁸ recepti per Warant.

Much-park-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Ric. Bromley,			+ Joh. Steynour	8		+ Tho. Tate, mercer	1	4
smythe	2	4	+ Nic. More	4		+ Nic. Gryve, tyler	4	0
+ Ric. Burfrey,			+ Joh. Elmes,			+ Joh. Shere-		
smythe	1	8	mason	8		grynder	2	6
+ Joh. Derby, cor-			+ Joh. Tyrvill,			+ Will. Cortonhale	1	8
uyser	2	4	wever	8		+ Katerina Assho		8
+ Tho. Warmynton,			+ Joh. Bayly,			+ leche		8 ⁴
hosier	6	8	pinner	8 ⁴		+ Will. Glasier	2	0
+ Ric. Staffordshire	3	0	+ Tho. Burwey,			+ Will. ffermon,		
+ Joh. Brayleford,			wright	1	4	tailour		8
wever		8	+ Gobett ?, Bruer	8		+ Joh. Witham	2	8
+ Margaret Harres	8 ¹		+ Tho. Harres	1	4	+ ⁹ Pat. Glasier	1	4
+ Joh. Smythe	8 ²		+ Joh. Burnham	8		+ Joh. Garton,		
+ Joh. Yate, card-			+ Joh. Lebbes	4 ⁵		merc	5	0
maker	8		+ Tho. Harper	4		+ Sim. Mason		8
+ Hen. Balle, cor-			+ Joh. ffolshull,			+ Joh. Braytoft,		
uyser	8		wirdrawer	8		merc	20	0
+ Tho. Kildraught,			+ Joh. Hony,			+ Tho. Tyler,		
pavier	1	0 ³	mylner	1	4	skynner	1	4
+ Will. Solant,			+ Alex. Milner	1	4	+ Ric. Baker	2	0
hosier	1	0	+ Joh. fillippes,			+ Joh. Makesy	6	8
+ Joh. Bry[s]towe,			quariour	1	4	+ Rob. Hendemon	1	4
wever	1	0	+ Will. Peverell	8		+ Ric. Knyghtley	2	0
+ Rob. Pavier	8 ³		+ Joh. Dyvette,			+ Katerina Gosnore	1	0 ¹⁰
+ Nic. Ouerton	8		carter	1	4	+ Hen. Booghhe,		
+ Tho. Yorke,			+ Tho. Abell	8 ⁶		sharman	2	6
peyntour	5	0	+ Will. Stone,			+ Will. Southam	5	4
+ Will. Charlton	4	0	werkman	8		+ Tho. More,		
+ Ed. Goldsmythe	4		+ Alicia Stafford	8 ⁷		mylner		8
+ Joh. Cale [Gale]	3	0	+ Tho. Pawnton	8		Summa	£10	0s. 6d.
+ Will. Cleybroke	2	4	+ Tho. Tough	8 ⁸				

91 names.

Jurd[an-well.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Ric. Clerke	3	4	Mil-lone.			+ Joh. Horneby	2	0
+ Tho. Elderbek	5	4	+ Hugo Cowper	2	0	+ Tho. Bette	1	0
+ Joh. Porter	1	0	+ Joh. Hawkyns	3	0	+ Will. Bradmere		10
+ Ric. Yate	8		+ Tho. Barnewell	8		+ Joh. Eglee	2	4
+ Ric. Tayler	8		+ Joh. Rocheford	8	0	+ Tho. Thomas	2	0 ¹⁴
+ Joh. Brewer	3	4	+ Rob. Shawe	1	0	+ Will. Bette	4	0
+ Joh. Dilcok	6	8 ¹¹	+ Joh. Lee	10	0	+ Joh. Folshull	1	0
+ Tho. Wodecok	8		+ Wal. Tyrell	1	4	+ Joh. Stoneley	1	0 ¹⁵
+ Joh. Prentys	1	0	+ Margaret Gode-			+ Joh. Skynner		6
+ Joh. Bryan	9	0	froy	1	4 ¹²			
+ Will. Smythe	4	0	+ Tho. Baxster	1	0	Neu-strete.		
+ Will. Thomas	8		+ Rog. Cressy	1	0	+ Tho. Merston		4
+ Will. Marchall	1	0	+ Tho. Smyth	6		+ Will. Castelton	3	4
+ Joh. Cater	8	4	+ Will. Shurley	5	0	+ Ric. Adam	2	6
+ Ric. Barbour	1	4	+ Joh. Perkyns	2	0 ¹³	+ Will. Oxton	1	0 ⁸
+ Joh. Whalley	10	0	+ Joh. Wade	10		+ Tho. Kirteley		8

¹ per Solond. ² per Benet Marchall. ³ per maiorem.
⁴ per W. Allesley. ⁵ per Alveam (? Aliciam) matrem suam.
⁶ per Bartram. ⁷ per Ric. Tyler. ⁸ per Cale. ⁹ leaf 87, back.
¹⁰ per Bordale. ¹¹ per Prentes. ¹² per Lee. ¹³ per filium suum.
¹⁴ per vxorem. ¹⁵ per Wade.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
+ Joh. Stanfeld		10	+ Tho. Illage	6	8	+ Agnes Sewster		2
+ Joh. Camelle	2	0	+ ² Joh. Multon	1	4	+ Tho. Bere		4
+ Joh. Pake	1	0	+ Joh. Sutton	5	3	+ Gregorius Hulle		4
+ Tho. Dykonnes	5	0	+ Joh. Savage		8	+ Will. Byg		4
+ Rob. Clerke	4	0	+ Joh. frankelen	5	0	+ Tho. Thymeler		4
+ Will. Bolton		8	+ Joh. Shadde	6	8	+ vxor Joh. Bradley		4
+ Rad. Plymmer	1	0	+ Ric. Recheford	4	0	+ Elias Tailour		4
+ Tho. Maydeford	5	3	+ Ric. Weley		4 ³	+ Joh. Egleston		4
+ Tho. Threston	5	3	+ Will. flouter		4	+ Tho. Recheford		4
+ Johanna Abram	2	0	+ Joh. Cresse,			+ Ric. Clement		3
+ Wotton,			mercer	4	0	+ Ric. Tailour		4
weuer		8	+ Ric. Cotoner	1	0	+ Ric. Willy,		
+ Rob. Archer		8	+ Joh. Barre,			mylner		4
+ Joh. Creeke	1	0 ¹	deyster		4	+ Joh. Clyfford,		
+ Joh. Smythe		4	+ Joh. Lokier de			mylner		4
+ Joh. ffreman	1	4	Mil-lone		4	+ Lokier de		
+ David Baxster		8	+ Peyntour of the			New-strete		4
+ Rob. Grene	1	0	New-strete		3	Summa £10 4s. 1d.		
+ Joh. Elderbek		10	+ Joh. Barres, card-					
+ Will. Gale	1	8	maker		4			

Gosford.

(cætera desunt.)

[£11 12s. 0d. delivered to the Gosford Street collectors, because they had not enrolled the names of the ward; of which £11 12s. 0d. Will. Swan, mayor (1438) received 12d. for R. Burges, and 8d. for Rob. Wattes, because S. Baker says he paid.

& vnde xj li. xij s. deliberantur collectoribus *ibidem*, videlicet Joh. Stafford, Hen. Skille, Joh. Asshe-well, Joh. Stretton, Will. Dawe & Simon Baker, *pro eo quod non habuerunt nomina dicte warde de Gosford irrotulata vt patet*; de quibus xj li. xij s. Will. Swan, maior, recepit⁴ xij d. [pro] Roberto Burges & viij d. *pro Roberto Wattes, eo quod Sim. Baker dicit quod ipse soluit.*

[Total £100 7s. 4d.]

Summa totalis C. li. viij s. iiij d.

THE WORKERS IN IRON.

Sept. 14, 1435.
A bill delivered to the mayor,

⁵ Hit is to haue in mynde that in the fest of the Exaltacion of the Holy Crosse a bille foloweng was delyuered to John Euerdon, meire of the Cite of Couentre, in thes wordes :

To the Reuerent Meire of the Cite of Couentre & to halle the wurthy men of the same; for-alsomyche as hit

¹ per vxorem.² leaf 88.³ per Elderbek sen.⁴ Some words looking like "xx s. xij d. *pro* Will. Sturdy, iam mortuo" are crossed out. "&" is also inserted.⁵ leaf 89.

is necessarie & nedefull to euery gouernour of Cite & of Town to se suche rule & gouernaunce may be hadde be the whiche the kynges peapull may be truly rulede & demened: Be hit known to you that but yif certen ordenaunses of Craftes withe-in this Cite, & in speciall the Craft of wírdrawerz, be takon good hede to, hit is like myche of the kynges pepull, & in speciall poor chapmen & Clothemakers, in tyme comeng shullon be gretely hyndered; and as hit may be supposed the principall cause is like to be amonges hem that han all the Craft in her own hondes, That is to sey, smythiers, brakemen, gurdelmen & Cardwírdrawerz; for he that hathe all thes Craftes may, offendyng his consience, do myche harme. First in The smethyng, yif he be necligent & mysrule his Iron, that he wirkithe, be onkynd hetes or elles in oder maner, the whiche, when hit is so spilt, is not to make no maner chapmannes ware of, Neuerthelater for his own eese he will com to his Brakemon & sey to hym;—“Here is a ston of rough-iron, the whiche must be tendurly cheryssheth.” & then the Brakemon most nedes do his maisters comaundement, and dothe all that is in hym; & then when the Brakemon hathe don his ocupacion, That that the mayster supposithe wil-not in no wyse be holpen atte gurdell, Then hit shall be solde for hoke wire. And when hit is made in hokes and shulde serue the ffissher to take físshe, when hit comythe to distresse, Then for febulness hit all-to brekithe, and thus is the ffissher foule disseyued to hym¹ grete harme. And then that wire that the mayster supposithe wille be cherished atte gurdell, he shall com to his girdulmon and sey to hym as he seid to the brakemon:—“Lo, here is a stryng or ij, that hathe ben mysgouerned atte herthe; my brakemon hathe don his deuer, I prey the do now thyne.” & so he dothe as his maister biddethe hyme. And then he gothe to his cardwírdrawer, & seithe the same to hym, and he dothe as his maister biddithe hym. And then when the Cardmaker hathe bought this wire thus dissayvabely wrought, he may not know hit tille hit com to the Crokyng,² & Then hit crachithe and farithe foule; so

concerning the “wire-drawers,

cardmakers, smiths,” and the deceits that spring from the union of the workers in iron, who are able to pass on badly tempered iron

to brakemen

and to be sold for fish-hooks,

and to girdle-makers,

and to card-makers,

¹ ? his.

² “Crooking,” bending, curving.

the Cardmaker is right heuy ther-of, but neuer-the-later he sethe be-cause hit is Cutte, he must nedes helpe hymself in eschueng his losse, he makithe cardes ther-of as well as he may. And when the Cardes ben solde to the clothemaker & shuldou be ocupied, anon the tethe brekon & fallon out, so the clothemaker is foule disseyued. Wherefore, sirs, atte reuerens of God in fortheryng of the kynges true lege peapull & in eschueng of all disseytes, Weithe this mater wysely, & ther as ye see disseyte is like to be, therto settithe remedy be your wyse discessions. For ye may right welle know be experience that & the smythier & the brakemen¹ wern to-gider & no mo, and the cardwirdrawers & the Middlemen² to-gider and no mo, Then hit were to suppose that ther shuld not so myche disseyuabull wire be wrought & sold as ther is; ffor & the Craft were severed in the maner as hit [is] seide aboue, Then the Cardwirdrawers and the myddelmen most nedes bye the wire³ that they shull wirche of the smythiers, and yif the cardwiredrawer were ones or thies disseyued withe ontrewre wire he wolde be warre, and then wold he sey vnto the smythier that he bought that wire of:—"Sir, I hadde of you late badde wire. Sir, amend your honde, or, in feithe, I wille no more bye of you." And then the smythier, lest he lost his Custemers, wolde make true goode; and then, withe the grase of Godd, The Craft shuld amend, and the kynges peapull [be] not disseyued withe ontrewre goode.

¶ The whiche bille the seid meyre atte lete holdon the Monday next after the fest of seynt Mich[ael] theennes next sueng at Couentre send to all the wurthymen of the seyde lete to take her avyse theropon, and ther the seyde bille afore hem was radde, herde and vnderstonden; And for-alsomyche as the mater of this bille is grevous & Nuyefull⁴ to the comen pepull, and for oder greuaunse vnto the seid wurthymen attis seid lete shewed, They willeng goode ordenaunses and gouernanses in this seyde

¹ Not in *N.E.D.* in this sense. *v.* Gloss. Mr. Stevenson points out to me that a brakeman was evidently the artificer who converted iron into wire, coarse at first, then drawn finer by the card-wiredrawers. The "brake" was his tool or implement.

² middle = the waist. ³ "of" deleted. ⁴ *i. e.* hurtful.

to the great harm of the king's liege people.

It is proposed

that the crafts should be separated.

Oct. 3. 1435.

The mayor

sends to the worthymen of the Leet for advice.

Cite to be hadde ¹In distrucçion of all mysrules & mys-gouvernaunses the seyde wurthymen in the seyde lete han ordened that fro this tyme fortheward that the Jurneymen of Cardwiredrawers & gurdelmen with-In the seyde Cite wurchen in ther own howses, and they haue eese ther-to, and not in ther mayster howses; and that ther werke be truly wrought withe-outen Gyle or disseyte, or ony colour of disseyte; and that they vse no craft but that alon, upon the peyne of xx li. at euery default to be rered to the vse of the Town walle withe-outon ony grase; and that ther maysters constreyne hem non oderwes to doo, upon the same peyne. And also that Smythiers and Brakemen wirche to-gider in ther mayster howses, or elles ther may [be] best serued to her eese; and that they wirche ther wyre of trew metell & Truly do therto her labour with-outon any disseyte or Colour of disseyte, so that hit be trewe Chapmannes ware; and that they occupie neder Cardwiredraweng ne gurdeldraweng, but only smethyng and brakyng, upon the peyn to lose xx li. at euer[y] default to be rered to the vse of the Town Walle ²at euery default² witheouten ony grase. Also that no smythier ne Brakemon fro this tyme in tyme to come bye ne selle be colour ne sotell Imagynacion ne Cardwyre ne mystermannes wyre, ³the whiche may be hynderyng or grevyng to the kynges lege pepull oder-weys then is ordend afore, upon the peyne to lose at euery default xx li. to be payde as hit is aboue-seyd withe-outen ony grase.

The Leet orders that cardwire drawers and girdlemen are to be united, the journeymen working in their own houses,

or £20 fine,

and smiths and brakemen to be united,

but not to engross any further trade, under the same fine.

All metal sold to be good.

The craft of wiredrawers summoned before the mayor and council.

Their names.

The whiche ordenaunse be John Euerdon then meyre seyn & vnderstonden, lete come afore hym & his Counsell Certen persons of the seid Craft of wırdrawers, whose names fowlon (*sic*) her-after, that is to sey:—

Joh. Brian, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Blakeman, sen., Joh. Sheldon, sen., Will. Deister, Ric. fillipes, Wal. Bonde, Hen. Hethe, Pet. Milner, Ric. Recheford, Will. Horsley, Clemens Kirton, Joh. Elderbek, Joh. Oone, Will. Stoneley, Will. Doubrigge, Tho. ffalkes, Joh. ffeldyng, Rob. Grene, Nic. Ouerton, Will. Chetell, Wal. Neuton, Will. Cleybroke, Tho. Hastyng, Rob. Burges, Joh. Knyght, Will. Bayly, Joh. Spake, Hen. Tredsyn, Will.

¹ leaf 89, back.

²⁻² A repetition.

³ "of" deleted.

Onfeld, Will. Abram, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Symthe, Joh. Straunge, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Harries, Ric. Thomas, Rad. ffolkeshull, Tho. Reve, Joh. Manton, Hen. Cotoner, Joh. Peche, Joh. Breux, Tho. Dernwell, Will. Shurley, Tho. Bateman, Joh. Stonley, Tho. Thomas, Tho. Stafford, Joh. Rocheford, Will. Shurley, Joh. ffolkeshull, Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Smythe.

The division
of occupa-
tions.

The whiche persons aboue-writon, the ordenaunes aboue-writon to hem redde, the seyde ordenaunes so to kepe agredon, And for-alsomyche as Joh. Stafford, Joh. Blakemon, sen., Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Sheldon the yonger, & Tho. Stafford & Ric. fillippes & Wal. Bonde heldon for the most part as well smethyng, brakyng, Middelyng¹ and cardwiredraweng, They afore the Meire agredon & graunted to ocupye her craft as her-after folouth:—That is to sey, John Stafford ²graunted to ocupie the craft of smethyng & brakyng, John Sheldon the yongur the same, John Blakemon the same, John Sheldon the elder, Ric. fillipes, Wal. Bonde, Hen. Hethe, Pet. Milner, Tho. Smyth, Tho. Stafford, the same; & to leve and not to ocupie neder cardewirdraweng, ne girdull; & Tho. Elderbek & all thes oder graunted to ocupie Cardwir-draweng & gurdull, & neder Smethyng ne brakyng.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 3.
Jury.

³[V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 14 Hen. VI.] Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Braitofte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Rounton, Joh. Braunston, Ric. Bushebury, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Lichfeld, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swane, Rob. Southam, Will. Broun, draper, Joh. Bryan, Will. Byrde, Joh. Lee, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Oneley.

Bailiffs.

[Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Deister.]

Orders of
leet.
The "jaylor
fees."

Allso they orden þat the gailward of the geill of Couentre for this tyme forward take of no man þat is prisoner for his bed but for a Wek iijd., and for one nyght ob.; and if he haue a bed of his own þat he pay a penny a Weke for his chambur.

¹ *i. e.* girdle-making. ² leaf 90. ³ leaf 82, back. Scribe A.

Allso thai orden that the Jorneymen of wírdrawers and of all oþer Craftes within this cite except hakmen¹ and smythers wurche in hur own houses and nott in hur masters housz ; And that þer masturs constrayne them no othur wyse to doo, a-pon peyn of xx li. at euery defaute.

Wiredrawers
work in their own houses.

Allso the smythes of this Cite shall fro thys tyme forwarde show straungers horsies as-well on Sondais as on othur weke-days, euery man a-pon the payn of xld. ; and euery barbour þat he shaue any straunger on Sunday as-well as oþer dais, apon the peyn aforsaid.²

Shoeing
and shaving on Sunday.

Allso thei orden þat the lane þat is adioynng vnto the Wemen-feld, þe which John Plumer holdith, be no more stoppid ne dychid, but þat ther be a yate and a style þer, so þat the way of old tyme may be had and not stoppid, vpon the peyn of vjs. viijd.

Right of way.

Thei will þat the carpynters be associate vnto þe Tileres & pynners to maynten hur pagent and hur lyuerey þat now is ; & that the maiour call the substance of the Crafte of Carpynters and sett hem to-geþer as one felawshipe.

JOHN RONTON, MAYOR, 1436.

[Easter and Michaelmas Leets.]

[³V. f. p. before Joh. Rontton, mayor, Hen. Sircok and Joh. Deyster, bailiffs, on Saturday in Easter week, 14 H. VI.] Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braytoft, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Everdon, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Clerke, Will. Kerver, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lee, hosyer, Joh. Spenser, Rob. Grubber, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Onley, Joh. Walgrave.

Couentre.
Apr. 14, 1436.
Jury of 23.

The⁴ orden þat þey prior be not suffered to make no more off þe Stan wall vndur þey⁴ priory in Seynt Mich[aels] Churcheyerd vnto the tyme tha[t]⁴ hyt may be proued be þey priours euydence that he hath Ryght therto.

Orders of leet.
"Wall on south side St. Michaells Church."

Also they orden tha[t] ffo thys tyme fforward the pre-

Four persons assess fines.

¹ I do not know the significance of this word ; but it is evidently the same artificer as the brakeman. ² v. Introd.

³ Scribe C, leaf 92, back. ⁴ Characteristic of this Scribe.

sentementes off þe letes, when þey schuld be afered,¹ thia[t] þey schuld be aferred be iiij wurthy persons, be þey meire ffor þey tyme being to be Choson.

The wall.

Item, the orden that the Chaumburlens off the Cite off Couentre now beeng² do make off The Towne wall thys yere alsomyche as the stent off þe Towne . . .³?

[The ordinance made at the last leet to be kept under the penalties there specified.]

The last leet.

The Conferme þe ordenaunce made in þe last lete, & þat they peyne off þe seid lete be sewed azeynes hem that Breketh the seid ordenaunce.⁴

The Red-ditch.

They ordeyne þat the meire take with hym the worchipfulmen off þe lete, and make sizt off they Red-Diche *with-in* shorte tyme, that þe defautes theroff may be amended as nede axeth.

Expenses to be shared by chamberlains and property owners.

Oct. 4, 1436.

Jury.

The wille the Chaumburlens shulde make and paye ffor that oon halfe, and they that han the Rent in the Hul-stret shuld pay the oder halff, as hit hath ben ordeyned afore.

[⁵ V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 15 Hen. VI.] Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrysse, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Licheffeld, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Bussbury, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swanne, Rob. Southam, Will. frisbury, Joh. Doughty, Will. Brid, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Whalley.

Bailiffs.

[Tho. Wirley, draper, Joh. Esex.]

[The bailiffs to repair the cuckstool at their expense.

Ordinatum est quod Ballivi (etc.) repareant (sic) & emendent le Coke-stole de eorum expencis, (sic) etc.

[Present and future bailiffs to pay the recorder, as others have done in time past, and he is to have his livery without impediment.]

Item, ordinatum est quod Ballivi que iam sunt, et eciam qui fuerint, soluant Recordatori, qui nunc est, sicut alii Balliui soluerunt tempore prefato,⁶ & quod ipse habeat suum lyuery sine aliquo impedimento.

¹ v. Gloss.

² Characteristic of this scribe.

³ Illegible words follow.

⁴ v. p. 185. Probably the ordinance concerning the workers in iron is here intended. The repetition is curious.

⁵ leaf 93, repeated leaf 95.

⁶ ? preterito.

They orden that what man or woman that letteth the Be[s]ttes to haue ther ffire passage þat they lesse¹ at euery deffaute xld.

3s. 4d. fine from any one stopping the passage of the beasts.

JOHN LEEDER, MAYOR, 1437.

Easter and Michaelmas Leets.

[²V. f. p. held before Joh. Leder, m., Tho. Wirley, Joh. Esex, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 15 Hen. VI.] Joh. Michell, Laur. Coke, Tho. Wildgrysse, Joh. Braytoft, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Everdon, Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swanne, Will. ffrisby. Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Joh. Whalley, Tho. Suettenham, Will. Bridde.

Apr. 6.
Jury.

[Orders of leet.

[Present and future mayors shall have from the bailiffs 13s. [4d.] every sessions of the peace, for a breakfast for the bailiffs and clerks.

[The mayors to have all forfeitures accruing from the breaking and bringing to nought of orders of leet; as well those now forfeited, as those in the future to be forfeited.]

Also the orden that euery walker withe-in this Cite ffro this tyme fforwarde walke no Cloth & wete hym, but yeff the seyde Cloth bere the lengeth off xxiiij yerdes atte leste, and euery dossen xij yerdes atte lest, and yeff so be that hit wol-not bere the seyde lengeth than that the walker Teynter hym out to the lengethe off xv yerdes, so that a chapman may knowe the Clothe that he b[y]eithe wheder hit be wette; so that euery walker to

Ordinauerunt quod Maior qui est, & qui *pro tempore* erit, habebunt de Balliuis ville de Couentre, tam qui nunc sunt, seu qui *pro tempore* erunt, xiiij s.³ ad quamlibet cessionem pacis etc., ad faciendum qualibet die Cessionis pacis Balliuis ac clericis vnum Jantaculum etc.

Item, ordinauerunt quod Maior, qui est & *pro tempore* erit, habebit omnes fforisfacturas de ordinacionibus per letas fractis & perditis tam qui (*sic*) nunc sunt forisfacte, quam qui *tempore futuro* erunt fforisfacte.

Fullers;

pieces of cloth to be 24 yards long, and every dozen 12 yards long; the fuller to stretch it out on the tenter to 15 yards.

¹ v. *N. E. D.* leese = lose. ² leaf 93, back.

³ 4d. omitted, v. p. 190.

half a mark
fine;
and 13s. 4d.

kepe this rule and ordinanse, apou the peyne to lose at euery dosen *dimidiam marcam*, and at euery hole Cloythe xiiij s. iiij d. And that euery Cloth or dosen that ys sold ffor wet-cloth, tha[t] he bere the brede as he shewthe, apou the same peyne, and *pat* ther be non hangres¹ vpon the Cloth.

Cuckstool.

[The bailiffs to make the "Cokstoll azens the feste of Whisontyde" or pay 40s. to the mayor.]

The mayor
to assess the
tenements for
murage.

Also they ordeyne that the Meire do to extent the *tene-mentz* off the thown off new after Chartre off the kyng² wole be-twix thys and Michelmas.

"Search
of Tile-
makers."

Also tha[t] the meire *wit*h hys Councell haue the ouer-sight off Tyle-makyng, that hyt be as hyt was off olde tyme.

Rents.

Also the orden that the wardens off the Town geder vp all the smale *rentes* tha[t] the Chamberlens haue geddryd affore tyme.

"Couentre."
Oct. 5, 1437.

[³ V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 16 Hen. VI.]
Joh. Michell, Laur. Coke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft,⁴ Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Rob. Southam, Joh. Bramp-ton, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshe-bury, Joh. Licheffeld, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swane, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Deyster, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Whalley.

Bailiffs.

[Will. Brown, draper, Will. Darsett, dyer.]

[The Trinity guild to have the Bablake-gate of the mayor and chamberlains for a term of 99 years, for the yearly rent of a red rose at the feast of S. John Baptist.]

Ordinant *eciam* quod Magister Gilde S. Trinitatis⁵ Couentre, fratres et sorores eiusdem Ciuitatis & Succes-sores sui *habeant* et teneant portam *vocatam* le Bablake-yate de Maiore etc. & Camerariis etc. *usque* ad finem *termini* quaterviginti nouemdecim annorum. Reddendo inde *annuatim* eisdem Maiore (*sic*) etc. & *successoribus* suis vnam Rosam rubiam ad festum Natiuitatis S. Johannis Baptistem (*sic*), si petatur.

¹ ? A torn piece depending from the rest.

² For murage patents *v.* Dugd. 98, and Corp. MSS. B. 42, 45.

³ leaf 96.

⁴ MS. Brayftot.

⁵ MS. inserts "fratres" here.

WILL. SWAN, MAYOR, 1438.

¹ *Tempore Will. Swanne.*

(*No entries.*)

WILL. KERVER, MAYOR, 1439.

² [Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Warant, Will. Broun, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Southam, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircok, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Will. Warset [Darset], Will. Broun, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lusterley, Will. Brid, Ed. Brogreue.

Electors.

[m. Will. Kerver; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Tho. Basyngburn, Ric. Osborn; w. Tho. Suettenham, Joh. Goolde; mace, Will. Westeley.]

Hyt is ordeyned that they Trumpet schall haue the rule off the whyttes,³ and off hem be Cheffe.

The waits.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

⁴ [V. f. p. held before Will. Kerver, m., Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 17 Hen. VI.]

Apr. 11. 1439.

Per sacramentum, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Ronton, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bottoner, Joh. Licheffeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Deister, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Broun, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Beauchamp.

By oath of the electors.

Qui presentant & dicunt that where-as Edward Licheffeld off Couentre graunted vnto the meire and the Cominalte off the Cite off Couentre and to ther successeurs foreuermore⁵ that they schall have certen pipes of lede lyeng within the⁶ tenement of the seyde Edward, be the which water⁷ ffro the Condite Thorogh hys seide tenement vnto the⁸ ouer Shurburn atte ende of the seyde tenement being, may be brought; off the whiche pipe⁹ of

Orders of leet. Presentment. E. Lichfield has granted leaden pipes

to convey water from the conduit over the Sherbourne,

¹ leaf 97. ² leaf 99. ³ "waytes" deleted.

⁴ leaf 100. ⁵ "forthermore" crossed out.

⁶ "y" crossed out. ⁷ "waytours" crossed out.

⁸ "seid" deleted; ? omission, or "ouer" redundant.

⁹ "thei" follows.

which pipes
W. Darsett

lede¹ the seide meire and *Cominalte* haue ben seased.¹
And nowe long tyme sithem (*sic*) Will. Darsate,² notwithstanding the seid graunte, off hys Euell wille the tyme of the seyde graunt notheng haveng ne clayneng³ in the seide tenement, pipes off lede to the valu off⁴

has broken and taken away.

in the seid tenement beeng, and ther layde after the graunt aboue-seyde, hath broken, takon away and the watur stopped, to grett nosaunse off the *Cominalte* off the seid Cite.

The justices' feed.

The worshipull men off thys lete wollen [that the bailiffs pay 13s. 4d. towards the expenses of the mayor and justices at every session].⁵ Allso they wolle that the *seriantes* off this Cite *serue* all warrantes off the Courte within they sum off xld. *with-out* takyng of money, like as hyt was ordeyned by a lette made in the tyme off John Michell last past etc.⁶

Sergeants to serve warrants without fee.

The river again!

They wolle that they Meire and the Bailles make syght *ouer* the ryuer, and they defautes That they ffynde that they warne the tenantes duellyng ther to amende they defautes by a *certen* day, vpon a peyne, and yeffe the amende not her defautes that vche *trespasour* pay to they meire and *Baillies dimidiam*⁷ *marcam* to be departed be-twen hem.

Fine 6s. 8d. to be shared between the mayor and bailiffs.

Volunt quod *magister* S. *Johannis Baptiste*,⁸ *ffratres* & *sorores infra nominati habeant* & *teneant Campum* & *pasturam Swanneswelpole infra [nominata] in separati, Cum via pedestre & nulla alia via, prout habuerunt a tempore antiquo, etc.*

The master of S. John's Hospital to have the pasture below Swanswell Pool in severalty, with a foot-way.
"Scoole."

The education difficulty.

⁹They orden that they Meire with vj off hys Councell go vnto the prior and *Comien*¹⁰ the matier, Wyllyng hym to occupye a skole of Gramer, yffe he like to teche hys Brederon and Childerun off the aumbry, and that he wol-not gruche ne meve the contrari, but tha[t] euery mon off this Cite be at hys ffre chosse to sette hys chylde to skole to what techer off Gramer that he likyth, as reson askyth, etc.

The prior not to feel aggrieved.

¹ Words deleted. ² One of the 24; bailiff 1437; v. p. 171.

³ claymeng. ⁴ Blank in MS. ⁵ v. p. 187.

⁶ v. p. 169-70, but not given.

⁷ "C" deleted. ⁸ Sharp, *Antiq.* pp. 155-60.

⁹ leaf 100, back. ¹⁰ commune = talk over.

They ordeyne that the¹ Close the parcels that ben sowed, and that they lett they remenand be opon to lett Comyn bestes off they town haue her Comyn; and Fremansquarell to be Comyn, as hyt hath ben off olde tyme; and an a-nother ffield that John Northampton holdyth to be Comyn, euery man vpon the peyne of xx s. at euery deffaute.

"Comons"
to be open.

They ordeyne that ffrom thys tyme fforward that any muk or filth be Cast ther by eny person, but 3if the Comyn seriant do execucion he schall lese his office; also John Braunston hath graunted an house to on that will kepe they seide town yende, and Ric. Busshebury hath graunted xx s. for to fey hyt.

The cleansing
of the town-
end.

They ordeyne that they meyre and the mastur off the *Trinite* Gilde comyne with Will. Pere, deyster, ffor he graunted xx s. ffor they Byrge (*sic*), and that hyt be made be the ouersigt of they seyde meyre and *with* other off hys peyrs in schort tyme.

W. Pere and
the bridge.

They ordeyne that they meyre and they Bayles shall chesse² in euery warde ij aletasters, the wich schall taste boythe bred and ale, so tha[t] they be able persones and discrete, and that the se off the ale that hyt be solde after the meyers Crye,³ and that persone defauton they seyde ale-tasters schall euerychone of hem haue at euery defaute a Gallon off the best ale, and the remenaunde to be sold by they meyr euery gallon ffor a ob.⁴

"Ale-
tasters."

They ordeyne that frome thys tyme fforward suche *maner* vpholders⁵ within Comprehened be pursewed as they were persones sole, and onswere ffor ther owne dedez, and all other in lyke Case.

Upholders.

They ordeyne that Michell Parker come not nor sell not with-in the (?) *Contre* off Couentre, vpon they [peyne] off inprisonment.

M. Parker
expelled
from the
(?) country of
Coventry.

⁶ ¶ [V. f. p. on Saturday after Michaelmas, 18 Hen. VI.]
Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise,
Joh. Bristowe, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell,

Couentre.
Oct. 3.
Jury.

¹ *i. e.* they. ² chose. M.E. chese, O.E. cēosan (Mr. Stevenson).

³ *v. supra*, pp. 23 *sqq.*

⁴ Some omission. Informers are to have the ale. *v. p.* 25. |

⁵ Either persons of some body corporate, or maintainers of suits.

⁶ leaf 99, back.

Joh. Ronton, Will. Swan, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Will. Broun, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Walley, Will. Perre.

Balliffs.

[Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Lusterley.]

Constables to be chosen by the mayor and 5 [of his] peers. J. Burton's house.

Ordinaverunt quod deinceps omnes Constabularii sunt electi per maiorem & quinque socios etc.

[The mayor, by the recorder's advice, to enter into the house in Earl Street, once Joh. Burton's.]

"Woll to be sold in the hall."

They ordeyn that all men that bye any wolle in the Cite off Couentre that hyt be brouth to the hall and ther to be weyed, payng therffore acordyng to the statut,¹ and that the Swerdberer and they meyr seriant haue the ouersyt off the weyng, & that they seyde wolle be clene & able *with-ouȝt* ffleth or muk as the statut wyll.¹

Brewers and

They ordeyn that they Breusters off thys Cite of Co[uentre that] Brue ther ale to sale tha[t] þe brue after they *proclamacyon* and ordynance off lete, euery bruster vppon the peyne of xx s., and euery typuler vppon they peyne off dim. mark, ffor that schall be rered by the Meir and Bailles; also what maner bruester, or ells,² that regraton ony maner Corn with-in they Cite or withowt in they hynderyng off þe market, he schall lose xls. atte euery defaute.

regraters. "Against setting up corn before it be brought to the market, forfeit 40s."

"The office of Town-Clerkshipp."

Alsoy (*sic*) they ordeyne that Symkyn Birches enjoy and haue off the office off Toun-clerkshipp terme off hys lyffe, takyng therffore Salaries and fees due and Custummed.

"Carted ? forniktenonor."³

Alsoy they ordeyn that Will. Powet, Capper, and his *paromour* be Caried and lad thorowe þe town in a Carre in exaumpull off punnyshment off syne, and that alle other that be proved in they same syne, ffrom thys tyme fforward shall haue the same peyne.

Vegetable refuse to be removed.

They ordeyne that euery man or woman that sett ouȝt ony bladys⁴ in they seyde lane, but yffe they leffe⁵ hyt, they schall paye atte euery deffaute xj d. (*sic*).

¹ v. p. 193.

² ells = other.

³ fornicator.

⁴ This is the only instance of the use of this word in South Britain known to Dr. H. Bradley, who kindly tells me that blades = vegetable refuse, *i. e.* cabbage-leaves, etc., is common in Scotland.

⁵ "lift," remove.

JOH. ESSEX, MAYOR, 1440.

Easter and Michaelmas Leets.

¹[V. p. f. before Joh. Essex, m., Ric. Braytoft and Joh. Lusterley, b., on Saturday after Easter, 18 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft,² Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrys, Joh. Michell, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffrysby, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircoke, Will. Broune, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lynne.

Countre.
Easter leet.
Apr. 2, 1440.
Jury of 24.

[Orders of leet.

The mayor and council ordered to undertake the assize of water; every miller to pay 6s. 8d.; half to the wall, and half to his craft, at every trespass.

Volunt quod assisa aque fiat per Maiorem & Consilium suum, prout ex antiquo cons[uetum est], et quod quilibet molendinarius soluat pro quodlibet (sic) transgressione vjs. viij d. viz. dim. muro etc., aliud dim. arti molendinartorum, prout billa exigat etc.

[Whoever buys salt fish according to the custom of the town is to distribute it among his neighbours at the same rate at which they were first bought, or pay a fine of 40d. to the wall, and 40d. to the fishmonger's craft.]

³Volunt quod quicunque emant pises (sic) salsos, secundum officium huius ville distribuat (sic) inter conuisines (sic) suos ad vendendum secundum id quod prius Empti sint⁴ etc. Et qui in contrarium faciat soluet vjs. viij d. pro qualibet transgressione, etc. videlicet xld. muro ville etc. & xld. arti eiusdem piscenarii.

Thei wyll that the wolles be weyed at the hall and that the wardens see hyt and take ffor her labur a-Cordying to the Statute to the profyt off the Towne.⁵

The wool to be weigthed at the wool-hall.

[Kerver,⁶ the wardens and chamberiains whose accounts

Accounts.

¹ leaf 101, back. ² MS. Baytoft.

³ See Bateson, *Leicester*, I. 78, and *Law of Breteuil* (Eng. Hist. Rev. Jan. 1900). The custom allowing bystanders in the trade to go shares in a bargain was prevalent. It kept down prices, and helped to discourage regratery.

⁴ I am not at all sure of this reading. It looks like "empt suis" in MS.

⁵ Statutes of the Realm, I. 390, II. 64, 292.

⁶ The late mayor.

are due to be ready with them on Thursday "com sevenyght."]

Coentre.
Oct. 1, 1440.
Jury.

¹[V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 19 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Egid. Allesley, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Michell, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Southam, Joh. Spenser, Will. ffrysheby (*sic*), Joh. Clerke, Joh. Bryan, Will. Pir, Piere (*sic*), Ric. Osburne, Ric. Dene.²

"One fyned
for suing
out of this
Court," *i. e.*
in the Hun-
dred court;

³Mem. that on Ric. Molle, weuer, because he sued on Will. Harries, deister, in þe hundreth contrarie to the ordenaunce of diuers letes made in tyme past that no man shuld enplede other but in þe kynges Courte in Coentre, but yf hit were be writte of thyng doon within þe seid Cite, vppon peyn of C s., be auctorite of þis seid lete, was demed to pay C s., be þe Maire & wardeyns to be rered.

offender to
pay 100s.

Latrines
leased to
W. Pere for
99 years,

Item, at þis same lete at þe speciall peticion of on Will. Pere the sege houses⁴ in þe West-orcherd were graunte to hym for *terme* of ^{xx}iiij 3er & xix, to paie to þe towne xij d., and he to newe bylde theym, & the brige there, & so to kepe & repair theym sufficiently duryng þe seyde *terme*, vt *per billam dicti Will. Pere in dicta leta filatam* [?plenius apparet.]

as appears
by his bill
filed at the
leet.

Item, it was ordeyned at þe same lete þat ij comen lanes in þe Well-strete, wech then wer stopped, shuld be opened ayen & so kept be þe maire & Bayleffs within a weke þen next suyng, vppon [the peyn of] vj s. viij d.; þe on lane lay there vnto a well betwixt þe housez of Lusterley & Hen. Knottes, and þe other ley into þe Hill-strete be the towne-dych.

"Wel-stret."
"A way from
Well Street
to Hill Street
gate"
stopped.

"Coentre."
Jan. 25.

JOHN WARRANT, MAYOR, 1441.

⁵[¶ Election of officers.]

Electors.

Will. Swan, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegrys, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Ronten, Will. Kerver, Joh.

¹ leaf 101.

² No record of bailiffs' election.

³ Scribe B.

⁴ *v.* Gloss.

⁵ leaf 102. In marg. "vacat his *quia ex altera parte.*" Warrant's leet is leaf 102, back.

Lusterley, Rob. Southam, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Braytoft,¹ Joh. Prentes, Will. Birde, Ric. Osberne, Joh. Lee, Will. Pere, Joh. Lynne.

[m. Joh. Warant; cor. Sim. Birches; ch. Ric. Boyes, Ric. Scot; w. Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walgrau; mace, Will. Oxtan.]

Officers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

²[V. f. p. held before Joh. Warrant, m., Joh. Whalley, Ed. Drouer, b., on Saturday after Easter, 19 Hen. VI.]

“Couentre.”

Apr. 22.

Will. Swanne, Tho. Wyldegrice, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Hen. Syrcok, Rob. Southam, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffryseby, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bryan, Will. Brome [Broune], Joh. Golde, Joh. Walgrau, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Joh. Lee.

Jury.

[R. Eme and all others, who play in the Corpus Christi pageant, shall play well and sufficiently, so that no impediment may arise in any play, on pain of 20s. to the town-wall.

Ordinatum est quod Rob. Eme et omnes alii qui ludunt in festo Corporis Christi bene & sufficienter (*sic*) ludant; Ita quod nulla impedicio fiat in aliquo ioco, sub pena xx s. cuiuslibet deficientis ad vsus muri levandorum per maiorem & Camerarios etc.

[The mayor, bailiffs and other honest men shall ride to see to the bounds before Michaelmas.

Item, ordinant quod Maior & Balliui per se ipsos & alios probos homines ville de Couentre semel citra festum S. Michaelis archangeli proximo futurum equitent ad videndum metas & bundas franchisarum de Couentria etc.

[The mayor to put into execution all the articles of his proclamation under the penalties contained therein.]

[The mayor and his peers to look to the defaults mentioned below, and all other defaults to be revealed.

Volunt quod Maior et Compares sui videant defectus infra-specificatos & omnes alios defectus tocius reveli (*sic*)³ etc.

¹ MS. Braytot.

² leaf 102, back.

³ (?) ville.

[T. Shopes of the Priory, miller, shall be at mercy 6s. 8d. for stopping up the flood-gates. 20s. fine for any further offence to be levied by the chamberlains.

[The wardens to take into their hands certain tenements in Much Park Street, which A. Swete held, on condition that they see to the gutters, and repair other defaults therein, according to the petition of Joan, Ad. Swete's wife.

[W. Oxton to remove the under-mentioned butts, situated at the muck-hill in Little Park Street, without challenge of any one, by the mayor's command, and those now being made to be made in another place, provided that no one shoot in the cock-fighting place.

[Will. Oxton, sergeant-at-mace, to have the power of arresting and presenting; so that he does not suffer any warrants to be taken, and to have the gate at the Bishop Gate, so that he repair it well and sufficiently.

[They wish that if any persons indicted be arrested when the bailiffs of the town have first taken the mainprise, the bailiffs ought to aid the

¹⁻¹ Interlined in another ink.

Item, Thomas Shopes, milner, de Prioratu, sit in misericordia, videlicet, vjs. viij d. pro obstupacione de lez flodezatez in the Priory. Et quod deinceps bene se geret, sub pena xx s. pro quolibet defectu per camerarios levandorum.

Volunt quod Ga[r]duani recipiant tenementa infra-specificata, ¹videlicet, tenementa in le Mu[c]hepark-strete que Ad. Swete nuper tenu[i]t,¹ in manis (sic) suas, sub Condicione quod vidiant (sic) gutteras, & alios defectus ibidem emendent, pro[ut] petitur etc. ¹per Johannam, vxorem predicti Adam Swete.¹

Volunt quod Will. Oxton amm[o]-veat lez butes infra specificatos, ¹situatos apud le Mukhill in pe Litolpark-strete,¹ sine contradictione alicuius per preceptum Maioris, & modo facientes faciant in alio loco; & prouiso quod nullus deinceps sagittet in le Cokfytyng place, etc.

Volunt quod ¹Will. Oxton, comien seriant,¹ habeat potestatem attachi-andi & presentandi [ali]quem,² Ita prouiso quod non (?) sinat aliqua precepta sumenda; & quod habeat portam ¹apud le Bishopgate¹ etc., Ita quod bene & sufficienter reparet illam.

Volunt quod si huiusmodi ind[i]c[t]ati² decetero arestati existerint (sic) Ita quod ballivi ville de Couentre prius ceperint (?) manucapcionem, ipsi ballivi debent adiuuare gravatem³ (sic)

² doubtful.

³ gravatum.

aggrieved party to prosecute or ad *prosequendum* vel (?) *aliter*¹ re-
 otherwise release the mainprise.] *soluant manucapcionem* etc.

²[V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 20 Hen. VI.] Will. Swanne, Tho. Wyldegyrce, Laur. Coke, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Kerver, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentes, Rob. Southam, Ric. Braytoft, Will. ffryseby, Ric. Bussebury, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Walgraue, Tho. Swettenham, Ric. Boyes, Joh. Golde.

[Joh. Lee, Joh. Lyme.]

Baillifs.

[They ordain that the mayor and recorder choose 12 worthy persons, their neighbours, and by their discretion it may be provided if the outer liberty be ridden, and let it be done as [of old time it was accustomed.]

Item, ordinant quod Maior & Recorder elegant (*sic*) xij dignas personas, convicinos suos, sibi, & per discreciones ipsorum provideatur si libertas exterior equitetur vel (?) legitime, & sic fiat prout etc.

[No onedwelling in Coventry

to be collector of the Fifteenth in the county without the liberties or 100s. fine.

Item, ordinant quod deinceps nullus qui Conmoratur (*sic*) infra villam de Couentre sit Collector xv^{me} in Comitatu Warrewicie extra libertatem ville predictae contra tenorem Carte³ eiusdem ville [or 100s. fine to the town use.]

[Neither W. Aubrey nor any one else to receive into his

Item, ordinant quod nec Will. Aubrey nec aliquis alius infra villam de Couentre capiat nec recipiat infra hospicium suum carbones, ordium (*sic*), nec aliquod aliud granum via regratre, Ita quod forum ibidem in aliquo deterioretur [or 40s. to the mayor.]

hostelry coal, barley, or other grain, by way of regratery, whereby the market is damaged, or 40s. fine.

[The persons under-specified⁴ are to be governed according to the mayor, recorder and their craft, like the rest of their craft, or pay 20s. to the town wall.]⁵

Rebellious crafts-people to be ruled by the mayor, etc.

¹ alter. ² leaf 103. ³ Pat. 11 R. II. p. 2 m. 29 (Dugd. 98).

⁴ infra contente.

⁵ Probably this was a new attempt to strike or make a journeymen's guild. In January 1441 the corporation obtained a confirmation of previous grants, forbidding the formation of new guilds. Corp. MS. B. 47.

[The bailiffs are to be present with the mayor and J. Ps.; and if the latter have attributed misdoing to any one, as this bill supposes, against the law, they (the former) are to make amends to the injured party. And no bailiff to arrest any one against the good custom of the city.]

Volunt quod Ballivi sint presentes Coram maiore, Justiciariis pacis infra Ciuitatem Couentrie, & si predicti fecissent¹ offencionem alicui, prout supponitur per billam, contra legem, emendent parti lese. Et quod nullus Ballivus decetero attachiet aliquem contra bonum vsum Ciuitatis predictae, [or 100s. to the town's use.]

JOHN BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1442.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.

²[Election of officers.]

Electors.

Tho. Wylgrys, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lusterley, Rob. Southam, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Prentys, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Botoner, Will. Birde, Joh. Golde, Will. Pere, Ric. Deane, Ric. Austen.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Braytoft; cor. Joh. Whalley, ch. Gerv. Cole, Joh. Rechford; w. Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walgraue; mace, Will. Oxton.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre."
Apr. 7.

³¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Braytoft, m., Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, b., on Saturday after Easter, 20 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Tho. Wi[l]degrys, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Clerk, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok, Tho. Swettenham, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene.

[Orders of leet.

[The wardens to pay 13s. 4d. every Christmas to the Corpus Christi guild master until £9 10s. 0d. is paid,

Item, ordinant quod Gardinani (sic) soluant annuatim Magistro Gilde Corporis Christi xiijs. iiij d. quousque ixli. & xs. plenarie persoluti fuerint prefatis Magistro & Successoribus

¹ It looks like "feoffent."

² leaf 103. Scribe B.

³ leaf 103, back. Scribe of C type but more legible.

and the master is to give the money to T. Stratton for the business which he undertook for the town's profit.

[The mayor to provide paviers to pave the streets,

and the wages shall be raised by distraint; if any one have a free tenement within the town [he shall pay, etc.].

[The common sub-bailiff shall have the pigs, within as well as without the town at the pound, and take $\frac{1}{2}d.$ for each foot, and have the money himself.

[No one henceforward to pull down a house without rebuild-

ing it, under pain of paying £10 [for one of] 10s. [rent] and so according to that proportion, the mayor and bailiffs to have one half and the chamberlains the other for the exercise [of their office].

[The common bailiff to cleanse the pound within 15 days or 3s. 4d. fine.

[The sub-bailiff to give warning where need is, and all defaults to be emended before

suis annuatim ad festum Nativitatis Domini, quos (*sic*) quidem ix li. & x s. eidem Magistro plene persolutos (?)¹ Thome Stratton pro negociis que ad opus ville de Couentria profecit¹ (*sic*) etc.

Volunt quod Maior provideat paviores ad pavandas stratas prout infra desideratur, & pro stipendio inde soluendo leuantur (*sic*) per districtionem; si aliquis habeat aliquod liberum tenementum infra villam de Couentre etc.

Et quoad porcos tam infra villam quam extra, communis Sub-ballivus habeat illos ad Communes (*sic*) parcum, et levat pro quolibet pede ob., & ipsemet habeat pecuniam sic leuatam etc.

Et quoad domos infra specificatas² ordinant & provident quod nullus deinceps euellant (*sic*) domos aliquas infra villam nisi reedificat illud (*sic*), sub pena soluendi pro tenemento vacante x s. x li. & sic secundum ratam, & quod Maior & Ballivi habeant vnam dimidiam, & Camerarii habeant aliam dimidiam etc. ad exercenda etc.³

Et quod communis Sub-ballivus mundat Communem parcum infra quindenam proximo sequentem, sub pena x d.

Volunt quod communis Subballivus premuniat vbi necesse est, prout infra fit mencio, et tunc quod omnes defectus emendantur citra festum

¹ Probably some word omitted. We should expect "qui quidem . . . persolvantur" (Mr. Stevenson).

² MS. specificatur. ³ v. p. 223.

Nativity of S. John Baptist.

[They [the waits] are to have their livery on condition that they have a trumpet, and the escutcheons (badges) on security being found; that is to say, they shall have a dozen of cloth worth 20s. due to them for their livery from the wardens, against Corpus Christi.

[All leet ordinances from aforetime to be observed under the penalties contained therein to be levied to the town's use.]

“ Couentre.”
Oct. 6.

²¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday in the octave of Michaelmas, 21 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Tho. Wyldegrys, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Clerk, Will. ffrysby, Rob. Southam, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentes, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Brampton. Ed. Drouer, Joh. Deister, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Bryan, Tho. Swettenham, Joh. Gold.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Dene, Joh. Grynder.]

[Orders of leet.

[The wardens to have the rents of the town by the watering-place for the next year, and not the chamberlains; and for every pig doing damage there, they shall take 4d. upon delivery, and also they shall collect in the town for their expenses.]

Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptiste proximo futurum, [or 6s. 8d. fine at every default, half to the mayor and half to the chamberlains.]

Volunt quod habeant vesturas suas prout billa ista exigit etc. sub *Condicione quod habeant vnum Trumpet, prout infra fit mencio etc.* & les skecons¹ sub securitate inventa *habebunt etc., videlicet habebunt vnam xij panni (sic) pro vestura etc. sibi debita per Gardianos precii xx s. etc. erga festum Corporis Christi etc.*

Volunt quod habeant redditum *Gardinorum ville ibidem iuxta le Wateryng-plase per vnum annum proximo futurum, et quod Camerarii pro proximo anno non percipiant redditum ibidem etc. & insuper quod Capiant pro quodlibet (sic) porco ibidem dampnum faciente iij d. pro deliberacione habenda etc., ac eciam coliant³ (sic) in villa pro costagiis suis factis etc.*

¹ Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 208.

² leaf 104.

³ ? colligant.

THO. WYLDGRISE, MAYOR, 1443.

¹[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michel, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentys, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Brian,² Tho. Wirley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Spenser, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Will. Pere, Joh. Golde, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Scotte, Joh. Boteler, Joh. Biram.

Electors.

[m. Tho. Wilgris; cor. Joh. ffynch; ch. Ric. Alen, Will. Kemp; w. Tho. Warmyngton, Tho. Rastell; mace, Will. Oxtan.]

Officers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

³[V. f. p. held before Tho. Wylgris, m., Ric. Deane and Joh. Grynder, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 21 Hen. VI.]

Apr. 27, 1443.

Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Listerley, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk, Will. Broun, Joh. Whalley, Ed. Drover, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Briane, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Spenser, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentys, Tho. Wirly, Edm. Brogreve, Joh. Walgraue.

[The bitters to repair the Broad-well, so that no water flows into the place where the horses stand, before the feast of the Ascension, or every one having a horse standing there to pay 6s. 8d.; and no horse is to come there, under the same penalty.

Qui volunt & ordinant quod lez Bitters⁴ emendant le Brodewell quod aqua non emanet in locum vbi equi stant ibi citra festum *Ascensionis Domini proximo futurum*, sub pena cuiuslibet qui habet equum illuc venientem vjs. viij d., & interim nullus equus ibi permitttere (*sic*) evenire (*sic*), sub eadem pena.

[A good iron grating to be made in Little Park Street at the cost of the wardens on their land, and whoever has lands or tenements adjoining the Redditch [shall contribute.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod fiat vnum bonum gredeyron ferri in le Litel-park-strete ad custagia Gardianorum,⁵ & vltorius quod quilibet qui habet terras vel tenementa adiacentes ad le Reddych super solum suum⁵

¹ leaf 105. Scribe B. ² Repeated and deleted. ³ leaf 105, back.

⁴ Repairers, 'beaters,' from bete = O.E. bētan, to mend, etc. (Mr. Stevenson).

⁵⁻⁵ This seems an interpolated and incomplete sentence.

thereunto] for the cleaning of the same ditch; it is to be of reasonable length and breadth, namely, 4 inches only between each bar stretching in depth (?).¹

[Latrines to be taken away from the Red-ditch before Whitsuntide or 6s. 8d. fine; so are others between Attelborough-place and Gowers-place and wherever else is necessary.]

"Coentre."
Michaelmas
leet.
Oct. 5, 1443.
24 electors.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 22 H. VI.]

Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Braunston, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Spenser, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Brian, Ric. Boyes, Tho. Swetnam.

Bailiffs.

[Will. Pere, Joh. Walgrave.]²

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1444.

Jan. 25.

³[Election of officers "in aula S. Marie, loco ad hoc consueto."]⁴

Electors.

Will. Kerver, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Mychell, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listerley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Will. Frisby, Rob. Southam, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Goolde, Ric. Boyse, Ric. Skott, Gerv. Cole.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Braitofte; cor. Joh. Fynche; ch. Ric. Clerk, Will. Clerke; w. Tho. Warmynton, Tho. Rastell; mace, Will. Oxtan.

J. Ps.

Ric. Braitofte, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Will. Keruer, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Bristowe.

¹ The bars were to be perpendicular and not horizontal (Mr. Stevenson).

² A much corrected sheriffs' and bailiffs' oath follows, leaf 107, back; other versions transcribed, v. p. 224.

³ leaf 108. Scribe A.

⁴ First mention of S. Mary's Hall in this connection.

Ric. Braitoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildgrise, Key-keepers.
Joh. Bristow.]

QUARREL BETWEEN THE WEAVERS AND CORVESERS.

¹ffor-also moche as hit was notified & Relacion made vnto þe meire, that is to sey Ric. Braytoft, þat certen debates & stryves wer had betwen the Crafte of Weuers & the Crafte of Coruisors, The said maiour in keping of the peace, and allso willyng good rule & rest to be had betwen the said Craftys, mad to com a-for hym bothe the said Craftis charging hem to kep the peace, and allso to bryng hym in Wrytyng the mattur & greuance þat was betwen them. And so the Thursday next aftur the fest of saynet Math[ew]² thapostle the said Craftis brought vnto the maiour in wrytyng the cause of ther greuance. Submittyng themselfe with due submission to abyde the rule of the maiour & his Counsell. Wherupon the maiour & his counsell, whos [names] heraftur folowen, the complaintes of bothe parties herd & vnderstond, haue ordenyd & prouyded that the Crafte of coruysers shuld Restore and satisfie vnto John Wamburne of Couentre, weuer, xld., þat is to say the said xld., the hoode & the paire of Glouys þat wer taken away from John Feythyng, seruaunt vnto the said John Wamburne, when the seid John Feithyng was betyn. And ouer þat the seid Craft of Coruysers shull pay for the betyng & for anoþer trespas that was doon in the house of John Symondes, Coruiser, in despyte of the weuers vj s. viij d.

Allso the said maiour & his counsell orden that þe Crafte of Coruisers shall pay to Thom. Burdeux, weuer, Cs.³ in satisfaccion of the trespas doon to hym the tyme þat he was beeton be certen persons of the said Crafte of coruisers, for the wich he was in dispair of his lyffe. Allso þat the Crafte of weuers for dyuers offences made by the coruisers to dyuers men of the weuers shall haue Cs., the said Cs. to be eton and dronken among the fellauship of both Craftys.

Feb. 26 or
Sept. 24, 1444.
"Varyans
betwen þe
weavers and
Coruersers."
The weavers
and corvesers

bring a
written
account of
their mutual
grievances,
submitting to
the arbitra-
tion of the
mayor and
council.

The corvesers

are to restore
40d. a hood,
gloves,

and 6s. 8d.,

and 100s.

in compensa-
tion;
and another
100s. to be
spent at a
feast between
the two
crafts.

¹ leaf 108, back.

² Sept. 21. St. Matthias' is Feb. 24. It might be either saint.

³ "The said Cs. to be eton and dronken" obliterated.

And on no account shall new names for cloths be used.

J. Wamburn, weaver, to make satisfaction

to the corversers;

and the craft of weavers

to contribute 20s. to a drinking.

Names of mayor's council in this affair, 36 in all.

Those new-fangled names

to be tabooed or 20s. fine.

Allso þei orden that noo man of the Crafte of Coruysers fro this tyme forward shall vse ne new namys as in Callyng blake of lyre¹ Queyres anamelynges ne non oþer suche namys of noo thyng þat longyth to þe² Crafte.

Allso thei orden þat John Wamburn, weuer, for hymselfe & William Pars, weuer, for the offence þat thei made to John Maynard shall pay to John Maynard & Wylliam Ward, coruysers, xld. in satisfaccion of thoffens & trespas þat wer made to John Maynard & William Ward.

Allso þei orden that all the Crafte of weuers shall pay and satisfie to þe Crafte of Coruysers xx s. for thoffens & trespas don to Benet Stockton, coruysers, in dispite of the Crafte of coruysers; and þat xx s. to be disposid in mete & drynk a-mong the felaship of both Craftes.

Nomina consilii maioris in hoc casu. Will. Donyngton, Recordator, Will. Kerver, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Bristow, Joh. Mychell, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listurley, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Clerke, Rob. Southam, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bottoner, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Doughty, Will. Broun, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spencer, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lee, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Goolde, Ric. Boyse, Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Swettenham, Will. Clerke, Will. Pier, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene, Ric. Alen, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Austen.

³Allso hit is ordenyd by the maiour and his forseid Councell þat if any man of the Crafte of coruysers vse to call, or in tyme comyng call, any new namys in ther crafte, as callyng blake of lyre Queyers a-namelynges, or any other suche feynyd names, but onely suche namys as haue ben vsed afore tyme, that allso ofte as they do soo, or any of them doo soo, they shall forfeit xx s. in money, x s. to the maiour & x s. to the baylyffes for the tyme beyng at euery trespas.

¹ v. *N. E. D.* lyre. A kind of cloth from Lire in Brabant. "Queyres anamelynges" seems a fine-sounding nonsense word such as is found in drapers' catalogues now; perhaps from cuir = leather, and enamelling.

² "to the" repeated.

³ leaf 109.

THE CARDMAKERS' PAGEANT.

ffor-also moche as the Crafte of Cardemakers, Sadelers, Masons, and peyntors of the Cite of Coventre be long tyme I-past haue byn as oone fellauship in beryng Costys, charges and all *oper* dueties of old tyme to ther pagent & to the said felauship longyng. And now late, þat is to say in the tyme of Ric. Braytoft, maiour of the said cite, the said felauship for *certen* causes among hem movyd wer lyke to departe and to breke *per* felauship. Wherfor *certen* persons of¹ the said Craftez, shewyng to the maiour the causz of ther grevance, besought hym in this mattur to sett due Remedye. And so by goodly leysur the maiour, callyng a-fore hym & his counsell all the said hoole fellauship, Rehersid vnto them the grevouse complayntes þat wern made to hym by *certen* persons of the said felauship. The for-namyd felauship willyng to be Ruled *compromytted* hem to abyde the Rule and ordynaunce of þe meire and his counsell. And so by aduyse of the said meire and his counsell, hit is ordenyd that the said iiij Craftes shal-be oone felauship beryng Costes, charges, and all *oper* dueties to her pagent and to *per* felauship longyng. And þat thei shall yerely chose new masturs a-pon saynt Thomas day in *Christinmas* weke in the forme and maner folowyng: That is to say, *per* shal-be of euery of the said Craftys iiij men in a place consuette *within* the said cite; and ther in the fest of saynt Thomas thai shall chose of euery of the said iiij Craftes oone Mastur for the yer folowyng. And if so be þat any of the said Craftes a monethe afore the said fest be reasonable cause vnfayned may excuse hyme that thei may not be at þe Eleccion of the masturs at the said feeste, That then the Crafte or the Craftez þat may nott be ther shall bryng in iiij menys names of the Crafte þat may not be *per* at þe eleccion, and what-soeuer the iiij personnes *with oper* þat shal-be a-pon the eleccion doo, Thei þat ben away to agre þerto; and also sone as the masturs be chosen that same day or thei departe the new masturs so chosen shall take *per* consuettt Othe. And allso euery person of the said Craftys

The pageant of the card-makers, saddlers, painters and masons to be supported by the united fellowship.

¹ MS. of of.

shall pay yerely to the masturs xij d. and all oþer dueties, customes, and lauffull charges þat long to þe pagent & to the said felauship; and all money þat shal-be reryd ¹for making of new brethren or els in other wais to the Craftes renued, as hit is gadred hit shal-be put in a comen box þer to be kepte to the vse of the said felauship and to the wurship of this cite. Also euery mastur of þe seid iiij Craftes shall haue due Correccion of his own Crafte of all the priue poyntes þat long to his Crafte, without medelyng or enturmettyng² of any oþer Craftys. Also þat þer shall no man of the said iiij Craftes play in no pagent on Corpus *Christi* day save onely in the pagent of his own Crafte, without he have lycens of the maiour þat shal-be for the yer. Also þat euery man that hath any money of forfettes þat have byn made, or els money for making of bredren afore this tyme in the said Craftes, that hit be brought in be-twen this & the fest of All Sayntes next comyng, and that to the maiour. And also þat all þe masturs of the said felauship þat have not accomptid afore this tyme þat thay mak þer a-compte be-twene this and the fest of All Sayntes next comyng, and all the arereage, if any be, þat hit be brought in the same day and delyueryd unto the comen box. And also þat all masturs þat now byn, and all the masturs of the said felauship þat shal-be heraftur, yerle shall make þer a-compte, euery mastur for his tyme at the fest of Estur. Provyded allwey þat the Crafte of masons, ne none of hem, shall not be chargid to com to noo buryeng, weddyng, ne offryng of the said Craftes on workedais. And who of the said felliship disobeith this ordynaunce, or forefettyth in any of them, shall pay at euery forfett xli to þe maiour of the Cite of Couentre that tyme beyng withouten any grace.

Nomina concilii maioris in hoc casu.

Will. Keruer, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Joh. Lysturley, Will. Peir, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Will. Frisby, Joh. Lychfeld, Will. Broun, Hen. Sircock, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Bryan,

No craftsman of the fellowship to play but in this pageant.

Names of the mayor's council. 53 councillors.

¹ leaf 109, back.

² Interfering.

Joh. Braunston, Joh. Grynder, Ed. Drouer, Ric. Botoner, Sim. Birches, Will. Braytofte, Ric. Osburne, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Lee, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Boise, Ric. Skott, Tho. War- mynton, Ed. Brogreue, Tho. Rastell, Gerv. Coole, Tho. Suettenham, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Wymondes- wold, Will. Bird, Rob. Eme, Joh. Honyburne, Joh. Franklen, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Swan, Joh. Perpoynt, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Sircok, Joh. George, Ric. Dyvett, Tho. Bristow, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Capper, Rob. Bradmedow, Rob. Barnsley, Tho. Bradmedow.

WARWICK'S LOAN.

¹Memorandum that thies wurthy men, whose names hereaftur folow, haue lant vnto my lord of Warr[ewik] C marc' of sterlyng to be paid atte fest of saynt Martyne in Wyntur next comyng, as hit appearith by a obligacion in the wich obligacion Tho. Porter, Squyer, and Hen. Sircok, of Couentre ar bound vnto Ric. Braytoft, Meire, Tho. Wyldgrise and to Ric. Sharp; the wich obligacion remaynyth in the hondes of Ric. Braytoft, meire.

Loan to my
Lord of
Warwick,
100 marks.
£66 13s. 4d.

[Ric. Braytofte, £3. 13s. 4d.; Will. Keruer, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Mychell, Will. Pier, Joh. Listerley, Joh. Ronton,² £2. 0s. 0d. apiece; Joh. Bristowe, £1. 13. 4d.; Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Lychefeld, Ed. Drouer, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Bryan, Hen. Sircoke, Will. Brown, draper, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lynne, Sim. Birches, Ric. Clerke, hosier, Joh. Spencer,³ Ric. Alen, Ric. Boise, Ric. Osbarn, Will. Braitofte, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Capper, Joh. George £1. 0s. 0d. each; Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, 13s. 4d. apiece; Tho. Wildgrise £5. 0s. 0d.; "Magister gilde S. Trinitatis pro gilda etc." £20. 0s. 0d.⁴]

The master
of the guild
£20.

¹ leaf 110. ² Sum either xls. or xxs. ³ "hosier" deleted.

⁴ A deleted passage adds: & ultra hoc maior habet Cs. quos (sic) Cs. gilda sancte Trinitatis Couentre erunt (sic) soluti per Tho. Rastell & Joh. Warde, hosier, et ad quod obligati sunt in quodam Scripto obligatorio remanente in manibus magistri, et erunt soluti in festo Pasche proximo futuro, i. e. "that the mayor has 100 s. which the Trinity Guild will pay by (per) Tho. Rastell and Joh. Warde, hosier, and in which they are bound by a written bond in the master's hands, payable at the following Easter." There is also the explanation of the deletion:—"This is drawn & crossed because the Cs. is in the summe of the Trinite gilde, for afore the Summe was xv li."

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 20.

¹[V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, m., Will. Pier, Joh. Walgraue, b., on Monday after the close ("Clauis") of Easter.]

Jury.

Will. Keruer, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Clerke, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Prentes, Will. Broune, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frisby, Ed. Drouer, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Lee, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dean, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Lysturley, Tho. Warmyngton, Ed. Brogreue.

The Red-ditch.

[Any one who has a tenement adjoining the Red-ditch to make clean against (erga) the tenement on both sides before the Nativity of S. John Baptist or 6s. 8d. fine, 1s. 8d. to the mayor and 5s. to the wardens.]

[The cunduits to be locked from 9 o'clock at night to 4 in the morning; and no brewer to take from them water for brewing, but only to prepare food, or 40s. [? 40d.] fine, 1s. to the mayor and 2s. 4d. to the wardens. Entrails not to be washed there under the same penalty for every time.

[Everybody shall clean the river Sherbourne against his holding, beginning at Crow mill, and thus as far as the Priory; and the Hill-mill brook the same, before Whitsuntide or 40s. [? 10s.] fine; 3s. 4d. to the mayor, and 6s. 8d. to the wardens. No manure to be swept into the gutter or 4d. fine. And no one put or throw

Volunt & ordinant quod le Conduytes sint serati a ix hora in nocte usque ad horam quartam in mane, & quod nullus communis pandoxator capiat ibidem aquam ad brasandum, sed solummodo ad paranda cibaria sua, sub pena xls.², videlicet xij d. maiori et ij s. iiij d. gardianis etc. & quod nullus deinceps lavet lez poodynges ad le condites sub consimili pena, & tociens quotiens etc.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod quilibet mundet rivulum de Shurburn erga tenuram suam incipient (sic) apud le Crow myll, & sic usque ad Prioratum. & le Hillmyl-broke similiter citra festum Penthecosthes (sic) proximo futurum, sub pena xls.² videlicet maiori xl d. & vjs. viij d. Gardianis ad vsum ville. & quod nullus de cetero infra villam Scopat muke seu vilia in le chanell, sub pena iiij d. tociens quotiens. & quod

¹ leaf 115, back. The king's regnal year is omitted.

² An error here.

muck or ? posts in the river or the same penalty. The mayor is to appoint 2 or 4 men in each ward sworn to present defaults.]

nullus deinceps iactat nec ponat muk vel past in rivulum sub pena iij s. iiij d., levandorum in forma predicta. & quod maior ordinat in quolibet vico ij^{os} uel quatuor homines ad presentandos defectus in premissis ad hoc Juratos.

LOAN TO THE KING.

¹[The following "worthi men" lent ("lant") £100 to the King, "the vj^t Henry."]

1444.
£100 loan
raised

64 names.

[Gosford Street.

according to
wards.

Collectors:—Joh. Barbour, Ric. Skott, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Baker, deister. Total £11 12s. 0d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wal. Bond	1	0	Joh. Sheldon, jun.	5	0	Tho. Stone	5	0
Hen. Warmynton	2	0	Will. Dawe	6	0	Will. Gilberd	5	0
Rog. Wylly	3	0	² Barbur, gent.	4	0	Joh. Atturton	2	0
Baldwin Metley	2	0	Joh. Braban	6	8	Tho. Wildgryse	13	4
Joh. Kebull	1	0	Joh. Cokes	2	0	Tho. Mason	5	0
Tho. Hall	2	0	Ric. Sterlyng	1	0	Ric. Somer	5	0
Joh. Baker, d[e]ister	6	0	Ric. Anabuls	2	0	Joh. Manton	4	0
Will. Bocher	2	0	Tho. Smythe	1	0	Tho. Horsley	2	0
Ric. Skott	6	8	Joh. Stafford, sen.	6	0	Rob. Smyth	2	0
Will. Lambard	2	0	Joh. Straunge	4	0	Joh. Travas	2	0
Joh. Langton	5	0	Will. Smyth,			Christiana Golofre	5	0
Ad. Gawge	5	0	wolman	5	0	Greg. Boteler	1	0
Will. Cookes	4	0	Will. Jones	4	0	Joh. Eston	3	0
Wal. Tirrell	2	0	Joh. Hall, draper	2	0	Will. Harres	2	0
Mat. Curtes	2	0	Ric. Bocher	3	0	Eust. Golofur	5	0
Ric. Cookes	5	0	Tho. Bowyer	4	0	Ad. Ismay	3	0
Laur. Cooke	13	4	Ric. Tiler	4	0	Sim. Baker	5	0
Ric. Toly	2	0	Ric. Collett	4	0	Johanna Euesham	5	0
Ric. Foston	3	0	Tho. Kynnesbury	2	0	Joh. Rage	3	0
Will. Rothewell	2	0	Joh. Stafford, jun.	2	0	Agn. Capper	2	0
Joh. Langcastell	1	0	Rob. Nevell	5	0	Will. Knyght	2	0
Ric. Molle	3	0	Will. Haddon	3	0	Summa	£11 12s. 0d.	

51 names.

[Jordan Well.

Collectors:—Joh. Franklen, Joh. Shade, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alwold. Total £10 4s. 1d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Alwold	6	0	Tho. Eldurbek	3	4	Will. Broun	12	0
Rob. Newton	6	8	Joh. Hawkyns	1	8	Joh. Brian	12	0
Rob. Eme	6	0	Will. Crampe	5	0	Joh. Squyer	5	0

¹ leaf 110, back.

² Blank.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Cater	6	8	Joh. Prentes	9	0	Will. Castelton	3	4
Ric. Barbour	1	0	Joh. Hawkyns,			Rad. Plumer	5	0
Joh. Whalley	12	0	wright	1	0	Joh. Chacombe	1	8
Ric. Rage	1	8	Joh. Recheford	8	0	Tho. Dikons	3	0
Ric. Cleibrooke	1	8	Joh. Lee	10	0	Will. Flecher	2	0
Ric. Tomson	1	0	Joh. Street	1	8	Will. Bowre	1	8
Joh. Elderbek	1	0	Joh. Pyncherd ¹	5	0	Joh. Parkyn	1	8
Joh. Peche	6	0	Tho. Smyth	1	8	Joh. Onfeld	1	8
Joh. Franklen	6	0	Will. Dowbryge	1	8	Will. Bolton	3	4
Joh. Shadde	6	0	Joh. Maidford	4	0	Tho. Gybons	1	8
Ric. Recheford	5	0	Nic. Ourton	1	0	Tho. Bagett	6	0
Will. Flouter	1	0	² Joh. Barret, mylner	1	0	Tho. Tatte	1	8
Ric. Clerke	6	0	Joh. Egull	6	0	Will. Glouer	1	0
Tho. Hakett	1	8	Joh. Folkeshull	1	8	Summa	£10	4s. 1d.
Joh. Heyne	1	8	Joh. Stoneley	1	8			

60 names.

[Bayly Lane.

Collectors:—Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Oderiche, Tho. Jakeman, Ric. Tokeby. Total £6 18s. 0d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Marston	1	0	Will. Jhonson	1	10	Rob. Skyll	2	6
Will. Crowe	1	0	Joh. Baker	1	2	Joh. Power	1	4
Joh. Barton	1	4	Tho. Joyner	1	8	Joh. Whitley	3	4
Joh. Byram	4	0	Tho. Wirley	5	4	Will. Clerke	4	0
Nic. Knyght	1	4	Joh. Spenser	5	4	Joh. Gryme	4	0
Joh. Bordale	3	0	Hugo Shryve	2	0	Joh. Olyffe	2	0
Hen. Watford	2	6	Ric. Berbroun ³	4	0	Rob. Gloucester		8
Will. Swyfte	1	4	Tho. Brydd	3	4	Tho. Hobbes	1	0
Will. Dubber	1	8	Rob. Peuterer	1	0	Joh. Bayly	3	4
Hen. Wright	1	2	Joh. Bechamp	4	0	Ric. Oderyche	2	0
Ric. Dyvett	4	0	Tho. Fawkys	1	4	Joh. Crose	2	8
Joh. Whitehede		8	Nic. Carre	1	8	Tho. Swettglade		8
Steph. Wilkyns	1	0	Will. Broke	3	4	Joh. Wilkyns	2	4
Joh. Buteler	1	8	Joh. Ronton	8	0	Rad. Mercer	1	8
Ric. Tauerner	1	0	Joh. Hull, baker	4	0	Rob. Coryour	1	4
Bartillmew Broderer	1	0	Tho. Loot		8	Joh. Skyll		8
Will. Westley	1	0	Ric. Smale	1	8	Joh. Sircoke		8
Will. Bilston	1	0	Hugo Newton	1	3	Joh. Odryche	2	8
Will. Mason	2	0	Ric. Hampton	3	4	Tho. Jakeman	2	8
Hen. Barker	1	3	Ric. Deister	2	0	⁴ Ric. Tokeby	2	0

54 names.

⁵[Broadgate.

Collectors:—Tho. Spenser, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Essex, Joh. Malory. Total £4 13s. 0d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Alicia Illage	3	0	Tho. Spencer	2	0	Joh. Radley, tailour	2	0
Joh. Nele, tailour	1	4	Ric. Vlnere, mercer	1	0	Tho. Bristow	3	4
Will. Bedford	1	4	Rad. Duffeld	1	0	Joh. Eborall	1	4
Joh. Blackamoore	2	0	Ed. Brogreve	5	0	Walt. Paslow	1	0
Will. Spencer	2	0	Joh. Locok	1	4	Rog. Stanley	1	4

¹ The schoolmaster.² leaf 111.³ Perbroun, p. 177.⁴ Total wanting.⁵ leaf 111, back.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will. Dyngley	1	0	Will. Dawbney	2	0	Hen. Sircok	6	0
Rob. Woodward	3	0	Rog. Mylner	1	0	Joh. Hony	2	0
Joh. Capper	3	4	Joh. Hopton	1	0	Egid. Allesley	3	0
Joh. Crampe	1	4	Hen. Hend, tailour	1	0	Will. Canley	1	0
Joh. Swettenham	1	4	Hugo Manton	2	0	Joh. Crose, husband-		
Joh. Malory	1	8	Joh. Mynfold	1	8	man	2	0
Tho. Goldsmyth	1	8	Ric. Clerke	1	8	Alic. Newbold	1	4
Joh. Spenser, mercer	1	8	Will. Draper	1	4	Will. Baryngton	1	4
Joh. Dalton	2	0	Will. Chaterton	1	4	Tho. Lyones, weuer	1	0
Rob. Persale	1	0	Joh. Riconjay	1	0	Joh. Purs	1	4
Ric. Morell	1	8	Will. Abraham	2	0	Will. Wirisdale	1	0
Alic. Bristow &			Hen. Rogers	1	0	Joh. Hare, mason	1	0
Katerina Brykhull	2	0	Tho. Napton	1	0	Summa	£4	13s. 0d.
Will. Drought	1	4	Joh. Derby	2	0			

56 names.

[Smithford Street.

Collectors:—Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Maynard, Joh. Yale, Ric. Flynte. Total £7 10s. 6d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Braitofte	8	0	Joh. Brown	2	6	Will. Bredon	1	0
Joh. Brystowe	8	0	Joh. Hampton	2	6	Tho. Leche	2	10
Joh. Braunston	4	0	Tho. Plymmer	1	4	Will. Marriott	1	0
Joh. Lynne	6	8	Joh. Blakemon	6	0	Nic. Kent	2	6
Joh. Maynard	4	4	Elias Barbour	1	0	Joh. Metburn	1	0
Joh. Fremon	5	0	Tho. Joy	2	0	Ric. White	2	0
Tho. Woodward	5	0	Ric. Osbern	6	0	Will. Pars	2	6
Joh. Fynche	3	0	Will. Melody	2	6	Joh. Yale	2	0
Galf. Bowyer	3	4	Joh. Higreve	1	4	Joh. Wilde	2	6
Joh. Wirthynnton	2	0	Joh. Wiponbury ²	2	0	Joh. Forest	2	6
Tho. Carbonell	1	8	Tho. Shistocke ³	1	0	Joh. Brewere	3	4
Tho. Grene	1	0	Joh. flynte	2	0	Gal. Flecher	1	0
Ric. Wymondeswold	2	6	Ric. flynte	4	0	Avery Harley	1	0
Tho. Broun	3	0	Tho. Rastell	6	0	Tho. Walker,		
¹ Will. Ive	2	6	Joh. Abell	2	8	skynner	1	0
Joh. Dey	1	8	Joh. London	1	4	Tho. Whiteside	4	0
Rad. Plumer	2	0	Joh. Coucher	2	6	Joh. Flechere	1	0
Tho. Cholley	1	0	Tho. Capper	1	8	Summa	£7	10s. 6d.
Rog. Rouke	2	0	Will. Couper	1	4			
Joh. Barley	1	0	Katerina Sadeler	2	0			

95 names.

[Spon Street.

Collectors:—Joh. Mershe, Will. Saunders, Joh. Harries, Joh. Sewon. Total £11 6s. 8d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Waredrop		8	Will. Tuttbury	2	8	Rob. Whitacur ⁴	3	4
Tho. Shermon	1	4	Joh. Essex	8	0	Tho. Coucher	1	4
Will. Horram	2	0	Tho. Kyrvale	2	8	Tho. Garnett	3	4
Joh. Grynder	6	8	Ric. Shustoke	3	0	Hen. Rastell		8
Will. Saunders	6	4	Tho. Heyward		8	Joh. Whittawer	2	8

¹ leaf 112

² Wappenbury, Warwick.

³ Shustoke, Warwick.

⁴ Whitacre, Warwick.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Leticia Menley	4	0	Hugo Laurence	1	4	Will. Spencer	3	4
Laur. Huyron	2	8	Simon Busteler	2	0	Tho. Caldon	2	0
Rog. Pepur	2	8	Tho. Reffus		8	Rob. Smyth	2	0
Will. Bayley	2	8	Hen. Fisher	1	4	Will. Hamond	1	0
Ric. Walford	1	8	Ric. Barnbroke		8	Alanus Snape	2	0
Joh. Kyngston	2	8	Will. Blaknale	1	4	Joh. Daw	1	0
Joh. Honyburn	6	4	Tho. Gilbard	4	0	Joh. Plasterer	2	0
Will. Wellys	3	4	Ric. Holte	2	0	Rob. Boteler	1	8
Egid. Corbrond	5	0	Sim. Mores	1	8	Joh. Aldreskole	1	0
Tho. Tokeby	1	8	Joh. Burbage	1	4	Nic. Keriche	1	0
Will. Ednam	1	4	Rob. Reper	2	0	Will. Deister	1	0
Joh. Lotte	4	0	Tho. Broun	2	8	Rob. Dubber		6
Joh. Conwey	1	4	Ric. Stone	3	0	Will. Fisher		6
Joh. Blaknale	2	0	Joh. Hadley	4	0	Joh. Couper	2	0
Joh. Moole	2	0	Rob. Roodes	1	4	Hen. Dalby	2	8
Rob. Cokkes	2	4	Rob. Rooper		8	Rog. Wales	2	8
Will. Keruer	8	0	Will. Barnebrok	4	0	Joh. Wamburn	2	0
Joh. Deister	6	8	Joh. Wutton	1	0	Rob. Baxster	3	4
Joh. Wynnesdon	2	8	Gal. Tigon	2	8	Ric. Pope	1	0
Joh. Glouer	3	4	Rob. Fairfax	1	4	Wal. Norfolk	3	4
Ric. Duffeld		8	Joh. Thornton	2	0	Ric. Barbour	1	4
¹ Hen. Nele	1	4	Rob. Lote	2	0	Hugo Barbour	4	0
Tho. Hynkley	2	0	Ric. Palmer	2	0	Joh. Wirley	2	0
Joh. Deister	2	0	Wal. Bulker	2	8	Joh. Chadley ²	1	0
Reignald Neuton	1	4	Rad. Wryght	3	0	Rob. Sturdy		6
Ric. White	1	0	Ric. Rede	1	4	³ Rog. Burnes	2	8
Joh. Shaw	2	0	Wal. Wellys	1	0			

54 names.

[Much Park Street.

Collectors :—Tho. Waren, Will. A Bray, Joh. Garton, Ric. Staffordshire. Total £9 18s. 6d. (*sic*)

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Leeder	13	4	Joh. Derby	6	8	Joh. Folkeshull	2	0
Joh. Clarke	10	0	Ric. Staffordshire	3	4	Joh. Ravon, pynner	1	8
Tho. Bate	6	8	Will. Cleibroke	6	8	Joh. Crofte	2	0
Ric. Dene	6	8	Will. Corbett	2	6	⁴ Castell, wryght	2	0
Sim. Birches	10	0	Joh. Forde	4	0	Joh. Haley	1	8
Tho. Warmynton	6	8	Ric. Burfrey	4	0	Joh. Makesey	1	8
Will. Braitofte	10	0	Ric. Knyghtley	3	0	Will. Solans ⁵	1	8
Will. Brydd	5	0	Tho. Tyler	4	0	Tho. Cooke, baker	2	0
Joh. Clifford	2	6	Joh. Garton	5	4	Hen. Tailour	1	8
Ed. Hensham	1	8	Will. Awbray	3	4	Agnes Onley	2	0
Hen. Bugg	2	0	Joh. Ardern	3	4	Will. Forbur	1	8
Tho. Illage	3	4	Rob. Smith	3	4	Joh. Mylner	1	8
Rob. Stookes	2	0	Anna Grove	2	0	⁴ Tyrvyn, wever	1	0
Tho. Wylott	2	0	Will. Eton	2	0	Will. Poverete		8
Tho. Norwyche	3	4	Joh. Cale [? Gale]	2	6	Will. Swyndryver	1	0
Tho. Waren	4	8	Joh. Sowre, mylner	5	0	⁴ Bateman	1	8
Joh. Inland	4	0	Tho. Tough	2	0	Summa £10 0s. 6d. (<i>sic</i>).		
Hen. Hobbes	6	8	Joh. Shergryndar	2	0			
Ric. Bromley	5	0	Will. Weston	2	0			

¹ leaf 112.² Hadley, p. 174.³ Sum wanting.⁴ Blank.⁵ Solant, p. 179.

64 names.

[¹Bishop Street.

Collectors :—Will. Boteler, Will. Warwyke, Hugo Shawe. Total
£11 6s. 0d.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull	5	0	Rob. Weston	5	0	Joh. Warde,		
Ric. Bylston	1	8	Wal. Tryg	1	8	steynour	1	4
Will. Horsley	5	0	Joh. Bristow, weuer	1	0	Joh. Bruer	3	4
Will. Herdwyke	1	8	Joh. Lichefeld	10	0	Hen. Benett	1	8
Joh. Goolde	6	8	Rog. Chapman	1	8	Gal. Strette	3	4
Rob. Reve	1	8	Ric. Tedd	1	8	Ric. Pisforde	1	8
Joh. Bylston	1	8	Joh. Atwode	5	0	Joh. Couper	3	4
Joh. Symondes	1	8	Will. Trewman	3	4	Joh. Folvill	1	8
Will. Withiford	5	0	Nic. Joones	1	8	Joh. Stafford	3	4
Tho. Spicer	1	8	Tho. Walgraue	1	8	Will. Byddell	1	8
Ric. Cokkes	5	0	Will. Felde	1	8	Will. Kemp	8	0
Ric. Chichesture	3	4	Joh. Wodcote	1	8	Rog. Tailour	5	0
Rob. Harberd	1	8	Joh. Appulby	5	0	Ed. Drouer	10	0
Ric. Spicer, grasier	5	0	Tho. Kekwike	1	8	Joh. Mores	5	0
Will. Ronkorne	1	8	Will. Couper	5	0	Tho. Brown	1	8
Ric. Fylippes	3	4	Will. Warwyk	5	0	Tho. Cleybroke	5	0
Will. Rolfe	1	8	Joh. Walgraue	10	0	Joh. White, bocher	3	0
Hugo Shaw	5	0	Ric. Glouer	1	8	Joh. Massey	1	8
Joh. Belper	1	8	Joh. Stanfeld	1	8	Joh. Cleibrok	1	8
Ric. Clerke	3	4	Joh. Lysturley	10	0	Joh. Raignold	1	8
Tho. Waren	1	8	Hen. Knott	1	8	Joh. Powle	1	8
Joh. Couper	5	0	Rob. Southam	6	8	Summa	£11 6s. 0d.	

64 names.

[¹Earl Street.

Collectors :—Tho. Swettenham, Ric. Alyn, Ric. Austen, Rob. Bradmedow.]²

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Warrant	10	0	Nic. Palmer	5	0	Joh. Bentley	1	0
Ric. Sharp	13	4	Tho. Dey	3	0	Tho. Hipstoones	2	0
Will. Swan	13	4	Rob. Barnsley	3	4	Joh. Asheburne	2	0
Joh. Mychell	13	4	Ric. Bartram	2	11	Baldw. Smythe	2	0
Will. Donyngton	10	0	Tho. Bradmedow	3	0	Joh. Symon	1	0
Joh. Northewode	10	0	Ric. Boyse	6	8	Will. Willaston	2	0
³ Ric. Austen	1	8	Tho. Swettenham	4	0	Tho. Abell	2	0
Will. Frisby	5	0	Tho. Falkes	4	0	Will. Cotoner	1	8
Agn. Willouzby	5	0	Joh. Harboure	3	0	Ric. Rashe	1	8
Rob. Bradmedow	1	4	Hen. Clerk	2	0	Tho. Parkyns	1	8
Wal. Asheby	6	8	Joh. Bradley	2	0	Ric. Chacombe	2	0
Will. Chawderell	2	0	Tho. Stafford	2	0	Rob. Heywode	2	0
Ric. Julyns	4	0	Will. Holme	2	0	Nic. Esterton	1	8
Ric. Alen	6	8	Hen. Shaw	2	0	Pet. Swett	2	0
Joh. Perpoynt	3	4	Joh. Pynchbek	2	0	Will. Nores	1	0
Joh. Douse	2	0	Joh. Alderews	2	0	Joh. Gilbard	1	8
Joh. George	10	0	Joh. Oldenhall	1	4	Will. Perkes	1	8
Agn. Crudworth	4	0	Bened. Corker	2	0	Steph. Pynner	2	0
Tho. Bayly	4	0	Joh. Clerk	2	0	Summa	£11 17s. 4d.	
Ric. Clerk	6	8	Tho. Parker	3	0			
Joh. Goodwyn	6	8	Will. Dawe	2	0			

¹ leaf 113.

² Sum wanting.

³ leaf 113, back.

98 names.

[Cross Cheaping.

Collectors:—Joh. Northampton, Joh. Hall, Ric. Penson, Joh. Radcliff, Joh. Botte.]¹

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Goldsmyth	5	0	Joh. Bett	1	8	Tho. White	1	8
Ric. Drought	1	8	Tho. Bredon	3	4	Joh. Exsale	1	8
Rob. Mason	3	4	Ric. Charite	3	4	Will. Norton	1	8
Joh. Dey	3	4	Nic. Grene	1	8	Gal. Wulpynner	3	4
Ric. Wood & Rog. Constantyne	6	8	Tho. Warner	1	8	Joh. Imayne	1	8
Joh. Golofre	1	8	Ric. Drought	1	8	Wal. Broun	1	8
Will. Byrnynton	3	4	Joh. Barbur	3	4	Will. Peire	10	0
Joh. Walle	1	8	Will. Warde	1	8	Gerv. Cole	6	8
Joh. Doughty	10	0	Will. Darsett	10	0	Tho. Haddon	3	4
Joh. Guye	3	4	Will. Benett	5	0	Will. Ryngley	1	8
Joh. Nele	3	4	Joh. Barbour	1	8	Hen. Baker	1	8
Joh. Maidford	3	4	Will. Hewent (sic)	3	4	Rob. Fawkes	1	8
² Kardyffe, tyler	1	8	Will. Humburston	3	4	Joh. Style	3	4
Ric. Lane	3	4	Editha Chaundeler	3	4	Will. Huett	3	4
Ric. Goldsmythe	1	8	Tho. Wolffe	3	4	Hen. Banbury	3	4
Will. Mason	1	8	Will. Bedon	3	4	Ric. Leeder	1	8
Tho. Alen	3	4	Rad. ² seriant	1	8	Ric. Bedon	3	4
Hen. Mason	3	4	² Dalby	1	8	Tho. Skott	3	4
Will. Rowlett	1	8	Will. Atterton	3	4	Will. Northampton	2	1
Joh. Colyns	5	0	Tho. Swayne	3	4	Nic. Randull	1	8
³ Joh. Nele	3	4	Tho. Kerdiffie	1	8	Will. Deyster	5	0
Joh. Corell	1	8	Will. Suger	1	8	Joh. Deister	1	8
Tho. Paunton	3	4	Joh. Manton	1	8	Tho. Kirvall	1	8
Will. Donyngton	1	8	Agn. Joy	3	4	Joh. Bynley	3	4
Will. Hosier	5	0	Hen. Aderton	3	4	Ric. Weuer	3	4
Joh. Whittotte	3	4	Ric. Bealson	1	8	Rob. Burn	3	4
Joh. Savage	3	4	Will. Hull	3	4	Joh. Northampton	2	1
Will. Defford	1	8	⁴ Hen. Randull	3	4	Joh. Hall	2	1
Ric. Botoner	10	0	Agn. Bynley	1	8	Ric. Penson	2	1
Reg. Bere, goldsmyth	5	0	Ed. Dilcoke	3	4	Will. Radelyffe	2	1
Rob. Mason	1	8	Joh. Colyns	3	4	Joh. Boote	2	1
Joh. Huett	3	4	Will. Whit	1	8	Summa £14 17s. 1d.		
			Tho. White	1	8			
			Tho. Okeham	1	8			

And for suertie of the said C li. & repayment to be had, the said maiour, Ric. Braitofte, hath prouyded; and by his labour he hath gooten a patent of our souereign lord, pe kyng, and a Taile. Of the which payment the tenour folowith as hit appearith hereaftur in the leffe folowyng. The which patent with the taile remanyth in the comen Coofur in saynt Mary Hall etc. And aftur, that is to say, in Lenton then nextt folowyng, the said patent and Taile wer delyuered to William Essex of the Exchekur to gett the next assigment that may be had.

Security

a patent and a Tally.

Summa totalis C li. v s. ij d.

Sum total £100 5s. 2d.

¹ Sum wanting. ² Blank. ³ leaf 114.

⁴ leaf 114, back.

[Money not taken.

Margery Peyntour 2s.; W. Shirley 1s. 8d.; Ric. Cardyffe 1s.

[Letters patent, security for the debt.

[Henry King of England etc. to all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that since the mayor and men of Coventry have lent us £100 in our urgent necessity, we wishing to dispose and ordain for the repayment of the said sum, by the advice and assent of our council, have granted

for us and our heirs that the said mayor and men shall be repaid well and faithfully the said £100 from the Parva Custuma in the port of London by the collectors of the said custom at the term of payment of the same by virtue of a tally levied upon the said collectors therefor at the receipt of the Exchequer and delivered to the said mayor and men.

And in case the said mayor and men are unable to obtain payment of the said £100, then we will that whenever any subsidy, by whatever name it may be known, or sums of money

¹ leaf 115.

² Parva Custuma, certain import duties paid on wool, wool-fells and leather by aliens, and on general merchandise, cloth, wax, tin and wine by aliens and natives.

Vnde perdonatur Margerie Peyntour, ut patet in Warda de Much [park-strete] ijs. Item, Will. Shirley in Warda de Jurd[en-well] xx d. Item Ric. Cardyffe xij d.

¹Henricus (etc.) Salutem. Sciatis quod cum maior et homines ville de Couentria Centum libras in vrgenti necessitate nostra nobis gratis mutuauerint, Nos, pro resolucione summe predictae prefatis maiori & hominibus fideliter facienda disponere & ordinare volentes, de auisamento

et assensu consilii nostri, concessimus, ordinauimus et assignauimus pro nobis, heredibus & successoribus nostris, quod predicti maior & homines, heredes, executores & assignati sui de predictis Cli. de parua custuma² in portu Londonie per manus Collectorum eiusdem Custume ad terminum solucionis eiusdem

virtute talii (sic) super ipsos collectores inde ad Receptum Scaccarii nostri leuate, & prefatis maiori & hominibus liberate, bene & fideliter

resoluentur. & in casu quo predicti maior et homines de dictis centum libris solui nequeant, extunc volumus et concedimus per presentes quod quocunque subsidium. aliquod quocunque nomine censeatur, seu

shall be granted to us by the clergy or community of our kingdom the said mayor and men may have at their choice tallies and assignments for sums of money to be paid thence from other revenues and profits whatever belong-

ing to us, arising from time to time, for all that which is lacking to them of the said sum of £100, lent to us, as aforesaid, by the said mayor and men, payment to be made by the hands of the collectors or the receivers of the same, until payment shall have been fully made of the said sum.

We will, moreover, and concede by these presents, that the treasurer of England for the time being shall have power and authority from time to time to change such assignments and tallies made in favour of the said mayor and men, but unpaid, and to alter them according to the will of the said mayor and men, and their heirs and assigns.

In testimony whereof we have caused these letters patent to be made.

Myself being witness at Westminster Aug. 24.]

pecuniarum summe per clerum seu communitatem Regni nostri Anglie nobis concedi contigerit, predicti maior, homines, heredes, executores, & assignati sui ad electionem et ad libitum sua habeant & percipiant tallias et assignaciones de denariorum summis inde ac aliis reuencionibus et commoditatibus nobis pertinentibus quobuscunque (sic) de tempore in tempus prou[er]entibus de & pro omni eo quod sibi defuerit solut' (sic) de dicta summa Centumlibrarum [que] per prefatos maiorem et homines nobis, ut premittitur, mutuatur, per manus Collectorum siue Receptorum eorundem qualitercunque assignandorum, quousque eiisdem (sic) maiori & hominibus, heredibus, Executoribus & assignatis suis de summa predicta plenarie fuerit persolutum. Volumus insuper & concedimus per presentes quod Thesaurarius Anglie pro tempore existens habeat potestatem & auctoritatem omnes huiusmodi assignaciones & tallias prefatis maiori et hominibus sic factas, et non solutas de tempore in tempus mutare, easque ad libitum ipsorum maioris & hominum, heredum, executorum & assignatorum suorum reformare. In cuius Rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westm[onasterium] xxiiij^{to} die Augusti anno Regni nostri vicesimo secundo.

Sturgeon.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¹ ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 23 Hen. VI.]

Coentre.
Oct. 3.

Will. Keruer, Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgryse, Will. Swane, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listurley, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frissby, Joh. Bryan, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Dean, Joh. Bristow, Will. Braitofte, Ric. Cleke, Tho. Warmyngton, Tho. Swettnam, Will. Clerke.

Jury.

[Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boyes.]

Balliffs.

[Orders of leet.

[The gratings from the Little-park-street to Jordanwell to be taken away, except that in the Little-park, under the pain contained in the last leet.

& ordinant quod omnes lez grates a le Lytull-parke-strett usque le Jurdenwell auferentur, (sic) illo in le Lytull-parke-strett excepto; sub pena in vltimo visu ffranciplegii posita, videlicet vj s. viij d.

[The chamberlains to cleanse as much as is occupied in the common market; and every

& volunt quod camerarii mundent in communi foro tantum quantum occupatur ad vsum ville. Et quod quilibet tenens mundat erga tenementum suum, ita late ut ipse pauement se extendit, & quod nullus iactet fimum ad nocumentum vicinorum suos (sic) sub pena xij d. tociens quotiens, per communem sub-ballivum leuandorum.

one to cleanse about his tenement, as far as it stretches, and no one to cast dung to the injury of his neighbours, or 12d. fine.²

[No one to keep pigs in any place in the city to the injury of his neighbours, or 6 s. 8 d. fine.]

“Swyne”

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1445.

Jan. 25,

³[Election of officers.]

Electors.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wildegryse, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Rob. Southam, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene, Ric. Skotte, Ric. Alen, Geruas. Cole, Will. Kemp, Will. Brid, Ric. Osberne.

¹ leaf 116.

² “dirt [in the] streets” in margin.

³ leaf 122. Another scribe.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Joh. flynche; ch. Joh. Baker, deyster, Joh. George; w. Joh. Stafford, wırdrawer, Ric. Austen; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps.

Ric. Braytoft, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Brystowe.

The same, except the recorder.

Ric. Braytoft has two keys, Ric. Sharp, M. G. S. T., two, Joh. Leder one, Tho. Wildegryse one, Joh. Bristowe one.]

Key-keepers of the common seal chest.

Key-keepers of the chest where the common measure and other jewels are in S. Mary's Hall.

¹THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL AND ARBITRATORS.

[Names of the Mayor's Council.]

19 council-lors.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Mychell, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Lusterley, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyse, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Walgraue, Rob. Southam, Joh. Bryan, Ric. Alen, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wyldegryse, Joh. Grynder.

[These men elected by the mayor

to see where there is debate among the people for fixing gutters, posts or the like with-

in the liberty, and adjudicate therein, taking 6*d.* each for their labour from any one to whom the land is adjudged.]

*Memorandum quod isti homines subscripti electi sunt per Maiorem, videlicet per Ric. Braytoft Maiorem, etc. ad videndum vbi aliquod debatū est & discordia inter aliquos homines Ciuitatis Couentrie pro fixacione gutturarum, postarum vel aliorum consimilium infra libertatem Ciuitatis Couentrie, & eadem² tunc adiudicandum, capiēdo pro eorum labore quilibet v*d.*, videlicet de ipso cui terra adiudicata [est].*

Joh. Huet, mason, Ric. Tyler, Hen. Dalby, wright, Tho. Gylous, wright.

THE FIFTEENTH.

[³The wards that paid the half fifteenth conceded in Ric. Braytoft's time.⁴]

Spon-strete. Will. Saundres, Joh. Mershe, Joh. Harries, Joh. Sewen. [£2. 16*s.* 10*d.*]

¹ leaf 122, back.

² Repeated and deleted.

³ leaf 125.

⁴ Parliament conceded a half fifteenth March 1445. The heading is "tem-

Smyth[ford-street]. Joh. Yale, Gal. Bowyer, Joh. Wylde, Ric. fflynte. [£2. 0s. 0d.]

Croschepeng. Joh. Norhampton, Ric. Penson, Joh. Halle, Will. Radclyf. [£3. 12s. 6d.]

Bysshop-strete. Ric. Spycer, Tho. Parbroun, Will. Warrewyk, Will. Horsley. [£2. 16s. 6d.]

Brodeyate. Tho. Spenser, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Esex, Joh. Malory. [£1. 3s. 4d.]

Erl-strete. Rob. Bradmedow, Tho. Bayly, Tho. ffalkes, Rob. Barnesley, Joh. Alderwes. [£2. 16s. 10d.]

Jurden-well. Joh. Shadde, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alwolde, Joh. ffrankelen. [£2. 11s. 0d.]

Bayly-lone. Joh. Syrcok, Tho. Jakeman, Ric. Gode-riche, Joh. Orderiche. [£1. 15s. 0d.]

Much-park-strete. Will. Abrey, Ric. Staffordshire, Joh. Arderne, Tho. Waren. [£2. 10s. 0d.]

Gosford - strete. Will. Dawe, Tho. Stonew, Rob. Neuell, Joh. Manton. [£2. 18s. 0d.]

EASTER LEET.

¹[V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, m. Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, b. on Saturday after Easter, 23 Hen. VI.] Apr. 3, 1445.

Tho. Wilgris, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Hen. Sircok, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentys, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frisby, Joh. Bryan, Ed. Broun, Joh. Lee, Joh. le Lynne, Ric. Bere, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Baker, Deister, Joh. Stafford, Wiredrawer, Ric. Austen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Clerk, mercer.

[Orders of leet.

[Any one having a dwelling who entertains bawds or keeps common women unless he turn

²Ord[inatum] est quod quilibet habens tenementum infra villam de Couentria & suburbia eiusdem qui tenet vel hospitatur aliquas bawedes, vel sustentat vel custodit comen women, nisi eos (sic) amoueat & extra tenementum suum ponat tales super

pore Ric. Braytoft tunc maiore (etc.) anno xx secundo"; the "xx" being interpolated as an afterthought. It was the second year of Ric. Braytoft's mayoralty; but the 23rd year of Henry VI.

¹ leaf 125, back. Scribe of C type. ² Scribe B.

them out upon warning shall lose 20s. at every default; half to the church, and half to the bailiffs.

[Gardens beyond the walls are to be done away with before Whitsuntide or 6s. 8d. fine.]

premunicionem ei inde factam per aliquod (sic) officiarium maioris & ballivorum, perdat ad quolibet (sic) defectum xx s., videlicet x s. ad opus ecclesie, & x s. ad opus ballivorum.

Item, ord[inatum est] quod omnia gardina supra murum, & extra eiusdem Ciuitatis vbicunque sint, auferantur citra festum Pentecostes proximo, sub pena vjs. viijd. per Camerarios levandorum ad opus ville.

PROCESSIONS.

Processions on Corpus Christi and the watch at midsummer.

¹Pur le Ridying on Corpus *Christi* day and for Watche on Midsomer even.

The furst craft. ffyshers and Cokes. Baxsters and Milners. Bochers. Whittawers and Glouers. Pynners, Tylers and Wrightes. Skynners. Barkers. Coruisers. Smythes. Weuers. Wirdrawers. Cardmakers, Sadelers, Peyntours and Mason[s]. Gurdelers. Taylours, Walkers and Sherman. Deysters. Drapers. Mercers.

COST OF A CHARTER.

53 councillors meet to take counsel, Aug. 10, 1445.

²Memorandum that the Tewesday in the fest of saynt Laurance the yere of the reigne of Kyng Herry the syxth after the Conquest xxij^{ti}, In the tyme of Richard Braytoft, Meire of the Cite of Couentre, after the goode Rule & custome of the seyde Cite of long tyme hadde & vsed for goode gouernaunce ther-of, at seynt Mary halle ther werne gedered lvij persons & moe of the most wurthiest that at that tyme wern at home whose names here folowon, The wheche *per*. . . .³

Ric. Braytoft, Will. Donyngton, · Tho. Wyldegryse 20s.⁴, Joh. Leder, · Joh. Mychell 20s.⁴, Joh. Bristowe, Will.

¹ leaf 122, back. Same scribe as leaf 43. See for the subject of these processions Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 159-206.

² leaf 123. Scribe of B type.

³ Break in MS.

⁴ Sum in another hand. Roman numerals in MS. I have reproduced the dots by certain names.

Swanne, Will. Keruer, Joh. Esex, Joh. Norwode, ·Joh. Lusterley 13s. 4d.¹, ·Edm. Brogreve 13s. 4d.¹, ·Ric. Boyse 13s. 4d.¹, ·Joh. Deyster, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Walgraue, ·Ed. Drover 13s. 4d.¹, ·Will. Kempe 6s. 8d.¹, Joh. Prentes, ·Ric. Botoner 13s. 4d.¹, ·Will. Browne 13s. 4d.¹, Joh. Doughty, ·Tho. Wyrley 13s. 4d.¹, ·Joh. Spenser 13s. 4d.¹, ·Joh. Lynne 13s. 4d.¹, Ric. Dene, ·Will. Piere 13s. 4d.¹, ·Joh. Grynder 13s. 4d.¹, ·Joh. George 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Baker 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Stafford, sen. 6s. 8d.¹, ·Ric. Awsten 6s. 8d.¹, ·Geruas. Cole 6s. 8d.¹, ·Ric. Alen 6s. 8d.¹, ·Will. Clerke 6s. 8d.¹, ·Tho. Warmynton 6s. 8d.¹, Will. Braytoft, ·Joh. Goolde 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Blakeman, Nic. Palmer, ·Joh. Honeyburne, Joh. Freman, ·Reg. Bere 6s. 8d.¹, ·Ric. Attewode 6s. 8d.¹, Joh. Sircok, ·Ric. Dyvette 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Gryme 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Shadde 6s. 8d.¹, ·Rob. Eme 6s. 8d.¹, Tho. Stone, weuer, Ric. Fyllypes wirdr[awer]; Tho. Skotte, Joh. Mershe, ·Joh. Maynard 6s. 8d.¹, ·Tho. Rastell 6s. 8d.¹, ·Nic. Kente 6s. 8d.¹, ·Joh. Hadley 6s. 8d.¹, Joh. Beauchampe.

The whiche wurthyemen abouen writon ordeyned that ther shuld be rerede Cli., for to be payde in the forme that hereafter suethe, for dyvers costes & expenses made in sueng for a Charter² of enlargeng the ffrawnches & liberte of this Cite of Couentre, That is to sey euery man that hathe ben meyre shall pay xx s.; and every man that hathe ben Baylyff shall pay xiiij s. iiij d.; and euery mane (*sic*) that hathe ben eder chamburlen or Wardeyne, or abell, or lyke to be, shall pay vj s. viij d. And all that remayneth & may not be leviade be this mene to be leuyede of the Trinite yelde & Corpus Christi yelde, and of the Wardens of this Cite. And all the money that is thus gederde & payde to be payde ageyne to euerye person lyke as he hathe payde hit when the Cli. that our souereyne lorde the kyng owethe vs is payde.

Memorandum that thes men writon on that oder parte of this lef han graunted to pay euery man after the ordenaunce aboue rehersed.

“The inhabitants paid be charges of the Charter.” £100 to be raised.

Every late mayor 20s. and bailiff 13s. 4d.,

chamberlain 6s. 8d.,

the rest from the guilds' and wardens' accounts.

Payment to be made by the following.

¹ See note 4, previous page.

² Corp. MSS. B. 48. Confirmation of ancient charters with grant of fair beginning on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

29 persons.

¹ Ric. Sharp 20s.², · Hen. Syrcok 13s. 4d.², · Ric. Clerke, hosier 6s. 8d.², · Joh. Byram 6s. 8d.², · Joh. Garton 6s. 8d.², · Rob. Bradmedowe 6s. 8d., · Ric. Clerke, cardmaker 6s. 8d.², · Will. Deyster, bocher 6s. 8d.² · Tho. Goldsmythe, mercer 6s. 8d.², Joh. Brabon, Ric. Skotte, deyster, Joh. Recheford, Ric. Alwode, shermon, Derby, couryser, · Ric. Bromeley, smyth, 6s. 8d.², · Hugo Shade 6s. 8d.², Rob. Burne, bocher, · Tho. Whyte, bocher, 6s. 8d.², · Tho. Wodarde, hosyer 6s. 8d.², · Will. Warrewyke, deyster, 6s. 8d.², + Joh. Wytley, gurdeler, 3s. 4d. ex dono, + Joh. Bayly, gurdeler, 2s. 8d. ex dono, + Joh. Crosse, gurdeler, 3s. 4d. ex dono,² · Will. Dawe, taylour 6s. 8d.², + Rob. Nevell 3s. 4d. ex dono, + Ric. Cockes 3s. 4d. ex dono, · Ric. Whyte, baker, 6s. 8d. ex mutuo, · Hen. Stevenson 6s. 8d., · Ric. Osbern 6s. 8d.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Michaelmas
leet.
Oct. 2, 1445.

³[V. f. p. on Saturday after Michaelmas, 24 H. VI.]

Tho. Wilgris, Joh. Leder, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Licheffeld, Will. Broun, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Baker, Joh. Stafford, Wire-drawer, Will. Kemp, Ric. Osburne, ⁴Joh. Bristowe.

Bailliffs.

[Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen.]

[All craftsmen

to be governed by masters and governors of their crafts, or 100s. fine. And if any one cannot agree with the masters of the craft for the fines and customs, then the mayor to have the management of the matter.]

Ord[inatum] est quod omnes homines, qui aliqua arte infra istam Ciuitatem vtuntur, sint gubernati per Magistros & gubernatores eiusdem artis, sub pena C s. tociens quociens. & si aliquis pro finibus & consuetudinibus eiusdem artis cum prefatis magistris & gubernatoribus concordare non poterint, tunc Maior pro tempore habeat gubernacionem in materia illa moderanda.⁵

¹ leaf 123.

² Sum in another hand. Those who gave the sum outright (ex dono) have a cross by their names; the one who loaned it (ex mutuo) and the others, who (probably) promised it, a dot. ³ leaf 126. Scribe of C type. ⁴ Scribe B.

⁵ On the ceaseless struggle between the corporation and the crafts see Introduction.

Also hit is ordeyned þat þe Bakers of þis Citie shall haue license & liberte to bake & sell aboute the market vj d. in a quarter, be-cause they shall not come & bye corne in þe market at Couentre vppon the market day, nether ffriday nor Monday, nor haue no corne brought to their houses vppon þe said market dayes. And if eny of¹ theym do þe contrarie in eny of þe premisses they shall lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d. without favour in þat partie.

The bakers

not to buy corn in the market on market-days.

[None to wash entrails, vessels, nor singe hogs, nor do any other filthy operation there, or 12d. fine.

Item ord[inatum] est quod nullus lauauit poodynges, lomes², nec synge hogges, nec aliquod aliud vile ibidem faciat, sub pena xij d. tociens quociens.

[Any mercer who comes to Coventry to sell mercery to stand in the Drapery to sell it as [the custom is], and not to walk about in the town, or 6s. 8d. fine.]

Item, ord[inatum] est quod quilibet mercerus vel Chapman qui de cetero veniet ad villam de Couentria [ad] vendenda mercimonia, quod stet in le Draperie [ad] ea vendenda prout etc. & quod non ambulet circum- quaque in villa, sub pena vj s. viij d. tociens quociens.

Also hit is ordeyned that þe Mair & Baillyfs of þis Cite & their successours in all maner pleez to be pleded afore them to hem semyng feyned, fals, forreyn, or forged, be þe which þe kynges Court afore hem shuld be put oute of Jurisdiction, to make suche examynacion of þe partie or þe attorne as they seme best for þe knolach of the trouth, and whom they fynde defectyfe in þe premisses to commyt them to prison & to make fyne after þat þe lawe woll etc.

Mayor and Bailiffs

to examine parties in suits that seem to them suspicious.

Also they ordeyn that no Coke of þis Cite frohensfurth sell no derrer a goode goose but for iiij d., a pyg for vij d., a quarter of a pyg for jd. ob., the hed jd. & no derrer, vppon þe peyn to lose at euery def[alt] iiij d.

"Cooles"; a goose 4d., a pig 7d.

Also they ordeyn that euery man that taketh down eny tenement within þis Cite, and will not bild hit azeyn within a yere, yf þe tenement be worth xs. be yer to lese perfor x li., & yf þe rent be xx s. then to lese xx li., & so forth aftur þe rate.³

For rebuilding of houses.

¹ "of" repeated.

² Vessels.

³ v. p. 199.

THE BAILIFFS' OATH.

Oath of the bailiffs.

¹Sacramentum balliuorum ville de Couentre.

Yee shall be gode and truwe to the kyng of England and his heires and to the ffranchises of Couentre, and hyt mayntene and sustenene; and all fermes and fees that the Baillyes of this cite haue vsed to pay in d[u]e dischargingyng of this same franchises trewly pay and doe, and trewe Jugges be in youre offices in all maters afore you moved, or duryng youre office to be moved, alsowell to the pore as to the² ryche wyth-out any fauour to be shewed in anywise; ne non extorcion ne oppression doe to the pepull; and also² returne all wryttes, warantes and preceptes, that be you to [be] executed in discharge of all this Cite duryng this next yere comyng etc.³ & also ye shall well & truly contynue in propre persone euery courte day, sessions of the peace and plee riales to be holden with-in the Cite of Couentre, duryng the terme of youre offes, and not departe out of the said ffranchises at no tyme duryng youre seid offes with-oute licens of the meire beyng duryng youre seid offis, so help vs (*sic*) God and halidame.

THE BARBERS' RULES.

Ordinances of the barbers, and confirmation of the same.

[These ordinances in English were formerly ordained in the time of T. Skotte and W. Bate, masters of the barbers, on the feast of the Translation of S. Edward, Oct. 13.

1421.

And now on Oct. 16, 1445, the same are confirmed by R.

⁴ Ordinaciones artis Barbitonsorum. Et confirmacio earum.

¶ Memorandum quod isti articuli & ordinaciones in verbis anglicanis subsequentibus dudum ordinati fuerunt in arte de Barbitansoribus⁵ tempore Tho. Skotte & Will. Bate, Magistratorum barbitonsorum Ciuitatis Couentre, die Lune in festo Translationis S. Edwardi Regis a. r. r. H. quinti post conquestum nono vt aparet etc. Et iam videlicet xvj die Octobris a. r. r. H. vj^{ti} xxiiij

¹ leaf 124, back. A fresh scribe. ² deletions.

³ "so help you God and holy dame" deleted. The whole oath is copied on a spare piece of paper, and written closely as room failed.

⁴ The same scribe as the writer of the bailiffs' oath.

⁵ *Sic*.

Braytoft, mayor and the council of the city.] *predicte ordinaciones per Ric. Braytoft, maiorem Ciuitatis predictae, & consilium eiusdem Ciuitatis, affirmantur & allocantur.*¹

first, hit is ordeyned that what man of the same craft that is warned in resonabull tyme be the maysters of the seide Craft or be ony oder in her name to com to ony dyner, drynkyng, or ony oder mater that is to do within the seyde Craft, and he wil-not come at his our that he is prefixed or lymeted, withe-outon he haue a resonable cause of excusacion, he shall pay to the Maisters of the seide craft that tyme beeng a lb. of wax at euery defawte.

Also hit is ordeyned & stabuld that what man of the same Craft is rebell ageyne the maysters or ageyne ony oder of the same Craft in the Mayster presence, and the Maister bid hym be in pece or hold hym stille & he wil-not, he shall paie at euery defawt j lb. of wax.

Also hit is ordeyned that what man of the same Craft that cometh vnto the seide Cite, & he be not prentes of the same craft with-in the seide Cite, and he sette vp a shoppe withe-in this Cite, he shall make fyne or pay to the Maysters of the seide craft xx s, or elles withe-in the summe as the maysters & he may acorde; and yif they mow not acorde then to be demede & demened² be the meire that tyme beeng.

Also hit is ordeyned that what man of the seide Craft that is duelling withe-in the seide Cite that settethe awerke ony man of the same Craft, but yif he haue ben prentes atte seide Craft, or elles that he can his Craft well & sufficiently, the whiche may be proued be the maysters of the seide Craft, or be lefall & lawd[ab]ul persones of the same craft, that he be abull to serve truly & duly the comen pepull that is with-in the seyde Cite, what man that wurchithe ony man of the seide craft in contrarie-wyse he shall forfet at euery defawt x s. to the Towne walle, & x s. to the comen boxe of the seyde Craft.

Also that no man shall take no prentes to the seide Craft no lesse yeres then vij yere, apou the same peyne.

"Barbers;
A company;
their orders."
1st rule:
Fine for non-attendance:

a pound of wax.
2nd rule:
Fine for insubordination

the same.

3rd rule:
Barbers, not having been apprenticed in the city, on setting up shop,
pay a fine of 20s.
(or less) to the craft.

4th rule:

Only late apprentices or competent workers

to practise the craft or 20s. fine.

5th rule:
7 years apprenticeship;

¹ "The" follows.

² = governed.

no Sunday
shaving;

And that no man of the same Craft wurchen ne shave
upon the Sunday,¹ but yif he aske licence & leve of the
Maisters of the saide Craft; and but yif he be a seke man
or a weyfareng man that comethe to this Cite that hathe
nede to-be shavon, upon the peyne whoso maybe foundon
in suche defawte to pay x s. at euery defawte to the seide
Maysters.

or 10s. fine.

JOHN LUSTERLEY, MAYOR, 1446.

Jan. 25.

[²Election of officers.]

Electors.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Mychell,
Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant,
Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Wylde-
gryse, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Boyse, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Will.
ffrysby, Will. Piere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric.
Clerke, Ric. Osberne, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Spenser.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Lusterley; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Reg. Bere,
Joh. ffreman; w. Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur; mace, Will.
Oxton.]

[Ric. Braytoft (outgoing
mayor) to be present during
the next year in processions,
and in worshipful conferences
to go and be next to the mayor
so as to aid and counsel him.]

Et Insuper ordinaverunt & prouiderunt quod Ric. Braytoft, qui iam exstat maior, per totum proximum annum sequentem erit presens in processionibus & dignis congregacionibus [et] eat & sit proximus maiori etc. ad essendum sibi in auxilium et consilium etc.

J. Ps.

Joh. Lusterley, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp,
M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of
keys of the
common
chest.
Custodians
of the chest
where
standard
measures and
jewels³ kept.

[The same except the recorder.

[The same as the custodians of the keys.]

EASTER LEET.

Coventre.

Apr. 20, 1446.

¶⁴[V. f. p. held before Joh. Lusterley m., Will.
Braytoft and Ric. Alen b., on Wednesday after Easter, 24
H. VI.]

¹ Cal. Pat. R. 1391-96, p. 720.² leaf 129. Scribe of type p. 102.³ "le strike & alia Jocalia."⁴ leaf 130, Scribe of C type.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgris. Joh. Warant,
Will. Kerver, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk,
Joh. Deister, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Spencer, Will. ffrysby,
Joh. Doughty, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh.
Walgraue, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Tho.
Warmyngton, Joh. Stafford, weuer, Rag. Bere, Joh.
ffreman.

24 Jurors.

[Orders of leet.

[Every one having lands or tenements lying by the river from Crow-mill to Gosford-gate, to cleanse it opposite his tenement before Whitsuntide, or 20s. fine levied by the mayor for this cleaning. And the mayor to see to it that where the river has been encroached on by any one, that it shall be put right.

¹Ord[inatum] est quod quilibet, qui habet terras vel tenementa adiacentia communi Riulo in Co[uentria] a Crowemyll vsque Gosford-gate, munda(t sic) riuilum predictum erga tenementum suum citra festum Pentecostes, sub pena xx s. per maiorem leuandorum ad mundacionem Riuli predicti disponendorum. Et quod maior etc. provideat vbi rivulus predictus per aliquem artatus sit, quod per ipsum emendetur citra dictum festum etc.

[Whoever lives between the Bear and Smithford-brook to pay 4d. towards clearing the river or provide a labourer to do it before the festival.

& quod quilibet commorans a signo vocato le Bere vsque Smythford-broke soluat ad mundacionem Riuli predicti iij d. vel inueniat vnum laborantem per diem ad id faciendum citra dictum festum.

[Latrinæ on the Red-ditch to be removed before Whitsuntide or 20s. fine.]

The Red-ditch.

At this [lete] the armytage at Gosford-grene was graunted vnto on John Thorpe of Couentre, Tayllour, at his peticion, vppon þat condicion þat he shuld sufficiently kepe the reparacion perof.

"Armitage at Gosford greene."

FRIAR JOHN BREDON'S SENTENCE.

²Hit is to haue in mynde that the last day of Aprill the yere of Kyng Herry the vj after the conquest xxiiij at Couentre in a place called seynt Marie halle apered xlviij persones of the moste wurthiest that tyme beeng

Ap. 30, 1446.3

¹ Scribe B. ² leaf 129, back. ³ (?) v. p. 228.

with-in this Cite be the comaundement of John Lusterley then meyre & his counsell after the good rule & custome withe-in the seyde Cite of long tyme vsed & had to comen & to trete for the profet & wele of the seyde Cite. And in speciall for declaracion of a centens yevon for the priour & Couent of the Cathedrall church of our Lady of Couentre ayeynest John Bredon,¹ ffrere mynor of Couentre, in the Court of my lordes of Caunturbury etc. The names of whiche xlvij here-after folowon. Joh. Lusterley, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Michell, Will. Keruer, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Will. ffrysby, Will. Broun, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Spenser, Tho. Swetenham, Will. Clerke, Joh. Byrame, Joh. Baker, deister, Ric. Skotte, deister, Joh. Brabon, Tho. Stone, weuer, Joh. Stafford, sen., Joh. Catur, Joh. Shadde, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Deyster, Joh. ffremon, Reg. Bere, Will. Betley, Geru. Cole, Tho. Skot, Will. Warrewik, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Appulby, Will. Radelyff, Ric. Penson, Tho. Goldsmyth, Tho. White.

Mayor's 50
councillors.

"xxj persons
to be the
mayors
Councill."

The pro-
visions of
12 or more
councillors
to be ratified
by the 48.

The whiche xlvij² persones a-fore-writon then & there ordeyned & prouyded for ease of hem, That the meyre shuld calle xij persones or moe after his discession for *communicacion* & avyse to be had in any mater, & what the seyde xij persones ordeyned, the fornamed xlvij to conferme & alowe etc. Wherapon the Seturday the ij day of Aprill³ anno Hen. vj^{ti} xxiiij then next sueng at seynt Mary halle abowe-seyde apered xxj persones warned after the Custome & ordenaunce aboue-seyde: Whereof the names her-after folown :

Apr. 2,

Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Keruer, Joh. Warant, Joh. Grynder, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Northewode, Will. Betley, Joh.

¹ *v. ante*, p. 97. Friar John complained that the funeral candles became the property of the prior and convent, instead of falling to those that ministered to their parishioners.

² Exclusive of the mayor and recorder. ³ ? date; *v. p.* 227.

Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyse, Sim. Birches, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Wildegryse, Will. Browne.

The whiche xxi persones & the meire aforseyde of oon assent & advise prouyded & ordeyned procutores for all the comminalte of the Cite of Couentre ayeynst the priour & Couent aforseyd, That is to sey Will. Betley, Will. Saundres, Joh. Walgraue, Sim. Birches, Tho. Goldsmyth, Ric. Wode & Tho.¹

21 councillorors

appoint procurators in the Bredon affair.

²And then on the Wednesday next foloweng in presence of thes persones, that the names sewn in writeng, a procesy for the meire & the comminalte aforseyde, in the mater aforesnamed at seynt Mari-halle vnder the comen seale & the meires Seale was sealede etc.

And on Apr. 6

the following 22 in all act as "proxy" in the matter.

Joh. Lusterley, meire, Mayster Tho. Chesterfeld,³ Joh. Menley, vicarius,⁴ Ric. Sharp, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Kerver, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Will. Betley, Hen. Sircok, Will. Broun, Joh. Lee, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boyse, Magister Joh. Twys, official etc.⁵, Joh. Stafford, sen., Sim. Burches, Joh. Crokez.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¶ ⁶V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 25 Hen. VI.]

Coventre. Oct. 1, 1446.

Joh. Warant, Tho. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Essex, Will. Kerver, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Wirley, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lyne, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Botoner, Hen. Sircok, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Tho. Swetenham, Ric. Clerk, hosier, Joh. Catur, Reg.⁷ Bere.

Jurors.

[Gerv. Cole and Will. Kemp.]

Bailiffs.

[Order of leet.

⁸Volunt & ordinant quod lez fflood-

[The Priory floodgates to be drawn up and opened when-

zates in le Priory deinceps omni tempore necessario & oportuno sint

¹ Blank.

² leaf 130.

³ Vicar of S. Michael's.

⁴ Vicar of Trinity.

⁵ One who exercises the jurisdiction of a bishop or archdeacon. The reason of the presence of so many ecclesiastics in the "proxy" is because the matter in dispute was an ecclesiastical one. After reading a recantation containing a fulsome apology to the prior and convent, Friar Bredon, sharing the fate of most reformers, was banished the city.

⁶ leaf 130, back. Scribe of C type.

⁷ MS. Ragnaldus.

⁸ Scribe B.

ever necessary, lest any harm or evil happen to the inhabitants, as from this cause has happened many times before, or 100s. fine from whomsoever is in default.]

tempestiue tracte & aperte, ne in defectu eiusdem eueniat aliquod dampnum vel malum Ciuitatibus (sic) & inhabitantibus istius ville, sicut multociens perante ea de causa eueniebat etc. sub pena C s. leuandorum de ipso qui est defectivus inde etc.

THOMAS WIRLEY, MAYOR, 1447.

Jan. 25.

[¹ Election of officers.]

24 electors.

Joh. Esex, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Waraunt, Ric. Boyse, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wildegrise, Joh. Clerke, Will. ffrisby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, Joh. Spenser, Ric. Alen, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Baker, Joh. George, Joh. Byram, Joh. Goolde.

Officers.

[m. Tho. Wirley; cor. Joh. ffinche; ch. Rob. Bradmedowe and Will. Warrewyke; w. Joh. Stafford and Joh. Catur; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps.

The mayor, recorder, Joh. Esex, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of the common chest.

Custodians of the common chest where the common measure³ is.

Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe.

Ric. Braytoft.²

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Coentre.
Apr. 15, 1447.

[⁴ V. f. p. held before Tho. Wirley m., Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 25 Hen. VI.]

Jurors.

Joh. Essex, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Hen. Sircok, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Deane, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Joh. Baker, deister, Rob. Bradmedawe, Tho. Swetnam.

¹ leaf 131.

² Rest blank. ³ modium commune.

⁴ Scribe B. leaf 131, back.

[Orders of leet.

[Householders to cleanse the Red-ditch and the gutter running from the Peacock to the West Orchard opposite to their houses, twice a year.

[The Priory floodgates to be emptied and an assize taken, and so of the other floodgates by the river; and all the embankment as far as the Sills be emptied as is just.

[The Corpus Christi riding to be observed.]

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 26 Hen. VI.]

Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swan, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Sircok, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Ric. Austen.

[Ric. Clerk, draper, Ric. Scotte, deister.]

[Orders of leet.

[The ordinance concerning chandlers of Joh. Braytoft's time is confirmed and to be put into execution; i. e. no one is to sell 1 lb. of candles at any other price than 1*d.* a pound.]

Volunt & ordinant quod quilibet qui habet terras seu tenementa adiacentes fossatis in Couentre vocatis le Reddych, & similiter le Gutter, qui venit de le Pecok vsque le West-orchard, mundant¹ (*sic*) ffossata illa erga tenementum suum proprium bis per annum & in anno [or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine, half to the mayor and half to the bailiffs.]

Item, volunt (*etc.*) quod le ffloodgates in le Priory sint vacuate & assisate & omnes alie ffloodeyates per Riuilum infra libertatem *etc.* & totum le Bullwark² vsque le Silles³ sit vacuatum, prout iustum est, [or 100*s.* fine.]

Et quod le Ruydyng in festo Corporis Christi fiat prout ex antiquo tempore consuevit *etc.*

Couentre.
Sept. 30,
1447.

Jurors.

Bailiffs.

Et ordinant ac confirmant ordinationem tempore Johannis Braytoft,⁴ Maioris, nuper factam de lez Chaundlers de vendicione candelarum *etc.* & omnino ponatur iam in executionem, videlicet, quod nullus eorum vendat vnam libram Candelarum nisi tantum pro j*d.* [or pay the fine previously ordained, 20*s.*, i. e. 6*s.* 8*d.* to the mayor and 13*s.* 4*d.* to the bailiffs.⁵]

¹ A stroke of "m" missing.

² An embankment.

³ Sill, a beam or rafter; the bottom part of fixed bench, pen or other wooden erection (*E. E. D.*).

⁴ Mayor 1425, 1442.

⁵ v. p. 234.

Butchers.

Item, it is ordeyned þat no Bochour, inhabitant within þis Cite, frohensfurth scalde no maner of bestis within þis Cite, but only in the scaldyng-house in þe Palmers-lane, þerto ordeyned [or 6s. 8d. fine.]

Brewers.

"No bruer nor maltster to fetch water at Conduits."

And also þat no bruer frohensfurth fet watir fro þe Cundite to brue or stepe with, vppon þe same peyn.

"Tilers-semy-tile."

Also hit is ordeyned that no tyler frohensfurth ley no seny [?semy] tyle ne crased¹ tyle, nor that þe seid tylers set no man in warke onlesse he can his Craft, [or 6s. 8d. fine each time].

JOHN WALGRAVE, MAYOR, 1448.

Jan. 25.

[²Election of officers.]

23 electors.

³Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Boyse, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Will. ffirisbury, Gerv. Cole, Ric. Dene, Will. Piere, Will. Kempe, Ric. Botoner, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wyldegrise, Joh. Goolde, Reg. Bere, Will. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Boteler.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Walgraue; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Wode, Joh. Byram; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps.

Joh. Walgraue, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of keys.

[The same, except the recorder.

Custodians of keys of chest where the common measure is.

[The mayor, Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Ric. Boyse, M. G. C. C., the chamberlains and the wardens.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEET.

Couentre.
Mar. 30, 1448.

[⁴V. f. p. held before Joh. Walgraue m., Ric. Clerk and Ric. Austen, b., on Saturday after Easter, 26 Hen. VI.]

Jurors.

Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Will. Swan, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Boys, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Baker, Deister, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Joh. Garton, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Will. Warewyk, Ric. Divet, Will. Clerk.

¹ Crased = broken, cracked.

³ Scribe of type p. 102.

² leaf 133.

⁴ leaf 133, back.

[No one to do damage in pastures, closes, or other places in cutting branches, under the penalty of 12s. And that no one break the pavement to place branches on it on St. John's and St. Peter's eves, but every one to have coal and large fuel on the same penalty.]

[The poulterers to stand and sell victuals before the Priory door about the Bull Ring as far as the end of the Little Butchery.]

³¶ [V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 27 H. VI.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Ric. Boys, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Alen, Joh. Lee, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Will. Braytoft, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Wildegry, Joh. Cole, Ric. Wode, Joh. Garton.

[Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman]

[Orders of leet.]

[Any one who withstands the mayor and bailiffs in the performance of anything appertaining to their office to have a week's imprisonment, and at the second offence a fortnight's.]

[Much-park-street to be repaired (emendetur) before Christmas, or 100s. fine from every one failing, and the work to begin next Monday.]

Volunt (etc.) *quod nullus deinceps faciat dampnum in pasturis, clausis, seu aliis locis in scindendo ramos vel samples,¹ sub pena cuiuslibet delinquentis xij s. Et quod nullus decetero frangat pavementum ad ponendum in eo ramos in vigiliis Natiuitatis S. Johannis Baptiste & S. Petri ;² sed habeat quilibet carbones & grossum focale sub eadem pena.*

Item volunt & ordinant *quod lez pulters deinceps stent & vendant victualia sua ante portum (sic) Prioratus circa le Bulryng vsque finem de le Litel-bochery.*

Coventre.
Michaelmas
leet.
Sept. 30, 1448.
Jurors.

Bailiffs.

⁴*Ordinatum est quod quilibet qui deinceps contradicit vel obstat Maiori & Ballivis huius Ciuitatis in executione alicuius rei pertinentis officiis suis etc. habeat imprisonment vnius septimane absque aliqua perdonacione, & ad secundum defectum habeat imprisonment xv^e [=quindene.]*

Much-park-street.

¹ Young trees left in woods for timber. *E. E. D. s. v. samplars.*

² On the bonfires on Midsummer night *v. Sharp, Coventry Mysteries, 175-206.*

³ leaf 134. Scribe of C type.

⁴ Scribe B. Probably new guilds were being formed in defiance of the corporation: *v. Introduction.*

[As soon as Will. Donnyngton withdraws from his occupation or dies, then immediately T. Litelton¹ shall have the office in the same manner and form as other recorders have had and enjoyed it, taking the accustomed fees, so that he remain within the city.]

Item, *ordinant* (etc.) *quod quam cito Will. Donyngton, nunc Recordator huius Ciuitatis, de occupacione officii sui se dimiserit seu decesserit, quod tunc immediate Tho. Litelton¹ habeat & gaudeat officium predictum eisdem modo & forma quibus ceteri Recordatores ante hec tempora habuerunt² & gauisi fuerunt, capiendo inde feoda consueta. Ita quod maneat infra Ciuitatem etc.*

The gutters.

[The ordinance as ordained aforetime about sweeping the gutters ("lez Canell") in the streets to be put into execution; 12*d.* for every default.]

[The sergeant of the brewers-gild and the crier to wait upon the mayor on pain of losing their offices.]

Item, *ordinatum est quod le seriant de Breusters ylde³ & le Cryer sint intendentes super Maiorem sub pena dimittendi officia sua.*

Chaunders.

[The tallow-chandlers to sell candles at 1*d.* a pound or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.⁴]

[All inn-keepers to have a lamp hanging before their doors until 9 o'clock at night, or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.]

Item, *omnes hostilarii habeant lucernam pendendo (sic) ad hostium suum, vsque ix horam in nocte, sub pena vjs. viijd.*

The fullers'

Item, at pis lete be auctorite of þe same þe walkers were seuered fro þe Crafte of Tailloours at þe desir of þe seid walkers, as appereth be their peticion filed in þe seid lete etc. & also be agrement of þe Tailloours as ther appereth etc.⁵

and tailors' crafts

separated.

The bridge.

Item, hit is ordenyed at þe same lete for they feying & clensyng of þe birge⁶ in þe West-orchard that euery hall durre shuld paye jd., and þeruppon Will. Pier graunted to kepe þe Birge & þe reparacion þerof.

The gutter.

[The gutter running from the Peacock to the West-orchard to be cleansed every quarter of a year or 40*d.* fine from every one failing.]

¹ v. p. 235.

² MS. *hēuerūt.* ³ See below MS. leaf 304.

⁴ Fine 6*s.* 8*d.* here, not 20*s.* v. p. 231.

⁵ See Introduction. ⁶ bridge.

EDMUND BROGREVE, MAYOR, 1449.

[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

¹Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Keruer, Joh. Esex, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Boyse, Will. Braytoft, Will. Piere, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Wylgryse, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Cater, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewik, Will. Clerke.

Electors.

[m. Edm. Brogreue; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Charite, Tho. White; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette; mace, Will. Oxtou.

Officers.

[Ed. Brogreue, m., Will. Donyngton, rec.,—and at the Easter view of frankpledge last past Tho. Litelton² was chosen recorder and a justice of the peace in the name (nomine) of the same Will. Donyngton—Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, and Joh. Walgraue.

J. Ps.

[The same except the recorder.

Custodians of the keys of the common seal chest:

[The mayor, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boyse, the wardens and (probably) the chamberlains.³]

and of the standard measure⁴ chest.⁵

EASTER LEET.

⁶[V. f. p. before Ed. Brogreve, m., Joh. Stafford and Joh. Freman, b., on Saturday after Easter, 27 Hen. VI.]

Coentre. Apr. 19.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Grynder, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Ric. Charite, Joh. Golde, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Bryan, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Garton.

[Orders of leet.

Volunt et concedunt per auctori-

[The leet ordain that the

tatem huius visus quod Will. Donyngton, Recordator huius Ciuitatis,

¹ leaf 135. Scribe of type p. 102.

² Tho. Littleton (1402-81) of famous memory. Author of the legal work on "Tenures."

³ The chamberlains not mentioned, but after a blank the words "habent alium" occur, and after another blank the word "Camere."

⁴ modum de standardo.

⁵ siste.

⁶ leaf 135, back.

recorder have yearly for term of his life £10 payable quarterly, viz. 10 marks (£6. 13s. 4d.) from the bailiffs, £1. 13s. 4d. from the Trinity gild, 16s. 8d. from the Corpus Christi gild and the wardens respectively, and that W. Donyngton shall henceforward be of counsel to the city as he was before ex-officio.]

habeat & percipiat annuatim ad terminum vite sue de eadem Ciuitate x li. legalis monete ad iiij^{or} anni terminos soluendas: videlicet decem marcas de Ballivis (etc.), & xxxiij s. iiij d. de Magistro G. S. T., xvjs. viij d. de Magistro G. C. C. & xvjs. viij d. de Gardianis etc. Et quod predictus Will. Donyngton deinceps sit de concilio eiusdem Ciuitatis sicut ante hec tempora fuit ex officio Recordatoris.

THE KING'S LOAN.

[¹The underwritten lent the king £100 in Ed. Brogreve's time; the money paid by the wards.]

60 names.

[Smithford-street.²]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
De ³ Ric. Braytoft	10	0	Ric. Clerke	1	0	Ric. Coucher	2	6
De ³ Joh. Bristowe	8	0	Joh. Hampton	2	6	Joh. Marfood	1	0
Joh. Lynne	6	8	Tho. Plymmer	1	0	Katerina Sadler	2	0
Joh. ffremon	6	8	Margareta Blake-			Tho. Strete	1	0
Joh. Maynard	5	0	man	3	8	Tho. Leche	2	6
Tho. Wodard	4	0	Elias Barbur	1	0	Will. Mariot	1	0
Joh. ffynche	2	6	Tho. Joy, tailour	2	0	Ric. White	2	0
Ric. Knede, baker	2	0	Ric. Osbarne	6	0	Nic. Kent	2	6
Gal. Bower	2	0	Will. Melodye	2	6	Joh. Halle	3	4
Joh. Malory	2	6	Joh. Hygreve,			Joh. Wirthyngton	1	4
Joh. Crulle	3	4	lokier	1	4	Joh. Braunston	1	0
Joh. Lorde	1	4	³ Gal. Cappar	1	0	Joh. Yale	2	6
Will. Jones	1	0	⁴ Joh. Gote	1	4	Joh. Wilde	2	6
Ric. Wymondeswold	1	6	Rob. Balle	1	0	Joh. Spenser	1	0
Tho. Broun	2	0	Joh. fflynt	2	6	Joh. Forest	2	6
Will. Ive, smyth	1	8	Tho. Drake	1	4	Joh. Bruer	3	4
Joh. Dey	1	4	Ric. fflynt	5	0	Tho. Colclow	1	6
Rob. Halyday	1	0	Tho. Rastell	6	0	Joh. ffleccher	1	4
Rad. Plymmer	2	0	Joh. Abell	2	6	Will. Alyson	2	6
Tom. Cholley	1	0	Tho. Wyndull	1	0	Summa	£7. 10s. 6d.	
Rog. Rouke,			Joh. London	1	4			
hosteler	2	0	Joh. Wyponbury	1	8			

63 names.

[Broadgate.⁵]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Illage	3	0	Thurstanus Lye	1	8	Will. Bedford	1	4
Ric. Prese	1	0	Joh. Houe	3	4	Tho. Spenser	1	4
Hen. Barker	1	8	Will. Spenser	2	0	Ed. Brogreue	6	8

¹ leaf 136.² Collectors:—Tho. Broun, Gal. Bower, Joh. Wirthyngton, Will. Ive, Smyth. £7. 10s. 6d.³⁻³ "De" is repeated before all the names on this leaf. ⁴ leaf 136, back.⁵ Collectors: Joh. Mirifeld, Hugo Manton, Rob. Wodeward, Joh. Oldenhale.

[Broadgate.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Radley	2	0	Hen. Hende	1	0	Alic. Newbold	1	0
Tho. Bristowe	3	4	Tho. Squyer	2	0	Joh. Hulle,		
Joh. Eborall	2	0	Will. Draper	1	0	<i>seriaunt</i>	1	0
Rog. Stanley	1	0	Will. Chaterton	1	0	Joh. Clement		8
Will. Dyngley	1	0	Gal. Coteler	1	0	Joh. Symson		1 0
Joh. Cappe, coteler	3	4	Hen. Roger, Glouer	1	0	Joh. Lokkey		1 8
Joh. Thronton	1	8	Will. Bentley	8		Joh. Sherde		8
Joh. Dagette		8	Rog. Milnar, taylor	8		Ric. Huyton		8
Avericius Bower	1	4	Joh. Lococe	8		Will. Baryngton		1 0
Tho. Goldsmyth	1	0	Joh. Rewe	1	0	Tho. Lyones		8
Will. Taylour,			Joh. Ricongay	1	0	Joh. Crosse		1 8
<i>cooke</i>	1	0	<i>vxor</i> Will. Abram	1	0	Joh. Andrewe		2 0
Rob. Perseele	1	0	Tho. Napton	2	0	Joh. Hare, mason		8
Joh. Dalton	2	0	Ric. Dawbeney	8		Tho. Warde		8
Joh. Sothurnewode	8		Hen. Sircok	6	0	Nic. Glasier		1 0
Alicia Brikstoke	2	0	Tho. Lokynton	8		Ric. Patrike,		
Ric. Essex	2	0	¹ Joh. Smyth, pyn-			<i>coriour</i>		1 0
Will. Bache, [?Bathe]			<i>ner</i>	1	0	Tho. Byrton		8
<i>taurner</i>	1	0	Will. Canley		8	<i>Summa</i> £4. 13s. 0d.		
Joh. Nele, taylour	2	0	Joh. Ruyton,					
Joh. Opton, barbour	1	0	<i>draper</i>	2	0			

61 names.

[Bayly-lane.²]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Wirley	6	8	Ric. Deyster	1	0	Rog. Costantync	3	4
Tho. Joyner	1	0	Rob. Skille	3	4	Joh. Syrcok	2	8
Joh. Hampton,			Joh. Power	1	4	Ric. Dyvet	4	0
<i>plymmer</i>	1	8	Joh. Straunge	3	4	Joh. Whitehede	1	4
Johanna Spenser,			Will. Clerke	4	0	Nic. Russell	1	0
<i>vidua</i>	3	4	Joh. Gryme	4	0	Tho. Burley	3	4
Ric. Lyng, pewterer	1	4	Joh. Clyff	1	0	Joh. Butler	1	0
Will. ³ , glouer	2	8	Rob. Glouceter	4	0	Tho. Jakemon	4	0
Hugo Shireff	3	4	Tho. Hobbes	3	4	⁴ Will. Westley	1	8
Ric. Parbroun	3	4	Joh. Ordrige	3	4	Will. Mason	3	4
Will. Goldsmyth	1	0	Joh. Bayle	3	4	Rob. Coriour		8
Ric. Goldsmyth	1	4	Joh. Crosse	3	0	Will. Cardyff		1 0
Rob. Burnell,			Joh. Hogges	1	4	Will. Crowe		1 0
<i>pewterer</i>	3	4	Tho. Sweteglade	1	8	Joh. Bayly		1 0
Joh. Beauchamp	4	0	Will. Dubbar,			³ <i>Burdews,</i>		
Tho. ffawcus	1	4	<i>capper</i>	1	0	<i>purser</i>		1 0
Joh. Alderwas	3	4	Hen. Wright	1	8	Joh. Castell		1 0
Joh. Bradley	1	0	Joh. Barton	2	0	Ric. Taverner		1 0
Ric. Takeby	3	4	Joh. Byrome	4	0	Joh. Bolter		1 0
Ric. Halyday	1	4	Rob. Lythe	1	4	Joh. Smyth		1 0
Hugo Purser	1	0	Tho. Gryme	1	8	<i>Summa</i> £6. 18s. 0d.		
Ric. Hampton	3	4	Hen. Watford	3	4			
Joh. Hulle	1	0	Will. Swift, pynner	2	0			

¹ leaf 137.

² Collectors:—Joh. Byrame, Will. Clerk, Rob. Glouceter, Will. Mason, coruyser.

³ Blank.

⁴ leaf 137, back.

69 names.

[Jorden-well.¹]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Alwolde	6	8	Joh. Smyth	3	4	Will. Shurley	1	0
Will. flouter	1	0	Christiana Prentes	2	0	Joh. Jacome	1	0
Rob. Eme	6	8	Joh. Recheford	8	0	Tho. Sweteng	1	0
Tho. Elderbek	3	4	Tho. Hoten	1	0	Tho. Dykons	1	8
Joh. Haukyns	1	8	Joh. Lee	13	4	Will. Fletcher	3	0
Will. Crompe	6	8	Joh. Pynchard	6	8	Rob. Bocher	1	0
Tho. Towker	1	0	Joh. Strete	1	8	² Tho. Milner	2	0
Will. Betley	10	0	Will. Douebrigge	1	8	Hen. Tredsyn ³	1	0
Joh. Catur	10	0	Joh. Oldbury	1	8	Will. Bolton	1	8
Ric. Barbur	2	0	Will. Potter	4	0	Ric. ffrynes	2	0
Joh. Whalley	12	0	Joh. Maydeford	4	0	Tho. Elcok	1	0
Ric. Rage	1	0	Joh. Wake	1	0	Tho. Smyth	1	0
Ric. Couper	1	8	Nic. Ourton	1	8	Ric. Clerke	4	5
Eliz. Brian	2	0	Tho. ffrage	1	0	Rob. Stretton	2	0
Tho. Michell	2	0	Joh. Egull	2	6	Ric. Patage	1	0
Tho. Austen	2	0	Joh. ffolkeshull	1	8	Margareta Tate	2	0
Joh. Elderbek	1	0	Ric. Wygons	1	0	Joh. Hall	1	0
Margare Androwe	1	0	Joh. Swyft	1	0	Hugo Pollard	1	8
Joh. Peche	6	8	Joh. Boure	1	0	Jacobus Barber	6	
Hen. Staffordshire	2	0	Will. Castelton	8	4	Hen. Dalton	8	
Joh. Swettenham	3	4	Rad. Capper	1	8	Joh. Yonge	6	
Joh. ffranken	6	8	Rog. Boteler	1	8	Summa £10. 4s. 1d.		
Joh. Shadde	6	0	Joh. Hosier	3	4			
Ric. Recheford	3	6	Rad. Plymmer	5	0			

95 names.

[Much-park-street.⁴]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Leder	6	8	Joh. Hayly	1	8	Ric. Burfrey	1	8
Will. Braytoft	10	0	Tho. Norwhiche	3	4	Joh. Joynour	1	0
Tho. Warmynton	6	8	Ric. Knightley	6		Joh. Garton	6	8
Sim. Burches	10	0	Jacobus Horne	1	0	Tho. Ingre	6	
Ric. Dene	5	0	Tho. Waren	4	8	Joh. Sharp	8	
Ranulph. Barbur	1	0	Tho. Willot	8		Will. Jowderell	2	0
Rob. Gidlowe	1.	3	Joh. Ingland	5	0	Tho. Hagette	8	
Rob. Wykesley	1	0	Joh. Coucher	1	0	Domina, ⁵ barbur ⁶	2	0
Ric. Gurdeler	6		Joh. Barbur	1	0	Joh. Ardurn	4	0
Joh. Savage	1	0	Hen. Hobbes	6	8	Tho. Westron	2	0
Joh. Bruer, bocher	1	8	Tho. Tyler	4	0	Will. Awbrey	5	0
Will. Bridde	2	0	Ric. Bromley	5	0	⁷ Joh. Skinner	8	
Joh. Clyfford	3	4	Joh. Lokier	1	0	Hen. Taylour	1	8
Hen. Bugge	1	8	Joh. Weston	8		Rob. Garrette	3	4
Hen. Thysilton	1	0	Joh. Derby	6	8	Tho. Chapell	1	8
Tho. Parker	3	4	Ric. Staffordshire	3	4	Tho. Paunton	2	8
Ad. Wale	1	0	Will. Madame	6		Joh. Gale	2	0
Nic. Dilcok	1	8	Joh. Onley	1	0	Tho. Tough	2	0
Rob. Stokkes	1	4	Will. Wright	8		Joh. Croft	3	4
Ric. Glouer, taylour	8		Bernard. Clokmaker	8		Joh. Ravon	1	8
Joh. Cokke,			Will. Corbette	2	6	Tho. Garnet	1	0
sadeler	1	0	Ric. Geene	3	4	⁵ Tynker	1	0

¹ Collectors :—Joh. Cater, Ric. Clerke, cardmaker, Ric. Recheford, Joh. Egull.² leaf 138.³ or Tredfyn.⁴ Collectors : Ric. Bromley, Tho. Tyler, Joh. Ardurn, Will. Corbette.⁵ Blank.⁶ A woman barber.⁷ leaf 138, back.

[Much-park-street.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
¹ Sampson	3	4	Will. Claybroke	3	4	Joh. Emattotes	2	0
Will. Peverell	1	0	Joh. ² Compton	1	0	Joh. fildeng		8
Joh. Brasier	1	0	¹ Tournour	8		Will. Hynton		8
Rog. Carter	1	0	Hen. Skyle	8		² Cooke de Charter-		
Joh. ffolkeshull	1	0	Joh. Shurley	2	0	house		6
Tho. Brayne	2	0	Tho. Cooke	1	0	Tho. Mayke, smyth		6
Joh. Carreke	2	0	Will. Solond	8		Rob. Donam		8
Nic. Milner	1	0	Tho. Abram	8		Joh. Walker		8
Tho. Bateman	1	0	Ric. Barker	1	0	Will. Stone, mason		8
Hen. Wodeward	8		Joh. Elmes	1	8	Summa	£10. 0s. 6d.	
Will. Turvyle	1	8	Tho. Jones	8				

85 names.

[Spon-street.³]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Wardroper,			Will. Keruer	8	0	Tho. Barbur	2	0
taylor	1	8	Joh. Deyster	6	8	Rob. forte	1	8
Tho. Doue, hosier	2	0	Joh. Wynsden	4	0	Rad. Wright	4	0
Will. Orme, deister	3	4	Joh. Lote	4	0	Hugo Parre	2	0
Joh. Gryndar	6	8	Will. Walker	3	4	Rob. Smyth,		
Will. Saundres	6	0	Joh. Broun,			walker	2	0
Will. Tuttebury	4	0	pardoner	1	8	Tho. Gybons,		
Joh. Esex	8	0	Hugh Larons	1	4	wright	1	8
Joh. Mershe	2	8	Joh. Shawe	1	8	Rob. Toppe	1	8
Joh. ffoster, coruyser	8		Sim. Busteler	1	8	Joh. Davy	2	0
Ric. Barnebroke	1	4	Tho. Skylton	2	0	Hen. Dalby	3	4
Rob. Whitaker	2	8	Rob. Turnour,			Will. Deyster	1	0
Tho. Ryngley	5	0	roper ⁵	1	0	¹ ffouler,		
Gerard. Crumpe,			Will. Blakenale	1	10	grasier	3	4
deister	1	8	Tho. Gilbard		1	Joh. Tylour	2	0
Joh. Wyllyams	3	4	Ric. Holte	1	8	Joh. Couper	2	0
Joh. Holme	1	0	Rob. Bulkley	1	8	Rog. Wales	2	4
Liticia Menley	6	8	Will. Sponne,			Joh. Wamburn	2	0
Laur. Huyron	3	4	barker	1	8	Nic. Lee, weuer	1	0
Rob. ffalke	3	4	Will. Bayly	5	0	Wal. Norfolk	4	0
Tho. Colmere	1	4	Rob. Roper	1	4	Ric. Barbur	2	0
Will. Bayly	3	4	Tho. Broun, weuer	2	4	Will. Shipston	2	0
Joh. Garnet	1	4	Tho. Shustoke	1	4	Tho. Couche	2	8
Joh. Honyburn	3	6	Will. Stone, barker	1	8	Tho. Onyon	1	0
Ric. Went	1	8	Joh. Hadley	2	0	Hugo Forde, barbur	4	0
Egid. Corbronde	6	0	Nic. Bayly	1	8	Joh. Wadley, clerk	2	0
Tho. Tokeby	1	8	Rob. Rodes	1	4	Tho. Manston	1	8
Will. Pynchebeke	5	0	Will. Barnbroke	3	4	Will. Capper	2	0
⁴ Will. White	5	0	Will. fraunses	1	0	Rog. Burnes	4	0
Joh. Conwey	2	0	¹ Jones, walker	1	4	Summa	£11. 6s. 8d.	
Joh. Clyfton	2	0	Ric. Palmer	1	8			
Tho. Grene	2	8	Joh. Godfrey	1	4			

¹ Blank.

² Interlined Will.

³ Collectors: Joh. Honyburn, Will. Spenser, Wal. Norfolk, Tho. Gilbard.

⁴ leaf 139.

⁵ or reper. (?) deleted.

78 names.

[Gosford-street.¹]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will. Clerk, taylor	1	0	Will. Hadcokke	3	0	Will. Haddon	3	0
Hen. Warmyngton	2	0	Ric. Molle, weuer	1	0	Joh. Wildegrise	5	0
Joh. Wyldy	5	0	Joh. Lancaster	2	0	Will. Gylbard	5	0
Baldw. Metley	3	0	Rob. Blyburgh ²	3	0	Phelippus Draper	3	0
Joh. Hasteng	2	0	Joh. Sheldon, jun.	3	0	Isabella Wildegrise	6	8
Joh. Kebull	1	6	Will. Dawe, taylor	6	0	Will. Knyght, weuer	3	0
Deonysia Halle	1	6	Agn. Onley	2	0	Tho. Stretton	2	0
Joh. Messyngham	1	0	Joh. Elage	1	0	Tho. Mason	5	0
Joh. Baker, deister	8	0	Alicia Brabon	3	0	Tho. Stone	5	0
Will. Bocher, deyster	3	0	Joh. Chambur	1	0	Joh. Draughton	1	0
² Will. Harres	3	0	Will. Baxster	2	0	Rob. Wode	1	0
Johanna Skotte	6	0	Tho. Stevons	1	0	Rog. Taylour	1	0
Greg. Butler	1	0	Tho. Smythe	1	0	Ric. Somer	5	0
Will. Lambard	1	0	Tho. Barbur	1	0	Joh. Manton	5	0
Joh. Rouke	1	0	Joh. Stafford sen.	10	0	Rad. ffolkeshull	1	0
Joh. Langton	3	0	Will. Broun, barbur	1	0	Joh. Travas	1	8
Ad. Gawge	5	0	Will. Smythe, wolleman	4	0	Eustac. Golofur	5	0
Tho. Cokes	5	0	Will. Jones, weuer	4	0	Joh. Eston, deyster	3	0
Will. flaxhale	2	0	Ric. Bocher	4	0	Will. Smyth, deister	3	0
Mat. Curtes	2	0	Tho. Bower	5	0	Joh. Sore	1	0
Ric. Cokes	5	0	Joh. Tyrsitheon	1	0	Ad. Ismay	1	0
Alic. Cooke, vidua	6	8	Ric. Polton, hosier	2	0	⁴ Horsley, glouer	1	0
Christiana Golofur	5	0	Tho. Collette	5	0	Sim. Baker, deister	5	0
Ric. foston	2	0	Joh. Bere, walker	1	0	Johanna Evesham	4	0
Joh. Laurans, mylner	1	0	Joh. Stafford, jun.	3	0	Joh. Archer	1	0
Joh. Grene, weuer	2	0	Rob. Newell	5	0	Summa	£11. 12s. 0d.	
			Tho. Mountford	1	0			

119 names.

[Cross-cheaping.⁵]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hen. Adurton, mercier	4	0	Ric. Lane	2	0	Hen. Addurton, hosier	3	4
Rob. Mason	3	4	Will. Radclyf	3	0	Joh. Turner	1	0
Ric. Drought	1	8	Tho. Wolff	3	4	Rob. Barbur	1	0
Joh. Dey, mercier	3	4	Will. Bedon	3	4	Auicia Humber- ston	2	0
Ric. Wode	6	8	Joh. Sponne	1	0	Joh. ffareman	2	0
⁶ Joh. Charite	1	8	Nic. Taylour, wir- drawer	3	4	Joh. Bette	3	4
Will. Byryngton	3	4	Will. Dyvette	3	4	Will. Hende, coruyser	1	0
Joh. Walle	3	0	Joh. Newman	1	0	Nic. Rundull	3	0
Joh. Boteler	3	4	Joh. fferby	1	0	Ric. Drought, sen., coruyser	3	4
Emma Doughty	5	0	⁷ Dalby	4	0	Tho. Warner, coruyser	1	8
Will. Marshall, coruyser	1	8	Tho. Swayne	3	4	Hen. Meryngton, barbur	1	8
Joh. Hewer	1	0	Tho. Cardyf	1	8	Reg. Bere	5	0
Guido Wyston	4	0	Will. Suker	1	8			
Tho. Maydeford	3	4	Rich. flecher	1	0			
Ric. Charite	5	0	Joh. Manton	2	0			
Ric. Cardyf	1	8	Ric. Bocher, wir- drawer	3	4			

¹ Collectors: Joh. Wyldegryse, Eust. Golofur, Tho. Cokes, Joh. Stafford, jun.² leaf 139, back.³ Blythborough, Suffolk.⁴ Blank.⁵ Collectors: Gui. Wyston, Will. Deister, bocher, Will. Haddon, Tho. Bredon.⁶ leaf 140.⁷ Christian name illeg. ? Edwardus.

[Cross-Cheaping.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Okeham	2	0	Will. Peer	6	8	Rog. Lillynton	1	8
Ric. Botoner	6	8	Gerv. Cole	6	8	Rob. Burn	3	4
Joh. Savage	3	4	Tho. Ronton	2	0	Joh. Northampton	3	4
Will. Spourour	2	0	Phelipp. Large	2	0	Hen. Rondull	3	4
Joh. Whittofte	3	4	Joh. Smythe	2	0	Will. Benet	3	4
Joh. Batter	1	8	Will. Horsley	3	0	Joh. Colyns	6	4
Will. Donynton,			Joh. Stille	3	4	Agn. Westbury	1	0
hosier	1	8	Joh. Hoton	1	8	Agn. Bynley	1	8
Tho. Paunton	3	4	Will. Cobbes	3	4	Tho. Nicols	1	0
Will. Rawlot	1	8	Tho. Cawdrey	1	8	Ric. Russheton		10
Joh. Nele, coruyser	3	0	Tho. Irysshe, weuer	1	8	Dav. Mores, bocher	1	0
Joh. Colyns	3	4	Tho. Hynkley,			Wal. Bocher	2	0
Joh. Golofur	1	8	mylner	1	8	Joh. Imayne	2	0
Hen. Mason	2	0	Joh. Couper	1	0	Galf. Wolpynner	3	4
Tho. Alene	3	4	Will. Huet, cor-			Will. Norton	1	8
Will. Mason, cor-			uyser	3	4	Tho. Parker, bocher	3	4
uyser	1	8	Joh. Nicols	1	4	Joh. Exsale	1	8
Tho. Whitside	2	0	Joh. Newman,			Nic. Swalynton	1	0
Joh. Botte, cor-			bocher	2	0	Tho. White	1	8
uyser	2	0	Joh. Deyster,			Will. White	1	8
Ric. Bedon	3	4	bocher	3	4	Tho. Fawkes	3	0
Will. Edwarde,			Joh. Bynley,			Will. Boteler	1	0
weuer	1	8	bocher	3	4	Joh. Welbek	3	4
Tho. Clerke, coriour	2	0	Tho. Whyte,			Will. Hulle, dubber	3	4
Hen. Banbury	3	4	bocher	5	0	Ric. Penson		8
Will. Wright	1	0	¹ Will. Northamp-			Will. Deyster		9
Tho. Skotte	3	4	ton	2	0	Tho. Haddon		7
Hen. Baxster	1	8	Joh. Halle	1	8	Tho. Bredon		7
Will. Swayne	1	8	Ric. Weuer	1	8			

Summa £14. 17s. 1d.

87 names.

[Bishop-street.²]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull	5	0	Tho. Kelmestowe,			Tho. Barbur	3	4
Ric. Bylston	1	0	deister	1	0	Ric. Cokkes	5	0
Will. Horsley	2	0	Joh. Stansfeld	1	8	Elizabeth Chyches-		
³ Will. Hardwike	1	8	Will. Wright	1	0	tur	1	8
Joh. Goolde	6	8	Hen. Knotte	1	8	Rob. Harbard	2	0
Rob. Reve	3	0	Rad. Bykenhull	1	4	Ric. Spyser	5	0
Joh. Bylston	1	8	Agn. Ly[n]colne	1	0	Johanna fyllippes	1	4
Joh. Symondes	2	0	Joh. Reynold,			Nic. Jones	1	8
Alan. Snape	1	8	weuer	2	0	Ric. Couper,		
Joh. Bruer	5	0	Rob. Huet	1	0	peynter	1	8
Tho. Hulle, baker	1	0	Ph. Caytewayte	1	0	Joh. Thorp	5	0
Tho. Spyser		8	Joh. A:owe, weuer	1	8	Margareta Evesham	1	0
Joh. Brasier	1	0	Laur. Barton,			Joh. Powes	1	8
Tho. Walker,			fisher	1	0	Matillda Profete	1	0
coruyser	1	0	Tho. Parbron	1	5	Will. Rolf	1	8
Joh. Trewman	1	8	Will. Thomas,			Ric. Clerke	1	5
Will. Warrewyk	6	8	weuer	1	8	Joh. Goodeknaue	5	0
Joh. Walgrane	10	0	Will. Baxster,			Rob. Weston	5	0
Ric. Glouer, weuer	1	0	bocher	3	4	Tho. Jabette	1	0

¹ leaf 140, back.

² Collectors: Joh. Appulby, Will. Horsley, Ric. Clerke, Tho. Parbron.

³ leaf 141.

[Bishop-street.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Botell	3	4	Rog. Chapmon	2	0	Joh. Stafford,		
Joh. Lychefeld	10	0	Tho. Broun, grasier	1	8	mylner	2	0
Joh. Robertz	3	4	Joh. White	3	4	Joh. Reynold,		
Joh. Parkyns,			Will. Benefeld,			barker	3	4
weuer	1	4	fisser	1	8	Joh. ffolvile	1	8
Ric. Cawdrej,			Will. Russheton	1	2	Joh. Couper	3	4
keruer	2	0	Joh. Cleybroke	2	8	Ric. Pysforde	1	8
Will. Couper	5	0	Sim. Lawe	8		Ad. Hulle	1	0
Tho. Kekewyke	1	8	Tho. Cleybroke	5	0	Joh. Pysford	3	4
Joh. Apulby	2	0	Tho. Broun, weuer	2	0	Will. Bydell	1	0
Joh. Wodecote	1	8	Joh. Mores, grasier	5	0	¹ Ric. Myles	1	0
Tho. Walgraue	1	8	Ed. Drouer	10	0	Rob. Betriche	1	0
Joh. Smyth	1	8	Rog. Taylour	5	0	Will. Bowman		8
Will. Bambour	1	8	Will. Kempe	8	8	Summa	£11.	6s. 0d.
Joh. Attewode	5	0	Rob. Crofton	1	8			

80 names.

[Earl-street.²]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tho. Clerke	1	0	vxor nuper Will.			Joh. Copsey	1	0
Joh. Heyne	2	0	frisby	3	0	Hen. Clerk	2	0
Ric. Osteriche	3	0	Joh. Smythe	2	0	Nic. Palmer	4	0
Ric. Awsten	6	8	Ric. Sharp	13	4	Joh. Baynton	1	0
Rob. Bradmedowe	6	0	Agnes Crudworthe	3	0	Ric. Boyse	6	8
Ric. Clerke,			Joh. Parkyns, sher-			Ric. Jacombe	3	0
poticary	2	0	mon	1	0	Will. Parkes	1	0
Wal. Assheby	3	0	Joh. Bentley	3	0	Will. Ive	1	0
Joh. Gawge	3	0	Will. Swane	13	4	Tho. Bradmedowe	3	0
Tho. Dey	3	0	Joh. Shemyng	2	0	Wili. Donyngton	6	8
Tho. Bayly	3	0	Ric. Alen	6	8	Joh. Crosse	1	0
Wal. Ludlowe	1	0	Tho. Tate	1	0	⁵ Tho. Suettenham	6	8
Will. Glover	1	0	Joh. Perpoynt	3	0	Tho. ffaremon	2	0
Will. Vale	6	8	Ric. Peche, skynner	2	0	Rob. Barnesley	2	0
Joh. Davy, ffysher	4	0	Joh. Anedam, sher-			Will. Holme	3	0
Joh. a Lee, card-			mon	1	0	Joh. Northewode	10	0
maker	1	0	Jac. Grene	7		Ric. Bartram	3	0
Tho. Ipstones	2	0	Will. fforde	1	0	Rog. Mason, glouer	2	0
Will. Dawe, pas-			³ Legburn,			Ric. Clerke,		
songer	3	0	taylour	1	0	skynner	1	0
Will. Cotton, card-			Tho. Ethorp ⁴	1	0	Joh. Preston	1	0
maker	2	0	Will. Chaundeler	1	0	Tho. Abell	1	0
Rad. Calbek	2	0	Joh. Baker, Taylour	1	0	Tho. Morgon	1	0
Joh. Assheburn	3	0	Hen. Shawe	1	0	Will. Huyron	1	0
Joh. Gylbard	1	8	Rob. Adurton	3	4	Joh. Palmer, hosier	1	0
Joh. Chaunter	2	0	Joh. Wyrley	1	0	Joh. Aderton	1	0
Ric. Spake	3	0	Ric. Pratte	1	0	Rob. Styf, pynner	1	0
Joh. Warant	10	0	Joh. Pynchebek	3	0	Summa	£11.	17s. 3d.
Joh. Michell	13	4	Will. Arnold	1	0	Summa totalis		
Will. Corby	1	0	Ric. Clerk, draper	6	8	£100.	0s.	0d.
Joh. Davy	2	0	Joh. Bradley, weuer	1	0			

¹ leaf 141, back.² Collectors: Tho. Bayly, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Spake, Joh. Gauge.³ Blank.⁴ Eathorp, Warwick.⁵ leaf 142.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¹[V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 28 Hen. VI.] Sept. 30.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Ric. Botoner, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewik, Will. Clerk, Joh. Wilgrys, Joh. Cole.

[Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode.] Bailiffs.

[Orders of leet.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod quilibet Textor infra Ciuitatem istam legitime recipere potest filum laneum in keynes si voluerit, capiendo inde pro le wyndyng, aliqua ordinacione inter lez textores in contrarium facta non obstante, sub pena xxs. ad opus ballivorum leuandorum.

Any weaver can receive woollen thread in skeins (?) if he wish, taking for the winding notwithstanding any weavers' ordinance to the contrary, or 20s. to the bailiffs.]

Also they woll þat no maner persone within þis Cite delyuer to eny maner Spynner within the same of woll to spyn but ij li. & a quartern for a weight [or 6d. fine to the bailiffs' use.]

"Woll."

Weight of spinners' wool.

THE FIFTEENTH.

[²Collectors of the half-fifteenth collected and paid in this mayor's time at Martinmas. For sums v. p. 218-9.] Nov. 11, 1449.

Gosford-strete.

Baldw. Metley, Joh. Langton, Tho. Straunge, Will. Knyght, weuer.

Jurden-well.

Rob. Eme, Joh. Peche, Joh. Crampe, Hugo Polard.

Much-park-strete.

Will. Aubrey, Tho. Paunton, Ric. Staffordshire, Tho. Waron.

Erl-strete.

Tho. Dey, Ric. Spake, Will. Holme, Joh. Bentley.

¹ leaf 148, back.

² leaf 142, back.

Bayli-lane.

Joh. Gryme, Tho. Burley, Rob. Gloucetur, Rob. Skille.

Brode-yate.

Joh. Hony, Joh. Eborall, Tho. Gardener, Tho. Spenser.

Smythford-strete.

Joh. Maynard, Nic. Kente, Ric. fflynte, Rog. Rouke.

Spon-strete.

Joh. Mershe, Hugo Barbur, Rob. ffalke, Will. White,
Joh. Harres.

Crosse-chepeng.

Will. Byrnynton, Hen. Aderton, grocer, Hen. Banbury,
Hen. Aderton, draper.

Bysshop-strete.

Ric. Spysyer, Joh. Wode, Rog. Oswestre, Will. Baxster,
bocher.

PROVISION OF ARMOUR.

Jan. 15, 1450.
"Provision
by the in-
habitants of
Armor and
weapons."

Ordained that
late mayors,

bailliffs,

other officers,

¹Hit is to haue in mynde that thes Wurthy menne & also Comeners here vndur-writon Ordeyned² that for the welfare & also for the preseruacion of the pece withe-in the Cite of Couentre,³ & also to strengethe the kynges lawes, haue ordeynede (*sic*) That euery manne that hathe ben meyre Withe-in the Cite of Couentre shall haue redy & dayly withe-in his place that he duellethe in iiij jakkes⁴ or iiij haburions,⁵ iiij salettes,⁶ iiij sheff arowes & iiij bowes & also oder wepons to the same stuff longeng: And euery bayly that hathe ben withe-in the same Cite shall haue iij jakkes, or iij haburions, iij salettes, iij Bowes, iij sheff arowes & oder wepons to the same stuff longeng: and also euery manne⁷ that hathe ben warden or Chamburlen withe-in the seyde ⁸Cite⁸ shall haue ij jakkes or ij haburions, ⁸ii salettes,⁸ ij Bowes, ij shef arowes

¹ leaf 143. ² MS. ordeyneyned.

³ "forto be hadde" deleted.

⁴ A sleeveless coat, usually quilted leather.

⁵ Sleeveless coats of mail.

⁶ Headpieces having fixed projections behind.

⁷ "Chamburlen & euery warden" deleted. ⁸⁻⁸ repeated.

& oder wepons to the seyde stuff longeng ; and euery oder Comener of the seyde Cite, that may bere the coste, shall haue a jakke or an haburion, a salette, a bowe & sheffe of arowes & also oder wepon to the seyde stuff longeng : Euery manne that hathe ben meyre upon the payne to lose iijli.: euery manne that hathe ben bayly to lose iij li.¹ : & euery manne that hathe bene Chamburlen & warden to lose xls. : and euery oder comener to lose xxs. : and that euery manne make his stuff redy be-twene this day, that is to sey, the Thursday next after the feste of sent Hillary the xxviiij yere of Kyng Herry the syxte & the fest of Ester thenne next foloweng, euery manne upon the payne as hit is aboute rehersed.

and com-
moners,

under certain
penalties

shall provide
armour
for the city's
defence.

Also hit is ordeynede be the seyde parsons that euery manne whanne he hathe ordeynede hym his stuffe, as hit is aboute rehersed, That he selle, lene, alen, ne do away non of the seyde stuff, ne wepons out of this Cite, ne no parcell of hem, but that they kepe hem withe-in this Cite, ne that no manne of this Cite were non of this seide stuff ne wepons withe-in this Cite but when he is comaundude be the meyre that shal-be for the tyme, or elles when the comen belle is rongen, or in preseruacion of the pece & kepeng the kynges lawes, or for the goode rule of this Cite, or elles for some oder resonabull cause, the kynges lawes ne his pece therbie hurte ne empeyrede.

No one to
lend or
alienate his
weapons,

or wear
them unless
occasion de-
mands.

Also that no taylour of this Cite make no jakke but hit be abull & of goode stuffe to kepe the mannes body that shall were hite, upon the payne that who dothe the Con- trary to lose xls. at euery defaute.

Tailors to
make good
"jacks."

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boyse, Tho. Warmynton, Ric. Wode, Hen. Sircoke, Ric. Dene, Will. Piere, Geru. Cole, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Northewode, Will. Betley, Joh. ffremon, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alen, Sim. Birches, Ric. Charite, Tho. Whighte, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, deister, Reg. Bere, Will. Clerke, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewyke, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette, Joh. Byrome, Will. Saundres, ²Joh.

78 names of
those who
assembled.

¹ "& euery manne that hathe bene Chamburlen, Bayly & warden to lose iij li." deleted.

² leaf 143, back.

Hadley, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Boteler, Hen. Aderton, *merc*,
 Tho. Haddon, Hen. Aderton, hosier, Ric. Penson, Will.
 Cobbes, Tho. Skotte, Joh. Draper, Ric. Spake, Rob. Eme,
 Tho. Bradmedowe, Rob. Nevell, Will. Aubrey, Will. Vale,
 Joh. Davy, draper, Dav. Edmundde, Joh. ffrankelen, Ric.
 Cokkes, baker, Joh. ffynche, Joh. Maynarde, Rob. Mason,
 Joh. Mersche, Joh. Pynchebeke, Will. Pynchebekke,
 Tho. Parbron, Wal. Norfolkke, Hug. Barbur, Joh. Appalby,
 Will. Horsley, Moric. Bocher, Tho. Gylbarde, Rob.
 Gloucestre, Joh. Gryme, Rog. Oswestre, Tho. Bower, Joh.
 Perpoynte, Tho. Wolff, Joh. Kebull, Will. Mason, Tho.
 Grene, Tho. Cockes, *weuer*.

Crafts give
 names.

Wherapon the Craftes of the Cite of Couentre be com-
 aundement of Edmonde Brogreue, then meyre, acordeng
 to the ordenaunse afore rehersed, han brought in to the
 seide meyre the names of euery parsonne that is abull to
 make hym stuff & to aray hym after the seide ordenaunce.
 That is to sey :

The craft of mersers.

38 "Mer-
 cers," 60
 jacks.
 4 jacks,
 mayors,
 3 jacks,
 bailliffs,

Ric. Braytoft iiij Jakkes etc.
 Joh. Mychell iiij Jakkes etc.
 Will. Braytoft iij Jakkes etc.
 Ric. Wode iij Jakkes etc.
 Ric. Dene iij Jakkes etc.
 Joh. ffremon iij Jakkes etc.¹
²Ric. Austen iij Jakkes etc.
 Reg. Bere iij Jakkes etc.
 Joh. Byrome, ij Jakkes etc.
 Ric. Charite ij Jakkes etc.
 Joh. Garton ij Jakkes etc.
 Will. Clerk ij Jakkes etc.
 Joh. Shadde j Jakke etc.
 Hen. Aderton j Jakke etc.
 Ric. Penson j Jake etc.
 Ric. Dyvette ij Jakkes etc.
 Will. Gylbard j Jakke etc.
 Joh. Dey j Jakke etc.
 Rog. Costantyne j Jakke etc.

2 jacks,
 chamberlains
 and wardens,

1 jack, com-
 moners.

Tho. Towh j Jakke etc.
 Ric. Clerke j Jakke etc.
 Joh. Clyffe j Jakke etc.
 Joh. Dagette j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Paunton j Jakke etc.
 Joh. Charite j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Manston j Jakke etc.
 Will. White j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Tate j Jakke etc.
 Rad. Caldebek j Jakke etc.
 Baldw. Smyth j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Allesley j Jakke etc.
 Rob. Leche j Jakke etc.
 Will. Potter j Jakke etc.
 Hugo Pollar j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Hobbes j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Hobbes j Jakke etc.
 Joh. Suettenham j Jakke etc.
 Tho. Illage j Jakke etc.

Drapers.

[Tho. Lytelton, Recorder, blank; Ed. Brogreue, Tho.
 Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will.
 Swanne four each; Ric. Boyse, Tho. Warmynton, Ric.
 Alen, Ric. Clerke, Hen. Sircokke, Joh. Wildegryse three;

59 "Dra-
 pers,"
 93 jacks.

¹ xx. i. e. 20 jacks stands at the foot of the page. ² leaf 144.

Joh. Goolde, Joh. Catur, Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Swettenham, two; Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Smyth, draper, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Jacombe, Joh. Draper, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Parker, Tho. Dey, Joh. Myrifelde, Ric. Spake, Joh. Copesey, Jac. Grene, Will. Chauderell, Ric. Pultun, Joh. Adirton, Rob. Adurton, Ric. Mildenale, Joh. Warmynton, Joh. Davy, Humf. Swanne, Joh. Wyponbury, Joh. Preston, Joh. Palmer, Will. Ive, Joh. Couper, Tho. Grene,¹ ² Tho. Ipstones, Tho. Swquyer, Tho. Kyrke, Joh. Wirley, Tho. Bristowe, Tho. Wodard, Ric. Pratte, Rob. Barnesley, Hen. Halows, Will. Corby, Tho. Wolff, Ph. Draper, Tho. Burley, Will of the Vale "j Jacke etc, & j Jacke outer," Tho. Colette, Will. Donynton, one each.]

Deysters.

[Joh. Esex four; Will. Piere, Gerv. Cole, three; Joh. Baker, Will. Warrewyke, Will. Saundres, Tho. Rastell two; Tho. Haddon, Eust. Golofur, Joh. Eston, Will. Smythe, Rob. ffalke, Will. Tuttebury, Rog. Burnes, Tho.

37 dyers,
48 jacks.

³, Tho. Ryngeley, Will. Bayly, Joh. Garnet, Tho. Colmer, Geruard Crampe, Will. Horsley, Joh. Smythe, Ph. Large, Ric. Spysyer, Joh. Hoten, Will. Cobbes, Tho. Cawdrey, Tho. Swayne, Will. Swayne, Tho. Kelmstowe, Ad. Hulle, Will. Bochar, Will. Harries, Joh. Massyngham, Tho. fforget, Hen. Knotte, Will. Oxton, one each.]

Gurdelers.

[Will. Clerke, Ric. Dyvette two; Joh. Crosse, Hen. Watford, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Barton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Syrcok, Nic. Russell, Joh. Power, Joh. Whitehede, Tho. Hobbes, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Orderiche, Tho. Sweteglade,⁴ ⁵ Joh. Gylbard, Hen. Wright, Ric. Oderiche, Will. Crowe, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Castell, Joh. Sircok jun., one each.]

22 "Girdlers,"
24 jacks.

Weuers.

[Joh. Grynder three; Ric. Osborne two; Joh. Lote, Tho. Broun, Ric. ffreyne, Tho. Stone, Joh. Maydeford,

57 weavers,
60 jacks.

¹ clviiij. *i. e.* 158 jacks. Really the number is 117 on this page.

² leaf 144, back.

³ Blank. ⁴ ^{xx}iiij. *i. e.* 80 jacks. Really 82. ⁵ leaf 145.

Tho. Broun, Ric. Molle, Joh. Egull, Ric. Cockes, Tho. Dykons, Ric. Clerke, Will. Jones, Tho. Maydeford, Joh. Wamburn, Ric. Glouer, Joh. Arowe, Tho. Irysshe, Joh. Bradley, Rog. Chapmon, Joh. Reynolde, Joh. Strete, Will. Knyght, Ric. Waterfall, Joh. Purs, Tho. Lyons, Will. Thomas, Will. Brvynghon, Rob. Harbard, Sampson Lyuerey, Nic. Bee, Ric. Couche, Hugo Harper, Will. Blakenale, Rob. Bulkeley, Tho. Shustoke, Tho. Stryngar, Joh. Thorpe, Will. Ronkorne, Tho. Spysyer, Rob. Agar, Tho. Okeham, Ric. Smale, Joh. Draughton, Ric. Wode, Tho. Cockes, Ric. Somer. Joh. Rothewell, Will. Huyron, Will. Arnolde, Tho. Garnet, Joh. Wakefelde, Rob. Balle, Ric. Coucher, Will. Edward, Laur. Huyron one each.]

Taylours & Shermen.

64 "Taylours
Shermen."

[Joh. Bentley, Rog. Thornton, Dav. Edmund, Will. Dawe, Will. Abrey,¹ ²Ric. Alde, Rob. Oswestre, Joh. Perpoynt, Tho. Bayly, Joh. Marshe, Tho. Joy, Joh. Bylston, Joh. fforest, Joh. Locok, Joh. Wurthynton, Tho. Cholley, Joh. Nele, Hen. Louthe, Will. Joneson, Joh. Clyfford, Joh. Neuton, Tho. Kekewyke, Alan Snape, Hen. Adurton, Ric. Bylston, Ric. Bylston, jun., Joh. Baker, Will. Ludlowe, Bened. Corkar, Ric. Gene, Will. fforde, Joh. Stanbury, Joh. Chybsey, Joh. David, Joh. Dykar, Ph. Shermon, Joh. Shrouesbury, Tho. Stapulford, Tho. Newthorp, Tho. Wyndall, Tho. Strete,

³Legburn, Taylour, Thrustanus of the Lye, Ric. Preese, Joh. Radley, Rog. Milner, Rob. Kendale, Will. Corbette, Joh. Sharp, Tho. Wylotte, Tho. Michell, Rob. Melton, Tho. Holande, Olyuer Bordeman, Will. Clerke, Tho. Parkyns, Joh. Haukyns, Will. Molle, Joh. Nedame, Tho. Bathe, Will. Adbaster, Will. Russheton, Hen. Taylour, Will. Jones, one each.]

Walkers.

27 "fullers."

[Tho. Parbron, Rob. Walker, Will. Reynolde, Tho. Tokeby, Rob. Jones, Wal. Norfolk, Ric. Norfolk, Joh. Inner, Rob. Crofte, Joh. Langton, Will. Hardewyk, Rob.

¹ lxxij *i. e.* 72 jacks.

² leaf 145, back.

³ Blank.

Whitacur, Joh. Beynton,¹ ²Joh. ³, Joh. Chambur, Rob. Blubery, Ad. Gawge, Tho. Horsley, Will. ffyppe, Joh. Bowdy, Tho. Ronton, Rad. Wright, Will. Flecher, Tho. ffuller, Ric. Tokeby, Ric. Olyuer, Tho. Rowby, one each.]

Wiredrawers.

[Joh. Stafford three; Joh. Recheford two; Tho. Elderbek, Ric. Recheford, Tho. Stafford, Will. Orsley, Will. Cleybroke, Tho. ffaukes, Joh. Sheldon, jun., Joh. Peche, Joh. Shurley, Nic. Taylour, Joh. Manton, Joh. Stafford, jun., Will. Stafford, Rad. ffolkeshull, Joh. Hasteng, Rob. Othewode, Will. Dowbryg, Ric. Wygens, Joh. ffolkeshull, sen., Will. Bolton, Tho. Smyth, card-wirdrawer, Tho. Hoten, Hen. Tredsyn,⁴ Joh. Elderbek, Ric. Rage, Hen. Dalton, Rob. Garette, Tho. Bateman, Tho. ffolkeshull extra le New-yate, Tho. Jones of Dede-lone, Joh. Onley, Joh. Symson, Ric. Bocher, Will. Rolff, Joh. Mathowe, Nic. Jones, Joh. Marshall, Rob. Rasshe one each.]

40 "wier-
drawers,"
43 jacks.

Journey-men eiusdem artis.

[Will. Gyam, Joh. Kebull, Tho. Prikonshawe, Will. ffawkonbruge, Tho. Smyth, card-wirdrawer, Tho. Smyth de Gosford-strete, Tho. Mountfort, Ric. Persons, one each.]

8 journey-
men of this
craft.

Coruysers.

[Tho. Mason, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Staffordshire,⁵ ⁶Tho. Paunton, Will. Compton, Joh. Derby, Joh. Ardurn, Tho. Norwyc, Tho. Jakemon, Will. Mason, Hen. Barker, Hugo Manten, Joh. Maynard, Bened. Stockton, Joh. Crulle, Joh. Lorde, Will. Shipston, Tho. Cowcher, Joh. ffoster, Ric. Palmer, Will. Alansonne, Ric. Drought, Rob. Mason, Will. Rowlot, Joh. Nele, coruyser, Ed. Wylson, Joh. Colyns, Joh. Golofur, Hen. Mason, Tho. Alen, Will. Mason, Will. Marchall, Joh. Botte, Ric. Drought, sen., Will. Huett, Will. Hende, Joh. Sponne, Joh. Symondes, Tho. Walker, one each.]

39 "Coruis-
ers."

¹ lxxij *i. e.* 72 jacks. ² leaf 146. ³ Blank.

⁴ or Tredsyn. ⁵ lxxix jacks, *i. e.* 69, really 68.

⁶ leaf 146, back.

Smythes.

49 "Smiths." Ric. Bedon, Will. Haddon, Rob. Burnell, Hen. Hobbes, Ric. Bromley, Will. Stedeman, Joh. Plumpton, Joh. Yong, Joh. Esex, forbur,¹ Joh. Sedyngwode, Will. Dyngley, Rob. Wodeward, Galf. Rose, Coteler, Will. Chaterton, Will. Malory, Tho. Morton, Tho. Gardener, Rob. Skille, Hugo Chadurton, coteler, Tho. ffalkes, gol² Will. Hothoos, bokilmaker, Will. Smyth, wolleman,³ Ric. Lyng peuterere, Ric. Burnell, goldsmyth, Will. Goodeyere, goldsmyth, Reg. Bere, Ric. Lane, Joh. Kyrkeby, smyth, Will. Bedon, Cariour,³ Joh. Malory, Joh. Bedwurthe, Joh. Walker, lorymere,³ Will. Dillare, smyth, Will. Ive, smyth, Tho. Chapman, chaundeler,³ Joh. Yale, peuterere,³ Joh. Hampton, Will. Mariot, Will. Melodye, Tho. Marshall, Joh. London, Hugo fforthe, barbur,³ Will. Morton, brasier,⁴ ⁵Sim. Busteler, Nic. Balche, Will. Radclyf, Will. Dyvette, Joh. Orderiche, ⁶, coteler, one each.

ffyshhemongers.

13 "fish-mongers." Joh. Walle, Will. Sporiour, Guydo Wyston, Joh. Savage, Laur. Barton, Joh. Patter, Joh. Bette, Joh. Whittoft, Tho. Miller, Will. Benyfeld, Tho. Napton, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Reve, one each.

Whittawers.

20 Whittawers,⁷
25 jacks.

[Will. Kerver, four; Joh. Deyster, three; Joh. Honyburn, Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Wyllyams, Hugo Neuton, Ric. Went, Will. Bayly, Rob. Rodes, Rog. Mason, Hen. Horsley, Tho. Clerk, Joh. Ryecongey, Joh. Burdewes, Will. Chester, Hen. Rogers, Will. Bentley, Tho. Bukbrig, Tho. Grenewey, Hugo Par, one each.]

Bochers.

23 "Butchers."

[Tho. Parker, bocher, Will. Baxster, Joh. Bynley, Joh. Halle, Tho. Mores, Will. Deyster, Tho. White, Joh.

¹ = furbisher, one who polishes rust from the metal.

² rest deleted; it looks like goldgeler (?).

³ Nondescript crafts seem classed under smiths.

⁴ ^{xx}iiij xviiiij jacks, *i. e.* 98, really 79. ⁵ leaf 147.

⁶ Blank. ⁷ "Chandlers" MS. marginal note.

Northampton, Will. Spenser, Joh. Deyster, Will. Northampton, Gal. Wulpynne, Joh. White, Wal. Broun, Joh. Imayne, Ric. Bocher, John Newmon, Tho. White, Will. Bydell, Nic. Swalynton, Rob. Burne, Will. Norton, Rog. Lyllynton, one each.¹]

²Sadelers.

[Will. Spenser, Tho. Spenser, Nic. Kent, Joh. Cooke, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bredon, one each.] 7 "Sadlers."

Cardmakers.

[Rob. Eme, Joh. Othe lee, Ric. Clerk, Rob. fforthe, Rob. Gydlowe, Will. Cotoner, Joh. ffranklen, one each.] 7 "Card-makers."

Masons.

[Hen. Clerk, Rob. Stretton, Will. Cardyf, Will. Storiour, Tho. Braymere, Tho. Yemons, Ric. Peyntour, one each.] 7 "Masons,"

Skynners.

[Joh. Shemeng, Rob. Torsote [? Torfote], Tho. Tyler, Joh. Alderwas, Joh. Oldenhale, Ric. Knightley, Tho. Colchowe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Peche, one each.] 9 "Skinners."

Pynners, tylers.

[Rob. Gloucetur two; Will. Swyft, Joh. Hoges, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Crosse, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Ravon, Tho. Bette, Ric. Cardyf, Joh. Langcastell, one each.] 10 "Tylers," 11 jacks.

Bakers.

[Ric. Rede, baker, Rob. Nevell, Ric. Cockes, Ric. Parbron, Will. Crampe, Ric. White, Joh. Hulle, Joh. Smyth, Will. Mylner, Tho. Shawe, Ric. Botell, Ph. Kaytewayte, Tho. Hulle, Hen. Stevenson, Joh. Oldebury, Mat. Curtes, Joh. Thomason,³ ⁴Tho. Hakette, Joh. Enggillon, one each.] 19 "Bakers."

Barburs.

[Joh. Hopton, barbur, Tho. fforthe, Godefrid Barbur, Ric. Barbur iuxta Bablake, Hugo fforthe, barbur, Rob. ffyge, barbur, Joh. Barbur atte Bulryng, Joh. Bylston, 15 "Barbers."

¹ lxvij jacks, *i. e.* 67.

³ lviii jacks, *i. e.* 58.

² leaf 147, back.

⁴ leaf 148.

Hen. Burbur, Tho. Grysley, Ronulph Barbur, Will. Barbur, Ric. Barbur atte Gosford stulpes,¹ Joh. Wode, barbur, Will. Bedford, one each.]

Wrightes.

20 "Wrightes." [Tho. Cleybroke, Joh. Powes, Hen. Dalby, Joh. Clyfton, Joh. Halle, Will. Wyresdale, Tho. Gybons, Joh. Toppe, Rob. Toppe, Tho. Jabette, Joh. Davy, Hen. Warmynton, Joh. Cleybroke, Will. Kyng, Will. Bowman, Tho. Hamond, Tho. Grene, Joh. Whyte, Joh. Wodecote,² Alan. Wytham, one each.]

Barkers.

8 barkers. [Joh. Coupar, Ric. Pysford, Joh. Reynold, Joh. Harres, Ric. Stone, Will. Sponar, Tho. Gylbard, Joh. Pysford, one each.]

Cokus etc.

5 "Cokes." [Rob. Persale, Joh. Dalton, Rog. Stanley, Will. Togoode, Will. Taylour, one each.³]

RIC. SHARP, MAYOR, 1450.

Jan. 25.

⁴[Election of officers.]

24 electors.

Tho. Wirley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kervar, Joh. Warant, Joh. Walgrave, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wildegrise, Ric. Dene, Will. Peere, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Austen, Will. Kempe, Joh. Stafford, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Byram, Will. Warrewyke, Joh. Baker, Joh. Goolde, Will. Clerke.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Sharp; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Will. Saunders, Will. Gloucestre; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet; mace, Will. Oxtou.

J. Ps.

[Ric. Sharp, m., Tho. Litulton, rec., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Swanne, Joh. Walgraue etc. Afterwards Joh. Leder died on (blank) day, and Ed. Brogreue was chosen (electus) in his place.

¹ v. *E. D. D.* stoop, a post. O.N. stólpi; stolpe, *Prompt. Parv.* 533 (Mr. Stevenson).

² Depopulated village near Warwick.

³ 1 Jackes. *Summa totalis* = vij^c xliiij Jackes (or 744), ? 685.

⁴ leaf 149.

[The mayor, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue.

Guardians of the keys of the chest where the common seal is, and of the chest where the standard measure is kept.

[The mayor, Tho. Wirley, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Will. Braytoft, M. G. C. C., have one apiece; the wardens have another, and a key of the door of the tower where the chest is kept.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

¹[V. f. p. held before Ric. Sharp, m., Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, b., on Saturday after the close of Easter, 28 H. VI.]

Coentre. Ap. 18, 1450.

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sireok, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Joh. Catur, Will. Pere, Will. Warrewyk, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, draper, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wilgris, Joh. Garton.

[Orders of leet.

[Forty decent men of good and honest behaviour and bodily strength, shall keep watch in the city from the ninth² hour until the ringing of the Daybell, within which time according to the accustomed oath they shall guard the city well and sufficiently. Which men every night shall be well and sufficiently arrayed in jacks, sallets, poleaxes or glaves and the like; and how further these men shall be ruled in watch hours the leet place in the mayor's and council's discretion.]

Qui ordinaverunt quod xl homines decentes, bone & honeste conuersacionis, ac fortes in corpore ad laborandum & ad vigilandum, noctanter custodient & vigilabunt villam a hora nouena,² vsque ad pulsacionem campane vocate Daybell; per quod tempus secundum Juramentum consuetum bene & sufficienter custodient villam istam etc. Qui homines quolibet (sic) nocte erunt bene & sufficienter apperalti (sic) in Jakkis, Salettis, polaxes vel Gleyues & aliis consimilibus etc. Et quomodo ipsi xl homines vltorius tempore vigilacionis erunt gubernati illud ponunt in discrecionem Maioris & consilii, si etc.³

¹ Scribe B. leaf 149, back.

² 9 p.m. The same time as the gates were shut.

³ Evidently owing to the disturbed state of the country an attack was feared. The month of June in this year witnessed the rising of Jack Cade.

"A ground in Bishop-street graunted for 80 years, 12d. per ann."

Hit was graunte at þis [lete] to John Norwode at his request & desire a voyde grounde lying in the Bysshop-strete besides a house of his there-in, which Will. Buxston late helde, for the terme of ^{xx}iiij 3eres, paying þefore yerely to the Chambre xij d., and the seid grounde conteyneth in lenth xij fote, & in brede x fote, & þe seid John duryng þe seid terme to kepe all maner reparacions.

The town-ditch.

Also they ordeyn that the Town diche without Gosford-zate lying & stretchyng towardes Harnall be clensed & þat euery man clense before his owne grounde & þat to be doon within viij daies next folowyng.

A spire at Gosford-gate.

Also they ordeyn that a spyre be made besides the Gosford-zate as hit hath be of olde tyme; & hit to be made at þe wardeyns coste.

No filth from the jail to be thrown on the highway.

Also they ordeyn that no person within þe Gayle of Couentre fro this tyme furth cast no pysse in-to the high weye, vppon þe peyn of þe Gayler to lese ¹at euery defalt ¹xl d.

"Gates to be locked."

Keepers of keys appointed.

Also hit was ordeyned at þis present lete, at the request & desire of þe Chamberleyns that there shuld be ordeyned & named in euery warde iiij persones which shuld haue the keypyng & guydyng of þe town yates, & they iiij in euery ward to chese on person, which shuld haue the keypyng of þe keyes of euery zate, & he to open þe zate euery mornyng & to lok hit at ix of þe Clok in þe night; and þey þat kept þe keyes of þe Newe-zate, Spon-strete-zate, Bishop-zate & Frere-zate & Gosford-zate to haue 3erely for their labour iiij s. apece; and they þat kept þe keyes of all the other zates to haue ijs. apece & to be paide be þe Chamberleyns for þe tyme beyng.

Sept. 30.

[²V. f. p. held on Wednesday after Michaelmas, 29 H. VI.]

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Anabull, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffremman, Joh. Wylgris, Will. Warrewyk etc.

¹ Repeated.

² Scribe B. leaf 150, back.

[Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram.]

At pis present lete & be auctorite of the same was graunted vnto John Shirwode for xxxvj li., wherof xxvj was paide then & there vnto the wardeyns of this Cite, a Mese¹ place lying before Bablak, which some tyme was Gyles Corbrond, to haue & hold to þe seid John, & to the heris of his body lawefully begoten, & for lak of such issue to reuerte vnto þe Towne aʒeyn etc.

[Ordinance concerning spinners² (v. p. 243) confirmed.]

And they nowe ordeyn þat no man delyuer no werk but be weyghtes ensealed & that þe officers take no more for sealyng of a wyght & dimidium wyght but ob. & no more, vpon peyn etc.

[v. p. 232. Brewer only to use conduit water "for dressing of his mete."]

THE FIFTEENTH.

³[Collectors of the fourth part of a fifteenth paid at Martinmas, 29 H. VI.

Sums as in p. 142 (1432). Total £12. 10s. 0d.

Names as in p. 243-4; except that in Bayly-lane Tho.⁴ Gryme and Tho. Wirley stand for Joh. Gryme and Tho. Burley.]

RIC. BOYS, MAYOR, 1451.

[⁵Election of officers.]

Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kervar, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Edm. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffremman, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Wildegryse, Ric. Botoner, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Goolde, Will. Clerke, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Reg. Bere, Hen. Watford.

[m. Ric. Boys; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Spake, Will. Gylbard; w. Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffranklen; mace, Will. Oxtan.]

The names of the justices of the peace and both sets of keepers of the keys are blank.]

Bailiffs.

Orders of leet.
"Graunted vnto John Sherwode a tenement against Bablake."

"Spinners" to have their work weighed by sealed weights.
½d. for sealing a weight and half a weight.

"Maltsters and brewers not to fetch water out of Conduits."

Nov. 11, 1450.

Jan. 25.

24 electors.

¹ = a message.

² The sweating of women workers in industrial life is ancient.

³ leaf 150. ⁴ Joh. is written over the top.

⁵ leaf 153. Scribe of type p. 102.

FORTIFICATIONS AND LEET PETITIONS.

Mar. 27,
1451.

An assembly
of worthy
men, 89 in
number.

¹Hit is to haue in mynde that the Seturdy nest after the feste of the Purificacion of our Lady last past all thes wurthymen foloweng into seynt Mary halle called to-gidur afore the Meyre, Ric. Boys, a *communicacion* there to be hadde of & for dyuers maters for the wele & wellfare of² this Cite etc. That is to sey: Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Edm. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Byram, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Grynder, Will. Pere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Ric. Alen, Ric. Clerk, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Will. Gylbard, Ric. Spake, Joh. Baker, Will. Clerk, Reynold Bere, Tho. Whyte, Joh. Goolde, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Osbarne, Will. Saundres, Rob. Glouseter, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette, Ric. Cockes, *weuer*, Eustas Golofur, Rob. Nevell, Rob. Eme, Joh. Alderwas, Will. Awbrey, Tho. Waren, Ric. Wymondeswold, Ric. Bromley, Hen. Watford, Ric. Alde, shermon, Joh. Bentley, Tho. Jake-mon, Ric. Tokeby, Joh. Boteler, Gye Wyston, Edm. Dalby, Ric. Penson, Ric. Bedon, Joh. Mores, *drouer*, Ric. Clerk, *weuer*, Hen. Banbury, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Maynard, Galf. Bower, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Mershe, Wal. Norfolk, Joh. Honyburn, Tho. Broun, *lynne-drauer*, Tho. Brad-medowe, Rog. Burnes, Joh. Lote, *weuer*, Tho. Gylbard, Joh. Bentley, Will. Deyster, *bocher*, Joh. Savage, Will. Pynchebek, Raff Wright, Tho. Tokeby, Tho. Bredon, Hugo Barbur, Tho. Grene, *hosier*, Ric. fflynt, Nic. Kent, Tho. Skotte, Joh. Nele, *taylour*, ffylippe Gosnore, Rob. ffalkes.

consult con-
cerning the
fortifications.

Town-
ditches to be
cleansed.

The wheche wurthymen, maters dyuers for the wele of this Cite meved & hard & comende etc., han ordeyned & prouyded that the Town dyches of this Cite shullon be clansed and that to do ³eury howseholder of this Cite shall fynde a man, howse be howse, & warde-be-ward, in lyke wyse as the wache gothe, excepte that eury

¹ leaf 153, back.

² "than necessari to be" deleted.

³ leaf 154.

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FOREWORD.

PART II of the Leet Book contains 324 pages as against 256 of Part I, an increase of 68 pages, due to Dr. Furnivall's desire that we should not break into the career of the rebel, Laurence Saunders, with whose disappearance from history this part accordingly ends. The matter contained in this division of the Leet Book is, perhaps, more varied, fuller of personal details and of items of historical interest, than was the case with its predecessor, and as it was thought that Part I suffered in not possessing some preliminary guide to its contents, I determined that Part II should not also be defective in this respect. The following slight introduction, which will not anticipate to any appreciable extent the final survey of the work in Part IV, is merely intended to enable the reader to obtain as readily as may be, some idea of the most striking features of that portion of the Leet Book that deals with the period between 1451 and 1496.

As Coventry was one of the chief Lancastrian strongholds of the realm, a frequent residence of the Court in the early days of the Wars of the Roses, and later a centre for the operations of the Kingmaker, this period is unusually rich in details connected with fortification, military history, and leading personalities who played their part in that time of strife. The strengthening of the city's defences in 1451 with cleansing of ditches, repairing of walls, and purchase of guns,¹ the reception given to Henry VI that same year,² the pageantry at the welcome to Queen Margaret in 1456,³ the record of the council held in 1457,⁴ the commission concerning the attainted Yorkist lords received in 1460,⁵ all point to the ascendancy of the Lancastrian party in the early days of the conflict.

Later the city veered round to York, and a welcome with pageantry was accorded to Edward IV after the battle of Towton.⁶ Warwick's machinations in 1469 and his *volte-face* in favour of Lancaster in the following year again threw the city into the conflict between the

¹ See pp. 257-62.

² See pp. 263-4.

³ See pp. 285-92.

⁴ See pp. 297-8.

⁵ See pp. 310-1.

⁶ p. 313, p. 316.

warring houses, and in 1471 Edward IV came fresh from his victory at Tewkesbury to mulct the city with a fine of 500 marks for the part the citizens had taken with his enemies. With reference to Robin of Redesdale's rebellion in 1469 the Leet Book scribe lays the scene of the Woodvilles' execution at Gosford Green, whereas other authorities say that the father and brother of Edward's queen suffered death at Kenilworth; while in the account of the Lancastrian revival in 1470¹ Warwick and Clarence are said to have come to Coventry from the west with 30,000 men, before they went to London.² The citizens hastened to make their peace with the victorious Yorkists, and welcomed Prince Edward, afterwards Edward V, with as gay a show as they had previously prepared for Margaret of Anjou.³ The later Yorkist period is marked by a series of royal interferences with local affairs, an encroachment, it would seem, at first resented by the citizens,⁴ and by frequent appeals for money to aid the king in his wars. The rule of the House of the White Rose appropriately closes with an allusion to Bosworth, "the field of King Richard."⁵

The city was also filled with internal troubles. The close corporation that ruled it was often both unpopular and inefficient. The craft companies resented the governing body's authoritative interference in their affairs,⁶ and sought to control their members by suing them for oath-breach in courts spiritual removed from the jurisdiction of the city. The dyers, a craft to which the rebel Saunders belonged, were a particularly stiff-necked and troublesome body.⁷ To add to the general unrest disputes concerning encroachments of the common pastures, of which we have seen traces in Part I (p. 45) begin in 1469 to occupy a prominent place in the records;⁸ and an interminable quarrel between the mayor and commonalty on the one hand and a Whitley landowner—whose name I once read Bristow, but after many comparisons and much debate have decided to spell Briscow—on the other, fretted the citizens until they rose in rebellion.⁹ The practice of surcharging the commons by powerful graziers was denounced by Laurence Saunders, whose career opens in 1480, the year of his chamberlainship, when he presented an appeal concerning this matter¹⁰ to the Prince of Wales. Again and again he spoke in protest about the alienation of the citizens' rights of common. The most interesting and individual figure in the whole history of mediæval

¹ pp. 346, 358–9.

² For the pledging of Clarence's jewels for a loan see p. 381.

³ pp. 391–3. ⁴ p. 433. ⁵ p. 531. ⁶ pp. 302–3 *et passim*.

⁷ p. 418. ⁸ pp. 350 *sqq.* ⁹ p. 491. ¹⁰ pp. 430–43.

Coventry, Saunders after being fined, imprisoned, cautioned by the Prince of Wales' council, bound over to keep the peace, vanishes into the Fleet prison defiant to the last. Undoubtedly he had a great following in the city; and in the verses composed by some rhymster of his party there crystallizes the popular discontent of years.¹

Up and down the Leet Book are scattered countless allusions of interest to students of legal, ecclesiastical, topographical or social history. Such are the mention of a widower's life-interest in a dead wife's property when issue had been born of the marriage "by the Courtesy of England";² the sealing of the standard measures;³ the positions of churchwardens;⁴ the building of S. Michael's church;⁵ the treatment of the spinners;⁶ the regulation concerning morals under Henry VII;⁷ the order against wooden chimneys;⁸ Margaret of Anjou's manner of riding;⁹ the distribution of the holy cake;¹⁰ while on account of their early occurrence, unusual sense or rarity, the words "spayre,"¹¹ "purpensed,"¹² "experimently"¹³ and "reteign-dour"¹⁴ are remarkable.

¹ pp. 556, 566-7, 574-80. ² p. 268.

³ p. 267. Mr. Richard Savage has courteously supplied me with items from the Stratford chamberlains' accounts which show that the Coventry strike served as a model for Stratford in Shakespeare's time.

⁴ p. 460. ⁵ p. 461. ⁶ p. 271. ⁷ p. 544. ⁸ p. 549.

⁹ p. 297. ¹⁰ p. 417. ¹¹ p. 260. ¹² p. 475.

¹³ p. 536. ¹⁴ p. 394.



worthy man shal-be charged to bere ther parte also-well as odur.

Also they ordeyned that portcoles shall be made at euery yate of this Cite ther as the yate is made to haue a portcoles, and this to be don be the chamburlens of this Cite atte Cite Coste.

Also they ordeyned that ther shulde be made Spayers¹ withe-in the water of Shurburn to holde vp the water yif nede requyre, and to lat the water passe all odur tymes, and this also to be don be the chamburlens etc. on the Cite coste.

Also that ther shulde be dyvers Cheynes made of Iron & hanked² in dyuers places withe-in this Cite for to hang ourthewarde³ dyuers lane eendes as hit now aperethe where; and this also to be don be over-syht of the meyre & his Counsell.

Also that ther shulde be made a posturne at the over partie of the Spon-strete; The which postorn shall be made atte Costes of the seyde Spon-strete; that is to sey, fro Bablake yat vpward into the subarbes.

The wyche ordenaunses aboue rehersed the Meyre be the avyse of his Counsell at all tyme covenable dud his due parte acordeng to the seyde ordynaunse, also-well in clanseng the Town-diches, in makeng portcoloses, spayers, Cheynes, as in all oder thynges, no lawful tyme spared. Nertheles at a lete holdon in Coventre etc. The⁴ Thursday next after the Close of Ester the yere of the reyne of kyng Herry the sixt the xxix, a bille was put vp & delyuerd vnto the wurthy men of the seyde lete, of the whiche bille the Tenour folowthe in thes wordes:—

To all the wurthy men of this present lete, plese hit your wyse discessions to consider that where now late in the Meyres tyme that nowe is, after good Custome of this Cite of long tyme hadde, at seynt Mari-halle assembuld ther xlvij persons & moe of the most wurthy persons attat tyme beeng withe-in this Cite for goode gouernaunse & rule in the seide Cite to be hadde & kepte, atte whiche tyme hit was ordeyned that ther shuld be made

“Cleansing of towne ditch by houses.”

Portcullis at every gate. “Gates made for the Citty.”

The river.

“Chaines at Lanes ends in þe Citty.”

A postern.

May 6. At the leet a petition is put up,

¹ v. Gloss. ² hanged, *N. E. D. s. v.* hank.

³ = overthwart. ⁴ repeated.

certen portecolesses, spayers, Cheynes, and also that the dykes of this Cite shulde be clansed. The whiche portecolesses, Spayes & Cheynes ben made & myche part of the dykes clansed; and where at that tyme hit was ordeyned that the seide dykes shulde be clansed be persons goeng acordeng to the wache, the whiche hathe gon twyes thorowe this Cite to right grete charge & in speciall to the poer peapull: That ye wolde attis present lete the seide ordenaunses of thes xlviij persones & moe made, conferme to be ferme & stabull;¹ and more-over to ordeyne that the seyde dyches may-be ffynysshed for the grete profet & wurship of this Cite be suche weyes & menes as shall be leest cost & charge to this Cite, and in speciall² to the poer pepull. Also where in euery Cite & Towne of this londe ther is in euery warde an alderman to whome *certen* & euery person of the warde shull haue recours yif ony auenture falle, so that euery aldermon hathe a grete strengeth of pepull to go into euery place of the Cite & Towne and when nede requyreth, that ye wolde of your grete wysdomes ordeyne that hit may be in lyke wyse withe-in this Cite fro thys tyme in tyme that is to come.

complaining
of the charge
borne by the
poor in these
works;

and begging
that they
may be
spared;
also a petition
is made for
an alderman
for every
ward.

It is ordained
that £12. 10s.
is to be levied
from the
thrifty for
the works,
and the poor
spared.

The mayor
and 8 worthy
men to appor-
tion work
and payment.

Confirmation
of the ordi-
nances of the
Mayor's
Council.

The whiche bille was onswered be the wurthy-men of the seide lete in maner & forme as herafter foloweth: ffyrst, they ordeyne that xij li. x s. shal-be leued of the that ben Thrifty men of this Cite, & poor men spared, but yif he be a laborer that geteth iiij d.³ a day, he to pay j d. or ij d. atte most; & with that seide xij li. x s. the town dyches shul-be clansed; and the Meyre shall take viij wurthy-men to be of his counsell to set the dyches to be clansed; & what the laborers shall haue that to do. Also the seyde wurthy-men of the lete ordeyne that euery mon of this Cite when he [is] called shal-be redy to com atte The Meyres comaundement, & to be attendant to the meyre wen he sendeth for hem, as hit hathe ben vused of olde tyme. Also they afferme & ratifion the ordenaunses made be the wurthy men afore rehersed,

¹ Evidently an order of the Forty-eight had to be ratified by the succeeding leet.

² leaf 154, back.

³ Evidently a good average wage.

that is to sey be hem that wern called to be afore the meyre the Seturday next after the feste of the Purificacion of our Lady last past etc. in this same yere ordeyned.

Of the whiche xij li. x s. ther come to the Meyres hondes but xj li. vij s.; and the cause was this the Sponstrete warde brought not in ther somme be xix s., and the Bysshop-strete brought not in ther summe be iiij s.

Nertheless¹ the xx^{ti} day of June the Meire lat calle afore hym these wurthy-men whose names herafter folowen, for to comen *certen martes* [? maters] for the wele of this Cite.

Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreue, Joh. Byram, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Will. Peer, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Alen, Ric. Austen, Joh. ffremon, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Wode, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Norwode, Simon Byrches.

The whiche wurthy-men in alsomyche as the forseide xj li. vij s. suffised not to clanse the seyde dyches, They ordeyned that the Meyre shuld reseyue of John Garton & of Ric. Dyvette, late wardens of this Cite, C s. to ffynesse the werk in the diche with-in the Litelf-parke. Also ther last viij s. of the summe that was gedurd for the gonnes of brasse, the whiche viij s. was spent also in the same vse. *Summa totalis Receptionis* xvj li. xv s.

²Memorandum that acordeng to the ordenaunses afore rehersed The Meyre called to hym viij wurthy-men of this Cite & madon couenaunt withe Lewes Dyker³ as for clanseng of the seyde dyches; That is to sey, the seyde Lewes shuld clanse the diche that strech[i]the in length from the Dog-lone vnto the Cook-strete-yate, conteyneng in length x perche, he takeng for euery perche v s.; also to clanse the dyche in the Podycroft conteyneng in length xj perche, takeng for euery perche v s., and for makeng of a dyche bank apou the same dyche, the which colted⁴

June 20, 1451.

Another council summoned:

25 councillors

ordain deficit to be supplemented by £5. from the wardens:

total spent £16. 15s. 0d.

Covenant with Lewes Dyker to cleanse the ditches.

One ditch ten perches long at 5s. a perch,

and another eleven, for the same,

¹ Characteristic of this scribe. Note also his "attis," "attat," not used by others.

² leaf 155.

³ ? Surname or occupation.

⁴ Slipped or caved in (*E. D. D.*).

for a ditch-
bank 6s. 8d.,

other work
16s. 8d.,

yet another
ditch at
6s. 8d. a
perch:

sum total
£16. 15s. 0d.
"Gunes to
be made."

Four guns
purchased

and brought
from Bristol;

they weigh
328 lbs. at 4d.
a lb., total
£5. 9s. 4d.;

for carriage
of guns
6s. 8d.;

50 lb. of iron,
and work-
manship
6s. 3d.
2 great
trestles,
3s. 4d.

10 marks
from the
wardens;
total £6. 5s.
7d.

balance 8s.

All straight.

in afore that tyme, for the wiche he hadde vj s. viij d. Also the same Lewes hadde for rammeng & stoppeng the spayre¹ of ston for the water shuld not issu owt etc. xvj s. viij d.; also the same Lewes shuld haue for clansyng the dyche with-in the Litull-parke conteyneng xxvj perche lyeng to-gider in oon place, and for iiij perche be the Newe-yate, Summa of the perches xxx^{ti}, for euery perche vj s. viij d. Also hit was apoynted that he shuld haue abouon all this a gown glothe [? clothe], price vj s. viij d.

Summa omnium expensarum. xvj li. xv s.

Memorandum that the Meyre, the Baylies, that is to sey, Rob. Bradmedowe & Joh. Byrame, withe odur wurthy men of this Cite, for strengthyng of the same yif nede shulde hit requyre, (the whiche God forbede!), ordeyned that ther shulde be made iiij gonnes of brasse, ij greter² & ij smaller; the gretter arn called serpentynes; and euery gonne shuld haue ij Chamburs; The whiche gonnes arn made & browght in; and they lyne in Bablake-^{xx}yate in a towre; And they weyon xvj lb. viij lb., euery lb. at iiij d., Summa vli. ixs. iiij d. And payde more-ouer to the maker of the gonnes for carieng the gonnes fro Bristowe to Couentre, and for his lyeng here lenger then his apoyntment was, vj s. viij d. Also payde to John Smythe of the Bysshop-stret for 1 lb. Iron, and for the byndeng the seyde gonnes into her frames, euery lb. j d. ob. Summa vj s. iiij d. Item, payde for ij grete Trestulls to ley the gonnes on when they shul-be shotte iij s. iiij d. ffor the payment of the whiche gonnes etc. hit was ordeyned atte same tyme of John of Garton & Ric. Dyvet late wardens x marc'. Summa of the expenses of the gonnes vj li. v s. vij d.

So ther levithe of the seyde x marc' viij s., The whiche viij s. was payde to the clanseng of the dyche in the Litull-parke, as hit aperithe a-fore etc. So the seyde meire & the Towne remaynon evon, & no-thing vnpayde etc.

³Memorandum that acordeng to the ordenaunse as for

¹ A difficult word, v. p. 257 and Gloss. Dr. H. Bradley suggests an opening in a wall on the analogy of spayre = an opening in a garment.

² "gretter" repeated.

³ leaf 155, baek.

makeng of portcoles, spayres, posturnes, & clenseng of dykes & odur thynges made, as hit aperethe afore—The meyre hathe made a portcoles at Bablake-yate, anodur at the Nu-yate with all apparell that longothe to hem; and he hathe also lat make a Spayr in the Podycroft be-twene the ij Towres, as hit aperethe ther, anodur spayre be-twene the Hul-strete-yate & Cook¹-strete-yate vnder a tour ther, as hit aperethe also, and also anodur our the watur of Shurburn besyde Gosford-yate; also the Meyre hathe lat make a new yate with-in Cheylesmore [yate²] to a gate ther ledeng into the parke; also the Meyre hath late made of newe vij Cheynes of Iron, and the vij withe to odur cheynes of long tyme past made he hathe dispossed & ordeyned in the forme as here after folowthe, that is to sey, atte Westorchard ende on, atte Brode-yate anoder, the thride atte Grey-frer-lone ende, the iiij at the Pepur-lane eend be the Cookes ther, the v atte Litel-park-strete ende, the vj atte Hey-lone ende, the vij atte Bayly-lone ende, the viij atte Much-park-strete eende, the ix atte Ded-lane ende.

Porteuillis,

a new gate,

“Chaines
(?) fightened
at Lane and
Street endd,
viz. ix.”

And as toucheng the clansyng of the dykes acording to the seide ordenaunse the meyre hathe lat clanse fro the tour in Dog-lane to the Cook-strete-yate, the whiche is xxij perche & an half; also fro the Cook-strete-yate to the Priory xix perche, ffro the Grey-frer-yate to the speyre of ston ther in the Podycroft xxij perche & an half; also the meyre hathe radmed³ (*sic*) & pyled in the same dyche etc.; and fro the Lytel-park-yate to the Nu-yate lij perche, and in Gosford-strete from a tenement Called Golofur-place vnto the Tenement of Will. Braytoft in the Myl-lone xxvij perche & an half. Summa Cxl perche & ij perche.

More cleans-
ing of ditches.

143 perches.

And also the meyre hathe lat make of the town walle be-hynde the Cook-strete as hit ther aperethe moreover then is aboue rehersed, ij perche & an half & ij fote, and also a stone walle in Dog-lone atte town dyche ende be the tour, as hit also ther apareth, and apon sent Jones burche ij ston walles, as hit aperethe also.

An additional
piece of the
town wall
built;
a stone wall
in Dog-Lane,
and upon S.
John's
bridge.

¹ Interlined Wel, *i. e.* Well-street-gate.

² deleted.

³ MS. radmed, *i. e.* rammed.

"Making
Spon-bar
gates."

Also the meyre hathe lat make in the Spon-strete a barer, and all the costes ther-of was born of the same strete.

The guns

And The Gonnes that ben ordeyned for the Towne, as hit is afore rehersed, that is to sey, iiij Gonnes & a barell of Gonnepowder, & xiiij peletes of Iron & of lede for the gretter gonnes, & iij dosen pelettes of lede for the Smaller gonnes, ben in a tower of Bablake-yate in the towre next to the Podycroft wherof the Chamburlens han the key.

kept in a
tower.

EASTER LEET.

May 6.¹

²[V. f. p. before Ric. Boys, m., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram b., on Thursday after the close of Easter, 29 Hen. VI.]

24 jurors.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Wal. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Essex, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Will. Pere, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Th. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Ric. Sparke, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Wilgres, Joh. Golde.

Orders of
leet.
30 lbs. of yarn
to a dozen
cloth.

Hit is ordeyned at this lete *pat* no weuer within pis Cite should take lesse to make a dosen Cloth *pen* xxx li. yaron.

Item, hit was ordeyned at pis same lete & graunted to John Lokkey a *tenement* withoute *pe* Frere-zate afore Cheylesmore grene for *terme* of lxxxxviij [*? yeres*], the seid John to bilde *pe* seid *tenement* & after hit is bilt to sufficiently repair and to pay *perfor* *pe* olde rent, & ouer *pat* to *pe* Trinite Gilde vj s. viij d. 3erely, as appereth be dede made to-d[ay].

THE KING'S VISIT.

The mayor
has all
matters

³And for-alsomyche as hit is right nesesarie & full nede-full to reduse maters into mynde that afore tyme ben don in eschueng stody & labur in suche cases that hereafter arn lyke to falle, The meyre hathe late to compyle as for the kynges comeng into this Cite, for his beeng withe in this

concerning
the king's
visit

¹ I have sacrificed chronology here to unity of subject matter.

² Scribe B. leaf 158, back. ³ leaf 155, back.

Cite, and also of his rideng out of this Cite, withe all the demene the mene-whyle hadde, as hit apereth in writeng next after here foloueng :

set down in writing.

“Receavinge the king.”

¹Memorandum that the xxjth day of Septembre the yere of our soueren lorde afore rehersed, The kyng our soueren lorde cam from Leycestur toward Couentre, The Meyre beeng thenne, that is to sey, Ric. Boys & his wurthy bredurn arayed in Skarlet and all the Cominalte cladde in grene gownes & rede hodes in Haselwode be-yonde the brode Oke on horsbak attended the comeng of our soueren lorde. And also sone as they haddon syght of our soueren lordes *presens* The Meyre & his peres lyghton on fote, [and] mekely thries kneleng on ther knees dud vnto our soueren lorde ther due obeysaunce, The Meyre sayeng to hym thes wordes :—“Most highest & gracious kyng, ye arn welcome to your true lege menne withe all our hertes.” Atte wyche the Meire, be avyse of counsell, hadde no mase in his honde, but his seriant attendeng apou the Meyre, the wordes afore rehersed seyde, put the Mase in the Meyres honde, & the Meyre kysseng the mase offurd hit to the kyng, The kyng, tarieng & herkeneng the Meyres speche in fauerabull wyse, seyde thes wordes :—“ Well seyde, Sir,² Meyre, take your hors.” The Meyre then rode forthe afore the kyng, bereng his mase in his honde, with the knyght Constaball next afore the kynges Swerde, The bayles of this Cite rideng afore the Meyre withe ther mases in ther hondes makeng wey & Rome for the kynges comeng ; and so they ridon afore the kyng till the kyng come to the vtur yate of the Priory. The kyng then forthewithe send for the Meyre & his bredurn be a knyght to come to his *presence*, & to speke withe hym in his chambur, & the Meyre & his peres acordeng to the kynges comaundement come into his Chaumbur & thries ther knelleng dudde ther obeysaunce. Thomas Lytelton, then Recordur, seyde vnto the kyng suche wordes as was to his

Sept. 21.

The mayor, his brethren and the commonalty magnificently clad go to meet the king on horseback.

The ceremony of welcome.

The king is graciousness itself.

They ride to the Priory, where the king sends for the mayor and his brethren.

¹ leaf 156.

² The double stroke // between these words must be represented by a comma.

The king's
compliments;

and his
charge to
them.

"A present
to the kyng.
A tunn off
wine and
xx^{ti} ffat
oxen."

On Michael-
mas eve the
king an-
nounces he
will visit
S. Michael's
church at the
festival.

The cere-
mony of
church-
going;

the proces-
sion;

thynkyng most plesaunt, our soueren lorde seyeng agayne thes wordes. "Sirs, I thank you of your goode rule & demene, and in speciall for your goode rule the last yere past, for the best ruled pepull thenne withe-in my Reame. And also I thank you for the present that ye nowe gaue to vs"—The whiche present was a Tonne wyne & xx^{ti} grete fatte Oxon. The kyng then moreouer gaf hem in com- aundement to govern well his Cite & to see his pease be well kepte, as hit hathe ben afore-tyme, seyeng thenne to hem he wolde be ther goode lorde. And so the Meyre & his peres departed, etc.

The kyng then abyding stille in the seide Priory apon Michelmas Evon sende the Clerke of his Closet to the Church of sent Michell to make redy ther his Closette, seyeng that the kyng on Michelmas day wolde go on pro- cession & also her there hygh masse. The Meyre & his Counsell remembreng hem in this mater specially avysed hem to prey the Bysshoppe of Wynchester¹ to sey high masse afore the kyng. The Bysshoppe so to do agreede withe all his herte.

And agayne the kynges comeng to sent Michell church, The Meyre & his peres, Cladde in Skarlet gownes withe ther clokes and all oder in ther Skarlet gownes, wenton vnto the kynges chambur durre ther abyding the kynges comeng. The Meyre then & his peres doeng to the kyng due obeysaunce when he come fro his Chambur, Toke his mase & bere hit afore the kyng, all his seyde bredurn goeng afore the Meyre, till he com to sent Michels & brought the kyng to his Closette. Then the seyde Bys- shoppe in his pontificals arayede withe all the prestes & ²Clerkes of the seyde Church of Bablake³ withe Copes apareld wenton in procession abowte the Churcheyarde. The kyng devowtely withe many odur lordes folowed the seyde procession bareheded, cladde in a gowne of golden tussu, furred withe a furre of marturn sabull, the Meyre bereng the mase afore the kyng as he dudde afore till he com ageyne to his Closette. At the whyche masse when the kyng had offerd & his lordes also, he sende the lorde

¹ Will. Waynflete.

² leaf 156, back.

³ The Trinity Gild church.

Bemond,¹ his Chamburlen, to the Meyre seyeng to hym : —“Hit is the kynges wille that ye & your bredurn com & offer.” And so they dudde.

And when masse was don the Meyre & his peres broughton the kyng to his Chaumbur in lykewyse as they fet hym, saue only that the Meyre withe his mase went afore the kyng till he cam withe-in his Chambur, his seide Bredurn abydeng at the Chambur durre till the Meyre cam ageyne.

And at Evesong-tyme the same day the kyng be ij for his body & ij yomen of the Crowne sende the seide Gowne & furre that he were when he went in procession & gaf hit frely to God & to sent Michell, Insomyche that non of the that brought the gown wolde take no rewarde in no wyse.²

And after all this don on the Teusday next after the fest of Sent Michell then next sueng, the kyng, purposeng to remove, toke his hors & rode forthe toward Kylleng-worthe. The Meire & his peres & the Cominalte, in lyke wyse as they ridon withe the kyng into the Town, so in the same wyse they ridon withe the kyng towards Kylleng-worthe, till they comon to a place be-yonde Astill-grove, agayne a brode lane the ledethe to Canley, and then there the kyng willeng to speke withe the Meyre & his Bredurn seyde to hem thes wordes :—“Sires, I thank you of your goode rule & demene at this time, & for goode rule among you afore hadde, & in speciall for your goode rule of the yere last past. And where-as ye ben nowe Baylies we will that ye be hereafter Sherefes ; and this we graunt to you of our own fre wille & of no speciall desire. Moreour we charge you withe our pease among you to be kepte ; and that ye suffer no Ryottes, Conuenticuls ne congregasions of lewde pepull among you. And also that [ye] suffer no lordes lyuereyes, knyghtes ne S[q]wyers to be reseyuod of no man withe-in you, for hit is ageyne our statutes ; and also that [ye] abey my comaundementes, and yif ye be thus ruled we wille be your goode lorde.” And this don the Meyre & his bredurn, takeng ther leve

the return.

At evensong-time,

the king gives his gown and fur freely to God and S. Michael.

Oct. 5, 1451.

The manner of the procession towards Kenilworth when the king leaves.

The king's speech containing

the promise of new liberties. “The first Sheriff made by the King's owne mouth.”

No conventicles or riots ; and no maintenance.

¹ Beaumont.

² Evidently a rare disposition on the part of royal officials.

God save the
king!

of the kyng, so then departed & ridon to Couentre
agayne. Godde saue the kyng.

Oct. 13, 1451.

THE NEW CHARTER.

A council of
worthy men
consult about
the new
charter.

And the meyre considereng the grete loue & tendurnes
that the kyng, our soueren lorde, hathe shewede to this
Cite, as hit aperithe aboue in writeng, In the fest of sent
Edwarde lat ordeyne to com afore hym thes wurthy-men,
whose names here after folown, to haue of hem ther
goode avyse what is most nesesarie & nedefull for this
Cite in this to be hadde. The whiche wurthy-men
ordeyned that Thomas Lytulton, Recordur, Reynolde Bere,
oon of the baylies of this Cite, John Norwode, William
Betley, Henre Boteler, John Whalley, & John Abell
shuldou ride to London, and ther be avyse of lerned
Counsell to prouyde a chartur suche as shal-be most profit-
abull & also most nesarie to this Cite. The whiche so
to do, to [?so] that Godde wolde gyf hem grace, they
agredon to gyf hur labur & atendans :—Whose names
her-after folown etc.

Divers of
them go to
London for
further
advice.

77 council-
lors.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will.
Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Bro-
greue, Reg. Bere, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Syreok, Joh.
Grynder, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh.
Whalley, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffremon,
Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Will. Kempe, Joh. Byram,
Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Wode, Will. Pere, Ric. Spake,
Joh. Baker, Rob. Glouceter, Will. Saunders, Tho. Whyte,
Joh. Recheford, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen, Joh. Goolde,
Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet, Eus. Golofer, Ric. Cockes, Tho.
Stafford, Tho. Colet, Rob. Eme, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Atwode,
Joh. Derby, Joh. Arthurn, Ric. Bromley, Joh. Crosse,
Joh. Sireok, Joh. Bynley, Tho. Dey, Ric. Hampton, Tho.
Hobbes, Hugo Manton, Joh. Boteler, Joh. Apulby, Ric.
Clerke, Tho. Parbron, Tho. Walgraue, Tho. Broun, Joh.
Wylde, Wal. Norfolk, Joh. Lote, Joh. Honyburn, Tho.
Gylbard, Joh. Stone, Tho. Haddon, Nic. Kent, Ric.
Spysyer, Rob. Nevell, Tho. Cockes, Joh. Mores, Rog.
Oswestre, Joh. Maynard, Joh. Hony, Will. Arnold.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[¹ V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 30 Hen. VI.]

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Hen. Sircok, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Ric. Aleyn, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Will. Gilberd, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffrankleyn.

[Joh. Wildegrys, Reg. Bere.]

Coventre.
Oct. 2.

Jurors.

Bailiffs.

TOWN BUSINESS.

²Memorandum that the Meyre, that is to sey, Richard Boyse, in this tyme that our soueren lorde the kyng lay here in Couentre, laburd to ³Brooke, Clerke of the marktete, to haue the brason Stryke⁴ Seled, & the seyde Clerke of the market, makeng his proues, mesured the Strike & seled hit in to plases withe a synet that longud to his offys; That is to sey the prynte ther of is a crowne; withe the whyche seale the half stryke of tree was seled afore in the tyme of Ric. Sharp then beeng Meyre. The whyche brason strike & a halff strike withe a writ of proclamacion acordeng to the Statute lyon to-gidur in the Comen Cofur in the Midull Tour chaumbur of sent Mary halle.

The clerk of the market seals the standard strike of brass,

and the half-strike of wood.

Also all the dedes, munimentes, Skrowes,⁵ Charters that longon to the lyuelode of the Chambur of this Cite of Couentre lyon in a Closette withe-in the forseide Comen Cofur sauely ther to be kepte. To the whiche Cofur ther ben v lokkes & v keyes; of the whyche the Meyre hathe oon, the Mayster of the Trinite yelde anodur, the Mayster of Corpus Christi anodur, The Chamburlens anodur, & the wardens anodur, to thentent that they there shuld be the more sauely kepte.

The corporation deeds lie in a coffer in a tower in S. Mary's Hall.

Memorandum that a mees place, the whiche lyethe in Couentre in the Bayly-lone withe shoppes in the forthur-fronte, the whiche was sumtyme John of Garton & his

A message in Bayly-lane,

once J. Garton's,

¹ leaf 158, back. Scribe B.; again I have sacrificed strict chronology. ² leaf 157, back. ³ Blank.

⁴ "selde" repeated. ⁵ Scrolls.

called
The Herte,
to revert to
the mayor
and com-
monalty.
But one
W. Walsale,

claims right
in the same.

Wherefore
the mayor
and other
commune
with him to
know on
what his
claim is
based.

He is bought
off

with
£10. 0s. 0d.

[? wyff] called "The Herte" of the whiche Mees the reuersion ther-of after the desese of certen parsons was to the Meyre & cominalte of the Cite of Couentre, as hit aperethe be the Euydens of the seide Mees beeng in the comen Cofur.¹ And now the reversion is fallon to the Meyre & to the cominalte, & so they ben now in possession etc. And for-alsomyche as oon William Walsale, sqwyer, the whiche had wedded Johanne, that was doughter to John of Garton, Claymed to haue tytell in the seide Mees, The Meyre & John Walgraue, mayster of the Trinete yelde, with odur, be avyse of the Recordur & odur lerned Counsele to be in pesabull possession, comend withe the seide William Walsale to wyt & to know wherby & why he claymed to haue the seide Mees. And he answered & seyde that he Claymed to haue the seyde Mees be the Curtesy of Inglonde,² seyeng that he had a chyld be Johane his wyf aboue rehersed. And for-alsomyche as the seyde William had entred upon the seyde Mees and was in full purpose to put the londe in plee & in trowbull, Hit was thought that hit was better to trete Then to plete etc. A trete was takon and appoynted be trety that the seide William Walsale shulde relese all the right that he hadde in the same Mees withe the shoppes & all odur apurtenaunse, and also that he shulde bryng in all the dedes, munimentes, skrowes, & all maner of Euydens that he hadde of the seyde Mees etc., for the whiche so to do he hadde xli. and that was payde be the Meyre of parcell of the fote of the acounte of John Garton & of Ric. Dyvet, late wardens of this Cite.

THE FIFTEENTH.

Collectors of
the fifteenth.
Nov. 11, 1451.

³[Collectors of the fourth part of a fifteenth "payeng at Martylmas, the yere of kyng Herry the vj^t the xxx."

Gosford-street: Bawdewyn Metley, Joh. Langton, Tho. Straunge, Will. Knyght, weuer; £1. 9s. 0d.]

Jordan-well: Rob. Eme, Joh. Peche, Joh. Cramp, Hugo Pollard, £1. 5s. 6d.

¹ "now is fallen" deleted.

² Pollock and Maitland, *Eng. Law*, II. 414.

³ leaf 160.

Much-park-street: Will. Awbrey, Tho. Paunton, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Waren, £1. 5s. 0d.

Earl-street: Tho. Dey, Will. Holme, Joh. Bentley, Joh. Gawge, £1. 8s. 5d.

Bayly-lane: Hen. Watford, Rob. Skille, Tho. Hobbes, Will. Mason, 17s. 6d.

Broadgate: Joh. Hony, Joh. Eborall, Tho. Gardener, Hugh Manton, 11s. 8d.

Smithford-street: Nic. Kent, Ric. fflynt, Rog. Rouk, Joh. Wyrthyngton, £1. 0s. 0d.

Spon-street: Hugo Barbur, Rob. ffalk, Will. White, Joh. Harres, £1. 8s. 5d.

Cross-cheaping: Hen. Adurton, groser, Hen. Banbury, Tho. Chapmon, Will. Deyster, bocher, £1. 16s. 3d.

Bishop-street: Ric. Spysyer, Joh. Wode, Rog. Oswestre, Joh. Stanffeld, £1. 8s. 3d.]

THE SHERIFFS' CERTIFICATE.

[The certificate of the sheriffs of the county of the city of Coventry to be certified into the Chancery of the lord king after they have been sworn.

[To the most excellent prince lord Henry, king of England (etc.) your humble and faithful servant and petitioner R. Boys, mayor of Coventry, certifieth into Chancery that J. Wylgrys and R. Bere are sheriffs of the county of your city, and that they have taken their oath openly in the Gild-hall before the mayor, that the said John and Reginald will do, exercise and perform well, duly and faithfully all that appertains to that office, accord-

¹ *Certificatio vicecomitum Comitatus Ciuitatis Couentre quolibet anno postquam Jurati fuere in Cancellariam domini Regis certificanda etc.*

Excellentissimo principi domino Henrico Dei gratia Rex Anglie & francie & domino Hibernie, Vester humilis & fidelis seruiens & orator Ric. Boys, Maior Ciuitatis² siue ville vestre de Couentre, in Cancellariam vestram certifiat quod Joh. Wylgres & Reg. Beere sunt vicecomites Comitatus vestre Ciuitatis predictae, & quod ipsi coram prefato Maiore in Guyhalda eiusdem Ciuitatis sacramentum suum aperte prestiterunt & Jurati sunt, quod iidem Johannes & Reginaldus officium² vicecomitis Ciuitatis predictae ac omnia que ad

¹ leaf 158. Scribe of B. type.

² deletions.

ing to the oath as long as they are sheriffs of this city. In testimony whereof

the said mayor has caused the seal of the mayoralty to be affixed to these presents. Given at Coventry in the 30th year of the king's reign.]

officium illud pertinent bene, debite, & fideliter facient, excercebunt & exequentur secundum formam Juris quamdiu ipsi vicecomites eiusdem Ciuitatis exstiterint. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii Maioratus Ciuitatis siue ville predictae dictus Maior presentibus apponi fecit. Datum apud Couentre Ciuitatem predictam etc. anno regni Regis vestri nobilissimi tricesimo.

WILL. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1452.

Will. Braytoft's election. Jan. 25, 1452. 24 electors.

[¹Election of officers.]

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Pier, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Byram, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmynton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Clerk, Will. Kemp, Joh. Garton, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Goolde.

Officers.

[m. Will. Braytoft; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Hen. Adurton, grocer, & Tho. Haddon deyster; w. Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen; mace, Will. Oxston.]

[The mayor and chamberlains to make one perch less of the wall than usual, so that £7. 16s. 0d. of the first money of the murage shall be paid to the executors of R. Charite and Tho. Whyte, formerly chamberlains.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod Maior & Camerarii ibidem electi minus facient hoc anno de muro Ciuitatis quam solebant vna pertica. Ita quod septem libre sexdecim solidi de prima pecunia muragii soluantur executoribus Ric. Charite & Tho. Whyte nuper Camerarii etc.²

J. Ps.

[Will. Braytoft, m., Tho. Litelton, rec., Joh. Walgraue, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreue, Ric. Boys.

Guardians of keys. Guardians of the other keys.

The same except the recorder.

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¹ leaf 159.

² *i. e.* 1449.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Braytoft, m., Joh. Wilgrys, Reg. Bere, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 30 Hen. VI.]

Couentre.
Apr. 15.

Joh. Walgrauē, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Tho. Warmyngton, Hen. Sircok, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Garton, Joh. Golde, Tho. Swetenham, Hen. Atterton, Grocer, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Gryme.

24 Jurors.

[Orders of leet.]

[Any servant playing at an illicit game, or betting, on feast days shall be imprisoned for three days, and pay 4*d.* to the sheriffs; and every master shall have the same penalty and pay 12*d.* to the sheriffs.]

Ad hanc letam Ordinatum est quod quilibet seruiens ludens ad aliquem iocum illicitum, vel bettyng, diebus festiuis habeat imprisonmentem per tres dies, & vltra id soluat vicecomitibus iiij d. Et quod quilibet Magister sic ludens habeat eandem penam prius & soluat vicecomitibus xij d.

Hit was also ordeyned at þis lete that who so euer delyuered for a wyght of wolle to spyn to eny spynner more then ij li. & dimidiam that such spynner to bring her werk to þe shirrifis for the tyme beyng, & ther proued for trouth þat ther wer more then a wyght then the seid shirrifis to sesse & take the spyndels to ther owne behofe, & to paye þe spynner for hir labour, & þis to be doon as ofte as eny such fals weyghtes were delyuered.

Spinners again.
"forfeiture off yarn if aboute a weight off wooll be deliuered to spinners."

Also hit is ordeyned þat yf eny Bochour here-aftur scalde eny porke or Braune in eny other place then at the comien scaldyng-house he to lese at euery defalt xxs., half þerof to the shirrifis & half to the Crafte of Bochours.

Butchers and scalding-house.

And also þat all such ware be dighted & scalded be þe iiij men þerto assigned & sworn be þe seid Crafte, vppon þe same peyn.

Also þat no Bochour carie his intreilles of bestes into

¹ Scribe B. leaf 159, back.

eny other place þen to þe place þerto assigned, vppon þe same peyn.

Coentre.
Michaelmas
leet,
Sept. 30, 1452.
24 jurors.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 31 Hen. VI.]

Joh. Walgrave, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Essex, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedaue, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Biram, Ric. Wode, Joh. Catur.

Bailiffs and
sheriffs.

[Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet.]

[To be proclaimed that no one use no (wooden) wine jars nor long swords under penalty of losing them, except in riding.

[H. Atterton to clean away and remove the willows and stakes at Well Street Gate before the next View (of frankpledge) under 40s. fine; and to clean and remove his manure in West Orchard, and enclose his land there with pales or buildings under 20s. fine.]

Turners'
and coopers'
market.

Item, hit was ordeyned at þis lete that wher the Turnour & Coupers of þe Cuntre were wonte to haue their Market on the Goode-friday be which people were lette fro seruice þat goode [? Friday], therefore hit was ordeyned that þe seid market of þe seid wares shuld euer frohensfurth be kept on þe ffriday next before Palme-Sunday, & neuer to be kept of þe seid Goode-Friday, and that hit be holden in þe Bochery þat market, etc.

Corn.

Also hit was ordeyned þat no maner persone frohensfurth reseceyue ne house no corne in þis Cite bought be Baggers, Regratours of þe market, vppon the peyn to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d.

Item, *ordinant quod Maior & Balliui fieri faciant proclamari quod nullus deinceps habeat nec vtatur costrellis nec long hangers¹ infra hanc Ciuitatem sub pena amissionis eorum, nisi sit equitando etc.*

Item, *ordinant quod Hen. Atterton, hosyer, citra proximum visum mundet & amoueat salices & sudices [sic. ? sudes] iuxta le Wel-stretezate, sub pena xl s., & mundat (sic) & amoueat fimum suum in West-orcharde, & claudat terram suam ibidem cum palis vel edificiis, sub pena xx s. etc.*

¹ Evidently because of the inconvenience to passers-by.

Also [hit] was ordeyned for clenysng of þe stretes that euery hall durre shuld paie quarterly to þe Carre j.d. euery person þat holdeth a shop ob. And þat þe comien seriant haue power to distreyne for non-payement of þe seid money.

Sanitation;
1d. to the cart,
½d. to the same.

SHEREFFS' AND CORONERS' OATHES.

¹*The Othe of the Shireves of the Cite of Couentre.*

Ye shall be goode & true to the kyng of Ingland & his heyres² & to the ffranches of Couentre, and hyt maynteyne & susteyne. And ye shall well & truly ocupie & excersise the Offices of Shireves & baylies of this Cite, & all fermes & fees that the³ Baylies of this Cite han vsed to pay⁴ in dischargeng of this fraunches truly paie or do to pay in dischargeng the Meyre & the Cominalte of this Cite, ⁵excepte such fees that ye arn discharged of nowe be this our newe chartur⁵; and true Juges be in your offices in all maters afore you moued, or dureng the tyme of your offices to be moued; and do right to the poer as to the riche, with-owten ony favur⁶ to be shewed in ony wyse⁷; ne non extorceon ne oppression do to the

To maintain the franchises;

pay fees;

judge truly;

show no favour;

¹ leaf 160, back. One of the three forms of this oath in the MS. One version, an "othe of the Sherrefs & Baylefs of the Citee of Couentre" occurs on leaf 107, back; it is much deleted and interlined with various hands; referred to below as A. For the "Sacramentum balliuorum ville de Couentre," v. p. 224. Slight variations between the A version and the one here given are not noted.

² "The kyng oure souereynge lorde and to his heirz kynges of Englande," A. ³ "Schyrryfes &" added, A.

⁴ A. adds in various hands, much deleted: "Also ye shall pay to the Rentgedarar of the Trinite gilde the half yerres rent of the Jayll-hall due at oure Lady day thanunciacion next comyng by Whitsunday next foloyng, and to pay Michelmas rent by All Halows day next after that." Hand changes to a later one, repeating this in a slightly varied form ("master" for "rentgaderar"). "And ye shall bestowe this yeire xx s. in reparacion of the gaoll-hall; and all this ye shall do to your power, so help you God, etc. And ye shall pay xx s. to the (?) beylie of this Citie for the rent of the gaoll-hall, and all other thynges that belonge to your office," etc. This is at the end of A. In the margin opposite "do to pay" much-deleted A reads "& all other fees according to such order as is decreed by the [illeg.] of the present leete."

⁵⁻⁶ omitted, A. "excepte . . . chartur" is underscored by a line.

⁶ "ayenst Justes" added, A.

⁷ "Ye shall renouace & forsake the bishop of Rome, etc." added in much later hand, A.

return writs; pepull; and also execute & return all maner of writtes, warantes & preceptes that shall be to you directe, or be you to be executed, sayng all-wey the ffranches.¹

hold courts, sessions of peace, pleas of the crown, And also ye shall well & truly in *propur person* continue² ouery Courte day, Cessions of the pees, plee reale, to be holdon withe-in this Cite of Couentre durenge the terme of your offices, and not departe out of this Cite, ne this fraunches, at no tyme durenge your seide offices withe-outen lycense of the Meire beeng³ durenge the tyme of your seide offices.⁴ And ye shall duly holde your Countees whithe-in this seyde Cite fro monethe into monethe on the Tewsday durenge tyme of your offices; ⁵and ye shall not set eny of *your* subbay[li]wikkes to eny certeyn ferm, etc.⁵ And ye shall be demened⁶ in all thynges toucheng your seyde offices as the meyre for the tyme beeng be the avyce of his Counsell will comaunde you, the whiche is lawfull, honest or *profet*⁷ to this Cite. And all thes shall ye do & kepe to your power & Coneng durenge the tyme that ye stond in your offices, so help you Godde & halydame. ⁸And ye shall rere noo fynes of eny cessions of peas vnto þe tyme þe Justicez of peas haue cessed hem. ⁹And ye shuld kepe *your court* daies at dyet in *your owne housez*, & þe cessions in maner of olde tyme vsed.⁹ And ye shull make (?) non officer vnder [you] but be þe award of þe Mair & his counceill, and aftur þeym in all maters be ruled & corrected.⁸

not leave the city without licence;

hold county courts;

be demened by the mayor's advice;

so help you God.
Levy no fines until the justices have assessed them;

diet in your own house; make no officer without the mayor's leave.

CORONER'S OATH.

The coroner

Ye shall duly & truly ocupie & excersise the office of Coronurshippe of the Shire of the Cite of Couentre, and duly be at the Countes of the seide Shire holdon within the seyde Cite euery monethe on the Tewsday, and truly

to attend courts;

¹ "of thys Cytte" added, A.² "to be presente" added, A.³ "Maister Meyre for the tyme beyng," A. ⁴ A varies reading.⁵⁻⁵ In margin. A. adds "and ye shall rere no ffynes of eny Cessions of the peace vnto the tyme the Justices of the peace have sessid them, excepte ffrayes. Also ye shall make no officer vnder you but by thaduyse of Maister Meyre & his Counsell."⁶ "demanyd," A.⁷ "prophet," A.⁸⁻⁸ In much later hand.⁹⁻⁹ deleted.

recorde exigentes¹ & Inquicicions afore you takon, and all odur thynges afore you also ferre as lawe requyrethe. And also execute & returne all maner writtes, preceptes & warauntes that shall be to you directe, or be you to be executed. And all thynges shall do that longethe to your office of Coronorshipp of this seide Shire when ye be therto requyred to do hit. Ye shall duly occupie & excersise of clerke of reconysaunce of dettes withe-in the seyde Cite to be takon after the forme of Statutes for marchauntes made from the tyme that hit² happethe the office of ony suche Clerk withe-in the seyde Cite be ony cause to be voyde. And duly delyuer the pepull in that that in you his, that will sue for ony suche reconysaunse. And that ye compell no man to pay more for ony reconysaunse then acordeng to the statutes ther-apon made, withe-outon that he will of his own free wille & agrement ony more pay. And ye shall be demened in all thynges toucheng your seide offices that the meire for the tyme beeng be the avyce of his Counsell will comaunde you, whiche is lawfull, honest & profet to this Cite. All thees shall ye do to your power & coneng, dureng the tyme that ye stonde in the seide offices, so help you Godd & halydame.

make record;

return writs;

act as clerk for the Statute-Merchant courts;

be demened after the mayor's advice.

JOHN FREMAN, MAYOR, 1453.

Jan. 25.

³ [Election of officers.]

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Hadley, Will. Kempe, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Byrame, Reg. Bere, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Joh. Garton, Joh. Honyburn, Will. Dawe.

¹ A writ which compels the defendant to appear under pain of outlawry.

² leaf 158. By the Statute of Merchants (1283) facilities were given for the recovery of debts. The amount of debt, and the date when payment was due were entered on a roll; if the debtor failed to pay, his movables could be seized. For the remains of a Statute-Merchant roll *v. Corp.* MSS. E. 6.

³ leaf 162.

[m. Joh. ffreman; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Guy Wiston and Rob. Eme; w. Joh. Gryme and Tho. Bradmedowe; mace, Will. Oxton.]

[Ordered that Ric. Clerke and all others shall pay the tax for their tenements as has been accustomed, notwithstanding the change of their doors into other wards.]

Ad quem diem ordinatum est quod Ric. Clerke, Cardmaker, & omnes alii Ciuitatis Couentre soluant taxam pro tenementis etc., sicut ex antiquo consuevit, mutacionibus hostium (sic) tenementorum suorum in alias wardas non-obstantibus etc.¹

J. Ps. Joh. ffreman, m., Tho. Litulton, rec., Ed. Brogreue, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue.

Key keepers (1). The same except the recorder.

Key-keepers (2).² The same as (1) together with Will. Braytoft, and the wardens.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Couentre. Apr. 7. ³[V. f. p. before Joh. ffreman, m. Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, b., on Saturday after Easter, 31. H. VI.]

24 jurors. Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Essex, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Grynder, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Garton, Joh. Gryme, Will. Gilbard.

[Orders of leet.

[No fishmonger to have more than 2 feet space between the wall and his table.

Ordinatum est quod quilibet ffysshemonger deinceps non habeat largiorem spacium inter murum suum & mensam suam (?) positum nisi spacium duorum pedum ad maius [or 40*d.* fine].

[The wardens to have the rents of all the gates yearly; and to repair the same gates.]

Item, volunt (etc.) quod Gardiani huius Ciuitatis habeant redditus omnium portarum annuatim, et quod faciant reparacionem earundem portarum.

¹ Probably an extra back or front door communicating with a different street.

² Keepers of the keys of the chest (ciste) where the standard called "le brason Strike" remains. "Le brason ("brasyn," p. 284) strike" is mentioned leaf 159, p. 270.

³ leaf 162, back. Scribe B.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 32 H. VI.] Coentre.
Oct. 2.

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Boyes, Will. Braytoft, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Ric. Austeyn, Ric. Clerk, Reg. Bere, Joh. Wylgris, Rob. Bredmedowe, Rob. Eme, Joh. Gryme. 24 jurors.

[Hen. Atterton, Ric. Spake.]

[Everyone with lands or houses in Little-park-street to cleanse their ditch and take away the dung near to Baronswell before All Saints' day, or 12 d. fine.]

[Bits² not to be thrown into Broadwell on pain of forfeiture of the same.]

[The sheriffs to choose 3 testers of leather every year, viz.

a girdler, a cobbler, and a tanner, who shall be sworn to test leather, whether it be well

tanned or no. And whoever sells leather before it be fully tanned to lose 40s. to the sheriffs.]

[The reward coming to the mayor's officers, the sergeant and swordbearer, in gifts, fees, etc., to be equally divided between them, as it has been of old time; and

Bailiffs and
Sheriffs.

Ordinant quod quilibet qui habet terras seu tenementa in vico Parci Minoris mundet fossatum suum & auferat fimum etc.¹ iuxta Baronswell citra festum Omnium Sanctorum proximo futurum, sub pena cuiuslibet deficientis xij d.

Item, quod nullus decetero iactat (sic) lez bittez in fontem latam, sub pena amissionis & perdicionis dictorum lez bittez.

Item, ordinatum est quod vicecomites qui pro tempore fuerint decetero eligant quolibet anno tres tastatores Correi, vnum a girdeler, alium a Coruiser, & tercium a barker, qui erunt Jurati ad probandum Corream, vtrum sit bene tannatum vel ne. Et quicumque decetero vtterat Corream suum ante sit plene tannatum perdat ad quolibet (sic) defectum xls. vicecomitibus pro tempore soluendos etc.

Item, ordinatum est quod quolibet commodum annuatim officariis Maioris, videlicet le Swirdberer & le Meirs seriant, proueniens vt in donis, regardis, feodis, & aliis pertinenciis, deinceps inter eos equaliter diuidatur,

¹ I am not sure if this should read "auferat fimum etc. iuxta" or "& (et) iuxta."
² = bottles or pails; v. gloss.

whoever does the contrary to prout ex antiquo consuetum fuerit, lose his office.] sub pena dimittendi officii sui, qui in contrarium fecerit etc.

Also they ordeyn that yf eny officers fro this tyme forward be founde vicious of his body, that then he be put oute of his office in eny wise, and pat no man pray for such officer, and that þe Shirrifs take such officers as shall please them be þe advice of the Mair for the tyme beyng.

RIC. WODE, MAYOR, 1454.

Jan. 25.

¹[Election of officers.]

24 electors.

Ric. Boys, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Will. Braytoft, Geru. Cole, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Baker, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dene, Reg. Bere, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmynton, Will. Saundres, Joh. Goolde, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Will. Peer.

[m. Ric. Wode; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Joh. Shurwode, Joh. Hadley; w. Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Straunge; mace, Will. Oxton.]

[At which day it was ordained that every mayor for the future be sworn in his oath amongst other things to supervise the tenements belonging to the treasury (Cameram) of this city, four times a year or more, to wit once within a month after the Purification (imperfect).]²

J. Ps.

[Ric. Wode, m., Tho. Litelton, rec., Ric. Boys, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue.

Key-keepers

The same, except the recorder.

(1).

Key-keepers

The same as (1), together with the wardens.]

(2).

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Coventre.

Apr. 28.

24 jurors.

¶³[V. f. p. held before Ric. Wode, m., Hen. Atterton, Ric. Spake, b., on the Saturday after Easter, 32 Hen. VI.]

Ric. Boyes, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant,

¹ leaf 163.² The other times are not specified.³ Scribe B. leaf 163, back.

Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ger. Cole, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Deane, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wylgriss, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton.

[The tilers' wardens and craft and all tile-makers to come each year before the mayor to swear that they will not sell semi-tiles, and the tilers shall not place them, under a fine of 1*d.* for every tile.

[Every butcher to scald his swine at the common scalding house, or 20*s.* fine, as was before ordained.

[All who slaughter oxen, cows, calves and sheep shall place the skins outside their doors in the common street, under 40*d.* fine.]

¶ [V. f. p. before on the Monday after Michaelmas, 33 Hen. VI.]

Ric. Boyes, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Walgraue, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Warant, Will. Pere, Ger. Cole, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Will. Kemp, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Reg. Bere, Will. Saunders, Joh. Catur, Joh. Garton.

[Guy Wyston, Joh. Gryme.]

[If J. Got commits fornication, especially with Elizabeth, wife of Tho. White, or brings in the influence of some lord or master for having

Qui ordinant quod Custodes artis de Tylers & omnes eiusdem artis ac omnes factores tegulorum (*sic*) sint coram Maiore annuatim Jurati quod non vendant aliquam Semy tyll, nec illi qui tegulant ponant huiusmodi semytyll, sub pena cuiuslibet delinquentis j. d. pro qualibet tegula etc.¹

Item, Ordinant quod quilibet Carnifex scaldet porcos suos ad communem scaldynghouse, sub pena xx*s.*, sicut preantea ordinatum fuit.

Et omnes qui mortificant boues vaccas & vitulos & oues quod² ponant pelles eorum extra hostia sua in communi strata sub pena xl*d.* etc.

Coventre.
Michaelmas
leet.
Sept. 30, 1454.
24 jurors.

Bailiffs
and Sheriffs.

[Ordained] quod si Joh. Got deinceps vtatur aliqua muliere in fornicacione & specialiter cum Elizabeth vxore Tho. White, aut laborat alicui domino aut Magistro pro officio suo,

¹ v. p. 232.

² (?) To facilitate detection of stolen cattle.

his office of gaoler, he shall lose his office; or if he use any one's livery, save only that of the mayor and sheriffs, the same penalty follows.] *videlicet* Gayler,¹ *habendo, quod tunc perdat officium suum, aut si vtatur aliqua liberacione alicuius persone nisi tantum Maioris & vicecomitum decetero, tunc sequatur predicta pena etc.*

The sword-bearer. [Granted to Will. Tylottes, "swirdberer, in encressyng his ffee," 20s. yearly, to be paid by the wardens.]

RIC. CLERK, MAYOR, 1455.

Jan. 25. [2 Election of officers.]

24 electors. Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Dyvette, Hen. Addurton, Ric. Dene, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Whalley, Ger. Cole, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byrame, Tho. Warmynton, Reg. Beer, Joh. Garton, Rob. Gloucetur, Joh. Catur, Rob. Eme, Joh. Goolde.

Officers. [m. Ric. Clerke, drapar; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Joh. Dey, Joh. Illage; w. Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Straunge; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Ric. Clerke, m., Tho. Lytulton, rec., Will. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boys.

Key-keepers (1). The same, except the recorder.

Key-keepers (2). The same as (1) with the wardens and except Ric. Boys.]

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 15. [3 V. f. P. held before Ric. Clerk, m., Gui. Wystem, Joh. Gryme, b., on Tuesday after the close of Easter, 33 Hen. VI.]

Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Brogreue, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Walley, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmynton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Wyldegrys, Hen. Atturton, Joh. Garton, Joh. Straunge, Rob. Eme, Joh. Catur.

¹ Evidently this is the man against whom previous orders have been directed. v. p. 278. ² leaf 165.

³ ?Scribe C. The orders appear to be in a Scribe B's hand, leaf 166.

[No one of the city to frame an indictment against another in any foreign county court, under pain of imprisonment, and making fine according to the assessment of the mayor and justices.

[No one to sell cloth in S. Michael's porch, or 12*d.* fine to the sheriffs for each cloth sold there.

[The sheriffs to pay the coroner 40*d.* at Michaelmas; his annual fee being 6*s.* 6*d.*,

half payable at Easter, and half at Michaelmas.

[Carpenters now being brothers of the craft to pay 20*s.* for their fines, and not to be compelled to pay further by any wardens of the craft under pain of 100*s.*

[No stranger carpenters coming to the town to dwell there be compelled to pay more than 13*s.* 4*d.* for fines, and to be paid quarterly; provided that such stranger have remained for two years, and enjoyed the liberties before he be compelled to pay.]

Ordinatum est (etc.) quod nullus infra vel de Ciuitate ista decetero iniuste laboret versus alterum de eadem Ciuitate aliquod indictamentum in aliquo extraneo Comitatu, sub pena imprisonmenti & finis fiendi per concideracionem Maioris & iusticiariorum pacis assidendi.

Item, *ordinatum est quod nullus decetero vendat pannum in le porche ecclesie S. Michaelis, sub pena xij d. vicecomitibus pro quolibet panno ibidem vendito.*

Item, *volunt (etc.) quod vicecomites istius Ciuitatis soluant Joh. ffynche, Coronatori etc. ad festum S. Michaelis archangeli proximum xl d., & sic soluendo annuatim vj s. vj d. ad festa Pasche, S. Michaelis archangeli, equaliter.*

Item, *ordinatum est quod Carpentarii¹ modo existentes fratres dicte artis soluant tantum xx s. pro finibus suis, & non compellantur vltra soluere per aliquos Custodes dicte artis, sub pena Cs.²*

Et *quod nulli extranei Carpentarii decetero venientes ad villam Coventrie ibidem commorare (sic) compellantur soluere pro finibus suis vltra xiiij s. iiij d., & hoc soluendum per quarterium. Prouiso semper quod quilibet talis extraneus habeat moram suam ibidem per biennium, & per eundem tempus congaudeat libertatem (sic) antequam compellatur finem facere vel soluere.*

¹ "soluant" deleted.

² On the excessive fines charged by crafts for intending brethren, v. Introduction.

TROOPS FOR S. ALBANS' FIGHT.

May 18.

A letter

¹Memorandum that here-after is writon a copie of a letter that was send fro our soueren lorde the kyng to the Meyre & to the Shyreves of the Cite of Couentre.

from the king,

Be the kyng.

begging for troops.

Trusty & welbeloued, we grete you well ; & for certen grete causes moeuyng vs & toucheng right nygh our persone & astat, we wyll & desire your at [?as] our speciall trust is in you, that ye, acompanyed withe suche felishep as ye goodely may in their best & most defensable aray to do vs seruice, and suche as ye will onswere fore, wol do our comaundement & pleasir, and non odur wyse faile not to be with you [?us] whersoouer we be in all hast possibull. In whiche doeng ye shall yeve vs right senguler cause to be vnto you right goode and gracious lorde, and to haue you in right speciall tendurnes & favour. Yevon undur our signet at our palece of Westm[ynstre] the xvij day of May.

And this letter was delyuerd to the Meyre be the hondes of John Metyngham the xxij day of May next foloueng the date of this letter, and the Meyre gaue hym vjs. viij d. in the name of a reward.

The mayor

and council

Wherapon the seide meire, the tenour of this letter be hym well considered, lat calle to come afore hym the counsell of this Cite withe his bredurn afore whome this letter was redde, & they haueng tendurnes of the well-fare, & also of the preseruacion & sauegard of our soueren lorde the kyng, as avery true legemon owethe, thei ordeyned that an hundred of goode-menne denfensabully (*sic*) with bowes & arowes, Jakked & saletted, arayd, shuld be made redy in all haste possibull to go to our souerenne lorde to sent Albones, & to abide withe hym, & to do hym seruice suche at [?as] hit shuld please his² highnes to comaunde hem to do. And the meire & the afore-rehersede wurthy-men They ordeyned that William Tybeaudis shulde be capeten to the fornamed C Menne.

Accounts.

And hereafter folouthe in Writeng the costes & the

¹ leaf 165, back. This scribe's present participles all end in -eng.

² A repetition deleted.

purveaunse that wern made to the Capetayne & to the forseide C menne. ffirst for to make a newe pensell in Tarturue xvjd. In Ryband to the same xiiij d.; & for makeng of the same pensell & a tassell of silke xiiij d.; and for forbeng¹ of the spere hede ij d.; Item, for an garment to the Capetenne, first for a quarter & dim. of grene clothe ix d.; & for a quarter & dim. vyolet ix d.; & for a quarter & dim. redde clothe ix d.; & for a quarter & dim. Musturdevylers² xij d.; and for the makeng of the same garment xvjd. Summa³

A flag 16*d.*,
riband 14*d.*,
making, etc.
14*d.*,
polishing a
spear-head
2*d.*
The captain's
garment:
green and
violet cloth,
and mustur-
devylers.

Also for xxv yerdes quarter & half quarter of grene & reede clothe bought to make bendes to the forseide C menne be yerde xvij d. Summa xxxvijs. vij d. ob. & for the makeng of the same bendes iiij s. ij d. Summa³

25 yards of
cloth to make
bands for
the men,
1*s.* 6*d.* a
yard,
total £1 1*s.*
7½*d.*,
making
4*s.* 2*d.*

. Ande foralsomyche as the forseide Capeteyne ne the C menne at this tyme wenton not forthe for certen tydenges that wern brought, & also be-cause the kyng was remeued to London ageyne, & his purpose holde not, all the bendes, garment & pensell wern put & delyuerd into the wardens kepeng.⁴

Battle of
S. Albans.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

5 ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 34 Hen. VI.]

Coentre.
Oct. 4.

Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrau, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Joh. Warrant, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Walley, Ger. Cole, Ric. Dene, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Byram,⁶ Ric. Austen, Joh. Wyldegrys, Reg. Bere, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Hadley, Will. Pere, Joh. Catur.

Qui eligunt Hen. Boteler, Recordatorem huius Ciuitatis ad occupandum et habendum sicut ceteri Recordatores preantea habuerunt.

Recorder.
Hen. Boteler
to occupy as
others have
done afore
time.
Baillifs and
Sheriffs.

[Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, mercer.]

¹ N. E. D. furbish.

² A coarse woollen cloth, perhaps from Moustierville in France.

³ Blank.

⁴ By this time the battle was over and the Lancastrians defeated.

⁵ leaf 166, back.

⁶ "Bryan" deleted.

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1456.

¹[Election of officers.]

Ric. Braytoft's election, Jan. 25, 1456. 24 electors.

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Guido Wyrton, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Atterton, mercer, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Ric. Dene, Joh. Byram, Ger. Cole, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saundres, Joh. Baker, Rob. Eme, Rob. Gloucetur, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Rocheford.

New officers.

[m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Alde and Joh. Pynchebek; w. Joh. Ruyton, draper, and Tho. Gilbert, Barker; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps. and mayor's secret councillors.

Nomina Custodum pacis & secreti concilii Maioris etc.
[Ric. Braytoft, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. ffreman, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Wode.

Key-keepers (1).
Key-keepers (2).

The same, except rec.
As (1); also the wardens.]

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 3.

²[V. f. p. before Ric. Braytoft, m., and Joh. Garton and Will. Gilbert, b., on Saturday after Easter, 34 Hen. VI.]

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Wodde, Ric. Clerk, Draper, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Walley, Ger. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Wyldegryse, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Hen. Atterton, Gui. Wyrton, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Alde, Tho. Gilbert, Rob. Eme.

[The mayor to be compelled by oath to overlook the wall, that no one move earth from it, or 20s. fine. And if [any one do this] he shall repair it.

Ordinatum est quod quilibet Maior deinceps super sacramentum suum compellatur ad supervidendum communem murum Ciuitatis, quod nullus decetero amoueat terram a dicto muro, sub pena xx s. Et si etc. quod illud emendet sub eadem pena xx s.

¹ leaf 167.

² leaf 171.

[And no one may make
gardens upon the wall.]

Et quod nullus faciat decetero
gardinum super Murum predictum
[or 40*d.* fine.]

RECEPTION OF QUEEN MARGARET.

Memorandum that the Thursday next aftur the fest of seynt Bartholemewe the postyll, the yere reynnyng of kyng Herry the sixt aftur the Conquest xxxiiiijth, Ric. Braytoft þen beyng Meyre, was made assemble yn seynt Mary halle of Worshippfull persons, whos names folowen :—

Aug. 28.

Ric. Braytoft, Maior, Joh. ffreman, Magister,¹ Hen. Boteler, Recordator, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Byram, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Alde, Joh. Catur, Joh. Norwode, Sim. Birches, Joh. Baker, Rob. Eme, Rob. Gloucetur, Joh. Straunge, Ric. Dene, Will. Betley, Mallory Gentilman,² Ric. Clerk, draper, Joh. Illage, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Wyldegrys, Guido Wyston, Tho. Bradmedowe, Tho. Gilbert, Eustach. Golofur, Tho. Cokkes, Will. Bocher, Tho. Stafford, Will. Stafford, Joh. Maydeford, Tho. Waren, Tho. Tyler, Joh. Ardern, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Gawge, Tho. Dey, Hugo Pollard, Hen. Watford, Ric. Dyvet, Tho. Hobbes, Joh. Ordriche, Joh. Bayle, Gurdeler, Tho. Jakemon, Will. Mason, Tho. Shemeng, Nic. Palmer, Joh. Arrowe, weuer, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Hony, Will. Potter, Joh. Eburhall, Joh. Thornton, Tho. Napton,³ Joh. Savage, Joh. Bette, Ed. Dalby, Joh. Bynley, Will. Beryngton, Joh. Hadley, deyster, Joh. Reynold, Tho. Walgraue, Ric. Clerk, weuer, Ric. Cokkes, Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Maynerd, Joh. Worthynton, Tho. Broun, weuer, Joh. Mersshe, Joh. Honyburn, Joh. Pysford, Joh. Lote, Will. Bayle, Hen. Banbery, Tho. Broke, Joh. Argent, Will. Pynchebek, Tho. Norton, Nic. Kent.

91 council-
lors.

The wheche persones aboven rehersyd then ordyned & provyded that þer shold a C Marke be levyed by the

100 marks
to be raised ;

¹ *i. e.* M. G. S. T.

² ? A surname or designation.

³ Deleted.

50 for the
queen,
and 50 for the
prince.

wardes yn Couentre; wherof 1 mark to be yeven to oure souerayne lady the quene, & the other 1 marke to the Prynce at her next comyng to Couentre.

¹[Collectors of the 100 marks.

Gosford-street: Will. Crampe, Tho. Cokkes, Ric. Cokkes. £7. 14s. 8d.

Jordan-well: Rob. Eme, Ric. Clerk, Cardmaker, Will. Stafford, Joh. Maydeford. £6. 16s. 0d.

Much-park-street: Rob. Atterton, Joh. Ardern, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Waren, Will. Corbet. £6. 13s. 4d.

Earl-street: Joh. Gauge, Ric. Jacombe, Tho. Raves, Rob. Gidlowe, Rad. Calbek. £7. 11s. 8d.

Bayly-lane: Ph. Gosnore, Joh. Baylle, Gurdler, Will. Westley, Tho. Fawcs. £4. 13s. 4d.

Broad-gate: Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Spenser, Joh. Hony, Joh. Eburhale, Tho. Napton. £3. 2s. 4d.

Smithford-street: Nic. Kent, Joh. Worthynnton, Joh. Maynerd, Joh. Yale, Ric. fflynt. £5. 6s. 8d.

Spon-street: Will. Pynchebek, Rob. Falke, Will. Aubrey, Joh. Pysford, Will. Spenser. £7. 11s. 8d.

Cross-cheaping: Joh. Boteler, Joh. Savage, Hen. Masyn, Joh. Northampton, Ed. Dalby, Hen. Banbery. £9. 13s. 4d.

Bishop-street: Tho. Walgrau, Will. Horsley, Rog. Oswestre, Joh. Appulby. £7. 10s. 8d.]

Sept. 14, 1456.

²Afturward, that ys for to sey at the fest of the Exaltacion of the holy Crosse the xxxv^{ti} yere of kyng Herry the sixt, at Couentre, 1 marke was yeven to oure souerayn lady the quene; and the xx^{ti} day of January then next folowyng, be the seyde Meyre and his Counsell, the other 1 marke of the seyde C marke, was reliued to the Collectours of euery warde aftur the rate, as hit be endentures seuerally made be-twix the seyde Meyre & the Collectours apereth, savely to kepe to the vse of the prynce, when he comes to Couentre.

Jan. 20. 1457.

The prince's
50 marks
returned to
the collectors.

¹ leaf 168.

² leaf 168, back. This account has been printed in Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 146-151, and in Craig, *Two Coventry Plays* (E. E. T. S.), 109-114.

Memorandum that the demene & rule that was made & shewed un-to oure Souerayn lady the quene, at Couentre, was thus as it foloweth yn wrytyng; that is for to sey, furst at Bablake there was made a Jesse ouer the yate right well [arayed], and there were shewed too speches, as foloweth :

The queen's welcome.

The tree of Jesse.

YSAY. Princes most excellent, born of blode riall,
Choson quene of this region, conforte to all hus,
I, Ysay, replete with þe spirite propheticall,
Wordes to your magnificens woll I say thus :

Isaiab.

Like as mankynde was gladdid by the birght of Jhesus,
So shall þis empyre ioy the birthe of your bodye ;
The knyghtly curage of prince Edward all men shall ioy
to se.

¹ JEREMY. Emprice, quene, princes excellent, in on person
all iij,
I, Jeromy þe prophete trew, þeis wordes of you wyll
say :

Jeremiah.

This reme shall ioye þe blessyd tyme of your natiuyte ;
The mellyflue mekenes of your person shall put all wo
away.

Vn-to the rote of Jesse rote likken you well I may ;
The fragrante floure sprongon of you shall so encrece &
spredde,
That all the world yn ich party shall cherisshe hym, love
& drede.

¹ Afturward with-Inne the yate at the Est yende of the
Chirche, was a pagent right well arayed, & þerin was
shewed ij speches, on of seynt Edward & the oþer of seynt
John the Evaungelist, as foloweth :

² S. EDWARD. Moder of mekenes, dame Margarete, princes
most excellent,
I, kyng Edward, welcum you with affeccion righ[t]
cordiall,
Certefying to your highnes mekely myn entent.

S. Edward
welcomes his
namesake.

¹ Transposed ; in MS. the prose passage occurs twice ; first with
"vacat quia alibi" in the margin, before Jeremy's speech, and
again after the speech.

² leaf 169.

For the wele of the kyng & you hertely pray I shall,
 And for prince Edwarde, my gostly chylde, whom I
 love principall,
 Praying the, John euangelist, my helpe þerin to be ;
 On that condicion right humbly I gif þis ryng to the.

S. John.

JOHN EUANGELIST. Holy Edward, crownyd kyng, brothur
 in virginyte,

My power playnly I wyll prefer thi wyll to amplifye.
 Most excellent princes of weymen mortall, your bedeman
 wyll I be.

I knowe your lyf so vertuus þat God is plesyd therby ;
 The birth of you vn-to þis reme shall cause grete melody,
 The vertuus voyce of prince Edward shall dayly well
 encrease ;

Seynt Edward, his godfader, & I shall pray þefore dowte-
 lesse.

Afturward the Cundit yn the Smythforde strete was
 right well arayed & there was shewed iiij speches of iiij
 cardynall vertues, as foloweth :

The cardinal
virtues.

RIGHTWESNES. I, Righthwesnes, that causeth treuth to be
 had.

Mekely as a maydyn my langage wyll I make,
 And welcum you, princes right cherefull & glad ;
 With you wyll I be dwellyng & neuer you forsake.

TEMPERAUNCE. I, Temperaunce, to plece you warly wyll
 wake,

And welcome you as most worthy to my power,
 Besechyng youre highnes this langage to take ;
 I wyll feythfully defende you from all maner daunger.

STRENGTH. I, Strength, þe iij^e vertewe, wyll playnly appere,

Clerely to conseyue yo yn your estate most riall,
 And welcum yowe, princes, gladly with chere ;
 For to do þat mowe plece you, aray ws we shall.

PRUDENCE. I, Prudence, of the iiij vertewes highest in
 degre,

Welcum you, dame Margarete, quene crowned of this
 lande.

The blessyd babe þat ye haue born, prynce Edward is he,¹
Thurrowe whom pece & tranquillite shall take þis reme
on hand ;

We shall endowe both you & hym clerely to under-
stonde ;

We shall preserue you personally & neuer fro you
disseuer.

Doute not, princes most excellent, we iij shall do
oure deuer.

² Afturward at the Crosse yn the Croschepyng, there
were ordeyned diuerse angels sensyng a-high on the Crosse,
& there ranne out wyne at mony places a long whyle.

Angels
swinging
censers.

Afturward betwix the seyde Crosse & the Cundit beneþe
that, were sette ix Pagentes right well arayed & yn euery
Pagent was shewed a speche of the ix Conqueroures ; yn
the furst was shewed of Hector, as foloweth :

Nine
Conquerors.

HECTOR. Most pleasaunt princes recordid þat may be,

I, Hector of Troy, þat am chefe conqueroure,

Lowly wyll obey yowe & knele on my kne,

And welcum yowe tendurly to your honoure

To this conabull³ cite, the princes chambur ;

Whome ye bare yn youre bosom, joy to þis lande,

Thro whome in prosperite þis empyre shall stand.

In the secunde Pagent was shewed a speche of Alex-
ander, as foloweth :

ALEXANDER. I, Alexander, þat for chyvalry berith þe balle,⁴

Most curagious⁵ in Conquest, thro þe world am y-named,

Welcum yowe, princes, as quene principall.

But I hayls you ryght hendly,⁶ I wer worthy to be
blamyd ;

The nobilest prince þat is born, whome fortune hath
famyd,

Is your souereyn lorde Herry, emperour & kyng ;

Vnto whom mekely I wyll be obeying.

¹ Born Oct. 13, 1453 ; died at Tewkesbury 1471.

² leaf 169, back. ³ = appropriate.

⁴ = bell, *i. e.* surpass all others. ⁵ = MS. *curius*.

⁶ = greet courteously.

In the thridde Pagent was shewed of Josue as foloweth :

JOSUE. I, Josue, þat in Hebrewe reyn principall,
 To whome þat all Egipte was fayn to inclyne,
 Wyll abey to your plesur, princes most riall,
 As to the heghest lady þat I can ymagyne.
 To the plesure of your persone, I wyll put me to pyne,
 As a knyght for his lady boldly to fight,
 Yf any man of curage wold bid you vnright.

In the fourthe Pagent was shewed of Daudid, as followeth :

DAUID. I, Daudid, þat in deyntez haue led all my dayes,
 That slowe þe lyon & Goly thorowe Goddys myght,
 Will obey to you, lady, youre persone prayse
 And welcum you Curtesly as a kynd knyght,
 For the loue of your lege lorde, Herry that hight,
 And your laudabull lyfe that vertuus euer hath be ;
 Lady most luffly, ye be welcum to þis Cite !

¹In the fyth Pagent was shewed a speche of Judas, as foloweth :

JUDAS. I, Judas, þat yn Jure am called the belle,²
 In knyghthode & conquest have I no pere,
 Wyll obey to you, princes, elles did I not well,
 And tendurly welcum you yn my manere.
 Your own souerayn lorde & kyng is present here,
 Whome God for his godenes preserve in good helthe,
 And ende you *with* worship to this landys welthe !

In the sixt Pagent was shewed a speche of Arthur,³ as foloweth :

ARTHUR. I, Arthur, kyng crownyd & conqueroure,
 That yn this lande reyned right rially ;
 With dedes of armes I slowe the Emperour ;

¹ leaf 170. ² ? = leader.

³ Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 149 (quoted Craig, E. E. T. S., 113). *Smiths' Accounts*, 1455(6), Item. To have owght the pagent at the comyng of the quene, that ys the parell to the pagent and harneste men and the harnes to [harnes] hem wyth and a cote armyr for Arture and a creste with iij grevyvyes, xvij s. xid. ob.

The tribute of this ryche reme I made downe to ly—
 Ihit vnto [you], lady, obey I mekely,
 As youre sure *seruande*; plesure to your highnesse,
 For the most plesaunt princes mortall þat es!

In the vij Pagent was shewed a speche of Charles, as foloweth :

CHARLES. I, Charles, chefe cheftan of þe reme of Fraunce
 And emperour of grete Rome, made by elleccion,
 Which put mony paynym to pyne & penaunce;
 The holy relikes of Criste I had in possession—
 Ihit, lady, to your highnes to cause dieu refecciou,
 Worshipfully I welcum you aftur your magnificens;
 Yf my *seruice* mowe plece you, I wyll put to my diligence.

In the viij Pagent was shewed a speche of Julius, as foloweth :

JULIUS. I, Julius Cesare, souerayn of knyghthode
 And emperour of mortall men, most hegh & myghty,
 Welcum you, princes most benynge & gode;
 Of quenes þat byn crowned so high non knowe I.
 The same blessyd blossom þat spronge of your body,
 Shall succede me yn worship, I wyll it be so;
 All the landis olyve shall obey hym vn-to.

In the ix Pagent was shewed a speche of Godfride, as foloweth :

GODFRIDE. I, Godfride of Bollayn, kynge of Jerusalem,
 Weryng þe Thorny crowne yn worship of Jhesu,
 Which in battayle have no pere under the sone beme;
 Yhit, lady, right lowely I loute vnto yowe.
 So excellent a princes, stedefast & trewe,
 Knowe I none cristened as you yn your estate;
 Jhesu for hys *merci* incesse & not abate!

¹ Afturward & last the Cundit yn the Crossechepying
 was arayed right well with as mony virgyns as myght be
 þervvpon, and there was made a grete dragon & seynt
 Margaret sleyng hym be myracull, & there was shewed
 full well this speche that foloweth :

¹ leaf 170, back.

S. MARGARET. Most notabull princes of wymen ertle,
 Dame Margarete, þe chefe myrth of þis empyre,
 Ye be hertely welcum to þis cyte.

To the plesure of your highnes I wyll sette my desyre ;
 Bothe nature & gentilnes doth me require,
 Seth we be both of one name, to shewe you kyndnes ;
 Wherefore by my power ye shall haue no distresse.

I shall pray to the prince that is endeles

To socour you *with* solas of his high grace.

He wyll here my peticion þat is doutles,

For I Wrought all my lyff þat his wyll wace ;

Therefore, lady, when ye be yn any dredefull cace

Calle on me boldly, þer-of I pray you,

And trist to me feythefully, I woll do þat may pay yow.

"A pagent to
 the Queen."

Memorandum that the seyde Richard Braytoft, Meyre,
 resseyued of Tho. Bradmedowe & Joh. Straunge late
 wardens of the fote of her acounte xxj li. xiiij s. ij d. of the
 which the seyde Meyre payde to Joh. Wedurby of Leycetur
 for þe *provision* and making of these *premisses* of the
 welcomyng of oure Souerayn lady the quene & for his
 labour Inne & out xxv s.

John Wedur-
 by made the
 pageant,
 and has 25s.

Item, the seyde Meyre payde for a Tonne wyne that was
 yeven to oure souerayn lorde the kynge viij li. iiij d.

The king's
 wine,
 £8. 0s. 4d.

Item, the seyde Meyre payde for ij gilt Cuppes of the
 whech on was yeven to oure Souerayn lady the quene, &
 ye other is kept for the¹ oure lorde the prince vn-to his
 comyng ; the which Cuppes weyen xliiij *vncias quarterium*
 & *dimidium*, price le *vncia* iiij s. viij d. Summa x li.
 vijs. jd. And ouer that the seyde meyre payde for
 giltynge of the fete of þe seid Cuppes with-Inne iij s.
 Summa totalis, x li. x s. jd.

Gilt cups
 weighing

Item, the seyde Meyre yafe be the avyse of his Counsell
 to diuerse persones of the kynges house xx s.

44 oz. ½
 and ½ a ½,
 at 4s. 8d.
 per oz.,
 total
 £10 7s. 1d.
 gilding feet
 3s. total
 £10 10s. 1d.

Item, he payde for a glasse of Rose water that my lord
 Ryvers² had ijs.

Gratuities
 20s.

Rose water 2s.

¹ redundant.

² Father of Queen Elizabeth Woodville. Beheaded at Coventry
 1469.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¹[V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 35 Hen. VI.]

Coentre.
Oct. 4.

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wodde, Ric. Clerk, Rob. Bredmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Walley, Will. Kemp, Joh. Wyldgryse, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen,² Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Atturton, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Alde, Joh. Pynche-Bek, Tho. Gilbert, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Catur, Joh. Ruyton.

Jury.

³[Rob. Eme, Joh. Day, mercer.]

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

Because þat afor this tyme gret hurte hath ben to diuers people of this Cite & also to straungers be þat that diuers subbaillifs of this Cite afore this han made many vndue returnes of preceptes directed & delyuered vnto theym returnable before the Maire and Ballifes of this Cite; and also the Gayler hurteth dayly the people of this Cite be sufferieng diuers persones condempned in the Courte of þis Cite to goo at large to gret disclaunder of the seid Courte, Wherefore we ordeyn be the auctorite aforeseid that þe Shirrifs & Baillifs of this Cite for the tyme beyng hereafter in the takyng of their othe be sworn amonge oþer to take suerte of their subbaillif and officers that the same sub-bailif & officers make due returne of all preceptes delyuered vnto theym, and þat the Gaylour suffere no persone delyuered vnto hym not maynpuernable⁴ oute of prison, vppon peyn of forfeytyng their suerteez, and that they make their seid subballif & officers euery yere to make the same othe so to do. And yf in cas eny of the seid subbaillif or officers offende to þe contrarie that then þe seid shirrifs duely sue the suerte of their sub-bailif and officers so forfeited in all goodely hast that they can, aftur that they shul be commaunded so to doo be the Maire of þis Cite for the tyme beyng. And we ordeyn that in cas that they or eny of theym do not their due parte therin that then þe seid Maire commytte both the seid shirrifs or eny of theym, & þe seid officers so offendieng, vnto warde,

Sub-bailiffs make undue "returnes of writtes;"

the jailer

lets the condemned go free;

therefore the bailiffs must take an oath to take surety of their sub-bailiff that the practices be not continued;

or for any such negligence sherrifs and officers may be committed to prison.

¹ leaf 171, back. Scribe of C type.

² "Ric. Austen" deleted.

³ Scribe B.

⁴ = baillable.

there to abyde till þe party hurte duely be content aftur reason shall requyre in þat behalf.

Maintenance.

Because many get maintenance of mighty men to sue their neighbours,

it is ordained "no inhabitant here to sue another out of this Citie,"

on pain of disfranchisement,

of losing gild-membership,

and of 100 marks.

No citizen to support such offender.

Fines not to be levied

Also because þat diuers of the Inhabitantes of þis Cite beyng of froward disposicion dailly begynnen to gete them meyntenaunce of myghty men of straunge shires, & be their supportacion sewen full vnconsciensly dyuers of their Neighbours in þis Cite dwellyng in forreyn shires be diuers forreyn, feyned & vntrue accions to gret sclaunder of theym-self & of all this Cite, and to their propre grete enpouerysshing & gret hurte of their seid Neyghbours, hit is therefore ordeyned & establisshed þe the auctorite of this lete that no maner persone inhabite¹ within þis cite, sue, attaine,² nor procede ferþer in eny accion afore this tyme begonne, or to be begonen, ayenst eny other persone or persones inhabitantes in þis Cite of enythyng doon within this Cite, supposyng hit to be doon in other place of which he or they þat so suen myghten haue their recouere to be sued within þis Cite & shire of Couentre, vppon the peyn to be discomyned oute of þis Cite, to be estraunged from his Crafte that he vseth here, & of all maner Gildes & Bretherhedes of this Cite, and to be reputed & holden as straunge from eny benyvolence of this Cite, as eny other estraunger neuer admytted in þis Cite; and ouer this, to forfet C marc' at euery defalt, the on half þerof to þe Mair of þis Cite for the tyme beyng, & þe other half to the Chaumburleyns of þis Cite to the vse of þis Cite to be aploied. And the seid fforfaiture to be levied & atteyned be accions of dette in þe fourtenyght Courte of þis Cite, to be sued be such procez & execucion as is vsed in accions of dette vsually vsed in the seid Courte. And þat no maner oper persone of this Cite maynteyn, assiste nor comfort eny maner such persone to sue eny such feyned, forreyn suyte, nor to procede furth in eny such suyte nowe attained [under pain of the same fine and forfeiture to be raised as above.]

Also because þat diuers ffynes of certen persones, indited afore the Justices of þe pease of þis Cite, inconveniently & wrongfully han ben be the shirrifis of the seid

¹ ? inhabitant.

² N. E. D., s. v. Attame = to begin, undertake (Dr. Bradley).

Cite rered afore þat that þe said ffynes be þe seid Justices han ben sette & lymytted etc., hit is therfore ordeyned be þe auctorite aforeseid that no shirrifis of þe seid Cite fromhensfurth rere, cesse nor appoynte no maner fyne of eny persone to be hereafter indited of enything afore þe Justices of the pease of þe seid Cite, afore þe ffynes of such persones indited be þe seid Justices cessed¹ [or 6s. 8d. fine to the mayor] to be levied & rered be such procez & vnder such forme as is conteyned in þe article made for accompte of officers at þis present lete & wreton ouer þe other side of þis lefe.² And because no persones shuld be greued be these ordenaunces vnwarned, we ordeyn þat þes ordenaunces be radde to euery of þe seid officers, vppon þe charge-takyng of their seid offices etc.

before they have been assessed.

³ Also because that in tyme past and had at this tyme grett hurt hayth byn, and is, to all þis Cite be that that dyuers off the maisters off the Gildes of the holy Trinite, Corporis Christi, the wardens of this Cite and Chaumburlens of the same, which be their othes ben accomptable off the issuez and profites off their seid offices comyng, their accomptes at conable, resonable tyme, han not y[e]leden to grette hurt of þis Cite, & ill ensampull to persones succeedyng in þe seid office herafter: Wherffore it is ordeyned & established in this lete and autorite of the same that euery persone and persones, which han ben in eny off the said officies, Nowe byn & shall be hereafter⁴ redy to⁵ their acompt of the seid Officies, & euery off them, & yelde theym vndur suche fourme as haith ben vsed affore this tyme within this Cite, and that within iij wekes aftur þat the meire off þis Cite for the tyme beyng that to doo shall commaunde theym, vp the peyne of fforfetyng at euery defaulte x li. the one half theroff to the Meir and other halff theroff to the Shirrefes off the same Cite for þe tyme beyng to be paid. And thei to haue for the seid forfatores seueral Scire facias⁶ vpon this mater ayenst

The gild-masters, wardens, chamberlains,

do not give in their accounts; it is ordered

that they do so within a certain term

or £10 fine,

¹ v. Sheriffs' oath, p. 274.

² See below.

³ leaf 171. Under the Easter leet with this marginal note. "Hec ordinatio facta fuit ad letam tentam apud Couentriam die Lune proximo post [festum S.] Michaelis anno xxxvº, que est ex altera parte istius folii.

⁴ MS. "be" repeated here.

⁵ ? supply "yelde."

⁶ v. Gloss.

to be sued
in the
Portman-
moot,

as is usual
for recoveries
in actions of
debt.

The church-
wardens are
to receive
the same
treatment.
40s. fine.

suche as offenden, conteynng¹ the space of xv daies afore the meire & Bailles for the tyme beyng in þe ffourtenyght Court in Couentre to be sued, wiche Sire (*sic*) *facias* returned & *serued* yf þe parties ayens whom it be sued make default then the seid Meire and shirifes to haue execucion off þe seid *somunes* be *Fieri facias* or *Capias* at their ellection vndur suche fourme & be suche ordir & proces to be disposed & had as is had & vsed vpon rekoueres in accions off det atte *Comene* lawe, proces off vtlar² except, fforseyn allewey that is³ no leve⁴ of eny suche forfeiture be had but be thassent off þe Meire and his Councell with his Brethern for the seid tyme beyng. And that all the churche-wardens off this Cite be redy to accompt⁵ 3erely aftur *premunicion* made vnto theym be like tyme aforeseid, vp þe peyn of xl s at euery default in þe fourme aforeseid to be rered & in like accion & fourme, savyng þe halfe of þe forfeiture þerof to the Chirch & þe oþer half to the Meire etc.

Jan. 25.

ROB. BRADMEDOWE, MAYOR, 1457.

Electors.

[⁶ Election of new officers.]

Ric. Wode, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wyldegrys, Ric. Dene, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Will. Saundres, Joh. Baker, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Straunge, Joh. Catur, Rob. Gloucetur.

[m. Rob. Bradmedowe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng⁶; ch. Joh. Savage, Tho. Cokkes; w. Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Gilbert; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps.

Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Wode, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve.

The same without the recorder.

As (1) together with the wardens.]

Key-keepers
(1).
Key-keepers
(2).

¹ = during.

⁴ = levy.

² = outlawry.

⁵ Scribe B.

³ redundant.

⁶ leaf 172.

ROYAL MOVEMENTS, VISITS AND PROCESSIONS.

The kyng.

¹Memorandum that the Fryday the xj of feueyere the yere reynnyng of kyng Herry the sixt the xxxv^{ti}, That tyme beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre Rob. Bradmedowe, and Rob. Eme & Joh. Dey then Shirrefs of the seid Cite,oure seide souerayn lorde the kyng cam from Kyllynsworth to Couentre to his bedde.

Feb. 11, 1457.

“Kyng Came to Couentry”

from Kenilworth.

The Quene.

The Seturday then next suyng oure souerayn lady the Quene cam sodenly from Kyllynsworth to Couentre vn-to her mete, & she cam rydlyng by-hynde a man then; and so rode the most part of all her Gentylwemen then, at which tyme she sende vnto the Meyre & his brethern that she wold not that *spiritualte* ne the *temporalte* shold be laburd to mete her then, and so she was not met at that tyme.

Feb. 12, 1457.

“Queen came to Couentry.”

The Counsell.

The xv day of Feueyere then next suyng beganne the Counsell at Couentre, & there endured vnto the xiiij day of Marche then next suyng, at whych Counsell were these lordes both *spirituall* & *temporall* that folowen:— The archebysshop of York,² the Bysshop of Wynchestur,³ the Bysshop of London,⁴ the Bysshop of Lincoln,⁵ the Bysshop of Norwych,⁶ the Bysshop of Exetur,⁷ The Bysshop of Wyracetur,⁸ the Bysshop of Chestur,⁹ the Bysshop of Herford,¹⁰ The Bysshop of Salesbury,¹¹ The abbot of Glassonbery,¹² The abbot of seynt Edmondbery, the abbot of Gloucetur, the abbot of Malmesbery, The abbot of Sissetur, Maystur Laurence Bothe, the prevey seal,¹³ The Duke of York, The Duke of Exetur,¹⁴ The Duke of Bokyngham, the Duke of Somurset,¹⁵ The Erle

Feb. 15, 1457.

Mar. 14.

“The king and Counsell stayed at Couentry a month.”
Bishops and lords
spiritual,

and temporal.

¹ leaf 172, back.

² Will. Booth.

³ Will. of Waynflete.

⁴ Tho. Kemp.

⁵ Joh. Chedworth.

⁶ Wal. Lehart.

⁷ Geo. Neville.

⁸ Joh. Carpenter.

⁹ Reg. Butler.

¹⁰ Joh. Stanbury.

¹¹ Ric. Beauchamp.

¹² Joh. Sellwode.

¹³ Afterwards Archbishop of York.

¹⁴ Hen. Holland.

¹⁵ Hen. Beaufort.

of Shrowesbery,¹ Tresorer of Englonde, The Erle of Stafford,² The Erle of Northumberland,³ The Erle of Arndell,⁴ The Erle of Devonshyre,⁵ The lord of seynt Jones,⁶ The lord Roos,⁷ & The lord Suydeley, Styward of the kynges hous,⁸ The lord Stanley,⁹ the kynges Chaumburleyn, The lord Beauchamp,¹⁰ the lord Barnes,¹¹ The lord Grey of the Ruthyn,¹² The lord Lovell,¹³ The lord Welles,¹⁴ The lord Wylloughby¹⁵ and The Baron of Dudley.¹⁶ And the seid xiiij day of Marche the kyng remeved from Couentre to Kelyngworth; at which tyme the seide Meyre & his brethern with a Godely feliship of the seid Cite that plesyd oure seid souerayn lord right well attended vppon his hyghnes & brought him to the newe Crosse vppon the heth at the vtter syde of theyre fraunchice, & there toke their leve of oure seid souerayn lord havynng right grete thank.

Mar. 14
the king
removes to
Kenilworth,

accompanied
by the citi-
zens to the
bounds of the
franchise.

¹⁷ *The Quene.*

The Wennesday the xvj day of Marche then next suynng remeved the Quene from Couentre to Colshull.¹⁸ And the Meyre and his Brethern with a feyre felyship of the Comens brought her on gate tyll that she was passed the fraunchice. At which tyme the Meyre Rode next before her with a Mase yn his hande and the Shirrefs with here Whyte yarde next before the Meyre like as they before tyme did before the kyng, sayng the kynges swerd was next to hym. And so they did neuer before the Quene tyll then, for they bere before that tyme alwey their seruantes mases before the Quene at her comynge at which doynng here Officers groged, seyng the Quene owed

Mar. 16, 1457.

The queen
goes to
Coleshill,

accompanied
by the mayor
and council,

with the same
ceremony as
the king was
shown,

¹ Joh. Talbot, son of "Le Roi Talabot."

² Grandson of Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham.

³ Henry Percy. ⁴ Will. Fitz-Alan.

⁵ Tho. Courtenay.

⁶ ? Rob. Botyle, Prior of St. John's, Clerkenwell.

⁷ Tho. Roos, attainted, 1461.

⁸ Present at S. Alban's, May 22, 1455. ⁹ Tho. Stanley.

¹⁰ Joh. Beauchamp. ¹¹ Joh. Bouchier.

¹² Edmund Grey. ¹³ Joh. Lovel.

¹⁴ Leo Welles, attainted, 1461. ¹⁵ Ric. Welles.

¹⁶ Joh. Sutton. At this Council York was re-appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland.

¹⁷ leaf 173.

¹⁸ The Mountforts of Coleshill were strong Lancastrians.

to be met yn like fourme as the kyng shold. Which yn dede as ys seide owe to be so except here displeser wold be eschewed.

for fear of her displeasure.

June 5.

"Procession on Whit-Sunday," in which the king, queen,

high officials,

lords,

and ladies join;

the commonalty having one apart.

Memorandum that oon Whitsonday then next suyng oure seid souereyn lord, and oure souerayn lady, the Quene, went bothe a procession at Couentre crowned, and the Circuyte of the procession was Thorowe be the Welyard ynto seynt Myghel Chirche-yarde, & so vp be the Belfrey & yn agayn at the Mynster Durre that Openeth ynto the Trynite chircheyarde. At which tyme ther went of the *spiritualte* a procession, The Bysshop of Herford, Which seid the high masse, The Priour of Couentre with his Covent, The Dene of the kynges Chapell with alle the hole Chapell; and the Duke of Buk[yngham] folowed next to the kyng on his right hande, and the lord Beaumont¹ bere the kynges Treyne. The Erle of Stafford bere his Cap of astate, & Sir John Tunstall² his swerde; & there folowed mony lordes moo ordinatly aftur theyre astates yn her Robes and the grete Officers of housold yn theyre aray acustumed. And then next folowed our seid souerayn lady, & the Duches of Buk[yngham] bere here Treyne, & there folowed then mony moo ladyes yn her mantels, surcotes & other appareyll to theyre astates acustumed. Afore which procession the Meyre & his Brethern laburd to certeyn lordes of our seid souerayn lordes Counsell, because they were lerned that hit liked oure souerayn lorde that he and our souerayn lady the quene that day wold goo a procession themselff, to knowe whedur ther shold be any other procession then that, as had byn that day afore-tyme solemnly kept be the pepull of the Cite, or elles they to wayte vppon his highnes yn the tyme of that procession, & to haue non other but only that; and then the kyng vnderstandyng the seid labour willed that the Meyre & his brethern with the Cominalte shold keep theyre owen procession that day as they had

¹ Joh. Beaumont.

² A Sir Ric. Tunstall of Thurland Castle, Lancs., grandfather of Cuthbert, Bishop of Durham, is said to have lost his estate by attainder in 1460.

vsed before-tyme yn his absence, & not to attende vppon his hyghnes, but take theyre vsuell disposicion acustomed yn the Cite to the worship of God, which was so don.

The Quene.

May 31.

Coming of the
"Queen from
Kenellworth
to Couentry"
to see the
pageants.

On ¹ *Corporis Christi* even at nyght then next suyng came the quene from Kelyngworth to Coventre; at which tyme she wold not be met, but came preuely to se the play there on the morowe; and she sygh² then alle the Pagentes pleyde save Domes-day,³ which myght not be pleyde for lak of day. And she was loged at Richard Wodes the Grocer, where Ric. Sharp some-tyme dwelled,⁴ and there all the plays were furst pleyde. At which tyme the Meyre and his brethern send vnto her a present which was sich as here suyth: That is to wit, ccc paynemaynes,⁵ a pipe of Rede wyne, a dosyn Capons of haut grece,⁶ a dosyn of grete fat Pykes, a grete panyer full of Pescodes and another panyer full of pipyns and Orynges and ij Cofyns of Counfetys and a pot of grene Gynger. And there were with her then these lordes and ladyes that here folowen: That is to sey, the Duke of Bukkyngham and my lady his Wyff and all ther Childern, the lord Revers and my lady hys Wyf, the lady of Shrowesbery the Elder,⁷ and the lady of Shrowesbery the yonger, with other mony moo lordes and ladyes. And the Friday then next suyng she remeved to Colshull to her mete and so to Eculsale⁸ to the Prynce; at which tyme the seid Meire and his brethern with right a Good feliship of the seid cite, which plesid her highnes right well, brought her to the vtmost syde of theyre fraunchice, where hit plesyd her to gyff them grete thank bothe for theyre present and theyre gentyll attendaunce.

She "re-
moueth to
Ecclehill."

¹ leaf 173, back.

² = saw (O.E. *seah*, pret. sing. which > sigh, as *hēah* > high etc.); pl. *sawon*, whence our preterite. This is an interesting survival (Mr. Stevenson).

³ The drapers' pageant. See Craig, *Corpus Christi Plays*, (E. E. T. S.) 98-102, and Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 66-77, for a list of characters in this pageant. Domesday is the subject of one of the miserere seats in the drapers' chapel in S. Michael's.

⁴ In Earl Street.

⁵ Fine white bread, fr. *panis dominicus*, lord's bread.

⁶ = fat, fit for killing.

⁷ The widow of the great Talbot.

⁸ Eccleshall, Staffordshire.

The kyng.

The Tuesday the xvj day of August then next suyng came the kyng from Kelyngworth to Couentre to dyner ; at which time the meyre & his brethern with right a feyre feliship of the comens what¹ on horsbak & on fote met hym, wherwith he was gretly plesyd, & yaff the meyre & his brethern & alle the comens be his owen mouthe rehersed grete thanke, & the same day he rode agayn to Kelyngworth to his bed.

Aug. 16.

"King dined at Couentry."

The kyng and the quene.

The Wennesday the last day of August the kyng cam from Kelyngworth to Couentre to dyner be-twene x & xj of the Clok & the quene be-twene v & vj at aftur non the same day & there they abode bothe vnto the ffryday then next aftur ; the which day the quene remeved a-bowte x of the belle, & rode vnto Sharneford² vn-to her mete, & so to Leycetur to here bed toward the forest of Rokyngham³ for to hunt. And the kyng remeved abowte ij of the Clok at aftur-non the same day & rode vnto Rowell⁴ to his bed toward Norhampton.

Aug. 31.

"King and Queen dined at Couentry;"

and depart their several ways,

towards Rockingham,

and Northampton.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

⁵ ¶ [V. f. p. before Rob. Bradmedaue, m., Rob. Eme, Joh. Deye, b., on Thursday after Easter, 35 Hen. VI.]

Couentre.

Apr. 21.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytofte, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Walgrave, Joh. Whalley, Will. Pere, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austeyn, Hen. Atterton, Guy Whiston, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Sircok, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Joh. Dirram [?] Byram, Tho. Bradmedaue.

July.

¹ = some, a certaine number.

² Four and a half miles S.E. of Hinckley, Leic., on the road between Coventry and Leicester.

³ In Northamptonshire.

⁴ Rothwell, Northants., 4 miles N.W. of Kettering.

⁵ leaf 174, back. Scribe B. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter, as there were no enactments in this leet.

Joh. Colyns and Rob. Topclyff, attorneys in Coventry court, have been sworn to plead true pleas and not false nor foreign ones, and without unlawful delays.

Qui annunttiaverunt Joh. Colyns & Rob. Topclyff *attornatos* in Curia domini Regis ville de Couentre. Ita quod ipsi Jurati sunt (*sic*) ad placitandum vera placita & non falsa nec forinseca, & sine dilacionibus illicitis. Et quod (?) prolat . . . [illeg.] per dimidium anni etc.

Couentre.
Oct. 1.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 36 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffireman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wilgrise, Joh. Whalley, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Tho. Bradmedaue, Joh. Ruyton, draper.

Bailiffs and
Sheriffs.

[Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage.]

Orders of
Leet.
"Coentry
free at South-
ampton."

The *Inhabitauntes* of Couentre be discharged in Southampton of Toll & oþer Customez as appereth be bill put vp at þis lete be on Will. Horseley, dyer, which desired be þe seid bill contribucion to be had for atteynnyng & laborynge of þe seid discharge so had; *quid est* . . .

"Curriers to
be out of the
Citee."

In eschewyng ffire hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis lete þat no Curriour of þis Cite, nor non oþer persone from þe fest of All Halowes next comyng, curre no maner ledder within þe walles of þis Cite, but þat they ordeyn theym places to curre their ledder *without* þe walles as was of olde tyme vsed, vpon the peyn to forfet at euery default xx s. [half to the mayor and half to the wardens, to be raised as other forfeitures are.]

Masters of
Crafts forbid-
den to sue
members of
their crafts
in courts
spiritual.

Also be-cause gret discord daily fawleth in þis Cite amonges the people of diuers Craftes be-cause þat diuers maisters of Craftes suen in *spirituell* Court diuers people of their Craft, affermyng þat they haue broken their othes made in brekyng diuers thier rules & ordenaunces, which rules ofte tymes be vnresonable and the punysshement of þe seid maistirs ouer excesse; which yf hit contynued be liklyhode wold cause moche people to

voide oute of þis Citie; wherfore it is ordeyned be the auctorite of þis lete that no maister of Craft of þis Cite frohensfurth take nor cause to be taken eny maner suyte, cause, or quarell, in eny Courte spirituell, ayenst eny persone of their Craftes be-cause of eny disobeying or non-performyng of eny the rules or ordenaunce of their Craftes vnto þe tyme þe mair for the tyme beyng haue herd the matier & variaunce betwixt þe seid master & persone, & haue licensed þe suyt to be had yf þe partie refuse reason, [or 40 s. fine from every disobedient master, half to the mayor and half to the wardens of the craft.]

Also be-cause þat diuers shirrifis of þis Cite nowe late haue gretly hurte & ouercharged diuers persones of þis Cite outlawed, somune, sued be writt, be ouer excesse takyng of theym to be faored, which yf such dealyng contynued wold hurt þis Cite diuersly in discouragyng people to resorte hider, & to abide her; wherfor it is ordeyned be þe auctorite of þis lete þat no shirrif of þis Cite frohensfurth take of eny person reseant in þis Cite, beyng outlawed or weyued,¹ for fyne to be eased for a hole 3er but xld. yf he so outlawed be vnder the degre of a shirrif & if he be of þat degre but a noble, & yf he be of þe degre of a mair then but xiiij s. iiij d. atte most [or £10 fine from every sheriff, half to the mayor and half to the wardens]. And þat the shirrifis of þis Citie fromhensfurth faouur all maner persones of þis Citie in makyng their returnes as ferre as they goodely may savyng theym self; and that they, at euery difficultuous & chargeable execucion of eny writte fromhensfurth to be delyuered hem touchyng eny maner honest persone of þis Cite and fraunches perof, [take] counceill with the Maire of þis Cite & his Brethern afor they procede to eny execucion therin, vp on the seyde peyn at euery default. And ferther it is ordeyned that this ordenaunce be parcell of þe shirrifis othe to be made at all tyme frohensfurth within þis Citie.²

“Shireffes”

take excessive douceurs from outlaws, etc.

They are forbidden to take more than 40d. or 6s. 8d.

or 13s. 4d.

and are enjoined to favour persons of the city;

and take counsel of the mayor in difficulty.

¹ Term applied to the punishment of women corresponding to outlawry in the case of men.

² This is an outcome of Lancastrian confiscations. See also the Sheriffs' oath, p. 273-4.

THE COMMISSION FOR SOLDIERS.

"Comision"
receivedaccording to
the Reading
parliament
Mar. 6, 1453.Jan. 16, 1457
or 1458
the commis-
sioners set
to work.

¹ Hit is to haue yn mynde that the xxxvj yere of the reign of Kyng Herry the sixt at Couentre was deliuered to Rob. Bradmedowe then beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre & other Commissioners a Commission accordyng to an acte made yn Parlyament begonen at Redyng the vj day of Marche the xxxj yere of oure seid Souerayn lorde for to execute and put in vre the articles comprehended yn the seid Commission. Accordyng to which Commission the seid Commissioners, the Monday the xvj day of January next aftur the resseyte of the seid Commission, did *procede* & labour effectually bothe yn the seid Cite, and in alle the hamels of the shyre of the seid Cite, as hit apereth yn xxvij Scrowes & bylles beyng with the seid Commission yn a bagg vnder the name of the seid Rob. Bradmedowe, Meyre, deliuered vn-to Seynt Mary halle there as Meyres Bagges lyen to be kept. The which *maters* were *neuer* (? word omitted) as myche as ther were non *certefied* yn other place yn the lond.²

GUY WYSTON, MAYOR, 1458.

Jan. 25.

³ [Election of officers.]

Jury.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wyldegrice, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Will. Dawe passonger, Joh. Whalley, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Eme, Joh. Dey, Ric. Alde, Joh. Catur, Joh. Baker, Jon. Honyburn.

Officers.

[m. Guy Wyston ; cor. Joh. Ruydyng ; ch. Joh. Gauge, Will. Horsley, deyster ; w. Tho. Ingram, Will. Crampe ; mace, Will. Oxtou.

J.Ps.

Guy Wyston, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft.

¹ leaf 174.

² This probably refers to the grant made by this Lancastrian parliament of 20,000 archers to be raised at the cost of the shire and boroughs for six months' service, Ramsey, ii. 161. Coventry was to furnish 76 of these. *Ib.* 175. The levy was not then raised ; but evidently the Lancastrian party wished subsequently to put it into execution.

³ leaf 175.

Guy Wiston, m., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh.¹

Guy Wiston, m., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T.¹]

Key-keepers
(1).
Key-keepers
(2).

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

²[V. f. p. held before Guy Wiston, m., Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, b., Saturday after Easter, 36 Hen. VI.]

"Couentre."
Apr. 8.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Wodde, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Clerk, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walley, Will. Kempe, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Geru. Cole, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Will. Saunders, Rob. Eme, Ric. Aldee, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgrisse, Hen. Atturton, Tho. Gilbert, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Dyvet.

24 Jurors.

³[V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 37 Hen. VI.]

"Couentre."
Oct. 7.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wildegris, Hen. Sircok, Ger. Cole, Joh. Walley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Bryan, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, Joh. Ruyton.

24 Jurors.

[Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek.]

Bailiffs and
Sheriffs.

WILL. KEMPE, MAYOR, 1459.

⁴[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Rob. Eme, Joh. Onley, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Savage, Tho. Cokkes, Joh. Catur.

24 electors.

[m. Will. Kempe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baylle, Gurdeler; w. Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette; mace, Will. Oxtou.

Will. Kempe, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft,

J. Ps.

¹ rest blank: probably the rest of the J.Ps. were included.

² leaf 175, back. ³ leaf 176. ⁴ leaf 178.

M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft.

Key-keepers
(1).
Key-keepers
(2).

The same, except the recorder and Will. Braytoft.

Will. Kempe, m., etc.¹.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre."
Mar. 31.

²[V. f. p. before Will. Kempe, m., Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, b., on Saturday after Easter, 37 Hen. VI.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wylgreys, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dyvet, Ric. Austen, Will. Saunders, Tho. Warmyngton, Ger. Cole, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Ruyton, Draper, Joh. Savage, Joh. Catur, Joh. Bette.

Orders of
Leet.
"Sweeping
streets."

³Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of pis lete that no man swepe the Comien strete, but yf he⁴ avoyded furthwith [or 2 d. fine to be levied by the sheriffs.]

Fish-stalls.

[Former ordinances concerning "ffyshebordes" in Crosscheaping to be holden "ferme & stable."] No ffyshe-monger [to] haue his borde standyng forth at large in the strete for to let Cart, hors or man, but þat ther be a resonable space left, the bred of a yarde betwixt their housez & their bordes to go betwen [or 6 s. 8 d. fine at every default.]

"Cowpers,
Carpenters
and pynners
a fellowship."

At this lete pe Craft of Coupers wer ioyned & associat vnto pe Craftes of Carpenters & pynners to be contributory frohensfurth with theym in such charges as they 3erely ber for the worship of pis Cite.

Oct. 2.

⁵[V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 38 Hen. VI.]

24 Jurors.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Pere, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh.

¹ No doubt the same in both cases, though the MS. omits names.

² leaf 178, back. ³ Scribe B.

⁴ Some word omitted. ⁵ leaf 179.

Hadley, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Joh. Baille, Girdeler, Will. Stafford.

Bailliffs
and Sheriffs.

[Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge.]

Orders of leet.

They ordain that every mender of querns shall take for his labour 4 d. a day with food and no more.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod quilibet beter de Quyrnes¹ capiat per diem pro labore suo iiij d. cum cibo & non plus etc.

Hit was ordeyned pat an honest man in euery ward shuld be assigned be pe Meir to go with pe waytes to gader thier wages quarterly etc. at the peticion of pe wates then beyng.

The Waits.

Hit was also ordeyned pat Will. Betley shuld clense his diches lying aboute pe weye ledyng fro Chelismore grene vnto Sponbrige be pe fest of all Halowes then next folowyng, vppon pe peyn of xx s.

The ditches.

JOHN WYLDEGRYS, MAYOR, 1460.

²[Election of officers.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Guy Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Catur, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Alde, Tho. Cokkes.

Jan. 25.

[m. Joh. Wyldegrys; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Will. Dawe; Joh. Mores; w. Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette; mace, Will. Atkynson (The electors) will and grant that if the mayor-elect and the sheriffs remove Joh. Okeley from his office, then they will and grant that the said John henceforward have the dwelling he dwelleth in without paying rent or ought else, and that he have also ten shillings yearly to be paid by the wardens during his life.

Officers.

Joh. Okeley's
pension.

Joh. Wyldegrys, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys.

J. Ps.

The same except the recorder.

Joh. Wyldegrys, m., etc.³

Key-keepers
(1).
Key-keepers
(2).

¹ Querns would require refacing; quern-picker occurs as a designation of a man's trade (Dr. Bradley).

² leaf 180.

³ The rest blank in MS.

LANCASTER AND YORK.

Feb. 5, 1460.

King's commission of array,

delayed
14 days.Assistance to
be given
against the
attainted
Yorkists.

¹Memorandum that the Wennesday next aftur Candelmas day yn the yere of kyng Herry the sixt xxxviiijth John Wyldegrys, then beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre, resseyued a Commission which was direct to his predecessour, William Kempe, late Meyre of the seid Cite, & to the shirrefs that yette arn, & be them resseyued a xiiij dayes & more a-for the seid Wennesday; be vertu of which the seid late Meyre & the shirrefs were commaunded, among other articles yn the seid commission specified, to assigne & taxe what noubner of abull men myght be had out of the seid Cite at the costes of the same Cite to attende vppon oure Souerayn lordes person when & where they be commaunded for his assistens ayenst Ric. late Duke of York, Edward late yorle of the Marches, Ric. late yorle of Warrewyk, Ric. late yorle of Salysbery, & Edmond late yorle of Rutland,² as they yn the commissyon were namyd, yn cas they wold presume to entyr the lande agayn.

My lord of
Buckingham
at the
Angel,consulted on
the matter.

Memorandum that the seid Wennesday the seid John Wyldegrys, Meyre, be the avyse of his counsell, that is to sey of Ric. Braytoft, John Walgraue, Edmond Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft & other, Went vn-to my lord of Bukkyngham vn-to the Angell where he was then logged—at which tyme he came from the kyng from the Counsell at Norhampton—to haue the avyse of his lordship of his demeane yn the seid Commission be-cause his resseyt perof was so late, yf any perill or hurt myght growe vn-to the Cite for the late certificat perof, etc.

My lord's
present.

Memorandum eciam that the seid Wennesday my seid lord had yeven hym a present ij dosyn & dim. of bred, ij pykes, ij Tenches, vj capons, a peacock & a pehenne, etc.

[Feb. 9.

[The mayor at the request
of J. Rogers, Esq.,

Item ix^{no} die ffebruarii anno H. vj.
xxxviiij Joh. Wyldegrys tunc Maior
Ciuitatis Couentrie ad specialem
Rogatam cuiusdam Joh. Rogers,
armigeri, apponi fecit Sigillum Officii

¹ leaf 180, back.² All these Yorkist nobles were attainted at the Parliamentum Diabolicum held at Coventry, 1459.

seals with the seal of the mayoralty a bond in which the same John is bound to H. duke of Buckingham in 500 marks of legal money, because the said John's seal is unknown to many, in better testimony that the said writing is the deed of the aforesaid John. The condition of which deed fully appears in the endorsement.]

Maioratus Ciuitatis predictæ cuidam scripto obligatorio, in quo idem Joh. Rogers tenet[ur] Humfrido Duci Buk[inghamie]¹ in quingentis marcis legalis monete Angliæ, quia Sigillum eiusdem Johannis Rogers pluribus est incognitum etc., in majus testimonium predicti scripti essendi facti predicti Johannis Rogers etc., cuius quidem scripti condicio in indorsamento eiusdem plene aparet etc.

²By the kyng.

Feb. 8.

The king complains

of disaffection;

which is to be inquired into, and the offenders punished.

Trusty and welbeloued, We grete you wel; and forasmuche as credible reporte is made vn-to vs howe diuers of thinhabitanter of oure Cite of Couentre haue, sithe the tyme of oure departyng from thens, vsed & had right vnfitting langage ayenst oure estate and personne and in fauouring our supersticious (*sic*) traitours and rebelles nowe late in oure parlement there attained, wherby grete commocions & murmur ben like to folowe to the grete disturbaunce of oure feithfull true subgettes onlesse that punisshement & remedie for the redresse therof the rather be had, we therefore, and for the confidence that we haue had yn you and that ye attende to ministre vs non other cause to haue any opinion yn you but so to continue considering how good and gracious lord we haue ben vn-to you, desir and wol and also charge you diligently tenquer & make serche among the seid inhabitantis of suche vnfitting langage as is aboue-seid, and do theym to be emprysoned & punished accordyng to their demeritis and in example of other of semblable condicion, as ye desire to do that shall please vs. Yeuen vndre oure signet at oure Town of Norhampton the viij day of ffeuerrere.

[Feb. 20, 1460.

³Memorandum quod xx^{mo} die

[The following were gathered together in S. Mary's Hall to ffebruarii anno H. vj xxxvij^o Isti sequentes congregati fuerunt in aula

¹ Possibly the last time Buckingham transacted affairs at Coventry. He with other Lancastrian lords, Beaumont, Shrewsbury and Egremont, was killed at Northampton, July 10, 1460.

² leaf 181.

³ leaf 181, back.

appoint the number of men, who by virtue of the commission sent to the mayor

are to attend on the king when they are called, to prevent Richard, late Duke of York, and others from re-entering the kingdom.]

36 council-
lors

Joh. Wyldgrys, Maior, Hen. Boteler, Recordator, Ric. Braytoft, magister Gilde etc., Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Will. Kempe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Ruyton,¹ Joh. Gauge,¹ Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Dyvet, Rob. Eme, Simon Birches, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Gilbert, Gerv. Cole, Will. Dawe,² Joh. Mores,² Will. Stafford,³ Joh. Bet,³ Joh. Catur, Joh. Straunge, Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley.

fix that 40
men be sent
at the city's
cost.

Qui quidem reuerendi supra nominati limitauerunt quod xl abiles homines bene arraiati mittentur in illo casu ad Custus Civitatis quando etc.

ATTAINDER OF YORKISTS.

⁴[On Tuesday Mar. 18 the mayor received a commission from the Exchequer, directed to the mayor, sheriffs and recorder,

to enquire, as well by oath of honest and lawful citizens, as by such other ways and means as shall seem best for the king's

Memorandum eciam quod die Martis xvij die [mensis] Marcii anno Hen. vj. xxxvii^o *predictus* Maior *recepit* quandam Commissionem exeuntem de Scaccario domini Regis apud Westm[ynstre] eidem Maiori & *vicecomitibus* ac Henrico Boteler de eadem Ciuitate directam ad inquirendum, tam per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum Ciuitatis *predicte* quam omnibus aliis viis, mediis & modis quibus *pro comodo (sic) domini Regis*

¹ Bracketed together as "Vicecomites."

³ As wardens.

² Bracketed as chamberlains.

⁴ leaf 181.

service, concerning all honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, annuities, offices, fees, advowsons, fee-farms, hereditaments and other possessions, which Ric. late Duke of York, Ed. late Earl of March, Ric. late Earl of Warwick, Ric. late Earl of Salisbury, Ed. late Earl of Rutland, Joh. Clynton late Lord Clynton, and others named in the commission, or any one of them, or any other, held to their use or the use of any of them on Friday the eve of S. Edward's Translation (Oct. 12) last past, or at any time since; and of all goods and chattels held to their use or the use of any one of them on Nov. 20 last past within the city's liberties. And all and singular of these, in the hands of whomsoever they may be, shall be taken and seized into the king's hands, and also the goods and chattels aforesaid shall be appraised at their true value.

melius fore videritis,¹ de omnibus honoribus, Castris, dominiis, Maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, reuersionibus, annuitatibus, Officiis, feodis, aduocacionibus, feodi firmis, hereditamentis ac aliis possessionibus, que Ricardus nuper Dux Eboraci, Edwardus nuper Comes Marchie, Ricardus, nuper Comes Warrewyk, Ricardus nuper Comes Sarum, Edmundus nuper Comes Rutlandie, Johannes Clynton nuper dominus Clynton, & alii in dicta Commissione nominati, seu eorum aliquis aut aliquis alius, ad eorum vsum vel ad vsum alicuius eorundem die Veneris in vigilia translacionis S. Edwardi [Regis] & Confessoris vltimo preterita seu aliquo tempore postea habuerunt seu habuit, ac de Omnibus bonis & Catallis que ipsi seu eorum aliquis aut aliquis alius ad eorum vsum vicesimo die Nouembris vltimo preterito seu postea habuerunt infra libertatem Ciuitatis predictae. Et ad omnia & singula in quorumcumque manibus existant in manus domini Regis capienda & seisienda, necnon bona & catalla predicta iuxta verum valorem eorundem aprecianda etc.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

²[V. f. p. held before Joh. Wilgris, m., Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 38 Hen. VI.]

"Couentre."
Apr. 19.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe,

¹ The use of the 2nd pers. here instead of the 3rd denotes a verbatim copy of the commission.

² leaf 182.

Gui. Whiston, Will. Kemp, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Whalley, Gerv. Cole, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Will. Saunders, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alde.

Orders of
Leet.
Fish
and flesh.

At pis lete is ordeyned that no maner man shuld frohensfurth cutte stokfysshe ne saltfyshe vppon such borde as he cutte fflesh þe weke before, vppon peyn of xl d. at euery defalt.

Pageants.

Also hit is ordeyned þat euery Craft þat hath pagant to pley In, that þe pagant be made redy & brought furth to pley, vppon þe peyn of C s. to be reased of iiij maistirs of the Craftes þat so offend.

"Curriers."

Also they ordeyn that all the Curriours of this Cite shall frohensfurth vse & exercise their Crafte of Currying without the walles at þe townes yende, vppon þe peyn who doth þe Contrarie to lese at euery defalt xx s.

Coentre.
Oct. 2.

¹[V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 39 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Whiston, Will. Kemp, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Stafford, Will. Dawe, Joh. Mores, Joh. Catur, Joh. Straunge.

Bailiffs
and Sheriffs.
"Against
washing at
Cunduits."

[Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage.]

[No person to "wasshe" at the cunduit, or 2 d. fine.]

EDM. BROGREVE, MAYOR, 1461.

Jan. 25.

²[Election of new officers.]

24 electors.

Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Boyes, Joh. ffreman, Guy Wyston, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Rob. Eme, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Garton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Catur, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Bayle, Rob. Onley, Will. Horsley, Tho. Cokkes.

Officers.

[m. Edm. Brogreve; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Rad.

¹ leaf 182, back.

² leaf 184.

Caldebek, Tho. Hobbes; w. Will. Stafford, Thos. Raves; mace, Will. Atkynson.

Ed. Brogreve m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Bradmedowe, J. Ps.
M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Wode, Ric. Boys.

Ed. Brogreve m.^{1]}

Key-keepers.

YORK, AND LANCASTER.

² *By the Prynce.*

We wolle and yn the most straytest wyse charge you that yn suche thynges as oure right trusty and Welbeloued knyghtes Sir Edmond Mountfort,³ my lord keruer, and Sir Herry Everyngham and oure trusty & welbeloued Squiar, William Elton,⁴ shall do be my lordes commaundement and oures with-ynne oure Cite of Couentre ye be vnto theym assistent, helpyng & favourable yn all that ye can & may; and fayleth not so to do as ye wolle answere to my lord & to vs at *your perille*.

Peremptory letter (undated) from the Prince of Wales enjoining obedience to Lancastrian magnates.

⁵ Be hit to haue in mynde that these *persones* folowyng were Collectours of the Cli. which was gedered for the men that went with the Erle of Marche⁶ vp to London aftur the losyng of the feld at seynt Albons,⁷ for the which Cli. euery warde was extentyd & leyde⁸ as here apereth.

£100 for Yorkist soldiers.

Feb. 17.

[*Gosfordstrete*: Tho. Straunge, Joh. Stevons, Joh. Grove, Rob. Blyburgh. £11. 12s. 0d.]

[*Crossechepyng*: Tho. ffourth, Tho. Wolff, Joh. ffeyreman, Wal. Bocher. £14. 17s. 1d.]

[*Bysshopstrete*: Will. Horsley, Ric. Potell, Tho. Parbronde, Joh. Arrowe. £11. 6s. 0d.]

¹ Blank in MS., evidently the same names as those of the J. Ps. should follow.

² leaf 187a. The Yorkists were defeated, and York killed at Wakefield, Dec. 30, 1460. After that Margaret and Prince Edward with help from Scotland, bought at the price of the cession of Berwick, entered England and advanced plundering to St. Albans, where (Feb. 17) they defeated the Yorkists under Warwick.

³ Of Coleshill. He was carver to Henry VI, and served as sheriff 38 Hen. VI, and also as commissioner for raising troops. Dugd. 717. I am not sure where this letter belongs chronologically.

⁴ M.P. for Coventry at the parliament of 1452.

⁵ leaf 185. ⁶ Afterwards Edward IV.

⁷ The subsequent plundering by Margaret's troops alienated even the Coventry men from her cause. ⁸ = assessed.

Erlestrete: Tho. Squyar, Tho. Parker, Tho. Tate, Joh. Shemynges. £11. 17. 3d.

Smythfordstrete: Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Worthington, Ric. Drought, Gal. Bowyer. £7. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate: Joh. Eburhale, Joh. Crulle, Hen. Rogers, Tho. Ruyton. £4. 13. 0d.

Baylelane: Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Gryme, Will. Spenser, *Philiphus* Gosnore. £6. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwell: Will. ffyssher, Hen. Staffordshyre, Joh. Wodeland, Joh. Wylkyns. £10. 4s. 1d.

¹*Micheparkestrete*: Ric. Pulton, Joh. Bordale, Will. Ive, Joh. Ardern. £10. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete: Tho. Dowue, Joh. Pysford, Will. Pynchebek, Rad. Walker. £11. 6s. 8d.]

Mar. 5.

²*By the Kyng.*

Edward IV

Right trusty & Welbeloued, We grete you well. And of your true & diligent deuoir that ye haue put you yn hertofore to the sure & save keypyng of oure Cite of Couentre, & of the good & substanciall rule and guydyng that ye kepe theryn which redoundeth to your laude & worship, and also of such feliship as ye sent vnto vs at this tyme for to do vs service, We right hertely thanke you and pray you of youre good continuance, Chargyng you that ye suffre noon of oure rebelles nor disobeissantes to haue entre, interesse, fauour nor supportacion with-yn oure seid Cite yn any manere wyse, letyng you wit that yf the case require we shall prouide for your succours & relief with alle diligence, so that for lak perof noon inconuenient shall falle be Goddes grace. Yeven vndre oure signet at oure Cite of London the v^o day of Marche.³

renders thanks,

and urges the suppression of the rebel party.

Mar. 12.

⁴*By the kyng.*

The king's commission

Trusty and Welbeloued, ffor-as-moche as nowe we be comyng in oure iourney for the repressyng of oure aduersarie & Rebelles and also enemyes, straungiers as ffrensshemen and Scottes,⁵ which by the excitacion and

¹ leaf 185, back.² leaf 187, back.³ Edward has been crowned the day before.⁴ leaf 188.⁵ Margaret's plundering following.

stiryng of oure seid aduersarie and Rebelles ben commyng in-to this oure lande for to distroye it, we wol and straytely charge you that ye make & ordeigne alle defensible men that ye canne to come and awayte vpon vs in oure seid iourney, not faillyng as oure speciall trust is on you, and tendre the welefare of vs, of you, and all this oure lande. Yeven vnder oure pryue seal at oure Cite of London the xij day of Marche.

for the array of defensible men.

¹ [Collectors for £80 leuied by wards for 100 men "which went with oure souerayn liege lord kyng Edward the iiij^{the} to the felde yn the north."]

Soldiers for battle of Towton fought Mar. 29.

Gosfordstrete: Tho. Cokkes, weuer, Joh. Stevons, Rob. Blyburgh, Will. Knyght. £8. 12s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Will. Bedon, Joh. Bynley, Will. Marchall, Nic. Rondull. £12. 17s. 1d.

Bysshopstrete: Ric. Cokkes, Joh. Hadley, Will. Baxter, Ric. Potell. £9. 6s. 0d.

Erlestrete: Will. Dawe, Hugo Pollerd, Joh. Assheburn, Rob. Gidlowe. £9. 17s. 3d.

² *Smythfordstrete*: Joh. Yale, Joh. Tote, Coruiser, Ranulph Plymer, Joh. Daget. £5. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate-ward: Rob. Thrumpton, Tho. Napton, Coteler at the Bere,³ Joh. Bredon, sadeler. £2. 13s. 4d.

Bayllefane-ward: Tho. Jakeman, Will. Mason, Joh. Baylly, Joh. Hogges. £4. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwelle-ward: Joh. Seman, Will. Drewe, Joh. Halle, Joh. Derby. £7. 4s. 1d.

Micheparkestrete-ward: Rob. Atterton, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Paunton, Tho. Waren. £8. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete-ward: Joh. Hadley de Fletestrete, Joh. Turvey, Joh. Lynney, Will. Aubrey. £9. 6s. 8d.

⁴ *By the Kyng.*

Ryght trusty and welbeloued, we grete you oftymes well; and thank you right hertely of youre good, true and feithfull disposicion towards vs shewed at alle tymes hertefore, prayyng you of continuance, trustyng to oure

Edward IV's letter, May 13.

¹ leaf 185, back.

² leaf 186.

³ ? The sign of the 'Bear.'

⁴ leaf 187, back.

lord that ye in so doying shall thynke your true hertis and towardnesse right welle be-sette, that knoweth oure lord who haue you euer yn his kepyng. Yeven vndre oure signet at oure Cite of York the xiiij day of May.

WELCOME TO EDWARD IV.

The following agree to give a present to Edward IV,

after Towton, Mar. 29.

40 names.

¹ Memorandum that these persones whos names here folowen, assembled at seynt Mary halle, graunted & ordeyned that Cli. & a Cuppe shuld be gevyn to oure souerayn liege lord kyng Edward the iiiij^{the} to his welcome to his Cite of Couentre from the felde yn the North, the which was truly don etc.]

Ed. Brogreve, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Bradmedowe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Gui. Wyston, Will. Kempe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Norwode, Will. Betley, Joh. Pynchebek, M. G. C. C., Ric. Alde,² Joh. Savage,² Joh. Whalley, Will. Pere, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Sim. Birches, Joh. Abell,³ Will. Stafford, Joh. Mores, Joh. Bet, Joh. Caldebek, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Raves, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Thrumpton.

£100 given to Edward IV.

⁴ Memorandum that these persones folowyng byn Collectours of the Cli. which was yeven to oure liege lord Edward the fourth to his furst welcome to his Cite of Couentre, etc.

Gosfordstrete-ward: Joh. Stevons, Will. Knyght, Joh. Grove, Will. Adcock. £11. 12s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Ric. Bedon, Tho. Wolff, Tho. Warner, Hen. Mason, Joh. Colyns, Coruiser. £14. 17s. 1d.

Bysshopstrete-ward: Will. Horsley, Ric. Potell, Tho. Parbronde, Joh. ,⁵ Couper. £11. 6s. 0d.

¹ leaf 184, back. ² bracketed together as "vicecomites."

³ The donor probably of the stained-glass to S. Michael's, for his rebus—A upon a bell—is in one of the apse windows. Sharp, *Antiq.* 58.

⁴ leaf 186, back. Edward was in Coventry in June. There were pageants presented in his honour wherein Samson the strong man, who overcame his enemies, figured. v. Craig (E. E. T. S.) 114.

⁵ "Arrew" deleted.

Erlestrete-ward: Tho. Squiar, Hugo Pollerd, Joh.¹
, Tho. Gregory. £11. 17s. 3d.

Smythfordstrete: Joh. Worthington, Joh. Thrumpton,
Joh. ffynt, Ric. Drought, Joh. Daget. £7. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate-ward: Tho. Napton, Joh. Eburhale, Hen.
Rogers, Joh. Crulle. £4. 13s. 0d.

Bayllefane-ward: Ph. Gosnore, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Clyff,
Will. Mason. £6. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwell: Will. Stafford, Joh. Seman, Joh. Halle,
Joh. ffyssher. £10. 4s. 1d.

² *Michemarkstrete*: Chr. Bramburgh, Tho. Paunton,
Tho. Waren, Joh. Ardern. £10. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete: Joh. Pysford, Tho. Dove, Will. Spenser,
Joh. Turvey. £11. 6s. 8d.

TROOPS AGAINST LANCASTRIANS.

³ Memorandum that alle these persones folowyng payde
as here foloweth to the xli. which was yeven to my
lord of Warrewyk for the wages of the xl men that went
with hym out of this Cite at his Jorney ynto the north
for to resist kyng Herry & quene Marget that were, and
alle other with theym accompanied, as Scottes & Frenche-
men, of theyre entre yn-to this lande etc.

£40 for 14
men to go
with
Warwick.

166 names.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In primis Ed. Brogreve, Maior	13	4		Joh. Gryme	6	8	Tho. Ingggram	6	8
Hen. Boteler, Recordator	13	4		Ric. Austen	6	8	Will. Horsley, deyster	6	8
Rob. Bradmedowe	13	4		Joh. Byram	6	8	Tho. Cokkes, weuer	1	8
Ric. Braytoft	13	4		Will. Saunders	6	8	Will. Crampe	6	8
Joh. Walgraue	10	0		Ric. Dyvet	4	4	Rob. Atterton	6	8
Ric. Boys	10	0		Joh. Garton	4	0	Joh. Baylle, Gurde-ler	6	8
Joh. ffreman	6	8		Rob. Eme	4	0	Will. Dawe	3	4
Ric. Wode	13	4		Joh. Hadley	6	8	Joh. Mores	3	4
Gui. Wysten	10	0		Joh. Illage, vyntener	6	0	Joh. Bet	6	8
Joh. Wyldegrys	13	4		Tho. Bradmedowe	10	0	Tho. Brokes	6	8
Will. Kempe	10	0		Joh. Ruyton	10	0	Hen. Sircok	3	4
Joh. Norwode	10	0		Joh. Gauge	10	0	Tho. Derby, armiger	6	8
Will. Betly	6	8		Sim. Byrches	6	8	Will. Bapthorp, armiger	10	0
Joh. Pynchebek	10	0		Joh. Abell	3	4	Alan. Hore, armiger	10	0
Ric. Alde	6	8		Rad. Caldebek	5	0	Will. Lyle, armiger	10	0
Joh. Savage	6	8		Tho. Hobbes	5	0			
Joh. Whalley	6	8		Will. Stafford	6	8			
Will. Pere	10	0		Tho. Raves	6	8			
				Joh. Straunge	3	4			

¹ Blank. ² leaf 187.

³ leaf 188, back. Warwick and Montagu pacified the North by May, 1464. The Lancastrians were twice defeated.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Shirwode,			Joh. Colam	1	8	Joh. Turvey		2 0
Grocer	3	4	Joh. Clyff	1	0	Rob. Jones		1 0
Rad. Starky	1	8	Joh. Tyllesley	1	0	Joh. Honyburn		3 4
Tho. Whyte, sen.,			Tho. Burley	1	8	Rad. Wryght		2 0
Bocher	3	0	Joh. Crulle	1	8	Ric. Blake		1 0
Joh. Stanlowe	3	4	Joh. Thrumpton	3	4	Joh. Pysford		3 0
Ph. Draper	2	0	Tho. Napton	3	4	Will. Aubrey		1 0
Joh. Manton, wyr-			Rog. Broun	1	8	Will. Baylle, deyster	2	0
drawer	1	8	Joh. Bredon	1	0	Joh. Colyns,		
Joh. Couper, barker	1	0	Hen. Glouer	1	0	Corniser		1 8
Rog. Wylde	1	0	Joh. Eburhale	1	0	³ Hen. Mason		1 8
¹ Joh. Croftes	1	0	Will. Spenser,			Joh. Nele		1 4
Joh. Illage, mercer	1	0	Sadeler,		1 0	Tho. Colclough		1 8
Eust. Golofur	1	0	Joh. Ardern	1	8	Tho. Warner		1 8
Will. nuper seruiens			Chris. Bamburgh	1	0	Nic. Rondull		2 0
Johannis Grene de	6		Tho. Paunton	1	0	Will. Bedon		1 8
Cheylesmore			Tho. Western	1	4	Tho. Wolff		1 0
Rob. Blyburgh	1	0	Joh. Maynard	1	8	Joh. ffayreman		1 4
Laur. Walgrave	1	8	Joh. Toty	1	4	Tho. ffourth		1 8
Joh. Sherley	1	0	Joh. Mallory	1	4	Will. Marchall		3 4
Hugo Pollerd	1	8	Ric. Drought	1	0	Ric. Sampson,		
Hum. Swan	1	8	Gal. Bowyer	2	0	deyster		1 4
Tho. Squiar	3	0	Will. Bowyer	1	0	Will. Horsley, wyr-		
Ric. Aleyn, draper	1	8	Ran. Plymer	1	2	drawer		3 0
Joh. Bothe, draper		8	Joh. Oldebery	2	6	Joh. Hadley		5 0
Ric. Pulton	1	0	Joh. fflynt	1	4	Tho. Parbrond		1 0
Joh. Lynney	3	4	Ric. fflynt	1	4	Joh. Arrowe		1 0
Joh. Grove	1	0	Joh. Worthington	2	0	Ric. Cokkes		5 0
Joh. Smyth, baker	2	0	Joh. Bolen, baker	1	0	Tho. Hyton		2 0
Rob. Nevell	1	8	Ric. Bowyer	1	0	Rob. Orwell		1 4
Will. Knight, weuer	1	0	Joh. Yale	2	0	Ric. Potell		2 0
Mat. Curtes, baxter	1	0	Tho. Broun, lynn-			Will. Baxster,		
Joh. Smyth, G[rocer]	6	8	draper	1	0	bocher		3 4
Tho. Jakemon	2	0	Joh. Wylde	1	0	Joh. Aman		1 8
Joh. Huet, dekynt ²	1	0	Nic. Kent	1	4	Will. Norhampton		1 8
Ric. Bedon	1	8	Isab. Rastell	2	0	Walt. Broun		1 8
Joh. Assheburn	1	0	Tho. Dove	3	4	Gal. Wolpyner		1 0
Joh. Rudyng	1	8	Joh. Hadley	3	4	Tho. Gardener		1 0
Will. Mason	1	8	Will. Spenser,			vxor Geruasii Cole		3 4
Tho. Colet	2	0	bocher		1 8	Joh. Imayn		1 0
Ph. Gosnor	1	4	Joh. Mersshe	2	0	Hen. Colyns		1 0
Rob. Burnell	1	4	Will. Shipston	1	0	Will. Aunsell		1 8

The priests of Bablake gave as here follows.

Presbiteri de Bablake dederunt vt hic sequitur.

[Will. Haddon, warden, 2s. Od. and the 11 following "Capellani" 4d. each. Will. Braytoft, Rob. Launcelen, Tho. Nele, Joh. Pardy, Joh. Melton, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Pryce, Hug. Whytehals, Joh. Blokkeswych, Will. Payn, Tho. Aleyn; Rob. Wode and Joh. Blake "Clerici" 2d. between them.]

June 18.

⁴ Memorandum that alle these persones folowyng were

¹ leaf 189.

² deacon.

³ leaf 189, back.

⁴ leaf 190.

waged with the Erle of Warrewyk yn his Journey yn-to the Northe, the xvij day of June the furst yere of the reign of kyng Edward the iij^{the} for xx^{ti} dayes then next suyng, the which persones came home agayn the xxix day of Jule then next suyng, at which tyme they were rewardid as here sueth, be-cause they had be lengur ffourth then they had wages fore etc.

Soldiers that went with Warwick.

[Ric. Coton, armiger, has 13s. 4d., the following 6s. 8d. each. Rob. Torfote, Joh. Aledus, Nic. Adlyngton, Will. Belle, Ad. Davy, Chris. Heton, Rad. Marlond, Ric. Bromley, Joh. Hille, Joh. frere, Tho. Kyrkeby, Will. Benet, Rob. Thorp, Hen. Baker, Tho. Broun, Joh. Sengull, Will. Hauker, Joh. Whyte, Joh. Rollesley, Steph. Adcok. Ric. Williams, Will. Fawconbrygg, Will. Nasshe, Sim. Haukyns, Rog. Burnes, Rowlandus Harriesson, Joh. Chebsey, Will. Pars, Thos. Parker, Tho. Goldsmyth, Joh. Broun, Rad. Stele, Joh. Messyngham.]

KING'S LETTER ABOUT LAWLESSNESS.

July 7.

¹ Edward by the grace of God, kyng of Englande and of ffrance and lord of Ireland, To oure trusty and welbeloued the Maire and Justices of peax with-in oure Cite of Couentre and to the shirrieffes of the same, gretyng. For certaine consideracions vs moevyng, we wol and charge you straytely, openly to proclayme in oure seid Cite that alle *Manere* Inhabitauntes therin & the hamelettes thereof duely obeye vn-to you the seid Maire, Justices of pees, and shirrieffes of our saide Citee, touchyng alle manere good rule, ordenaunces & lawfull actes, made for the worship & welfare of our seide Citee; and that not non of thaim from hensforth be so hardy to affraye or quarell with-yn the same our Citee, nor any Confederacye, assemble, Insurrection or Conuenticles make to feche other out of prison or any other vnlawfull dede to do; neyther were ne vse oure most honorable signe, nor any other lordes or gentilles signe, tokyn or lyuere without suffisaunt knowlage yeven to you, our saide Maire, that he that hit wereth be *seruaunt* menyal to vs or to the seide lord or gentyl whos signe he

The king

exhorts the mayor to make proclamation

against breaches of the peace,

against wearing livery without warrant;

against tak-
ing the law
into their
own hands.

Offenders to
be impris-
oned, or,
if necessary,
sent to the
king.

wereth ; nor that non Inhabitaunt within our seide Citee presume from hensforth to ryde or go out of the seide Cite to seyse, take or dispoyle any mannes goodes, or put any man to fyne *without* autorite had from vs, vpon the payne who-so dothe the contrarye in any of the premisses to be taken & enprisoned by the discrecion of you, oure seide Maire, Justices & Shirrieffes, and yf nede require to be brought to our presence to receyue such other punysshe-ment as shall please vs. Yeven vndre *our* pryue seal at Westm[instre] the vij day of Jule the first yere of our reigne.

WILL. PERE, MAYOR, 1462.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25, 1462.

¹ ¶ [Election of new officers before Ed. Brogreve, m., Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, b.]

24 Electors.

Gui. Wyston, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Kempe, Joh. Wildegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Hadley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Eme, Joh. Bette, Will. Crampe, Rob. Onley, Will. Dawe, Joh. Baylle.

Officers.

[m. Will. Pere ; cor. Joh. Ruydyng ; ch. Tho. Broke, Joh. Hadley "de Welstrete ;" w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter ; mace, Will. Atkynson.

J. Ps.

Will. Pere, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Gui. Wyston, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode.

Key-keepers.

Will. Pere, Gui. Wyston, Ric. Braytoft.²]

THO. BRADMEDOWE, MAYOR, 1463.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25, 1463.

³ ¶ [Election of new officers before Will. Pere, m., Will. Dawe, Rob. Atterton, b.]

24 Electors.

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Wode, Ric. Boys, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Savage, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alde, Joh. Illage, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Will. Stafford, Will. Horsley, Joh. Catur, Joh. Bet.

¹ leaf 194.

² Other names not repeated.

³ leaf 195.

[m. Tho. Bradmedowe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Tho. Dowue, Tho. Jakeman; w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter; mace, Will Atkynson.]

Officers.

Also they wolle that the Chaumburleyns reparell the Walles of the Litell-parke, and that they yelde accomptes of the profet of the seid parke to the behoof of the Towne etc. Also they wolle that the Wardens pay to Agnes, suntyme the Wyf of John Bedworth, smyth, v s. for Gunne-powder etc.

The Little-park.

5s. for gun-powder.

[Tho. Bradmedowe, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ed. Brogreve, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wode.

J. Ps.

The same, except the recorder.]

Key-keepers.

LEET.

¹Also they have ordenyd at thys lete that the Yrle-strete warde bere to helpe the Jorden-well warde at the C li. whenz hyt fallythe xiiij s. iiij d., Item the Bayly-lone warde xiijs. iiij d., Item the Cros-chepyng warde xiijs. iiij d., Item the Brode-yate warde vjs. viij d., and so that the sayde Jorden-well warde shall pay no more at a C li. but viij li., and so forthe after the same rate at euery charge whenz eny ys payabyll in thys cete.

Apportionment of money raised by wards.

JOHN RUYTON, MAYOR, 1464.

¶ ²[Election of new officers before Tho. Bradmedowe, m., Joh. Bette and Will. Stafford, b.]

"Couentre." Jan. 25, 1464.

Will Kemp, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wyldegrys, Will. Pere, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alde, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Illage, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baylle, Joh. Catur, Will. Crampe, Tho. Brokes, Rad. Caldebek.

24 Electors.

[m. Joh. Ruyton; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Hadley "de Fletestrete"; w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter; mace, Nic. Hunton.

Officers.

¹ leaf 195, back. Scribe D. An exceedingly slovenly and ill-educated hand. The worst in the book in point of style. No jury given, and no heading of any kind.

² leaf 196. The same scribe as p. 320.

J. Ps. Joh. Ruyton, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Kempe,
M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode.
Key-keepers. The same, without the recorder.]

THE CHEYLESMORE JURISDICTION AFFAIR.

¹ *Cheylesmore.*

A man
arrested by
the city
officers in
Cheylesmore
Park.

Complaint
of the arrest
by the royal
officials of
Cheylesmore.

Be hit remembred that yn the tyme of John Ruyton, Mair of this Cite, Ric. Hykman, deyster, stode condempned a-fore the Mair and shirrefs of this Cite in the Court of portmanmote, and a *Capias* to take hym was awarded, and as he shuld haue byn takyn he fledde yn-to the kynges parke of Cheylesmore ouer the pale and toke the parke, and the subbaylly and Constable, euer folowyng hym, there tokyn hym, and be arrest brought hym to the Geyle of the Cite; þervppon the parker & oþer Officers of Cheylesmore pretendyng that the Officers of this Cite shuld not make any arrestes there, nor that eny persones owed not to be arrested there, seying that Cheylesmore was seyntwary,² compleyned hem to the kyng yn this matier; and þervppon the kyng, supposyng theyre seying to be trewe, sent his *lettrez* of priue sygnet to the Officers of this Cite accordyng to the continue³ here vnder wretyn.

By the Kyng.

Jan. 16.

To oure trusty and wel-beloued, the Mair and Recorder of oure Cite of Couentre, and to eyther of theym.

"Chellesmore ffranchised."

The king

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele. And forasmyche as we ben enfourmed that oure Manoir of Cheylesmore is, and of olde tyme hath ben, a place franchisesied, and that Ric. Hiddesman, deyster, which late toke the ffranchise of oure seyde Manoir for his socour and refuge accordyng to thauncienne custume and liberte therof, hath ben be certeyn indisposed persones of oure Cite of Couentre vyolently takyn out of the seyde franchise yn derogasion of the same, and to oure preiudice

¹ leaf 196 back. The manor of Cheylesmore was part of the duchy of Cornwall, v. *Life in an Old English Town*, 122. On the evils of rural jurisdictions and the consequent escape of criminals v. Green, *Town Life*, I. 311.

² sanctuary. ³ = contents.

and displeasir, yf hit so bee. We perfore maruayllyng gretely not only the *presumpcion* of the said persones, but also of *your* suffrance in that partie, yf it be as is surmysid, wol and charge you to see with alle diligence after the sight of these that the said Ric. be restored to the seid *ffranchice*, and the same from hensforth duely obserued withouten any *interrupcion* as fer as to you belongeth, as ye wol answere vn-to vs at *your* peril. Yeuen vnder our sygnet at oure Towne of Norhampton the xvj day of Januar.

¹The which *lettre* vnderstonden be Joh. Ruyton, þen Mair, & Herry Boteler, Recourdour, *perceyvyng* well that the said *letter* was labored be straunge & malicious suggestion, and that hit were doughtfull² sich suggestion to remayn vnanswered, and be that the kynges hyghnes wold take a displeasyr yf the seid Ric. were not deliuered, or mater disclosyd why, by the kynges lawes, he awght not to be deliuered, they councelled with xxiiij^{ti} of the worthyest men of this Cite at Seynt Mary halle, disclosyng to theym the seid mater and the kynges letter. Whereuppon, be alle theyre advyses, hit was *provyded* that the seid Recordour, Will. Stafford, one of the shirrefs of this Cite, and Rob. Onley shuldon take with theym the Charters of the *fraunchice* of this Cite, and the graunte of Ranulphe made of olde tyme,³ and the graunte & confirmacion of kyng Herry the first⁴ vppon the graunte of the seid Ranulphe, and a confirmacion of kyng Herry the thrydde⁵ vppon the seid graunte of Ranulphe and confirmacion, and ouer that the *graunte* of prynce Edward assigned be what bondes his *ministres* of Cheylesmore touchyng the Cite shuld not medle nor distreyn nor let the *ministres* to do theyre Office vppon *certeyn* peyn

marvels at the city officials' presumption,

and insists that his rights shall not be infringed.

It is determined by the council that

the recorder, W. Stafford, and R. Onley shall take the records of the city's privileges, Ranulf's charter,

and divers confirmations of the same,

¹ leaf 197. ² = to be dreaded.

³ Corp. MSS. B. 1. v. *Life in an Old Eng. Town*, 45. Cunningham, *Eng. Industry*, I. 616. Ranulf Blundeville, Earl of Chester, is meant. He was a great founder of towns. This charter was the core of the city's liberties.

⁴ Really Henry II. It belongs to the period 1181-88, v. Corp. MSS. B. 2. Given in extenso in Bateson, *Laws of Breteuil, Eng. Hist. Rev.*, xvi. 98-99. This confirmation includes the grant of a low (12 d.) amercement for offences. No doubt this acted as an encouragement to settlers.

⁵ See Corp. MSS. B. 4.

and ride to Northampton to lay the case before the king.

This they do; the recorder acts as spokesman,

and an audience is granted.

The recorder

alleges that the city officers have been used to make arrests in Cheylesmore Park.

The king

as *perin* appereth¹; and that they in hast directly shulden ryden to Norhampton where the kyng þen lay, which soo diden. And then the kyng was at a Counsell at Norhampton, and the seid Recordour & his felowes openly afore the kyng disclosyd the cause of their comyng to his *presence*, declaryng to his hyghnes the forseyd letter sent to the Meyre & to the Recordour, remembryng his hyghnes that, as semed, greuous compleynt had be made on hem, the charge of which were to theym unportable, if hit were as was affermed to his hyghnes, and for theyre trewe declaracion & excuse *perin*, as his trewe liege *men*,² yn eschewyng his most doughtfull displesyr, offered theym with-out delay to disclose his seyð hyghnes the trouthe *perin*, besechyng his grace to gyff theym audience *perin*. Wheruppon be advise of the Chauceler of Ingland,³ the Erle of Warrewyk, the Erle of Worcestre⁴ and many other lordes *pere* then beyng, hit was commaunded the seid Recordour and his felowes to attende on the kyng yn the *afternon* þen suyng.

At which tyme the seid Recordour in the *presence* of the seid kyng & his lordes openly disclosyd the for-seyd letter, and þeruppon alleged that it semed that the Officers of Cheylesmore wrongfully entended to exclude the Officers & ministrez of the Cite to make arrestes and to do *pere* execucions with-Inne the Manoir of Cheylesmore & the parke *perof*, as they owed to do and the Officers of the seid Cite of long tyme haue don & vsed to do, trustyng to his hyghnes þat for eny sinistre enformacion made to his hyghnes he wold be good & gracious kyng and lord to the Cite in their right, and to disclose hym þe right of the Cite *perin* þey were comen to his hygh *presence* etc.

⁵The king *þerto* answered seyng that he had & owed to haue the seid Cite in als gret favour & tendernes as he had eny Cite in his roialme & *þerto* he was gretly beholden, but he seid the Manoir of Cheylesmore was his

¹ 49 Ed. III (1375). The royal officials were forbidden to meddle with the liberties under pain of 20 marks.

² MS. "m." or "in."

³ George Neville, Bishop of Exeter, Warwick's brother.

⁴ Tiptoft, "The Butcher." ⁵ leaf 197.

alswell as the towne was, and perfore he wold be indifferent be-twix peym, and ministre to eyther of theym right & equite. And peruppon the kyng cald to hym the Erle of Warrewyk, the Erle of Worcestre, the lord Hastynges, his Chaumburleyn,¹ the lord Dudley,² the lord Ryvers,³ the lord Wenlok⁴ & Danby, pe Juge,⁵ to here sich matier as the seid Recordour wold vtter. pe which pere disclosed the first graunte made to pe men of Couentre be pe Erle of Chestre, Ranulfe, and pe other Charters afore-specified in their ordre. Which Charters aftur that the kyng herd hem, he marvelled gretely pat eny ffraunchice for pe Cite shuld be claymed in his place of Cheylesmore & pe parke perof, seyng pat hit myght not be so in eny wyse. And pe seid Recordour vttered to hym pe graunte made be prince Edward, which refreyneth⁶ pe Officers of Cheylesmore to medle within pe Cite to make eny arrestes, lymyttyng the bondes where pe Officers of the Cite shuld medle; Remembryng further pe kynges hyghness pat, euer sithen the ffraunchise graunted be quene Isabell & prynce Edward, the Officers of the Cite, both in plee riall and personell, in somons, attachment & distresse be wryttes & warantes, alswell sued at the comen lawe as in the Court of the Cite, the ministrez of the same han don execucion although the kyng or his housold haue ben pen present in the seid place of Cheylesmore. And ferther, be the same tyme, if eny infortune felle with[in] pe seid parke or place, the Coroner of the Cite hath exercised his Office perof, & takyn enquestes peruppon of the inhabitauntes of the same Cite, without medlyng of eny Officer or Ministre of Cheylesmore, as openly is knowen, the kyng nor his progenitours sithen pe seid tyme non jurisdiction nor oper liberte there havyng, but only a lete to be holden twyse by yere of pe forreyns and a Court baron for pe same to be holden euery iij wekes. The which lete &

and divers
lords

listen to
the recorder
on this
matter of the
"Complaint
by the
Steward of
Chelesmore
against the
Sheriffs of
Couentre ffor
Arresting a
man in the
parke."

The recorder
explains the
position,

¹ William, Lord Hastings, executed by Richard III, 1483.

² Sir John Sutton, Lord Dudley.

³ Sir Richard Woodville, Earl Rivers, husband of the Duchess of Bedford, and father of Elizabeth, Edward's queen, executed 1469 at Coventry.

⁴ John, Lord Wenlock.

⁵ Chief-justice Common Pleas. ⁶ = restrains.

and complains of the encroachments of the officials of Cheylesmore.

The king purposes to come to Coventry and hear the matter, but stipulates for the giving up of the man taken in the park.

The recorder protests,

and apparently with success.

The king comes to Coventry,

and the matter is heard in

the chapter-house;

Court baron be the Officers of Cheylesmore weren mysused to the *preiudice* of the seid fraunchice and liberte of the seyde Cite, as the seid Recordour affermed, be-cause the Styward of Cheylesmore of newe wrongfully vsed to trie issues¹ ioyned yn the Court Baron *pere*, and also holdyng diuers plees of diuerse persones not tenautes of the seid Maner of Cheylesmore, and *perby* artyng² diuers inhabitautes *withyn* the bondes of the lete of the seid Cite to sue to the seid lete of Cheylesmore, where *pe* inhabitautes of the seid Cite owen not so to do.

Which seid *maters* thus expressed, the kyng seide that in bref tyme he purposed to be at Couentre, and there wolden be mo Juges, and then he wold here ferther of this *mater*; but he seid *pat* the man which was takyn yn Cheylesmore sholde be restored thyder tyll that tyme. To which the seyde Recordour answered that *pe* seid man myght not nor owe not to be restored thyder by *pe* lawe, for he was condempned at sute of *partye*, yn which cas yf he were suffered to goo at large the Officers of the seid Cite weren chargeable and to be charged to the *partie* of the *somme* wherin the seid man stode condempned. To the which seyng of the seid Recordour, Rob. Danby, Juge, then *present*, demaunded *perof* be *pe* kyng, affermed the same. Wheruppon then the kyng commaunded the seid Recordour & his felyship to *departe* home, and at his comyng to Couentre the seid *matier* shulde be ferther herd.

³ And yn the next weke suyng the kyng come to Couentre, and there assigned the Erle of Worcestre, Constable of Ingland and Styward of his howse, and the ij Chyeff Juges,⁴ Markeham & Danby, to here the seyde *matier*; afore whech, the Meyre of this Cite, *pe* Recorder, & in substance alle the worshipfull men of this Cite, assembled yn the Chapterhous in *pe* priory, be *pe* seyde Recordour the forseyde *libertes* of this [Cite] eftesones were rehersed, affermyng *pat* the arrestyng of the forseyde

¹ The point of contention between the two parties in an action at law; to join issue = to submit this point for decision.

² *N. E. D.* To constrain.

³ leaf 198.

⁴ Markham, C.J.K.B.; Danby, C.J.C.P.

Ric. Hyddesman was lawful & þe kepyng of hym in prison also, because þat the seyde Manoyr of Cheylesmore & parke þerof was within the preseynt of the liberte of the seyde Cite. Wheruppon the seyde Erle & Juges called to hem Herry Ferres, Styward of the seyde Manoir of Cheylesmore, askyng hym what he cowthe seye ayeysn the forseyd seyng of the seyde Recordour yn the seyde matier. And he answered seyng þat sich þyng as he had laburd þerin wold¹ he had don hit be the informacion & seyng of worshipfull persones of the seyde Cite, but he þerin wolde in no wyse name eny persone, so that his seyng þerin was takyn þat he wold be his wylle variance among worshipfull men causeles. And yn conclusyon the seyde Styward seyde þat þe remembrances of sich libertes as perteyned to Cheylesmore weron yn the Tresory of the Duch[y] of Lancastre, desyryng to haue resonable tyme to make serche in that partie, which was graunted hym, & to be redy þerin in terme then next suyng at London; at which tyme hit was seyde be the kyng that he wolde assygne certeyn Juges to here and decre the seid matier etc.

the steward alleges that information has been given him by divers citizens.

The decision is deferred until the records of the duchy of Lancaster shall have been searched.

And at London the terme þen next suyng, that is to sey the terme of Estur, the iiijth yere of the reign of the seyde kyng, The forseid Recordour of this Cite suyde to the kynges hyghnes, he then beyng at the Towre of London, to disclose his forseid comaundement gyff at Couentre to attende on his hyghnes for the seid matier, many lordes þen beyng present. And the kynges hyghnes remembred well the matier and asked Herry Ferres yf he had serched for the seid matier as he had seide he wold, and yf he had eny thyng founden þerin, Ric. Chok, Justice, & Tho. Yong, seriaunt, then beyng present yn the kynges Chaumbur. Wherto the seid Henre answered & seyde þat as yette no thyng was founden etc.

Easter, Apr. 1, 1464.
The matter is "debated at London,"

but the Cheylesmore steward has found nothing.
The recorder

And þeruppon the forseid Recordour besought the kynges good grace to remembur the long sute made for his seyde Cite in that behalf and no thyng shewed azeysn theyre entent þerin, so that be likelehood the compleynt made vppon the Officers of the seyde Cite be the Officers

¹ ? omit.

beseches
the king
that the city
may keep
and enjoy its
liberties.

of the seid Manoir of Cheylesmore was supposed to be made only of wyfulnes, besechyng his hyghnes that his Mair & Officers of the seid Cite myght kepe and enjoy sich libertes & ffraunchices as þey owed to do, and as be-fore they vsed yn the tyme of his progenitours, remembryng his same hyghnes that þe seyde Cite euer had be redy & was to plece his hyghnes at alle tymes etc.

“Nothing
proued, but
the City to
enjoy their
franchises,
and Chel-
more to be
within the
jurisdiction
off the Court
off Record off
Country.”

¹ Wheruppon then the kyng be deliberacion answered the seid Recordour thus :—That he wold þat his seyde Citee kept and enjoyed theyre liberties and ffraunchisez, as they owed to do, azeyns which he wold not be, and if her-aftur eny matier were founden for the seid Manoir of Cheylesmore provyng the suggestion aforeseyd to be trewe, then the Officers of the seyde Cite shuld be warned þerof and have tyme to answeere þerto, counaundyng the seid Recordour þat he attendid no more þeruppon aftur þat tyme etc.

THE MATTER OF WILLIAM HUET.

By the kyng.

July 14.
The king's
letter con-
cerning a
dispute,

Trusty & wel-beloued, we grete you wel, and for-somoche as the mater dependyng betwix Joh. Abery & Will. Bedon on that oon partie and Will. Huet on the other of our Cite of Couentre ys screpulus & doubtfull, & that we vnderstande ye have putte you in fer deuoir to the examinacion of the same accordyng to youre truthes & duetes, We therefore, and for the tender zele and chierte² that we bere to oure seid Cite & thease & tranquillite of our true subgiettes of the same, haue ceassed of any strayt examinacion in the seid mater and woll þat it be extinted,³ latyng you wite that we haue accorded the seid parties vndur sich forme as is comprised in a cedula yn this closed, the which we wol that ye putte you in due execucion; and yf any of the seid parties be obstinat herafter that ye putte you in deuoir to the redresse & correcion of

and enclosing
a schedule

¹ leaf 198, back.

² *N. E. D.* s. v. Cherte = dearness, tenderness, fondness, affection.

³ *N. E. D.* s. v. Extinct = extinguished.

theym accordyng *with* oure lawes. Yeven vnder our signet at oure Towne of Dancastre the xiiij day of Jule.

R. E.

Memorandum that Will. Huet on that oon *partie* and Will. Bedon oon that *oper* of our Cite of Couentre be agreed to abyde the ward of Joh. Arowe, Tho. Maydeford & Will. Marshall and Joh. Mershe of our seid Cite vpon sich lafull and resonable costes, expenses and damages, as by the seid arbitours can be vnderstanden that the seid Will. Huet & Will. Bedon haue made and susteyned in the pursute vpon thaccusacion & defence of sich *maters* betwix them dependyng in variance, as late were had in examinacion be-fore the Mair of the seid Cite. The same awarde to be yeven before Michelmas day next comyng, and if in the mean tyme the seid iiij arbitrouns can not accorde that then the seid Mair to be unpar, and to yeve his decre vpon the seid variance be-fore seid day.

arranging for arbitration in the same.

The award to be given before Michaelmas, and in the event of the arbitrators disagreeing the mayor to be umpire.

R. E.

Also the seid Will. Huet and Abery, vpon suche accions and variance for debte as be-twix thaim ben dependyng, ben agreed to abyde the awarde of Joh. Gauge and Tho. Warde of oure seide Cite of Couentre to be yeven be Michelmas day next.

Other arbitrators for a question of debt.

R. E.

¹*Memorandum* that for-somoche as the a-fore named iiij arbitrouns of the *premisses* be-twix the seid *parties* be-fore the seid Myghelmas day cowde not accorde that then the seid mair to be vmper, þe which vmper takyng vpon hym the charge of laude² & decree, the *maters* of both *parties* be hym herd & well vnderstonden, a-fore the seid day be the advyse of xxiiijth of his worshipfull brethern, hath decreed that the seid Will. Huet shold aske the seid Will. Bedon foryevenes of that he had put vpon hym, & to yeve hym xl s. to amendes toward his costes & expenses that he had made, and yf he wold not obey & fullfyll this, then the seid Will. Huet to yeve hym x mark. The which laude & decree the seid Will. Huet in neyther

As the arbitrators cannot agree, the mayor as umpire

decides that Huet shall ask Bedon's forgiveness, and pay him 40s. for damages, or in default 10 marks.

¹ leaf 199.

² Decision, judgment (*N. E. D.*).

On Huet's
proving
refractory

the mayor
commits him
to prison.

braunche wold not obey, but vtterly refusyd, and had then right vnfyttyng, inordinate & ceducious¹ langage sownyng to the derogacion of the kynges lawes & of his peace yn right evyll example; for þe which the seid Mair, vmper, be the advyse of his seid brethern commyttid hym to warde; for þe which the kyng yave hym right good & special thank, and wolle that he there be kept *withouten* eny deliuerance vnto the tyme he hath fulfilled his² seid decree and receyued such punicion for his Riottes³ demeanyng as shalbe accordyng to his⁴ lawes, as yn his *letter her-aftur* wretyn is made pleyn mencion.

R. E. By the kyng.

Oct. 4.
The king
gives
"thanks to
the maior for
punishing a
Refractory
person."

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele. And wherevpon a *matere* dependyng in variance be-twix Will. Bedon on that oon *partie* and Will. Huet on that *oper* of our Cite of Couentre, It was yn oure *presence* be thair bothes assent agreed to abyde the awarde of Joh. Arowe, Tho. Maydeford, Will. Marshall, & Joh. Mersshe of oure said Cite, of suche lawfull & resonable costes, expenses & damages as by the seid arbitrouns coude be vnderstanden that þe seid William Bedon and William Huet had made & susteyned in the pursuyte vpon thaccusacion and defence of the seid *materes*, the same awarde to be yeven by Michelmasse day last passed, and yf the seid arbitrouns in the meane tyme coude not accorde ye then to be unpar, and yeve *your* decree vpon the seid variance bfore the seid day, as more at large was specified in oure *lettres* bering date at oure Towne of Dancastyr, the xiiij day of Jule last passed, þeruppon vnto you addressed. We nowe been enfourmed on youre bihalue by oure right trusty and entierly biloued Cousin, Therl of Worcestre, that the seid arbitrouns might not accorde, and that ye as unpar haue yeven *your* decree rightwysly & indifferently in that *partie*; and that þe seid William Huet hath obstinately refused on his parte to obey & *perfourme* *your* seid decree, and besides that had right vnfitting, inordinate and cedicious langage sownyng to the derogacion of oure

The king
approves of
the mayor's
decision,
of which
Tiptoft,
Earl of
Worcester,
has informed
him,

¹ seditious.

² "your" deleted.

³ riotous.

⁴ *i. e.* the king's.

lawes and peax in right evyl example, for þe which ye have committed hym to warde; wherof if hit so be we can¹ you right good & special thank, and wole that he there be kept *withouten* any deliuerance to tyme that he haue fulfilled your seid decree and receyued sich punicion for his Riottous demeanyng as shal-be accordyng *with* oure lawes; wylyng fferthermore & charyng you that if any personnes of like indisposicion vexe thair neyghbours, oure subgittes, with-in oure seid Cite by any such Imaginacions,² sclaudours, or feyned accusacions, hereafter or make any Routes or conuenticles *within* the same, and þerof bee lawfully proved Culpable & conuicte, þat ye putt you in deuoir to the repressyng and punicion of thaim aftur thair demerites & the cours of oure lawes, as oure trust is in you, and as ye wyl answere vn-to vs; yevyng straytly in commaundement by thees presentes to the Shirreffes & al our Officers, liegemen & subgittes of oure seid Cite and to euery of thaim, that to thexecucion of the premisses they yeve vn-to you their attendance, aide & assistance, as hit apperteygneth, vpon the payn that of the contrarie may ensue at thair peril. Yeven vnder oure signet at oure Monasterie of Redyng, the ffoureth day of Octobre.

and commands that any other persons offending like Huet and vexing their neighbours

shall be repressed and punished.

Dated at Reading.

Although Huet

for his unfitting language and general insubordination deserved

to suffer according to the utmost rigour of the law,

³Mem. that alle-though the seid Will. Huet were so obstinatly disposed a-fore the makyng of this lettur a-fore wretyn that he wold not obey the decree of the Mair of such matiers as were dependyng be-twix hym and Will. Bedon, as yn the seid lettur more at large is specified, for the which and yn especial for his vnfittyng & inordinate langage the Mair commyttid hym to warde; wherof þe kyng right specially thankyd hym for that so doyng, & wold & charged that he shold be þere kept *with-out* any deliuerance vn-to the tyme he had fulfilled his seyde decree & receyued such punicion for his Riottous demeanyng as shal-be accordyng *with* his lawes; the seid Will. Huet then seyng þat he most in any wyse obey the seide decre or abyde yn warde style, & to suffer als⁴ such punicion for his obstinacy in the premisses as the seid

¹ *N. E. D.* s. v. can and con = to express or offer thanks.

² = device, plot. ³ leaf 199, back.

⁴ Also; chiefly a northern form (*N. E. D.*).

yet, on his obtaining the support of the king-maker, Warwick,

the mayor lays righteousness aside and follows mercy, merely binding him over and granting 10 marks' damage to the other party in the suit.

Even payment for damages is reduced, at Warwick's instance.

"Pardone & good behaviour."

"Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

Mair wyll deme hym to do ; he then be the meane of his frendes labored vn-to my lord of Warrewyk for fauour & ease to be had yn the seid decree at my lordes instaunce, so that to ouer grete rebuke ne charge were not don to the seid Will. yn makyng þerof. And þeruppon the seid Mair, allethough aftur his dimeretys well & indifferently be hym vnderstonden, he were worthy to haue made as lowly submission as cowde be thought þerfore, & to haue boron to the vtmost of his godes be-sides that, and rightwesnes *without mercy* shold haue ben don þerin, but at the seid instaunce leyng rightwesnes apart and folowyng *mercy*, made his laude & decre thus :—that the seid Will. Huet shuld be of good seying & behavyng fro that tyme fourth, and that he shuld yeve the seid Will. Bedon x marc' to amendes toward his costes ; & so he did ; which amountid not to the thryd peny that he had made hym to spende. And yette further at my seid lordes instaunce my worshipfull Brethern & I so effectuelly entretyd the seid Will. Bedon that he yave the seid Will. Huet agayn v nobles of the seid x marc' ; and then the seid Mair decreed further þat the seid Will. Huet shul-be bounden & suerte *with* hym yn recognusance afore hym & other Justicez of the peax þere fro thense-fourth to bere the peax ayenst the seid Will. Bedon, and to be of good behavyng ayenst alle the inhabitauntes of the Cite of Couentre. The which laude & decree the seid Will. Huet þen fulfilled, and þeruppon then out of warde was dismyssed & sette at his large etc.

JOHN PYNCHBEK, MAYOR, 1465.

¹ [Election of officers.]

Joh. Wyldegryse, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Pier, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gavge, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Tho. Warmynton, Ric. Alde, Rob. Atturton, Will. Horsley, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Tho. Broke, Tho. Cokkes, Will. Cramp, Tho. Dowve, Joh. Mores, Tho. Jakeman.

¹ leaf 200. Scribe D. Joh. Bayly, Radulphus Caldebek, sheriffs.

[m. Joh. Pynchbek; cor. Joh. Rudyng; ch. Tho. fforde, Rob. Blubury; w. Rob. Oneley, Will. Whyte; mace, Joh. Seward.] Officers.

Joh. Pynchebek, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Wyldgryse, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode. J. Ps.

[The same, except rec., with the addition of Thos. Bradmedow.] Key-keepers.

[In this mayor's time the Jesus mass was begun by this same mayor's exertions.] Mem. quod in tempore Johannis Pynchebeke, maioris tunc, fuit missa de Jhesus¹ incepta per laborem predicti Johannis Pynchebek anno Edwardi quarti quinto.

JOHN GAWGE, MAYOR, 1466.

²[Election of officers.]

“Couentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

Tho. Brodmedow, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode, Rob. Brodmedow, Joh. Wyldgrys, Will. Peere, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Will. Dawe, Ric. Alde, Rob. Atturton, Joh. Elage, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette, Joh. Morys, Will. Baxter, Will. Crampe, Tho. Raves, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Gryme.

[m. Joh. Gawge; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Joh. Stevyns, draper, Ric. Colyns de Radford; w. Tho. Parker, bochor, Rob. Burnell; mace, Joh. Seward.] Officers.

Joh. Gawge, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Tho. Brodmedow, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode. J. Ps.

ORDERS OF COUNCIL.

The meyre *with* hys brytheryn whose names *with* other gode worshyfull men be a-fore wryton have ordenyd that all chamburlens here-after comynge shall a-Coynt for ther offyse for the sum of lxxvj li. & also that they shall have a-lowyd to hem but v s. for there costis on Lamas

The chamberlains to account for £66, and to have 5s. for

¹ MS. Jhc. The “Jesus Mass” or the “Mass of the Five Wounds,” celebrated at the Jesus altar in St. Michael’s on Fridays, was attended by the mayor before he went to the market, *v. Sharp, Antiquities* (ed. Fretton), 41.

² leaf 200, back. Scribe D. Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Dowve, sheriffs.

Lammas
Day
expenses.

day for brekyng the Comyn pastures longynge to the Cete of Covyntre at that seson of the yere.

Measures,
strikes
and hoops to
be delivered
to the salters.

¹ Also they have ordenyd that the wardens Make ij *strykis*, ij halfe *strykis*, ij hopes,² & let the salters have hem *with-owt* eny money; & the mesuris to be *delyueryd* by the comyn seriant to *delyuer* hem *selyd with-owt* money-takyng therfor; & yffe the salters woll make moe mesurys then they shall pay for the *selyng* of hem. Also they woll that no retaylers in the Cete take no hyr for the lone of *strykis*, half-*strykis* nor hopus lande³ to the salters.

The mayor's
caps.

Also they have ordenyd that the wardens shall have the rewle of makynge the *meyris* cappus, & the olde stuffe to be keypd to the town vse, & when they make a newe furryd cappe at the cost a-bove xiiij s. iiij d. to be payd on the *meyrys* cost.

Measures for
the oatmeal-
sellers.

Also they have ordyned that the wardens shall make a *stryke*, halfe *stryke*, hope & halfe hope, gallon & potell & quarte, the mesurs to be *selyd* & *delyueryd* to the sellers of *oton-meele* by the comyn seriant *with-owt* eny money therfor to be payd.

RICHARD WODE, MAYOR, 1467.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

⁴ [Election of officers.]

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedow, Guy Wyston, Joh. Wyldegryse, Will. Pere, Tho. Brodmedow, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Saunders, Ric. Awstyn, Will. Horsley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Tho. Dowve, Joh. Illage, Rob. Atturton, Will. Stafford, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Hadley, Laur. Walgrave, Will. Crampe.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Wode; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Will. Marshall, Joh. Hall; w. Tho. Parker, Rob. Burnell; mace, Joh. Seward.]

[And further they ordain Et vltorius volunt & ordinant that the aforesaid sub-bailiff quod predictus subballivus ista septimana incipiat mundare ad fines ville begin to clean up at the town-

¹ leaf 201.

² A measure of corn, etc., of varying quantity, *N. E. D.*, where the earliest example bears date 1520.

³ loaned, lent.

⁴ leaf 201, back.

ends. And so every week etc. Et sic qualibet septimana until all the town-ends are quousque omnes fines plene mundan- cleaned up.] tur (sic) per superuisum Maioris etc.

[Ric. Wode, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Ruyton, J. Pa. M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes.

The same except the recorder.¹ Key-keepers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

²[V. f. p. held before Ric. Wode, m., Rob. Onley, "Couentre." Will. Baxster, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 7 Ed. IV.] Apr. 4.

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brad- Jury. medo, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgris, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Brad- medo, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Ric. Alde, Will. Horseley, Rob. Atterton, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bailly, Joh. Bette, Tho. Dove, Joh. Illage, Joh. Catur, Will. Marchall, Joh. Hadley de Welstret, Joh. Hadley de Fletestret, Joh. Stephens.

Hit is ordeyned pat Joh. Deister make ageyn pe crosse in Shortley-feld³ betwixt pis & Midsomer next comyng [or pay 40 s. fine.] The Shortley cross.

Also pat pe Mair ordeyn iiij assisours to sise pe watir at all Milles within pis Cete betwixt pis & Whitsontyde next comyng etc. The mills.

Also pat Joh. Lokhey & Will. Donyngton sufficiently amende pe fotewey towards Crab-tre-feld, which is ruynous, before their grounde which they ther hold, betwixt pis & pe fest of pe Inuencion of pe Holy Crosse, vpon peyn of either of them xld. A footway.

Also pat pe waytis of pis Cite, pat nowe be & here-after to be, shall not passe pis Cite, but to abbottis & priours within x myles of pis Cite. The waits.

Also pat pe wardeyns of pis Cite shall amend pe Clok and pe Chyme, & after pat pe keper perof to kepe it well, vp pe peyn to lose his office. The clock and the chime.

[V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 7 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Oct. 3.

¹ A note in another scribe's hand says that the leets for the mayoralty will be found in Will. Saunders' time on the sixth page following (leaf 207, back). The heading of the Easter leet is also found leaf 192.

² Scribe B, leaf 207, back.

³ Near the Charter-house.

Jury.

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedo, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Th. Ingram, Joh. Illage, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Ric. Alde, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Will. Horseley, Tho. Brokes, Joh. Gryme, Rob. Atterton, Tho. ffoorth.

Bailliffs
and Sheriffs.

[Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores.]

Sir R. Byng-
ham's
Wyken ten-
ants to have
common of
pasture.

Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of pis present lete pat no Chamberleyn frohensfurth distreyn, vexe ne troble eny of pe tenauntis of Ric. Byngham, knyght, & dame Margaret his wyfe in Wiken¹ for vsyng of their comien in Haselwode & Byllingfeld, vppon peyn streitly to be punysshed be pe Meir for the tyme beyng. And pat such money pat hath be taken wrongfully of eny of the seid tenauntis be eny Chaumberleyn hertofor, that hit be restored to pe parties greued etc.

"Sealers of
Leather."

Also pat the Mair & his Councell chose & depute ij serchers of ladder to be within pis Cite, one a Girdeler, & anoþer a Coruiser, and they to be sworn befor pe Mair for pe tyme beyng yerly heraftur etc.

VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH WOODVILLE.

Dec. 8.

² Anno septimo regis Edwardi.

The viij day off Decembre the meyre made a hall to wete what shuld be yeve to owre soueren lady quene El[i]zabeth,³ the wheche men grauntyd a hunderyd marke to be gederyd of euery warde in the sete etc.

Collectowres of Gosford-warde: Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Grove, Tho. Bower, Will. Cokkes. [£7. 14s. 8d.]

Jurdelwel-ward⁴ & Myllone: Will. Hall, Will. Arewe, Joh. Fysher, Will. Jewderell, Will. Baumburgh. [£5. 6s. 8d.]

Much-parke-strete-warde: Tho. Waren, Joh. Smyth, baker, Rob. Taskere, Joh. Coke, Will. Brydde. [£6. 13s. 4d.]

¹ Of Wyken and Middleton, *v.* Dugd. 88. For trouble about the Commons *v.* Introduction.

² leaf 202. Scribe D.

³ Elizabeth Woodville (privately) married to Edward IV, May 1464.

⁴ *Sic.*

*Erle-strete-ward*e & *Lytel-parke-strete* : Ric. Alen, draper, Tho. Squiere, Ric. Orderyche, Rob. Jakys. [£8. 0s. 8d.]

*Bayly-lane-ward*e & *Hey-lane* : Tho. Gryme, Geof. Ardum, Will. Mason, Tho. Bayly. [£5. 2s. 4d.]

*Brode-gate-ward*e : Tho. Napton, Joh. Crull, Har. Persale, Tho. Prist. [£3. 6s. 10d.]

*Smythford-ward*e : Har. Dalby, Ric. Bower, Joh. Whyte, Ric. Drowthe. [£5. 6s. 8d.]

*Spon-strete-ward*e : Joh. Hadley, Ric. Euerdon, Tho. Tate, Will. Bayly. [£7. 11s. 8d.]

Cros-chepyng : Rog. Radclyffe, Tho. Gardnere, Rob. Hardy, Tho. Wolffe. [£10. 2s. 4d.]

*Bysshop-strete-ward*e : Laur. Walgrave, Rog. Browne, Joh. Arowe, Ric. Kockys, baker. [£7. 10. 8d.]

WILL. DAWE, MAYOR, 1468.

¹ [Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Will. Peere, Tho. Brodmedew, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Bayly, Will. Horsley, Will. Stafford, Rad. Caldbek, Tho. Dowve, Will. Baxster, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Mores, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Bette, Tho. Broke, Joh. Illage.

Electors.

[m. Will. Dawe; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Rog. Radclyffe, Will. Thystelton; w. Joh. Semon, Joh. Wheton; mace, Joh. Seward.

Officers.

Will. Dawe m., Hen. Boteler rec., Ric. Wode, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe.

J. Ps.

The same.]

Key-keepers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

² ¶ [V. f. p. before Will. Dawe, m. Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, b., on Thursday after the close of Easter, 8 Ed. IV.]

"Couentre."

Apr. 28.

Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Joh. Wylgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Alde, Joh. Gryme,

Jury.

¹ leaf 202, back.

² Scribe B.

Ric. Austen, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Joh. Illage, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Bally, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Dove, Rob. Onely, Will. Baxster, Tho. Raves, Will. Thistilton, Joh. Seman.

"Buts shooting."

Hit is ordeyned *pat* þe *Buttis* about þis Citie be made & *pat* noman *within* þis Citie frohensfurth shote at Rovers,¹ but at *buttis* & standyng prikkis,² vppon þe peyn of xx s. & Inprisonment after þe discrecion of þe Mair etc.

"None to misuse water at Conduits."

Also *pat* noman ne woman frohensfurth wasshe lomez³ nor clothes at þe Cunditis nor fech watir þens to brue nor to stepe with, vp þe peyn of iiij d. at euery default.

"Ringing Curfewe."

Also *pat* þe Clerkis of both Chirches ryng both daybell & curfewe in due tyme & *pat* þe Clok be duly kept, vp þe peyn of ijd. at euery default to be restreyned⁴ of their wags.

Butchers to share with their fellows wholesale bargains.

Also *pat* no Bochour sell no fatte ware oute of þis Cite leuyng þe Cite destitute, and *pat* euery bochour parte with other of stufte bought in gret.

"Coentre." Oct. 1.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 8 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Per, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bailly, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Illage, Tho. Dove, Joh. Seman, Tho. Parker, Will. Marchall, Joh. Hadley de Flete-strete, Rob. Bradmedowe.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stephens.]

Orders of Leet. Butter buying.

Hit is ordeyned *pat* no householder frohensfurth bye no more butter þen he well spend in his owne house, vp þe peyn of xld. at euery default.

"None to dig Clay at Spon market."

Also *pat* no man frohensfurth digge cley vppon Cheylesmore Grene nor in þe high-weye betwixt Somerlesue *buttis* & Spon market, vp þe peyn of xld.

Fullers to have distinctive marks for their cloth.

Also *pat* euery ffuller frohensfurth haue a marke knowen from his neighbour, & *pat* þerwith he marke euery cloth be hym fullled, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery default vj s. viij d.

¹ Marks at indefinite distances.

² targets.

³ Webs of cloth from the loom.

⁴ = kept back.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS, MAYOR, 1469.

¹[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Electors.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Brodmedew, Will. Peer, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebeck, Joh. Gawge, Joh. Bette, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Alde, Joh. Garton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Hyllage, Will. Horsley, Rad. Caldebek, Rob. Onley, Will. Baxster, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marshall.

[m. Will. Saunders; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Tho. Squyer, Will. Bayly, deyster; w. Joh. Semon, Joh. Wheton; mace, Will. Atkynson.]

Officers.

Also they have ordyned that the wardens in the bygynnyng of the yer shall reparrell the Smythford bruce & the howsyng ther-apon, & also to a-mende the course of the water vndur hyt.

Smithford bridge.

"Nota."

Also they woll that xx li. that hathe be payd by dyuers chaumburlens ouer her extent of most oldyst dette that hyt be payd thys yer.

Chamberlains' bad debts of £20 to be allowed them.

EASTER LEET.

²¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Saunders, m., Ric. Colyns and Joh. Stevyns, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 9 Ed. IV.]

"Couentre." Apr. 10.

Ric. Wode, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Will. Pere, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Austen, Will. Horsley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baile, Joh. Mores, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley de Welstret, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Bett, Will. Stafford, Joh. Illage, Joh. Hadley de Fle[t]-st[r]et, Tho. fforth, Tho. Parker, Tho. Brokes, Joh. Seman, Will. Thistulton, Joh. Straunge.

Jury.

Hit is ordeyned by the autorite of this lete that no Carter bryng, ne Carre, hurdeles, coles, neyther secole ne charcole nor other wodde, vpon the Fryda, vpon the peyne to lese at euery defaute xij d. This ordinaunce to take affecte after proclamacion Thereupon made iiij ffrydaes.

No carter to bring in coal on a Friday.

¹ leaf 203. Scribe D.

² leaf 207. A scribe of C type.

Surcharge
of commons.

Also hit is ordeyned that the Chaumberlens of this Cite distreyne alle the persones þat ouercharge the Comyns, and brynge their bestes to the pynfold.¹

TREASONS AND REBELLIONS.

²*By the kyng.*

Windsor,
May 17.
John Bawde-
wyn to be let
out of prison,
as he was
ignorant of
the treason-
able contents
of the letter
he delivered.

Trusty & welebylovyd, we grete yow well ; & where we commyttyd John Bawdewyn off Dortmunde, cordwainere, vnto yowre warde for that he deliueyrd in this oure Roy-*aume* a *lettre* wherinne was comprisyd treason, we vndyr-*stond* now that he was not knowyng to the *contenue*³ of the sayd *lettre*, but of innocence & simplenesse deliueyrd it; wherfore & for that vs thinkyth that he hathe had longe punusshement for hys said foly, we woll that incontyent apou the sight here-of, ye deliuer hym quite owt of prison, onlasse tha[t] ye have other cause of keping them [? hym]. This yeuen undur oure signet at oure castell of Wyndesore the xvij day of May.⁴

July 1,
received
July 4.

⁵A pryvy seall sende to the meyr the iiij day of Juyll anno ix.^o

By the king.

Edward IV
complains of
sedition,

Trusty & wilbylovyd, we grete you wel ; & for-asmuche as it ys come to our knowlache that dyvers malicious & ille disposyd persones, contrari vnto God & their dueties, have cast & sowe in many & dyuers places of this our *reaume*, and yit continue dayly, vnfitting and sedicious tales and langage amongus oure lege people to thentent to store and incens them to rumour & commocion, not only to the grete offense off God & of their legens but also contrary to our lawes and pece & the comyn wele and pollicie of thys our lande ; the whych, as we have cause, take to grete displeasir : We wol & in the straytyst wyse charge yow that ye, by alle wayes and meanes to yow possible, put you in ful deuouire and diligence that yffe any

and incite-
ment of the
people to
commotions,

and charges
the mayor to
arrest any

¹ On the subject of surcharging v. *Life in an Old English Town*, 223 and Introduction. This year seems to have been one in which the reformers got the upper hand.

² leaf 203. Scribe D. A dot over the y is characteristic of this scribe.

³ = contents.

⁴ Bawdewyn may have been a Lancastrian emissary.

⁵ leaf 204, back.

suche sedicious folke come or may be fonde *within* your jurisdiction, ye put theym vndyr a-rest and sure warde so to remaine vn-to the tyme we be sertefyed theroff by yowe, yevyng yow in comandement what shall be do forthermore for their punysshement in that parte; not faylyng as ye love vs, and tendre the comune welfare off all this *our* reamne & subgettis of the same. Yeven vnder *our* priue seal at *our* castell of Foderinghey the fyrst day of Juyll.

seditions person in the jurisdiction and keep the same until further orders arrive.

Dated at Fotheringay.

By the kyng.

A letter vndur the kyngus signet sende to the meyre the x day of Juyll anno ix^o.

July 5,
received
July 10.

Trusty & wilbyloved, we grete [yow] well; & for-as-muche as [we] be fully determynyd to goo at this time in propre *personne* into the north parties of this *our* reame for the suppressing of suche ryottes as ben dayly committid there, as well in assemblyng of *our* people as in making proclamacions contrary to ther legens, & *our* pece; we therefore desire & pray yow that in all hast possibyl after the sight of thies *our* letters ye sende onto vs C archers well and defensible arayd to assist vs to the entent a-fore-sayde; not faylyng herof as oure esp[ec]ial trust is in yow, & as ye tendre the wele of vs & of owre sayd reame. Yeven vndyr *our* signet at *our* town of Stanford the v day of Juyll.¹

A Commission of array for 100 men. "A c Archers to be sent to the king," who is determined to go against the Northern rioters in person.

Dated at Stanford.
June 27.
Earl of Warwick's duplicate letters received, July 12.
The mayor's letter.

A lettre sende to the meyre fro my lord of Warwic the xij day of Juyll.

Ryhg't trusty and wil-belovyd frende [see duplicate for continuation].²

¹ The rebellions of this year are mysterious. Robin of Holderness took up the Percys' grievances. Montagu who received the Percys' earldom suppressed the rising. But a second rebellion under Robin of Redesdale—probably to be identified with Sir John or Sir William Conyers of Marske—was fomented by Warwick, and supported by the Nevilles. The rebels published a manifesto furnished by Warwick against evil counsellors; it was aimed at the Woodvilles. The rebels marched to the Midlands, divided Edward's Welsh forces under Pembroke from those the king had gathered in the Eastern counties, and defeated Pembroke at Edgcote near Banbury (July 26).

² Insignificant variations between the two copies are not noted. The mayor may have been a personal supporter of Warwick, but the second copy addressed to servants and well-willers implies a wide-spread agitation.

June 28,
Warwick's
letter to his
followers
received
July 12.

¹A *lettre* sende by therle of Warwyk to his *servondis* & wolwyllers *with-in* the cyte of Covyntre the xij day of Juyn ² anno regis ix^o.

Ryhgt trusty and wele-byloyyd, I grete you wele. Forasmiche as hyt hath pleasyd the kinges gode grace to sende at this tyme for hys lordis & other his subgettis to atende a-pon hys hyghnes northward, & that bothe the rihgt hye & mihgty prince, my lord the duke of Clarens, & I ben fully purposid, after the solempnizacion of the maryage by Goddes grace in short tyme to be hadde bitwene my sayd lord and my dohgter, to awayte on the same & to drawe vnto oure sayd soueren lord highnes, I therfore desire & pray yow that ye woll in the meene-tyme yeve knowlache to all suche felissypp as ye mowe make³ to arredy theym in the best wyse they can, & that bothe ye & they defensibly arrayd be redy apon a day's warning to accompany my sayd lord & me towards the sayd highnes, as my speciall trust ys in yow, yevyng credens to this berer in that he shall open vnto yow on my bihalue; and owre lord haue yow in hys keeping. Writon at London the xxvij⁴ day of Juyn.

Therle of Warwyk & Salisbure, grete chamburlayn of England & capten of Calais.

R. Warwyk.⁵

⁶By the kyng. A *letter* sende the xiiij day of Juyll.

Trusty & wele-bylovyd, we grete yow well; and woll and charge yow that Inmediatly after the silght of this oure letters ye sende vnto us suche men in defensibly (*sic*) array as we late wrete vnto yow fore, *with* moe if ye godly may, *with*out fayling, alle expenses leyde a-parte, apon the faith & ligeance⁷ ye owe vnto vs; & that in no wyse ye make any rising or assemblees *with* any persone what-so-euer he

July 10,
received
July 13.
Another
commission
hastening
the execution
of the first.
More men
if possible;
and expense
not to be
considered.

No riots.

¹ leaf 205. ² Read July.

³ "make toward theym" in the mayor's version.

⁴ xxvij in the mayor's version.

⁵ A very diplomatic letter. Warwick and the Duke of Clarence were at the bottom of the rebellions of this year under Robin of Redesdale. Warwick had been alienated by the Woodvilles' influence. Clarence stole over to Calais while the King unsuspectingly marched off against the Northern rebels, and at Calais (July 11) the marriage between Clarence and Isabella Neville took place.

⁶ leaf 205.

⁷ MS. ligenace.

bee, nor suffre any of oure subgettes *within* our Cite of Coventre to doo upon the sayd payne, withowt that we vndir our priue seal or signet or signe manuell commande yow to doo. Yeven vndyr oure signet at Newerk the x day of Juyll.

Dated at Newark.

¹Those persons folowyng grauntyd l marke for l sowders for xx days to go to the kyng to Yorke a-gayns Robyn of Ryddesdale anno ix^o.

50 men sent to the King against the Northern rebels to be paid 8d. a day;

Will Sandurs, maior, Hen. Boteler, recordator, Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytofft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedewe, Joh. Wyldgrys, Tho. Brodmedewe, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stevyns, Joh. Bette, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Ric. Alde, Will. Horsley, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bayly, Rob. Atturton, Tho. Dowve, Symkyn Byrches, Tho. Broke, Tho. Forde,² Joh. Hoton, Joh. Hadley de Flete-stret, Joh. Semon, Joh. Grove, Tho. Straunge, Will. Kokkes, Will. Knyhgt, Rog. Glouer, Joh. Fysher, Will. Jawderell, Ric. Rede, baker, Tho. Wolffe, Ric. Bower, Tho. Napton, Rob. Burnell, Tho. Tate, Joh. Strange, G[r]eg. Heyne, Har. Barfote, Joh. Shemyn, Rafe Walker, Joh. Hastyng, Will. Bedon, Ric. Bedon, Hen. Banbere, Tho. Ruyton, Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Dorlyng, ³Dorlyng, weuer, Joh. Arowe, Tho. Potell, Tho. Colyns, Joh. Philypp, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Bordale, Edm. Hadley, ³Coke, sadler, Philyp Robartes, Will. Rowley, Petrus Clerkeson, Joh. Bladsmyth, Tho. Campyon, Ric. Edward, Tho. Roby, Joh. Hazard, Will. Branche, Lawr. Sandurs, Ric. Cokkes, baker, Lawr. Walgrave, Tho. Hyton, ³Huet, weuer, ³Huet, corveser, Ric. Wylson, ³Godknav, cowper, ³Watford, girdeler.

After thys grante they cowthe gete noe sowdere vndyr x d. a day, & so they were payd.⁴

but 10d. a day was asked.

⁵*Collectores de Gosford warde*: Rog. Glouer, Joh. Hastyng, Law. Sandurs. [£3. 17s. 4d.]

Collection for soldiers by wards.

¹ leaf 203, back. ² Of the Fords of Ford's Hospital fame.

³ Christian names blank.

⁴ Very high wages. Probably Robin of Redesdale's grievances found sympathizers in Coventry.

⁵ leaf 204.

Jurden-Well : Joh. Walton, Ric. Drake, Hen. Gefferey.
[£2. 13s. 4d.]

Muche-parke-strete : Joh. Wylde, Ric. Fletcher, Rob. Crosse, Joh. Smyth. [£3. 6s. 8d.]

*Irle-strete*¹ : Ric. Alen, Joh. Swan, Rob. Jokys.
[£4. 0s. 4d.]

Baly-lone : Ric. Wylson, Joh. Castell, Joh. Gryme.
[£2. 11s. 2d.]

Brod-yate : Hen. Mason, Tho. Ruyton, Hug. Glouer.
[£1. 13s. 5d.]

Smythford : Ric. Drowthe, Joh. Oldbere, Joh. Toty.
[£2. 13s. 4d.]

Spon-strete : Joh. Emettes, Will. Godeladde, Ric. Tornour. [£3. 15s. 10d.]

Croschepyng : Tho. Gardnere, Nyc. Rondull, Will. Bolewyke. [£5. 1s. 2d.]

Bysshopp-strete warde : Ric. Cokkes, baker, Joh. Yale, Tho. Hyton. [£3. 15s. 4d.] *Summa xxxiiij li. vij s. xj d.*

Total,
£33 7s. 11d.

The mayor
gives £5 to
spare the
poor.

Also Wyllyam Sandurs, meyre beyng at that tyme, yaffe of hys owne money to this jorney v li. in relesynge of pore men that shuld have bore here part to this costys ward.²

EDGCOTE FIELD AND AFTER.

³ Those be the namys of captens ordenyd in euery warde for the savegard of this cete :

Gosford warde : Joh. Wylgrys, Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Fulbroke, Will. Knyght, Will. Cokkes, Joh. Stafford.

Jurden Wel-ward : Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Alde, Will. Stafford, Tho. Broke, Huwe Pollard, Joh. Fysher.

Muche-parke ward : Hen. Butler, Rob. Atturton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Smyth, bacster.

Irle-stret ward : Ric. Wode, Rob. Brodmedew, Tho. Brodmedew, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Tho. Ingram.

Brode-yate warde : Edm. Brogreve, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Hawnell, Tho. Napton, Raffie Freman, Tho. Ruyton.

Smyt[h]ford warde : Ric. Braytofft, Ralf Caldbek,

¹ = Earl Street.

² Toward these costs.

³ leaf 205.

The names
of the
Captains
ward by
ward.

Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Drowthe, Joh. Toty, corveser,
Ric. Bower.

Spon-strete warde: Tho. Dowve, Joh. Shyrwode, Joh.
Hadley, Joh. Smythe, Will. Pynchebek, Ric. Everdon.

Croschepyng: Will. Peer, Joh. Bette, Will. Horsley,
Will. Marshall, Rob. Burnell, Nyc. Rondell.

Bysshop-stret warde: Joh. Hadley, Will. Baxster,
Joh. Mores, Law. Walgrave, Joh. Yale, Rog. Browne.

Bayly-lane: Joh. Bayly, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Gryme,
Joh. Castell, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Arduyn.

¹ Delyueryd to Rob. Onley on Mawdelyn day a. r. ix^o
a serpentyne with the chambur for the New-yate, & a
honde gunne with a pyke in the ynde and a fowler.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Hadley the same day for the
Byssop-yate j staffe gunne & a [blank].

Item, delyueryd to Will. Saundurs, meyre, ij staffe
gunnes, & a grett gunne with iij chamburs, iij jackes,
& xxiiij arowys; *recepti* iij jackes and xxiiij arowys.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Wylgrys² j gunne with iij
chamburs³ lyggyng at the towr³ to the Fryres garden.⁴

Item, delyueryd to the Bysshopp-yate by Joh. Hoton a
fowler.

Item, to Ric. Wode iij jackes & ij dosen arowes.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Semon j newe jacke & a olde.

By the kynge.

Trusty & wel-belouyd, we grete yow wele, and thanke
yow ryhgt hertly of the feythfull deuoir that ye haue put
yow in at this tyme in sending to vs of suche felashipp
out of our Cite of Couentre, to vs rihgt a-greable as
ye haue don, wherby ye haue shewyd yow of tendre
zele and effeccion to the wele & seurty of oure person
to owre grete pleasir, which with [*illeg.*] olde aproued
tr[e]wthe vnto vs heretofor we haue and euer⁵ will haue
in oure tendre and herty remembrans. And for the same
haue causyd vs to haue yow, as soo we wil, in the more
trust and faorable recommendacion at al tymes hereafter

July 22.
Arms deli-
vered to the
captains,

and to the
mayor;
who returns
part of them
to the town
armoury.

July 29.

"Thanks
from the
King ffor the
city's send-
ing souldiers
redyly to his
Aide."

¹ leaf 205, back.

² "Pynchebek" deleted.

³⁻³ Interlined. I am not sure if it refers to the gun Wylgrys
has or to Saunders' jacks and arrows.

⁴ The white friars.

⁵ "shall" deleted.

in any thing that we may doo for the wele of you & of oure said Citie in suche wise as ye shall thenke youre sayd acquitail and *seruice* rihgt wel byset *with* Goddes grace. Yeuen vndre oure signet at oure towne of Notynham the xxix day of Juyll.¹

Dated at Nottingham.

[Lord Herbert (Earl of Pembroke) was taken in a battle by Banbury with Robin of Redesdale and his fellows on S. James' Eve (Jul. 24) 1469, and was taken to Northampton, and there beheaded, and Lord Richard Herbert likewise with others.

[On Aug. 12 in the same year Lord Rivers then Treasurer of England was beheaded at Gosford Green, and Lord John Woodville, his son, likewise; they had been taken at Chestow.

[Lord (Stafford of) Southwick was taken at Bridge-water and there beheaded.

[Lord Humfrey Neville, knight, was beheaded in the north country in the same year, and his brother Charles and the bailiff of Durham at the same time.]

*Memorandum, quod dominus Herber*² *fuit captus in bello iuxta Banbery cum Robarto Ryddesdale & sociis suis in vigilia S. Jacobi apostoli, a. r. Edwardi ix*^o,³ *& fuit ductus ad villam de Northehampton & ibi erat decollatus, & dominus Ric. Herber similiter cum aliis.*⁴

Item, xij^o *die Augusti eodem anno dominus le Revers*⁵ *tunc thesaurarius Anglie fuit decollatus apud Gosford-grene*⁶ *& dominus Joh. Wodvyle, filius eius similiter, qui capti fuerunt apud Chapstowe.*

*Item, dominus Sothewyk*⁷ *fuit captus apud Bruge-water & ibi decollatus.*

*Item, dominus Humfridus Nevyle, miles,*⁸ *fuit decollatus in le north cowntre eodem anno, & Charlus frater eius & balliuis de Duram eodem tempore.*

¹ Edgcote Field took place, July 26, before this letter was written.

² Will. Herbert, created Earl of Pembroke, 1468.

³ S. James' is July 25. Authorities declare July 26 to have been the date.

⁴ July 28. The execution took place by Warwick's order.

⁵ Father of Queen Elizabeth Woodville.

⁶ Mr. Tait (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* v. Neville, Richard, Earl of Warwick) gives Kenilworth as the place of the execution, but this Coventry evidence is very exact. Gosford Green was the place where Richard II forbade the Hereford-Mowbray duel to take place.

⁷ It was a quarrel between Stafford and Pembroke just before Edgcote, and the consequent leading off of the former's men that weakened Pembroke's forces and caused his defeat.

⁸ Member of the Lancastrian branch of the Nevilles, who, dissatisfied with the use Warwick had made of his victory, rose in rebellion. He was beheaded at York on Sept. 29, in Edward's presence.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

1¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 9 Ed. IV.]

Ric. Wodde, Ric. Braytoft, Tho. Bredmedowe, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wylgryse, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Dawe, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, Joh. Bete, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Morres, Will. Baxster, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Stafford, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Dove.

Adhuc de visu franciplegii tento *ibidem* coram Will. Saunders, m., (etc.) Ric. Colyns et Joh. Stevyns, b., (etc.) die *Sabbati proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli* anno *Edwardi* iij^{ti} ix^o.

Hit is ordeyned that the Chamberlens of this Cite from this tyme forwardes be not charged more then after the very valowe and extent of this Cite.

Also hit is ordeyned that no person from hensforth stoppe nor streyte the Cource of þe rever of this Cite Called Shirburn be Castyng, puttyng or makyng therin any maner weeres, demyngess, encrochementes or eny other manner,² or cast or put therin eny dust, donge, swepyng or eny other fylthe; Nor suffur no maner stuffe or filthe nowe brought downe be cours of the water of the seid Ryver, or hereafter to be brought, a-yenes their lande or tenement ad-ionyng to the seid Ryver their to a-byde nor remaynyng in hurtyng the seid Ryver, but þat suche as nowe is thider brought be avoyded out of the seid Ryver by þe holder of the same lande or tenement *within* viij dayes next suyng after þe proclamacion of this *lettre*, and that all such as hereafter shall Com down [be] like-wyse avoyded *within* viij dayes after the Commyng down *perof*, vppon payne whoso doth contrare to this ordenaunce to forfet at euery defaute xls. to be leyved be the Meire of þis Cite for the tyme beyng, and to be applied be the discesion of hym & of the Justices of the pees of this Cite; and that the Meire of this Cite 3erely for the tyme beyng at the lest ij tymes in his owne persone *witþ* the

"Couentre." Sept. 30.

Jury.

Further of this leet.

Orders of leet. Chamberlains' charge.

Dams, weirs and encroachments on the river forbidden;

filth stopping the course to be taken away by those having lands or tenements adjoining thereunto.

"Mayor to take Care that the

¹ leaf 207. A scribe of C type.

² Probably word omitted.

River Shire-
born be kept
Cleane."

and take oath
to perform
this work.

"The mayor
to Ride the
bounds off the
County once
in three
years."

The commons
are sur-
charged,

by swine,
and also
damaged

both which
offences

are now for-
bidden under
pain of 100s.

Encroach-
ments on
common to
be given
back.

The "seven
gardens."

The water
place in
"Catesbe
lane."

Justice of pe pease of pis Cite ouer-se the seid Ryver poroughly, and the defaulte perin duly marke & due Correxion in that behalf do, for the Comyn prophite and avayle of pis Cite; ¹and that euery meyre hereafter to be Chosen in this Cite be Charged in his Oth amongez other articulis to kepe this ordinaunce.

Also hit is ordeyned that the lymytes and bondes of the shire of this Cite pis next yere suyng be the Meire then beyng be ryden and ouerseen so that the same lymyttes & boundes to be reformed yf nede require, and that like ouersight may be had & don euery iij zere for euer hereafter in eschewyng of varyaunce that for Ignorance myght fall hereafter for default off knowlege in that be-half. fferther inasmuch as the Comen pertenyng to this Cite and to the hamels perof, as hit is seid, [are] menused² & diuersly surcharged be default of good ouersyght, and also gretly hurt be swyne, which be the lawe haue no Comen, hit is therffore ordeyned be the auctorite aforeseid that no Maner person from hensfurth put eny Swyne or bestes not Comennable in the Comen of this Cite, nor in eny wyse ouercharge the Comen of the same to the vniuersall hurte of this Cite, vppon the peyn to forfet at euery defalt Cs. to be [le]vyed and applied as is aforeseid; and that euery persone that holdeth eny thyng in seueralte and enclosed, which of Ryght shuld be Common to the seid Cite and hamels or eyther of them, be opened & vnclosed afore the fest all Seyntes next Comyng, vpon the same forfetture of a Cs. for euery Close wrongfully kept in seueralte in hurtyng to [the] Cominalte of this Cite.³

Also hit is ordened that the wardens haue the prophite of the vij Gardens without the Gre[y]frere yate to the be-hofe of the Cite.⁴

Also hit is ordened that the water place in Catesby lane be made, & an honest man to haue the keypyng of the key.

¹ leaf 207, back.

² = minished.

³ Clearly this leet was bent on reform. See p. 437 *sqq.*

⁴ v. *infra*, p. 350. In 1422 the commons destroyed Julius (? Giles) Allesley's gardens without the Grey Friar Gate (Harl. MS. 6, 388, leaf 16).

BRISCOW AND THE COMMON LANDS.

¹ *Anno ix° tempore Will. Saundurs, maioris.*

Will. Bryskow set a wall of ston in the West-orchard vndyr a hows ouer the water of Shyrburn to ferre in the comyn reuer; Wherapon the meyre with hys brytheryn & there consell callyd the sherchers, sworn to trie the trowthe by-twyx party & party, & they by there othe sayde the wall was sette to ferre in the comyn reuer by a fote & more. Wherfore the sayde wall was take up a-gayne.

Briscow en-
croaches with
a wall on the
river;

it is pulled
down;

Wherfore the sayde Wyll. Bryskowe toke a wrytt in Warwyk-shyre a-gaynes the meyre & the comynalte of Couentre, Wherfore they rememberyd that the sayde Wyllyam was sufferyd to ouerley the comyn bytwyx Whytley & Couentre, & hade no comyn there, & sayde he shuld not so doe. & the meyre with his counsell sende for the sayde William to yeve hym knowlache that he shuld shewe what he hade to clayme suche comyn by; & there the meyre with hys counsell & the seyde Wyllyam were a-greyd that *Sir Joh. Nedam*, knyght & justyse, shuld cum to the grounde & bothe partyes shewe to hym there evydens. & on the evyn of Seynt Androwe the apostell the yer of kyng Edward the fowyrthe after the conquest the ix yere, the sayd *Sir Joh. Nedam* cum to the grounde, & the meyre with hys brytheryn and there counsell & mony worshypfull men & comyners of Couentre also; and at that tyme Wyll. Bryskow had no evydens to shewe wherby he shuld comyn a thys syde the water of Whytley.

so he sues
the mayor
and common-
alty in the
county court.
Wherfore it
is remem-
bered that he
enjoys privi-
leges of com-
mon,
without right
thereto.

Sir J. Nedam,
Justice of
the Common
Pleas,
comes to
arbitrate
on Nov. 29,
1469,

but Briscow
has no evi-
dence to sup-
port his
claim.

And on the Cytees part ther com a-fore the sayde *Sir Joh. Nedam* mony agyt men that saydon *Joh. Bryskowe*, fadur to Wyll. Bryskow, had neuer comyn a thys syde the water, but when hys catell was take a thys syde the water of Whytley they were broht to the pounde, and there he payd to the chamburlens off the cyte a fyne for hys catell.²

Many aged
men declare
that Bris-
cow's father
never pas-
tured his
cattle on the
Coventry side
of the water.

The sayde Wyll. Bryskowe, heryng al thys evydens

¹ leaf 206. Scribe D. The beginning of an interminable quarrel. v. *Life in an Old Eng. Town*, pp. 206 sqq. and *infra passim*.

² Margin has [illeg.] "laying open Lamas grounds."

Briscow understands that there will be trouble about another encroachment,

made by his father.

Such is the case.

Divers enclosures are opened up,

notably one by Whitley Water.

would not take a-vey the catell goyng on the comyn tyll the Monday next after Seynt Androwes day, [and sayde] that he vndyrstode that the comyns of the cyte wold be on that grounde to make comyn suche a parcell of the comyn grounde, the whyche hys fadur hade take yn to a fyld of hys *with* dykyng and hegyng to kepe in severall tyl Lammas, the whyche parcell most be comyn al tymes off the yere. & that day the comyns brake down al the gardens lyngynge (*sic*) be-twyx the weye ledyng from the New-yate to the Whyte-fryre myll, & all the dychys and hegys from the Barons-fyld to the comyn grounde; & also a medew beyng vndur Whytley a thys syde the water¹ was broke up that day for hyt shuld be comyn at Lammas, & Wyll. Bryskowe hade kept hyt severall mony yeres to the hurt of owre comyn.²

THE PRIOR AND THE COMMON LANDS.

Dec. 6.
Certain simple persons, commoners, break down hedges and open closes, notably Prior's Waste. The prior is angered,

but is eventually appeased by the grant of a piece of land near the New Gate.

Item, on Seynt Nicholas day in the same yere, the comyns of this Cite, that were sympull persons, wenton & cast downe *with*-owt the Gray-fryre yate *serten* gardens³ that were of the town rent & fylde & closys of dyuers menys, and of the priores a lesow callyd the Prioires-wast,⁴ brake vp the hegis & in diuers places cast downe the dyke. Wherefore the priour was gretely grevyd & purposyd to have trowbelyd *with* the Cite. And the meyre *with* hys consell entretyd the sayde priour to shewe more ffavour to the Cite in-as-muche as no men off grett reputation was wylling to that brekyng; & so plesyd the priour, & promysyd hym to have the sayd Prioires-wast in seuerall al tymes of the yere for euer to hym & hys successours; and also that the sayde priour shuld haue in seuerall al tymes of the yere & for euer-more a parcell of grounde lyggyng *with*owt the Newe-yate that was a

¹ Alderford Piece on the Coventry side; it is still held by the owners of Whitley.

² *v. Corp. MSS. F 3, and Life in an Old Eng. Town, 210-11, for the triumphant riot and procession with musical accompaniment which celebrated the opening of this enclosure.*

³ *v. p. 348.*

⁴ *v. supra, p. 46, where it says that at a great leet in this year Prior's Waste was made several to the prior.*

tenement sum tyme that Tho. Lybard hyld & streysthyt¹ (*sic*) in lengthe to a garden callyd Paradyse garden,² & in brede fro the hye way ledyng towardes London by a lone goyng to the Lytell-parke, & to the Muche-parke; and al those persons whose namys folowyn were a-greyd to thys forsayd apoyntment made with the priour.³

The following persons agree thereunto.

Will. Saunders, m.
Har. Boteler, rec.
Joh. Gage, M. G. S. T.
Ric. Braytofft
Ed. Brogrove
Ryc. Wode
Rob. Brodmedew
Joh. Wylgrys
Tho. Brodmedewe⁴
Wyll. Peere⁴
Joh. Ruyton⁴
Joh. Pynchebek⁴
Wyll. Dawe⁴
⁵Tho. Ingram
Rob. Atturton
Joh. Bette
Ric. Austyn
Joh. Garton
Will. Horsley
Will. Stafford
Raffe Caldbek
Joh. Bayly
Ric. Colyns
Joh. Stevyns
Tho. Dowve
Rob. Burnell
Tho. Forthe
Rob. Atturton
Joh. Hadley
Joh. Thrumpton
Joh. Straunge
Rob. Blewbere
Tho. Raves
Tho. Hobbys
Will. Bedon
Joh. Bedull
Will. Hedde
Rob. Colins
Tho. Collett
Joh. Bentley
Joh. Wylkyns
Joh. Knyght
Will. Drewe
Wyll. Atturton

Wyll. Edward
Ric. Turnour
Wyll. Fyppys
[? Filyppys]
Rob. Alyssandur
Tho. Bayly
Nyc. Wysten
Joh. Wardropp
Tho. Campyon
Tho. Parke
Will. Bacster
Tho. Paunton
Tho. Smyth
Ric. Cokkes
Ric. Wylson
Joh. Cowper
Joh. Toty
Edm. Wylson
Joh. Gryme
Tho. Bekynham
Tho. Bacon
Joh. Fysher
Ric. Pulton
Joh. Bordale
Joh. Shemyn
Rob. Jekys
Joh. Assheburn
Hug. Pollard
Will. Thystelton
Phil. Robartys
Joh. Preston
Will. Polle
Tho. Squier
Tho. Parker
Will. Knyght
Joh. Grove
Joh. Hastyng
Tho. Strange
Joh. Mores
Joh. Illage
Rawlyn Wryght
Joh. Emettes
Nyc. Brome
Tho. Colyns

Joh. Regnold
Rob. Crosse
Rob. Gardenere
Joh. Dowve
Joh. Lorde
Har. Mylle
Ric. Plumton
Ric. Nores
Ric. Spycer
Joh. a Man
Tho. Hampton
Har. Marlowe
Joh. Seward
Will. Myddelton
Joh. Bonde
Ric. Hethe
Joh. Hasard
Joh. Hukyn
Tho. Grene
Law. Hyron
Tho. Alen
Edm. Hadley
Will. Bolewyk
Tho. Wolpynner
Tho. Salbruge
Har. Persale
Tho. Newmon
Davy Chyrke
Joh. Philippus
Will. Kockes
Law. Saundurs
Ric. Oderyche
Tho. Hawnell
Har. Rogers
Joh. Gryme
Ric. Wylson
Ryc. Lancton
G[r]eg. Heynes
Rob. Topclyffe
Joh. Oldbery
Gef. Ardurn
Wyll. Pynchebek
Tho. Tate
Will. Elys

¹ stretcheth.

² Still commemorated in Paradise Street.

³ This piece is mentioned in the interpolations to the Survey of 1423, v. *supra*, p. 47.

⁴ "verte folium" (turn the page) follows Dawe's name. All these are bracketed as "meyrys."

⁵ leaf 206, back.

Tho. Bagott	Rob. Lyndessey	Joh. Dorling
Har. Dalby	Ric. Saunsom	Tho. Roby
Py[e]rs Clerkeson	Tho. Gardner	Joh. Davy
Will. Bowere	Will. Marshall	Joh. Fremon
Ric. Drowthe	Ric. Alen	Will. Rose
Joh. Bladsmyth	Ric. Braytofft	Tho. Bayly
Will. Fysher	Rob. Tasker	Ric. Tyler
Joh. Notworthe	Joh. Smythe	Will. Partryche
Rob. Gedlowe	Joh. Arowe	Ric. Kyng
Joh. Twygge	Joh. Godeknaue	Rob. Stene
Joh. Ale, deyster	Joh. Huett	Ric. Petchey
Joh. Castell	Rog. Browne	Phil. Davy
Har. Mason	Joh. Yale	Will. Braylesford
Nyc. Maye	Ric. Rede	Huw Townesynde
Joh. Nedam	Har. Alestre	Al. Bordemon
Joh. Nyhgtyngale	Will. Walcote	Tho. Cayche
Huw Gloucer	Tho. Restell	Ed. Frekynton
Ric. Lee	Law. Borewell	Will. Meryhull
Will. Adson	Joh. Seman	Joh. Wolmere
Rob. Garrett	Joh. Hoten	Joh. Hefford
Joh. Clyffe	Ric. Bedon	Joh. Crowe
Will. Melody	Joh. Colyns	Will. Crowe
Joh. Baron	Will. Shore	Joh. Marchall
Will. Cardyffe	Nic. Rondull	Ric. Gene [?Grene]
Rob. Feyremon	Will. Fawconbrugge	Will. Cole
Geuys Dohgty	Tho. Napton	Joh. Wattes
Har. Colyns	Joh. Coke, sadlere	Joh. Ostynton
Tho. Dolfyn	Rob. Bowfyse	Joh. Syngere
Tho. Norton	Joh. Alen	Rob. Grene
Tho. Gryme	Will. Fletcher	Joh. Bucston
Tho. of Owres	Ric. Stokys	<i>Summa ij C & xvj persons on thys syde.</i> ¹
Joh. Forster	Joh. Neele	
Edm. Barette	Joh. Poope	
Ric. Drake	Joh. Feryremon	

WILL. STAFFORD, MAYOR, 1470.

Jan. 25.

² [Election of officers.]

Jury.

[Many names torn off]³ Will Peere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynch[b]ek, Will. Dawe, Rob. Atturton, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Awstyn, Rob. Onley, Joh. Illage, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Bayly, Will. Baxster, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stevyns, Law. Walgrave, Will. Marshall, Rob. Blewbery.

Officers.

[m. Will. Stafford ; cor. Rob. Topclyffe ; ch. Ric. Pulton, Will. Elys ; w. Ric. Braytofft, Ric. Alen ; mace, Will. Atkynson.

J. Ps.

Will. Stafford, m., Hen. Boteler, Joh. Gage, M. G. S. T. Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode.]

¹ 216 persons on this leaf.² leaf 208. Scribe D. Much torn. It looks as if rats had gnawed the MS. just here.³ "Brodmedowe" deleted.

THE KING-MAKER AND THE LINCOLNSHIRE
REBELLION.*By the Kynge.*

Trusty and wolbyloved, we grete yow well; and forsomuche as we be acertayned *pat* our rebelles & owtward enemies¹ intende in haste tyme to aryue in thys *our* *Royaume*, & that certain *our* subgiettes, there adherentes, contrary to there dute and legiance in diuers parties of *our* launde arredy & assemble hem-selfe for the reteyning of *our* sayd enemies & rebelles, so that yffe their malice be not in briffe tyme mightily *withstonden*, It myght growe to the grett *Jupartie* of vs & the destruccion of al *our* trew suggiettes: We ther-fore *with* alle diligence fully dispose vs by *Goddes* grace to go in *our* own person to resiste there sayde malicyows purpose, in the whiche it appertenith of very ryhgt & duete to euey *our* subgiettes to yeue on-to vs there assistens *with* bodies & godes; Wherfore we desir & pray yow & natheles in the straitest wyse charge yow, that ye do sende vnto vs *persones* hable & of power, wel & defensibly arayd to labour in *our* *seruise*, in suche competent now[m]bre as ye may goodly beere, sufficiantly wagyd for; & that they be *with* vs at *our* town of Grantham the xij day of Marche next coming to wayte apon vs in *our* sayd jornee; and, *ouer* that, *pat* ye charge eueri person beinge *within* *your* liberte or franchises hauing eny office of *our* yfte² or of *our* derist wyfe, the quene, for terme of hys lyfe, wheroff the wagis extende to iij d. by the day or a-boue, *pat* he *com* vnto vs in his *persone*, if he be of power to labour,³ or finde a souffisant man for hym at the sayd day and plase, waged as afor; & *pat* eueri persone hauing moo offices than oon of *our* grant or of *our* sayd wyfe as a-boue *with* lyke fees or wages *pat* for eueri suche office he finde vs a souffisant man, as hit ys afore-sayd; putting yow in suche deuoir for the premisses that we may

Feb. 9,
received
Feb. 19.
A commis-
sion of
array from
Edward IV.
against in-
vaders and
rebels.

Able-bodied
men, well and
defensibly
arrayed, to be
at Grantham,
Mar. 12;

every royal
office-holder
to go himself
or find a man.

Pluralists to
find a man for
each office.

¹ A rebellion springing out of a private quarrel, but fomented by Warwick, broke out in Lincolnshire, Feb.-March 1470, under the Welles' family. Edward defeated the rebels Mar. 12 near Stamford at "Lose-coat Field." At this time Warwick and Clarence were at Coventry, and though summoned by royal messenger never went to Edward's succour. Ramsay, II. 348-50.

² *i. e.* gift.

³ = travel.

Westminster.

perceyue þat ye tender þe wele & suerte off vs & our sayde
Royaume as ye wol onsuere vnto vs at your perilles.
Yeuen ondur owr signet at our paleys off Westm[ynstre]
the ix day of Feuerer.

And this letter was brohgt to the meyre the xix day of
Feuerer late in the evenyng.

SOLDIERS TO GRANTHAM.

£50 collected
by wards to
pay for
soldiers to go
to Grantham,

¹ These be the wardys that were charygt to pay 1 li.
[torn] to Grantam a. r. *Edwardi quarti x^o*.

Gosford-strete colectoures: Joh. Hastyng, Will. Kockys,
Will. Branche, Ric. Plumton. [£5. 16s. 0d.]

Jurden-well colectoures: Joh. Fysher, sheron, Har.
Gefferey, Joh. Hukyns, Will. Baumburgh. [£4. 0s. 0d.]

Muche parke-strete: Watkyn Browderer, Joh. Bordale,
Joh. Stanlowe, Joh. Polle. [£5. 0s. 0d.]

Irle-strete: Will. Walcote, Will. Edward, Ric. Order-
yche, Rob. Gedlowe. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

Bayly-lone: Tho. Colyns, Tho. Bayly, Will. Rowley,
Tho. Roby. [£3. 16s. 0d.]

Brodyate: Tho. Napton, Joh. Crull, corueser, Har.
Persale, Ric. Fynche. [£2. 10s. 0d.]

[Smytheford (torn)] Will. [torn] Ric [] re, Pys
Cle[rk]son, Tho. Joyster, corveser. [torn.]

Spon-strete: Tho. Tate, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Dorlyng,
cappere, Alen Baker. [£5. 13s.]²

Croschepyng: Tho. Bogett, Ryc. Saunson, Rob.
Hardy, Joh. Neele. [£7. 12s. 0d.]

Bysshopp-strete: Tho. Botell, Rog. Brown, cotelare,
Joh. Arowe, weuer, Joh. Huwett, corveser. [£5. 13s. 4d.
Total £50. 0s. 8d.]

and £5 9s. 8d.
from the
hamlets.

Hamlettes. Anstey & Shelton [received 13s. 4d.],
Stoke & Byggyng [received 16s.], Wyken & Caladon³
[received 16s.], ffolsyll [received 16s.], Exale [received
19s.], Radford, Sowe & Keresley [received 13s. 4d.],
Stucheale [received 16s.],³ Whytley.⁴ [Total received
from these £5. 9s. 8d. Total of the whole £55. 10s. 0d.]

¹ leaf 208, back.

² Part torn away.

³ Erasures.

⁴ Blank.

Payd here-of to sowders & to Tho. Warde xliij li. v s. viij d. Also payd for a pere endentoures making by-twyx me¹ and the sowders xx d.

Lost of thys resettes lxx s. vij d.; ²*recepti* v s.²

³[torn] that were sende towards the kyng to Grantam.

[torn] lege lord & truly abyde with hym at better & werse; & truly performe hy[s com]man[dmnts? & n]ot depart from hym on-to the ynde of owre reteygn & tyll we may com to the kyng [torn] . . es we shall duly attende & wayte a-pon Wyll. Shyppey, the meynes seriant. I sha[ll (torn)] quarrell with no persone onresonably a-monge owre-selffe, but be well rulyd, so helpe me [God &] holydam.

Paid out
£43 5s. 8d.
to soldiers;
and 1s. 8d.

Lost
£3 10s. 7d.
Received 5s.
Oath of the
soldiers going
to Grantham.
To be true
to King
Edward,

and to
refrain from
quarrels.

SOLDIERS TO THE SOUTH COUNTRY.

Those be the wardes that were chargyd with a C marke to be leveyd for xl sowders that went with the kyng into the sowthe contrey,⁴ wayd for a monthe, takyng euery mon xij d. by the day, the v day of Aprile a. r. x^o.

Gosford ward: vij li. x s.; lost hereoff . . . ⁵ Joh. Grove, Tho. Strange, Joh. Knyght.

Jurden-well: v li.; lost hereoff . . . ⁵ Huwe Pollard, Joh. Smert, Will. Atturton, pynner.

Much-parke-strete: vj li. xij s. Rob. Crosse, Joh. Smyth, bacster, Rob. Bretford, baker.

Irle-strete: viij li. x s. Rob. Jekys, Joh. Shemyn, Joh. Swan.

Bayly-lone: v li. ij s. Will. Mason, corveser, Tho. Chyrchemon, ⁶Hyton, sherman.

Brodeyate: iij li. vij s. Ric. Lee, sherman, Raffe Fremon, Tho. Hawnell.

Lost in thys resettis iij li. vij s.⁷

£66 13s. 4d.
for 40
soldiers to
the south
country;
levied by
wards,
Apr. 5, 1470.

Receipts:—
£7 10s. 0d.,
part lost.

£5: part lost.

£6 12s.

£8 10s.

£5 2s.

£3 7s.

£37s. unpaid.

¹ (?) The mayor or the town-clerk or Tho. Ward.

²⁻² Deleted. ³ leaf 209.

⁴ After the defeat at Stamford, Warwick and Clarence, who had been accused by prisoners of planning to make the latter king, fled to Devonshire, and took ship at Dartmouth. Edward marched from York through Nottingham, Coventry and Burford to Exeter, which last he reached on Apr. 14. Ramsay, II. 352. He was at Coventry on Apr. 3-4.

⁵ *i. e.* portion not paid. ⁶ Surname only given.

⁷ xlvij s. vj d. deleted. The final deposit seems to be only 5s. 4d.

£5 7s.	<i>Smythford</i> : v li. viij s. ¹ Ric. Drowthe, Will. Taylour, bower, ² Joh. Toty.
£7 10s.	<i>Spon-strete</i> : vij li. x s. Ric. Euerdon, Turnour, baker, ³ Will. Paynell. ⁴
£10.	<i>Croschepyng</i> : x li. Joh. Newmon, Will. Rodburn, Joh. Deyster.
£7 10s.	<i>Bysshop-strete</i> : vij li. x s. Joh. Philyppus, Will. Benefell, Ric. Chapmon. Summa lxxv li. viij s.
Total £06 8s.	

Paid out:—
£59 0s. 0d.
and other
sums.

In all,
£63 13s. 8d.

Indentures
20d.

Payd hereof to sowdurs & to Tho. Warde lix li. ; & to the lord constabull⁵ iij li. vjs. viij d. ; to the clerk of the market x s. ; to Joh. Westbere v s. ; to a tavernere x s. ; to ij men that come to take wages xx d. ; to Tho. Gesskyn iiij d. Summa lxiiij li. xiiij s. viij d.

Also payd for a pere indentures makyng by-twyx me & the sowders xx d.

ARMOUR; SOLDIERS TO NOTTINGHAM.

⁶Anno x^o.

July 6.
Privy seal
to inquire
what weapons
were ready,
or could be
made ready.

Hyt ys to have in mynde that a privy sele was [torn] Jule whyche was wryton the vj day of Jule to enqu[ere (torn)] arowys, arowe hedes, spere hedes & bill were [torn] redy, and what myght [torn] redy within a monythe next folowyng of the wyche the meyre send to the kynge [torn] e.⁷

Aug. 8.
Money levied
by wards for
40 men to
Nottingham:

The money pat was leveyd to þe sowders that we[re se⁸]nt to þe kyng to Notyngnam the viij day of August a. r. x^o The sum ys xl men.

Gosford Warde : iiij li. xvj s. collectours theroff, Rob. Blewbere, Will. Knyght.

Jurden-well ward : [£3. 0s. 0d. Joh. Fysher, Huw Pollard].

¹ vij li. x s. deleted.

² Name of trade, *i. e.* a bowyer.

³ Surname only given.

⁴ "Joh. Reynold, Walker" deleted.

⁵ Tiptoft, whose cruelties in this office made him execrated. He, of course, was accompanying the king on his journey.

⁶ leaf 209, back.

⁷ xlj li. xiiij s. iiij d. deleted.

⁸ Torn, supplied. A rebellion in the north under Lord Fitzhugh was got up to draw off Edward's attention from Warwick.

Much-park-strete : [£4. 0s. 0d. Ric. Pulton, Joh. Smyth, baker.]

Irl-strete ward : [£5. 6s. 8d. Ric. Alen, Will. Thystelton.]

Bayly-lone ward : [£3. 3s. 0d. Tho. Gryme, Tho. Bayly.]

Brodyate ward : [£1. 16s. 8d. Nic. Brome, Ric. Fynche, sherman.]

Smythford ward : [£3. 6s. 8d. Ric. Bower, Joh. Flynt.]

Spon-strete ward : [£4. 13s. 4d. Ric. Turnour, baker, Wyll. Godeladde, whytawer, Joh. Regnold, walker.]

Croschepyng warde : [£6. 19s. 0d. Will Marshall, Ric. Sansom, Tho. Bagott.]

Bysshopp-strete ward : [£4. 13s. 4d. Ric. Koxe, Tho. Hyton, Law. Borewell.] *Summa* xlj li. xiiij s. viij d., Anstey & Shelton [6s. 8d.], Stoke & Byggyng [8s.], Wyken & Caletton [8s.], Folleshull [8s.], Exale [8s.], Radford, Sowe & Keresley [6s. 8d.], Stucheale [6s. 8d.], Whytley [3s. 4d.], *recepti* xx d. *Summa* liij s. viij d. *perdonati* iij d.

total,
£41 14s. 8d.;

besides from
the hamlets,
£2 13s. 8d.
3d. forgiven.

Payd hereoff to the sowders & to Tho. Warde xlj li. vj s. viij d. *Item*, payd in reward to them that hade *per wold jakettes* vijs. *Item*, *dedit*¹ ad le sowders ad *bibendum* xvjd. *Item*, *soluti homini exspectanti pro wages* iiij d. *Item*, paid a galon wyne vjd. *Item*, *pro ale* to þe sowders vjd. *Summa solucionis* xlj li. xvij s. *Item* payd for a *pere endenturs* by-twyx me & þe sowders xx d. Lost in thys payment v li. xiijs. viij d.

Paid out:—
soldiers etc.
£41 6s. 8d.
and 7s.
To the soldiers
for drink, 16d.
To a man on
the look out,
for wages, 4d.
Wine, 6d.
For ale to the
soldiers, 6d.
Total
£41 18s. 0d.
Indentures,
1s. 8d.
Lost
£5 13s. 8d.
Sept. 20.
A privy Seal;
written
Sept. 18.

Hyt ys to have in mynde that a privy seall was brohgt to the meyre the xx day of Septembre, at thre of the klokke aftrenone; þe whyche was wryton the xvij day of the same monyth.²

³ [torn] sende to the kyng the xx day of Septembre anno x^o.

Sept. 20.

¹ *Sic.* Who gave?

² Warwick persuaded his brother, Montagu, to go over to the Lancastrians. Warwick landed at Dartmouth on Sept. 13 and proclaimed Henry VI. Edward fled from Lynn to Holland, Oct. 3. Ramsay, II. 357.

³ leaf 210. From the fact that they prepared to send soldiers seven days after Warwick's landing it is clear that the citizens remained loyal to Edward until his flight.

	[<i>Gosford-street</i>]: Law. Walgrave, Joh. Knyght. iij li.
£4 12s. 0d.	xij [torn].
£3 10s.	<i>Jurden-well</i> : Will. Wolman, Joh. Smerte. lxx s.
10s. lost.	<i>perditi</i> x s.
£4 0s. 0d.	<i>Mucheparke-strete</i> : Ric. Fletcher, Tho. Campyon. iij l.
£5 6s. 8d.	<i>Irle-strete</i> : Rob. Jakys, Will. Coton. v li. vj s. viij d.
£3 3s. 0d.	<i>Bayly-lone</i> : Joh. Gryme, Joh. Castell. iij li. iij s.
£1 16s. 8d.	<i>Brode-yate</i> : Raffe Fremon, Joh. Crull. xxxvj s. viij d.
	<i>Smythford</i> : Rob. Garduere, taylour, Ric. Drowthe,
£3 6s. 8d.	iij li. vj s. viij d.
£4 13s. 4d.	<i>Spon-strete</i> : Will. Paynell, Will. Fy[li]ppus. iij li.
	xiiij s. iiiij d.
£6 19s. 0d.	<i>Croschepyng</i> : Rob. Colmon, Nyc. Rondull. vj li.
	xix s.
	<i>Bysshop-strete</i> : Joh. Huwet, corveser, Joh. of Owrys.
£4 13s. 4d.	iiij li. xiiij s. iiiij d.
	<i>Summa de receptis</i> . ¹

CHRONICLE. LANCASTER REDIVIVUS.

Lent, Mar. 7.
Apr. 21.
Welles be-
headed.
Warwick
and Clarence
in France.
July 1470.

They with
the Bastard
land at Exeter
Sept. 13,

and come to
Coventry
30,000
strong.

² In the Lenton when Wyll. Stafford was meyre [torn] the lord Wellys were by-hedyd.³ þe duke of Clarans & the yrle of Warwic w[torn] o[wt] of þe londe & went to þe kyng off Franse; & þere were gretly cheryshyd; & þer was a m[arriage] m[ade] by-twyx prinse Edward & a dohgter off þe sayd yrle of Warwic.⁴ & in the monthe of Sept[embre (torn)] þe sayd duke & yrle with þe yrle of Oxynford,⁵ þe yrle off Pembroke, brother to kyng Harre, the Bastard flawkynbruge,⁶ comyn a-londe at Ex[?mouth ⁷ (torn)]. So then there drewe to hem muche pepull, or they com to Couentre they were xxx thowsand.⁸ [Ky]ng Edward laye at Notynham,⁹ & sende for lordes & all oþer men; but ther com so lytell pep[ull (torn)] to

¹ Blank. ² leaf 210, back.

³ Welles was beheaded at Huntingdon before the royal troops defeated his son Robert Welles' army at Stamford (Lose-coat Field).

⁴ Anne Neville, afterwards wife of Richard III.

⁵ Joh. de Vere.

⁶ Son of Will. Neville, Lord Fauconberg, Warwick's uncle. Shakespere's Bastard Faulconbridge has got into John's reign.

⁷ Part landed at Plymouth and part at Dartmouth.

⁸ Ramsay has no mention of this. Warwick must have gone via Coventry to London.

⁹ This confirms Stow. Ramsay thinks Doncaster. *ib.* 356.

hym that he was not abyll to make a fylde a-gaynes hem ; & then he *with* the yrle [R]evers,¹ þe lorde Hastyng,² þe lord Haward³ & the lord Say⁴ went to Lynne & þer goton hem shyppes [&] sayledon to þe duke of Borgoyne, the whyche duke hade weddyd kyng Edwardes syster, the lady Margete. & then þe duke of Clarans, þe yrle of Warwic, þe yrle of Oxynford, þe yrle of Shroysbere,⁵ the lord Stanley,⁶ the bysshoppe of Yorke,⁷ went to þe towre at London, & sett owt off prison kyng Harre the syxt ; þe whyche hade be ix yere & a halfe & more as a prisonere, & brohgt hym to þe bysshoppes palys at Powlys in London, & made hym þere to take on hym to be kyng as he was a-fore-tyme. & then was the yrle of Wyrseter⁸ by-hedyd at London. & after Cristmas Sir Rog. Vahgan was byhedyd at Chapstowe. & þe quene that was wyfe to kyng Edward, *with* hyr moder, the duches of Bedford,⁹ toke seynt-wary at Westmynster, & there þe quene was lyght of a son þat was crystonyd Edward.

Edward IV. with his adherents sailed from Lynn to the Duke of Burgundy on Sept. 29.

Warwick takes Henry VI. from the Tower Oct. 6.

to the bishop's palace at S. Paul's, London, and makes him king again.

Oct. 18. Tiptoft beheaded. Queen takes sanctuary.

Edward V. born Nov. 2 or 3.

TOWN BUSINESS.

R. Wode, grocer.

12 Apr. delivered to the wardens a silver escutcheon with a collar of silver, which was ordered for one of the waits of the town of Coventry.

¹⁰ *Mem. quod Ric. Wode, grocer, deliberavit xij^o die Aprilis a. r. Edwardi quarti x^o Ric. Braytoft Jun. & Ric. Alen, guardianis, vnum scochyn argenti cum colerio argenti quod ordinatum erat pro vno de le waytes ville de Coventre.*

¹ Anthony Woodville, the queen's brother, beheaded 1483.

² Beheaded 1483 by Richard (afterwards) III.

³ John, Lord Howard, descended from the Mowbrays, the first (Howard) Duke of Norfolk, killed at Bosworth, 1485.

⁴ Will. Fiennes, killed at Barnet, 1471.

⁵ Joh. Talbot.

⁶ Tho. Stanley, who played such a memorable part at Bosworth. He married 1st Warwick's sister, 2nd the Lady Margaret, mother of Henry VII.

⁷ George Neville.

⁸ The "Butcher." In the preceding year he had impaled some of Warwick's sailors after execution.

⁹ Jacquette of Luxembourg, Bedford's widow, married to Lord Rivers. During Edward's imprisonment at Warwick, Aug. 1469, a charge of sorcery, of making leaden images of the king and queen, and bewitching Edward into marrying her daughter, had been levied against her. Ramsay, ii. 347.

¹⁰ leaf 209. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.

Repairs of
road at
Whitley.

¹Those be the namys of them that were a-greyd that sonde shuld be sette at the comyn gronde a thys syde Whytley to mendyng of the pament a thys syde the sayd Whitley ledyng to Coventre. Will. Stafford, Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Tho. Brodmedewe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Sandurs, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Bette, Symkyn Byrche, Joh. Semon, Rob. Blowbere, Rob. Onley, Joh. Mores, Rafe Caldebek, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Hadley, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Burnell, Tho. Forthe, Huw Pollard, Joh. Fysher, Will. Shore, Tho. Hampton, Will. Pynchebek, Will. Elys, Jeff. Ardurn, Will. Thystelton, Ric. Alen, Joh. Smythe, Law. Sandurs, Rog. Holyes, Will. Bowere, Ric. Bowere, Har. Alestre, Tho. Pryst, Tho. Napton, Ric. Euerdon, Joh. Shemyn, Will. Rowley, Ric. Lee, draper, Nyc. Hall, Gelam, goldsmyth,² Tho. Tate, Will. Mason, Will. Koxe, Joh. Hastyng, Ric. Wildy, Joh. Atturton, Tho. Bagotte, Joh. Emottes, Joh. Grove.

TOWN BUSINESS; THE LEETS, ETC.

"Coventre."
Apr. 28.

³¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Stafford, m., Rob. Burnell and Tho. ffoorth, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 10 Ed. IV.]

Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Rob. Brodmedowe, Joh. Wylgriss, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Dawe, Will. Saunders, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Stephens, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Dove, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Onley, Ric. Colyns, Will. Thistilton, Will. Elys.

Privies and
pigsties on
the Red-
ditch to be
removed,

or 6s. 8d.
fine.

Goats not
to go at
large.

Hit is ordeyned at þis present lete þat all seges & swynstyes set vpon þe Reddych fro þe Greyfrere-lane vnto þe Jurden-well be vtterly voyded awaye within þis fourtenyght, vp þe peyn of euery man þat hath eny there to lese vj s. viij d.

[Ordayned] þat no maner man within þis Cite haue frohensfurth Gottes goyng at large neither afore þe

¹ leaf 210.

² Name or trade.

³ leaf 210, back. Scribe B, or of B type.

Cowherd nor elles-where, but þat they tye them at home, & in felde, concideryng þe dayly hurt þat cometh be them, vp þe peyn to lese þe value of þe Gottes, etc.

[The mayor shall command the common sergeant to find four or six labourers to cleanse the Red-ditch, and compel those having land adjoining to pay]¹ but yf such person woll clense afore his grounde hymself; and þat þe seid seriant ordeyn a Carte to voide all þe muk lying in the Mych-parke-strete at ye Red-dich, euery hall durre to pay þerto jd. and euery Cotyer ob.

Also they afferme þe olde ordenaunce made for Bochour dogges, þat they tye them ouer nyght, vppon the peyn of olde tyme sett.

Also hit is ordeyned þat a zate be made azeyn at þe wasshyng place in Catesby lane be Margery Boyes þat caused hit to be broken, & þat betwixt þis & Midsomer next comyng, vp þe peyn of Cs. to þe vse of þe Mairealte to be rered; and þat þe seid zate be lokked ouer-nyght, þat filth be not cast into [the] Ryuer, & an honest man there to haue þe keypyng of þe key & to open the zate at tymes & season requisite.

¶ ² [V. f. p. held on Monday before S. Dionysius 1470.]

Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wilgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Dawe, Will. Perę, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Bette, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Rad. Calbek, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Dove, Joh. Mores, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Stephens, Tho. Brokes, Tho. Parker.

[Joh. Seman, Rob. Blubery.]

Hit is ordeyned at þis present lete þat no ffysshemonger bye noo Butter in þe market to sell hit ayeyn be wey of regratry, vppon the peyn to lose at euery default vj s. viij d.

Also hit is ordeyned þat all linnen drapers resortyng to þis Cite ffromhensfurth shall stand & sell their Cloth in þe draperye so þat they stoppe no lyght, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery default vj s. viij d.

¹ "euery hall durre jd, euery cotier ob." deleted.

² The date is put instead of the regnal chronology, which was then in a chaotic condition. Hen. VI. was restored Oct. 9.

Red-ditch

to be
cleansed.

"Butchers
dogs."

M. Boyes to
make the
gate at the
washing
place,

or 100s. fine;

gate to be
locked
overnight.

"Couentre."
Michaelmas
lect.
Oct. 8.

Bailiffs and
Sheriffs.

Regratry;
6s. 8d. fine.

"Linnen
Drapers"
and the
Draperie.

6s. 8d. fine.

JOH. BETTE, MAYOR, 1471.

¹[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25,
49 H. VI. at
S. Mary's
Hall.
Jury of 33.

Will. Dawe,² Ric. Braytoft,² Ed. Brogreve,³ Rob. Brodmedew,³ + Tho. Brodmedew, Will. Peere,³ Joh. Ruyton,³ + Joh. Pynchebek,³ Joh. Gage,³ + Will. Sandurs, Tho. Dove,^{4 5} Ric. Awsty[n],^{4 6} Joh. Garton,² + Will. Horsley, Will. Baxter,² + Ric. Colyns, Joh. Hadley,³ Joh. Mores,² Joh. Thrumpton, Rad. Caldebek,² Rob. Onley,² Rob. Burnell,² Tho. fforthe,³ + Lau. Walgraue, Will. Stafford,² Joh. Semon,² Rob. Atturton,³ Joh. Hoten,² Tho. Parker,² Ric. Alen,³ Ric. Braytofft,² Tho. Ingram,³ J. Gryme electus in camerarium.

New officers.

[m. Joh. Bette; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Joh. Gryme, Will. Northampton; w. Ric. Alen, Tho. Tate; mace Will. Atkynson.

J. Ps.

Joh. Bette, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Dawe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedewe.]

LANCASTER RESTORED. EXPEDITION TO FLANDERS.

[Feb. 22. received Mar. 8.

[The mayor received a letter from King Henry for soldiers.]

Mem. quod viij^o die Marcii maior recepit litteram a rege⁷ missam que scripta erat xxij^o die Februarii apud Westmonasterium pro soudores.

Mar. 9.
Collection for expedition to Flanders.

⁸The ix day of Marche a. r. [Hen. VI.].⁷ Those be the charges that the wardes be chargyt [(torn) E]rle off Warwic to goe with hym into Flandres⁹ for to mont [torn] en [torn].

Assessed
£7 10s. 0d.,
received
£2 0s. 0d.

Gosford Warde: Colecturs, Joh. Hastyng, Joh. Smythe, baker, Ric. Plumton, smyth. vij li. xs. *Inde recepti* xls.

¹ leaf 211. Much torn. Scribe D.

² "g" follows these names (?).

³ "f" follows these (?). ⁴ Torn.

⁵ Tho. Ingram deleted. ⁶ Rob. deleted.

⁷ Henry VI., whose 49th regnal year dates from Oct. 9, 1470—Apr. 14, 1471.

⁸ leaf 211, back.

⁹ Louis XI. had enticed his Lancastrian allies into a war with Burgundy, which probably would not be popular with wool merchants, but might be more so with craftsmen.

[*Jorden Well*: Will. Attur[ton], Joh. Fysher, sherman,¹ Tho. Sandon. £4. 12s. 0d. received £2. 3s. 8d.

Much-park ward: Rob. Crosse, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Poll, corveser, £6. 12s. 0d. received £2. 2s. 10d.

Earl Street: Phyl. Robartes, Ric. Stokys, Tho. Perey, £8. 10s. 0d. received £7. 11s. 9d.

Bayly Lane: Ric. Wylson, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Wattes, £5. 6s. 0d. received £3. 13s. 4d.

[*Broadgate*]: Tho. Napton, [Joh. C]²rull, corveser, []² Bredon, sadler, £3. 10s. 0d. received £3. 3s. 2d.

Smithford [Street]: Ric. Drowthe, Pet. Clerkeson, Joh. Seward, £5. 7s. 0d. received £4. 9s. 11d.

Spon Street: Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Emottes, cappere, Jas. Bayly, barker, £7. 10s. 0d. received £2. 15s. 11d.³

Cross Cheaping: Tho. Wolfe, Joh. Sessyle, Will. Rodburn, £10. 0s. 0d. received £8. 10s. 0d.

Bishop ward: Joh. Huett, corveser, Joh. Arowe, weuer, Ric. Chapmon, weuer, £7. 10s. 0d. received £3. 0s. 0d. [Total £66. 7s. 0d.] per ys onpayd of thys sum xxvj li. xvj s. v d.

fforens. [Anstey and "Shelton" 13s. 4d., Stoke and "Byggyng" 16s. 0d. Exhall £1. 0s. 0d., Stivichall⁴ 16s., Wykyn and Caludon 16s., Foleshill 16s., Radford and Keresley 13s. 4d., Whitley 3s. 4d.]

Payd hereoff to Har. Baker & to xl sowders for ij monthes wages vjd. a day, *summa* lvj li., & to Har. Baker iij li. & for ij Jakettes to the sowders xl s. *Summa* lxxj li.

THE CITY FORTIFIED.

Delyueryd to Rob. Brodmedew & hys felowys by Ric. Alen to Cheylesmore yate a gun & ij chamburs,⁵ a honde gun & xxxij pelettes.⁶

Delyueryd to Rob. Onley a *serpentyne* gun & a staffe gun, & xvj pelettes & a chambur to a gun.

Total assessed, £66 7s. 0d. Unpaid £26 16s. 5d.

The hamlets.

Paid out:—
40 soldiers for two months at 6d. a day, £56 0s. 0d.;
Har. Baker £3 0s. 0d. for jackets
£2 0s. 0d. total
£61 0s. 0d.

A gun;
32 pellets;

a cannon,
16 pellets,
etc.:

¹ "Joh. Smerte" deleted.

² torn. ³ It may be lv (55), but it is indistinct.

⁴ "Stucheale."

⁵ A charge piece to put into the breach of a gun. This fortification meant preparations against Edward IV. who landed at Ravenspur Mar. 14.

⁶ Missiles for cannon.

a great gun.

Delyueryd to Joh. Wylgrys a grett gunne & a chambur
therto & a staffe gunne & a bagge with p^s.¹

Delyueryd to Will. Saundurs & Tho. Dowve . . .²

The mayor
received
from
W. Saundurs
£3 15s. 0d.,
from the
recorder
the town
clerk and
Rob. Atterton
£1 0s 0d. each
from the gild
£51 12s. 4d.
whence
£66 13s. 4d.
was lent to
Warwick.

LOAN TO WARWICK.

Item, Joh. Bette, maior, *receptit* de Will. Saundurs
iij li. xv s. Item, de Hen. Boteler, xx s. Item, de Sim.
Birches & Rob. Atturton xx s. Item, de gilda l j li. xij s.
iiij d. Vnde *prestiti* [sunt] domino Ric. Nevyle lxxvj li.
xiijs. iiij d.³

SOLDIERS FOR WARWICK TO BARNET.

⁴[torn] of Marche.

[torn] with gode wyll thys money to sowders goyng with my lord
[torn and erased.]

Gosford warde.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Wylgrys	5	0	Joh. Turselyan	4		Tho. Shene		2
Joh. Stevyns ⁵			Tho. Hyde	4		Ezabell Gage		4
Will. Knyhgt	1	0	Joh. Leder	3		Joh. Marshall		2
Joh. Grove	1	0	Joh. Dowve	4		Mat. Baxter		2
Tho. Strange		8	Rob. Steyne	6		Joh. Nycht		6
Law. Saundurs		6	Rog. Sutton	4		Joh. Smythe		8
Joh. Hastyng ⁵ 6			Joh. Eston	4		[total 12s. 11d.]		
Will. Koxe ⁵			Tho. Polle	4				

Jurden-well warde.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Pynchebek	5	0	Tho. Broke	1	8	Item de vxore		
Will. Stafford ⁵			Joh. Fysher ⁵			Ric. Alde		1 0

⁷ Muche-parke-strete.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
[Hen.] Boteler	5	0	R[obe]rt Onley ⁹			[received from collect-
[Symky]n Birches ⁸	1	8	R[ic] Braytofft	1	4	ors 8s. 2d. total
[Rober]t Atturton ⁹	2	0	Ri[c] Pulton ⁹			18s. 2d.]

¹ (?). ² Blank.

³ 100 marks, see below p. 420. Warwick was at Coventry Mar. 27, and he must be the Lord Ric. Neville intended. Edward IV. offered him battle at Coventry Mar. 29, and again Apr. 5. Ramsay, II. 367-8. In the interval Edward had been reinforced by Clarence, the deserter.

⁴ leaf 212. ⁵ Blank. ⁶ v. p. 372 (Mic. Leet).

⁷ Gosford deleted. ⁸ The town clerk. ⁹ Torn.

Irle-strete-ward.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Will. Dawe	5	0	shermon	4		Ric. Edward		4
Rob. Brodmadow	5	0	³ Lancroff,			Ric. Stokys		6
Joh. Gauge	5	0	chaunlere	4		Joh. Shemyn		8
vxor Ric. Wode	1	8	³ Elyot,			Will. Bowlund		8
Tho. Ingram	3	0	tauernere	4		Ric. Coke, mercer		8
Joh. Shippey		6 ¹	ffel. Robert	1	0	Tho. Fletcher		8
Joh. Bothe		4	Will. Arnold		2	Ric. Alen		8
Nyc. Hall	1	0	Joh. Garton	1	0	Will. Thystelton	1	2
ffyl. Drape[r]		8	Joh. Preston		8	Joh. Swan		10
Joh. Whyte		4	Joh. Shawe		4	Joh. Wylde	1	0
Wyll. Webbe		2	Rob. Jekys		8	Will. Edward		6
² Gylmyn, taylour		4	Will. Farthe,			Will. Walcote		6
Ric. Lee, draper	1	0	shermon	4		Ric. Oderyche		6
Tho. Colclohe		4	Joh. Davy	6		Joh. Semon	3	0
Joh. Deyster,			Tho. Squiere	8				[£2. 7s. 4d.]

⁴ Bayly-lone.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Gryme		6	Joh. Crosses	4		Joh. Pery, corveser		4
Joh. Castell		6	Joh. Mason, pynnere	4		Tho. Plont		8
Ric. Wylson		6	Annes Gryme	6		Ric. Barnbroke		4
Will. Rowley		6	Tho. Chyrchemon	4		Geff. Graystok		2
Joh. Clyffe		6	Joh. Crowe	2		Joh. Hony		4
Tho. Roby		4	Raffe Plumere	1	0	Will. Hony		2
Joh. Marsharre ⁵		2	Tho. Colyns		8	Joh. Cowper		4
Tho. Hobbys		10	Tho. Okam	4		Rob. Smyth		4
Rob. Burnell	1	8	Will. Warnere	2		Tho. Bayly		6
Will. Mason	1	0	Rob. Grene	2		Joh. Tyllesley		2
Mores John ⁶		4	Har. Alestre	4		Ric. Lanuhton		2
Ric. Halyday	4	0	Joh. Ardale	8				[total 17s. 0d.]
vxor Tho. Jakemon		8	Geff. Ardurn	8				

Smythford warde.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Braytoft [torn]			Esabell Restell	4		Tho. Hampton		4
Rob. Blewbere [torn].			Will. Rouncke	1	8	Joh. Tote		4
Joh. Thrumpton [torn]			Tho. Mower	8		Joh. Seward		6
Raf. Caldebek [torn]			Joh. Beor	2		Ric. Rede		8
Joh. Illage [torn]			Joh. Bladsmythe	4		Davy Chyrke		2
Ric. Drapere [torn]			Pet. ⁷ Clerkeson	4		Joh. Oldbere		8
Joh. Flynt (?)	4		Will. Fletcher	4		Ric. Bower		4
Nyc. Kent	1	0	Joh. Lorde	4		Tho. Just		2
Ric. Flynt		8	Tho. Corkemaker	4				[total £1. 0s. 8d.]

Brodyate⁸ ward.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Edm. Brogreve	5	0	Joh. Bredon	4		Joh. Nyhgtyngale		3
Joh. Ruyton	5	0	Joh. Pynkyll	3		Tho. Goldsmyth		2
Huw Glouer		4	Rob. Coke	4		Nyc. Brome		8
Har. Mason		4	Rafe Fremon	4		Joh. Rose		3

¹ "iijj" deleted.

² Blank.

³ Apparently only surname given.

⁴ leaf 212, back.

⁵ ? Marshall.

⁶ sic.

⁷ Ps. in MS.

⁸ Repeated over money column.

Brodyate¹ ward.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. Acton	2		Joh. Lyonas	4		Tho. Hawnell		4
Will. Bay	2		Tho. Reve	4		Har. Persale		4
² Joh. Symson	3		Tho. Napton	4		vxor Gye Wyston	1	0
Joh. Cotyngam	6		Joh. Crulle	6				[total 18s.]
Joh. Wynnesdon	2		Ric. Fynche	4				

[[torn] ? Spon Street.]

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
[torn]	3	0	Joh. Bete	4		Rawlyn, Walker		6
Will. Godeladde	6		Joh. Colam	4		Joh. Allen		4
Joh. a Felowys	4		Tho. Tate	1	0	Rob. Andrewe		1
Joh. Forster	2		Rob. Forest	4		Ric. Coyche		1
Rob. Bete	2		Mayster Hodson	8		Joh. Alderwas		2
Ric. Rede	2		Joh. Regnold	2		Ric. Mychell		2
Raffe Farre	4		Will. Fysher	2		Ric. Euerdon	1	8
Will. Whyte	8		Joh. Alythe	2				[total 16s. 10d.]
Ad. Brown	3		Will. Blakenale	4				

³[[? Bi]shopp warde.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Joh. [torn]			Will. Elys			[torn]ns		3 0
Will. Peer			Item, de colectours,			[torn]ton		
Will. Horsley			recepti xxj s. x d.			[torn]		11 10
Will. Marshall			Summa xxix s. x d.					Summa xx s. x d.
Tho. Forthe	3	0	[torn]		3 0			
Tho. Parker			[torn]ster		3 0			

Apr. 14.
20 footmen
to Barnet
Field.
20 horsemen
£8 18s. 4d.

Payd here-of to xx fotemen to Barnet fyld v li.⁴

Item, to xx hors-men viij li. xviiij s. iiij d.

Item, payd to gunners, wache-men & ryders in to the contry; vt patet per vnam billam xxx iiij s. x d.

LETTERS FROM PRINCE EDWARD, AND KING EDWARD.

Apr. 25.
A letter
from the

⁵Item, received a letter fro Edward, pe son off Harre the vjte the xxv day of Aprile, þat was wryton at Cherd⁶

¹ Repeated over money column.

² "Brodyate & Fryr-lone" inserted.

³ leaf 213; much torn; two columns of names, over one of which is [Bi]shoppwarde, but whether this includes both I know not.

⁴ Fought on Easter day. Warwick was killed, and the Lancastrian cause overthrown.

⁵ leaf 211. Margaret, the Prince of Wales and Lancastrian lords landed on Apr. 14 at Weymouth. Edward ordered his musters to meet at Windsor. He reached Abingdon, Apr. 27.

⁶ The Lancastrians were working Dorset and Devon. Edward IV. defeated them at Tewkesbury, May 4.

the xvij day of April; the whyche was sent to kyng Edward & pe messynger *per-with* to Abyndon.

Item, *received* a letter fro kyng Edward *with* a *proclamacion* that was wryton at Abyndon pe xxviiij day off Aprile.

Lancastrian
prince from
Chard
sent to
Edward IV.

Apr. 28.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO EDWARD IV.

¹ The othe *pat* the kyng lafft here:—²I bycome true & faythfull liegeman to my soueraigne & leege lord kyng Edward pe iiij^{the}, & his heires kynges of England, & to hym faith & trowthe shall bere from hensforth of lym & lyff, and fully hys parte shall take and hym at all tymes serue & assiste to the vttermast of my power ayainst all erthely creatures; and iffe I knowe hereafter anything sowning to the hurt or preiudice of his most noble personne or astate Royall, or contrary to the grete wele of hys *Royaume*, or eny *oper anhabitantes* I shall put me in deuoir to let it, & if I may not I shall in all hast possible open & showe the same vnto hys gode grace or to the lordes of his counsell; and [in] this & all other thinges I shall behaue & ² demene me towardes his highnes duryng my liff as a true & faythfull subgiet owythe to doo to his souerayn & lege lord. So helpe me God & holy dome, & by thies holy euaungelistes.

To be true
to the king;

to hinder
or reveal
anything to
his prejudice.

ACCOUNTS, ETC.

³ These persons lant iiij C. marke to [torn]⁴ [Joh. Ruyton £40. Os. Od.; Will. Sandurs £20. Os. Od.; Ric. Braytofft £10. Os. Od.; Joh. Gage £10. Os. Od.; Will. Dawe 10 “marke”; Edm. Brogreve 10 marks; Will. Peere £10. Os. Od.; Will. Stafford £5. Os. Od.; Tho. Brodmedew 10 “marke”; Rob. Brodmedew 5 marks; Joh. Wylgrys £5. Os. Od.; Tho. Dowve, £5. Os. Od.; Joh. Pynchebek £4. Os. Od.; Rob. Atturton £5. Os. Od.; Tho. Ingram £5. Os. Od.; “payd to a sowder iij s.

400 marks
loan =
£266 13s. 4d.

¹ leaf 213. Edward was at Worcester May 7, and afterwards came on to Coventry. Here Margaret of Anjou was brought to him. She was with him when he entered London in state, May 21.

² deletions. ³ leaf 213, back. ⁴ Lent to whom?

iiij d." ¹; Joh. Thrumpton £2. 0s. 0d. "Item, payd iij li. summa v li." Ric. Colyns £7. 0s. 0d.; Will. Elys £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Baxster £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Thistelton 10 marks; Tho. Squier 5 marks, Joh. Gryme 5 marks, Ric. Braytofft 5 marks; "payd to a sowder iij s. iiij d.;" Tho. Hobbys £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Wylde £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Shor £2. 10s. 0d.; Joh. Hoten 5 marks; Joh. Fysher £3. 0s. 0d.; Will. Koxe £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Horsley £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Knyght £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Grove £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Euerdon £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Emottes £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Pulton 5 marks; Rob. Onley 5 marks; "payd to a sowder iij s. iiij d.;" Ric. Lee 13s. 4d.; Ric. Bedon £2. 0s. 0d.; Har. Colyns £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Yale 10s.; Joh. Swan £1. 0s. 0d.; Nic. Hall £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Rewley, £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Clyffe £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Mason £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Castell £2. 0s. 0d.; [torn]aue £2. 0s. 0d.; [torn] Bordale £1. 0s. 0d.; [torn] Bretford 6s. 8d.; [torn]aus,³ Walker, wyredrawer, 10s. 0d.; [F]yl. Drapere 6s. 8d., Will. Wode £6. 13s. 4d., Will. Taylour, bower, £2. 0s. 0d.; Har. Marler, *grocer*, £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. fforthe £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Botell £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Turnour, baker, 13s. 4d.; Law. Saundurs £1. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Bagotte £2. 0s. 0d.; Nyc. Rondull £1. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Cole, *mercer*, £1. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Hawnell 15s. 0d.; Ric. Orderyche 13s. 4d.; Tho. Straunge 15s. "payd;"² Ric. Stokys £1. 0s. 0d.; Geff. Ardurn £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Chyrcemon £2. 0s. 0d.; Elyott Hugun, *tauernere*, 10s. 0d.; Rog. Brown, *coteler*, £1. 0s. 0d.;⁴ Joh. Toty £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Hastyng 10s. 0d.; Joh. Flynt £1. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Colyns, *corueser*, £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Dorlyng, *capper*, £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Seward 10s. 0d.; Tho. Alen, *corveser*, £1. 6s. 8d.; Ric. Rede, baker, 10s. 0d.;⁵ Tho. Parker 10s. 0d.; Ric. Kox, baker, £1. 10s. 0d.; Joh. Smyth, *jantelmon*, £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Hutgray, *pynnere*, 13s. 4d.; Ric. Bower 6s. 8d.; Har. Staffordshyre;² Will. Drewe, *wolman*,² Har. Kebull, *mercer*, 8s. 0d.; Ric. Draper,²

¹ "Will. Horsley iij li." deleted.

² Blank.

³ There are three strokes.

⁴ "Joh. Hastyng xs." deleted.

⁵ "vjs. viij d." deleted.

Raffe Walker £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Myddelton £1. 0s. 0d.; Rob. Topclyffe £1. 0s. 0d.; Rob. Wode, scriuenere, 10s. 0d.;
¹ Ral [torn] Tho. Wolpyn [torn].

£271. 11s. 4d.]

Joh. Godeknaue, cowper, xx s.; Item, Will. Northampton
 iij li., Will. Marshall xx s.

^{20s.}
 £3 0s. 0d.
^{20s.}

Received of divers men for
 the new soldiers sent to the
 king at London 15s.

*Item, recepti de diuersis hominibus
 pro le new sowdyrs missis domino
 regi Londoniis xv s.²*

Received from the gild
 £9 5s. 0d.

Item, recepti de gilda ix li. v s.³

Summa ijClxxxvj li. xj s. iij d.⁴

£286. 11s. 4d.

Received from J. Stevyns
 through J. Gryme £6. 0s. 0d.

*Item, recepti de Joh. Stevyns per
 manus Joh. Gryme vj li.*

[Payd (torn)] þe kyng ijClxvj li. xij s. iij d.⁵

£266 13s. 4d.
 = 400 marks.
 £5 0s. 0d.

[Pay]d to Sir Will. Berkeley v li.

[Payd] to Sir Rog. Ree xls.

£2 0s. 0d.

[Pay]d to Tho. Warde xls.

£2 0s. 0d.

[Pa]yd to Will. Stevyns xls.

£2 0s. 0d.

[P]ayd to the clerke of þe markett xxvj s. viij d.

£1 6s. 8d.

[Pa]yd to his clerke iij s. in golde.

4s. in gold.

Total £279. 4s. 0d.

Summa solucionis ijClxxix li. iij s.

£6. 13. 4d.

*It[em] Hen. Boteler vj li. xij s.
 iij d.*

To Wilgrys and Stafford
 for their expenses in riding to
 the king at Stratford on Avon
 5s. 8d.

*It[em] Joh. Wilgrys & Will.
 Stafford pro expensis in equitacione
 domino regi ad Stretford super Avyn
 v s. viij d.⁶*

£1. 13s. 4d. to soldiers sent
 to the king at London.

*Item, soluti ad le sowders missos
 domino regi Londoniis xxxij s. iij d.*

Paid to Ric. Braytoft for
 W. Saunders £3. 15s. 0d.

*Item, soluti Ric. Braytoft pro
 Will. Saundurs iij li. xv s.*

Total of the payment £291.
 11s. 3d.⁷

*Summa tocius solucionis ijClxxxxj
 li. xj s. iij d.*

¹ leaf 214.

² This was after Barnet, when Edward summoned men to Windsor.

³ xxij li. ix s. ix d. deleted.

⁴ xix li. xvj s. jd. deleted.

⁵ In part payment of the franchises confiscated in May of that year for the citizens' espousal of Warwick's cause. Dugdale says (1. 143) that they paid 500 marks. See below, p. 381.

⁶ On the king's way from Worcester after Tewkesbury. This was evidently to entreat for his clemency.

⁷ really 4d.

T. Restell 20s.

Paid W. Dawe M. G. S. T.
£10. 1s. 6d. and thus equally.

Received £10. 1s. 6d.

The rest ? £10 lies in the tower and thus £13. 4s. 9d. are in my (? the mayor's) hands.

1s. 4d. paid to Gage for rays.

Jul. 28.

Item, soluti Tho. Restell xx s.

+ *Item, soluti* Will. Dawe, ¹magistro gilde Trinitatis¹ x li. xvij d.² & sic eque.

+ *Item, recepti* x li.³ xvij d. ¹Rest x li. jacet in turro (*sic*).¹

⁴ & sic in manibus meis⁵ xiiij li. iiij s. ix d.⁴

Item, soluti Gage⁶ xvij d. pro rays.⁶

⁷The Monday next after the fest of seynt Anne [torn] were a-greyd þat ijC li. of þe money þat was [torn] þe remmand to be levyed of the chamber & the gyld [torn].

Joh. Bette, m., Har. Boteler, rec., Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Peere, Tho. Brodmedewe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Saunders, Will. Stafford, Joh. Semon, Joh. Hoten, Tho. Dowe, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Raf. Calbek, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Hadley, Will. Horsley, Joh. Illage, Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, [torn]yns, [(torn) Ric. Bra]ytoft, jun. [torn] Hobbys, [(torn)? Willi]am Marshall, Will. Northampton, Joh. Gryme, Will. Thystelton, Will. Elys, Ric. Pulton, Tho. Broke, Tho. Squier, Joh. Fysher, Joh. Grove, Will. Knyght, Joh. Bordale, Joh. Swan, Tho. Hawnell, Geff. Ardurn, Ric. Bower, Will. Pynchebek, Will. Shore, Har. Marlowe, Will. Taylour, bower, Har. Ball, Tho. Wolffe, Tho. Bagotte.

£200 paid and to be paid to the king and the lords for the restitution of the liberty of the city shall be paid by the wards, to be levied by

⁸ *Isti ordinaverunt quod CC li. [illeg.]* ⁹ *solute & soluende Regi & dominis pro restitucione libertatis ville soluentur per wardas, leuande per Collectores modo & forma [illeg.]*

¹⁻¹ Deleted.

² vij li. iiij s. iij d. deleted; over the iij d. a ix d. is written. But the whole writing is muddled, there are deletions, and additions galore.

³ viij li. deleted.

⁴⁻⁴ Another hand or ink.

⁵ xj li. vij s. ix d. deleted.

⁶ ? surnames.

⁷ leaf 214, back.

⁸ A terribly illegible, cursive scrawl in another hand. See p. 381.

⁹ ? *partes V^c marcarum* = part of 500 marks.

collectors, in the manner and vsualiter, & hoc citra festum S. form . . . and that before Michaelis archangeli proximo futuro Michaelmas.

[*Gosford ward*: £22. 10s. 0d. Collectors, Will. Kox, Tho. Strange, Joh. Knyhgt, Ric. Mydnyhgt.

Jordan well: £13. 16s. 0d. Huw Pollard, Har. Staffordshyr, Joh. Derby, Rob. Mason.

Much Park ward: £19. 16s. 0d. Joh. Smythe, Joh. Bordale,¹ Edm. Hadley, Tho. Walker.

Earl Street ward: £25. 12s. 0d. Ric. Ordryche, Joh. Shemyn, Har. Kebull, Joh. Throwley.

Bayly Lane ward: £16. 2s. 0d. Will. Rowley, Har. Alestre, Tho. Roby, Huwe Hyton.

Broadgate ward: £10. 13s. 0d. Nic. Brome, Tho. Hawnell, Joh. Neele, corveser.

Smithford ward: £16. 3s. 0d. Will. Taylour, Rob. Gardnere, Tho. Hampton, Tho. Royster, corveser.

Spon Street: £22. 13s. 0d. Ric. Euerton, Rawlyn, Walker,² Joh. Alyth, Allerwas, baker.

Cross-cheaping: £30. 3s. 0d. Will. Spenser, Tho. Bagott, Rob. Howdy, Rob. Colman.

Bishop Street: £22. 13s. 0d. Tho. Botell, Tho. Owrys, Rob. Wode, Joh. Fyppus.

Total £200. 1s. 0d.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

¶ ³ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Bette, m., Joh. Seman, Rob. Blubery, b. on Monday after the close of Easter, 2 Ed. IV.]⁴

"Conentre."
Apr. 22.

Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Stafford, Rob. Bredmedowe, Will. Saunders, Joh. Wilgrys, Joh. Gauge, Will. Pere, Will. Horseley, Tho. Dove, Will. Baxter, Joh. Hadley, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Garton, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Illage, Ric. Braytoft, jun.

Jury.

¹ Watkyn Browderer deleted.

² Interlined. "Joh. Regnold" deleted.

³ leaf 213. Scribe B.

⁴ Edward (restored), Apr. 14, from which is dated his 11th regnal year.

Orders ofleet.

To attend the mayor: or each late mayor to pay 6s. 8d., sheriff 3s. 4d., commoner 1s. respectively.

The church and churchyard.

"Cowntre."
Oct. 3.

Hit is confermed at þis let þe ordenaunce of olde tyme made þat euery inhabitant *within* þis Cite be redy vppon warnyng had to awayte vppon þe Meir, vppon þe peyn of euery man þat hath be Mair to lese vj s. viij d., euery shiriff xl d. & oþer Cominer xij d.

Also hit is ordeyned þat no persone frohensfurth caste muk, strawe or other filthe oute of þe Chirches, or oþer place into þe Chirchezardes of þe parish Chirch vppon þe peyn to lose at euery default xij d.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, II Ed. IV.]

Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgrys, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Rad. Calbek, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Ric. Colyns, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Mores, Ric. Aleyn, Laur. Walgraue, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Ingram.

Orders ofleet.

Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete þat Joh. Hastynges, wiredrawer, & Will. Atterton¹ be discharged to passe frohensfurth of eny jure *within* þis Cite; nor þat they be enpanelled vppon eny jurre frohensfurth for euer, nor that they frohensfurth enbrase² eny jure, vppon the peyn to lese at þe first default, C s., and at þe ijde default to haue the wheston aboute their nekkes, & at þe ijde default to stand vppon the pillory etc.

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Hoten.]

JOH. THRUMPTON, MAYOR, 1472.

³ [Election of officers].

"Cowntre."
[torn]

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, [torn] T[ho. Do]wve, Ri[c. Aus]ten, Joh. [Ga]rton, Rad Caldebek, Will. Horsley, Rob. Burnell,

¹ The whetstone suggests that they were perjurers (Mr. Stevenson).

² enbrase = to attempt to influence (a juryman) corruptly. *N. E. D.* s. v. Embrace.

³ leaf 215. Scribe E; torn. A final -rd represents probably [Will. Staffo]rd; an -s [Ric. Colyn]s, an -e is a vague indication; perhaps [Joh. Gaug]e.

Rob. Onley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Squyer, Will. Thistulton,
Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Hadley.

m. Joh. Thrumpton; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Will. Knyght, Tho. Bagot; w. Will Shore, Will. Cokkes; mace, Will. Atkynson. Officers.

Joh. Thrumpton, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Sawndres, M.G.S.T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe.] J.Ps.

KING'S LETTER.

The six day of februarye the Mayr resceyved a priuce seale from our soueraign lord, the kyng, directed to hym & to the shreffes in thees wordes as herafter ffoloeth. Feb. 19.
A privy seal

By the Kynge.

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wel. Callyng to our Remembraunce and consideracion the gret tempestes, diuisions & troubles that in late daies haue be in this our Reaume, the gret wyldenesse & indisposicion also pat hath folowed by occasion wherof, & consequently by embracerye,¹ corrupcion, might, and maintenaunce pat hath be & daily is vsed purgh this our lond, both by yeving of tokenys, lyuerees, signes, makyng of Reteigndres and oper-wyse, we haue vnderstand the cours & order of our lawes hath be letted, and might haue noo place as it ought to haue, nor execucion of Justice be ministred, wherof grete extorcions, Robberies, mordres and othir gret exorbitaunces & mischeves haue ensued vnto gret offense & displeasir of God and vnto greet hurt of vs, of alle our subgittes and the comune wele and policie of all this Reaume. And we, entending by alle meanes to vs possible to ordeigne & prouide for the pacificacion, defence, and suretee of the same our land and subgittes, both inwardes & outwardes, and that ministracion of Justice may euenly and indifferently be doon as wel vnto poure as vnto Riche withouten any fauour or acception of persone or persones, haue had a Ripe comunicacion herein with the lordes of this our Reaume, the whiche, eueryche and all haue

from the king against

maintenance,
giving of liveries, retainers, whereby the course of law is hindered;

whereof crimes and mischiefs have ensued,

the king,

wishing impartial justice to be done,

has consulted with the lords,

¹ Corrupting a jury. v. *N. E. D.*

who have
agreed to
aid the
course of
justice,

and show no
favour.

Wherefore
the king
urges them
to correct
lawlessness,

suppress
liveries,

and offenders
"for dis-
obedience to
be expelled
the City;"

vagabonds
and seditious
persons,

who spread
false tidings,
to be in-
formed
against.

accorded, agreed and also promitted vnto vs that they will doo their trewe denoir, labour & effectuell diligence that ministracion of justice haue due place, and be putte in due execucion acordyng to our lawes, alle suche absurditees, mischeues, & misuses laide apart; and þat þei shall noo thing doo or attempte nor suffre to be doo or attempted by theym, any of theirs, or othir-wyse howe-soeuer it be, in fauour of any cause or persone, be it their owyne *seruautes* or *tenautes* or any othir by any colour or occasion what-soeuer it be, wherby the due order & cours of our lawes or ministracion & execucion of Justice in any wyse may be deferred, hurted or lettred. Wherefore we signifie vnto you thees thinges to thentent þat among 3our self ye also ordeigne and see that alle thinges þat hath be & is vsed contrarie to our said lawes, & our said entente & purpose be corrected, amended and putte aparte, and soo we charge 3oue to doo with alle diligence; And also that noo Reteindres, lyuerees, signes ne tokenys of clothing, nor othir wyse be taken, had nor vsed by thinhabitautes of our Citie of Couentre contrarie to our lawes & statutes ordeigned & prouided in suche behalf, and if any presume or take vpon hym to doo or attempte the contrarie and woll not be reformed, we woll & charge you that *withoute* any excuse or delaye ye expelle & putte hym oute of the same our Citie, and in noo wyse saffre him to abide there, certifying vs in alle possible hast what he is, whoos lyueree he vsith, and whoo susteigneth hym, not sparyng any persone whatsoever he be. And ouer this wher ther be diuers and many vagabundes, and vngoodly & ille disposed persones, entending commocion & trouble of this our lande & ¹ quiet & pees of the same, renne thurgh the same oure lande sowyng sede of discord and diuision in making and telling of tithinges, fals lesing & tales to thentent ² aboue-said, we woll and straitly charge you that whan and as oft [torn] persone or persones *within* our said Citee or Jurisdiction of the same, ye *with* [(torn)] d in all hast certifie vs therof to thentent we may prouide for the p [(torn)]. And that ye fa]ille not herin as our perfite trust is in you,

and as ye loue and tendr[e (torn)] [su]bgittes therof. Yeuen vnder our priuie Seel at Westm[ynstre] the xj day of fe[bruare (torn).]

Westminster,
Feb. 11.

This forsaide Priuie seel was solemplye proclaimed in the open [(torn) market ne]xt after the resceyt perof, videlicet xxj^o die februare; then & theer beyng present the Mair, the Recordour, Will. Sawndres, [(torn) Ric. Bray]toft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedow, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedow, Will. Stafford, & Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Ho[ten (torn) wit]h many oder.

Feb. 21.
Letter
proclaimed.

EASTER LEET.

¹[V. f. p. before Joh. Thrumpton, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Hoten, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 12 Ed. IV.]

"Couentre,"
Apr. 6.

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Tho. Dove, Joh. Stephons, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Burnell, Will. Shore, Tho. ffoorth, Lau. Walgraue.

[Ordaind] þat euery walker frohensfurth shall [put] a knowen marck vppon euery cloth þat he shall full, to þentent þat yf defalt be þat amendes in þat behalf be made, vppon peyne who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d.

"fullers
marke their
cloth,"

or 6s. 8d.
fine.

Also þat þe well at þe Chirchdūr & all oþer comien welles within þis Cite be sufficiently reparaed be þe wardeyns betwixt þis & Lammas, vppon þe peyn of Cs.

Wells to be
repaired.

Also þat no persone of þis Cite frohensfurth brek vp the Priours-waste, nor a close of þe same priours lying withoute the Newe zate vppon þe right hand London weye, stretchyng after þe lane ledyng to þe drapers buttes, claymyng to haue comyn their for their Catell, vppon peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt xl s. & enprisonment of xl daies.

Common
lands.
Prior's Waste
and the
close by the
New Gate
not to be
broken into

or 40s. fine
and 40 days'
imprison-
ment.

The prior to
repair the

Also hit is ordeyned þat þe priour of Couentre repair þe

¹ leaf 216, back. Scribe B.

causeway by
S. Christo-
pher's chapel
or 20s. fine.

Cawsy on this half Seynt *Christoferes* Chapell¹ afor his lande ther betwixt pis & þe fest of *Corporis Christi*, vppon þe peyn of xx s.

BRISCOW AND THE LAMMAS LANDS.

Apr. 11, 1472.

Divers
worthy men
in S. Mary's
Hall

²The xj day of April the yer of the Reigne of kyng Edward [torn] the xijth, assembled in the Counseill hows of seint Mare hall of Couentre, the Mair, the Recordour, the Maister of the [Gild,]³ Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedow, Will Peer, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pinchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, Tho. Dowve, Ric. Awsteyn, Joh. Garton, Raffe Calbek, Ric. Braytoft the yonger, Joh. Hoten, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Joh. Mores, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Stevons, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Seman, Will. Baxster, Joh. Illagge, Rob. Blebere, Ric. Colyns, Tho. fforth, Will. Knyght, Tho. Bagott, Will. Shore, Will. Cokkes, Laur. Walgrave, Tho. Sqwyer, Ric. Aleyn, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Raves, Ric. Pulton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Bagott, deyster, Will. Northampton, Will. Elys, Tho. Parker, Will. Marshall, ffysher, where was comynd what demene shuld be taken ffor the mater between the Cite and Will. Briscowe, And for the Costes and expenses of the suyt *perof*. Whervppon reherce was made therof to the *Comienres* beyng at that tyme in seint Marie hall, Whoos names herafter foloen, that is to say :—

commune
together
concerning
Briscow's
business,
and the
costs thereof.

Joh. Grove, weuer
Tho. Strawnge
Joh. Strete
Ric. Ragge
Ric. Plumton
Joh. Smyth, baker
Will. Cramp
Joh. Stafford
Joh. Crull
La[u]r. Hyron
Joh. Dove
Mat. Curteys, baker
Will. Brawnche

Rog. Glouer
Joh. Hastynges
Will. Drew
Herry Staffordshyre
Will. Bamburgh, couper
Will. Jawdrell
Joh. Darby, Baker
Joh. Bentley
Joh. Wilkyns, sadler
Ric. Drake, cardmaker
Joh. Clifford
Hwe Pollard
Ric. Ordryche

Joh. ffysher, sherman
Joh. Hukyus
Rob. fforest
Joh. Stalow
Joh. Bordale
Rob. Tasker
Joh. Coke, sadler
Tho. Burley
Edm. Hadley
Rob. Crosse, mason
Tho. Champion
Rob. Garet
Will. Compton

¹ Otherwise S. James' chapel by Spon bridge.

² leaf 215, back. Scribe E. v. *supra*, p. 349.

³ Torn. Will. Saunders.

Joh. Smyth, baker
 Joh. Chambré, corueser
 Rob. Bretford
 Tho. Mechell
 Joh. Wolmer
 Will. Meriell
 Will. Crosby
 Joh. Swan
 Will. Thistelton
 Joh. Davy
 Joh. Shepey
 Will. Coton
 Ric. Stokes
 Her. Kebull
 Ric. Coke
 Phelip Robertes
 Joh. Tomson, taylour
 Joh. Trowley, sherman
 Rob. Jakes
 Joh. Shemyng
 Tho. Waryn
 Ric. Lee, draper
 Will. Edwardes
 Nic. Hall
 Will. fforth
 Phelip Draper
 Joh. Castell
 Tho. Baly
 Joh. Clyff
 Hwe Hyton
 Rob. Gydlow
 Joh. Couper
 Joh. Gryme
 Will. Westley
 Tho. Colett
 Rog. Costantyne
 Jeff. Ardern
 Tho. Roby

Herry Allestre
 Tho. Joynour
 Pet. Insturley
 Tho. Chichman
 Will. Crow
 Joh. Crow
 Ric. Wylson
 Ric. Lenton
 Tho. Bely
 Joh. (?) Witgresse
 Hwe. Glouer
 Nic. Brown
 Joh. Nele
 Watkyn, Browderer¹
 Joh. Nityngale
 Ric. ffynche
 Joh. Clement
 Her. Persale, Coke
 Tho. Napton
 Tho. Ruyton
 Rob. Alisawndre
 Ric. Clerk, skynner
 Rob. Salbery
 Joh. Toty, corueser
 Ric. Reede, Baker
 Will. Bower
 Ric. Bower
 Will. fflecher
 Her. Matson
 Ric. Drowght
 Nic. Kent
 Her. Dalby
 Joh. Oldebury
 Joh. fflynt
 Tho. Pulter
 Lau. Sawnders
 Joh. Wardrope
 Ric. Kyng, sherman

Will. Pynchebek
 Joh. Alderwes, baker
 Ric. Turnour, baker
 Joh. fforster, corueser
 Ric. Barbour²
 Joh. Aleyn, baker
 Tho. Euerdon
 Rawlyn, wryght¹
 Joh. Darlyng, capper
 Jas. Baly, Barker
 Her. Marlere
 Edm. Wilson
 Tho. Gardener, ffysher
 Her. Ball
 Rob. Colmon
 Nic. Rondull
 Tho. Wulf
 Joh. ffysher, corueser
 Ric. Bedon
 Will. Spenser
 Ric. Sampson
 Her. Colyns, bochour
 Joh. Deyster, bocher
 Joh. Wolpyner
 Her. Barfete
 Joh. zale
 Joh. Godeknavé, couper
 Tho. of Owres
 Tho. Botell
 Joh. Aman, bocher
 Lau. Burwell
 Ric. Cokkes
 Joh. Phelippes
 Will. Hwet, weuer
 Ric. Chapman, weuer
 Rog. Brown, Cutler
 Rob. Awode, Irmonger
 Joh. Newmar

Of thees foreseide and of oder many moo then beyng
wit hem in the seid seint Marie hall was asked how thei
 wold be demened in that behalfe :—Wheche onswerd &
 seid thei wold abyde with the Maire & his bredern to
 the vtmost of herr goodes in that mater, & as the Mair
 & his Cownseill did in þat mater thei agree therto.

³The vj daie of May a. r. r. *Edwardi* iij^{ti} xij^o the
 Mayre, the Recorder, the maister of the Gild, Ric. Bray-
 toft thelder, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh.
 Wyldegrys, Joh. Draper, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Pynche-
 bek, Joh. Gage, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, & many oder,
 werre appoynted that the Abbot of Kelyngworth, the

Asked their
 wish;

they agree to
 abide by
 the mayor's
 decision.

May 6, 1472.

Great people
 asked to be
 present.

¹ (?) name or trade.

² "Lau. Sawnders" deleted.

³ leaf 216.

Abbot of Combe, the Abbot of Stonley, the Abbot of Merevale, the priour of Maxtoke, the priour of Erbere,¹ Sir Symond Mownforth,² knyght, Joh. Hugford, squyer, Will. Hugford,³ squyer, Tho. Burdet,⁴ squyer, shuld be desired to be here at Couentre in seint Marie hall by the labour of Joh. Smyth, attorne of Court perfor assigned, the Monday next to-come after the ffest of the blessud Trinitee then after next fologyng the yer aboffe reherced.

May 25.

May 20.
Briscow offers to have arbitration. In the council house the late sheriffs, through the lamentable

The Wensday in Whiteson wek the xx day of May the 3eer aboffe said to Thees persons whoos names immediatlye folowen beyng in the cownseill howse, for the expedience of grete maters perteynyng to this Cite, Will. Baxter & Joh. Hadley, late shreffes of the same, offerd Treete for the behalffe of Will. Briscow for thoo maters, which weer in variaunce betwix the Cite & hym, and as thei expressed plainly for her declaracion her labour was thorow the speecal meenes & lamentable Instance of the Wyffe of the seid Will. Bryscow.

instance of Briscow's wife, agree to offer terms for him.

The Mair, the Recordour, the maister of the Gild,⁵ Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Will. Peer, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gawge, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, Tho. Dowve, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. Garton, Ric. Braytoft jun., Joh. Hoten.

More people to be summoned to be consulted respecting Bristow's

These worshipfull states afore rehersed then & theranoon forthwith appoynted that moo persones of the Citee shuld be warned to be at seint Mare hall at afternoone the same day to haue knolegge & vnderstandyng of this mocion of treete. At the which tyme so appoynted appered⁶ all thoo afor rehersed, & all thees moo, whoos names be vnderwreton besyde many moo vnrehersyd:—

offer to treat.

Rob. Onley, Will. Hosley, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Ingram, Raf. Calbek, Joh. Illage, Joh. Stevons, Joh. Mores, Tho. fforth, Wyll. Knyght, Tho. Bagot, Will. Shor, Will. Cokkes, Will. Thestilton, Joh. Grove, Tho.

They come.

¹ Arbury near Nuneaton. ² Of Coleshill. ³ Of Emscote.
⁴ Of Arrow, owner of the famous white buck slain by Edward IV. Burdet fell out of favour through his partisanship of Clarence and was executed for high treason, 1477.

⁵ Will. Saunders.

⁶ "The persones whos names hereafter folowen" deleted.

Strawnge, Joh. Smyth, baker, Tho. Wolff, Rob. Garrett, Joh. Clyff, Will. ffysher, corueser, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Knyzt, Will. flecher, Joh. ffysher, Joh. Emmottes, Ric. Bower, Joh. Zale, Ric. Drowght, Joh. Bordale, Ric. Reede, Joh. Oldebury, Joh. Toty, Will. Taylow, bower, Tho. Chircheman, Tho. Botell, Edm. Wilson, corueser, Will. Rowley, Tho. Napton, Ric. Aleyn, Ric. Barbour:—

To thees was declared after her apparances the mocion of the Treete for Briscowes behalf had in the counseill hows aforenoone. And then forthwith was demaunded of hem how thei wold in this mater afore declar'd, and iff thei wold agree to suche appoyntement as the Mair & his worshipfull Brederen wold take in þis mater. And thei seide *with* accorde, yee, thei wold as thei woll. Where-vppon in-contenent the Maire *with* the Recorder & his worshipfull Brederen then & there in the seid counseill howse¹ intendyng pease, & to avoyde Report þat it shuld not be seid of the Wysdom of the Citee to escheu resonable offre, thei concluded vppon Treete vnder condicion that the seid Will. Bryscow shuld putt-in a bill endented and insealed of thappoyntementes taken betwix the Citee & hym for excludyng after-variounce. And þerto accordyng billes wer alternately made & sealed vnder this flourme folowyng:—

This is the appoyntement endented made the xxj day of May the xij yere of the Reigne of Kyng Edward the iiijth betwixt the Mair & Cominaltee of þe Citee of Couentre and Will. Briscowe of all variaunces betwixt theym is, thei to abyde the Rule, ordinaunce & judgement of Joh. Cateby, sergeant of þe lawe, and Will. Cumberland, arbitratours indifferently cosen betwyxt the seid parties of & vppon the title and possession of all maner landes and Comyn of pasture beyng in variaunce betwixt theym; And also of all maner trespasses, offenses and debates beyng or had betwixt the seid parties or of any of them; thei seid arbitratours to appoint the day and seson how long the seid arbitratours shall haue arbitracion therof. And also the seid parties been agréed

They say
with one
accord—yea.

They wish
as the mayor
and council
wish.
So the mayor

makes an
indenture
with Bristow
agreeing
thereunto.

"A Reference
between Will.
Briscow and
the Citty
About Lamas
ground."

Joh. Cateby,
Will. Cumber-
ford,
arbitrators,

to appoint a
day.

¹ "concluded" deleted.

"Briscow" and another to ride to London at the octaves of the Trinity to see the "arbitrators."

Briscow is bound in 200 marks to abide by the arbitration,

and only to sue the mayor and commonalty in such a manner as the arbitrators shall advise.

May 25. Local notables come to S. Mary's Hall,

and hear an examination of the oldest men of the city

who declare "All bounds from Whitley brooke to Barons ffield between the highway & the parke are Comon."

that the said Will. Briscowe and one assigned for the seid Mair and Cominaltee shall ryde to London at the viij^{tas} of the Trinite next comyng to labour and desyre the seid ¹Joh. Cateby and Will. Cumberford to take the labour of the premisses vpon theym. And if thei take vpon them the seid arbitracion, that then the seid Will. Briscowe is agreed & promyseth to be bownden in an Obligacion of CC marc', to abide the Rule of the seid arbitratours, and in lyke wyse the seid Maire and Cominalte promysen to fynde suerte suche as shall be thowght conuenient and sufficient for the partie of the seid Meire and Cominalte; and wher the seid Will. Briscowe sueth an accion of trespas ageyns the seid Meir & Cominalte, he promyseth to take suche direccion in that same suyt as shalbe thought conuenient by the discrecion of the seid arbitratours. In wittenes wherof the seid Will. Briscowe to this endentur remaynyng with the seid Maire and Cominalte hath putte his seall. Yevyn at Couentre the day & yer abovyn seid.

The Monday next after the blessud Trinite Sondag the xij^{zer} of Kyng Edward the iiijth, the Abbot of Kelyngworth, then beyng, the Abbot of Combe, the Abbot of Stonley, the Abbot of Merevale, Sir Symond Mownforth,² knyzt, Sir Rob. Strelley, knyzt, and Will. Hugford,³ squyer, come into saint Marie hall of this Citee of Couentre aboute the our of axj^{ne} afore-noone, the Right worshipfull Mair of this Citee *with* many of his worshipfull bredern also beyng present ther the same tyme. And ther thei harde an examinacion of certein of the oldest men of this seyde Citee of Couentre, Whoos names apperen in a letter testymoneall perof made⁴: the wheche old men all & euerych of hem by hym self deposed & swar openly vppon a boke in the presence of the forseid worshipfull men, all the grownde between Whitley broke & Barons ffield of Couentre, that lyeth between the kynges hye waye ledyng from Whitley to Couentre on

¹ leaf 216, back.

² Of Coleshill. Executed later for aiding Warbeck.

³ Of Emscote. Constable of Warwick castle.

⁴ Corp. MSS. F. 4.

the one syde, and the kynges Parke on the toder syde, to be Comen to the Comeners of this Citee of Couentre; As it appereth in the seide letter testimoniall perof made, to the which letter, for more Credence, the foresaid Worshipfull Abbottes, knyghtes and Will. Hugford, squyer, seuerally haue putte her seales. The which letter Testimoniall Remayneth in the kepyng of the Maister of Trinite Gylde in the Tour of seint Marie hall of Co[uentre].

The letter is in the tower of S. Mary's Hall.

KING EDWARD'S PARDON.

¹Our Soueraign Lord Kyng Edward the iiijth, of His Speciall Grace thorow þe Mediacion of the noble Prince, George, Duke of Clarence, the xx daie of June the xijth yeer of his Reigne, graunted his Charter of generall pardon to the Mair & Cominalte and inhabitantz of this Citee: Which Charter was swyed for the hevy greffe þat our seid soueraign lord beer to the Citee & inhabitantes perof sith & for the tyme þat Ric. late Erle of Warwyke with oder to hym then acompanyed kept the Citee in defence azenst his Royall highnes in the Lenton next afore Barnett ffield; the Which Chartre is putt in kepyng in the Tour of seynt Marie hall.

June 20, 1472.

"Charter off pardon graunted to the City" at Clarence's intervention, and sued because of the king's grievance aganist it for espousing Warwick's cause.

CLARENCE'S JEWELS.

²The xxix day of June the yeer aboffe-rehersed alle the Plate and Jewels except a Coronalle, that laie in plegge in seynt Marie hall for CCC markes³ lent vpon hem to the Duke of Clarence foreseid, weer by bille Indented, Relyuered & Resceyved by the handes of Joh. Hugford, squyer, and Edm. Bowdon, seruauntes of the seide Duke, by a letter from hym to the Mair & his bredern of Couentre direct therto assigned: the whiche letter, and anoder letter of þe same mater send from the

June 29. Clarence's jewels, save the coronal, returned. They had been left in pledge for 300 marks' loan.

¹ leaf 217. Scribe E. The beginning is in large ornamented capitals. In May 1471 the king came to Coventry, confiscated the civic sword and the city liberties, which were only redeemed by 500 marks' payment, *v. p.* 369-70.

² The indenture known as "Clarence's pawn ticket" was unfortunately lost or mislaid during the cataloguing of the Coventry MSS. in 1896. See Featherstone, *Coventry Charters*.

³ I cannot trace 300 marks in previous accounts; but see p. 364.

Recorder, Herry Boteler, and also the Indentur of the first Resceyt of the seide plate & Jowels, and also the Indentur wherby the relyverie of theyme was made, remaine togedre in a box in kepyng in the Tour in seynt Marie hall.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre,"
Oct. 3.

¹ ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 12 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedaue, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Bette, Tho. Bradmedo, Will. Stafford, Will. Pere, Tho. Dove, Joh. Mores, Rob. Onley, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Hadley, Rad. Calbek, Rob. Atterton, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Ric. Pulton, Will. Cokkes, Will. Shore.

Bailiffs and
sheriffs.
"Sworn
triers."

[Will. Elys, Will. Thistelton.]

These persons folowyng be ordeyned & chosen to be triours within þis Cite to determyn variances betwixt parties within þis Cite as touchyng metes & bondes & Gutters & such oper, so that iiij of them be ever redy in þe absens of þe oper iiij, & to take for their labour as be sesed them afor tyme. Hen. Dalby, Joh. Top, Rob. Burwey, Joh. Clerk, Rob. Crosse, Will. Ranke, Joh. Hukyns, Joh. Crouche.²

Red herring.

³[Ordeined] at þis lete þat no man frohensfurth make red heryng within þis Cite, vppon þe peyn of xx s. at euery default.

Also þat euery Cart⁴ þat cometh to þis Cite with ffysshe þat he let make clene þer þe Cart stode, vppon peyn of iiij d.

Fishmongers

Also þat þe ffysshmongers of þis Cite frohensfurth kep & obserue all goode ordenaunces hertofore made for the resecyuyng & vtteryng of see ffyshe comyng to þis Cite; and þat they sell aftur þe assise set by þe Mair etc. [or 20s. fine].

to sell a cord-
ing to the
Assize.

Of the leet
held 1465

Memorandum de leta tenta [ad festum S.] Michaelis

¹ leaf 216, back. Scribe B.

² "Plus ex altera parte" (= more on the other side) follows.

³ leaf 217.

⁴ "Crat" deleted.

anno v^{to} *Edwardi iiiij^{ti} tempore Joh. Pynchebek*,¹ m., vbi sic ordinatur: that no ffysshmonger, which holdeth a borde & selleth saltfyssh & stokfysshe, frohensfurth shuld hold nor kepe eny boorde afor the crosse þeruppon to sell eny maner see fysshe or freshfysshe, vppon peyn to forfeit at every default xls., þe on half þerof to þe shirrifis for the tyme beyng, & þe oþer half to þe Murage of þis Cite. And yf þe shirrifis woll not leve þat peyn, & þen hit to be leyvied be þe Mair for þe tyme beyng to þe vse of þe Cite.

in J. Pynchebek's time: no fishmonger

to sell both salt fish and fresh fish,

or 40s. fine,

which if the sheriffs fail to levy, is to be levied by the mayor.

THE KING'S LETTER CONCERNING UNRULINESS.

²The thride day of Januare a. r. r. *Edwardi quarti xij^o*, the Mair Resceyved a letter from our seide soueraign lord, the kyng, directed to hym & to the Justices of pees & shryffes of his Citee of Couentre and to alle the Inhabitantes within þis seide Citee and subberbes and hamelettes of the same, to putt in Correccion theyme þat disobeyn the kynges Officers & Gouvernours etc., ordeigned etc. for Comen Wele & good Rule. And also to put in correccion all thoo persons or person þat denyen to paie suche taxes, tallagges, Imposicions & oder charges requesitt to be born in the places wher thei dwell after the Rule there vsed to be levyd & paid.³ The which letter was openly proclaimed, and is in keypyng in the Tour of Sent Marie hall in the same box þat the kynges generall pardon⁴ graunted to this Citee is Ine.

Jan. 3, 1473.

The king

enjoins that unruly persons,

and all such as refuse to pay requisite charges, be put in correction.

The letter is kept in the same box as the general pardon.

⁵By the kyng.

Trusty & wel-bylouyd, we grete yow well; and for-as-muche as we vnderstande that diuers persones dwellyng in diuers citees & other plases of this our roialme haue grete boldenes to remembre the mysrules, insurreccions & rebellions had in tyme paste, & yet in maner to obbey our lawes & to obbey þe gouernours, our jugez, officers & minysters of the same & ther comaunderments disdeynon, not gevyng the due reuerens & assistens after⁶ dute; &

The king, hearing

of unruliness

¹ No leet records are given for that year. ² leaf 218. Scribe E.

³ This must refer to the unpaid and "lost" charge of preceding years, v. p. 357.

⁴ v. *supra*, p. 381. ⁵ leaf 214. ⁶ according to.

and refusal to
pay taxes,
etc.,

which unlaw-
ful demean-
our might
tend to
subvert order
and govern-
ment;

the mayor
and others
are charged

to imprison
such persons,

or send them
to the king's
council.

This com-
mand to be
proclaimed.

Given at
Westminster.
Dec. 29.

also dysobeyen to suche ordynans & rulez as by anyent & discrete governours for þe pollitique rule & gode gouvernaunce a-menge the people ther afor tyme haue be; or denyd or denyen to pay suche taxes, tallagez, Imposicions & other chargez, as is requisite to be boorn in the same placez after þe rule ther vsed to be leveyd & payd; the whyche gode rulez, of longe tyme contynuyd & approved, if eny mysdoers, or persones vndisposid, be the occasiõ of eny supportacion, shuld be sufferyd to subuerte, it myght cause gret desolacion & ruyne of our citeez & placez, & so gretly hurt ovr sayd royalm; whiche we woll not suffre be the mercy of ovr Lord, but at all tymes [be] redy to subdue & punyssh all mysdoers & disobeyers of ovr lawez & þe contraryours of gode rulez & a-cordyng to our dute roiall woll conforte & assiste all governoures vnder vs & kepers & minysters of our lawez in als ample fourme as eny of our progenyturs afor tyme haue doon. Wherfor we woll & charge yowe, our mair, Justicez of our pease & shirreffez with-in our cite of Couentre, & euery of yow, that yffe ye fynde eny persone disobeyng yowe or eny of yowe in executyng youre offices, or yff eny persone denye to pay any taxe, tallage, Imposicion or other dute set on hym in eny of our courtes or by the rule of our sayd cite & governours of the same, þat then ye take¹ & imprisonne hym vnto þe tyme he execute, perform & paie all suche duties & oþer thynges as he owyth to doo a-cordyng to þe rule of our sayd citee; & yff nede require we woll þat ye sende vn-to vs the forsayd disobeyours to be punysshyd be vs & our conceill. & we charge yow our said shirrifz þat all tymes her-after requisite ye & your successours let proclayne thisoure commandement in our sayd Cite, so þat þe people be ignorans her-of have not excuse in þat behalffe. Yeuen vnder our signet atoure palaice of Westm[ynstre], þe xxix day of Decembre.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the mayr & other Justices of our pease & þe sherryfs of our Cite of Couentre, & to all the Inhabitauntez with-in the seid cite & suberbez and hamlettes of the same.

¹ "them" deleted

ROB. ATTERTON, MAYOR, 1473.

[¹Election of officers.]

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gauge, Will. Pere, Joh. Bette, Will. Saunders, Tho. Dove, Ric. Braytoft, Jun., Rob. Onley, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Mores, Tho. ffoorde, Joh. Hoton, Joh. Seman, Ric. Alen, Tho. Hobbes, Lau. Walgraue, Will. Baxster.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

[m. Rob. Atterton; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Joh², Joh. Emmottes; w. Will. Shore, Will. Cokkes; mace, Will. Nash.]³

Officers.

EASTER LEET.

⁴[¶ V. f. p. before Rob. Atterton, m., Will. Elys, Will. Thistulton, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 13 Ed. IV.]

"Couentre."
Apr. 24.

Will. Stafford, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Mores,⁵ Rob. Blubere, Will. Horsley, Tho. ffoorth, Will. Baxster, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Onley, Tho. Dove, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Illage, Will. Knyght, Will. Pere, Will. Cokes.

Orders of
leet.
"bakers."
Horse-bread.

Hit is ordeyned at this present leete that every Baker that Baketh horsbred shall make iij loves for jd.; every loffe weyng v li. & dimidium, and that hit be made of good bene Mele and pese Mele etc. withouten brane or draffe.⁶

Also they ordeyn that the Meir shall suffur the bakeres of this Cite to haue ijs. in alowaunce in an hafpeny loffe of this Condicion that they ne non in their name com into the Market till ij of the Clok at aftur-none of the Market day, & pat they shewe the Meire & his Councell what power they haue had to haue batement of ijs. in the fferthyng loffe.

"bakers" may decrease the weight of their loaf by 24 silver pennies = one-tenth of a Tower Pound, on condition that they do not buy in the market until 2 p.m.
The chamberlains to spend £10 a year on a piece of wall.

Also hit is ordened at this present lete that the Chaumb[e]rlens spend yerely xli vpon the olde wall

¹ leaf 217, back. Scribe B. ² Blank.

³ J. Ps. etc. wanting. ⁴ leaf 218. Scribe of C type.

⁵ "Onley" deleted.

⁶ v. p. 24. Draff = the refuse of malt from the process of brewing or distilling.

betwixt the Newe yate & the Litull-parke yate etc., and that the Meir off Couentre effectually se that the mater be put in vre.

“Sheepe faire from Whitefrifer lane to Gosford gate.”

[Ordaigned] that no man occupie their shepe feyre but between the Gosford yate and the White-frere lane and no lawer don [or 6s. 8d. fine].

The Cardinal's Hat in Earl Street is ruinous; there will be jeopardy of murder if it fall;

[Ordaigned] for-asmuche as the Mese place called the Cardenalles hatt in þe Erle-strete, called Langleyes house,¹ is right runose (?) hith in bildyng, and daly like to fall in þe Comen strete, and doubt be nyght or day gret Iuperdie shulde be off murdre of people, and at any other tyme lyke Juperdie & vtter distruccion or (?) dessawed of the Byldynges about hit; and diuerse peynes at diuerses letz afore this tyme haue byn enyoyned the possessours of the seid Mese to haue taken hit doune at tymes passed, which is not don, werffore by the auctorite of this lete the same possessours forfet the same peynes and be amerced in . . .²

the possessors of the same are to be fined;

[Ordaigned] by this lete that the seid Mese and all other Meses beyng in doute to fall in eny parte of this Cite were thorough³ perell myght fall by lyklyhod to the pepull yf the fell Sodenly, that the same Mese and euery of them be taken don be the possessours of the same afore the fest of Whistontide next Comyng, or elles the possessours of euery suche ⁴not so taken down to forfet for euery such default Cs., and so Contynuelly Cs. for euery quarter of a 3ere that suche Mese is not taken doune accordyng to the same peynes and a-merciamentes to be rered of the lyvelod and godes of the possessour of the same Meses beyng within this liberte, half theroff to þe vse of the Meir of this Cite, the other halfe to the Comon vse of this Cite; [so] þat notice of this ordenaunce be had to the pepull.⁵

and the owners of other

“Ruinous buildings” to pay 100s. (£5 0s. 0d.) and repeat the fine for every quarter of a year that the order is not complied with.

Also Where the vitullers of this Cite diuerse tymes Breken assisse of bred, ale & wyne sold within this Cite, and sellon⁶ & vtten hem otherwyse then the Meir of this

“Asize of vintners and victualers,”

¹ The Langleys held a fee in Coventry. This house, near “le Crown in platea vocata Brodeyatys” had been conveyed by Dame Isabella Langley to her son John shortly before this. Corp. MSS. C. 202.

² blank. ³ (?) where-through; through which.

⁴ leaf 218, back. ⁵ MS. pepopull. ⁶ “selles” deleted.

Cite wyne, fyssh and other vitall of this Cite for the tyme beyng, lymitteth and seyth therin; and also often tymes sellen out of this Cyte for stuffe of the same only for the propre encrease of the same¹ vitulours in the hirt of all this Cite, and all peopull confluent to þe same; and also diuerse tymes in maner distitucen this Cite of Malice of wyne & witail by them vsually vsed to be bought be-cause the may not vtter hit after their owne concentes and prices,² hit is ordeyned at this present leete [by consent] off the same, that euery vittailer inhabet *wit*hin this Cite from hen[s]forth duly kepe suche assise of wyne, ale, & other vitall as the Meir of this Cite³ shall sett, and that no vituler inhabit *wit*hin this Cite sell hereafter eny wyne or eny other vitall brought to this Cite for the stuffe of the same in gret out of the seid Cite, and that noy (*sic*) vituler of this Cite destitute hereafter this Cite of wyne, or other witall or stuffe vsually vsed by theym to stuffe this Cite, vppon the peyne who-so offend in eny of the seid poyntes to forfeit at euery defalt Cs., and to haue imprisonment by xx dayes, euery of the seid florfettoures to be rered and applied in maner & forme afore rehersed.

who sell outside the city,

and make it destitute of provisions at appointed prices.

Every victualler so offending against the assize set "by the mayor"

and selling in gross out of the city

shall forfeit 100s. and be imprisoned 21 days.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 13 Ed. IV.]

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Ruyton,⁴ Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Bett, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Onley, Tho. Ingram, Will. Pere, Will. Horsley, Tho. Dove, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Joh.⁵ Seman,⁵ Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Colyns, Ric. Pulton, Will. Shore, Will. Cokes, Joh. flyssher.⁶

"Couentre." Oct. 2.

Jury.

Balliffs and sheriffs. Orders of leet. The chaundlers to be ruled by the mayor.

[Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme.]

⁷ Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete that þe Chaundelers of þis Cite from-hensfurth haue no keepers of their Craft, but only the Meir for the tyme beyng to haue þe gudyng of them, as afore tyme hath be vsed.

¹ MS. sane. ² Fresh paragraph in MS.

³ "can set" deleted. ⁴ "Will. Pere" deleted.

⁵ Deletions. ⁶ "Lau. Walgraue" deleted. ⁷ Scribe B.

No casting of
muck allowed

or 20s. fine.

No leather
to be carried
within the
walls for
dread of fire.

Also pat all they that haue stables in Catesby lane frohensfurth cast no muke into þe comien Ryver, nor that they make no mukhilles ther, but carie hit awaye as hit is made, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt xx s.

Also that all Coriours & Coruiseurs pat shall corry leddere frohensfurth corry noo ledder within þe walles of þis Cite, vppon the peyn to lese at euery defalt xl s., ffor drede of ffyre.

THE REDEMPTION OF THE FRANCHISES.

Oct. 22, 1473.

The mayor
asks assist-
ance of his
brethren.

¹Mem. that the xxij day of October the xiiij yere of the kyng [Edw.] the fforth Rob. Atterton, m. (etc.) asked assistaunce of his Brederen for that at (*sic*) he distreyned diuers persones for the money benyng (*sic*) byhynde unto the kyng in the tyme of Joh. Bet then beyng Mayre. Will. Stafford, Mayster of the Trinite yelde, Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Rob. Onley, Joh. Bet, the whiche promised hym assistaunce in all tyme to come.

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1474.

"Couentre."

Jan. 25.

8 Electors.

¶ ²[Election of officers.]

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Joh. Gauge.³

[m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Joh. Aysseburn, Joh. Grove; w. Hen. Marlar, Will. Taylour, Bowyer; mace, Will. Naysse.

J. Ps.

Ric. Braytoft, jun., m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Stafford, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve.

Key-keepers.

The same except the Recorder.

The leets of
this mayor
which should
be entered
here are
entered in
R. Atterton's
time on the
preceding
leaf.

⁴Mem. quod lete huius Maioris que hic intrarentur intrantur tempore Rob. Atterton, m., folio precedente.

¹ leaf 348, back. ² leaf 220. Scribe of E type.

³ The scribe has omitted the remaining 16 names.

⁴ Scribe B. Braytoft's leets are entered leaves 219 and back.

EASTER LEET.

¶¹ [V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, jun. m., Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 14 Ed. IV.]

“Couentre.”
Apr. 18.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Wilgris, Rob. Atterton, Will. Saunders, Rob. Onley, Will. Horselay, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Blubery, Will. Thistilth, Will. Baxster, Will. Elys, Joh. Assheburn, Joh. Grove, Hen. Marler, Ric. Pulton, Joh. ffyssher, Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Emmottes.

Jury.

[Ordaigned] þat no maner man frohensfurth thak ne couer his house with strawe nor brome within this Cite towardes þe strete or nygh eny other place withinfurth, vppon þe peyn to lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d., and to take such house doon, or els couer hit with tyle, etc.

“Against thatch buildings.”

6s. 8d. fine.

Also þat euery pavyer þat paveth within þis Cite þat he make goode & sufficient pavyng, vppon the peyn to pave hit newe at his owne charge.

“Pauiers.”

Also þat no Milner within þis Cite and suberbes þerof holde vp þe awatir (*sic*) aboue þe assise late assised & set in þe watir, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d.

“Millers water.”

Also þat no Bochour within þis Cite fede his hogges at Popyngpitte or at eny oþer place with intrelles of bestes or such filthy thyng like, vppon þe peyn of xls.

“Butchers feeding swine.”

Also þat no maner persone of þis Citie frohensfurth rove,² but shote at stondyng prikkes & buttes, vppon the peyn, who doth to þe contrarie to lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d.

“Shooting at buts only.”

Also þat no ffishemonger nor their seruauentes frohensfurth passe þe market to take vp panyers with ffysssh, but to bye theym in þe Croschepyng, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þe shirrifs.

“ffish-mongers.”

Also þat the dryver of the Bochours Carre frohensfurth throwe his intrelles and oþer stufte þat he carieth in myddes of þe pitte & not be þe sides, vp þe peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery defalt.

“Butchers filth.”

¹ leaf 219.

² To shoot at a movable target.

Apr. 21.

RECEPTION OF PRINCE EDWARD.

It is granted .

¹ Mem. that the xxiiijth day of the moneth of Aprill, In the xiiijth yeere of oure souereyn lorde kyng Edward the iiijth accordyng to the Rule of the Citie the Meyre called xlviijth persones To witt what shuld [be] yeven to oure Souereyn lorde, the prince Edward. The wich persones after-named graunted ^{xx} iiiij li. a C marke to the prince, and the residue to a Cuppe and in other Charges, etc.

that £80 be raised for the prince's welcoming; 100 marks to go to a cup.

Collectors.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Ingeram, Joh. Gryme, Will. Horsley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Dovue, Will. Baxster, Joh. Mores, Tho. ffurd, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Blubury, Will. Thistulton, Joh. Ayssheburn, Joh. Grove, Hen. Marlar, Tho. Bagott, Ric. Pulton, Will. Cockes, Rob. Jakes, Joh. Emmottes, Tho. Wode, Joh. ffyssher, Gal. Artherun, Joh. Castell, Joh. Smyth, Baker, Joh. Douve, Ric. Drought, Tho. Straunge, Ric. Dawes, Bowyer, Nic. Kent, Sim. Birches, Rob. Topelyff, Phil. Robertes, Tho. Squier, Tho. Bailly, Will. Rowley, Joh. Stanlowe, Ric. Cooke, mercer, Hen. Colyns, Will. Radburn.

These ben the names vnder folowyng of the Collectours that ben charged to geder ^{xx} iiiij li. aboue writtyn.

Gosford-ward : Joh. Hustyng, Ric. Smith, Rog. Sutton. [£7. 10s. 0d.]

Jurden-well-ward : Ric. Wilson, Hen. Staffordshire, Ed. Holcote. [£5. 10s. 0d.]

Mych-park-strete : Will. Compton, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Stanlowe, Tho. Thorn. [£7. 6s. 8d.]

Bayly-lane : Hugo Hyton, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Padland. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

Erle-strete-ward : Rob. Jakes, Nic. Halle, Ric. Reynod. [£10. 6s. 8d.]

Brode-yate-ward : Joh. Julyans, Rob. Schawbury, Rob. Lyndsey, Coko. [£4. 0s. 0d.]

Smythford-ward : Pet. Clerkson, Rob. Gardiner, Tho. Hawnell. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

Sponne-ward: Will. Goodlad, Will. Hopkeynes,¹ Ric. Turnour. [£10. 0s. Od.]

Croschepyng-ward: Hen. Balle, Joh. Wilson, Will. Radburn, Rob. ffayreman. [£13. 6s. 8d.]

Bysshop-strete-ward: Joh. Neuman, Ric. Chapman, Rob. Wode, Joh. Gerveys. [£10. 0s. Od.]

² *Memorandum*. That the xxviith day of the Moneth of Aprill cam oure lorde prince Edward out of Walys so by Warrewik to Couentre, and the Meire and his brethern with the diuers of Cominalte of the seide Citie, clothed in Grene and Blewe, metyng oure seid lorde Prince, vpon horsbake by-yonde the Newe Crosse, in a Chare, beyng of Age. of iij yere,³ there welcomyng hym to his Chaumber and yevyng hym there a C mark in a gilt Coppe of xv Ouncez with a kerchyff of Plesaunce upon the seid Coppe; and then comyng in-to [the] Citie. And at Babulake yate there ordeyned a stacion, therin beyng kyng Richard with xiiij other arrayed lyke as Dukes, Markises, Erles, Vicouns, and Barous, and lordis with mynstralley of the Waytes of the Cite, and kyng Richard there havyng this speche here folowyng:

Apr. 28.
"Prince
cometh
to Couentry."

REX RICHARDUS. Welcom, full high and nobull prince,
to us right speciall,

To this your chaumbre, so called of Antiquite!

The presens of your noble person reioyseth our⁴ hartes all;

We all mowe blesse the tyme of your Natiuite.

The right lyne of the Royall blode ys now as itt schulde be;⁵

Wherefore God of his goodnes preserue you in bodily helth,

To us and your tenauntes here perpetuall ioy; and to all the londis welth!

Also at the Condite afore Richard Braytoft the Elder, a-nother stacion with iij Patriarkes there stondyng vpon

¹ Probably ancestor of the Hopkins' family, of Palace Yard, the hosts of Stuart kings and princesses.

² leaf 221. "Receivenge prince Edward" in a later hand heads this passage.

³ Space in MS. New or Queen's Cross was at Stivichall.

⁴ MS. your. ⁵ In allusion to the Yorkist descent.

the seid Condite, with Jacobus xij sonnes with mynstraley of harpe and dowsemeris,¹ & there Rennyng wyne in on place; and there on of the seid Patriarkes havyng this speche vnder writtyn:²

[PATRIARCH.] O God most glorious!³ Grounder and Gyder of all grace!

To vs iij Patriarkes thou promysed, as scripture maketh rehersall,

That of our stok lynially schuld procede and passe

A prynce of most nobull blode and kynges sonne Imperiall;

The wich was full-fylled in God. And nowe referre itt we schall

Vnto this nobull prynce that is here present,

Wich entreth to this his Chaumber, as prynce full reuerent.

Also at the Brodegate a Pagiont; and seint Edward beyng therin with x a-states with hym, with mynstraley of harpe & lute, and kyng Edward havyng this speche next foloyng:

[KING EDWARD.] Nobull prynce Edward, my Cossyn & my knyght,

And very prynce of oure lyne com yn⁴ dissent!⁵

⁶ I, seint Edward, haue persued for your faders Imperiall right,

Wherof he was excludid by full furius Intent.

Vnto this your Chaumber, as prynce full excellent,

3e be right Welcom; thanked be Crist of his sonde!⁷

For þat that was oures is nowe in your faders hande.

Also at the Crosse in the Croschepyng, were iij prophettes standyng at the crosse seynsyng,⁸ and upon the Crosse a-boven, were Childer of Issarell syngyng and castyng out Whete obles⁹ and floures, and iij pypis reunnyng wyne.

¹ dulcimers.

² "Nobull prince Edward, my Cossyn and my knyght.

And very prynce of oure lyne comen by dissent"³ is deleted.

³ "and" deleted. ⁴ MS. comyn.

⁵ "verte folium" follows. ⁶ leaf 221, back.

⁷ Sonde = messenger. ⁸ burning incense. ⁹ cakes.

Also in the Croscheping a-fore the Panyer, a Pagent¹ and iij Kynges of Colen therein *with* other diuers arraied and ij knyghts armed *with* mynstralsy of small pypis, and one of the Kynges havng this speche vnder writtyn :

[A KING OF COLOGNE.] O splendent Creator! In all oure speculacion,

More bryghter then Phebus, excedent all lyzt!

We thre kyngs beseche the, *with* meke mediacion,

Specially to *preserue* this nobull prynce, þi knyght,

Wich by Influens of thy grace *procedeth* a-right.

Of on of vs thre lynnyally, we fynde,

His Nobull Moder, quene Elizabeth, ys comyn of þat kynde.

Also vpon the Condite in the Croscheping, was seint George armed; and a kynges doughter knelyng a-fore hym *with* a lambe; and the fader & the moder, beyng in a toure a-boven, beholdyng seint George savyng their doughter from the dragon; and the Condite rennyng wyne in iij placez, and mynstraley of Orgonpleyinge, and seint George havng this speche under writtyn :

[SAINT GEORGE.] O myghty God! Oure all socour celestial!

Wich þis Royme hast geven to dower

To thi moder, and to me, George, *proteccion* perpetuall,

Hit to defende from Enimies ffere & nere;

And as this mayden defended was here,

Bi thy grace, from this Dragon devoure,

So, Lorde, *preserue* this noble prynce, and euer be his socoure!

OATH TO PRINCE EDWARD.

² Also the iij^{de} day of May the Meire & his Brethren were sende fore to com a-fore my lorde prynce, and there were desired to be sworn vnto hym in like wyse as here is vnder written. And also oure seid lorde charyng the meyre to swere the comente of the Cite after the same fforme as ffoloweth :—

May 3.

¹ This was perhaps the shearmen and taylors' pageant. They would have the necessary costumes for the Magi.—Hardin Craig, 115.

² leaf 222.

"Mayor
and Citizens
sworn to the
prince."

I knowlege; take and répute you, Edward, Prynce of Wales, Duc of Cornewaille, and Erle of Chestré, first begoten; sonne of oure soueraign lorde, Edward the iiij^{the}, kyng of England, and of ffrance and lorde of Ireland, to be verray and vndoubted heire of oure seid soueraign lorde as to the Corunes and Royaumes of England and ffrance and lordship of Irland, and promytte and swere that in cas hereafter hit happon you by Goddes disposicion to ouerlyve oure said soueraign lorde, I schall then take and accept you for true verray and rightwys kyng of England and of ffrance and lorde of Ireland, and feithe & trowthe to you schall bere, and in all thynges truly and feithfilly behaue me toward you and your heires, as a true and feithfull subgett oweth to behaue to his soueraign lorde and rightwys kyng of England and of ffrance and lorde of Irland. And I schal-be redye at all tyme accordyng *with* my duete to com at your calling and to geve you attendaunce; and, yf the case so require, to leve and to dye in your lawful quarell. And from hensforth I schall eschewe and forbere to geve, take or resceyve any lyueree, reteignour or cognesaunce, otherwyse then may accorde *with* the lawe and the statutes in that behalfe made. So helpe me God at the holy dome and by the holy euangelies.

They take
oath to live
and die in his
quarrel,

and take no
liveries.

THE MEASURES.

Exchequer Memoranda Easter term 1474 in the roll on the side of the King's Remembrancer.

On May 12 in that term comes before the Barons a certain J. Wyldgrys of Coventry in his own person and showed the Court here two iron rods, one a yard long, another an ell long, used for measuring saleable cloth and other measurable things to be sold in the city, begging through the favour

In *memorandis Scaccarii videlicet inter Recorda de termino Pasche* [14 Ed. IV.] *in Rotulo ex parte Rememoratoris Regis.*

Mem. quod duodecimo die Maii hoc termino venit hic coram Baronibus quidam Joh. Wyldgrys, Ciuis Ciuitatis Couentre, in propria persona sua, et exhibuit Curie hic duas virgas ferrias (*sic*), vnam longitudinis vnus virge et aliam longitudinis vnus vlne, pro pannis venalibus & aliis rebus mensurabilibus in Ciuitate predicta vendendis vsitatas, petens ex gracia

of the court in the city's name that these rods be placed by the side of the standard of the Exchequer, to prove if the same yard and ell were legal measures and corresponded to the Exchequer standard or no. Whereupon on the same day the said yard and ell having been compared with the Exchequer yard, it appears to the barons that the said yard brought by J. Wyldegrys is of standard length, and that the ell is equal to the length of a yard and a quarter according to the standard yard of the Exchequer. The same yard and ell thereafter, that is to say on May 20, 1474, are delivered sealed with the Exchequer seal to J. Wyldegrys, here present in the name of the city, to be used as lawful measures agreeing with the standard of the Exchequer, henceforward in the city for measuring cloth and other things.

Curie nomine Ciuitatis predicte virgas predictas standardo huius Scaccarii apponi, vt probetur si eodem virga & vlna legales mesure & standardo huius Scaccarii concordantes fuerint neene. Et super hoc, eodem die dictis virga & vlna standardo virge huius Scaccarii appositis, plane videtur Baronibus dictam virgam per prefatum Joh. Wyldegrys liue delatam standardo virge huius Scaccarii in longitudine fore concordantem, dictamque vlnam longitudinis vnus virge & vnus quarterii vnus virge secundum mensuram standardi dicte virge huius Scaccarii equaliter fore. Eodem virga & vlna postea, scilicet xx^{mo} die Maii dicto anno quartodecimo, sigillo domini Regis huius Scaccarii sigillate deliberantur prefato Joh. Wyldegrys, nomine Ciuitatis predicte hic presenti, vt mesure legales standardo huius Scaccarii concordantes pro pannis venalibus & aliis rebus mensurabilibus in Ciuitate predicta de cetero vlnandis vsitande (sic) etc.

STATUTE OF WINCHESTER.

¹Thies ben the Statutes of Wynchestur Ennakte & publisshed by the kyng and all his lordes Spirituall & Temporall thorough-out Ingelond vpon all maner vittellars and other diuerse men of Craft etc.

Be the discession [and] ordinaunce of all the Royalme of Englund Spirituall & Temporall of all maner wyghtes & mesures þat was made by the graynes of whete; þat is to

Weights and
measures.
Troy weight,
etc.

¹ leaf 222, back. Beautifully written with occasional words and marginal notes in red. Statutes of the Realm, I. 117, 201: *et passim*.

32 grains of
wheat make
a sterling or
pennyweight.
20 dwts. = an
ounce;
12 oz = 1 lb.
Corn mea-
sure.
2 pints
= 1 quart;
2 quarts
= 1 pottle;
2 pottles
= 1 gallon;
8 gallons
= 1 bushel;
8 bus.
= 1 quarter.

Avoirdupois.

32 grains
= 1 dwt.;

20 sterling
= 1 oz.
16 oz = 1 lb.

The hundred
(cwt.)
= 5 score
lbs.;
50 lbs. =
half a hun-
dred; 25 lbs.
= a quarter;
12½ lbs. =
half quarter,
or Stone.
6½ lbs
= ½ Stone.

2 bus.
= ½ cwt.
1 bus.
= ¼ cwt.
½ bus.
and 12½ lbs.
= 1 peck.

Long mea-
sure.
3 barley corns
= 1 in.
12 in. = 1 ft.
3 ft. = 1 yd.
Cloth mea-
sure.

vnderstond þat xxxij graynes of whete take out of the mydens of the Ere makith a sterling oper-wyse called a peny; & xx sterling maketh an Ounce; and xij Ounce maketh a Pounce for siluer, golde, bred & Mesure; wich weyght makith a pynte of Whete; & ij pyntes maketh a quart; & ij quartes maketh a Pottell; & ij Pottels makith a Gallon; & viij Gallons makith a Buysshell, and neyther hepe nor Cantell;¹ and to be striken *with* a Rasyd stryke;² and viij Buysshelles makith a Quarter, striken *with* a Rasid stryke, and neyther hepe nor Cantell.

Also the same tyme was ordeyned by the kynge and all his lordes Spirituall & Temporall that the seid xxxij^{ti} graynes of whete take out of the myddes of the Ere makith a sterling peny & xx^{ti} sterling makith a Ounce of haburdepeyse; and xvj Ounce makith a li., to be deuyded from the most part in-to the lest part to by & sell Spycers by and all her Chaffer þat perteyneth vnto weyght, & so ij li., iiij li., viij li., and soo furth to the C., and to pis day þe C³ ys trewe after v^{xx} for the C, the wich kepes weyght & mesure 1 li. the halfe C, xxv^{ti} li. the quartern, xij li. & halfe the halfe quartern, þe wich was called of olde tyme beyng Stone of London, & vj li. & a quartern ys the halfe Stone,⁴ as it appereth in Magna Carta. & þat is oo weyght & oo mesure thorough-out Englund for a C after this weyght; ij buysshell Whete & halfe a C weyght, a buysshell whete and a quartern weyght, halfe a buysshell & xij & halfe Weyght a pekke, and so furth weyght fro weyght vnto the seid sterlyng; all the weyghtes & mesures to be occupied *with* trewe beme and ballaunce, and that the Tonge of the beme encline vpon the on part nor on the oper part, but þat hitt kepe the myddes of the beme.

Also hitt was ordeyned at the same tyme that iij barley-Cornes take out of the middes of the Ere makith a Inche; and xij Inches makith a foote, and iij fote makith a yarde. And hit to be sysed and sealed & therupon to

¹ = a part or portion, *N. E. D.* s. v. Cantele.

² Hence strike = a bushel.

³ The modern cwt. = 112 lbs. must be "a long hundred."

⁴ A stone now = 14 lbs.

be marked a true halfe yarde, quarter, halfe quarter, Nayle, and halfe Nayle; the Elle to be v quarters of the yarde in lengthe, and hitt to be sysed and sealed and pat hit be marked in iiij partes accorlyng for an Eln; and out of the seid yard growith a Rodde to mesure lond by, the wich Rod conteyneth in lengthe v yardes & halfe. Also for a Gauge for ale, bere & wyne growith out of the seide yard. The wyghtes & mesures accordyng vnto the Statutes Ennakte as it apperith in Magna Carta.

Also ther is a Statute late made that the seid wyghtes & mesures schuld rest in the kynges Eschekour, that euery Citie, brorough, (*sic*) Town & village schuld sett their wyghtes there [or euery mayor or steward of franchise to pay £10, a bailiff £5, a constable 40s.]

Statutes de Wynchestur de vitellers & de aliis hominibus a [? et] artificiiis vt patet suprascripte.

ffurst the syse of a Millar is pat he schall not haue no Mesures at his mille, But thei be sysed and sealed accordyng to the kynges standard; and he schall haue of euery buysshell of whete j quart for the Gryndyng, and if he fett hitt a-nother for the fettyng [and of a bushel of malt 1 pint for each of these items.] Nother that he water nother chaunge no mannes corne to geve hym the wers for the better. Nother that he water nother chaunge no mannes corne to geve hym the wers for the better; nother he schall haue no hogges, Gees ne duckys at hys Mille, nor no maner of Pultre but iij hennes and on Cokke; and if he do the contrary to any ¹of thies his fyne is at euery tyme xld., and if he well nott be war by iij warnynges, the iij^{de} tyme he to be Juded to the Pillory.

Also the sise of a Baker is vjd. highing and vjd. lowing in the prise of j quarter whete, for and he lake j vnce in the weyght of a q^a loffe he to be merced at xx d., and yf he lak j vnce and a halfe he to be merced at ij s. in all maner brede so lakkyng; and yf he bake ouer pat sise he to be Juded vnto the Pillory.

[A Brewer's assise] is xij d. highing and xij d. lowing in the price of a quarter Malte, and euermore shilling to q^a, ffor when he breth [? breweth] a quarter Malte for ij s.

¹ leaf 223.

1½ yds
= 1 ell,

Land mea-
sure.
5½ yds
= 1 rod.

All weights
to be accord-
ing to the
standard at
the Exche-
quer,
or officials to
be fined.

Statute of
Winchester
of victuallers
and other
artificers.
"Millers"

to take 1 qt.
of every
bushel for
grinding,
and another
for fetching.

To have only
3 hens and 1
cock at his
mill or 40d.
fine;

and the
pillory.
"Bakers"
to sell bread
[? at the ratio
of ¼d. in]
every 6d. of
the price of a
quarter of
wheat; those
lacking 1 oz.
in the
further loaf
pay 20d.
or 1½ oz.
pay 2s.,
and over this
pillory.
"Brewers"
to sell ale at
the ratio of
¼d. in every
shilling of the

price of a quarter of malt; thus to sell at $\frac{3}{4}d.$ a gallon when malt is 2s. a quarter; and at $\frac{3}{4}d.$ when it is at 3s. and at 1d. when at 4s. and so forth. Ale to be tested by ale tasters. Measures to be sealed.

then schall he selle a Gallon of the best ale for an ob., and so to make xlviij gallons of j quarter malte, and when he byeth for iij s. iij q^a a gallon, iiij s. iiij q^a, v s. v q^a, vj s. vj q^a, vij s. vij q^a, viij s. viij q^a a gallon and no ferther; and pat he sett no ale to Sale tyll he haue sent after the ale tasters. And as ofte as he doth the contrary he to be amerced at vjd. And pat he sell non but be mesure sised and sealed. And [pat] he sell a quart of the best ale with-Inne hym upon his tabull for an ob. And if he do the contrary to any of thies, or and he sell not after the price of malte he to be amerced [12d. for the first time, the second 1s. 8d., if two warnings insufficient the third to be judged to the "Cukkyngstole" and after to the pillory.]

"Bochers" to take only 1d. in the 1s. profit. The head, pluck (etc.) of grazing cattle to go with the carcase. Bulls to be first baited.

[A butcher's assize] is that he shalbe no excesse taker more thanne of the shilling jd. he hede, the gadir,¹ the offall and the fete for the skynne and the tallowe shall goo with the karkeyse of all such Catell as fedeth, and of all such Catell as ffedeth not he schall haue but the hed, the offall and the skynne; nor pat he sle no bullis ffleshe but yf hit be bayted, nor Cowe pat is a bullyng nor grete with Calffe, nor no Ewye that is on Rammyng nor grete with lambe, nor no sowe pat is a brymmyng² nor grete with pygges. Nor pat he sell no Currupte fflessh; [or pay for the first time, 12d., the second 1s. 8d., the third 3s. 4d.]. And if he sell any fectyff³ ffleshe he to be Juged to the Pillore.

No corrupt flesh to be sold.

"fyschers"

not to forestall the market.

[A fisher's assize] is that he schal-be non excesse taker more pan the shilling jd., nor pat he schall not for-stall no markett, nor pat he house no maner of ffyssh, but pat he sett hitt in the pleyne markett plase, nor pat he water no maner of ffyssh twyes, nor pat he sell no sectiff ffyssh, [or pay the first time 12d. the second 1s. 8d.] the iij^{de} tyme he to be Juged vnto a peyre of Stokkes openly in the market place.

"Cookees"

[A cook's assize] is pat selleth both flesh and ffysh;

¹ The pluck (heart, liver and lights) of an animal esp. of a sheep or calf. *N. E. D.* s. v. Gather, where the earliest quotation is dated 1530.

² *v.* Gloss.

³ infected.

and þat he sell no maner flesshe and ffysshe but hitt be good, holsum & sesonnable both in sethyng, Rostyng and bakynge; and þat he seth, Rost nor bake no maner of mete twyes; for and itt may be provid his fyne is att euery tyme xld. and if he will not be warre be ij warnynges, the iij^{de} tyme to be Juge to pe pillory.

[An "Inholder's" assize] is þat his mesures be sised and sealed that [he] sellith his provendore by, and he to haue of euery buysshell provendar jd. wynnyng ouer the market gooth;¹ and his bottell of haye of an ob. shall way vij lb. and his liter free, or elles to wey j penyworth of horsbred, kepyng the sise þough j lode of heye be solde for xij s. iijjd. And his ffagott of wodde of an ob. schal-be iij schaftmond² and a halfe a-bout and a yerde of lenthe. And his ffagott of jd. schal-be vij schaftmond a-bout, kepyng the same lenght. And he schall sell j potte of iij pyntes of the best ale within hym for jd., and yf he be a Brewer to sell as another brewer doth. And þat he bake no maner brede within hym to sell, [or pay the first time 12d., the second 1s. 8d., the third 3s. 4d.] and so ffurth. And yf he kepe any Bawdery withinne hym his fyne is at euery tyme vj s. viij d. And yf he will nott be war of ij warnynges the iij^{de} tyme he to be Juge vnto the pillore and after to for-swere the town.

³[A taverner's⁴ assize is] that he schal-be non excesse taker more thenne of j gallon Redde wyne and white wyne but ij d. of the gallon wynnyng, and of alle oper Swete wynes iijjd. of the gallon wynnyng, and that he sett no wyne to sale till he haue sende after the Officers of the town to tast it and to se that hett be good and able wyn; and þat his vessels be gawged and so marked on the hedes. And he to be sworne by-fore the Officers of the town what hitt cost hym; and after þat he to sell his wyn. And þat he selle non but be mesure sised and sealed. And that he make nor melle no maner wyn withinne his

to sell wholesome and seasonable meat; not twice cooked.

"Inne holders" to have 1d. profit on every bushel;

and to sell bottle of hay for ½d.; which is to weigh 7 lbs.;

and 3 pints of ale for 1d.

No baking of bread;

no bawdry;

for the 3rd offence the pillory and to forswear the town.

"Taverners" to have 2d. profit in the gallon of red and white wine; of other wines 4d.

He is not to make or mix

¹ ? goes.

² The measure of the palm with the thumb extended, gen. taken as six inches. O.E. scaftmund = a palm, a palm's length. (E. E. D. s. v. Shaftment.)

³ Leaf 223, back.

⁴ Evidently sells wine; while an inn-holder sells only ale.

wine in his
tavern,

and if he sell
defective
wine his
tavern door
is to be
sealed in.

“Tallow-
chaundlers”

to sell 1 lb.
of candles
for 1d. which
is ½d. for the
wick and ½d.
for work-
manship.

“Spycers”

not to sell
by guess.

“Wevers”
not to sell
thrums.

“Tanners”

to tan
thoroughly.

Tauerne, and if he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amerced [first time 12d., second 1s. 8d., third 3s. 4d.] and so fforth. And yf he sell any fectiff wyn his Tauerne durre to be sealed Inne, and he to make a fyne at the kynges wyll, or of the lordes of the ffraunchies, and after to be Jued accordyng to the statute.

[A tallow-chaundler's assize] is that selleth Otemele sope & other diuerse Chaffers, that his wyghtes & mesures be sised and sealed and trewe beme, for when he bieth j lb. of Tallowe for an ob., þan schall he sell j lb. of Candell for a d., and that is a q^a for the weke and a-nother for the werkemanship, and Right so as talowe highegh and loweth he to sell his Candels [or 12d. fine the first time, 1s. 8d. the second, 3s. 4d. the third] And yf his stuffe be nott good or lakke of his wyght or ande he sell not after the price of talowe, he to forfet þat is forfetable, and he to be amerced and Jued accordyng to the forme of the Statute.

[A spicer's assize] is that his weyghtes be sised & sealed and true beme, and þat he sell by no hernes,¹ nor by ayne of hande, nor by no maner of subtilte to the disseyte of the Comons; and that his spyces be good and clene garbelid² [or 3s. 4d. fine every time, and after two warnings the third time to be judged to the pillory].

[A weaver's assize] ys that he wey by no stones nor be no maner of weyghtes but if thei be sised and sealed and trae beme, nor þat he sell no man's Thrommes,³ lynnene wollen, [or to be amerced and judged according to the Statute].

[A tanner's assize is] that he tanne no Shepys leddur, Derus leddur, Gettys leddur, horse ledur nor houndes leddur, nor that he tanne no maner leddur to selle but if itt be thorowe tanned, and yf [he] do the contrary to any of thies his fyne ys at euery tyme vj s. viij d., and to forfett that that is forfetable, and yf he will nott bewar of ij

¹ ? Earnest.

² Garble = to clean away the refuse of spice. v. *N. E. D.*, where all the examples are later than this. The term comes from Arabic.

³ = waste ends of warp after the cloth is woven.

Warnynges, the iij^{de} tyme he to be Jued acording to the forme of the Statute.

Also the sise of a Cordener is that he make no maner of Schoys nor bootes but of good nettys ledur and calves ledur, and pat it be thorough tannyd and thorowe Coryed, and pat he Cory no lethir within hym. And yf he do the contrary to any of thies hys fyne ys at euery tyme vj s. viij d. and to forfett that is forfettable; and yf he will nott bewarr be ij warnynges, the iij^{de} tyme he to be Jued according to the forme of the Statue.

"Cordeners" to make boots and shoes of good neat's leather.

Also the sise of a Corriour is pat he corry no maner of lether but yf it be thorowe tanned, neuid,¹ coried, with sufficient stuffe and that itt be serched and sen by an offycer of the town to se that the stuffe be good and able and that the lether be well corryed and yf he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amerced and Jued acording to the forme of the Statue.

"Corriours" to curry leather thoroughly tanned, and viewed by the searcher.

Also the sise of a whittawer is that he make nor tawe no maner of lether but Shepis lether, Gettes lethir, deris ledur, horse-lethir, or houndes-lether, and that itt be made with sufficient stuffe, and yf he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amerced & Jued acording to the forme of the Statute.

"Whittawers" to dress sheep's, goat's, deer's, horse's and hound's leather.

Also the sise is that no mercer, Grocer, Draper, Smyth nor no other crafty man by nor sell no maner thyng that apperteyneth to weyghtes and mesures, but yf ther weyghtes and mesures be sised & sealed² acording³ to the Kynges Standard A[nd] yf he do the Contrary to any of thies he to be amerced and Jued acording to the fforme of the Statute.

"Alle maner craftsmen"

to have proper weights.

Also the sise ys that no maner of man nor woman schall not stalle nor Re grate no markett, nor noping that schall com there-too, no per withinne the town nor without, wher thorough the markett shuld be the Wers and the pore Comons gretely hurte to by as the ij^{de} honde; and he that doth the Contrary to any of thies he to be amerced and Jued acording to the forme of the Statute etc.

"forstallers and Re grateurs"

forbidden to impair the market by forcing people to buy at second hand.

¹ I can make nothing of this word; it is plainly written; possibly letters are omitted.

² leaf 224.

³ "acording" repeated at top of leaf 224.

THE WAR TAXES.

[Jul. 22.

[The king to the mayor and sheriffs of Coventry, present and to come, greeting. Know ye that the commons of our kingdom of England in our present parliament, with the advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal being in the same, have granted us, to the honour of God and our aid, for defence of our subjects and the community of the same and the necessities of this our kingdom against our and their ancient and mortal enemies, a whole fifteenth and tenth, in part satisfaction and payment of the wages of thirteen thousand archers, each of them taking 6d. a day for one whole year, to be received and raised from the goods and chattels, and also from other things liable to be contributory within counties, cities, boroughs, vills, and other places of the said kingdom, in manner and form hitherto accustomed; to be levied and paid at the feast of S. Martin in Winter next to come, which will be 1474. Except the exceptions and deductions, as they are specified more fully in an act made with

¹Edwardus, Dei gracia (etc.) Maiori & vicecomitibus Ciuitatis Couentrie, qui² nunc sunt & qui pro tempore erunt, Salutem. Sciatis quod communitates regni nostri Anglie in presenti parlamento nostro, de auisamento & assensu dominorum spiritualium & temporalium in eodem existencium, ad Dei honorem nostrique assistenciam, pro celeri atque necessaria huius regni nostri subditorumque nostrorum, [et] Communitatis eiusdem defencione contra nostros eorumque antiquos ac mortales inimicos, concesserunt nobis vnam integram quintamdecimam & decemam,³ in partem contentacionis & solucionis vadiorum tresdecim Millium hominum architenencium, quolibet eorum sex denarios per diem per vnum annum integram percepturo, in presenti parlamento nostro intuitu premissorum⁴ nobis per eandem Communitatem concessorum, percipiendas et leuandas de bonis & catallis necnon ceteris rebus ad tales quintasdecimas & decimas contribuere⁵ atque onerabilibus infra Comitatus, Ciuitates, Burges³ & villas, aliaque loca huius dicti regni nostri, modo & forma hactenus vsitatis; leuandas & soluendas in festo S. Martini in Yeme proximo futurum, quod erit in anno domini Millesimo CCCC^{mo} septuagesimo quarto. Saluis tamen excepcionibus & deduccionibus prout in quodam

¹ leaf 225.² Repeated.³ Sic.⁴ A stroke of "n" wanting.⁵ Sic. ? some omission.

regard to the same in the present parliament.

[We, fully understanding that a whole fifteenth and tenth within the county of the aforesaid city amount to £62 17s. 5d.,

wishing also to have the said sum at Martinmas according to the aforesaid concession, have appointed by these letters patents our beloved Tho. Bayly nominated for the said community in our chancery to levy and collect the said £62.17s.5d. from such places, persons and goods within the said city and the fee of the county of the same, in such manner as tenth and fifteenth were wont to be raised in the said city and county ;

and we appointing the said sum thus collected to be deposited by the said collectors in the place or places where the sum of the tenth part, granted to us by the aforesaid community in our present parliament, of the yearly value of the issues and profits of all lands and tenements, rents, fees, annuities, offices, corrodi- dies and pensions, shall be kept.

[Therefore we have assigned you, and committed power and authority to you to supervise the said collectors at all requi-

actu eiusdem parliamenti superinde confecto plenius specificantur.

Nos ad plenum intelligentes quod integra quintadecima & decima infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predicte extendunt se ad sexaginta & duas libras, decem & septem solidos & quinque denarios, volentesque proinde de eadem summa ad dictum festum S. Martini iuxta concessionem antedictam responderi, per has litteras patentes assignauerimus dilectos nobis Tho. Bayly, haburdassher, Will. Hopkyns, deister, Will. Hedde, deyster, Joh. Yale, peweturer, Joh. Totte, Rog. Vikers de Wykyn, Joh. Bedull de Stychall & Rob. Rondaunt de Stoke, per eandem Communitatem in Cancellariam nostram nominatos, ad leuandos & colligendos dictos sexaginta & duas libras, decem & septem solidos & quinque denarios, de talibus locis, personis atque bonis infra dictam Ciuitatem & Comitatus eiusdem ffeodum, modo sicuti ante hec tempore¹ quintadecima & decima in eadem Ciuitate & Comitatu predicte leuari consueuerunt,² ipsamque summam, sic collectam, in loco siue locis vbi summa decime partis valoris vnus anni tam exituum & proficuorum omnium tarrarum¹ & tenementorum, reddituum, feodorum, annuitatum, officiorum, corrodiarum & pencionum nobis in presenti parlamento nostro concessa¹ per communitatem antedictam habetur custodienda, per ipsos Collectores deponendam; assignauimus igitur vos, ac vobis potestatem

¹ Sic.

² Stroke of last "u" missing.

site times within the said city and the county of the same, and to employ your diligences at reasonable and convenient times in the supervision of the said collectors, and every of them, as regards the raising of the said sums, as aforesaid, by the same collectors within the limits of our commissions, and the hearing of the account of the said sums collected by the same collectors, and every of them according to the powers of our said commissions, so that if any of the collectors aforesaid shall refuse the burden of collecting the fifteenth and tenth assigned to him or shall not make the collection of the said sum in due form according to his power, or duly bring in the said sums by them in this part to be raised, as is aforesaid, delivered and kept, or thereupon will not make his account duly unto you, ye shall then certify us of such default or defaults of the said collector duly and without delay into our Exchequer.

[And therefore we command you that ye diligently exert yourselves concerning these premises, and perform and execute them in manner aforesaid. And we strictly enjoin all and singular our lieges and other faithful ones and subjects in the city and county aforesaid

& auctoritatem commisimus ad predictos Collectores omnibus temporibus requisitis infra Ciuitatem predictam & Comitatum eiusdem superuidendos, diligenciasque vestras temporibus racionabilibus atque conuenientibus in supervisu dictorum Collectorum & cuiuslibet eorundem adhibendo, quo ad summas antedictas per ipsos Collectores infra limites nostrarum Commissionum, vt premittitur, leuandas, Compotumque super dictis summis per ipsos Collectores iuxta vires dictarum nostrarum Commissionum colligendis ab eisdem Collectoribus & eorum quolibet audiendum; Ita quod si aliquis Collectorum predictorum refutauerit onus colleccionis quintedecime & decime predictarum, vt premittitur, sibi assignatum, aut in debita forma secundum suam potestatem colleccionem de dicta summa non fecerit, aut debite non introducat dictas summas per ipsos in ea parte leuandas, & vt predicatur, deliberandas atque seruandas, aut superinde compotum rite vobis facere noluerit, quod uos tunc talem defectum siue defectus ipsius Collectoris in Scaccarium nostrum debite ac indilate certificetis.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa diligenter intendatis, ac ea faciatis & exequimini in forma predicta. Damus autem vniuersis & singulis legibus ac aliis fidelibus & subditis nostris infra predictam Ciuitatem & Comitatum eiusdem firmiter in mandatis quod vobis in execucione premissorum intendentes sint assist-

that they exert themselves to aid and assist you diligently in the performance of the same. In witness whereof we have caused these letters patents to be made. At Westminster.
[Jul. 22, 1474.]

entes & auxiliantes in omnibus diligenter. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Wesmonasterium xxij die Julii anno regni nostri quar todecimo.

THE QUEEN'S VENISON.

¹ Mem. that oure Souerygne lady, the Quene, hathe yeffen ² to the Maire & his worshipfull Brethern and to the Mairasse & hir Sisters xij bukkys, vj of the saide Bukkys vnto the seid Meire & vj to the Mairasse, the iiijth day of September, the xiiijth yere of oure souerign lordes Reign.

Sept. 4.

By the Quene.

We woll and charge you to deliuer or [do] to be deliuered vnto oure trusty and wel-beloued the Maire and his brethrun of my lordis Citee of Couentre and their wives, or to the brynger herof in their names, xij bukkys of this season To be takyn of oure Yefte as-well within oure forest [of] ffekenham as withinne our parke of ffekenham To be euenly distributed amonges them; that is to sey vj of the saide bukkys vnto the saide Mair and his brethrin, and that other vj of them vnto their saide wyfes, any restreingt or commaundement to the contrary herof directed vnto you hertofore Notwithstandyng, and that [these] our *lettres* shalbe youre sufficient waraunt a-yenst vs in that behalue. Yeuen vnder our signet at my said lordes Citie, the iiijth day of September, the xiiij yere of my said lordis Reign.

" xij bucks giuen the City by the Queen," to the mayor and his brethren and the mayoress and her sisters from Feckenham Forest.
" xij Buckes."

From Coventry, Sept. 4, 1474

To oure trusty and welbeloued the Maister of our game of oure fforest and parke of ffekenham and to alle pe fforsters and kepers þere, and their deputes and to euerych of theym.

¹ leaf 224.

² "the" deleted.

8 bukes are received, of which the officials' families have 2 between them, while 6 are divided with money among the wards.

Also received viij Bukkes of the forseid xij Bukkes a-boue wryttyn, ij bukes of the forseid viij to the Meire and his Brethern, the Chaumberleyns, Wardens, & theire wyvez, and the other vj Bukkes to the wardes, that is to witt iij quarters of a buk to the Bysshop-strete ward and vj s. viij d. in Money. [Cross Cheaping, Spon Street, and Earl Street wards each have the same; Smithford, Much Park and Gosford Streets, Broadgate, Bayly Lane and Jorden Well receive respectively half a buk and 5s. Four men in every ward have the disposition of the venison and money.]

THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11.

¹[Names of collectors of the Martinmas fifteenth, which is £50 from the town and £12. 17s. 5d. from the "fforeynes."

Gosford Street ward: Joh. Knyght, weuer, Joh. Has-tynges £5. 16s. 0d.

Jorden Well ward: Hen. Staffordshire, Will. Huett, Rob. Mason, £4. 0s. 0d.

Much Park Street ward: Will. Compton, Rob. Crosse, Will. Jauderell £5. 0s. 0d.

Earl Street ward: Ric. Orderich, Ric. Reynold, Will. ffurd, Scherman, £6. 0s. 0d.

Bayly Lane ward: Tho. Bayly, Tho. Plant, Joh. Padland, £3. 16s. 0d.

Broadgate ward: Tho. Napton, Joh. Neele, Rob. Schawbury, £2. 10s. 0d.

Smithford Street ward: Joh. Toty, Tho. Hampton, Her. Mille, £4. 0s. 0d.

Spon Street ward: Ric. Euerdon, Will. Paynell, Will. Hopkyns, £5. 13s. 4d.

Cross Cheaping ward: Joh. Pope, Deister, Will. Hed, Deyster, Tho. Maydford, £7. 12s. 0d.

Bishop Street ward: Joh. Yale, Tho. Huyton, Will. Rose, £5. 13s. 4d. Total £50. 0s. 8d.

Collectors of the "fforreynes" and what each "hamell" pays. Rog. Vykers of Wyken, Joh. Bedell of Styvechale, Rob. Rondan of Stoke, Will. Smyth of ffo[1]sshull.

¹ leaf 224, back. Scribe of E type.

Villa de Styvechale and Asthull £1. 4s. 4d. Sowe and Caladon 16s. 0d. Pynley, Byggyng, Stoke and Whitley £1. 11s. 9d. Wykyn and Wodend £1. 7s. 0d. Coundon and Radford £1. 7s. 0d. Shilton 1s. 4d. Anstey £2. 10s. 6d. ffolshull £2. 3s. 8d. Weston 2s. 0d. Exhall £1. 14s. 4d. Keresley £1. 7s. 2d.]

Totalis forinsecorum xiiiij li. v s. jd.

Total of the
foreigns
£14 5s. 1d.

THE QUEEN'S THANKS.

¹ By the Quene.

Trusty and wel-belcuid, we grete you well; lettynge you wite that it is sodenly comen vnto oure knoliche howe þat a seruauante of my lordes, called Reignold Bulkeley, newly quareled and frayed within my lordes Citee of Couentre to the commovyng and distroublyng of my lordes peas within the same, So þat ne had the grace of God byn and your sadde polit[i]que gudyng and diligence for the souner appeasyng therof, right grete inconveniente & ieopardiet had ben like to haue ensewed þeruppon, as we ben enformed. ffor the wich youre effectuell deuoirs in þat behalves, besides the manyfold chiertees,² hertly & feythfully disposicions (*sic*) by you largely shewed vnto vs and to oure derrest son, þe prince; and in like wyse to all³ oure childern there in sundry wises hertofore, and namely vnto oure right dere son, the Duc of York, in this tyme of oure absens from thens, we can you right especial good thank; and wol take your kynde & lovyng acquitall therinne in such remembrance of oure good grace & fauoure and so thankfully shewe the same vnto my said lord that ye shall haue cause to thinke it right wel-besette. And fforasmuch as ye shall nowe certeynly vnderstond þat we entende nott in any wise to mayntene, support nor fauour any of my seide lordes seruauantes nor oures in any thair riottes or vnfyttyng demeanyng among you, nor elsewhere to oure knowlich, we wol ye wite þat we haue comaunded the [seid] Reignold vnto warde, there to abide the comyng of my lord vnto þe said Citee, To þat ende þat his highnes

Nov. 30.
"Seruant of
the kings
Comitted
to prison,
and Aproued
off by the
Queen,"

who thanks
them for
their kind-
ness to the
Prince of
Wales

and to
the Duke
of York,

and promises
to inform the
king thereof.

The queen
will not
support any
rioters,
and has com-
mitted the
offender to
ward.

¹ leaf 225, back.

² Acts of affection and devotion.

³ "oper" deleted.

may thenne vpon certeyne knowliche þerunto yeven of the same Reignoldes gudyng forsaid take such direccion for his correccion therinne accordyng to his demerites in þat behalf, & after the laudable ordenaunces & ruelles in such case vsed within my said lordes houshold as shall best like the same his highnesse. In such wise as we doubtte nott other of like in-disp[osition] shall mowe therby take a warnesse¹ semblably to attempt hereafter. Yeuen vnder our signet at my lordes Castell of Ludlowe the last day of Nouember.

Ludlow.

WAR TAXES.

By the kyng.

Trusty and wel-belouid, we grete you well, And doubtte nott but hit is in your remembraunce that by auctorite of this our present parliament ther is graunted vnto vs the x part of all temporall possessions in eny persones handes, not beyng a lorde of parlement, to be applied for the parte of wages aftre xiiij m^l archiers to attende vpon vs in oure grete viage beyonde the see; and to be deliuered vnto vs or oure comissioners aftre such tyme we haue made oure retenue for the same. We lett you wite that we haue entended with the lordes & knyghtes and squiers that shall awaite vpon vs in oure seid viage, and bounden vs by the same to pay vnto theum (*sic*) oon parte of their wages the last day of January next comyng. ffor wich causes we haue deputed our wel-beloued Joh. ffitzherbert to haue the receipt of the seid x parte within oure Citie of Couentre;² willyng therefore and also chargyng you to be helpyng and assistyng him in the same in such maner wise and forme as he on oure behalf schall desire of you. Not ffailling hereof as our trust is on you. Yevon vnder our pryue seall at our paleis at Westminster the iij^{de} day of December.

To oure trusty and wel-belouid
the Meire and Shirreffes
of our Citie of³ Couentre.

¹ This letter, which is an example of the queen's conciliatory policy, has curious "précieuse" wording throughout, cf. "jeopardiet," "distroublyng," above.

² See below, p. 414. ³ repeated and deleted.

"A x part
granted to
the King,"

for 13,000
archers to go
to France,

which
Fitzherbert is
to receive.

Dec. 3.

A BENEVOLENCE.

¹ Edward by the grace of God king (etc.) to our trusty (etc.) Ric. Braytoft, Maire of our Citee of Couentre, Hen. Boteler, Will. Shore, Will. Marchall, Tho. Warde, Rob. Hadley, Joh. Kent, Will. Stafford, Joh. Draper, and to eueryche of thaim, greting, When as after the long continued troubeles and diuisions of this our Reame of England, by the wich it hath be brought in-to grete desolacion and pouerte to oure grettest sorowe and heuinesse, God knoweth, we the xij yere of oure Reigne made to be assembled in oure paleis of Westm[ynstre] the iij estates of oure land in playne parliament to studie & fynde the most conuenable meanes and waies howe this Reame might be restored to his olde fame & renoune *with* encrease of riches and prosperite, Justice to be set vp and sur peas to be kept inwardes, Idilnesse and riot auoided, entercourse of merchandise frely to be had and vsed, the land [and] th inhabitantes therein mightly to be defended ayenst oure auncien aduarsaries and enemies, whan all the waies that might be thought to *serue* to this purpose and be exquisitely *with* all diligence serched & sought, there cowth none so be-houefull, conuenient, ne so profitable meane be founde, ne taken therefore, as to sett vp a notable and a mighty werre outwardes for the recouere and reduction to oure abeysance of oure old vndoubted enheritances, the Duchies of Normandie and Guyen and the Corone and the Reame of ffrance, wherunto by dyuerse solemne messages and enbassades sent vnto vs from oure derrest Cousins the Dukes of Burgoign and Britaign, diuers tymes and yeres, we haue, and yit be, largely required ² and encouraged, the offering thaimself, thaire subgiettes, goodes and all their puissantes, to *serue* vs, in the same oure viage & purposed enterprise, to the full and *perfit* achieving of the same in such wise & many ³ of geving thare aydes and assistentes, as neuer the like was offred to any of oure progenitours in dayes past, ne of liklihod shal-be in case

Dec. 21.
" Kings
Letter
for Raising
money for
the wars in
ffrance."

The Parlia-
ment,
wishing to
restore the
kingdom to
its old fame
and
prosperity,

chooses the
means of a
mighty
external war
against the
ancient
enemy,
France, for
that end.

The Dukes
of Brittany
and
Burgundy
promise aid;

¹ leaf 226, back. ² *i. e.* begged, desired.

³ ? *maner*. This letter, like the one p. 407, is written in a curious style, being an English translation of Latin traditional Chancery language.

and the King
of Aragon
is friendly.

the oportunitie of this tyme shuld nowe—that God forbede !
—[be] vntaken or sett a-part ; To the wich also the kyng
of Aragon and other grete princes and lordes, our frendes
and allies beyonde¹ be a-agreable (*sic*) to take oure part.

The king
intends to
accompany
the
expedition
in person,

Wherupon these matiers ripely & largely shewed &
opened to the seid iij estates of our Reame, and by their
long deliberacions and aduises well alowed and approued,
we haue taken vpon vs, vnder the very trust & hope of the
conuenient assistentes of our true liege people and subgettes,
personally to make our Jorney and passe the See in-to the
partes beyond, for the causes aboue-touched, by the moneth
of Juyn next comyng, thorough the grace and help of
almighty God, so that we may be furnessed and purueied
of such thinges as to so grete a werk must necessarily
apperteign.

through
God's grace.

And the
Lords and
Commons
have granted
a certain
proportion
of the
wherewithal ;

To the wich entent both the lordes and the comons of
this oure Reame have made vnto vs by auctorite of oure
parliament certaine god and notable grauntes of money to
be leuied and rered in maner & forme as in the *articles*
therupon passed plainly it doth appier. And forasmoch
as the *grauntes* made by oure seid comons be appointed
oonly to *serue* for mennes wages, archers, and to many²
other vse, and that none well-aduised man wol doubte but
that grete and notable god is requisite and must be had
besides for other huge and manyfold charges belonging to
such an arme, as in men of armes, ordinances, artillarie,
shippes, vitall, carriage, redy tresoure of money for
calueltees [? casualties] that necessarily will fall, the wich
couth neuer in this land be sufficiently purueied to the
prince of the same *withoute* assistente loue and kyndnes
of such *persones*, his feithfull subgettes, as God has endewed
with yftes of hauour and goodes *specially* before other.

but only
enough for
soldiers'
wages ;

or further
provision
the king
relies on the
assistant love
and kindness
of his
subjects.

Commission.
Articles of
instruction
enclosed

directing the
city officials
to approach
likely people,

Therefore it is that at this tyme we directe thees oure
present lettres vnto you *with* certein *articles* of Instruc-
tions, praying & neuerthesse charging you by the same
that ye these oure consider[*a*]cions, will, & entent, shewe &
opene vnto all such *persones* of oure Cite of Couentre,
s[*i*]ngularly & seuerally, as to your discessions shal-be
thought best willing to the ³ prosperouse estate of oure

¹ = dela.

² ? none.

³ leaf 227.

persone, to the good & assured conduct of this werke, to the redy & sounest restitution of this land to his old fame & prosperite, except only such persones as haue, ¹ in oure presence, to oure right singuler plesur, shewed largely vnto vs pair beniuolence in this behalf, whose names with their grauntes ben comprised in a cedula her-in-closed, and that by all liefull & conuenient meanes ye sturre & move þe same persones, oure feithfull subgettes & well-willers, & eueriche of them, except afore except, to shewe by wey of their good wille & beniuolence with what somes of money or oþerwise it schall please tham to help & assiste vs, takyng of euerich of tham a bille sealed after the thef-fecte and forme expressed in a cedula her-in-closed, sealed with pair Seales, of such grauntes as them (*sic*) schall like seuerally to make in this behalf, & at whatt daye or terme it shal-be paied, The wich billes from tyme to tyme [we] will that [they] be send vp vnto vs with your writyng, to pentent þat euery such persone may, accordyng to his good wille and merites, haue of vs his speciall thanke, and stande in the more ample fauour of oure good grace. And we desire [and] praye you þat ye fayle not in due & diligent execucion of thies oure lettres & desire, as our perfitte trust is on you, and as ye desire the good spede and accomplishment of our said Journey to the publique & vniuersall well of all this our Reame & subgettes of the same. Yeuen vndur oure priue Seel at oure Citie of Couentre the xxi daye of Decembre the xiiij yere of oure Reigne.

except those
who have
already
contributed,

urging them
to show
their
benevolence
by helping
the king
with a certain
sum, and
taking from
them a bill
to that
effect.

At Coventry.
Dec. 21.

To our trusty and wel-beloued
Richard Braytofte, Maire of
oure Citie of Couentre, Henry
Botteler, William Shore,
William Marchall, Thomas
Warde, Robert Hadley, John
Kent, William Stafford, John
Drapere, Commissioners of
our Citie of Couentre, and to
eueriche of thaym.

It looks like "more" in MS.

The instructions of the Commissioners.

These instructions ensuyng beth yeven by the kyng to such persones as his highnesse directeth his letters¹ of Comission vnto *within* his Citie of Couentre, for the vnderstanding & takyng of such benivolence² as his louyng subgettes there schall shewe vnto hym towardes his grete viage in-to ffrance.

To read the commission;

furst, that the said Commission, or the Copie therof, be had & distuntely (*sic*) rad in all those places where the commissioners shalt induce the people to shewe their saide benevolence.

and by all goodly means move the people to give money for waging of men;

Item, that [the]³ said Commissioners moue the people by all the goodly meanes that thei can, that such grauntes as thei wol make in this behalf be in money for waging of men; consideryng that the kyng hath ordenned (besides thees grauntes) to what certaine nomber of men his entier armie shall amount vnto, and therupon hath and woll appoint in certainte euery Capitaign & his (?) cetornie⁴ and endent *with* hym the same.

of which the number has already been determined.

The people to promise to pay in certain bills,

Item, after that the saide Commissioners haue taken of the people the promises of their benivolentes, and perupon haue receved of thaim billes comprissing the paiement therof according to such fourmes as byn comprissed in a serule in the kynges commission enclosed, that they do deliuer the said billes vnto the Shirref of the shire were thei be comissioners, to thentent that he may bryng thaim vnto the kyng; So that at the said deliuerance the comissioners and the Shirref doo endent, betwyx thaim, of the summe total in all those billes conteigned; that on part therof to be brought by the same Shirref *with* the forsaid billes vnto the kynges highnesse,⁵ ther only to remain & not [be] deliuered vnt[o] theschequier nor to any other Courte of Record.

which the commissioners shall deliver to the sheriff, who will bring them to the king, keeping a record of the sum total.

First day of payment.
Feb. 1, 1475,

Item, that the said Commissioners do so moeve the people that the first daye of ffewerer next comyng may be⁶ the

¹ Reading doubtful.

² A stroke of the second "n" is missing. ³ "the" deleted.

⁴ or returnie. I give this word up.

⁵ Edward IV. is said "to have known the name, and something of the circumstances, of every man of every position in the Realm." Ramsay, II. 453. No doubt he relied on information such as was gathered by these commissioners.

⁶ "be" repeated.

first day of payement for that on half parte of their seid beniuolences, Consideryng that sounē after that tyme the kyng schall paye to euery man reteigned in his armie a grete part of his wages for the yere. And that the first day of May next comyng may be the last day of payement for that other half part, Consideryng that aboute *pat* tyme he entendeth¹ *with* oure Lordes mercy to make his moustes.

last day,
May 1.

THE KING'S REQUEST.

By the kyng.

² Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you well ; and for certayn grete causes concernyng the well of vs, oure Royme, and subgettes of the same, we wol and straitly charge and comaunde you ye, be youre-self or your officers and seruauntes, incontinent vpon the sight of thies,³ do warne⁴ particuler[ly] all the gentilmen and other inhabited *with*-in this oure Cite & franchise þerof being of the lyvelode of x li. by yere and aboue, that thei and eueri of them in their *propre* persones apper afore vs on Monday next comyng and to attende vpon vs to vnderstonde our plesir that be schewed vnto þem. And ouer this that ye also do warne particulerly, by your seid officers and seruauntes, alle maner of persones inhabited *with*inne the seide Citee and franchise b[e]yng, by your estimacion, of the haueur of C li. and aboue, in movable goodes and oper-wise, that thei and eueri of them yeue their attendance vpon vs the seid day to vnderstande our plesir aforesaid. And furthermore that ye the same Monday in writyng certifie vs as-wel of the names of all the seid gentilmen and other as for þe very value of their said lyvelodes and goodes, Not fayling herof as ye will ansur vnto vs. Yeven vnder our signet at our Cite of Couentre the xxiiij day of December.

The king

enjoins the mayor to ensure the personal attendance of any one of the city having £10 a year upon the king to learn his pleasure ;

and also those possessing £100 in movables ;

and inform the king of their names and the extent of their possessions.

Dec. 24.

To our trusty and wel-belouid
the maire ⁵ and Shirreffes of ⁵
our Cite of Couentre.

¹ "endent" deleted. ² leaf 226. ³ "our" deleted.
⁴ "you" deleted. ⁵⁻⁵ deleted.

FIREHOOKS, ROPES AND LADDERS.

Protection in
case of fire.

These ben the names of them that [be] admitte in euery ward for to make the ffyrehokes, rynges, Ropes & ladders. Gosford ward: Ric. Plompton, Joh. Knyght. Jurdenwell ward: Will. Banborough, Couper, Tho. Smyth, wirdrauer. Much-parke-strete ward: Joh. Coke, Sadler, Joh. Smyth, Baxster. Bayly-lane ward: Tho. Churcheman, Tho. Robye. Brode-yate ward: Joh. Nitynghale, Rob. Shabury. Smythford ward: Pet. Clerkson, Will. flecher. Sponne ward: Joh. Derlyng, Tho. Derlyng. Croschepyngward: Tho. Warner, Will. ffyssher, Coruiser. Bysshop-strete ward: Tho. Oures, Joh. Gerveys. Erle-strete ward: Ric. Cooke, Hen. Keball.

THE TENTH.

¹ Ista indentura subscripta est in Custodia Will. Stafford.

Dec. 30.

[This indenture, made between R. Braytoft, and Will. Stafford on one part and Joh. Fitzherbert on the other, assigned by letters patent, dated at Westminster Nov. 28 last, among other things to receive in the county of Coventry the tenth part of issues and profits of all lands, tenements, rents, fees, annuities, offices, corrodies and pensions which any person has, not being a lord of parliament, granted in the present parliament at Westminster, opened and held Nov. 6, 12 E. IV. (1472) by authority of parliament to the lord king in part satisfaction and payment of the wages of

Hec indentura, facta inter Ric. Braytoft, jun., m. (etc.) & Will. Stafford M. G. S. T. (etc.) ex vna parte & Joh. ffitzherbert, ad decimam partem exituum et proficuorum omnimodorum terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, feodorum, Annuitatum,² officiorum, corrodiorum, & pensionum, que aliqua persona huius Regni Anglie, dominus parlamenti non existens, habuit,³ in presenti parlamento apud Westm[onasterium] sexto die Nouembris a. r. domini nostri Regis Edwardi quarti pos[t Conquestum] duodecimo inchoato & tento, auctoritate parlamenti eidem domino Regi in partem contentacionis & solucionis vadiorum tresdecim millium architenencium, quilibet homo eorum sex denarios per diem per vnum annum integrum percepturus,

¹ "The underwritten indenture is in the keeping of Will. Stafford."

² Written Annuitatum. ³ Sic.

13,000 archers, each man of them to receive 6d. a day for a whole year, beareth witness that

the said Joh. Fitzherbert, by virtue of the letters patent aforesaid, and according to the tenour and effect of the act and concession aforesaid, has received, on the day of the making of these presents, from the aforesaid Ric. Braytoft and Will. Stafford, the heads and governors of the said city, £104 12s. 1d., being in their custody and deposited in the same city by the city collectors of the tenth part aforesaid, nominated to levy, collect and receive the said tenth, by the commissioners of the said lord king, by virtue of letters patent directed on another occasion by the said lord king to the same commissioners, deputed to deliver the same to the said lord king according to the effect of the act and grant aforesaid.

[Of which £104 12s. 1d. the aforesaid J. Fitzherbert acknowledges receipt to the lord king's use, in part payment of 13,000 archers' wages, and says that R. Braytoft and W. Stafford, their heirs and executors, are quit thereof

concessam, per has litteras eiusdem domini Regis patentes datas apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo octauo die Nov. vltimo preterito inter alia in Ciuitate Couentrie predicta recipiendam assignatum, ex parte altera, Testatur quod predictus Joh. fitezherbert, virtute litterarum patencium predictarum ac iuxta tenorem & effectum actus¹ & concessionis¹ predictorum, Recepit, die confeccionis presencium, de prefato Ric. Braytoft, Maiore (etc.) & Will. Stafford, superioribus & gubernatoribus² Ciuitatis predictae, Centum quatuor libras duodecim solidos & vnum denarium in custodia ipsorum existentes ac in eadem Ciuitate positos per collectores Ciuitatis predictae decime partis supradictae ad huiusmodi decimam partem leuandam, Colligendam & recipiendam per Commissionarios dicti domini Regis virtute litterarum patencium ipsius domini Regis alias eisdem Commissionariis directarum, nominatos [et] deputatos ad dictum dominum Regem iuxta formam & effectum actus & Concessionis predictae liberandos.

De quibus quidem Centum quatuor libris, duodecim solidis & vno denario prefatus Joh. fitezherbert fatetur se fore solutum ad vsum eiusdem domini Regis pro parte solucionis predictorum vadorum tresdecim Millium hominum supradictorum, dicitque Ric. Braytoft ac Will. Staf-

¹⁻¹ repeated.

² It shows the high position of the guildmaster that he should be classed with the mayor in this designation.

against the lord king and all others whomsoever according to the form, tenour and effect of the said lord king's letters to the said J. Fitzherbert drawn up in the form aforesaid and in virtue of the act of parliament and of the concession aforesaid. In testimony whereof the said parties have alternately affixed their seals to these presents.

Dec. 30, 1474.

ford, heredes & executores suos, inde esse quietos, erga dictum dominum Regem & omnes alios quoscunque iuxta formam, tenorem & effectum litterarum dicti domini Regis eidem Joh. fitezherbert in forma predicta confectarum ac virtute actus parliamenti & concessionis predicte. In cuius rei testimonium partes predictae presentibus sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Datum vltimo die Decembris a. r. r. E. iv. (etc.) quarto-decimo.

ROBERT ONLEY, MAYOR. 1475.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.

¹ ¶ [Election of officers.]

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Bob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxter, Rob. Burnell, Tho. ffoorde, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Alen, Tho. Bagot, Joh. ffyssher, sherman, Will. Cramp, Will. Cokkes, Joh. Emmottes.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Onley; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Yale; w. Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."
Apr. 3.

² ¶ [V. f. p. held before Rob. Onley, m., Will. Shore, Will. Marchall, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 15 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wilgries, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atturton, Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Seman, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Bluberey, Will. Thistulton, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Yale, Will. Taillour, Bower, Will. Pynchebek, Ric. Pulton, Hen. Marler, Joh. Asshaburn, Rob. Jekes.

¹ leaf 227, back. Scribe B. ² Scribe of C type.

[Ordned] that every Craft within this Cite com with their pageantes accordyng as hit haith byn of olde tyme, and to Com with their processions & Ridyng¹ also, when the hyn required by the Meire for the worship of this Cite [upon] peyne of x li at euery defalt.

Also they provide, graunt & Conferme all good Ordenaunce afore this tyme ordeyned by letc for the welfare of this Cite to be holden & conteyned (*sic*) as hit haith ben vved a-fore tyme.

[Ordned] þat the[y] that² to giffe the halycake gyf no Smalle Cakes, vp the peyne of xx s. at euery tyme, who-so doth the Contrary, to the vse of the meire of þis Cite, *videlicet* xiiij s. iiij d., and to the sheriffes vj s. viij d. of the seid xx s.; and that the meir shall send to euery Baker & warne them off the ordenaunce, & they to warne them þat gyfe þe halycake.³

Also hit is ordened that no inhabitant duellyng in the Wel-strete, Bisshop-strete & Coke-stret, nor in Catisbylane, or any other person from-hensforth put no donge⁴ ne other fylth in the Ryuer Rennyng from the hill Mylne by the south parti of the Wel-strete to the hospitall of Sent John þe Baptist, vp the peyne to lese at euery defawte ij d., that to be leved by the Shreffes of this Cite for the tyme beyng. And yf the sherrefes be laches⁵ or defectyue in levying therof, then the Meire for the tyme beyng shall rere of the seid Sherreffes be laches,⁵ ⁶so beyng laches⁶ at euery defalt vj d. And yf the meir be defectyve laches (*sic*) in þat behalf, þat the Master of the Trinite Gilde shall restrene of the fee of euery suche meire⁷ to þe valowe of all suche mercymentes beyng vnpunnysshed in his fawt, as is aforeseid.

¹ On S. John Baptist's and S. Peter's Eves when the armed watch rode through the city. Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 174 sqq.

² "to" redundant.

³ V. leaf 328, back. Perhaps the blessed bread distributed after the celebration to those who had not communicated. See *Offesse off Dekyn* (1464) in Sharp, *Antiquities*, p. 122. In Coventry triangular cakes called God-cakes are still given by sponsors to their godchildren on Twelfth Night. See Sharp, *Glos. of Warw. Words*, ed. Halliwell, s. v. God-cake.

⁴ "dogne" obliterated.

⁵ remiss, careless. ⁶⁻⁶ a repetition.

⁷ Hence it appears that the Trinity gild paid the mayor's fee.

Orders of leet.
Crafts to
come with
the pageants
and proces-
sions,

or £10 fine.

"Bakers"

and the holy
cake.

The river
again.
"Against
Casting Dung
into the River
or shores."
2d. fine for
putting filth
in the river
to be levied
by the
sheriffs,
or failing
them by the
mayor from
them,
or failing the
mayor by the
gild masters
from the
mayor's fee.

"Sweeping
durt in the
Channells."

"Combina-
tions off
Fellow-
ships."
"For cayues
& oper
ordinaunces."
No craftsmen

to make any
conventicles;

craft by-laws
to be
overlooked
by the
mayor, etc.

The dyers

have made
certain rules
about dyeing;

and enforced
them by oath;

the ordin-
ances are
quashed,

the oaths
made of
none effect.

And also that non of the seid inhabitant nor other persone ffrom-hensforth swepe no filth out of the [s]tretes into the gutters of the seid stretes, vppon þe peyne at euery defalt ij d. to be levyed in maner & forme as is aboueseid.

ffor-as-much as both be the tyme þat no mannes mynde¹ is Contrari, & by full laudabull ordenaunce by autorite of letes holden *with/in* this Cite, hit hath byn vsed & attorissed that Crafty men of no Craft nor occupa-*cion with/in* this Cite shulden amonges them *with/in* þer Craft make eny Conventicle, confederacie, caue nor ordenaunce ayens good rule of this Cite or to² hurt³ of the Comen Weyle of the same; & the mastres of euery Craft *with/in* this Cite shuld 3erely at the Commaundement of the Meire, deliuer hym all the ordenaunces of their Craftes to be seen by hym & þe Councell of þe Cite, þe good & lauffull ordenaunces in that partie made to [be] by them affermed, and the vnlawfull to be be them adnulled, & this to be don & duly & performed vp certen peynes in dyuers ordenaunces by auctorites of diuerse letes made [and] conteyned, as in the same ordenaunce appereth. Contrary to which good ordenaunce, diuerse Crafty men of this Cite nowe late haue made diuerse conuenticles & ordenaunces vnlawfully ayenst the Comen publique of this Cite. And a-monges other, the Craftesmen of diuerse⁴ Craft haue made a vnlauffull ordenaunce, that is to sey, that non of them shuld Colour ne dye but vndur a certen forme amonges them selfe ordeigned, vp certene peynes⁵ by wrytyng⁵ ordeyned by surte of wrytyng & othes vnlauffull in that behall[f]. Hit is therfor ordeyned by this lete, and by the auctorite of the same, as well the seid vnlauffull & hurtfull ordenaunces made by the seid dyers, and all other vnlauffull & hurtfull ordenaunce made in euery other Craft *with/in* this Cite be the Craftesmen of the same Craftes, that the vnlauffull othes and wrytynges made for the same be vtterly vuyde, cassed, adnulled & of non effect; & þat from hensforth eny persone, beyng of eny Craft of þis Cite, by eny suche ordenaunce vnlauffull

¹ *i. e.* remembrance. ² "hurst" deleted. ³ leaf 228.

⁴ *Sic.* It should be "dyers." ⁵⁻⁵ repetition.

be not bounden nor Compelled by the Maister of eny Craft to performe such ordenaunce; and that no Master of eny Craft of this Cite from hensfurth sewe nor trobull in eny lawe eny persone for non-performyng of eny such ordenaunce, vpon the peyne to forfet at euery defalt x li., the Meir to haue xiiij s. iiij d. & þe sheryffes to haue vj s. viij d., & the remennant to the Chaumber of this Cite to be applied. The same forfet to be demed and determed by due examinacion of þe Meire of this Cite [and] vj of his Brethern taken *with* hym and the lerned Councell of this Cite.

This ordenaunce to be pro-Clamed euery 3ere, ones at the lest, þat all Craftesmen may haue knolege þeroff.¹

THO. DOVE, MAYOR, 1476.

[²Election of officers.³]

Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Will. Stafford, Joh. Thrump-ton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Symondes, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxter, Rob. Burnell, Tho. foorde, Joh. Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Will. Elys, Will. Marchall, Hen. Marler, Joh. Gryme, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Joh. ffysshier.

[m. Tho. Dove; cor. Rob. Toplyff; ch. Tho. Bailly, mercer, Joh. Dove; w. Gal. Arthern, Rob. Jekes; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

JOH. SEMAN, MAYOR, 1477.

SEDITIONS AND PLEDGES.

⁴Tempore Joh. Seman, Maior's.

Mem. that the xvij day of Nouembre [17 Ed. IV] the Mair receyued a priue signet be þe handes of Sir Tho. Vaughan, knyght, the tenour wherof ensueth, *with certen credence*⁵ be hym there & þen vttered, which also e[n]-sueth:—

"No man to be sued for non per-fourmaunce of eny vnlawful (*sic*) acte maid without thassent of the meire."
Offenders to pay £10, i. e. 13s. 4d. to the mayor, 6s. 8d. to the sheriffs, the remainder to the treasury.

Jan. 25.

Nov. 17, 14
A pryvy sen from the king.

¹ See Introduction.² leaf 228, back. Scribe B.³ Sheriffs (not given elsewhere) elected Michaelmas, 1475, Will. Cokkes, Tho. Bagot.⁴ leaf 230. ⁵ = message.

By the kyng.

Sir T.
Vaughan's
message.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and for diuers grete causes and concideracions vs movyng, we send vnto you at this tyme oure trusty and ryght wele-beloued Counsaillour, Sir Tho. Vaghan, knyght, Tresourer of oure Chambre and Chamberlayn to oure derrest sonne the prince, desiryng you in any wyse that in such thynges as he shall say vnto you on oure behalve ye yeue vnto him vndoubted feyth and credence. Yeuen vnder oure Signet at oure palays of Westm[ynstre] the xiiijth day of Nouembre.

Westminster,
Nov. 13.

To our trusty and wele-beloued the Maire, aldermen,¹ shiryfs, and common Counceil¹ of oure Cite of Couentre and to euery of them.

Any person
using
seditious
language

This was the credence :—That yf eny persone hereaftur resorte vnto this Cite suspectly or other-wyse that haue eny seducious langage, which myght sowe eny sysme betwixt the kynges goode grace and eny his lordez or þe cominalte of þis roialme,² that then euery suche persone haue open punysshement that other persones may take ensample be hym. And yf eny seruauante of eny lorde or oþer astate haue eny suche langage as afore is rehersed, that he theruppon be arrested and commyte to prison, and yf eny Maister of eny suche seruauante or persone woll not be agreable to such punysshement, but make eny resistance ayenst the kynges seid commaundement that he then in like-wyse be arrested and therof notificacion to be yeuen to the kynges goode grace. And the Mair of this Cite & his brethern [to] enquere yf eny persone within this Cite haue eny plegge or pleggez, which were the Erle of Warrewykes in his lyfe, or elles of the lorde of Clarence lying with hym,³ for eny money, that such persone or persones yeue hasty knolech, withoute conceyement, of all such plegges leying in their kepyng; and such money as

to haue open
punishment.
Any lord's
servant doing
the same to
be arrested,
and his
master also
if he resist.

To enquire if
any pledges
of Warwick
or Clarence
remain,

¹ The first time these terms occur in connection with the corporation.

² The Duke of Clarence had recently been committed to the Tower. Thomas Burdet of Arrow had been executed this year on a charge of treason.

³ See above, p. 381.

the lyen fore shal-be content and paide etc. And also yf eny person haue eny Juell or Juelles that were eny of þe seid lordes, which were put of truste to his keypyng, that he also gyfe knolech of them, to eschewyng the kynges most doughtfull displeasure.

and they shall be redeemed.

Wheruppon the Maire called to hym the comien Councell of this Cite to the nombre of le xlvij^{ti} with the Constablez of euery warde of this Cite; and þeruppon the Maire enioyned euery singler persone there beyng to enquere and serch in the premissez, and such as coude be founde touchyng the forseid goodes to [be] reported to the same Maire within viij dayes then next suyng. And if eny suspect persone hereaftur may be founde within this Cite hauyng suspesious langage, as is aforesaide, that report therof, with the persone hauyng such langage, immediatly be brought & reporte to the Mayre in eschewyng the kynges doughtfull¹ displeasure.

The mayor calls the Common Council, the Forty-eight,

and enjoins them to inquire for suspicious persons.

The names of xlvij^{ti}.

Joh. Seman, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgryse, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Hoten, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Rob. Burnell, Rob. Blubery, Will. Thistleton, Joh. Gryme, Tho. fforde, Will. Marchall, Will. Cokkes, Will. Bagot, Hen. Marler, Will. Tailler, Joh. ffysshher, Hen. Ball, Ric. Coke, Hen. Keball, Ric. Pulteney, Tho. Baylly, Joh. Dove, Will. Hopkyns, Will. Northampton, Hen. Colyns, Will. White, Tho. Chirchman, Will. Rowley, Will. Hede, Tho. Straunge, Joh. Clyff, Ric. Nores, Ric. Drought, Joh. Swan, Ric. Smyth, Draper, Joh. Pere, Deister, Will. Braunch.

The Forty eight.

Nomina Constabulariorum Tho. Hampton, Ric. Kyng, Joh. Baron, Tho. Maideford, Ed. Wilson, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Caunten, Will. Hardy, Will. Tyndale, Joh. Newman, Will. Rose, Will. Radburn, Tho. Oures, Tho. Pulter, Jac. Bailly, Joh. Derlyng, Joh. Artage, Joh. Mynes, Hen. Burley, Rob. Steyn, Will. flecher, Ric.

¹ = (re)doutable.

Plumpton, Ric. Drake, Rob. Mason, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Tasker, Rob. Crosse, Step. Wykyns, Tho. Colyns, Joh. Padland, Joh. Whitgreve, Joh. Shepey, Gil. Heydok, Ric. Stokes, Joh. Duddesbury, Maur. John.

JOH. FRENCH, ALCHEMIST.

¹ *Mem.* that the vj^{te} day of Januare the 3ere aforeseid, the forsaid Maire resceyued a priuie signet be þe handes of a *seruante* of the kynges, the tenur wherof hereaftur ensueth :—

By the kyng.

Jan. 6, 1478.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete you wele. And late you wite that it hath ben shewed vnto vs that oure wele-beloued, Joh. ffrench, oure *seruaunt*, commonly conuersyng and abydyng in oure Cite there, entendeth be his labour to practise a true and a profitable conclusion in the Cunnyng of *transmutacion* of metails to oure *profyte* and pleasure, and, for to make a clere shewing of the same before *certen* oure *seruauntes* and Counsellours by vs therfore appointed, is required a certain tyme to prepare his materials; we, not willing therfore oure seid *seruaunt* to be troubled in that he shall so werk or *prepaire* for oure pleasure and *profite*, woll & charge yewe that ye ne suffre hym in eny wyse by eny *persone* or *persones* to be letted, troubled, or vexed, of his seid labour and practise, to thentent that he, at his goode *liberte*, may shewe vnto vs and such as be by vs therfore appointed, the clere effect of his said conclusion. Yeuen vnder oure signet at our palays of Westm[ynstre] the xxixth day of December.

Joh. French
who intends
to practise a
profitable
conclusion in
the cunning
of transmuta-
tion of
metals,

is not to be
troubled or
vexed during
his time of
preparation.

Westminster,
Dec. 29.

To oure trusty and wele-beloued, the Maire and his Brethern of oure Cite of Couentre, and to the Recordour of þe same, and to euery of thaim.

¹ leaf 230, back.

ROB. BURNELL, MAYOR, 1478.

[¹ Election of officers.²]

Jan. 25
(Sunday).

Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Onley,³ Joh. Hadley, Tho. Wode, Grocer, Joh. Hoten, Tho. fforde, Will. Elys, Rob. Blebury, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Alyn, Will. Shore, Will. Cokkes, Hen. Marler, Will. Tayller, Gal. Arthern, Rob. Jekes.

[m. Rob. Burnell; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Euerdon, Tho. Maideford; w. Nic. Broune, Rob. Colman; mace, Will. Nasshe "de sua bona gestura."

Officers.

Mace appointed upon his good behaviour.
J. Pa.

Rob. Burnell, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, jun., M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe.

Bob. Burnell, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Tho. Bradmedowe.

Key-keepers.

VARIANCES AND RIOTS.

Mem. that the vj^{te} day of ffeuerzere the yere aforeseid the forsaid Maire receuyed a priue signet be pe handes of Will Tyndale, the tenure wherof hereaftur ensueth.

Feb. 6.

A privy seal.

By the kyng.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete youe wele; and forasmuch as it is showed vnto vs that, for certain maters of variances beyng in oure Cite there, diuers Riottes be comyitted within the same to ycu not vnknowen, we, not willing eny breche of oure peas ne riot be there suffred vnpunysshed, but that to euery persone oure lawes be duely ministred, as-well in prouidyng due remedie for the persones greued as in correctyng and duly punysshing the offendours accordyng to rightwisnesse, will therfore that within oure Cite there ye duly procede vpon the premisses by the auctorite ye haue there vnder vs, not sparyng to do therein as lawe will for eny persone or

"Against Riotts."

The king is unwilling that any breach of the peace go unpunished.

The town authorities are therefore enjoined to execute the law without heed to any outside

¹ leaf 231.

² Sheriffs (not elsewhere given) elected Michaelmas, 1477, John ffysshher, Hen. Ball.

³ Repeated and deleted.

recommenda-
tions.

persones what-so-euer, ne for eny writing or recom-
mendacions from vs or eny other. Yeven vnder our
signet at our palais of Westm[ynstre] the iij^{de} day of
ffuerzere.

Westminster,
Feb. 3.

To our trusty and wele-beloued,
the Maire and his Brethern,
Recordour and Shirriffs of
our Cite of Couentre & to
euery of them.

WILL. MARSHALL, MAYOR, 1479.

Jan. 25.

[¹ Election of officers.²]

Electors.

Rob. Onley, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgryse, Tho.
Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft,
jun., Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Joh.
Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Blubury, Will.
Cokkes, Tho. Bagot, Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman, Ric.
Pulton, Hen. Keball, Joh. Castell, Ric. Cooke, Joh.
Dove, Tho. Wode.

Officers.

[m. Will. Marchall; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Hen.
Colyns, Rob. Crosse; w. Joh. Swan, Ric. Lee; mace,
Will. Nasshe.]

WILL. SHORE, MAYOR, 1480.

Jan. 25.

³ [Election of officers.]

Electors.

Joh. Seman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe,
Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley,
Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will.
Horseley, Joh. Hoten, Tho. Bagot, Will. Thistilton, Ric.
Alyn, Will. Elys, Will. Taillour, Gal. Arthern, Joh.
flyssher, Joh. Castell, Rob. Jekes, Ric. Euerdon, Will.
Cramp, Tho. Maideford.

Officers.

[m. Will. Shore; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Laur. Saun-
ders, Will. Hedde; w. Will. Roweley, Rob. Smyth;
mace, Will. Nasshe.]

¹ leaf 232.

² As the names of the sheriffs elected at Michaelmas, 1478, are
not given elsewhere I quote them:—Tho. Bailly, Gal. Arthern.

³ leaf 233.

[The mace re-elected on condition that he attend on the mayor at fitting times better than he has hitherto done; and likewise that he attend on the chamberlains in collecting their monies, and in all their business as well riding as walking, or doing anything else which has to be performed by them for the common welfare, without taking anything for his labour except the expense and cost incurred therein.]

And that he overlook that no dung shall be put at the gates of the city, especially at Greyfriar Gate, but that it may be removed as often as it is necessary at the chamberlains' cost, under pain of losing his office.]

Also the will & ordeyn that Will. Tibottes, the swerd-berer, haue frohensfurth xx s. to hym-self 3erely, to be paide be the handes of the wardeyns for the tyme beyng as long as he occupieth the seid office. The seid xx s. to be employed to the seid William & to non other persone. And also that all other ffeez, that is to sey, suertez of pease, Enditementes, & sealyng of mettes & Mesures, be frohensfurth egally devyded betwixt the seid swerd-berer & þe Meirs seriant withoute interupcion, chalenge or clayme heraftur contrarie to this ordenaunce to be made in this behalf for euer.

[The sub-baillif re-elected on condition] *quod attendat temporibus congruis super Maiorem melius quam preantea attendebat. Et quod similiter attendat super Camerarios in Colleccione denariorum suorum & aliorum negociorum suorum tam equitando & ambulando, siue aliquid aliud faciendo, que pro communi vtilitate Ciuitatis predictae ipsi¹ sunt agenda vel facienda, absque aliquo inde capiendo pro labore suo nisi solummodo expensa & custagia sua que in premissis est sustinend' (sic).*

Et quod Idem sub-ballivus supervideat quod nullus finis decetero iaceatur ad portas ville, & specialiter ad portam vocatam Greyfrer-3ate, sed quod amoueatür tociens quociens necesse fuerit ad Custus Camerariorum, sub pena forisfacture officii sui.

"xx s. to the sword-bearer by þe wardens per annum."

Other fees

to be equally divided between
"Sword-bearer & Maiors Surgeant Sealers."

THE PRIOR v. RUYTON.

² *By the kyng.*

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret youe well. And forasmoche as we be enformed that oure trusty & wele-be-

Feb. 27.

"Sute by the prior Against Joh. Ruyton, draper,"

¹ *sic.* ? = per ipsos.

² leaf 233, back.

loued in God, the priour of the¹ oure Monastery & Cathedrall Chirch of oure Lady of Couentre, for *certen trespassez & Iniuries doon vnto oure seid Monstery (sic) be on Joh. Ruyton, draper, as hit is seid, hath attamed*² an accion in oure Courte there ayenst the seid John; we therefore desire and also woll you that in his suyte in that *partie ye indifferently Ministre Justice vnto hym, not sparyng so to do for love, fauour, or drede of eny persone what-so-euer*³ he be,³ as ye woll do vs *pleasir*. Yeuen vnder our signet at oure Manor of Grenewich the xxvij day of ffeuerzere.

To oure trusty and wele-beloued the Maire and his Brethern & Recorder of our Cite of Couentre.

SOLDIERS FOR MAXIMILIAN.

⁴Memorandum that for-asmoch as a Gentilman, callyng hym-self *seruaunt* to on *Sir Tho. Eueryngham*, knyght, came to Couentre there to reteign men to go with the seid *Sir Thomas* into Burgoyne, which Gent. brought no writyng of auctorite fro the kynges goode grace to the seid Maire provyng such reteigner to be the kynges pleasur; And be-cause the seid Gent. desired *mennes seruauntes* ayenst the willes of their Maisters, men in prisone, some for suerte of pease & some condempned in accions of dette etc; the seid Maire be the advice of his Counceill caused a *lettre* to be directed to pe⁵ Erl Ryvers, pe lorde Chamberleyn, & other of pe kynges Counceill to knowe in pe premisses pe kynges pleasur as foloweth:—

To the full noble, honorable & oure speciall goode lordez, the Erle Riwers, the Lord Hastynges,⁶ Chamberleyn to pe kyng oure soueraign lorde, and to oure worshipfull *Sir Tho. Vaughan*⁶ & to *Sir Hen. fferrers* & to Euery of theym.

Full noble, honourable and oure full trusty and speciall goode lordez, and 3e oure full speciall goode Maistirs;

¹ ? deleted. ² To enter (an action) v. *N. E. D.*

³⁻³ repeated and deleted. ⁴ leaf 233, back.

⁵ "kynges good grace to knowe" deleted. Rivers, the poetic earl, patron of Caxton, was the queen's brother. He was executed as Pontefract by Gloucester's order, 1483.

⁶ beheaded, 1483, by Gloucester.

wherein the king enjoins the mayor to indifferently minister justice.

Greenwich, Feb. 27.

One Sir T. Everingham comes recruiting for soldiers to Burgundy, but brings no authority from the king. Runaway servants, and prisoners for riot and debt join him.

Letter of the mayor and his brethren to the lords of the council about the matter.

aftur due recommendicion to euery of yewe had, Please yowe to knowe that nowe of late grete reteynures of men to take wagez to goo with on *Sir Tho. Euerynham*,¹ a knyght of the North, into Holand to go to the duke of Burgoyne, ben had, and the seyn that the Capitaign woll shippe at Hull in all haste. And they that gon ben troubles² & wolden haue to goo with *hem* mennes *seruauntes*, men in prison for suertee of pease, & men condemned in *dyuers* domez; and although their desire is azeynst the lawe, yet they make many quarels azeynst the Officers here in þe name of þe seid *Euerynham*. And the Officers of pis Cite can not vnderstande be what auctorite the seid reteygnoures be had; ffor we here haue neither commaundement from oure soueraign lorde be writte nor other wyse, so that we knowe not his pleasur therin, wheder we shall make the people to abide styll here in the Cite, magre theirs, or els let *hem* departe; and yf the kynges pleasure be that they shull no mo departe, then his high commaundement wolde perof not only be sent hider, but to the shirez here aboute, for hit is seid the seid *Sir Thomas* wold haue a M¹ men, and the people here & of diuers other Cuntrees entend to departe in gret nombre. And some people thynken here, that for such doughtfull tythynges as ben spoken in the North,³ that hit were full necessarye to haue the people abide within this lande. We dought not oure soueraign lorde hath certeyn knowelech in that behalf. Wherefore we hartely besech & pray yewe, that hit please yewe with all diligence to let oure seid soueraign lord knowe these matiers, and put his highnesse & goode grace please to let vs, his true liegez here, knowe what his pleasure is in the premissez. And oure true seruice is & shall be youres be þe grace of oure Lorde God, who euer preserue yewe in honour & prosperite. *Wretton* at Couentre in hast the xvijth day of August.

Your seruauntes the maire of Couentre
and his Brethern.

The officers of the city, unaware of the king's wishes,

know not whether to make the recruits stay in the city against their wills, or let them depart.

They crave enlightenment, as *Sir Thomas* wishes to have from here and elsewhere 1,000 men, though people are of opinion that as trouble may be brewing in the north the men were better at home.

Coventry,
Aug. 17.

¹ In Sept. 1480, 30 spears and 1500 bows went to the Low Countries under this *Sir Thomas* and others. Ramsay, II. 433.

² *i. e.* troublous, troublesome.

³ Negotiations for the marriage of Earl Rivers and a Scottish princess were attended by failure. Edward's army invaded Scotland, 1481.

By the kyng.

Aug. 20.
The king,
in reply,

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret you wele ; and haue vnderstand be your lettres dated at our Cite of Couentre & sent vnto our entierly beloued Cosin, therle Riuers, to our ryght trusty & wele-beloued pe lorde Hastings, our Chamberleyn, & to oper of our Counceill, pat where-as our trusty & wele-beloued knyght, Sir Tho. Eueryngham, wolde haue as ye say certein personz within our seid Cite to go with hym ouer the see into pe parties of pe obbeis-saunce of our right entierly beloued Cosin, pe duc of Austrich ;¹ of pe which persones pat he so desireth some ben mennes seruauntes, some ben in prison for suerte of our pease, & some for accions of det ben condempned, wheruppon ye desir to knowe our pleasur, we lat yewe wete pat for-so-moch as this matier concerneth gretely the wele of vs & of pis our reame, we pray yewe pat vnto oure seid knyght for pentent aboueseid ye be helpyng, aiding & assistyng so pat be your goode & louyng measnes he may haue of all maner men hable for the warre to serue vs in this case ; except only thoos that ben felowns or elles conuict or condempned. And yf be your measnes he be furnished of goode archers & able men we shall perfore can you hereaftur our full goode thankes.² Yeuen vnder our signet at our Castell of Wyndesore, pe xx^{ti} day of August.

enjoins them
to further
Evering-
ham's busi-
ness

in the matter
of obtaining
good archers,
felons and
condemned
men ex-
cepted.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the Meire
& his Brethern of our Cite of Couentre.

BEVYS' SHEEP.

³ *By the Prince.*

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete yowe wele ; and ffor-asmoch as the Plencitif in this bill named compleyneth

¹ Maximilian, husband of Mary, daughter of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, and step-daughter of Edward's sister Margaret.

² This appears to be a translation, with *can* (A.S. *cunnan*) in the sense of *know*, of the French *savoir bon gré* = feel grateful, the A.S. equivalent of which Indogermanic idiom (Greek *χαριμ ειδέναι*) was *ponc cunnan* or *witan* (German *dank wissen*). The adjective "good," it should be noted, does not occur in Greek and Germanic (Mr. Stevenson).

³ leaf 234. The Prince of Wales, to whose patrimony of the Earldom of Chester Coventry was appendant, henceforward bulks very largely in local disputes. There is a small sacrifice of strict chronology here.

The Prince
of Wales,
enclosing a
petition,

ayenst Rob. Bevys of Couentre and hath south¹ help of vs, we send yewe same bill herin enclosed, praying yewe that ye woll call pe parties before youe, and vpon the examinacion & vndirstandng of the matier to se pe partie greued haue ryght, & so to be answered as he haue no cause eny further to compleyn as we truste yewe. Yeuen vnder our signet at the Castell of Ludlowe the xxix^{ti} day of Nouembre.

begs the mayor to examine a plaintiff's grievance.

Ludlow, Nov. 26.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued
pe Meire & Recordour of pe Cite
of Couentre & to either of them.

To the Prince.

Sheweth vnto your highnesse your dayly Oratour, Tho. Croft of Pembrigg, that where-as he solde *certen* shepe to the somme of viij li. viij s. iij d. to on Rob. Bevys of Couentre, and albe-it your pore suppleant to his gret coste & charge hath demaunded the contentacion therof, 3it he in no wyse can be satisfied, to his vttest vndoing in that behalf. Wherefore pleaseth your highnesse to commaunde the seid Robert to satisfye & agre with your oratour, or elles to appere before your noble Counceill to answher to pe premisses. And this at pe reuerence of Jhesu and in weye of Charite.

The petitioner, T. Croft, of Pembridge, entreats the prince to command R. Bevys to pay £8 8s. 4d. for sheep purchased from him.

Whereuppon the seid Mair & Recordour called the seid parties before them & caused contentacion to be made in such forme as that both parties were pleased etc.

The mayor arranges the matter.

THE FIFTEENTH.

²[The collectors of the three parts of a Fifteenth payable at Candlemas next.

Gosford Street Ward: Rog. Sutton, Tho. Grove; £4. 7s. 0d.

Jordan Well: Ric. Drake, couper, ³Banburgh; £3. 0s. 0d.

Much Park Street: Tho. Walker, Joh. Smyth, Baker; £3. 15s. 0d.

The ten wards.

¹ = sought.

² This was the war grant of the session of 1475, which was now called for a war against Scotland. Ramsay, II. 405. There is a small sacrifice of strict chronology here. ³ Surname only.

Earl Street: Ric. Stokes, Joh. Deister, Sherman; £4. 10s. 0d.

Bayly Lane: Joh. Padland, Joh. Whitgrove; £2. 17s. 0d.

Broadgate: Joh. Julyans, Rob. Shawbury; £1. 17s. 6d.

Smithford Street: Ric. Drought, Tho. Mowyer; £3. 0s. 0d.

Spon Street: Tho. Pulter, Tho. Plante; £4. 5s. 0d.

Cross Cheaping: Will. Reynold, deister, Joh. Dawes, Bowyer, Ric. Sampson; £6. 4s. 0d.

Bishop Street: Ric. Chapman, Will. Rodburn, Will. Rose, smyth, Wygstan, Tyler; £4. 5s. 0d. Total £38. 0s. 6d.

Foreigns,
i. e. dwellers
in the ham-
lets of the
county of the
city.

“These be þe names of þe fforrenis etc.”

“Stychall,” 18s. 3d. “Sowe & Caloughdon,” 12s.

“Pynley & Byggyng, Stoke & Whitley,” £1. 3s. 10d.

“Wyken,” £1. 0s. 3d. “Coundon & Radford,” £1 0s. 3d.

“Shilton,” 1s. 0d. “Anstey,” £1. 17s. 10½d. “ffolkes-

hill,” £1. 12s. 9d. “Weston,” 1s. 6d. “Exhale,”

£1. 5s. 9d. “Keresley,” £1. 0s. 4½d.]

Summa of all þe fforeyns.¹

²LAWRENCE SAUNDERS.

“Chamber-
lains disobedi-
ent to the
mayor im-
prisoned,
bound to good
behavior and
fined x. li.”

The cham-
berlains, who
ought to pay

certain work-
men, refuse
to do so,

Memorandum, that where the seid Meire, accordyng the rule of the Citie, be the advice of his Brethern, for xx s. let bye a perche of the quarell at Allesley for ston ther to be digged & to be apployed to the vse of the Town Wall, and theruppon commaunded the Comien seriaunt to set on laborers to rydde³ the grounde ther & to digge ston etc. Whech laborers at þe wokes yend came vnto Laurens Saunders and William Hede, then beyng Chaumberleyens, to haue had their wagez for the woke. The seid Chaumberlayns, contrarie to the Custome of this Cite euer afore vsed, refused there to paie them eny peny: vppon which refusell & denyer the seid Maire, hauing relacion be the Comien seriaunt & the seid laborers, send for the seid Chaumberleyens commaundyng them there to make paiement accordyng theirre duete:

¹ Blank. ² leaf 234, back. ³ = clear.

which to do they there vtterly refused, The seid Laurens theyre seying presumptuously to the seid Maire That they that set them awarke shuld pay for hym. So for their demesyng & other their disobeysaunce to þe seid Maire there made contrarie to their othe & duete, the seid Maire ther & at that tyme comytte them to warde etc. In which warde they there remayned vnto the time that they, be mediacion of their ffrendes, were agreable to make payement, & to do & perfourme all other thynges belongyng to their seid office; And fether agreable to be bounde be Reconysaunce in xli. that they fro thensfurth shuld be of goode beryng ayenst the seid Maire & all oþer his successours for euer; and to stande, obbey & perfourme such awarde & decre as the seid Maire, his Brethern, & Counceill, wold make for þeir disobeysaunce & mysdemeasnyng afore rehersed etc.

Wheruppon the seid Maire & his Brethern the xx^{ti} day of May þe 3er aforeseid, callyng to them the nombre of xlviij^{ti}, whos names here ensuen, & be all their assentes, maden awarde in þe premissez etc. That the seid Chamberleyns shuld in recompense & satisfaccion of their seid disobeysaunce and mysdemeasnyng bryng in to þe seid Maire xli. to be disposed at þe pleasur of þe seid Meire & his Counceill etc. wherof iiij li. be þe advice of þe seid Mair & his Counceill was furthwith apployde to þe vse of reparacion of þe Cundites of þe seid Cite. And þe vj li. residue was delyuered be þe advice aforeseid to the seid Chaumberleyns a3eyn in hope they wolde be the better disposed hereaftur.

[The Forty Eight aforesaid.]

Joh. Seman, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Will. Horsley, Ric. Coke,¹ Ric. Pulton,¹ Joh. Hadley, Ric. Colyns, Will. Elys, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Bagot, Hen. Marler, Will. Tailer, Tho. ffurde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Ball, Will. Thistilton, Will. Crampe, Tho. Maydeford, Will. Roweley,² Rob. Smyth,² Joh. Swan, Ric. Lee, Ric. Euerdon, Will. Hopkyns, Nic.

¹ bracketed as "vice comites" = sheriffs.

² bracketed as "Gardiani" = wardens.

one L. Saunders using presumptuous language to the mayor,

who commits them to ward, where they remain until they promise amendment,

and enter a recognisance in £40 to submit to such penalty as the council shall appoint in the matter.

May 20.
The Forty-eight

determine to fine the chamberlains £10;

whereof £6 is returned to them afterwards.

48 Councilors; really 49.

Broune, Joh. Dove, Joh. Davy, Joh. Stanlowe, Rob. Baker, Nic. Hall, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Whitehed, Tho. Grove, Hugo Dawes, Joh. Haddon, Ric. ffoxhall, Phil. Draper, Will. Wrokwarden, Will. Braunche, Joh. Seysell, Joh. Darlyng, Tho. Colyns.

APPEAL TO THE PRINCE.

Afftur which awarde in maner & fourme as is aforeseid made, the seid Laurens, not ponderyng the gret fauour to hym shewed in the seid awarde, nor his band afore-specified, but in maner was as wyfully disposed as he was before, not only ayenst the seid Meire, but also ayenst þe comien people of þe seid Cite in vexyng them be ofte distreynyng their Catell wrongfully oute of þe Comiens & takyng excesse for þe pynlok etc. And where the seid Meire vppon dyuers compleyntes made to hym in that behalf, send for the seid Laurens etc. to see direccion taken in that behalf accordyng þe rule of þe Cite, the seid Laurens many tymes groged so to doo, and in maner disdeyned at all tymes to be ruled be the seid Maire etc. In-so-moch that he the xx^{ti} day of Septembre asked licens of the seid Maire to Ryde to Southaumpton; and he, contrarie to his licens, went vnto Ludlowe, & there made suggestion to my lord prince vppon þe seid Maire & other officers of þe Cite that they shulde denye hym Justice etc. Wher-uppon my seid lord prince direct his lettrez to þe seid Maire etc. accordyng as ensueth:—

*By the Prince.*¹

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you well; and woll & charge you that for certain matiers beyng in variance between the Chamberleins & Citezins of our Cite of Couentre and other for a comown pasture, ye send hider vnto vs & our Counceill the xth day of Octobre next comyng some discrete persone for you sufficiently instructed with pat matier to thentent we vnderstand the trouth of the same. And also pat ye send vnto vs be the seid persone the very Copie of the othe pat ye be accustomed to yeve vnto þe seid Chaumberleins, not

“Chamber-layn Grieved Complaineth to the prince.”

Laurence distrains the cattle of the common people;

and disdains to be ruled by the mayor,

and on Sept. 20, having obtained licence to leave the city, he goes to Ludlow to lay his complaint before the prince.

Sept. 30. The prince, hearing of a variance about a common pasture, wishes the affair to be laid before him at Ludlow.

¹ Afterwards Edward V.

fayling perof in eny wise. Yeuen vnder our signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe þe xxx^{ti} day of Septembre.

Ludlow.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the Maire of our Cite of Couentre.

¹To the full high & myghty Prince, our full noble & gracious lorde, Prince Edward, Eldest sone to the kyng, our all liege lorde, Prince of Walys, Duc of Cornewayle, & Erle of Chestre.

The mayor replies concerning "the same matter" that

ffull high & myghty Prince, full noble, gracious & our full speciall goode lorde, aftur all humble & due recomendacion to your highnesse had, please it your goode grace þat but late, I your humble seruauant, Maire of your Cite of Couentre, reseceyued your gracious lettres conteynyng that *certain* variancez shuld be betwen the Chamberleyns & Citezenis of this Cite and other for a Comyn pastur, wherfore I, your seid Maire, shuld send to your highnesse and your honorable Counceill the xth day of Octobre next comyng some discrete persone for me sufficiently instructe *with* that matier to thentent þat your seid highnesse myght vnderstand þe trowth. ffull noble, myghty & gracious prince, we your humble & true seruantes here knowe no variance betwixt eny persones here for eny Comien pasture, or eny other matier, but þat we amonges oure self be the grace of God shull amycably and rightwisly refourme & yende be the assent of such parties as han interest in the same; besechyng your goode grace to haue your benyngne licence therin; and yf necessete so shall hereaftur requyre, then þat we your humble seruantes & tenautes may haue your noble, gracious & myghty ayde in oure trowth: Humbly besechyng your seid highnesse that þe hasty, sinistre and seducious suggestion & labour made be Laurens Saunders, on of the Chamberleyns of þis Cite, to your highnesse ayenst þe will and assent of þe gouernours of þis your Cite be not prynted² in your remembraunce. ffor he diuers tymes this yer hath openly disobeyed me your seid seruauant, Mair here, and the rule of this Cite, and be his powior wolde enduce commocion amonges the people; and

he knows of no variance for any common pasture, but such as can be settled at Coventry,

and humbly beseches the prince that Saunders' sinister suggestions be not printed in his remembrance.

He complains bitterly of Laurence, and excuses the non-attendance of the recorder at Ludlow.

¹ leaf 235.

² = impressed.

where he is sugget & *seruaunt* he wold subdue vs all, yf he myght gete assistance, to þe worst ensample that euer was here. ffor the which we wolde haue send to youre highnesse our Recordor the seid day of apparaunce, but þe day next afore, the grete lete was appoynted, afore the resceyte of your seid gracious lettres; and also the seid Recordor hath ben long seke & is so diseased þat as þit he may not ryde ferre.

He asks leave to punish Laurence,

And we humbly besechen your goode grace þat we may haue full notice of þe matier surmysed to your seid good grace; and to haue your gracious licens & assent to punyssh the seid Laurence for his offensez in discouragyng *oper* mysruled to presumptuously attempte such thynges hereaftur. Besechyng humbly your highnesse þat we may knowe your gracious entent herin. And we all here ben your true *seruautes*, tennautes & bedesmen, our Lorde God knoweth, who euer preserue your noble persone & myghty astate in honour long to endure. Wreton at your Cite of Couentre the iij^{de} day of Octobre.

and prays God to preserve Prince Edward. Coventry, Oct. 3.

Your humble *seruautes*, þe Mair of Couentre, & his Brethern.

By the Prince.

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete youe wele; certefying yewe þat this day we haue resceyued your lettres in þe which ye write that ye knowe no variance betwen eny persones within þe Cite but such as ye amonges your-self can & may well redresse, and also that apparaunce lymytted before vs þe xth day of pis present Moneth may not wele be kept because of your lete appoynted before þe resceite of our lettres to you directed in that behalf, yet for-as-moch as it semeth, as-well be your owne writyng as þe compleynt to vs made before, that ther shulde be a gruge of a variance pere, we for the tendre loue þat we bere to þe wele & tranquillite of þe Cite wolde be right gladde we myght do eny thyng to the goode reformacion therof; and therefore we desir youe to se thapparance appoynted in our other lettres may be kept here before vs the xx^{ti} day of pis moneth. And where ye desire our licens to punyssh Laurens

The prince in reply

concerning the "same matter"

fixes Oct. 20 as the day

Saunders, on of pe Chaumberleins of pe Cite, aftur the matier herd & vnderstanden before vs the forseid xx^{ti} day, we wol-be gladdē to see pe punysshement of him or eny other that wolde attempt eny thyng to pe hurte, troble or perturbaunce of pe seid Cite, and assiste you in all thinges that we may conueniently do for the wele of the same. Yeuen vnder our signet at pe Castell of Ludlowe the vjth day of Octobre.

when the matter may be discussed at Ludlow.

To our ryght trusty & wele-beloued pe Maire & aldermen of pe Cite of Couentre and to euerich of them.

Ludlow.
Oct. 6.

Vppon the rescite of which lettrez, that is to sey, the xiiijth day of Octobre, the seid Maire & his Brethern callyng to them the Comien Councell of pe Cite & other persones of substaunce, whos names hereaftur ensuen, to vndirstand what persones they thought conuenient etc. to ride to my seid lorde prince at pe seid xx^{ti} day appoynted etc. to answer vnto pe surmyse aforeseid etc. ; which surmyse to vndirstand & knowe, howe-be-hit pe seid Maire & his Brethren had¹ desired of pe seid Laurens he so to doo vtterly refused, so þat no certente perof till they came thider coulde not be had nor knowen.

Oct. 14.

The common council consult who is to go to Ludlowe.

These be pe namez of pe persones afore-specified. Joh. Seman, Tho. Bradmedowe, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Horseley, Rob. Jekes, Ric. Colyns, Tho. ffurde, Will. Elys, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme, Will. Taillour, Joh. ffisher, Hen. Ball. Ric. Cooke, Ric. Pulton, Geff. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Ric. Euerdon, Joh. Dove, Joh. Swan, Hen. Colyns, Will. Crampe, Will. Northampton, Joh. Castell, Ric. Bowiar, Joh. Emmotes, Joh. Baron, Rob. Hardy, Will. Hardy, Ric. Drought, Joh. Bordale, Joh. Baron, Joh. Couper.

The council and others.

At which day before all pe forseid persones Will. Hede, on of pe seid Chaumberleyens, cam voluntarye, & seid openly ther to pe seid Maire, þat he neuer was of

W. Hede, the other chamberlain, repudiantes Laurence

¹ "dyuers tymes" deleted.

and submits
to the mayor.

The follow-
ing persons
assigned to
ride to
Ludlow.

Their names :

with cook
and har-
binger, etc.,
48 horses
in all.

Councill *with* his ffelowe in laboryng of þe premisses, & ther openly hym & his werkes vtterly refused, & ther submytte hym-self to þe said Mair etc.

¹ Which seid Mair be thassent of the forseid *persones* named the *persones* here folowyng to ride to my seid lorde prince, as it is aforeseid etc. And that þe wardeyns shuld ryde with them & to pay for their costes vnto such tyme that provision myght be taken howe such charge & coste shuld be boron etc.

These be þe namez of þe *persones* assigned to ryde etc.

Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, M.G.S.T. etc., Rob. Onley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Will. Marchall, Will. Tailler, Ric. Cooke, Joh. Boteler, Will. Roweley,² Rob. Smyth,² Joh. Dove, Will. Hede, vnus *Camerarius*, Tho. Maydeford, Ric. Euerdon, Joh. Couper, Tho. Grene, Evan Birches, *with harbyger & Coke* and *seruauntes* of þe aforenamed *persones* to þe nombre of xlviij^{ti} horsez in all etc.

THE CHAMBERLAINS' PETITION.

To the Prince.

The cham-
berlains and
citizens

complain
that the
recorder with
others have
withholden
from them
half of their
common
rights of
pasture, as
appears by
the following
bill.

Mekely sheweth & greuously compleynen vnto your highnesse your right humble Orators, the Chamberleins & Citezenis of your Cite of Couentre that where-as they & their predecessours tyme oute of mynde haue peasibly occupied and enioyed be vertu of their priuelage, as be their evidences & recordes it may appere, certain Common pastures belongyng to the seid Cite vnto nowe, of late that the prior of the Cathedrall Church there, the Recorder of the seid Cite, and Will. Briscowe, *with* other, wrongfully and contrarie to right & conciens, haue taken & withholden from them ij partes of þe seid Comown, be measne wherof they be gretly hurt and hindered, as be a bill of articles redy to shewe more pleynly appereth. And also yf the shorter remedy be not had therin, be liklihode it woll growe to gret Inconuenience. It may perfore please your noble grace to direct your gracious lettrez vnto such sadde & discrete *persones*, as your noble

¹ leaf 235, back.

² bracketed as "*Gardiani*" = wardens.

Councell thinke conuenient, to examyn the matier, and to so direct that *your* said Oratours haue all *pat* in þe premisseez shall accorde with right, and yf they can not so do to certifie *your* seid Councell of the trowth þerof, & what he¹ fyndeth þerin in euery behalue, and they shall pray to God for you.

These ben þe articles her-vnder-wreton in þe wich þe Chamberleins & Cominialte of the Cite of Couentre fynde them agreved for þe disusyng of þeir Comown ther.

ffirst, the viijth day of Aprill þe xx^{ti} yere of þe reign of our soueraign lorde kyng Edward þe iiijth, Will. Shore, Maire of þe seid Cite, comaunded Laur. Saunders & Will. Heede, Chamberleins of þe same, to warde & prison for straynyng of x score ship² vppon the seid Comown belongyng to Will. Deister &, contrarie to his othe & the othe of þe seid Chamberleins, deliuered them *withoute* gold or siluer, notwithstanding it is ordeyned be diuers letes & hath ben vsed of long tyme that the Chamberleins there for þe tyme beyng shuld reseceyue of euery score iiij d. for pynlok, which is to their hurte for the deliuerance of þe seid shepe, as is aforeseid, the somme of iijs. iiij d. And on þe lete day þat was holden the xth day of þe said moneth of Aprill the Recordor ther wolde in no wise suffre þe seid Chamberleins to speke a worde for þe seid Comown, but kept them in prison till on the morn at aftur-none. And on þe xjth day delyuered them vnder suerte to Rob. Burnell, Joh. Ruyton & Tho. Bradmedowe *wit* other. And þe xvijth day the seid Recordor at viij^{te} of þe Clok had them before hym ayeyn & there desired them to be bounde in xlii. a-pece to stand & abyde to such payement for the seid pynloke as he shuld thinke conuenient; which they grugged to doo, in-so-moche as they were solemply sworn to þe contrarie. Wheruppon the seid Recordor answered þat he wolde

"Variance between the mayor and Chamberlayns."

1st:—
Apr. 8. 1480,
the mayor
committed
chamberlains
to prison for
distraining
sheep,

and delivers
the same
sheep with-
out a fee for
the pound,
to the
damage of
the chamber-
lains 3s. 4d.
Apr. 10.

At the Leet
they are
refused a
hearing,
and kept in
prison; and

Apr. 13

¹ ?they.

² This is either an allusion to the common practice of surcharging, i. e. exceeding the "stint" or number of cattle allowed to each individual on the pastures, or to the fact that the sheep was—and still is—a non-commonable animal.

they are forced to bind themselves over in £80 to be obedient, and are Apr. 18 set free.

May 24.

They are fined £4, but the recorder would not release them from their bond for the best piece of scarlet in England.
May 26.
"Sheep Contrary to Custom on the Comons."

The Recorder insists that 400 sheep of the prior shall remain.

The master of S. John's and others are allowed to surcharge.

June 13.
The court grants a replevin to R. Bevys for 180 sheep.
"Replevins granted seldom for Cattel trespassing on Comons."

rule them be custome and not be sweryng. The¹ seyng no nother remedye were fayn for to be deliuered oute of prison, & bounde them-self be reconysaunce vnto our said soueraign lorde the kyng, in ^{xx}iiij li.² to obbeye the Meires comaundementes in right or wrong, and on³ this bounde they were delyuered pe seid xviiijth day of Apryll.

Item, pe xxiiijth day of May last past the seid Mair³ comaunded the seid Chamberleins to bring hym xli. wherof he toke from them iiij li. to amendes, and they then⁴ besought⁴ hym to relese them of pe bonde in pe reconysaunce; wheruppon the seid Recorder answered & saide that they shuld not be relese^d perof for pe best pece of scarlet in England.

Item, the xxvjth day of May ther went vppon pe seid Comon CCCC shepe of pe priours, and when pe seid Chamberleins had espied them there they went to pe Recorder & asked hym whether they shuld pynne the seid shep or no; and he theruppon comaunded them that the seid shep⁵ shuld go there styll, saying that pe said prior is lorde of pe soyle. Which contrarie to pe olde custumes haue gon there all this yere, notwithstanding he kepeth pe Brodewoke wast seuerell all the yer be composition.

Item, pe seid Maire & Recorder maynteyn⁵ the Maister of S. Jones and ffrankleyns of pe fforreins diuers tymes to pe nombre of viij^c or a M^l contynually to go vnstynted, and the Comons of the Cite be stynted, no man to passe his rate.

Item, the xiiijth day of Juyn the said Chamberleins pynned ix score shipe of on Rob. Bevys⁶ and pe Court graunted hym a Replevy⁷; wheruppon the Meir pardoned hym of the pynlok and gaue hym xviiij d. out of their seueral grasse. A replevy graunted oute of that Courte in suche a case was not sene in Couentre this xxth wynter.

¹ *i. e.* they. ² xli. or £40 on p. 431.

³ Illegible through a stain.

⁴ Almost illegible through a stain. ⁵ Stain on MS.

⁶ *v.* p. 429.

⁷ A writ empowering any one to recover his distrained goods and chattels.

¹ Item, the xxiiiijth day of August last passed the seid Chamberleins pynned CCC of þe priours shepe from Chilturne leyse, and the Maire deliuered them *without* gold or siluer contrarie to their letus made by their owne grauntes to þe hurtes of þe seid Chamberleins vj s.

Aug. 24

300 sheep of the Prior free of charge.

Item, the xvijth day of Septembre the seid Chamberleins pynned xx^{ti} score shepe of Will. Briscowes vnder the Charterhouse leyse, and the Maire delyuered them *withoute* gold or siluer to their hurte of vj s. viij d. Wheruppon the Recordor commaunded þe seid Chamberleins not to pynne his shep, ne no mannes elles, but to dryue them of the Comown; and so from the xvijth day of Septembre hiderto all *maner* catell gon at large vppon the seid Comown, & woll do, except my lordes goode grace be shewed the souner in that behalf.

Sept. 17

400 sheep released.

Order issued none to be impounded.

Item, the seid Chamberleyns on Lammas Even last past desyred the Recordor to looke the meerus for the Brodwocke *with* other feldes kept seuerall be the Priour: wheruppon he answered and seid they were seuerell be composicion in the tyme of Will. Saunders, then beyng Meire;² where it ought to be comen, as all the body of the Cite knowen. In that the forseid Laurens, on of þe seid Chamberleins, grugged, in-so-moche as the seid late Maire decessed was his ffader & myght not answere for hymself, but saide that he trusted in God to see hyt *commen* ayen. And then the seid Recordor seide that he wold make the seid Chamberlein to curse the tyme that euer he sigh him and wolde make him to wepe water with his yen. And for to revenged vppon hym he saide he wolde ryde to complayne vppon him vnto oure souerain lorde the kyng.

Jul. 31.

Bradock Waste,¹ says the recorder, is seueral since 1469.

The recorder will make Laurence weep water with his eyes.

These be þe names of the ffeldes þat þe seid Laurens surmysed shuld be Comien þat were kept seuerell.

Common fields now enclosed.

¹ leaf 236.

² See above p. 350. Laurence himself was one of the parties consenting to the grant of Prior's Waste in severalty to the prior in 1469. Prior's Waste and Bradock Waste were apparently identical, see I. p. 46, where the 1423 extent of the commons has a later interpolation referring to this grant. This waste was said to have been "common of old time," but sometimes common and sometimes several. The whole affair of this grant and the part Saunders played therein is mysterious.

- Miry Field. first, the Myre-ffeld in Stychall-hyron¹ comien at Lammas.
- Guphill Lane, ["Guppylle-lane"² at Lammas.
- Hill Field, "Hull-ffeld³ vnder Asshewe" at Lammas.
- Priest's Field, "Prestes-ffeld"⁴ at Lammas.
- A croft, "A Crofte at Woluus Crosse betwen þe felde of bechez & Hasilwode cald þe Stryppes"⁵ at Michaelmas.
- Bradock Waste, The "Brodewok-waste"⁶ at Michaelmas.
- Bishop's Hay, The half of the "Bishoppus-hay waste"⁷ at Michaelmas.
- New Gate Quarry and a croft. "A quarell withoute Newe-ꝛate⁸ & a Crofte therby" at Lammas.
- Briscow's meadow, A meadow of Briscow along the Sherbourne at Lammas.⁹
- A croft at Whitley-cross at Lammas.]

THE PRINCE'S INTERVENTION.

And for-asmoch as vppon þe examinacion of þe premissez afore þe highnesse of my seid lord Prynce & his honorable Councell there & at þat tyme had, ther appered diuers variance to be betwixt þe Prior & þe Town & also Briscowe & þe Town for Comon of pasture etc., which to appese hit was there condescended be the assent of þe seid parties, that *Sir Ric. Croftez*,¹⁰ knyght, Tresorer of my seid lorde Prince, chosen for þe parte of the Town, *Joh. Catesby*, seriant of þe lawe,¹¹ for þe seid prior, & *Kenelme Dicas* for þe partie of Briscowe, shulde vppon *communi-cacion* etc. vndirstand þe Ryght in the premissez; and theruppon to make relacion in *pat partie* to my seid lord & his Councell þat he peruppon myght make decre vnder

¹ Stivichall-hiron was one of the fields granted in severalty to the Trinity Guild in return for their payment of a £10 annual ferm to the prior. See I. 4. For Miry Field see *ib.* 48.

² I. 50, but not stated if common 1423.

³ Common 1423, v. *ib.* 48. See also below, Laurence's second list, p. 511.

⁴ There is a Parson's Field, *ib.* 48. Land belonging to R. Priest is mentioned, *ib.* 15.

⁵ v. *ib.* 18. I see no mention of this in 1423. Nor do I know where "Wolvus Cross" was.

⁶ See above, p. 439. ⁷ Common in 1423, v. *ib.* 45.

⁸ v. *ib.* 47, and above, p. 350. This was one of the 1469 grants.

⁹ See above, *passim*.

¹⁰ Formerly tutor to Ed. IV. The young Prince of Wales, son of Henry VI., fell into his hands at Tewkesbury. Crofte was knighted on the field of battle.

¹¹ See above, p. 379.

It appears there are suits between the prior and the town and Briscow and the town,

so various people chosen to represent the parties implicated are directed to lay the matter before the prince's council.

his honorable seall finally to endure etc. And be-cause þe seid Laurens, in shewyng of þe premisses, entended not only reformation of peym, but feyned maters to pentent to haue be venged for þe due punysshement yeven to hym be þe seid Maire for his obstynacy & disobesaunce etc., as openly there was preved, the seid Laurens was perfor be my seid lorde & his Counceill, send home to þe seid Meire to resceyue suche correccion as þe seid Maire be padvice of his Counceill wold leye vnto hym etc. *with* such writyng as sueth etc.

Laurence is declared to intend not reformation of abuses but revenge on the mayor,

and is to be punished.

By the Prince.

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and whereas nowe late Laurens Saunders, on of the Chazumberleins of þe Cite of Couentre, presented vnto vs a bill of Compleint shewyng amonges other in the same that diuers persones shuld encroche and make seuerall certain grounde pat ye clayme Common of pasture in, we haue herd & examyned the seid compleint and theruppon be thadvice of our Counceill taken suche direccions as our trusty & wele-beloued, the Recordor of þe Cite, shall opyn vnto you all at large; and woll see that ye shull haue all suche grounde as belongeth to your Comon, accordyng to ryght.

Oct. 22.
"Same matter."
Laurence's complaint

has been heard by the prince's council, and the matter committed to the recorder.

And¹ as touchyng such dutees as ought to be content to þe seid office of Chamberleinsheip be reason of pynnyng of bestes attached in your seid Comon, as is surmysed, the matier examyned it shal-be paide as right requyreth. And ouer this for-asmoch as the seid Laurens hath knowleged before vs his obstynacy and dissobeysaunce to you Maire, Recorder & other, hauyng the rule of the seid Cite, as well in his demenaunce in shewyng the seid compleynt as in other behalves, which is also wele proved before vs, we therefore send hym vnto you to be corrected & punysshed aftur his deserte for the conseruacion of the goode rules of the seid Cite.

He is delivered to the authorities to be punished.

And besides this for the tendre love² we bere vnto þe same we exorte you, & natheles in my most drad lorde & fadres name straitly Charge you, that ye comons & other do your dute in obeyng the Mair his lieutenant ther and other

The common people to be obedient to the mayor,

¹ Substituted for "accordyng" deleted.

² deletion.

and to make
no con-
spiracies or
assemblies,

remembering
the wide-
spread good
fame of
the city.

The prince
will inform
the king of
their good
disposition.

Ludlow.
22 Oct.

officers of þe seid Cite accordyng to þe auncient & laudable customes þerof. And also that ye se ther be non vnlawefull assembleez, conventicles nor conspiracies made within the same Cite, nor that eny of you attempt or do thing be wey of feate¹ for the pretense of eny right of the seid Cite; but þat yf ye fynde you wronged or greved to shewe hit vnto the Mair & Counceill of þe same. And so ye togeder, as on holy body vndevided, to sewe for the redresse therof accordyng to the lawe wherin ye shall haue our help & assistance; trustyng verely ye woll remembre the noble fame that hath spredde thorough this reame of þe goode & politique rule had & vsed within þe seid Cite heretofore & se hit be not perissed in your defalte. And in your towardnesse & goode disposicion herin we shal-be measne vnto my seid lorde & ffadre to be your speciall goode lorde; and we vnder his grace shall defende youe in your right; and also se the sore punysshement of thoes þat attempt þe contrarie of þe premisses. Yeven vnder [our] signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe the xxijth day of Octobre.

To our ryght trusty and wele-beloued the Maire,
Aldermen & Comiens of þe Cite of Couentre.

One of the
prince's
gentlemen
comes to see
Laurence
undergo
his sentence.

The unruly
one publicly
submits,

² With which wrytyng was sent a Gentilman of my seid lorde Prince to þe seid Mair to see that þe said Laurens shuld *perfourme* suche thynges as be my lorde & his Counceill was ther enjoyned hym to doo. And ffurthwith vppon the reseeyte of the seid lettres the seid Maire let call his Brethren & Comiens into seynt Mary hall & ther let rede them openly. And theruppon the seid Laurens kneled don before the seid Maire & ther openly knoleched his offence & dissobeysaunce had & made to þe seid Maire in tyme past; wherof he besought hym of foryffenes; and there openly & lowely submytted hym-self vnto þe correccion of the seid Maire etc. Wheruppon the seid Mair, be thaduisse of his Counceill, commytted the seid Laurens to Prison: In which he there remayned till, be measnes made be þe ffrendes of the seid Laurens, the seid

¹ Par voie de fait, *i. e.* by violence, *N. E. D. s. v. feat.*

² leaf 236, back.

Mair etc. toke a recognysaunce of þe seid Laurens of v^o li. that he shuld apper at þe next generall sessions at Couentre to be holden etc. And þat the measne season he shuld be of goode beryng ayenst the seid Mair, his successours and all other officers of þis Cite, & to be redy at all tymes to apper afore the kynges goode grace, yf hit so pleased his grace to send for hym etc. And that recognysaunce to be continued fro sessions to sessions till certente were had of þe sadde demeasnyng of þe seid Laurens.

and enters into an obligation in £500 to appear at the next general sessions,

the bend to be renewed from time to time.

Memorandum that these persones folowyng, calde before the seid Mair into seynt Mary hall þe viij^{te} day of Januare etc. were agreable & there agreed that Laur. Saunders shuld content & paye þe costes made be the fornamed persones that ryden to my lorde prynce: which costes mounted to þe somme of xv li. xj s. xj d. ob.

1 Jan. 6, 1481. The cost of riding to Ludlow £15 11s. 11½d. to be borne by Laurence.

Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Wilgrise, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Tho. ffurde, Hen. Kebull,² Rob. Jekes,² Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Ric. Alyn, Will. Elys, Will. Thistilton, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Marler, Hen. Ball, Gal. Arthern, Ric. Coke, Ric. Pulton, Tho. Bagot, Will. Roweley, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Doue, Nic. Brome,³ Ric. Smyth, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Clyff, Nic. Randull, Rob. Baker, Will. Cramp, Joh. Emmotes, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Baron, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Shepey, Hen. Colyns, Rob. Crosse, Hugh Hyton, Rob. Greme, Joh. Gerveys, Ric. Lee, Nic. Hall, Will. White, Will. Northampton.

Names of those agreeing thereto, 51 in all.

THE CITY AND PRIOR DERAM.

⁴ *The Complaynt of þe Prior.*

These ben the compleyntes of the Iniuries & wronges don to Tho. Deram, Priour, and þe Couent of the Cathedrall Chirch of our Lady of Couentre & to their predecissors, shewed & deliuered be this present bill vnto Will. Shore, Mair of Couentre & his Brethern, the xvjth day of

1 Nov. 16, 1480. The complaint is

¹ I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.

² Sheriffs. ³ ? Broune.

⁴ leaf 237. For a previous dispute with the prior see p. 185.

Nouembre the xx^{ti} yer of the reign of kyng Edward þe iiijth, with a protestacion that the seid Priour & Couent may be at their liberte at all tymes to refourme & adde more, yf necessite requyreth.

accompanied by a protestation that more may be added if need require.

ffirst, that where it is specified in the Tripartite¹ that þe Priour and Couent and their successours haue their rentes by all þe Towne, as well Rent sek² as rent seruice, of right to them dewe, with other, as there hit appereth, certen rentez be withdrawe by the Trinite Gilde, *Corporis Christi* and þe wardens of this Cite, as shal-be shewed to you be writyng, of the which they desyre satisfaccion & restitucion as lawe & consciens requireth.

Rents and services

withheld.

Also as it is in the seid Tripartite graunted & relesed by the Maire, *cominalte* and euery singler persone of þe same Town, lond-holdyng and other, to the same Priour and Couent & their successours all their right in the parke of þe same Priour and Couent of Whitmore,³ and in all her oder Maners, landes, & all her other enclosures, approwementes then approwed in her *propre* soyle, in the which the ffre tenauntes of þe same Town of Couentre of olde tyme hadden & claymed her comyn; which is nowe broken by the Mayre & *cominalte* be an ordynaunce made *anno primo Regis Henrici sexti*,⁴ which ordenaunce was neuer assented by the *predecessours* of þe Priour nowe beyng, nor by hym. Wherefore the Priour & Couent nowe beyng desiren restitucion of such wrongedoyng.

One of the terms of the Tripartite as to Whitmore is broken

by order of Leet 1422-3.

Also the ixth yere of the reign of our liege lorde the kyng nowe beyng, Will. Saunders then beyng Maire of pis Cite, diuers vndisposed people breke the yates of his pastures at Whitmore & felled down his wode, & breke his hegges there, & in oþer places to the gret hurt & harme & to the gret rebuke of þe seid Priour & Couent, and neuer was satisfied for þe hurte nor trespasse, nõr myght not be suffered to sue the mysdoers; wherefore they desire satisfaccion.

In 1469 the people broke down the prior's fences,

for which no satisfaction has been made.

¹ Indenture Tripartite between the prior, Queen Isabella and the mayor and community of Coventry. Burton MS. ff. 98-103.

² Rent reserved in favour of some person but without a clause of distress in case of arrears.

³ *v. Dugdale 135.* Whitmore was imparked in 6. Ed. III.

⁴ Not mentioned in the Leet Book. It may refer to the Survey of the Commons 1423. See pp. 45 sqq.

Also þe seid people dayly with their dong, fy[1]the & swepyng throwen in the Comien Ryuer so stoppen the flodezates & the water in the Priorye that their Mille is vtterly letted to go; and be filthe ther suche euell eyre¹ is that he, his Brethern & all other ffolkes there be hurte, which [is] don ayenst a statute² made of pis matier to lese at every defalt x li.

The fith in the river stops the mill from working and injures the health of the convent.

Also the people of this Cite yerely in somer throwen down & beren away the vnderwode of þe seid Priour, & birches, holyes, ooke, hawthorn & oper at Whitmore parke & his oper closez, & breken his hegges to his hurtes yerely Cs.

The prior's underwood is borne away and his fences broken to his yearly damage 100s.

Also the people yerely in Hasil-wode, which is his grownde, throwen don thornes, ffirs, fern, brome; diggen turves, & such other; where be the tripartite they owe nothyng to haue there but comien of pasture to their bestes cominable, & clay and sande for the reparacions of their housez in the Cite.

Thorns, turves, etc., taken away wrongfully in Hasilwood.

Also the people of þe Cite wrongfully seyn that the Priour overcharges the comien with his shepe & Catell to þe hurte of þe Cite. This saying cannot be iustefyed, for, be lawe of þis lande, the lorde of þe waste soyle may surcharge and put þerin what nombre hym lykes, & is not admesurable, but þe Cominers be not of suche condicion nor benefice, for they ben admesurable, and to be extented at certen. And yf þe priour luste to haue þe seid Matier vnderstanden at large, the seid people owe not to haue their rule so large as they haue.³

The prior does not, as reported, surcharge the common,

as he is lord of the soil.

Ordinary commoners, however, ought not to exceed the number of their stint.

Also the people of þe Cite dwellyng withoute Gossefordeyate maken brigges & pathes into Harnale-feld & stoppen the dyches with þe wedes of their gardeyns & other swepyng of their houses, and by the seid brigges & pathes bryngen in horses & other Catell be nyghtes, & so ete þe pasture, & some tyme sher the grasse of þe same pasture to the hurte of þe tenauntes of the seid Priour yerely xx s.

The people without Gosford Gate

allow their cattle to eat the prior's tenants' grass. Fences are broken,

¹ Odour, smell. ² 6 Hen. IV. See Poole, *Coventry*, 9.

³ What the early rule limiting the number of beasts was I do not know. Later the stint was fixed at 2 geldings and 1 cow, or 2 cows and 1 gelding. Poole, *Coventry*, 353.

and grass
trampled
down at
roving.

dikes of þe seid Priour in other diuers places in their shotyng called rovyng,¹ & nother sparen corn ne grasse, but distroyen & defowlen hem to hir hurte yerely C s. and some yere more.

They hunt
and hawk in
his warrens.

Also the people of þe seid Cite huntene & hawken *within* the warden of the seid Priour in Couentre, Whitmore, & many other placez *within* the shire of Couentre & *withoute*, & hit distroyen ayen þe lawe & his Chartour of warden.

The people
break open
the prior's
several
grounds,

Also þe people of þe Cite brekyng his seuerall grounde *within* hym, called the Orchard, maken comen hie weyes out of Spetelmore thorough his gardens there, and breke vp his postern yates, wherby his catell strayeth owte, and ofte tymes is lost. And also the people maken the same seuerall grounde a Sportyng-place *with* schotyng & *oper* games; and hurten his grasse. And when they ben chalenged by his *seruauntes* they gyven hem schort langage, saying that they will haue hit their sportyng-place.

and commit
various
trespasses,
with defiance.

Washing in
Swanswell
Pool harms
the fish.

² Also the people of this Citie hurten the ffyshe in Swanneswel-pole be þeir wasshyng ther, which they don wrongfully; and also ffysshene be nyght & by day the said pole, and other his poles by stalthe, that by diuerse yeres the seid Priour & his *predecessours* han lost ffysse to the value of C li.

Trespass in
fishing.

The plumb-
house belong-
ing to the
convent

Also the seid Prior hath grete hurt, and his *predecessours* many yeres han had, be *witholdyng* their plum house³ by þe well-yarde yate; Which was made of their own Costes for their occupacion, and *afterward* lant to the byldyng of Michell Church. And so the Churchwardens kepen hit still be wronge possession & sett hit to ferme yerely; which money & house so taken he desireth restitucion as consciens & right requireth.

is let to farm
by the
church-
wardens,

Also þe Churchwardens of Michell Church han lopped the trees growyng in the Churchyard, and ther maken byldynges; which thei owe nott to doo, ffor such thynges longon to þe parson, & not to þe *parissons* by þe comein lawe; & nowe late han made newe byldyng vpon þe seid

who also lop
the trees in
the church-
yard, and
also erect
buildings.

¹ Shooting at movable targets. ² leaf 237, back.

³ This was a place for casting of lead. Reader MSS. in Coventry Library.

Churcheyard a-fore the Drapery dore, *without* eny com-
posission made *with* the seid Priour and Covent, parsons
of the same.

Also the seid Prior & his *predecessours* ben hurted in
diuerse places by setting of þe town wall vpon their
grounde; by the which her lyvelode is defalked¹ yerely to
the summe of xlvijs. viij d., from þe tyme that John
Smythar was Mayre of þis Citie vnto this tyme; of þe
which the prior desireth restitucion, and howe he shalbe
answered here-after.

Also the pepull of the seid Citie carryen their Donge,
Ramell² & swepyng of their houses & leyen hit vnto the
walles & yate of the Priours orchard *without* the Coke-
strete-yate, and stoppen vp the wey ther, that the prior
may not haue his Carriage thorough his orchard as he
hath vsed to haue. Where of late tyme they leyde ther
nothyng but swepyng of their houses, which was carryed
a-wey by men of the Contrey to donge their londe; and
now be-cause they ley þere her Ramell ther will no man
Carry a-wey there as they were wont to doo, and so hit
encreseth dayly more & more to the hyndraunce & grete
hurt of the seid Priour.

Also þe seid Priour & his *predecessours* han yerely paid
x li. to þe murage of this Citie, where of trouthe save of
þeir good will thei ought to pay no peny; and where
promise was made to the priour nowe beyng that all þe
Revenuez of the lyvelode for the Murage, which amounteth
to make vj perche by yere, shuld haue ben made vpon his
grounde, all oder parties leyd on *part*,³ which nowe
passeth nott ij perche by yere, but employe hit to oder
reparacions of þe seid town wall; which causeth the seid
Priour gretly to be hurted, and contrary to the graunte of
the Chartur of the Murage.

Also Laur. Saunders, nowe beyng Chamberleyne, *with*
other diuerse vndisposed persons, noysen & sklaunderen
the seid priour in the Citie, saying that he kepeth diuerse
pastures in seueralte, which owen to be comen; of the

The town-
wall en-
croaches on
the prior's
ground to his
damage
£2. 6s. 8d. a
year.

The people
deposit dung
outside the
Cook Street
gate,

and the prior
may not haue
his carriage
through his
orchard.

The prior
pays £10
towards
murage,

but instead
of making
six perches of
wall round
conventual
property, the
city makes
only two.

Saunders
and others
slander the
said prior
about the
common
lands.

¹ = reduced.

² Refuse, especially builders' rubbish, v. *E. D. D.*

³ i. e. apart, aside.

which pastures he wold vnderstond where pei ben pat he myght answer to peim.

Of diuerse of wich wronges the predecessours of the seid Priour, and he hym-self han dyuers tymes compleyned hem to the officers of þe Citie & sued diuerse accions *within* this Citie ayens diuers Misdoers, and also put billes at *certen* Sessions to haue had the Misdoers punysshed; but pei ben so supported *within* this Citie, and pe e[n]questes so fauorable to hem that *within* this Citie no reformation nor punysshement hath ben don. Wherefore that ye please to se these matiers reformed *within* your-self, accordyng to right, for elles the seid Prior must sewe elles-where for remedye, or elles suffer his house to take ouer grete wronge and hurt: which he will nott do by hys wyll. And of *your* disposission in these *maters* a-boue writtyn that he may haue an answer in writyng in brief tyme.

The prior has sued these misdoers at diuers sessions, but the tribunals are not impartial.

THE PRIOR'S RENTS.

[Rents appertaining to diuers officers of the cathedral church, as appears below.

[The Trinity Gild [pays] to the cellarer.

"*Vicus S. Nicholai*" = S. Nicholas' Street.

[From the Gild for a burgage formerly P. Large's 4s. 8d.

[From the same for a cottage formerly J. Chaloner's 6d.

"*Vicus Episcopi*" = Bishop Street.

[For a tenement formerly T. Vyell's, called Rodehall 4s.

"*Vicus fontis*" = Well Street.

¹*Redditus diuersi pertinentes diuersis Officiariis ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie Couentrie, vt patet inferius.*

Gilda S. Trinitatis Officio Celebrarii.

De Gilda S. Trinitatis pro Burgagio quondam Petri Large
iiij s. viij d.

De eadem, pro Cotagio quondam Joh. Chaloner vjd.

De eadem, pro tenemento quondam Tho. Vyell, vocato Rodehall,² cum pertinenciis iiij s.

¹ leaf 238.

² On the Holy Cross chantry. See Dugdale, 117.

[For one at Well Street corner 6d.	<i>De (etc.)¹ pro tenemento super Corneram vici ffontis . . .</i>	vj d.
“ Hill-strete.”		
[W. Cokkes' and A. Stonley's 2s. 4d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.)² quondam Will. Cokkes & Alex. Stonley .</i>	ij s. iiij d.
[For one formerly W. Palyngton's 4d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Will. Palyngton</i>	iiij d.
“ Crosse-chepyng.”		
[For one formerly Will. ffraunces' 2s. 6d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Will. ffraunces</i>	ij s. vj d.
[For one formerly R. Oky's 6d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Rog. Oky</i>	vj d.
“ Vicus Balliui ” = Bayly Lane.		
[For one called S. Mary Hall formerly T. Colle's 6s.	<i>De (etc.) pro tenemento vocato saint Marie hall quondam Tho. Colle</i>	vj s.
[For one which Tho. Chaundler held as a stall in Bayly Lane 1s.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quod Tho. Chaundler tenet in celda in vico Balliui</i>	xij d.
[For G. de Gales' parcel of land in the Drapery 2d.	<i>De (etc.) pro parcella terre quondam Gillott de Gales³ in Draperia</i>	ij d.
[For the part of the Drapery formerly W. Walsheman's 9d.	<i>De (etc.) pro porcione dicte Draperie quondam Will. Walsheman</i>	ix d.
“ Vicus de Gosford ” = Gosford Street.		
[For one with appurtenances formerly J. Doncastre's 2s.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) cum pertinenciis quondam Joh. Doncastre . .</i>	ij s.
“ Inter pontes ” = The Burgess.		
[For one formerly A. Langley's 9d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Alic. de Langley</i>	ix d.
[For one formerly G. Spaldyng's 9d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Gilb. Spaldyng</i>	ix d.
[For one formerly C. Comber's 2d.	<i>De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Christiane Comber</i>	ij d.

¹ (etc.) here = gilda or eadem. ² (etc.) here = tenemento.

³ See Sharp, *Antiq.* 130.

“*Extra portam*” = without the gate.

[For one formerly belonging to the widow of J. Smythyer 1s. 8d.

“*Vicus Parci Maioris*” = Much Park Street.

[For one formerly W. Mox’s 4d.

“*Vicus Comitis*” = Earl Street.

[For that portion of the Drapery towards Earl Street 4d.

[For that tenement formerly T. Attemer’s 3d.

“*Vicus Parci Minoris*” = Little Park Street.

[For one formerly Joh. Bouer’s 1s.

[For one formerly M. Dowghty’s and A. Porter’s 1s., 2 heus, and 1 man in harvest.

[For one formerly R. Swyneshed’s 1s. 8d.

“*Vicus de Smythford*” = Smithford Street.

[For one formerly H. Horley’s and M. Marchall’s 6d.

“*Vicus de Sponna*” = Spon Street.

[For one formerly of the Rector of Berkswell 2s.

[For one formerly T. Waller’s, chaplain, 2s.

[For one formerly Master J. Cawley’s 2s. 4d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Relicte Joh. Smythyer . . . xx d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Will. Mox iiij d.

De (etc.) pro illa porcione Draperie versus vicum Comit’is . . . iiij d.

De (etc.) pro tenemento quondam Tho. Attemer iij d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Joh. Bouer xij d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Matill. Dowghty & Ade Janitoris xij d. & ij gallinas & j hominem in autumpno.¹

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Ric. Swyneshed xx d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Hug. Horley & Margerie Marchall. vj d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Tho. Ryton, Rectoris de Berkeswell ij s.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Tho. Waller, Capellani ij s.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Magistri Joh. Cawley ij s. iiij d.

¹ At the autumn bederipe or harvesting, a last relic of feudal personal service.

[For one formerly Ric. Bate's 1s.

[For a moor formerly B. Berkeswell's 9d.

[For a tenement formerly the chaplain's 1s. 8d.

[For one which formerly R. Heleny held 1s. 4d.

[For a tenement and cottage formerly J. Lothe's 1s.

[For a tenement formerly J. Curwayn's and before that Tho. Browne's 2s.

Total £2. 7s. 9d.

whereof the gild master pays the prior yearly £1. 6s. 8d. And thus the remainder of the rent remains in arrears unpaid for 30 years, £1. 1s. 1d. a year. Total £31. 12s. 6d.

To the Treasurer.

[From the gild for land in Kersley formerly J. Braunston's, and before that Joh. Bulbek's 1s. 3d. This rent is in arrears since the death of the same Joh. Braunston.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Ric. Bate xij d.

De (etc.) pro quadam Mora quondam Bened. Berkeswell . . ix d.

De (etc.) pro tenemento quondam Tho. Waller, Capellani . . xx d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quod Ric. Heleny quondam tenuit . . xvj d.

De (etc.) pro tenemento & Cotagic nuper Joh. Lothe xij d.

De (etc.) pro tenemento quondam Joh. Curwayn & nuper Tho Browne ij s.

Summa xlvijs. ix d.

Inde Magister Gilde solvit priori per annum xxvjs. viij d. Et sic residuum Redditus restat a retro non solutum per xxx annos annuatim xxjs. jd. Summa xxxjli. xijs. vjd.

Officio Thesaurarii.

De eadem Gilda pro terra in Keresley nuper Joh. Braunston quondam Joh. Bulbek xvd. Et est a retro a morte eiusdem Joh Braunston.

Camere Prioris.

[From the same gild for 4 cottages in S. Nicholas Street formerly of Will. Coundulme 18d.

From the same for a tenement at Well Street corner (super Corneram) 12d.

From the same for a tenement formerly Will. Elyot's in Bishop Street 12d.

From the same for a tenement in Bayly Lane . . 18d.

From the same for a tenement in Smithford Street formerly of Rob. ffachaum 8d.

From the same for a cottage in Spon Street formerly of Tho. Rows 2s.

The prior's treasury.

"Vicus S. Nicholai." 1s. 6d.

"Vicus fontis." 1s.

"Vicus Episcopi." 1s.

"Vicus Ballui." 1s. 6d.

"Vicus de Smythford." 8d.

"Vicus de Sponna." 2s.

"Hulstrete." From the same for a tenement in Hill Street . . . 1d.
 1d.
 Total 7s. 9d. Total 7s. 9d. remains in arrears for 20 years.]

To the sacristan.

¹ *Officio Sacriste.*

[From the same gild for a tenement in "Gosseford" Street without the gate (*extra portam*) formerly of Will. Cerotte 12d.
 It remains in arrears for 30 years.]

The Lady Chapel.

Capelle Beate Marie.

[From the same gild for a tenement formerly Will. Derset's 10s.
 It remains in arrears from the time the same gild acquired it (*a tempore adquisicionis eiusdem tenementi eidem Gilde*).

Keresley.

Mem. that the Trinity Gild has divers parcels of land in Keresley formerly in the tenure of Joh. Braunston of Coventry, which parcels indeed the same John formerly held of the Prior of Coventry at his will (*ad voluntatem*), as appears by the rental, for which he paid the office of treasurer 6s.

Mem. also that the Trinity Gild withdrew (*retraxit*) the land or meadow² at the end of the lands of the prior and convent in "Styffordeshale" by the mill which Joh. Wildegryse holds of the same gild, whereof the prior begs restitution.]

The Corpus Christi Gild to the cellarer. "Crossecheping." 1s. 10d.

Gilda Corporis Christi Officio Celerarii.

[Of the Corpus Christi Gild for the tenement formerly Will. Stalworth's there 22d.

Of the same gild for a tenement in Slepers Lane formerly of Hen. Brewes 12d.

For a tenement in the same street by (*iuxta*) Slepers Lane formerly of Simon Damas 3s.

From the same in the name of the churchwardens of Trinity church (*propositorum ecclesie*) for the half of a messuage, which lies in a street leading from Broad Gate (*lata porta*) towards Cross Cheaping 3s. 4d.

From the same for a tenement formerly Will. Honyngton's 12d.

¹ leaf 238, back. ² *terram siue pratium.*

From the same for a tenement formerly of Tho. Gloucestre	4s. 4d.	"Vicus de Gosseford." 4s. 4d.
From the same for a tenement which Joh. Pache formerly held	6d.	"Vicus de Smythford." 6d.
From the same for a tenement in the same street formerly Joh. Lynne's	2s.	2s.
From the same for a tenement in the same street formerly of Dom. ¹ Joh. Damas chaplain	8d.	8d.
From the same for a tenement there formerly Joh. Horswell's	2s.	"Vicus de Sponna." 2s.
Total 19s. 8d. whereof (inde) the gildmaster pays 12s. a year; and is in arrears unpaid for 4 years at Michaelmas 20 Edward IV. And the rest, viz. 7s. 8d. a year, remains unpaid for 30 years.]		Total 19s. 8d. Sept. 29. 1480.

Officio pitanciarū.

[From the same gild for a croft in <i>Harnale</i> called <i>Welle-croft</i> formerly in the tenure of Will. Poteger	12d.	To the pittancēr. 1s.
And it remains in arrears for 30 years and more. (& <i>ultra</i> .)]		

Gardianis ville de Couentre.

[From the wardens of the town for a piece of land in <i>Chilterleyes</i>	12d.	The wardens, "Radford." 1s.
From the same for a tenement formerly Joh. Shipley's there	2s.	"Vicus Episcopl." 2s.
From the same for another tenement there formerly Rog. Oky's	6d.	6d.
From the same for a stone house (<i>tenemento lapideo</i>) there	12d.	"Vicus fontis." 1s.
From the same for a Cottage built on the quarry (<i>super quareram</i>) there	12d.	"Hill-crosse." 1s.
From the same for a tenement there formerly Joh. Shipley's	8d.	8d.
Total 6s. 2d. And it remains in arrears for 12 years.		Total 6s. 2d.
From the same for a tenement formerly Ric. Sharpe's	12d.	1s.
And it is in arrears from the death of the same Richard.]		

¹ *Domini.*

Dec. 26.

THE MAYOR'S ANSWER.

The mayor
and council's
answer.

¹ The answeres of the Maire of Couentre & his Brethern made the xxvj^{ti} day of Decembre the xx^{ti} yere of þe reign of kyng Edward þe iiijth to þe bill of Compleynt made be þe priour of Couentre, be *protestacion* þat þis answer at all tymes hereafter may be altered, added þerto, amended or otherwyse reformed at eny tyme requisite.

1. The rents.

first, wher the seid Priour supposeth that *certen rentes* shuld be withdrawen be the Trinite Gilde, *Corporis Christi* Gilde, and þe wardeyns of the Cite, the answer hereof appereth hereaftur.²

2. The com-
mon and the
Tripartite.*

As-for the secunde article conteynnyng that contrarie to þe relese of Common be the Tripartite made by þe Maire and Cominalte of all approwementes,³ then approwed be the Priour & Couent, which the Maire & Cominalte shuld breke be an ordenaunce made anno *primo Henrici* vj^{ti} etc. :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they knowe no suche breche and yf eny such can be proued they wol-be conformable to a juste re-*formacion* in þat behalf etc.

1422-3.

3. The break-
ing

And as-to the ij^{de} article conteynnyng that when Will. Saunders was Mair⁴ vndisposed *persones* shulde breke pastures of the seid Priour at Whitmore & let fall his wode & breke his heggez, and he myght not be suffred to sue the mysdoers :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they remember no suche mysdedes don be eny *personne* knowen to hem and certenly be them nor theirs was non such offence don ; and as for eny lette of suyte in that *partie*, neither þe seid Will. Saunders nor eny Maire sithen neuer entended to let such suyte, all-though the differryng of the suyte,⁵ yf eny cause of accion be in that *partie*, hit hath ben & is at þe pleasur & goode will of þe seid Priour.

of fences in
1469
of which the
mayor and
council
remember
nothing.4. The stop-
ped river,
and evil
smell,

As-to the iiijth article conteynnyng that the people dayly with their dong, filth & swepyng thrown in þe comien Ryuer and stoppen the flodegates & watir in þe Priory

¹ leaf 239.² See below, p. 464 *sqq.*³ A raising of the value of common land by its enclosure by the lord of the manor. On the question of the common lands, see Introduction.⁴ See above, p. 350.⁵ (?) omission.

that their Mill is vtterly letted to go & causeth euell eire¹ to the hurte of the Priour, his Brethern & other folkes there ayens a statute perof made etc. :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they maken dayly als gret diligens as they can to knowe the stoppers of the seid Comien Ryuer, which is on of the most Iuels pat the Cite hath, and ffewe offenders or non can be perceyued, and when eny be perceyved they ben punysshed aftur their deserve. And fferther enquerre is made at euery lete holden within the Cite, and dayly serch made be pe aldermen of euery warde of pe Cite adioynng to the seid Ryuer for suche mysdoers so that defalt in pat partie of reason can not be arretted² in pe seid Maire, his Brethern, nor officers of pe Cite etc.

As-to the v^{te} article conteynng that pe people of pe Cite yerely in somur throwen down & beren away pe vnderwode of the seid priour as Birches, holyes, Oke, hauthorn & other at Whitmore parke & other closez & breken his hegges :—To this the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that yerely the Maistirs of euery crafte of pe Cite be commaundement of the Mair chargen the people of their Crafte to restreygn such dedes to be don be theym & peir seruauntes in eschewyng the doughtfull censures of pe Chirch & also to be punysshed be the temporell lawe. And yf eny vndisposed creature offend to the Contrarie ayenst their will no defalt perin oweth to be ascryued in them, remembryng pat the people of euery gret Cite, as London & other Citeez, yerely in somur doon harme to diuers lordes & gentyles hauyng wodes & Groves nygh to such Citees be takyng of boughes & treez, and zit the lordes & gentils suffren sych dedes ofte tymes of their goode will. And ofte tymes pe offenders can-not be knowen wher-thorough punysshement myght be don etc.

As-to the vj^{te} article conteynng that pe people yerely in Hasilwode, which pe Priour seith is his gronde, shuld throwe downe thornes, ffrres,³ ffern, Brome, diggen turves & such other, where be the Tripartite the people owe⁴ nothyng to haue there but pasture to their bestes

which evils the mayor and aldermen make daily great diligence to diminish by the punishment of offenders.

5. The prior's underwood

borne away by ill-disposed persons,

concerning which depre-dations the mayor is apologetic.

6. As to turf-digging in Haselwood

¹ air = smell.

² = imputed, ascribed; v. *N. E. D.* aret.

³ = furze. ⁴ = ought.

the mayor and council object to the interpretation of the Tripartite,

and argue that the general words "and other things" offer a loophole for turf-digging etc.

All the inhabitants have had unlimited common in Hasilwood for beasts commonable and not-commonable, as swine and goats.

Art. 7.
As to surcharging

comynable and Cley & sand for the reparacion of their howsez in the Cite:—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that the wordes in the seid Tripartite be not so speciall & streyt as the seid prior taketh hem, but þe wordes ben as he reherseth; and ouer that thus:— save that ¹þe people of ¹þe Comiens of the same town may digge gravell & sande for þe reparacions & redresse of their houses & walles & *oper* thynges and *per* donge *perto* putt as a-fore this tyme haue be vsed at all tymes nedefull. In which wordes generall ' & *oper* thynges ' ys vnderstanden thornes, firres, feron, Brome & Turves; & in *proffe* *perof* the people of the Citie, afore þe makyng of the seid Tripartite, at *pat* tyme & sythen without denyer haue had & owyed² all the seid thynges. And the seid Meire & his brethern by *protestacion*, not knowyng the grounde in Haselwode to be the seid priours, seyn *pat* all the inhabitantes within the Citie of Couentre, be the tyme that no mannes mynde is þe *contrarie*, haue had & vsed their *Comien* to all their bestes *comienally*³ & not comenable without noubur be all the yere; and nott only for bestes comenably, for till nowe late (nott past xvj yer) that for diuerse causez swyne & gette were restreynd to be within the Citie and depastur without þe Citie, the inhabitantes hadden their swyne & Geete without noubur goyng be all the yere in the seid grounde, and zett owen & mayn haue at their pleasur as well as *oper* Catell comenable etc.

⁴ As-to the vij article conteynyng that þe people of the Citie wrongfully seyn that þe *priour* ouercharges þe *comien* with his shepe and *oper* catell to the hurt of þe Citie, wich seying the seid *Priour* thynketh can-not be justified, for he seith that the lawe of the lande ys that the lorde of the soyle may *surcharge* and put *perin* what noubur hit lykes,⁵ and is not admesurable, but þe comeners ben nott of such condicïon nor benefite, for þey ben admesurable, and to be extended at *certeyn*.⁶ And yf the *priour* lust to haue the seid matier vnderstanden at large þe seid

¹—1 repeated. ² or "enjoyed." ³ = commonable.

⁴ leaf 239, back. ⁵ Supply "hym."

⁶ *i. e.* they must not exceed their "stint" of cattle

people owe not to haue their Rule so large as they haue :—
 To this article the seid Meire & his bredern, not knowyng
 the seid Priour to be lord of þe seid wast grounde, seyen
 þat þe people of the seid Citie tyme out of mynde haue
 had pere comen & pasturyng in þe seid grounde to all
 maner bestes comonable & not comonable *without* nnumber
 by all þe yere yerely, so þei thynk þat be lawe þei be
 nott admesurable n̄or extendable to eny *certeynte*, &
 thincken þat yf the lorde of the soyle in such case of
 comien ingrose [and] surcharge wherby þe *comeners*, as
 is aforseid, be interupt of þeire comen, as is aforseid,
 vsed, þat such interupcion is a disseisin of the Comien
 to sych *comeners*. Neuertheles þe seid Mayre & his
 bréthern hertyly prayen þe seid Priour to suffre this
 matier to reste and to do as his *predecessours* euer sithen
 the forseid Tripartite made and a-fore & sith haue don ;
 & to take sych direccion þat loue & vnite betwixt hym
 & this Citie may contynue, & dayly better encesse etc.

As to viij article in which is conteigned þat þe people
 of þe Cite dwellyng *without* Gosford-yate maken brigges
 & pathes into Harnal-feld, and stoppen the dykes *with*
 the wedes of þeir gardeyns and *oper* swepyng of þeir
 houses, and be the seid brigges and pathes bryngen in
 horsses & *oper* catell by nyghtes & so ete þe pasture, &
 som tyme shere the grasse of the same pasture :—To this
 article the seid Mayre & his bredren seyn þat the matiers
 in this article ben *particler* matiers betwixt the priour
 & sych *persones* only as in that case offenden, and
 perteigneth not to þe Maire & Comenalte as appereth
perby ; so yf such offence be don the seid Priour may at
 his plesur haue his lafull recouery a-yenest þe offenders,
 or yf hit lyke hym to gyve knowlege to þe mayre of þe
 names of þe offenders, he *perin* will doo his diligence for
 þe reformation *perof* as apperteygneth to hym etc.

As-to the ix article conteignyng that þe people of þis
 Citie yerely breken the hegges & dykes of þe seid Priour
 in diuerse places in þeir shotyng cald Rovyng & neyther
 sparen corne ne grasse but distreyne¹ & defylen hem :—To

the mayor

affirms that
 the commons
 are not
 stinted,
 but that if the
 lord of the
 soil prevent
 them from
 enjoying
 pasture
 rights it
 would be
 unlawful.

Art. 8.
 Bridges and
 paths into
 Harnal.

The matter
 lies between
 the prior and
 the individua
 misdoers.

Art. 9.
 Shooting

¹ ? destroyne.

is also a matter concerning individuals,

but reckless shooting is strictly forbidden by the city by-laws.

Art. 10. To the complaint of hunting and hawking

the same applies.

Let the prior prosecute.

Art. 11. Various offences

this article the seid Meire & his brethern seyn *pat* *pe matier* is *particler touchyng particlere persones* & nott the *generalte*, and such offenders owen to be punysshed be *accion atte suyt of pe partie greved*; for it is grete hurt to all *persones hauyng lyffelode about pe Citie*, although such rovyng about the Citie of London & all *oper grete Cities* is suffred; and to haue such Rovyng lefte many streyte ordinnauncez be made *be auctorite of letes holden in this Citie*, and grett peynes lymytt, yf *pe offenders were presented & knowen*, and yf it plesse the seid priour to gyf knowlege to the seid Meire of such offenders he will do hys effectuelly diligence *perin* for reformacion ther-of etc.

As-to the xth article conteynyng that the people of the Citie¹ huntten & hauken *within pe waren* of the seid Priour in Couentre, Whitmore & many other placez *within the shire of Couentre & without*, and hit distroyen a-yenest the lawe & a-yenest his chartur of waren:—To this article the seid Meir & his brethern seyn *pat* this matier is also *particler & particler accion* to be had of such offencez; and also is enquerably be Justicez of peace *within pis Citie*, & in euery generall session is enquered; and ferther may nott the Meire & his brethern doo. Neuertheles yf it like the seid Priour to sue be *accion* such offenders, *pe said Maire [& his] brethern perin* will do *peir lafull favour & assistence* etc.

As-to *pe xj* article conteignyng that the people of *pe Cite* breken his seuerall grounde *within hym*, cald *pe Orchard*, maken comen high²weyes out of Spetelmore porough his Gardens *pere & breken vp his postern yates*, wherby his Catell strayeth out and oft tymes is lost; and also *pe people* maken *pe same seuerall grounde* a sportyng place *with shotyng & other games*, & hurten his grasse, and they ben challenged be the priours *seruauntez* thei gyffen³ theim short langage, seyng *pat* thei will haue hit their sportyng place:—To *pis* article the seid Maire & his brethern [*seyn*] *pat* such comyng into *pe seid*⁴ Orchard to theim is vnknowen & *pe offence per* supposed to be

¹ "breken his seuerall grounde" deleted.

² MS. "hight."

³ "sportyng" deleted.

⁴ repeated.

don, so yf eny vndisposed *personez* þer offende þei will nott be a-yenes þe punysshement of them be eny lawfull punysshment to be sued be þe seid priour etc.

¹ As-to the xij article conteynnyng that the people of this Citie hurten the ffysshe in Swanneswel-pole be þeire wasshyng þere, which thei don wrongfully, and also ffysshen be nyght & day the seid pole & oþer his poles be stalthe þat be diuerse yeres the seid priour & his predecessours haue lost ffysshe to the value of an C li. :— To þis article the seid Meire and his bredern seyn ffirst as to þat þat is seid þat the people of þis Citie hurten þe fische in Swanneswell pole be þeire weysshyng there² þe people vnderstanden þat þe place of the seid weysshyng ys þe soyle of þe hospitall of seint John Baptiste of this Citie; in which soyle the people of this Citie a-fore the foundacion of the seid hospitall then & sithen and tyme that no mannes mynde ys þe contrarie haue without eny lett or denyer of eny persone had þer ease & profitt to wasshe þere at their pleasure, and owen & euer haue vsed tyll nowe late to water their horssees at the seid pole, and where is supposed þat the seid pole ys hurt þerby hi[t i]s thought be comen reson þat þe ffysshe is profited þerbi and þe ffatter. And as for ffysshyng in the seid pole be nyght or day or stalthe of ffyshe þere :—The seid Meire & his brethern knowe no such; and yf it lyke the seid Prior to vtter the names of such misdoers, which in their so doying ben felons, they schuld be punysshed accordyng to the lawe etc.

As-to the xij article conteygnyng þat the seid priour hath grete hurt & his predecessours many yeres haue hadde be þe withholdyng their Plumhouse be þe Welyard-yate, which was made of their own costes for there occupacion, and afterward lande to the byldyng of Michels-churche, and so þe chirchewardens kepen hit still be wronge possession and sett hit to ferme yerely; of which house & money so taken he desireth restitution as conscience & right requireth :—To this article the seid Meir & his bredern seyn þat ther haue ben

are punishable if the prior sue the offenders.

Art. 12.
As to the washing in Swanswell surely

it only profits the fish and makes them grow the fatter!

Let the prior prosecute trespassers.

Art. 13.
As for the plumb-house,

¹ leaf 240. ² "as to þat" repeated.

the church-wardens, who can be sued at law and hold lands,

have been in possession of it time out of mind, and it was never in the prior's hands.

Art. 14. As to tree-logging,

that was done by the vicar.

The building

Chirchewardens of þe seid Chirche of seint Michell tyme out of mynde electyff yerely by the parisshons of the same chirche at þeir pleasir, which wardens by the seid tyme haue ben pleddable, & be empledde, and able to purchas landes & tenementz, which wardens be all the seid tyme haue ben seased of the seid Plumhouse to the vse & profyte of þe seid Church. And they seyn that the seid Plumhouse was neuer in the possession nor in *propurte* to þe seid Priour nor eny of his *predecessours*, nor lant to the bildyng of the seid Church, but þe Churchewardens of the seid Church nowe late diuerse yeres haue suffered the seid Priour to haue a dore out of the seid Plumhouse to caste his led there at their suffraunce, for which occupacion the same Churchewardens owen to haue a recompense, & the seid dore owe to be stopped vp. Neuertheles yf þe seid priour can prove that the seid plumhouse owe to be his thei will not be ayenes the right etc.

As to the xiiij article conteynyng þat the Churchewardens of Michell Church haue lopped the trees growyng in þe Chircheyard and there maken bildynges, which thei owe nott do for such thynges longon to the parsons & not to þe parisshons be þe comen lawe, and now late thei haue made newe byldyng vpon the seid Chircheyard afore the Drapery dorre *without* eny composission made *with* þe seid priour & Couent, parsons of þe same etc. :— To this article the seid Maire and his brethren seyn that as for lopping of eny trees, ther ben ther but fewe to loppe & full fewe haue ben lopped in effecte, and yf eny such trees were lopped þei haue ben lopped by the Vicare & his¹ deputez & not be parisshons. And as for the forseid New-bildyng a-yenes the Drapery dorre, the forseid Meire & his brethren seyn that the grounde wheruppon the seid bildyng ys sett ys no part of Chircheyard; although nowe of late tyme sythen the last byldyng of seint Michell Church the parisshons kepe their *procesion* weye in the strete adyoynyng to the seid byldyng; but þe grounde wheruppon þe seid byldyng is afore the

¹ "de" follows.

last byldyng of the seid Churche was part of the high way of olde tyme occupyed *with* stalles, the frount therof & the litell grounde *within* the stalles sett¹ out be the Churchwardens be suffraunce of þe Meire & Comenalte, which be poynt of Charter & tyme out of mynde haue had profit of *purprestures*²; and in prove þerof the procession weye on þe South syde of the seid Churche of seint Michell afore the last byldyng of the seid Churche was where the south baye of the seid Churche ys nowe, and more-ouer the forseid priour agreed to the seid newe byldyng and *perto* assented full gently etc.

is on the old highway.

“Building on south side of St. Michael’s Church” is also on an old procession way.

³As-to the xv article conteynyng that the priour & his predecessours ben hurt in diuerse places be setting of the town wall vpon their grounde, be þe which their lyfflod ys defalked yerely to the summe of iij li. vj s. viij d.⁴ from the tyme *pat* Joh. Smythear was Maire of þis Citie⁵ vnto this tyme, of the which the Priour desireth restitution, and howe he shall be answered hereafter:—To this article þe seid Meire & his brethern seyn that þe Chartur sued to Mure⁶ & wall þis Cite be lyklyhod was labored alswell be þe aggrement & assent of þe predecessour of the seid Priour nowe being in *pat* tyme Priour as be the Maire & Cominaulte then beyng, be conideracion *pat* the prior then beyng, & the Prior nowe, hath a grete lyfflood *within* the walles of þis Citie and their Churche hylte *within* the same; which Murage is to þe Priour & all his tennauntez within this Citie a full grete suerte and a noble defence yf eny trowbull fell *within* this lande—which God forbede!—which moved the predecessours of þe seid Priour to suffre, license & aggre the seid town wall to haue his Cours thorough the landes of the seid Priours⁷ as it hath thorough all *oper* mennes freholdes *without* Interupcion or denyer; and hit is an olde saying that a werke don & made for a Comien-well owe to be no groge to eny *particler* person etc.

Art. 15. The town wall

protects the prior and his tenants.

As-to the xvj article conteynyng *pat* þe people of the Citie carion their Donge, Ramell, & swepyng of their

Art. 16. As to the depositing of refuse,

¹ = let out. ² Cart. 21, 22, 23 Ric. II, n. 4 (Dugdale, p. 98).
³ leaf 240, back. ⁴ On p. 447, £2 16s. 8d. ⁵ 1404.
⁶ = enclose with a wall. ⁷ MS. Priours.

houses and leyen hit vnto þe walles & yate of the Priours-orchard *with-out* þe Coke-strete yate, and stoppen vp the wey there that the preour may not haue his Carriage thorough his Orchard as he hath vsed to haue, where of late tyme thei leide there nothyng but swepying of their houses which was Carried a-wey be men of the Contrey to Donge their londe, and nowe be-cause thei leye there her Ramell there will no man Carry hit a-wey as thei were wont to ddoo (*sic*), and so hit encreseth dayly more & more To the hyndraunce & hurt of þe seid Priour:— To this article the seid Meir & his brethern seyn that þe seid leying of donge ys nott in their default nor the xxxth persone of this Citie hath no resorte in to *pat* partie, so þe seid offence, yff eny bee, is don be the tennauntez & the inhabitantez on that partie of the seid Priour, calde the Priours-parte, wherin he hath his Court of lete & poiar to enquer of all *maner* annusauncez ther don & hadd, and so of right the offenders owe to be punysshed there and nott be the lete on the parte of the Maire & Cominalte. And also yf such particuler persones as is aforseid [offend] þe seid priour may haue his accion *oper within* this Citie or at *Comen* lawe at his pleasur etc.

It is done by the prior's own tenants;

let the prior punish them in his own leet.

Art. 17.

As-to the xvij article which conteigneth *pat* the Priour & his *predecessours* haue yerely paid x li. to þe murage of þis Citie where of trouthe save of their goodwill they oweth to paye no peny, and where *promyse* was made to the Priour nowe beyng *pat* all the reuenuez of the lyvelode for the Murage, which amounteth to make vj perches be yere, shuld haue ben made vpon his grounde, all *oper parties* leid on *part*, which nowe passes nott ij perche be yere, but [thei] employ hit to *oper reparacions* of þe seid town wall, which causeth the seid Priour to be gretly hurt, and contrary to þe graunt of the *Chartur* of the Murage:—To this article the seid Meire and his brethern seyn *pat* true it is *pat* the seid priour & his *predecessours* be *certen* tyme haue yerely payd x li. to þe murage of thys Cytie, which payement is both of dute & good will because their lyffeloode *within* this Citie & their *propre* Church may Rest in surte be measne of the seid Murage, as is a-fore rehersed

Murage is paid, and should be paid by the prior, because his property and church receive protection from the wall.

in the xv article. And where the seid Priour seith that be promyse all the reuenues of the lyuelode for pe seid Murage shuld be made on his grounde, all oper parties leid aparte, wich reuenez in parte be employd to oper parties of the seid town wall:—Thei seyn to pis of duete & reason yf part of eny olde wall or yate sodenly fall, hit of reason owe first to be made and to be preferred a-fore oper wallyng; for, yf eny Juperdie schuld fall, & nede to defende the Citie, the fewer entreez for enymies be had pe more suer is the Citie. And muche better myghten the people of the Citie resorte to defende on parte vnwalled then to defend many partes vnwalled, which causeth hem in tyme of nede² to respite pe newe wallyng as casuelte falleth. And ferther the seid Meire & his brethern seyn pat in tyme of Shoteswell, predecessour of pe seid Priour, hit was vtterly accorded be pe Meire & Cominalte of this Citie that the town wall schuld haue gon after the comien Ryver of this Citie by the Mylle in the Priory & so directly to the Derne-yate, cald the Bastell. Wheruppon at speciall desire & request of the seid Schoteswell, then Priour, & pe Covent in concideracion pat somme parte of pe wall in diuerse places was sett on their grounde, which thei then seid was to their hurt, although he & euery priour before hadde a-greed pertoo & license of them had, zet in recompens perof and of all oper hurtes pen be pe seid Shoteswell expressed, Will. Pere, then Mayre, & his brethern, for thoo causes & oper pen rehersed betwixt them, confermed to the desire of pe seid Shoteswell pat certen stewes & seint Osburn pole schuld be enclosed within the walles of the seid Citie, which wallyng in pat forme proceded woll cost pe seid Citie more be V^c marc pen the wallyng afore-tyme be pe the (*sic*) meire & his brethern purposed wolde haue cost, so [for] pat cause the meire & the comenalte of pis Citie thincken that the Priour & Couent of reason owen to shewe hem grete love & favour etc.

And as to the xvijj article conteignyng that Laur. Saunders, now beyng Chamberleyn, with oper diuerse

At the request of the Priory, the city was put to great expense,

1462,

about carrying the wall round S. Osburg's Pool,

for which the prior ought to be grateful.

Art. 18.

¹ leaf 241.

² MS. mede.

The pastures
in severalty :

Laurence
only spoke
what he be-
lieved the
truth.

A pleading
for unity.

vndisposed persones, noysen & slaundenen the seid Priour in the Citie, seyng that he kepeth diuerse pastures in seueralte, which owen to be Comen of the which pastures he wolde vnderstond where thei ben that he myght answere to them :—To this article pe seid Meire & his brethern sein that in-as-much as the matier of this article only *perteigneth* to the seid Laurence thei haue examened hym theruppon, and he seith that he neuer noysed eny pasture of the seid Priour to be comen but such as [he] vnderstandes owen to be Comen be the blak boke of this Citie, which specifieth pe *certente* of comen ; and yf [it] can be founden *pat* he in *pat* behalf haue in eny wyse offended, he will a-byde such rule as þe seid Priour & the Maire of pis Citie & his bredern please to comaunde him etc.

These forseid answeres the seid Meir & his brethern prayen hertly the seid Priour & his Covent lovyngly to accept, & that thei please to remember the longe *continued* & hertly love betwixt them, their *predecessoures* & all the well disposed people of this Citie ; and *pat* many of the seid people be fermours & tennauntz to pe seid Priour, which of reason he oweth to love & favour, and thei hym in lyke wyse ; and *pat* þe seid priour please to be als good lover and faorable to the Comen wele of this Citie as his *predecessours* many yeres past haue ben, so that verray love betwixt theym may contynue & dayly better increce to Goddes pleasur & theires etc.

THE RENTS.

¹ [Reply to the prior's bill concerning rents claimed from the gilds and from the tenements of the mayor and community.

[The mayor and his brethren, to whom the said bill is presented, say that the prior is annually duly paid the sum of the said rents claimed from the

Responcio ad billam Prioris de redditibus clamatis de Gildis S. Trinitatis & Corporis Christi ac tenementis Maioris & Communitatis.

Maior & ffrares sui, quibus predicta billa porrecta fuit, dicunt quod predictus prior est annuatim debite solutus de summa reddituum predictorum de predicta Gilda S. Trini-

¹ leaf 241, back. See above, p. 448.

said Trinity Gild by the ser-
geants and servants of the
same gild; and nothing of the
rents is in arrear.

[The mayor etc. say that
the prior and his officials have
received 21*l.* from the gild
(above the sum claimed by the
prior) for 40 years' space,
which amounts to 6 marks
and more, of which sum resti-
tution should be made to the
said gild.

[As to the Keresley land,
formerly J. Braunston's, held,
as the prior asserts, at will, to
this the mayor etc. say it is
the gild's freehold and is held
freely by charter from the
time that the memory of man
is not, and is not held at will.
And this they are prepared to
verify by sufficient evidence.
And as to a certain rent
supposed to issue from the
same holding, they say that
these holdings are outside the
fee and lordship of the said
prior.

[And as to the meadow
lying in Styffordhale claimed
by the said prior as appertinent
to his land there, the said
mayor etc. say all the meadow
lying there belongs to the said
gild, and has belonged from
the time that memory of the

*tatis clamata per seruientes & Minis-
tros eiusdem Gilde. Et nihil de
redditibus illis eidem priori est aretro.*

*Et dicunt iidem Maior & fratres
sui quod Idem prior & officarii sui
vltra predictam summam clamatam
per eundem priorem receperunt annu-
atim de eadem Gilda viginti vnum de-
narios per spacium xl^{ta} annorum etc.
qui attingunt ad summam sex marc-
arum & vltra, de qua summa etc.
restitutio eidem Gilde debet fieri.*

*Et quoad tenementum in Keresley
nuper Joh. Braunston, quod tenetur
ad voluntatem, vt dictus priorasserit¹
etc., ad hoc iidem Maior etc. dicunt
quod tenementum illud est liberum
tenementum Gilde predicte, & libere
per cartam² tentum de tempore quo
memoria hominum non existit per
cartam fuit tentum & non ad volun-
tatem. Et hoc parati sunt verificare
per sufficientem Euidenciam etc.
Et quoad aliquem redditum suppositum
fore exeuntem de eodem tene-
mento dicunt quod tenementa illa
sunt extra feodum & dominium dicti
prioris etc.*

*Et quoad pratum iacens in Styf-
fordhale clamatum per dictum priorem
ut pertinens terre sue ibidem etc.,
iidem Maior etc. dicunt quod totum
pratum ibidem jacens³ pertinet ad
terram Gilde predicte, & a tempore
cuius contrarii memoria hominum
non existit pertinuit, absque hoc*

¹ deletions.

² Land held by charter was freehold; land held "at will" represents a servile tenure, the later copyhold.

³ MS. *jacent*'.

contrary is not, without any part of the same meadow ever belonging to the land of the said prior.

[And as to all rents claimed by the said prior from the said gild of Corpus Christi, with the exception of 3s. supposed to issue from a tenement lying in the Cross Cheaping by Slepers Lane, formerly belonging to S. Damas, and 3s. 4d. supposed to issue from half a messuage lying in the street leading from Broadgate towards Crosscheaping, and 8d. supposed to issue from a tenement in Smithford Street, once J. Damas', chaplain's, the same mayor etc. say that these rents have been paid to the prior and his officials and nothing is in arrears.

[And as to the said rents, 3s., 3s. 4d., and 8d., the same mayor etc. protest that these tenements, whence these rents are supposed to come, are outside the prior's fee and lordship, and that neither the prior nor his predecessors, since the time-limit of the writ of action of novel disseisin, was possessed of these rents or of any of them.

[And as to the 12d. sup-

*quod aliqua pars eiusdem prati predictae terre dicti prioris vnquam pertinuit.*¹

Et quoad omnes redditus clamatos per dictum Priorem de predicta Gilda Corporis Christi, exceptis iij s. suppositis fore exeuntibus de vno tenemento jacente in le Crossechepyng iuxta Slepers-lane quondam Simonis Damas, Et iij s. iiij d. suppositis fore exeuntibus de medietate Messuagii iacentis in vico ducente de Lata Porta versus le Crossechepyng, ac viij d. suppositis fore² exeuntibus de vno tenemento in vico de Smythford quondam Joh. Damas, Capellani, iidem Maior etc. dicunt quod redditus illi sunt annuatim eidem priori et officariis suis debite soluti. Et inde nihil aretro est, etc.

Et quoad predictos redditus iij s. xld. & viij d. iidem Maior etc. protestando quod tenementa unde supponuntur redditus illi provenire, etc. sunt extra feodum & dominium dicti prioris, nec quod dictus prior nec aliquis predecessorum suorum etc. vnquam post limitacionem³ brevis accionis noue disseissine seisitus fuit de redditibus illis seu de aliquo eorum.

Et quoad xij d. suppositos fore

¹ deletion.

² Repeated.

³ *i. e.* since 1242. The limitation of the action to disseisins after 1242 excluded any legal action regarding disseisins that had occurred before that date. (Mr. Stevenson.) See Pollock and Maitland, *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 51.

posed to issue from a certain croft in Harnale, called Wellecroft, the mayor protests that this holding is outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors were possessed of that rent since the time-limit.

[And as to the rents claimed from the wardens, first, concerning a piece of land in Chilterneys whence the prior claims 12*d.* a year, the mayor etc. protest that the said piece of land is outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors, since the time-limit, was in possession of the rent.

[And as to 12*d.* supposed to issue from a stone tenement lying in Well Street, the said mayor etc. protest that the tenement is without the prior's fee, and say that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors was in possession of the rent since the time-limit.

[And as to the 12*d.* rent supposed to issue from a tenement in Spon Street, formerly Ric. Sharp's, and as to all the other rents claimed from the wardens by the said prior, the said mayor etc. protest that the tenements whence the rents are supposed [to arise] are outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors was seized

exeuntes de quodam Crofto in Harnale, vocato Wellecroft, iidem Maior etc. protestando quod tenementum illud est extra feodum etc. dicunt quod nec dictus prior nec aliquis predecessorum suorum etc. vnquam post limitacionem etc. fuit seisitus de redditu predicto.

Et quoad omnes redditus clamatos de Gardianis ville de Couentria, videlicet, In primis, de vna pecia terre in Chilterleys in Radford, vnde dictus prior clamat xij d. per annum, iidem Maior etc. protestando quod predicta pecia terre est extra feodum prioris, dicunt quod nec dictus prior nec aliquis predecessorum suorum vnquam post limitacionem accionis etc. fuit de redditu illo seu de etc.

Et quoad xij d. suppositos fore exeuntes de tenemento lapideo iacente in vico ffontis etc., iidem Maior etc. protestando quod tenementum illud est extra feodum etc. ipsius prioris etc., dicunt quod nec dictus prior nec aliquis predecessorum suorum fuit de redditu illo seisitus post limitacionem etc.

Et quoad xij d. redditus suppositos fore exeuntes de tenemento in vico de Sponna nuper Ric. Sharp, et quoad omnes alios redditus per ipsum priorem de predictis Gardianis clamatos, iidem Maior etc. protestando quod tenementa vnde supponuntur redditus etc. sunt extra feodum etc., dicunt quod nec ipse prior nec aliquis predecessorum etc. fuit de redditibus illis seisitus post limitacionem etc.; ac tamen dicunt iidem

of the same since the time-limit, nevertheless the mayor says that if the prior can show that he has a just and legal title to them or any parcel of them, in this matter they are willing to be ordered according to that which is just.

[This reply to the said prior is delivered by the aforesaid mayor, under this protestation, viz. that the mayor etc. in the future may change this reply, take from it, vary from it or add to it at will without prejudice or challenge of any one.

Maior etc., quod in casu quod Idem prior iustum & legalem titulum ad redditus predictos seu ad aliquem (sic) parcellam eorundem habendum monstrare poterit se (sic) voluerit etc. in (sic) ipsi in hac parte secundum quod iustum fuerit se voluerint conformari, etc.

Ista responcio predicto priori sub hac protestacione per predictum Maiorem etc. deliberatur, videlicet quod iidem Maior etc. omni tempore decetero responcionem istam mutare possunt & de ea variare si etc. ac eam minuere siue eidem addere ad eorum libitum sine preiudicio seu contraddicione (sic) alicuius.

THE PRIOR'S REPLICATION.

[Rejoinder of the prior and convent to the mayor's answer concerning the rents.

[First, as to the rents issuing from divers tenements, the prior and convent say that they have not been paid by the ministers of the Trinity gild as is supposed by the response, but that the gild is in arrears to them for 30 years and more, as appears in the said prior's bill, £31 12s. 6d.

[And further they say that neither they nor their officers have received annually for 40 years, as is supposed in the

Replicacio Tho. Dirram, Prioris & Conuentus ecclesie etc. ad responcionem Maioris etc. ville de Couentria quoad redditus.

In primis, Idem prior & Conuentus dicunt quoad redditus exeuntes de diuersis tenementis Gilde S. Trinitatis quod non sunt soluti per Ministros Gilde prout per responsionem supponitur, sed quod Gilda predicta est a retro in arreragiis illis debitis per xxx^{ta} annos & vltra, vt patet in billa dicti prioris, xxxj li. xij s. vj d.

Et vterius dicunt quod, ipsi nec officiarum sui non receperunt annuatim per xl^{ta} annos, vt in responcione supponitur, predictam summam¹ viginti

¹ One stroke too many for "m."

response, the sum of 21*d.* amounting to the sum of 6 marks, in addition to the sum claimed by the prior. Therefore no such restitution is by any means owing to the said gild.

[Item, the same prior, etc. say that J. Braunston held in fee one acre and one rood of land in Keresley, formerly Sim. Bulbek's, rendering annually thence 1*s.* 3*d.* to the prior.

[And the same John held at will divers parcels of land in Keresley, as appeared in the same prior's rental, which are within the said prior's fee.

[And as to the meadow in Styffordhale, the same prior says that all that meadow lying at the end of his lands there belongs to the same prior and convent by reason of his land aforesaid in right of his church, and belonged [to them] time out of mind, until the prior and convent and their predecessors were disseised by Tho. Wilgris and Joh. Wilgris by command of the mayor and community of Coventry.

[And as to the rents supposed in the said response by the mayor to be well and faithfully paid, the said prior says they are not duly paid, as is before supposed.

& vnus denariorum, attingentem ad summam sex marcarum, vltra summam per priorem clamatam. Ideo nulla talis restitucio dicte Gilde omnino debetur.

Item, iidem prior etc. dicunt quod Joh. Braunston tenuit in feodo j acram & j Rodam terre in Keresley, quondam Simonis Bulbek,¹ reddendo annuatim inde priori etc. xv d.

Et idem Joh. tenuit ad voluntatem diuersas parcelas terre in Keresley, vt [p]atet in rentali eiusdem prioris. Que sunt infra feodum dicti prioris.

Et quoad pratum in Styffordhale iidem Prior etc. dicunt quod totum illud pratum iacens ad finem terrarum suarum ibidem pertinet eisdem priori & Conuentui racione terre sue predictae, vt in iure sue ecclesie, & a toto tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit pertinuit, quousque iidem Prior & Conuentus & predecessores sui fuerunt disseisiti per Tho. Wilgris & Joh. Wilgris per preceptum Maioris & Communitatis Couentrie.

Et quoad redditus in dicta responsione per maiorem etc. suppositos bene & fideliter solutos iidem prior etc. dicunt quod non nec debito modo sunt soluti, vt prius supponitur.

¹ or Bullek.

[And as to the other rents asked from the Corpus Christi gild, viz. 3s. from a tenement in Cross-Cheaping by Slepers-lane, formerly belonging to S. Damas, and 3s. 4d. from the half of a messuage in the street leading from Broadgate towards Cross-Cheaping, and 8d. from a tenement in Smithford Street, formerly belonging to J. Damas, the chaplain, the prior and convent say that the tenements are within their fee, and that the prior and his predecessors had seisin of the rents after the time-limit of the Assize of novel disseisin.

[And thus the prior and convent say that they and their predecessors were seised of all the other rents specified in the said reply after the limitation aforesaid. All these things they are ready to verify.]

Jan, 4, 1481.
The replication continued.

¹ The replication of the priour & Covent of þe Cathedrall Church of our Lady of Couentre to þe answers of the Mayre of Couentre and his bredern made the iiijth day of January the xx^{ti} ye[re] of the Reign of Kyng Edward the iiijth; [provided] that this Replicacion at all tymes here-after may be alterd, added therto, emended or otherwise reformed at eny tyme behovabull.

Art. 1.
The gilds' rents.

ffurst, as to þe rentes demaunded by the seid Priour & Covent of the seid Maire & Cominalte and seid Gildes, the replication of þe seid prior & Covent to þe answer of þe same Mayre & bredern is conteyned in a bill as it appereth moore playnly in the same.

Art. 2.

As to the ij article, the same Priour & Covent sayn

Et quoad alios redditus demandatos [de] Gilda Corporis Christi, vide licet iij s. suppositos fore exeuntes de j tenemento iacente in le Crossechepyng iuxta Slepers-lane, quondam Sim. Damas, Et iij s. iiij d. suppositos fore exeuntes de medietate vnius Messuagii iacentis in vico ducente de Lata Porta versus le Crossechepyng, ac viij d. suppositos fore exeuntes de vno tenemento in vico de Smythford, quondam Joh. Damas, Capellani, iidem prior et Conuentus dicunt quod tenementa predicta sunt infra feodum suum. Et quod ipse prior & predecessores sui fuerunt seisiti de redditibus predictis post limitationem assise noue disseisine.

Et sic iidem Prior & Conuentus dicunt quod ipsi & predecessores sui fuerunt seisiti de omnibus aliis redditibus in dicta responcione specificatis post limitationem noue disseisine. Quas quidem omnes & singulas replicationes iidem prior & conuentus parati sunt verificare.

that such breches han be made as hath be shewed before-
tyme be wrytynges be the seid priour to the Maire and
his bredern ; and 3itt shal-be proved by sufficient proves
when nede requireth.

The prior
will prove
his allega-
tions.

As to the iij article, the seid priour & Couent sayn
pat vndisposed people by pe commaundement of Will.
Saunders, then beyng Mayre of Couentre, breke down his
pastures at Whitmore, and falled down theire wode, and
breke down their hegges,¹ and was after promysed that² pe
Mayre & his bredern that a Croft without pe New-zate of
Couentre with oder feldes of pe same Priour & Couent
shulde be made so³ to theim and to pere successours by
wrytyng & vnder the seall of the Town pat pei, ne non
of their successours, euer after shulde be vexed ne
trobeled be-cause thei shulde nott take their suytt when
Will. Briscowe toke his suyt for such offens don to hym⁴
in the same season. And the names of the same mysdoers
shall appere when tyme requireth.

Art. 3.

In 1469

the close by
New Gate

was made
over when
the prior
and convent
agreed not
to trouble the
city with a
suit.

Also to pe iiijth article, the seid Priour & Couent sayn
that ther is non such enquerans⁵ had by pe Mayre & his
brethern, neyther no such punysshement, neyther no such
diligens of punysshement had of no such mysdoers of pe
defylers of the Ryver ; for and ther were eny such diligens
or punysshement, as is supposed by the Mayre and his
bredern, hit is *certen* that the contynuaunce of pe same
mysdoing shulde not be dayly soo in contynuaunce of vse
as it is no more then in oder place.

Art. 4.

The prior
disbelieves
in the pun-
ishment of
the defilers
of the river.

As to matier comprised in the vj article, the seid Priour
& Couent refere theim-self to pe kynges lawes, and to
such lerned Counceyll as can be thaught expedient for the
determinacion of the same.

Art. 6

As towchyng the vij article, the seid prior & Couent
haue & ben lordes of pe soyle, as shal-be shewed be
credible and sufficient proves at such conuenient tymes
as shal-be required ; and as to the remenaunt of pe matiers
comprised in the seid article, the seid Priour & Couent
refere theim-self to the kynges lawes, and hit to be deter-
mined as is aboue rehersed.

and Art. 7

are referred
to the law's
determina-
tion.

¹ See above. ² ?by. ³ ?sure.

⁴ MS. hyn. ⁵ Inquiry.

Art. 13.
The plumb-
house.

As for the matier conteyned in the xiiij article,¹ as for the plumhouse, the seid Priour & Couent shall make prove of peire title & possession when hit shal-be required.

Art. 14.
The parcel of
the church-
yard was
not waste
ground;

As for the matier comprised in the xiiij article, the seid Priour & Couent seyn that þe same grounde is parcell of the Churcheyarde, and was no wast-grounde. Werfor the seid priour & Couent sayn that the sayde Mayre and Cominalte owen nott to approve them of his grounde, neyther be lawe, reason nor consciens; and where thei sey that the seyd priour lycensed so to bygge² and soo therto was agreed, Therto seith the same Priour that he gaff no such licens nor neuer made such agreement as in their-of answer is supposed.

no licence to
buy it was
obtained.

Art. 15.

As for the matier comprised in the xv article, the seid Priour & Couent sayn that ther was neuer no such licens labored by non of their predecessours, nor by their agreement nor knowlege, of non such murage³; and ouer that, the seid priour & Couent seyn that neyther be lawe, reson nor good consciens, that a comen langage, ne comen sayng, shulde disherite or hurt any man ayenest the kynges lawes, and though it be a Comen-weyle to the Maire & Comenalte of þe seid Citie to dissease the seid Priour & Couent of their said grounde, that comen-wele is nott sufferable by the kynges lawes; which thynges the seid priour shall prove such tyme as cawse shall require.

Auent
murage.

The prior
refuses to be
dispossessed
of his land
even for the
common
good.

Agreement
of Prior
Shoteswell
denied.

⁴As to⁵ the matier comprised in the xvij article the seid priour & Couent sayn that ther was neuer no such agreement made [be] his predecessours, Priour Shoteswell, nor non of his brethern, as the same nowe priour & his brethern knowen verely.⁶

Measures
will be taken
according
to legal
advice.

And as for all *oper* articles calde by you particler matiers, the seid priour & Couent will take such remedye as shall be thought most expedient be their lerned Councill hereafter.

All which matiers in these forseid Replicacions com-

¹ "the seid Priour & Couent seyn that the same grounde" deleted.

² = build.

³ Stroke of "m" wanting.

⁴ leaf 242, back.

⁵ "for" deleted.

⁶ "All which matiers in thees forseid Replicacions comprised the seid Mair & couent shall" deleted, "averye" undeleted.

prised the seid Priour & Couent shall averye¹ and prove before such persones and at such places as this case shall require.

And where-as the Meire and his brethern prayen hertly to the Priour and his Couent lovyngly to accept their answeres made to their complayntes, thei thinke it is no lovyng desire; and thei please to call to their remembrauns howe that late vppon a surmyse made to my lorde prynce of diuerse Iniuries don by hym² & oper persones, as ye knowe well, for the which my sayd lorde prynce and his Councell toke a direccion such as ye knowe, for the which ye lust to haue a Communicacion with me of my greves; of þe which with deliberacion hadd the xvj day of Nouember last past. I deliuered you writyng to the which, the ij^{de} day of Januare next folow- yng, ye deliuered answeres in writyng; by the which I & my bredern thinke is no thyng accordyng for reformation but delays: Wherefore I and they desyre & prey you to haue vs excused of further *communicacion*, for when the matier shall com in reuolucion, there as best right is I prey God hit may rest, for we trust to God in our compleyntes ben no feynied matiers but such as shall be proved be credible proves in writyng. And for your answeres ye haue taken longe leysare to conceyve, suasyous like as it appereth, but we trust to haue oder remedye where trowthe schal-be knowen.

Dissatisfac-
tion of the
prior and
convent at
the mayor's
answer,

especially at
the delays
attending
the same,

whereupon
he waxes
haughty
and sarcastic.

RIC. COLYNS, MAYOR, 1481.

³ [¶ Election of officers.]

Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Wildegrice, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Seman, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Tho. ffurde, Joh. Hoton, Rob. Blubury, Will. Thistelton, Hen. Marler, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffyssher, Gal. Arthern, Th. Chircheman, Joh. Castell, Joh. Dove, Nic. Brome.

[m. Ric. Colyns; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Ric. Nores,

New officers.

¹ v. *N. E. D.* aver = to prove true, confirm, verify.

² Whom? Note change of construction.

³ leaf 243. Bailiffs, Joh. Keball, Rob. Jekes.

“ Couentre.”
Jan. 25.

Electors.

Ric. Drought ; w. Ric. Smyth, Rob. Grene ; mace, Will. Nasshe.

J. Ps. Ric. Colyns, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, M. G. S. T., Joh. Wyldegryse, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton.

Key-keepers. The same except the recorder and Ruyton.]

Mar. 7-
Apr. 22.

The steward

goes to
London about
the prior's
business ;

but the prior
dies, and the
business is
postponed.

THE PRIOR'S LAWSUIT.

Mem. *pat* Joh. Boteler, styward, be the advice of *pe* Meire & his Counceill, was sent to London in Lenton, then beyng the *priour* at London at the Conuocacion, to vndirstond what day *pe* Counceill of *pe* Cite & of *pe* *priour* wolde poynte to mete & where to haue *communicacion* of *pe* variauncez betwixt them etc. at which tyme was poynted for *pe* Cite Joh. Vauasour, *seriaunt*, & Tho. Kebull ; and for the parte of *pe* *priour*, Joh. Catesby,¹ *seriaunt*, and Will. Catesby² ; they to haue mette at Couentre in Passion weke next folowyng etc., afore which day the seid *priour* dyed at London, & so that matier discontinued, etc.

WAR WITH SCOTLAND.

Apr. 7. ³Mem. that *pe* Seturday next before Passion Sunday doctour Dunmowe, Guy Wolston, Tho. Lovet, & Pember-ton, yomen of *pe* Crown, delyuered to the Meire a lettre fro the kyng wherof the tenur therof heraftur ensueth.

Feb. 28.

By the kyng.

The king

Ryght trusty & wele beloued, we gret yewe wele : and where hit is so that aftur long contynued werres & diuision betwen *pis our* realme of Englund & other reames & Cuntreez next herunto⁴ adioynnyng for the welth & relief of the same *our* reame, It hath be in sond[r]y wise practised be vs to haue a long peax with *pe* seid realmes

¹ Justice of common pleas ; died 1486. The Catesbys held the manor of Lapworth, and had held also property in Coventry. *v. Camden's Visitation of Warwickshire, 125-6.*

² Nephew of the preceding. Of him it was said :—

“The cat, the rat, and Lovel our dog,
Rule all England under a hog.”

³ leaf 243, back.

⁴ MS. nex therunto.

& Cuntreez & namely with them of þe roialm of Scotland, which for nyghnesse of their marches to oures, withoute see or gret Ryver, haue be wont & myght of liklyhode do offer & gretter annoyance to þis roialm of Englonde then eny other: In eschewyng wherof, & to þe more perfite establisshement of the lenger trewes take betwen vs & them, we haue be agreed to oure gret charge & costez to graunte in mariage to the son & heir of hym that nowe pretendeth to be kyng ther on of our daughters, they to be maryed togedirs at such tyme as they both shuld come to their lawfull agez; and to haue in contemplacion of & for the same Mariage payde þerely diuers grete sommes of money to the seid kyng of Scottes, accordyng to þe appoyntementes & articles passed betwen vs both, not commyttyng, nor as moch as was in vs suffryng eny thyng to be commytted or don wherby the seid trewes & othe[r] conuencions passed betwen vs, as is aforseid, myght fall in vyolacion or Ruptur in any wyse.

This not-withstandyng, the seid pretended¹ kyng of Scottes ageynst all feyth, trouthe and honoure contrarie to the seid Trewes & conuencions, hath sodenly withoute cause or matier resonable hath² levyed werre within this oure realme, entendyng to dilate his marches ferre within oures, to the confusion & vtter disheritaunce of vs & of our lieges, yf grete & myghty resistence be not spedely had, agaynest his vntrue & lang purpensed³ malice. And for-asmoche as aftur a Rode & recountre⁴ made vppon the Scottes at thende of this last somer within their grounde by oure Brother of Gloucestre,⁵ then oure generall lieutenant in thoos marches, and oure Cosyn of Northumberland,⁶ oure warden of the Est & mydell marches, hauyng thassistance of our feithfull subgettes, the nobles and Commons of the north parties of oure land, which accompenyed our seid Brother & Cosyn in myghty & noble apparell in their gret and right thankfull charges; wher thorough the Scottes at that tyme shamefully gaff bak and durst not

in order to establish a longer truce with Scotland, had arranged a marriage between one of his daughters and the Scotch king's son.

This notwithstanding the Scots

have levied war.

Although a raid has been successfully conducted against them under Gloucester,

¹ pretended. ² redundant.

³ Prepense, thought out, deliberate. *N. E. D.* s. v. Perpensed, where only one quot. c. 1540 is given.

⁴ A rencountre, skirmish.

⁵ Afterwards Richard III.

⁶ Henry Percy.

they make
further
preparations
for war.

defend their bordures ayenst the seid armee, yet the seid Scottes, of their Custumable pryde and surcuydaunce¹ remaynyng obstinatly in their first purpose, make no measne ne mocion for eny appesying of þe seid werre and diuision, but, as we ben certenly enfourmed, make gret procuracion to invade thys our *Royaume* of Englund *with* arme Royall this next somur: Which yf they were soufred to doo (that God forbede!) were lyke to put this lande in grete perill & ieoperdie.

The king has
determined
to take the
field in
person,

In avoydyng wherof and of oþer inconuenientes that elles myght ensue, we, be thaduisse of the lordes *spirituall* & *temporall* of this our lande late ensembled at our palais of Westm[ynstre] in our grete Counceile holden there in þe moneth of Nouember last past, pretentyng² theffecte of þe malicious purpos of our Ennmies, th' Scottes aforsaid, for þe weyle & defense of oure *Royaume* and subgiettes as-well of our owne courage as by thaduisse of the lordes of our counseill, haue vtterly determined vs by Goddes grace to addresse vs in person in all goodly hast towards the seid parties of Scotland *with* armee & host Royall hable to entre, and that *with* Goddes grace shall entre, the same lande to subdue & doo the annoyaunce there possible to be don both be see and by lande in repressyng and abatyng the faulse courage and surcuydaunce of þe Scottes aforseid in such wyse as we trust fermely by the helpe and assistence of our lovyng & feithfully (*sic*) subgiettes in our good &³ vndoubted just quarell, which be naturally born to be soueraign of that land,⁴ to reporte such victorie from thens wherby thenhabitantes of this our *Royaume* shalbe assured to leue in peax and tranquillite out of þe fere of doubte of the Scottes many yeres to come.

And for-as-muche as so grete & so chargeable a werke may not comodyously be executed *with*out grete nnumber of people, also diuerse & sumptuos provisions of artillarie, vitaille, cartages, shippynges & thinges⁵ in þis behalue, which were importable⁶ for vs to bere allone, as it is evidently knowen, Therefore it is that we write vnto you at

¹ boastfulness, arrogance.

³ "vndoubtfull" deleted.

⁵ ?) written with deletions.

² = alleging.

⁴ An ancient claim revived.

⁶ unbearable.

this tyme signyfyng vnto you the *premisses* to thentent
 pat ye for your *partie*¹ may & woll¹ shewe your gode
 and toward disposission and towardnes in assistence [in]
 this¹ grete work by you and youres to your power in such
 wyse as be oure trusty *seruautes* & Commissioners, berers
 herof, we may be certeyntly assured what maner ayde &
 supporte shall com from you to the good conduyte of this
 voiage. Desiryng you therfore right effectuosly & natheles
 charging you in the streitest wise that in yevyng cre-
 dence to be berers aforseid in that they haue toppeyne²
 too¹ you in our behalf touchyng the *premisses* ye take
 this matier in tendur remembraunce & sende by them
 such answer & comford in the same as God & we may be
 pleased, thys Royalme defend and saved from hostillite,
 as it apperteyneth: Lettyng you wete that ye so doyng
 shall not only acyqyte you in your trouth that ye naturally
 be bounde to bere to the defense of this Royalme against
 the Scottes, but also deserue of vs a singuler thank and
 therby to stonde alwey in oure more speciall grace and
 fauour. Yeuen vnder our signet at our Citie of London
 the xxviiij day of ffebruare.³

⁴Vppon lyuere of which lettre was *Communicacion* had
 betwixt the seid Commyssioners and the Mair & his
 Brethern in the Priory the forseid Seturday; and be gret
 difficulte the seid Commyssioners wolde agree to no lesse
 then CC marc', and that to haue ben brought to hem to
 Warrewyk that day seuenyght etc.

And on the morowe after came from the kyng ⁵
 Stodealf and brought like wrytyng as is before wreton
verbatim direct to be Maire & his Brethern beryng date
 pe xix day of March in discharging pe seid Commys-
 sioners of eny thying ferther to doo *wit/in* the seid Cite,
 for pe kyng wold pat such as shuld be don etc. shuld be
 don to my lord Prince etc. And pe seid Stodehalf had
certen credens to vtter besides the wrytyng, which was
 thus:—that the kyng & my lorde prince wolde haue men

and begs for
aid in this
expedition

of his faithful
subjects,

who are to
communicate
with the
bearers of
this letter
thereupon,

and earn the
king's good-
will by their
response
thereto.

London.

The com-
missioners
agree to take
200 marks.

Apr. 8.

Another
letter
directing

that the levy
should be in
the prince's
name.

¹ deletions.

² = to open.

³ The money for this war was raised by Benevolences. *v. Stubbs, Const. Hist.* III. 224. Berwick was recovered by the English.

⁴ leaf 244.

⁵ blank.

Whereupon,
Apr. 9,
it was agreed
that 60 men
should be
waged at 6d.
a day for
three months.

The wards
assessed.

£17 8s. 0d.

£12 0s. 0d.
received;
10s. unpaid.

£15 0s. 0d.
received
9s. unpaid.

£12 0s. 0d.

£18 0s. 0d.

£7 10s. 0d.
received.

4s. 10d. un-

paid.

£12 0s. 0d.

received;

£3 8s. un-

paid.

£17 0s. 0d.

unpaid 6s.

£22 12s. 0d.

received;

4s. 8d. un-

paid.

£17 0s. 0d.

received;

20s. unpaid.

Total

£150 10s. 0d.

Total of the

wages of the

captain and

60 men

£148 6s. 6d.

The wardens

received

£136 19s. 6d.

paid to

soldiers and

spent in

London.

Not collected.

£13 9s. 6d.
whereof the
mayor re-
ceived
£7 7s. 0d.

& no money. Wheruppon the Munday next aftur be a gret hall made hit was agreed & graunted that a Captaygn & ^{xx}ij men archers shuld be redy waged for a quarter of a yere, which shuld attend vpon my lorde Prince etc.

These be pe wardes pat were sessed for waging of pe seid ^{xx}ij men & Capteyn, euery man to take be pe day vjd.

Gosseford: Collectours, Rog. Sutton, Edm. Hadley.

full paide.

xvij li. viij s.

Jurden-Well: Hen. Staffordshire, Joh. Baron. ^{recepti; vnpaide x s.} xij li.

Miche-park-strete: Ric. Reynold, draper, Rob. Tasker, ^{recepti; vnpaide ix s.}

xv li.

Bailly-lane: Hugh Huyton, Will. Haddon. ^{full paide.} xij li.

Erle-strete: Rob. Baker, Joh. Duddesbury, Will.

^{full paide}
Smyth. xvij li.

Brodegate: Raffe Russell, Hen. ffulnaby. ^{recepti; vnpaide iij s. x d.} vij li. x s.

Smythford: Ric. Dawes, Rafe ffreman. ^{recepti; vnpaide iij li. viij s.} xij li.

Spon-strete: Joh. Alen, Baker, Rob. Smyth, walker, ^{vnpaide vj s.}

Joh. Reynold, walker. xvij li.

Crossecheping: Joh. Baron, Barbour, Will. Reynold,

^{recepti; vnpaide iij s. viij d.}
Dyer, Rob. Hardy, Bocher. xxij li. xij s.

Wel-strete: Rob. Wode, Tho. Hadley, Tho. Potell. ^{recepti; vnpaide xxx s.}

xvij li.

^{xx}
Summa totalis vij x li. x s.

^{xx} ^{xx}
Summa vadium de le Capteyn & ^{xx}ij men vij viij li. vj s. vj d.

Of which some of ^{xx}vij x li. x s. Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene pen beyng wardeyns rescieued of pe collectors of pe seid wardes vj xvj li. xix s. vj d., whiche was paide to sowdiours & spent at London aboute pe matier in variance betwixt pe towne & Briscowe for pe Comiens etc. as appereth in pe accompt of pe seid wardeyns etc.

And per rested behynde vngadered of pe seid wardes of pe seide hole some xij li. ix s. vj d.,¹ of which some pe seid Maire rescieued afterwarde vij li. viij s., wherof he made pleyn accompt of pat more and be hym rescieued as

¹ It should be £13 10s. 6d.

appereth afterwarde. Et sic restat incollecti de magna summa inter wardas predictas vj li. ij s. vj d.

Item, for wagyng of þe seid ^{xx}ij men was gadered & brought in of þe fforreyens in grosse amonges them ^{xx}iiij li. xjs. be þe Mair resceyued etc.

These be the names of þe Captayn & ^{xx}ij men aforseid waged to goo etc., wherof þe most parte had half their wages paide beforehande, & either of them j noble towardes¹ þe price of their horsez, & some jak & salet & bowe & arrowes, as appereth in the boke of þe wardeyns accompte.

Edward Briscowe was named to haue be Captaygn, & had taken grete parte of his wages viz. ^{xx}iiij li. xvjs. viij d. before hand, and after he was discharged be my lorde Maistir² seying þat my lorde prynce wold haue no captayn vnto þe seid ^{xx}ij men but such as he wolde assign, & þat he wold they shuld awayte vpon hym.

The names of ^{xx}ij men which resceiued euery man of peym be þe handes of þe wardeyns xxix s. v d. & some more as appereth in þe wardeyns accompte etc.

Received xxxiiij s. ix d. of his wages, Joh. Ledes of Coventre, sherman; Will. Capper de eadem, Capper, a bowe etc.; Randull Whithall (etc.)³ yoman; Ric. Campion (etc.) Taillour; Hugh Boland (etc.) seruaunt; Hugh ffovell (etc.) Taillour, j salet; Joh. Longshawe (etc.) Taillour; Rob. ffox (etc.) wiredrawer; Joh. Passant (etc.) Baker, j sheff arrows; Will. Hill (etc.) yoman; Will. Caton (etc.) Couerletweuer, xv d. ouer etc.; Hugh Aphowell (etc.) sherman; Ed. Baker (etc.) Coruiser; Tho. Keen (etc.) Barker; Rafe Yolyn (etc.) dyer, xxxv s. v d. & ouer þat j salet & sheffe of arrowes; Ric. Barbour (etc.) smyth; Lewes Davy (etc.) Taillour; Ric. Clerkson (etc.) sherman; Joh. Wyke (etc.) loksmyth, a bowe; Joh. Smyth (etc.) Taillour; Joh. Denton (etc.) laborer, Ric. Clement (etc.) peautrer,⁴ xxxv s. v d., j salet, j shef arrowes⁴; Will. Banburgh (etc.) purser; Gilb. Mawdeley (etc.) smyth; Hen. Ruyley (etc.) Bocher, j bowe

And thus there remains uncollected of the great sum among the wards £6 2s. 6d. From the foreigis £4 11s. 0d.

The names of the captain and 60 men.

Bristowe discharged from the Captaincy.

Their wages, £1 9s. 5d. others more.

¹ deletions. ² Query, one of the Prince's council.

³ stands for "of Coventre" or "de eadem."

⁴ ? To Clement or to Banburgh.

& salet [&]¹ xxxv s. iiij d.¹; Joh. Sencler (etc.) sherman, j salet & sheff arrowes; Joh. Tyler (etc.) wiredrawer; Joh. Cannyng (etc.) smyth; Hugh Pedworth (etc.) Glouer; Joh. Sheparde (etc.) Bochar; Joh. Hobson (etc.) plasterer; Joh. Gilmyn (etc.) Dyer; Ric. Dannam (etc.) haburdassher; Rob. Mosse (etc.) Tailleur; Joh. Coyte (etc.) Tailleur, xxxij s. v d.; Will. Burley (etc.) skynner; Rob. Capper (etc.) Capper; Joh. Butter (etc.) Boclemaker;² Will. Smyth (etc.) Coruiser; Joh. Colman (etc.) Coruiser; Ric. Beryton (etc.) weyuer, j salet; Hugh Walker (etc.) welchdraper;³ Nic. Andrewes (etc.) sadeler; Ric. Smyth (etc.) Coruiser; Rog. Whiston (etc.) kerver; Gil. Brigges j salet; Joh. Thomlynson; Pers' Aston of Aston, xxx vs. ix d. & ouer þat a salet & j sheff of arrowes; Hugh White of Worcestre; Will. Whitfeld of Wyllenhale; Rob. Newton of Nuneton, Joh. Preston of Nuneton, j salet; Tho. Key of Rachdale; Rog. Basseford of Assheburn; Joh. Tayllour of þe same; Ric. Colton of Wappenbury; Joh. Gough of þe same; Joh. Hyot of Honyngham; Joh. Colton of þe same; Joh. Walkyngham of Warrewik.

May 21.
The follow-
ing agree
that

a further
sum of £40
should be
raised from
150 of the
wealthiest
men of the
city to pro-
vide each
soldier with
6s. 8d.
apiece in
addition to
his wages.

⁴ *Memorandum* that these persones folowyng cald by the seid Meire into Seynt Mary Hall þe xxj day of May were agreable & graunted that ouer the seid vij li. & odde money afore leyved ther should be xl li. ouer þat gadered & leuyed of ix þe most sufficient persones beyng within the wardes of þe cite; that xl li. to be applyed & distributed to euery of þe seid iij men ouer their wages vj s. viij d. towardes their horsez, & þe residue for their Jackettes & other chargez incident vnto them etc. And that þe seid ix persones shuld be assessed be v Mairs & v shirris, & Maister Recordour to be with them; this consideration to be taken in their sessyng, that such persones as ware ouercharged in their wardes at þe⁵ vij li. etc. aforeseid to be eased nowe, and they þat were there eased to be rered at þis some of xl li. etc. And also hit was there agreed that þe Meire shuld make levye

¹ ? To Ruyley or Sencler.

³ ? Seller of Welsh cloth.

⁵ "first" deleted.

² ? botlemaker.

⁴ leaf 244, back.

of þe seid xl li. after hit was cessed etc., which was don accordyng etc. And aftur be-cause the seid ^{xx} iij men went not furth hit was agreed be þe Meire & his Brethern, & be a gret hall *peruppon* & for *oper* matiers as appereth afturwardes calde, that þe seid Meire shuld delyuer to ^{xx} euery of þe seid ix persones there money ayeyn þat they haue paide, and so was don etc. Ric. Colyns, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Rob. Burnell, Will. Shore, Tho. fforde, Hen. Keble,¹ R. Jekes,¹ Joh. Hoton, Will. Horsley, Tho. Bagot, Will. Taillour, Joh. ffysshher, Hen. Ball, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Pulton, Ric. Aleyn, Will. Elys, Will. Crampe, Joh. Dove, Ric. Nores, Will. Hede, Rob. Crosse, Ric. Lee, Tho. Maideford, Will. Roweley, Rob. Baker, Joh. Emmottes, Laur. Saunders, Will. Northampton, Rob. Colman, Joh. Hopkyns, Nic. Broune, Ric. Smyth, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Plumpton, Rob. Steyn, Joh. Bordale, Mores John, Rob. Shawbury, Will. ffoorde, Will. Paynell, Ed. Barbour, Joh. Gerves, Will. Hardy, Tho. Hadley, Tho. Potell, Tho. Turnour, Tho. Wardelowe, Joh. Baron, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Duddesbury, Hen. Staffordshire.

The money is afterwards returned as the expedition did not take place.

The names of those consulted.

The names of þe sessours.

Assessors.

Tho. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton,² Ric. Braytoft,² Joh. Seman,² Rob. Only,² Rob. Burnell,² Will. Horsley,¹ Ric. Aleyn,¹ Joh. Hoton,¹ Joh. ffysshher,¹ Joh. Pulton.¹

The names of þe ^{xx} ix persones charged to þe payement of þe xl li., as is aforeseid, hereafter ensuen.

The 9 score (really 211) charged with payment.

Gosseford.

s. d.		s. d.		s. d.	
Joh. Wilgris	3 4	Rob. Steyne	2 6	Tho. Hyde	1 8
Rob. Blebury	10 0	Tho. Grove	1 8	Joh. Smyth	1 8
Joh. Dove	5 0	Tho. Bowyer	1 8	Ric. Plumpton	3 4
Will. Cramp	3 4	Will. Braunch	1 8	Will. fletcher	3 4
Rog. Sutton	3 4	Ed. Hadley	1 8		
Joh. Knyght	3 4	Ric. Tewkesbury	1 8		

¹ Bracketed together as sheriffs.

² Bracketed together as mayors.

Jurden.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Joh. Seman	3	4	Joh. fflynt	5	0	Will. Bromley	1	8
Joh. ffyssher	1	8	Will. Banborough	1	8	Tho. Baron	3	4
Rob. Taberet	5	0	Will. Huet	1	8	Will. Miriell	1	8
Hen. Staffordshir	5	0	Ric. Drake	1	8	Ric. foxhale	1	8

Much-park-strete.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Hen. Boteler	10	0	Rob. Bretford	1	8	Joh. Whitehed	1	8
Ric. Braytoft	6	8 ¹	Joh. Bordale	1	8	Will. Thorp	1	8
Rob. Atterton	3	4	Joh. Smyth	1	8	Joh. Pratte	1	8
Ric. Pulton	1	8	Phil. Draper	1	8	Hen. Carter	1	8
Rob. Crosse	3	4	Tho. Walker	3	4			

Earl-strete.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Tho. Bradmedowe	10	0	Rob. Baker	6	0	Joh. Dwale	3	4
Joh. Gauge	10	0	Joh. Mathewe	6	0	Christofer Hegley	3	4
Rob. Bradmedowe	1	8	Joh. Duddesbury	5	0	Tho. Woode	3	4
Hen. Keball	10	0	Ed. Hulcote	6	8 ¹	Will. Smyth	1	8
Ric. Coke	10	0	Nic. Hall	3	4	Tho. Bancroft	1	8
Rob. Jekes	3	4	Joh. Throughley	3	4	Joh. Davy	1	8
Ric. Aleyn	3	4	Tho. Bonde	3	4	Tho. Hawnell	1	8
Will. Thistilton	3	4	Joh. Haddon	3	4	Tho. ffletcher	1	8
Ric. Nores	3	4	Joh. Shepey	3	4	Joh. Deyster	1	8
Joh. Swan	6	8 ¹	Tho. Castell	3	4	Joh. ffyssher	1	8
Ric. Lec	6	8 ¹	Ric. Stokes	3	4			

Baylly-lane.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Joh. Castell	3	4	Rec. Banbroke	1	8	Tho. Saunders	1	8
Tho. Chirchman	6	8 ¹	Joh. Burton	1	8	Tho. Pery	1	8
Will. Morley	3	4	Tho. Padland	1	8	Rob. Smyth	5	0
Tho. Pittes	3	4	Ric. Shore	1	8	Hugh Huyton	6	8 ¹
Joh. Gryme	3	4	Ric. Lansdale	1	8	Ric. ffynch	1	8
Tho. Bailley	6	8 ¹	Rob. Colas	1	8	Joh. Clyff	3	4
Will. Roweley	13	4 ²	Joh. Whitgreve	3	4	Rob. Grene	3	4
Rob. Burnell	13	4 ²	Rafe Wode	1	8	Will. Haddon	1	8
Geff. Arthern	3	4	Joh. Padland	3	4			
Joh. Hony	1	8	Will. Warner	1	8			

Smythford.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Joh. Thrumpton	3	4	Hen. Heyman	1	8	Davy Chirk	1	8
Ric. Drought	6	8 ¹	Will. fflynt	1	8	Tho. Pace ⁴	1	8
Will. Taillour	3	4	Rafe ffreman	1	8	Tho. Plumer	1	8
Rob. Onley	6	8 ¹	Ric. Bowyer	3	4	Ric. Bristoll	1	8
Will. ffurde	3	4	Joh. Toty	3	4	Ric. ffletcher	1	8
Humf. Wode	3	4	Hen. Mille	1	8	Tho. (?) Juster	1	8
³ Will. Halloughton	1	8	Tho. Mowyer	1	8			

¹ A noble in MS.² A mark in MS.³ leaf 245.⁴ or Pate.

Brodezate.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Joh. Ruyton	20	0	Maur. John	1	8	Joh. fforster	1	8
Rob. Topclyff	6	8 ¹	Rafe Russell	1	8	Joh. Napton	1	8
Rob. Shawbury	1	8	Will. Wadylove	1	8			

Spon-strete.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Will. Horseley	3	4	Tho. Plant	1	8	Jas. Bailly	3	4
Laur. Saunders	6	8 ¹	Will. Godelad	3	4	Joh. Heryng	1	8
Joh. Darlyng	1	8	Joh. Emmottes	3	4	Joh. Bote, sen.	1	8
Rob. Kirkeland	1	8	Ric. Euerdon	3	4	Joh. Mynes	1	8
Joh. Shirwode	1	8	Nic. Slough	1	8	Rob. Beaufitz	1	8
Will. Hudson	6	8 ¹	Laur. Beke	3	4	Hen. Hall	1	8
Will. Hopkyns	10	0	Joh. Aleyn	3	4	Joh. Artage	1	8
Will. Paynell	3	4	Joh. Reynold	3	4			
Ed. Barbour	3	4	Rob. Smyth	3	4			

Wel-strete.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Ric. Colyns	6	8 ¹	Tho. Potell	6	8 ¹	Laur. Walgraue	1	8
Th. Hadley	3	4	Joh. Newman	3	4	Joh. Sexten	1	8
Will. Hardy	3	4	Ric. Chapman	5	0	Will. Rose	1	8
Ric. Cokkes	1	8	Joh. Gerves	5	0	Tho. Hill	3	4
Joh. Wotton	1	8	Rob. Wode	5	0	Tho. Oures	1	8
Joh. Walsch, Bitter ²	1	8	Tho. Hyton	1	8	Tho. Bailly	1	8
Joh. Boteler	3	4	Joh. Aman	1	8	Elys Phelippes	1	8
Rog. Brown	1	8	Job. Gybbes	3	4	Joh. Malory	1	8
Will. Rodburn	6	8	Tho. Warde	3	4	Will. Wygston	1	8
Joh. Hoton	1	8	Sim. Scot	3	4			

Crose chepyng.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Will. Shore	20	0	Tho. Turnour	6	8 ¹	Will. fysshher	3	4
Will. Marshall	20	0	Joh. Dawes	1	8	Nic. Randell ³	1	8
Joh. Syssill	6	8 ¹	Joh. Pachet	1	8	Ric. Brigeman	1	8
Hen. Marler	10	0	Will. Reynold	1	8	Joh. Baron	6	8 ¹
Rob. Colman	10	0	Joh. Deister	3	4	Reynold Race	1	8
Hen. Ball	3	4	Tho. Wardelove	6	8 ¹	Rob. ffaireman	1	8
Will. Hede	5	0	Tho. Couper, mercer	3	4	Will. Benyfold	3	4
Will. Elys	6	8 ¹	Tho. Kirvyle	1	8	Tho. Bagot	13	4 ⁴
Ric. Sampson	1	8	Ric. Jakson	3	4	Tho. Grene	1	8
Tho. ffurde	6	8 ¹	Will. Pisford	5	0	Joh. Andrewes	1	8
Tho. Maideford	6	0	Rob. Jakson	1	8	Will. Rawlyns	1	8
Will. Bristowe	6	8 ¹	Rob. Hardy	3	4			
Hen. Colyns	6	8 ¹	Will. Northampton	3	4			

MORE SOLDIERS.

Aftur which graunt of ^{xx} iij men to be waged for a quarter of a 3er, as is aforeseid, & aftur pe graunte of pe xl li.

¹ A noble in MS.

² = water carrier. N.E.D. s.v. bit = a bottle.

³ Probably of the family of Anne Randull who married Foxe, the martyrologist.

⁴ A mark in MS.

Lord Rivers comes to Coventry to know what additional men the city can furnish.

vppon þe persones aforenamed to be rered etc., my lord Ryvers came to Couentre & send for the Meire & his Brethern to come to hym to the Crowne, and there desired to knowe in þe behalf of my lorde prynce what able persones & howe many the Towne myght spare ouer þe seid ^{xx} iij men to goo with hym in þat vyage at þe wages of my lorde prince, there desyryng to haue grete nombre of þe most sufficient persones in þe Cite beyng eny archer. And theruppon desired them to comien togeder & to acertayn¹ my lorde prince in þat behalf etc. Vppon which *communicacion* sone aftur was delyuered a lettre fro my lorde prince concernyng the same. Wherof the tenure here ensueth :—

June 11.

By the Prince.

“Men to be prepared to serve the king in his wars.”

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wyll; and where-as vppon suche *communicacion* and mocion as oure right dere & entierly wel-beloued vncle & Gouvernoure, Therl Ryuers, entred with you yn at his last beyng there with you touchyng the furnysshynge be you of as many likly² & able men, sufficiently horsed, harnessed & arayed, for the werre, as ye coude make oute of that Cite to serve my moste dradde² lorde & ffadir in this his vyage into Scotland at his wages, wherin ye shewed yewe ryght benyvolent and towardly disposed, like as be report of oure saide vncle in that behalf we haue well vndirstand; we desire & pray you in our right herty wyse that in accomplisshyng therof ye woll the rather at this oure speciall request & instance, consideryng as well the goode seruice that ye shall mowe therby doo vnto my seid lorde, as the gret & singler pleasure that ye shall therin do vnto vs, see that the seid persones so be you to be tried oute & chosen be suche as my seid lorde may be well assured of to be aboute his persone for his safe-garde & defense the tyme of the seid iourney. And that ye woll do this oure entente & pleasure to be shewed to þe open knolech of all our seruantes & tennautes amonges yewe to ioyne with the seid persones so that they be redy & furth-comyng vpon

The prince requests that the soldiers may be fit for the king's bodyguard on the expedition.

¹ = to inform.

² deletions.

a day warnyng. And Richard Smyth, draper, there shall delyuer yewe jakettes & conysauncez of our lyuere accordyng. Praying yewe to acertayn vs in writyng from yewe with all the diligence ye can of the names of all the seid persones, and that they be of such a goode nombre as may accorde with the worship of that Cite, which we gretly desire. Wherin ye shall deserve of my saide lorde such thanke as shall therby cause his highnesse to take you and them in the nygher remembraunce of his goode grace. And in such thinges as may concerne the wele of you or of pat Citee at all tymes hereaftur ye shall fynde vs the more speciall goode lorde vnto yewe, & haue you the more recommended in oure tendre fauour. Yeuen vnder oure signet at pe castell of Ludlowe, the xj day of Junn.

Jackets and cognisances furnished by Ric. Smith.

"Note."

At Ludlow.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued the Maire & his Brethern of pe Cite of Couentre.

Vppon which desire be my lord Ryvers & pe forseid writyng, the Maire callyng to hym his Counceill made dyuers assemblez & metynges at Seynt Marie hall for communicacion to be had in pe premisses. Wheruppon diuers & many were appoynted to hau gon in euery warde of sufficient persones. Wheruppon gret gruge was taken; which to appeyse & to take a conuenient measne in the premisses the Maire let¹ call¹ a gret² people to seynt Mary hall as appereth afterwardes:—

The mayor and council

appoint diuers in every ward, but as discontent arises the mayor calls a great hall together.

³Hen. Boteler, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Seman, Rob. Atterton, Will. Shore, Will. Taillour, Will. Marchall, Hen. Kebull, Rob. Jekes, Will. Elys, Ric. Aleyn, Hen. Marler, Joh. ffyssher, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Pulton, Ric. Nores, Ric. Drought, Ric. Smyth, Tho. Maydeford, Ric. Euerdon, Ric. Cope, Hen. Ball, Joh. Hoton, Tho. Bailly, Will. Thistulton, Tho. Bagot, Tho. Gryme, Nic. Broune, Ric. Lee, Joh. Castell, Joh. Swan, Joh. Emmotes, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Dovue, Rob. Colman, Tho. Churcheman, Will. Cramp, Will. Rowley.

Names of those assembled,

¹ deletions.

² "hall" deleted.

³ leaf 245, back.

who agree

to the provision of 40 more soldiers to make 100 in all,

their expenses

to be paid by every ward of persons assessed by the aldermen.

Assessment of the wards.

June 14. Letter of the mayor and his brethren

All which persones, with all tho þat were¹ named able in euery warde to go in this viage with many other there beyng agreed & graunted that ouer the ^{xx}iiij sowdyers afore graunted to the kyng, & ouer the xl li. levyed be ^{xx}ix persones as a-fore etc., there shuld be xl sowdyers mo waged for a quarter of þe town² wages to make vp a C men to wayte vppon the kyng in þis viage etc.; & they to be harnesssed by the wardys & money for their wages also gedred in the wardes, to be levyed & gedred in the maner & forme as sueth, that is to sey, euery warde to be sessed how many sowdyers euery ward shuld be charged with; & therupon the money to be gedered be such persones as þe alderman of euery ward will assign; & liuere to be made therof to the sowdyers assigned be euery such ward & þe alderman of euery warde to bryng ffurth his sowdyers when they schal-be called vppon etc. And furthwith the Maire callyng to hym xxiiij⁴ of þe forenamed persones went into the Councell house & there cessed the wardes as foloweth:—

Gosford-strete ij men & *dimidium*;³ Jurden-well ij men; Mikel-park-strete iiij men; Erle-strete vj men; Baylly-lane iiij men; Brodeyate ij men; Smythford iiij men; Spon-strete v men; Croschepyng vij men; Wel-strete iij men & *dimidium*.

Vppon which agreement & graunt, as is aforeseid, had & made the Maire & his Brethern made perof relacion to my lord Ryvers accordyng as hereaftur sueth:—

Ryght myghty, full honorable and our speciall goode lorde; aftur humble & due recommendacion to your goode lordship, please your goode lordship to knowe that this day we haue reseeyved the full honorable lettrez of oure gracious lorde, þe Prince, expressyng amonges oper the *communicacion* of your goode lordship here with vs. Sith which your aduertisement & sadde Conceill vttered vnto vs touchyng the nombre of persones entended be the kynges highnes to be had here to attend be his high commaundement in this his viage roiall vppon oure seid gracious lorde, þe Prince, or where his highnes please to

¹ deletions.

² ? read "a yere."

³ a half.

commaund, we as true lieges to oure seid liege lorde & true tenautes to oure seid noble lorde, þe prince, haue endeavored vs to encrease the nombre of ^{xx}iiij persones be vs first graunted, so that be the help of God we entend to have redy in all hast a C men, goode archers, defencibly arrayed, waged atte Costes of þis Cite for a quarter of a yere, whch, safe for brifnes of tyme, shuld have ben redy to have mustred afore the lorde Lysle¹ & othere Gentilmen here beyng 3isterday. And, oure good lorde, hit is so that what of oure neyghbours of þis Cite hauyng þe honorable clothynge² of our seid noble lorde, the prince, commaunded to prepare hem furth, and other reteyned with lordez & other Gentils, a grete nombre of people entend to departe oute of þis Cite, and as-to reteign for oure seid soueraign lorde eny persones hider resortyng, & to vs vnknowen, they not beyng sufficiently harnesssed, we therin dought þe pleasure of oure saide soueraign lorde. And, gode lorde, as to certefye the names of persones be vs reteyned aftur the high commaundement of our seid full noble lorde, þe prince, hit shal-be don *with* als efectuell diligence as we may goodely redy vs therin. Besechyng your goode lordeship to be goode measne to the hyghnesse of our seid soueraign lorde, and oure full goode & gracious lorde, the prince, to repute & take vs, his pore tenautes, as we feythfully entende; and that they be to vs goode & gracious lordes, & ffavorable as their noble progenitours of blest memorye in tyme past haue ben. And howe this oure doyng may please oure seide lorde, þe Prince, & his full honorable Counceill, and be what day þe persones reteyned shall depart, that your seid goode lordeship please to notifie to vs your seruautes. And we accordyng to oure trowth & duete dayly prayen to God for þe Conseruacion of þe high astatez of oure seid soueraign lorde, and oure seid noble lorde þe prince, & for þe prosperite of yewe oure full honorable & speciall goode lorde. Wreton at Couentre in hast þe xiiij day of Juyn.

Your humble seruauntez the Maire of
Couentre & his Brethern.

¹ Edw. Grey.

² livery.

excusing
themselves
that time
has not
allowed them
to muster
the men,

nor to give in
the names of
recruits,

and profess-
ing great
loyalty and
devotion.

Coventry.

Which lettre Ric. Wilgrice bere to þe lorde Ryvers & brought answeere as foloweth:—

June 14.

¹ *By the Prince.*

A courteous
acknowledg-
ment from
the prince,

Right trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele; and where-as oure right entierly wele-beloued vncle therle Ryviers, our *Gouernour*, hath shewed vnto vs and other of oure Counceill here a *lettre* vnto hym from you directed, by þe which we vnderstand youre feithfull, true hertes & diligent acquitell shewed at þis tyme to our singler pleasure for thassistence of my most dradde lorde & ffadirs roiall ioureney into Scotland; and howe ye haue encreased the nombre of *persones* by you first graunted, so at² ye entende to arrede a C men, goode archours, defencibly arraied, waged atte Costes of þe Cite for a quarter of a yere. Wherin ye may be suer to deserue of my seid lorde & ffadre right especiall thank, and to stand the more tenderly in þe speciall fauour of his goode grace; assertenynge you that we shal-be your verray speciall goode lorde and the more diligently further & help eny matier or cause that may be to þe honour, wele & profite of þe seid Cite. Yeuen vnder our signet at þe castell of Ludlowe þe xiiij day of Juyn.

concerning
"An C
archers"

from
Ludlow.

To our right trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire & his Brethern of þe Cite of *Countre*.

The men
are kept
against the
summons,

at great
trouble and
cost,

and finally
discharged.

After which writyng, & long afore, þe Maire & his Counceill dayly attended to prepare the seid sowdiours ayenst þe day of day warnyng, which was vncerteyn, to þe grete troble, coste & charge of þe seid Maire & his Brethern to kepe them togeder; for diuers that were reteyned were straungers, for whos Burdyng & table was gedered wekely of euery Meire vj d., of euery shirrif iiij d. & of euery warden & chaumberleyn ij d. And this contynued þe most parte fro þe iiijth day of Juyn vnto Lamasse nygh þeruppon that they were discharged be writyng fro my lord prince as foloweth.

¹ leaf 246.

² = that.

By the Prince.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and thank you hartely for your diligent acquitail & the gret charge ye haue had in preparyng & makyng redy of men to come furth in oure retynewe & do my most dradde lorde & ffadir seruice at pis tyme. And al-be-it that for *certen* conideracions movyng his grace it hath nowe pleased þe same to commaunde vs to respite & spare for a season of callyng furth oure seid retynewe, yet he will that we kepe still þe same retynewe in a-redynesse. Wherefore we woll pat accordyng to his entent in that behalf ye se pat all such men as ye haue appoynted to do the seid seruice be redy & so kept styll vnto such as ye shall ferther vnderstand of my seid lord & ffadires pleasure therin, app[^l]ying youre-self effectually to þe accomplisshement herof the rather at this our speciall instance, wherin ye shall not only deserue gret thank of my seid lorde & ffadir, but also cause vs alweyes here-aftur to haue you in the more tendre fauour of our grace. Wreten vnder our signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe þe xth day of July.

BRISCOWE AGAIN.

Memorandum that on Lammas day Ric. Nores & Ric. Drought, Chamberleyns, etc., accordyng þe olde Custome of þis Cite etc., riden to open the comien felde etc. And when they came to Whitley to a medowe there be the watir-side, Will. Briscowe stode there & denyed the seid Chamberleyns to haue eny comien in pat medowe, seying that yf they breke vp eny gappe there, he wold sue them as lawe wolde etc. Wheruppon þe seid Chamberleyns restreyned to cast down eny gappe there tyll they had spoken with þe Meire etc. Wheruppon the Maire hauyng knowlech cald his brethern to-gader etc., amonges whom hit was thought goode that the newe Priour were spoken with, whether he wolde take parte with Briscowe as his predecessour did or not etc. And þeruppon the Recordour, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, & Joh. Symondes late Maire etc. went to Newland¹ to þe priour to comien with hym

¹ To the north of the city, v. p. 15. See above, p. 443 sqq. for he prior's action.

July 10.

The men are not now required, but are to be kept in readiness.

From Ludlow.

Aug. 1.

"Comotion About a Lamas medow at Whitley"

referred to
the prince.

in that behalf etc. and there the priour seid certenly that he no parte wolde take with þe seid *Briscowe* as ayenst the *Towne* in no wyse etc. Wheruppon be the advice of þe *Maire* & his Councell the styward was sent to *Ludlowe* to my lorde Prince with writyng lettyng his goode grace haue knowlech howe that *Briscowe* had broken the appoyntement made afore-tyme in þe premisses afore his highnes etc. And theruppon my lorde Prince direct his lettrez as-well to the seid *Maire* as to *Will. Briscowe*, commaundyng þe seid *Maire* to send on of his Councell, and the seid *William* to come in his owne persone to *Worcestre* in þe fest of þe Assumpcion of our Lady then next folowyng etc.

A day, viz.
Aug. 15,

appointed
where the
matter is
discussed at
Worcester
before the
prince's
Council;

Wheruppon the *Recordour*, þe *Styward*, *Ric. Nores*, on of þe *Chamberleyns*, & *Rob. Grene*, on of the wardeyns, were assigned to ryde to *Worcestre*; and there they kept there day at *Worcestre*, both parties etc. At which day hit was there condescended¹ be the lordes of þe Councell that neyther the *Towne* nor *Briscowe* shuld occupie the seid medowe till þe comyng of my lorde Prince to *Coentre*. At which tyme the Councell of both parties there shuld mete, & there the title to be examyned be ij persones there chosen afore þe lordez, þat is to sey, for the *Towne* *J. ffynyowes*² beyng there, on of my lorde princes lerned Councell, and *Will. Catesby*³ for *Briscowe* etc. And at þe comyng to *Coentre* of my lorde prince, þat is to sey, in þe vigill of seynt *Barth[olomew]* next folowyng etc., the seid *Briscowe* had not his man of Councell, *Catesby*, redy accordyng his promesse etc. Wherefore hit was there condescended be the lordes of þe Councell that þe seid *ffynyowes* shuld indifferently see the *Evidences* a-both sides; & so did accordyng etc. Vppon which syght hit was thought necessarye that the grownde in variaunce were seen etc.

legal council
appointed
for both
parties, and
Aug. 23 the
prince comes
to *Coventry*.

Aug. 25.

⁴ Wheruppon on þe morowe of þe fest of seynt *Barth[olomew]* the *Bysshop* of *Worcestre*,⁵ the *Erle*

¹ = agreed.

² Probably (later) *Sir John Fyneux* (? 1441-1526), a *Kentish* worthy and judge. v. *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

³ See above, p. 380.

⁴ leaf 246, back.

⁵ *Joh. Alcock*.

Ryvers, the Baron of Dudley,¹ Joh. Hugford,² & Will. Lucy³ & many other Gentils of Warr[wik]shire Riden to the grounde *with* many of þe Cite to see hit. And there þe said lordes hard many olde men of the Cite speke howe the comien had there be vsed in their fadir's dayes and theirs till interupcion was made by þe ffadir of þe seid Briscowe & be hym-self etc. Vppon which syght the lordes toke this ordre that the Town shuld occupye there comien there accordyng their rightfull vse and claym vnto þe fest of All Seyntes then next folowyng; and that Briscowe be that tyme shuld no otherwyse depasture there, but as a Comiener of Couentre; and that the measne season the seid parties shuld labour þe seid ffynowes & Catesby to come to Couentre and to se be deliberacion the Evidences of both parties & to vnderstand the right in that behalf. And they theruppon to make relacion in þat behalf to my lord prince & his Councell, þat he þeruppon myght take finiall yende þerin vnder his gret seall to be engrossed euer to indure etc.

Divers lords and gentlemen

give a verdict in favour of the use of the meadow by the commonly until Nov. 1;

and meanwhile Fineux and Catesby are to examine the evidence.

THE RIOT.

Wheruppon the lordes departed; and aftur their departure dyuers evell-disposed persones in gret nombre of their frowardnesse went to the seid grounde & there cast down hegges & dikes & were evel disposed: which to appese the Recordour went to them to the Grounde & to⁴ commaunded them to go to their warke & to leve of their frowardnesse: wheruppon they so did except on cald Joh. Tyler, which at þat tyme gaffe to the seid Recordour froward & vnfytyng langage etc. Wherfore he was commytte be þe Maire to warde etc.

But "A Ryott" takes place,

which is appeased by the recorder, one Tyler being committed to ward.

And theruppon diuers riottous persones Rang the comien Bell in festo Decollacionis S. Joh. Baptiste to thentent to haue gadered all þe evell-disposed personez of þe Cite to-geder etc.: be which ryngyng many evell-disposed ryson & came to þe kynges Gaole & there wold haue puld oute þe seid Joh. Tyler oute of prison etc. Neuerthelesse, loued⁵ be God, the Meire & dyuers of his Brethern came

Nevertheless on the Decollation of S. John Baptist (Aug. 29), there is renewed rioting, and an attempt to rescue Tyler;

¹ Joh. Sutton, 5th baron. ² Of Emscote. ³ Of Charlecote.

⁴ Anticipation of third following word. ⁵ = praised.

amonges them & sessed them etc. And the seid Joh. Tyler was delyuered vnder suertie for that tyme etc. And vpon the morowe the Mayre, be þe advice of his Councell, let make a hall to haue aduice & assent for punysshement of þe seid Riot. At which tyme was there condescended þat per shuld be a sessions sette for þe punysshement þerof, & þat þe shirrifis þe measne season shuld bryng into þe Gaole such as then were named open offendours in þe premisses etc. And so was don. At which sessions were dyuers indited of Ryot & of ffelonye, as appereth in þe seid sessions, & many of þem brought to warde for that Cause etc. And after þat appoyntment & before þe sessions holdon ther came writyng fro þe kyng to þe Mair etc. as sueth :—

the rioters are to be punished at a sessions, but before these are

held comes

By the kyng.

Trusty and wel-belouid, we grete you well ; latyng you wete that by such persones as of late past towardes vs thorough our Cite of Couentre we ben enformed of a grette Ryotte and insurrexcion of our subgiettes made within the same, which we take to merveyle and grete displeure, acerteynyng you that we ne will suffur it to passe vnpunnysshed, if it so be. Werfore we will and streitly charge you that without delay vpon the seight of these ye endeavour you to enquere therof accordyng with our lawe and statutes ordeigned in that be-halue ; and furthwith therupon to geve knowlege vnto our derrest son the pryuce, and certyfie the same vnto our Justices in our benche at our pales of Westm[ynstre] to thentent such lawfull punysshement and correccion may be therin had as shal-be dredefull example to all other like offendres hereafter. And that ye ne faile herof as ye will advoyde our high displeur, and entende to enioye the fraunches & liberties of our seid Citie. Yeven under oure signet at oure monastery of Redyng the ijd day of Septembre.

on Sept. 2,
"A letter
from the
King to
punish the
Rioters."

The prince
is to be
informed of
the riot.

To our trusty and wil-beloued the Mair,
Recordour & other his brethern of
oure Citie of Couentre.

By the Prince.

Trusty and wil-belouid, we grete you well. And of your godly demeanyng vnto vs at our last beyng *with* you we hertly thank you. And so hit is þis day we haue reseuyved our trusty & wele-beloued Joh. Isham, *seruaunt* vnto my moste dere lady & Mader, þe Quene, sent vnto [us] from my most dradde lord & ffadir, þe kyng; and by his report fro my seid lorde & ffadir we haue vnderstanden þat þer shuld be *with* yewe sithen our departyng a gret riot commytted & doon, contrary to such direccions as we, be þe aduise of our Counceill, toke amonges yewe before our departyng þense; which yf it so be, we haue gret cause of displeasure ayenst them þat so haue attempted þe seid riot to þe brech of my seid lord & ffadires lawes & peas. Wherefore we send vnto you at þis tyme þe seid John, berer herof, to ascertain you as-well of my seid lorde & ffadirs mynde in þis matier, as of oure opynyon in þe same; willyng yewe to gife credence vnto hym in þat behalf, and *with* all diligens to certefye vs what ye haue & will do in þe premissez, as we trust youe. Yeuen vnder our signet at Burford þe iiijth day of Septembre.

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire,
Recordour and other his Brethern
of þe Cite of Couentre.

Wheruppon þe styward was sent to Wodstok *with* writyng fro þe Maire & his Brethern to þe prince & þe Erle Ryuers with a transcript of þe sessions þat was holde vpon þe riot aforseid etc., accordyng þe com-
maundementes aforesaid; a transcript of which lettre hereaftur ensueth:—

¹ full hight (*sic*) & myghty Prynce, & oure full good & gracious lorde, after all humble & due Recomendacion to your high & noble astate, Please your highnes to knowe þat accordyng to the hight comaundementz of the most famous & *Christien* Prynce, oure most dradde liege lord, the kyng your ffader, & yours, to subdue such *personez* as here late offended; diuerse of which *personez* be now late indyted of ryott & trasspas, and diuerse ben fledde

Sept. 4.

“from the
prince in
the same
business.”

From
Burford.

The steward
is sent to
the prince

with the
“Mayor’s
Answer,”

¹ leaf 247. Another scribe of similar type.

beseching
the prince

to intercede
with the king
for them
that the
offenders
may be tried
in the city.

The mayor
lays the fault
at Briscowe's
door;

for he will
not keep
his promises
about the
common.

Coventry,
Sept. 14.

out of the Citie to partes vnknowen; and som of the persones endited remayngnen in prison till we haue your gracious aduertisement and pleasir what shal-be their punnysshment. And to assertengn (*sic*) your highnes & the full noble lordes of your discrete counceyle of the matiers presented upon hem in certeyn we haue sent the berer herof to expresse & shewe the mater on our behalf at large: Besechyng your highnesse to be good & gracious measne to the highnes & good grace of our seid liege lorde that, his highnes vnoffended, we here, accordyng to the liberteez & ffranchises of this Citie, the same presentmentez not hens to be remoued, may procede amonges our-self to the determinacion therin ayenest the offenders in that partie accordyng to the lawes of oure seid liege lorde & to punnysshe here the same offendours after their demerit; be consideracion, gracious prynce, that the comien peopull here in gret noumbre thynken that all the defalt is caused be Will. Briscowe, which at¹ your last beyng here refused to a-byde touchyng their comien the laude & decre of youre highnes. And howe-be-hit he named a lerned man to haue comen hider for hym in short tyme he hath kept not promyse; and broken also his promesse pat he shold in all hast remoued (*sic*) the bestes of estraunge persones occupeyng in his name the same comein, & did not so. And other trowbull of grete malice sithen hath don, so that grete part of the people vnderstanden pat he his longe defferynges, cautels, vexacions & troubles, he wold neuer haue concludion, but fynde measne of trouble & vexacion to hurt & disheryte the pore comiens here of their rightfull comen, which he wolde do, savyng only your myghty aide, relief & socoure full godly & graciously dayly is shewed to vs, your tenauntez, for the which we all here ben your humble, true bedemen to our Lorde God, who for his most blessed mercy euer preserue you, ffull noble, myghty, & gracious prynce in honoure from aduersite. Writtyn at Couentre in the fest of pe Exaltacion of the Holy-crosse.

¹ "att" repeated in MS.

Your humble true tenauntz & bedemen, the Maire of Couentre & his bredern.

To the right high & myghty prynce Prince Edward, first begoton son to the kyng, our all liege lord, Prince of Walys, Duke of Cornewayle & Erle of Chestur.

Vppon which wrytyng delyuered etc. pe seid styward brought wrytyng fro my lorde prince wherof a transcript hereafter ensueth:—And the same tyme was sent fro the kyng to pe Maire & shirffes a seriant of armez to with wrytyng to arrest Ric. Shawe & David Grennowe¹ etc. pe transcript of which wrytyng hereafter also ensueth:—

Letters from the prince

and the king.

By the Prince.

Wel-belouid, we grete you well, lettynge you wete that we haue recevid from you a certificat of the sessions late holden *with* you for the punnysshement of *certen* Riotes & offences there don; wherby & be your farther desir in that behalve we vnderstand the zele & loue ye haue vnto vs & our seid Citie; wherin ye haue do vs a singular *pleasir*. And accordyng your desire we trustyng that ye, beyng of oon will, will sadly endeavour you to se the vtre punnysshement of the *premisses* in discouraging all *oper* like offendours, nott comprised in the letters of my seid lorde & fadre, ye shall *procede* in the *determinacion* of them *within* your-self accordyng the lawe & ffranchise of oure saide Citie.¹ And in eschewyng eny like offence hereafter casuelly to fall, we will, & in my said lorde & fadres name straitly charge you, that in-continent² vppon the sight of thees our lettres ye lett call afore you all the housholders of the said Citie beyng of enny substance charyng them that they nor eny of them hold, take nor her-after resceive anny *seruaunt* in-to their *seruice* but such as thei will answer for their *actes* & dedez; and *pat* all vacabundes & Idell *persones* *within* the seid Citie, nowe then beyng or here-after to be, refusyng to goo to occupacion, be compelled to fynd sufficient suerte of their good aberyng

“The prince his Answer.”

He is willing that all offenders not named by the king should be amenable to local jurisdiction.

Masters to answer for their

servants' deeds; vagabonds and idle persons to find surety for good behaviour.

¹ Shawe and Gronowe were sent to the king.

² “ly” deleted.

here-after, or elles to avoyde the Citie forthwith. And yf eny persone refuse to do accordyng to the premisses that ye incontinent certefie vs of his name & his demeasne, nott faillyng herof in eny wise as ye entende to please vs. Yeven vnder oure Signet the xv day of September.

To our trusty and wel-belouid the Maire & his Brethern of the Citie of Couentre and to euerych of them.

Sept. 11.

Shawe and Gronowe to be arrested and sent to the king.

¹ By the kyng.

Trusty & wel-belouid, we grete you wele, and for-as-much as we at this tyme send our *seruaunt* this berer to attach Ric. Shawe & Dauid Gronowe and them to bryng vnto vs, we desire and also will you that vnto oure seid *seruaunt* in thexecucion of oure commaundement in that behalve ye yeue your aid & assistance as our trust is in you and as ye intende to please vs. Yeven vnder our signet at our manour of Woodstoke the xj day of September.

From Woodstock.

To our trusty & wil-belouid the Mair and Shirrefes of our Citie of Couentre.

R. Shaw is arrested

² Accordyng which writyng etc. Ric. Shawe was arrested be pe *seriaunt* of armes *pat* brought pe writyng & caried vp to Wodstok vnto pe kyng, & Joh. Ryngold, Gaoler,³ went vp *with* pe seid *seriaunt* & prisoner etc.; and there pe seid Shawe was delyuered to my lord Ryuers be pe kynges goode grace to be punysshed etc. & *peruppon* he was sent vnto Ludlowe & ther he was in warde fro *pat* tyme vnto pe fest of Estur *pen* next suyng etc. And pe seid Dauid Grenno withdrewe hym-self at *pat* tyme that Shawe was arested etc. But aftur he went to Ludlowe hym-self etc. & there he was commytte to warde in lyke wyse *with* Shawe vnto pe seid fest of Estur, etc. At which fest of Estur they were sent to Couentre to pe Maire etc. they there afore him to fynde suerte of there goode beryng for euer; & so was don as

and sent to Ludlow, where he remains until Easter 1482. Gronowe has fled, but he gives himself up, and shares Shaw's imprisonment.

¹ leaf 247, back.

² Another scribe.

³ No doubt as a sign that the prisoner was within the city's jurisdiction.

appereth in the boke of reconysaunces, etc. & also in þe next Meires dayes etc.

“Reconis-
aunce taken”
from them.

By the kyng.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret yewe wele, lating yewe wete how it is shewed vnto vs that notwithstanding ye accordyng to the commaundement of oure derrest sone, the Prince, and of his Councell haue of late endeoured you to þe punysshement of certain evell disposed persones makyng contrarie to oure pease & lawes diuers conuenticles & confederacies nowe of late in our Cite of Couentre, yet it is so that be-cause they be not sufficiently punysshed as they of right ought to be for their seid offencez they contynue in their seid evell disposicions; and diuers of yewe in maner supposyng them to be supported and fauored be persones hauyng rule in oure seid Cite doubten to procede to their ferther punycion as apperteyneth. Wherefore we straitly charge¹ and commaunde you that ye, vtterly setting aparte all percyalite, drede or fauour of any persone whatsoever he be, from hensfurth put yewe in your vttermost deuoir to punysh & correct all maner of suche trespassours there contrarie to oure lawes accordyng to their demerites without eny ffauour to be shewed vnto them, seing in all wyse oure pease & goode rules be there wele & truly kept as ferfurth as in you is. And yf any persone what-so-euer he be wolle resiste youe therin that ye then certefye vs of his name & demasnyng, and we shall prouide for his sharp punycion in such lawefull wyse as all other haue cause to be ware by the same. Yeven vnder our signet at our Towre of London þe xij day of Apryll.²

April 12
(?) 1481
or 1482.
The king
urges the
punishment
of offenders

without
partiality.

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Meire of our Cite of Couentre, & other our Justices of our pease there, & to þe aldermen of þe seid Cite & euery of them.

¹ deletion.

² On account of the uncertainty of the date I have disregarded chronology as far as this year is concerned, not changing the position this letter occupies in the MS. The Privy Seals show that Edward was at the Tower about this part of the year; but it is very possible that this letter should be inserted after the prince's letter of Mar. 20 the following year; v. p. 504.

BRISCOWE'S SUIT.

Sept. 29.

Thanks for
the city's
conduct in
judging the
offenders.

John Fineux
will give
further
information.

From
Ludlow.

By the Prince.

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we gret you wele, and where ye haue writen vnto oure right entierly wele-beloued vncle, therle Ryvers oure Gouvernoure, wherby it appereth that ye haue examyned the demeanaunce of diuers persones accordyng to his aduertisement and ferther dalt¹ to the expedicion of the same & other thynges for the Comien wele of the Citie of Couentre accordyng to my most dradde lord & fadres lawes as by youre seid writyng more plainly is showed, we can yewe therfore right hertly thankes & will that ye holly so procede, & be of on opynyon, knowyng for undouted it is my said lordes pleasure ye so do, wherin ye shall haue oure assistance not only in this but in all lawefall thynges concernyng the wele of the forseid Cite. And to enstructe yewe ferther of oure pleasure & entent therin we send you oure right trusty and wele-beloued Counceillour, Joh. ffyneux, to whom we woll ye geve credence. Yeven vndre oure signet at the Castell of Ludlowe the xxix day of Septembre.

To our right trusty & wele-beloued þe
Meire & aldermen of þe Cite of
Couentre.

Oct. 8.
"Difference,
still about
Bristowe's²
ground."

The matter
is to be
decided in
London

on the
morrow of
All Soules,
Nov. 3.

The recorder
and others

Memorandum that accordyng þe appoyntement aforeseid ffyneux & Catesby metten at Couentre the viij day of Octobre, there be delyberacion the sigh & examyned the Eydences as-well of þe parte of þe Towne as of Briscowe indifferently, & also the grounde in variaunce etc. Vpon which syght the concluded that they wold to London & there they wold shewe there demeaunaunce & conceyte in þe premisses to þe lordes of my lordes Prynce Counceill, wylling that þe Recorder & such as þe Meire & his Counceill thought conuenient for þe partie of þe Town shuld be at London crastino *Animarum*, & also Briscowe for his parte there to here & resceyue at þat tyme such as þe seid lordes wold determyne in þat behalf, etc. Wher-uppon the Recordour, Joh. Wilgrise then beyng Maistir

¹ = proceeded. ² ? Spelling. "Bryskow" on p. 349.

¹ of the Trinite Gyld, and Joh. Boteler, Town clerk, were appoynted to go to London for þe partie of þe Towne, and so didden. They ridden fro Couentre in festo Animarum & there were at London be þe space of v wokes, nygh at which tyme the matier was newly broken before all þe lordes of my lordes Princes Counceill, & þe Evidences on both parties newly shewed. Neuerthelesse determynacion in þe premisses was non taken, caused only be the wilfulnesse of Briscowe, which in no wyse wold be agreable otherwyse but þat þe Comien lawe of þe lande shuld determyn þe matier betwixt them. Of whos wylfulnesse the kynges goode grace þen beyng at Southampton hauyng knowelech let send for both parties to come to his highnes theder & so was doon etc. Afore whos highnes þe seid Bryscowe, contynuyng in his seid wilfulnesse, besought þe kyng þat he myght have his lawes & otherwyse he wold not be disposed in þe premisses. Wheruppon the kyng there perceyvyng þe wilfulnes of þe seid Briscowe, þat he had rather take conclusion in þe premisses be þe comien law then be compromyse,² etc., denyed hym not there his lawes, but remytte him therto; seyng ferther to þe seid Recorder & other there beyng for þe partie of þe Cite not for to fere þe troble of þe seid Briscowe, for they shold haue his fauour in their right; and that the measne season they shuld contynue their rightfull possession in the seid grounde etc.; commaundyng his attorney³ there beyng present that at all tyme where the seid Cite hath to do in eny of his courtes for attaynyng of their right in þe premisses that he shuld be to theym aydyng, helpyng, & ffauoryng etc. & accordyng direct his *lettrez* of priue sygnet to þe Mair etc., and also my lord prince in like wyse, etc., as foloweth:—

By the Kyng.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele; and where-as we vndirstand that vppon clayme made be you þe Commons of our Cithe there, vnto a Common and diuers

¹ leaf 248.

² These matters of boundaries of common lands were usually decided outside law-courts.

= Attorney General.

go to London,

where owing to Briscowe's persistency in appealing to the common law no conclusion can be arrived at;

at Southamp-
ton

"Briscowe Refused to Refer the busines to the king,"

who, how-
ever, assures the town of his continued help and fauour in this matter.

Dec. 7.

"The King Aloweth the Comoners to enjoy the said ground

till the Right
theroff be
decided."

other profites vnder certain fourme to be had in a parcell of grounde lying on the south partie of the same our Citie betwixt a feld called Barons-feld & the water of Shirburn adioynnyng vnto a grounde named Whitley which on Will. Briscowe holdeth claymyng certain *parcelles* of the grounde so lying on the seid south partie ouer þe seid water towardes our saide Cite to be of þe seid grounde of Whitley, there hath long season depended variance & contrauersie betwixt you, the seid Commons, on that on partie and the seid William & Edward his Brother on þat other partie; ffor thappeisying wherof þe Counsell of oure derrest son, the prince, hath hertofore be goode deliberacion examyned the matier therof so ferforth that they entended to haue sette a ffynal direccion and ende amonges you & them in þe same; and at oure seid sones charge to haue yeven decree therin for the parte of you, the seid Commons; wherunto the seid William & Edward in noo wyse wolde agree, but desired to haue þe seid matier determyned after the Cours of our lawes. Wheruppon for þe ease & rest of you, the seid Commons, we of late called the seid matier afore vs & oure Counceill purposyng vtterly to haue appesed the seid variance in eschewyng of the ferther labour, cost & charge that therby myght ensue hereaftur, and we fynde them therunto in no wyse towardly disposed, but to make their suyte therfore aftur oure seid lawes; which their vntowardnesse sowneth not to oure pleasure. Howe-be-it we ne may nor will denye vnto thaim þat that oure seid lawes requyren, Neuertheles we woll that ye, the seid Commons, and euery of you, from hensfurth vse and enioye your Common in the forsaid grounde in all such wyse as may be thought accordyng with right and goode consience; wherin and in all other matiers that can be thought resonable we woll at all tymes yeue vnto you our help and assistence with the ffauour of oure grace. Yeuen vnder our signet at our towne of Southampton the vij day of Decembre.

Southamp-
ton.

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire,
Aldermen and *Commoinalte* of our
Cite of Couentre.

By the Prince.

Dec. 7.

"The prince
Aloweth the
same."

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and where-as we by thaduse of our Counseill haue taken gret diligense to appeise the variance between you, our tenauntes of Couentre, & Will. Bristowe & Edward his Brother for þe Comion pat ye, our seid tenauntes, claymen to haue be all seasons of þe yere in a grounde lying on the south partie of þe seid Town betwixt Barons-felde and the watir of Shirburn; and caused the Circumstaunce of þe matier to be examyned at large, supposyng to haue made a goode & restfull yende in the same atwen you & þe other partie; so it is that þe obstinacy & wilfulnesse of the seid Will. & Edward is suche that they ne will take eny other weye or direccion therin, but vtterly to sue the Comien lawe to oure gret displeasure. Wherefore we woll that ye, our seid tenauntes, haue & vse youre rightfull comien in the forseid grounde accordyng to youre right. And yf the seid Will. or Edward or either of them wrongfully sue or troble you, our seid tenauntes, or eny of you for the same ye may be sure of our goode lordship, and to haue oure lawefulle fauour & assistence therin. Yeuen vnder our signet the vij day of Decembre.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued
the Maire, Aldermen & Comiens of
the Cite of Couentre.

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

¹ Memorandum that these ben the parcels folowyng that þe seid Maire hath receiued & paide duryng the tyme of his office. Wherof he made pleyn accmpt before his Brethern in þe Counceill house in seynt Marie hall xxiiij^{to} die Januarii a. r. r. E. iiij xxj^o.

Jan. 24, 1482.

first, receiued of the fforeyns of þe gaderyng amonges them in grosse for þe ^{xx}ij sowdiours waged into Scotland
iiij li. xj s.

Receipts.

£4 11s. 0d.

Item, receiued of Ric. Drought & Ric. Nores then Chamberleyns at dyuers tyme . . . vij li. x s.

£7 10s. 0d.

¹ leaf 248, back.

Item, of Joh. Seman of þe money he was sessed in
 his warde for þe wagyng of the seid ^{xx}iiij sowdiours xl s.

Item, of Rob. Onley of þe money he was sessed in his
 warde for þe seid wagyng etc. xxxv s. iiij d.

Item, of¹ Tho. Hadley at þat tyme on of þe Collectourz
 of þe Wel-strete-warde of money for the seide wagyng
 etc. xl s.

Item, of Ric. Jakson at that tyme on of þe Collectourz
 of þe Croschepyng-warde of like money etc. iijs. iiij d.

Item, of Tho. Maideford of þat money þat he was
 sessed in his warde for þe same wagyng etc. xiiij s.

Item, of Ric. Euerdon for like money sessed in his
 warde & for þe seid wagyng xijs. iiij d.

Item, of the Botelmaker in þe Mich-parke-strete ward
 for like money sessed in his warde etc xij d.

Item, of Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene then wardeyns of
 suche money as remayned in theire handes reseuyed be
 theym of the wardes afore specified & for þe wagyng of
^{xx}iiij sowdyours aforeseid in bad gold and siluer xxij s.

Summa receptorum xx li. x s.

Bad money.
 £1 2s. 0d.
 Sum total
 £20 10s. 0d.

Expenses. Of which money *received* as is afore-specified þe seid
 Maire delyuered & paide as here-aftur ensueth :—

first to Grove & his ffelowe late Chamberleyns etc.
 of þe arrerages of their accompt etc. iiij li. xjs. vj d. ob.

Item, to Tho. Maideford late on of þe Chamberleyns
 etc. of his arrerages etc. xxxix s. vj d.

Item, delyuered to þe styward when þe Recordour & þe
 Maister of Trinite Gylde went to London for the mater
 of Briscowes for to make vp xx li. etc. for their costes
 etc. v li.

Item, paide to þe secretary of my lorde Prince for a
 lettre that ffyneux brought to Couentre vjs. viij d.

Item, to þe Clerk of þe market x s.

Item, to his Clerk xij d.

Item, for reteynyng of xlvij^{ti} sowdyours for my lorde
 prince, paide to euery of theym xij d. etc.

£2 8s. 0d.

Summa xlvij s.

¹ "of" repeated.

Item, paide to Rafe Coton, Coruiser, for iij peir of
boteux¹ for sowdiours iij s. Boots
4s. 0d.

Item, to Tho. Bailly for Coste he made vppon þe
Comiens to seasse them when they were vp etc.
iij s. iij d. 3s. 4d.

Item, to Nic. Broune, Joh. Tyder & Ric. Wilgrise for
seasyng of þe seid *comiens* etc. viij d. 8d.

Item, for Cariage of veneson fro ffulbroke & fro
Warr[ewyk] etc. ij s. viij d. 2s. 8d.

Item, paide to Will. Bower for a bowe for a sowdiour
ij s. 2s. 0d.

Item for makyng of lettrez to þe Recordour, Maister
Wilgrise & oper beyng at London viij d. 8d.

Item, to Bordale & Corby for metyng of þe grounde²
at Whitley iij d. 4d.

Summa solucionis xv li. x s. iij d. Total
£15 10s. 4d.

& so the seid Mair restesth in dette iij li. xix s. viij d.
which he delyuered to Joh. Wilgr[i]sse then beyng
maister of the Trinite Gilde etc. þe xxiiij^t day of Januare
anno xxj E. iij^{ti} *predicto* in presense of his Brethern.
Et sic Idem Maior adtunc & *ibidem* quietus recessit etc.

Balance
£4 19s. 8d.
which he
delivered to
the Gild-
master.
Jan. 24, 1482.
And the same
mayor then
and there
departed
quit.

HEN. MARLER, MAYOR, 1482.

3 ¶ [Election of officers.]

Joh. Wilgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh.
Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Rob.
Atterton, Will. Marchall, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore,
Ric. Aleyn, Ric. Coke, Joh. Hoten, Tho. fforde, Will.
Thistilton, Will. Tailleur, Ric. Pulton, Joh. ffysshher,
Rob. Jekes, Will. Crampe, Nic. Broune, Tho. Maideford,
Joh. Castell.

“Couentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

[m. Hen. Marler; steward,⁴ Joh. Boteler; cor. Rob.
Topclyff; ch. Ric. Chapman, Hugh Huyton; w. Joh.
Sysell, Will. Hardy; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier,⁵ Joh.
Shutte.

Officers.

¹ v. *N. E. D.* botew = a short boot. ² “of” follows.
³ leaf 249. Sheriffs, Joh. Dove, Rob. Colman.
⁴ *senescallus.* ⁵ *proclamator.*

J.Ps.

¹ Hen. Marler, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Wilgrise
M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman.

Key-keepers.

The same except the recorder and Seman.]

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS.

And it is ordained that the chamberlains now elected and to be elected hereafter shall pay to the chamberlains who formerly have been surcharged in that office above the charge ordained and instituted of old £10 to be paid at discretion of the mayor for the time being until etc.

² Et ord[inatum est] quod noui Camerarii modo electi & decetero eligendi annuatim soluant³ veteribus Camerariis qui in officio illo preantea superonerabantur vltra onera ordinata, & illa ab antiquo instituta, decem libras per discrecionem Maioris pro tempore existentis soluendas etc. donec etc.

THE RIOTERS.

Mar. 20.

By the Prince.

The prisoners released, but ordered to find "Suertie of good behaviour."

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete yewe wele, and where-as⁴ Ric. Shawe & Daudid Greno of pe Cite of Couentre for their demerites haue long lyen in warde in the Castell of Ludlowe, my most dradde lorde & ffadir, for diuerse concideracions hym movyng, willeth that they be delyuered home ageyn, and there to fynde suerte before youe to be of their goode abeiryng; wherfore we haue enlarged them oute of the seid Castell to come hom vnto yewe; desiryng yewe that at their comyng ye take pe seid suerte and do therin as ye be your wisdomes shall thynk most expedient for the rest & tranquyllite of the seid Cite. Yeuen vnder oure signet at London pe xx day of Marche.⁵

At London.

Vppon which wrytyng the seid persones founde suerte of their goode aberyng for euer before pe Maire & oper Justices of pe pease within pe seid Cite etc. as appereth be pe boke of reconisaunce.

¹ v. note 2.

² Transposed from where note 1 is.

³ "de" interlined and ? deleted; MS. ? veteris.

⁴ See above, p. 496.

⁵ See Edward's letter, p. 497.

THE SCOTCH EXPEDITION.

Mem. that where *Sir Edward Wodevyle*¹ accompenyed with V^c men was appoynted be þe kynges goode grace for my lorde prynce to attend vppon my lorde of Gloucestre in his viage towardes Scotland for subduyng of þe Scottes, my seid lord prince send to þe Meire for to haue had certen men in Couentre etc., vppon which sonde² the Maire be þe advice of his Brethern in easyng þe seid Cite of men in *pat* behalf send to³ my seid lord prynce in aydyng þe seid *Sir Edward* towardes þe seid *Journeye* xx li., which was accepted with louyng thankyng as appereth be a lettre sent be þe lord *Ryuers* with his owne hand wreton vnto þe Meire & his Brethern etc. Which lettre remayneth in þe Cofer of þe seid Maire etc.

500 men to go under Sir E. Woodville with the Duke of Gloucester.

£20 sent to the prince in lieu of men.

BRISCOWE AGAIN.

⁴ *By the Prince.*

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete youe wele, and woll & desire youe to yeve credence vnto our trusty and wele-beloued *seruaunt*, Joh. Isham, in that he shall open vnto youe on our behalve, touchyng the matier in variance dependyng betwen yewe and *Briscowe*; not faylyng therof as our truste is in yowe. Yeven vnder our signet at *Bewdeley* the xix day of August.

Aug. 19.

The prince sends a messenger with information concerning *Briscowe*.

Whos credence vttered at that tyme to þe Maire & his Brethern⁵ was this that *Will. Briscowe* had ben before my lord Prince & his Counceill & there shewed vnto theym howe *pat* þe matiere in variance betwixt hym & þe Citie, which late was in peir handes etc., was in his default sette atte large.⁶ Wherof he nowe repentyng hym in *pat* behalf besought þe said lordes princes Counceill to take eftesonez the seid matier into their handes, whos decre to obbeye & abyde what so euer they made in that behalfe he wold be his obligacion sufficient in lawe bynde hym & his heirs in such somme as vnto their lordshippes shulde be thought

At *Bewdeley*.

Briscowe begs the prince's council to arbitrate in the old dispute,

¹ Son of the first Earl Rivers and brother of the queen. He shared Henry VII's exile, and died in the Breton war 1488.

² sending, message. ³ deletions.

⁴ leaf 249, back. ⁵ "at that tyme" deleted.

⁶ = in an unsettled or unfixed state.

reasonable etc. Vnto whom was answered at *pat* tyme be the lordes that howe-be-it *pat* he so was disposed they were not in *certen* wheder *pe* Maire & his Brethern for *pe* partie of *pe* Towne would conforme theym vnto such mocion, in-so-moche that in tyme paste where they were euer conformable to euery mocion made for yende to haue be taken in *pe* *premissez*, & applied their wylles therunto, he wold neuer be appliable, but followyng his owne will etc. Neuerthelez yf *pe* seid Meire & Brethern wolde be agreable etc. & they wold take *pe* labour vppon them eftesones for goode conclusion to be had in *pe* *premissez* etc. Wheruppon a grete people was cald vnto *pe* hall & *pe* *premissez* shewed vnto theym, which were at *pat* tyme agreable to putte *pe* matier eftesones into *pe* handes of my lord prince and his Councell etc. And *per*uppon Joh. Boteler, Townclerk, was send to Ludlowe to shewe *pe* same agreement vnto *pe* lordes, that *pe* seid Meire & his Brethern for *pe* parte of *pe* town were agreable to *pe* seid mocion etc. with that *pat* Edw. Briscowe wold be bounde to doo likewyse etc., which at *pat* tyme *pe* seid Will. Briscowe wold not vndertake for his Broper. Howe-be-it afterwarde he labored his seid Brother to *pe* same. Wheruppon seuerall obligacions were made & sealed at Couentre before my¹ lorde of Worcestre etc. The tenours wherof hereafter suen etc. & *pe* seid obligacions weren delyuered to *pe* seid Bissshop of Worcestre.²

to which request the council promises to accede provided that the town of Coventry will consent.

This is done.

Ed. Briscowe likewise consents.

Bonds are placed in the Bishop of Worcester's hands.

[Be it known to all that I, Will. Briscowe, gentleman, am bound unto the noble and most mighty prince Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester in £100 sterling, payable at Christmas next coming.

[The condition of this bond is this:—that if the underbound William will stand by and obey the award, decree and

Nouerint vniuersi etc. me Edw.³ Will. Briscowe Gent. teneri etc. nobili ac prepotenti principi domino Edwardo, Principi Wallie, Duci Cornubie ac Comiti Cestrie, in Centum libris sterlingorum solvendis etc. in festo Natiuitatis Domini proximo futuro etc.

Conditio istius obligacionis talis est, quod si infra obligatus Willelmus steterit & obedierit laudo, decreto &

¹ deleted, but "stet" written above. "pe" follows.

² Joh. Alcock.

³ Should be deleted.

decision of the under-named prince as well as of and concerning the right, title and possession of common of pasture in two parcels of land and marsh lying below the park of the same lord prince, called Cheylesmore Park; wherof one lies between a certain field called Barons Field and the water of Sherbourne in length; and in breadth between the king's highway leading from Coventry towards London on the one part, and the said park unto the water running from the Park Mill there; and thus by that water unto the water of Sherbourne aforesaid on the other part: And the other parcel lies on the east side of the said king's highway leading towards London on the one side, and the Trinity gild land and T. Ferrers' on the other side in breadth; and in length from the corner of the said gild's croft lying by the cross there, called Whitley Cross, unto Sherbourne water aforesaid: which same parcels the aforesaid W. Briscowe alleges are his: and in which same parcels of land the mayor and community (etc.) demand for themselves and the tenants of all and every of the tenements and inhabitants in Coventry to have common of pasture for all kinds of cattle, com-

iudicio infranominati domini principis tam de & super jure, titulo & possessione Communis pasture in dua-

bus parcellis terre & maresci iacentibus subtus parcum eiusdem domini principis, vocatum Chelesmore-parke; quarum vna iacet inter quandam

Campum ibidem vocatum Baronsfield & aquam de Shirburn in longitudine, Et in latitudine inter viam Regiam ducentem de Couentria versus Londoniam ex vna parte, &

parcum predictum vsque aquam currentem de le parke-myll ibidem, & sic per aquam illam vsque aquam de Shirburn antedictam ex altera parte: Et alia parcella terre iacet ex parte orientali dicte vie Regie ducentis versus Londoniam ex vna parte, & terra (sic) Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie ac Tho. ferrers, militis, ex altera parte in latitudine, Et in longitudine a Cornerio Crofti dicte Gilde iacente iuxta Crucem ibidem vocatam Whitley-crosse, vsque aquam de Shirburn supradictam: Quas quidem parcellas terre predictus Will. Briscowe pretendit fore suas: Et in quas quidem parcellas terre Maior & Communitas ville de Couentria pro se & tenentibus omnium & singulorum

tenementorum ac inhabitancium in Couentria predicta exigunt habere communiam pasture, ad omnimoda aueria sua communicabilia & non

monable and non-commonable yearly throughout the year for their tenements in Coventry aforesaid; and to have and to take such profits in the same parcels of land viz. to dig up and carry thence sufficient stones, turves, sand, clay, and mud, and other their profits there, all times of the year, for the repair of the said tenements and all and singular roads and pavements within Coventry and without at the will and pleasure of the said tenants and inhabitants; and also to have and carry on in the same parcels of land all kinds of play and games daily throughout the year whenever it shall please them viz. to shoot arrows, wrestle, run races with men and horses, and to dance and also to have and hold feasts there without any hindrance whatsoever.

[Of which common and profits, as is aforesaid, with everything appertaining unto the same the same Mayor and community and all tenants and inhabitants were seized from time out of mind; which same parcels the aforesaid Mayor and community assert are in Coventry, and the aforesaid Will. Briscow alleges that they are in Whitley.

[As well as of and concerning all and singular actions,

communicabilia annuatim per totum annum pro tenementis suis in Couentria predicta; ac habere et percipere

in eisdem parcellis terre talia proficua, videlicet fodere lapides, turves, zabulum, argillam, arenam & lutum sufficiencia, ac alia proficua sua ibidem capere & abinde asportare & cariare omni tempore anni pro reparacione tenementorum predictorum ac omnium & singulorum viarum & pavimentorum in Couentria predicta & extra ad libitum & voluntatem tenencium & inhabitancium predictorum; necnon habere & exercere in eisdem parcellis terre omnimoda ioca & lusus (sic) sua annuatim cotidie & quandocunque eis placuerit,

videlicet ad sagittandum, luctandum, currendum cum hominibus & equis, & trepidiendum (sic), necnon lurciatria ibidem habendum & tenendum, sine impedimento quocunque.

De quibus quidem Communi & proficuis, vt supradictum est, cum omnibus ad eadem pertinentibus iidem Maior & Communitas & omnes tenentes ac inhabitantes predicti a tempore cuius contrarii memoria homi-

num non existit fuerunt seisisi. Et quas quidem parcelas terre predicti Maior & Communitas affirmant fore in Couentria, predictus Will. Briscowe pretendit fore in Whitley.

Quam de & super omnibus & singulis accionibus realibus, mixtis &

real, mixed and personal, pleas, trespasses, debts, offences, demands and causes whatsoever between the said W. Briscowe and the said Mayor and community of whatever kind made, had, done, brought in, perpetrated and prosecuted.

[And if W. Briscowe for his part will fulfil and abide by the award, decree and decision of the said lord prince in all and singular the premisses, so that the award, decree and decision shall be given and rendered and delivered in writing to the aforesaid parties before the feast of Easter next to come after the date above-written, then the present bond shall be annulled, otherwise it shall remain in all its effect.]

And Edw. Briscowe for his parte in like wyse was bounde in like somme to the seid Prince be his obligacion hauyng like condicion, except pat whereas is aboue specified in pe condicion of pe obligacion W. Briscowe surmiseth the seid parcels of grounde to be in Whitley & not in Couentre, the seid Edward affermed the seid parcels of grounde to be in Couentre & not in Whitley, & so shuld be writen he seide in his obligacion, & so was doon, as appereth be pe seid obligacion beyng in pe kepyng of my lorde Bisshop of Worcestre etc.

Ed. Briscowe
is also bound.

And for pe parte of pe Towne Will. Horseley, dyer, & Hugh Highton were bounden in like somme, & vppon like condicion etc.

Aftur which obligacions made & sealed the metes & bandes of pe seid landes in variance were taken be advice etc. as followeth :—

Mem. pat pe grounde in variance etc. lieth betwixt Barons-feld & pe watir of Shirburn in lengh, and in brede

personalibus, querelis, transgressionibus, debitis, offensis, demandis ac causis quibuscunque inter predictum Will. Briscowe & dictos Maiorem & Communitatem quouismodo ante datam presencium factis, habitis,

illatis, perpetratis & prosecutis: Et laudum, decretum & iudicium predicti domini Principis in omnibus & singulis premissis Idem Will. Briscowe pro parte sua in omnibus perimpleuerit & custodierit: Ita quod laudum, decretum & iudicium illius fiant & reddantur & in scriptura partibus predictis citra festum Pasche proximo futurum post datam superscriptam deliberantur, tunc presens obligacio pro nullo habeatur; alioquin in suo robore etc.

“The bounds
off the ground
in variance.”

fro London weye strecchyng vnto a Corner of a Close of pe Trinite Gildes lying behynde Whitley Crosse, which Joh. Wilgrise nowe holdeth, & so folowyng pe dicke of pe said close vnto Peggmyll; & fro pe seid Mill folowyng pe watir of Shirburn vnto Whitley myll on pe North syde, and Cheylismore-parke folowyng pale of pe seid parke after Bakinton weye vnto Parke-myll fforde & so folowyng pe seid streme vnto pe watir of Shirburn aforeseid on pe south side. Within which bandes the parcell of grounde first inclosed be Briscowes fadir lieth; and conteyneth xl landes & vj buttes; & lieth in lenth fro Bakinton weye lying betwixt Chelismore-parke & pe seid parcell vnto pe watir of Shirburn; and in brede fro pe lande there cald pe Chirchhadland, strecchyng down be a watir-fforough where some-tyme was a dicke & a heye¹ vnto pe watir of Shirburn aforeseid directly vpon pe seid Whitley myll on pe on syde, and Parke-myll fforde aforeseid; & so be pe seid streme vnto pe watir of Shirburn afore-seid on pe oper syde etc. And a-noper parcell of grounde cald Styffordhale lieth in lenth fro London weye aforeseid vnto pe watir of Shirburn aforeseid, and in brede fro a grove cald seynt Anne Grove vnto a Mill of pe Trinite Gild which Joh. Wilgrise nowe holdeth etc.

LAUR. SAUNDERS AGAIN.

Oct. 19.

Saunders
puts up a
bill concern-
ing the
common
pastures.

² *Mem.* that pe Seturday aftur the fest of seynt Luce Euangelist the seid zere Laurens Saunders, Dier, not beyng content with such order as the Maire & his brethern token for the Comien perteyning to Couentre etc., put up a bill vnto pe seid Meir surmysyng in the same diuers felde to be kept seuerall, where they shuld be comien etc.; the tenour of which bill hereaftur sueth:—

These be the pastures pat I, Laurence Saunders, compleyneth to the Maire & his Counceill, pe which shuld be my common after the tenure of my freholt, witholden be pese persones whos names ensuen:—

ffirst, My lorde Priour severels the Brodwok wast.

Item, he severeles half pe Bishopes-hay.

¹ = hedge.² leaf 250.

Item, the *Maister* of þe Trinite Gilde severels a feld in Stychall-hiron calde Miry-felde.

Item, Gerard Odyngsels encloseth a feld calde Hill-feld stretchyng hym-self to Asshawe.¹

Item, *Maister* Onley incloseth a felde calde Asshemore.²

Vppon which surmyse the Maire cald his Brethern togader, afore whom the seid Laurence was calde, & there and þat tyme was made priue to þe Evidence of þe Cite in þat behalf; which Evidence seyn proued contrarie to þe surmyse of þe seid Laurence. Howe-be-hit þe seid Laurence, not beyng content with such answer, desired a copy of þat Evidence to schewe to certen people in þe Citie as he shuld please etc.; & such other vntowardly wordes there vttered and wold not operwise be ruled then after his owne will etc. And where he was bounde be reconisaunce to be of good beryng, he desired þerof to be discharged, & seid ferther þat but yf þey wold discharge hym he wolde fynde the measne to be discharged; & vtterly disobeyed the meires rule & his brethern etc. Wheruppon þe Meire & his brethern shewid his disobeysaunce to the lordes of my lorde prynces counceyll, then beyng at Couentre, the Seturday before All Halough day. Whervppon he þere was commytte to the porters warde; & there he was in ward tyll Sunday after All Halowe day. At wich tyme be grete instaunce made by hys ffryndes he was there agreable a-fore the lordes to seale a statute *Merchaunt* of CC li. to þe Meyre, & iiij men suerte for hym were bounde in C li. that þe seid Laurence shulde stande & obeye to þe rule of þe Meire & his brethern in all thynges, & þat he shulde be of good beryng for euer a-yenest the seid Meire & all his successours & officers of þe Citie for euer. And theruppon he was deliuered with such langage vttered be the lordes, wich were these:—þat this was the secunde tyme þat he had ben in warde for his disobeysaunce, & for such commociions as he had made amonges the pepull; therfore they bad hym be ware; for yf he cam the iij^{de} tyme in warde for such matieres, hit schulde cost hym his

He is called before the council,

and made privy to the evidence concerning the same;

but on uttering untowardly words,

Oct. 26, he is committed to prison; but on Nov. 3 he is released on undertaking to sign a bond in £200 to obey the mayor and council.

The lords of the prince's council warn him that a

perseverance in his conduct will cost him

¹ See above, p. 48.

² See above, p. 440. Not mentioned as common in 1423; nor in Laurence's former list.

his head!
He submits
to the mayor,
Dec. 12,

and pays a
fine of £10;
of which £5
is returned
to him.

The bonds of
Laurence's
sureties.

hedde etc. Vppon which submission the Meire calling to hym his brethern þe Thrusday next after the Concepcion of our Lady next suyng & there were agreed that þe seid Laurence shulde make his submission to such Meires as he had offended, & in recompens of all offence & disobey-saunces & contemptes etc. he shulde bryng in to the Meire xli., wherof Cs. shulde be had & spende to the behofe of the Citie, & the oþer Cs. the said Laurence to haue a-yene, vppon his good beryng; which was don. And þat statute Merchaunt vppon his beryng remayneth in þe keypyng of Hen. Marler then beyng Meire etc. And þe oþer obligations of þe collaterall surte also etc. The tenour wherof hereaftur ensueth:—

[Be it known to all that we Jas. Bailly of Coventry, tanner, Will. Paynell, whittawer, Edm. Barbour, chapman, Joh. Reynold, fuller, are bound to Hen. Marler in £100 sterling, payable at the feast of Christmas next.

[The condition of this bond is this: that if L. Saunders, dyer, abide by and obey the order and judgment of Hen. Marler, the mayor, and the council of and concerning all and singular contemptes, trespasses, rebellions, riots, crimes, misprisions, disobediencies, commotions, and offences whatever, by whatever means made, perpetrated and brought about by the said Laurence against the aforesaid mayor and Will. Shore and Ric. Colyns, formerly mayors of the said city; and if the same Laurence obey and fulfill and keep their ordinance and judgment: provided that it

No[verint vniversi] nos Jacobum Bailly de Couentre, Tanner, Will. Paynell de Couentre, whittawer, Edm. Barbour de Couentre, Chapman, & Joh. Reynold de Couentre, ffuller, teneri etc. Henrico Marler in Centum libris sterlingorum, soluendis in festo Natiuitatis Domini proximo etc.

Condicio istius obligacionis talis est, quod si Laur. Saunders de Couentre, Dyer, steterit & obedierit ordinacioni & iudicio Hen. Marler, Maioris Ciuitatis Couentrie, & concilii eiusdem Ciuitatis de & super omnibus & singulis contemptibus, transgressionibus, rebellionibus, riotis, delictis, mespricionibus, disobedienciis, commocionibus & offensis quibuscunque per ipsum Laurencium prefatis Maiori ac Will. Shore ac Ric. Colyns, nuper Maioribus Ciuitatis predictae, & cui-cunque eorum, qualitercunque factis, perpetratis & illatis; Et ordinacionem & iudicium illorum Idem Laurencius in omnibus obedierit & perimpleuerit

be made and given before the within-written Christmas, and moreover if the same Laurence for the future at all times and in all things behave well towards the said Mayor and his successors and all mayors of the said city in the future, as well as to all kinds of officers of the same city, for the time being, and duly obey, fulfill and keep their precepts and commands, then the present bond shall be void, otherwise [it shall remain in its effect].]

& custodierit: Ita quod ordinacio & Judicium illorum fiant & reddantur citra festum Nativitatis domini infra-scriptum etc. Et insuper si Idem Laurencius decetero omni tempore in omnibus & per omnia se bene gesserit erga dictum Maiorem & successores suos & omnimodos¹ Maiores dicte Ciuitatis in posterum¹ futuros, necnon omnimodos officarios eiusdem Ciuitatis qui pro tempore fuerint, & eorum precepta & mandata debite obedierit, perimpleuerit & custodierit, tunc presens obligacio pro nullo etc. alioquin etc.

FARM OF COMMON LANDS.

² Mem. that all the persones whos names here suen were agreable & there agreed that the Maire in pe name of the Maire & Cominalte shuld take to perpetuell fferm of pe priour & Couent of pe Cathedrall Chirch of our Lady of Couentre all their grounde which they haue withoute pe Newe-yate of Couentre fro Skynners-butttes to pe watir of Shirburn, & also in Styffordhale³ lying betwixt pe highweye ledyng fro Couentre to London vnto pe watir of Shirburn etc. ; paying perfor zereyly to pe seid priour & his successors zereyly⁴ xvj s. viij d., as appereth be indentures perof betwixt theym made etc.

The following agree that certain lands occupied by the prior shall be farmed by the mayor and community

at 16s. 8d. annual rent.

Gosford-warde: Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Smyth, Joh. Dove, Rob. Blebury, Rog. Sutton, Will. Braunch, Tho. Steyn, Edm. Hadley.

Muche-parke-street: Hen. Boteler, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Pulton, Rob. Crosse, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Taskar.

Bailly-lane: Rob. Burnall, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Castell, Tho. Chirchemon, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Padland, Will. Warner, Joh. Clyffe.

¹ A stroke too many for "m."

² leaf 250, back.

³ See above, p. 452.

⁴ redundant.

Brode-zate : Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Napton, Rob. Shawbury, Joh. Julyans, Morys John.

Crosse-chepyng : Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Hen. Ball, Tho. fforde, Will. Elys, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Will. Northampton, Tho. Maidford, Hen. Colyns, Will. Hede, Joh. Sissell, Rob. Hardy, Tho. Turnour, Tho. Wardelowe, Nic. Randull.

Well-strete-warde : Ric. Colyns,¹ Joh. Hoten, Will. Hardy, Ric. Chapman, Joh. Gerveyes, Tho. Hadley, Joh. Wotton, Tho. Potell, Rob. Wode.

Jurden-well : Joh. Seman, Joh. ffysshher, Ric. Drake, Will. Huet, Hen. Staffordshire, Tho. Baron, wiredrawer.

Erle-strete : Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Thistelton, Ric. Coke, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Alyn, Joh. Swan, Rafe Calbek, Nic. Broune, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Hawnell.

Litell-parke-strete : Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Lee, Will. Haddon, draper, Rob. Jekes, Joh. Staunton, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Aleyn, Joh. Semyng, Nic. Hall, Rob. Topcliff, Joh. Bande, draper.

Smythford : Rob. Onley, Joh. Toty, Joh. Thrumpton, Humf. Wode, Will. Taillour, Ric. Drought, Ric. Dawes, Will. fforde.

Spon-warde : Will. Horseley, James Baylly, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Euerton, Will. Godlad, Ed. Barbour, Will. Paynell, Joh. Raynold, Joh. Smyth.

THE MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

² *Mem.* of such Resceites & payement as þe seid Maire resceyued & paide in his tyme.

Receipts	ffirst, resceyued of Joh. Thrumpton, late <i>Maister</i> of þe Trinite Gilde	v li.
£5 0s. 0d.	Item, of Joh. Wilgrise nowe <i>maister</i> of þe same Gilde. ³	v li.
£5 0s. 0d.	Item, of Ric. Alen, <i>maister</i> of <i>Corporis Christi</i> Gilde	v li.
£5 0s. 0d.		

¹ or Colyis ; one stroke of "n" missing.

² leaf 251.

³ v. p. 503, last year's accounts ; and note that the gild funds seem to constitute a municipal treasury.

Item, of Joh. Sissell & Will. Hardy, wardens of pe ¹ Cite v. li.	£5 0s. 0d.
Item, receyued a-noþer tyme of pe ² seid Joh. Thrumpton late maister etc. vij li. xiiij s.	£7 13s. 0d.
Item, of pe seid Joh. Wilgris, maister etc. a-noþer tyme xl s.	£2 0s. 0d.
Item, Receyued a-noþer tyme of ³ xls.	£2 0s. 0d.
Item, anoper tyme of Hugh Huyton & Ric. Chapman, Chaumburleyns etc. x li.	£10 0s. 0d.
Item, a-noþer tyme of Joh. Wilgris, maister of pe seid Trinite Gilde xiiij s. iiij d.	13s. 4d.

*Summa Receptorum.*³

ffirst, paide of pe seid rescetes & sent to Ludlowe to Sir Edw. Wodvyle ⁴ toward his Jurney into Scotland xx li.	Payments. £20 0s. 0d.
Item, paide to Joh. Boteler to bere pe seid money to Ludlowe xx s.	£1 0s. 0d.
Item, delyuered & paide to Joh. Boteler in Mighelmas terme to London betwixt pe Towne & Briscowe vj li. xiiij s. iiij d.	£6 13s. 4d.
Item, delyuered to pe seid wardens to paye to Laur. Saunders in parte of payement of his debentur ⁵ xls.	
Item, delyuered to pe Recordour for his rewarde to make a papir of awarde which shuld haue be gyffen betwixt pe Cite & Briscowe xls.	£2 0s. 0d.
Item, paide to Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene late wardens of their debentur ix li. xiiij s. iiij d.	£9 13s. 4d.
Item, paide to Rob. Crosse, Mason, to see town wall iiij d.	4d.
Item, paide to a lokyer in the Counceill house xvj d.	1s. 4d.
Item, for j gallon of swete wyn to pe priour & Covent when pe Recordour labored to them for pe grounde with- oute pe Newe-gate to take hit to fferme ⁶ xvj d.	1s. 4d.
Item, paide to ⁷ Marchall for horshir to Honyngham to ber a lettre fro my lorde prince to E. Briscowe viij d.	8d.
Item, to Joh. Boteler when he went to Ludlowe a-noþer tyme xiiij s. iiij d.	13s. 4d.

*Summa solucionum.*⁸

¹ "seid" deleted. ² Deletions.

³ Blank. ⁴ See above, p. 505.

⁵ The city's indebtedness to him probably for expenses incurred as chamberlain.

⁶ See above, p. 513. ⁷ "John Will." deleted. ⁸ Blank.

WILL. HORSELEY, MAYOR, 1483.

"Couentre."

Jan. 25.
Electors.¶¹ [Election of officers].

Rob. Atterton, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Seman, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Will. Bowyar, Will. Elys, Joh. Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Coke, Geff. Arthern, Rob. Jekes, Joh. Dove, Rob. Colman, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Will. Crump, Joh. Castell.

Officers.

[m. Will. Horseley ; cor. Rob. Topclyff ; ch. Tho. Turnour, Hen. Staffordshire ; w. Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Darlyng ; mace, Will. Nassehe ; crier, Joh. Shut.

J.Ps.

² Will. Horseley, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Atterton, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgris, Ric, Br[aytoft].

Key keepers.

[not given].

³ BUSINESS.

[And it is ordained that if any one be called to the council, (or [to whom] any other matter is communicated in the said council), he shall keep it secret and not reveal it, on pain of forfeiture of 100s. to be applied to the use of the city.

[Ordnained that J. Wilgrys shall be for the future over-looker of the wardens, and the lands and tenements belonging to them, taking 40s. a year for his labour.

[Ordnained that the mayor for the future shall keep and attend at a council for the future every week on Wednesday throughout the year, unless urgent cause arise to the contrary.

Et ordinatum est quod si aliquis qui decetero erit vocatus ad concilium, ⁴ seu aliquam aliam materiam in dicto concilio communicatur, ⁴ bene & fideliter illud secretum custodiat, & illud non reuelat (sic) sub pena forisfacture Cs. ad vsum Ciuitatis applicandorum.

Item, ordinatum est quod Joh. Wilgrys erit decetero supervisor Gardianorum & terrarum & tenementorum eidem (sic) pertinentium, capi-endo pro suo labore xls. annuatim etc.

Item, ordinatum est quod Maior decetero custodiat & intendat concilio decetero septimanatim die Mercurii per totum annum, nisi eveniat vrgens

¹ leaf 251, back. Sheriffs, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee. ² v. note 3.³ Transposed from where note 2 is. ⁴⁻⁴ Interlined. (?) Corrupt.

And that the mayor for the future having six of his brethren shall proceed to business not awaiting the presence of others not coming. So that whatever is determined and agreed upon by the mayor and six of his fellows shall stand stable as a law and act as if it had been made and affirmed by all the council.

[And that the mayor's sergeant at mace shall keep the door of the council. And let him be sworn to conceal what is determined.]

causa in contrarium. Et quod Maior decetero habens secum sex de confratribus suis procedat ad concilium non expectans presencia[m] aliorum non veniencium. Ita quod quicquid per Maiorem & sex sociorum, vt predictum est, tunc diffinitum & agreeatum fuerit pro lege & actu stabile stat (sic) sicut si per totum concilium factum & affirmatum fuerit etc.¹

Et quod seruiens maioris ad clavam sit decetero custos hostii concilii etc. Et juratur ad concilium concealandum etc.

CONDUIT-KEEPERS.

² Hit was Ordenyd & agreyd by the Mayre & his brethourne the xxxj day of August þe tyme of Will. Horseley beyng Marie (sic) for the keparas of the Condyte, for the Crosse-cheping, Ric. Bregeman, Rob. ffareman; for the West Orchard, Joh. Pope, Joh. Geest; for the Smythford-strete, Tho. Mower, Herre Myllys; ffor Bablake, Rog. Wood, Water Proodde.

The Maire & his brethourne have Chosen & Ordnyed that these men a-for named shall have the keypyng & oversyght of the iiij Condytes, and to gedur syluer for the Reparacion of the same þer, Euery parte of there wardes, of euery hall dour j d. a quarter, and euery Cotage be-syde ob. a quarter. And over thys that these said overseers shall Chese a plommer whom-that-ever shall plice them for the good spede & labour of the same. And over thys they have ordenyd that yff any Brewyster or Deyster fetche any watur at any of þe saide cundittes to brew withall or to dye or stepe barley withall, that then the seid kepars to leve & take vj.s. viij.d. of every soche brewer & deyster for [illeg.] to the Reparacion of the said Condytes.

Aug. 31.
"Keepers
for þe 4
Conduites."

Rate for the
conduites.

"Brewers
forfeit 6s. 8d.
for fetchyng
water at
Conduites."

¹ Margin "vj with þe Maior Henry þe 4th 22." (?) meaning.

² leaf 251. Another scribe.

HEN. KEBULL, MAYOR, 1484.

“Coentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

¶ [Election of officers.]

¹ Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wildegrise, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Tho. Bailly, Rob. Jekes, Will. Elys, Tho. fforde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. ffysshier, Sherman, Tho. Chircheman, Nic. Broune, Rob. Grene, Joh. Castell, Joh. Sissell.

Officers.

[m. Hen. Kebull; cor. Rob. Topcliff; ch. Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Hardy, Bocher; w. Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Padland; mace, Joh. Nasshe “*super suam bonam gesturam*”; crier, Joh. Shutte.

J.Ps.

Hen. Kebull,² m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Tho. Bradmedowe, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgrise, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman.

Key-keepers.

Hen. Kebull, m.³]

THE BAKERS' STRIKE.

Mar. 8.

Mem. that þe said Maire callyng afore hym þe viij day of March next folowyng þe seid fest of *Purificacion* etc. þe Craft of Bakers, þat is to seye, Joh. Smyth & Joh. Bredon, then beyng keepers of þe seid Craft, Will. Cramp, Joh. Aleyn, Laur. Coke, Ric. Clerk, Will. Kirkeby, Elias fflynt, Joh. Cherman, Hen. Knyghtley & Will. Burghly, examined theym of þe constitucions of their Craft; which amonges oþer the seid Maire founde þat they were allowed ij s. in þe ferthyng Coket loffe⁴; because they shuld not come in þe market in hurtyng the same market etc., Howeso-euer þe price of whete went higher or lower, which was thought vncerteyn. Therefore for more certeynte the seid Bakers, in þe name of all þe Bakers, were there & then agreed before þe seid Maire that when þe price of a quarter whete is boue vj s. vj d. then they to haue allowance ij s. in þe ob. Cockked loff; and when the price of a quarter whete is vnder vj s. vj d. then they to be allowed ij s. in þe ferthyng Cokked loffe. And þis allowance to be had only be-cause they shuld not come in þe market.

The
“bakers”

to be allowed
2s. in the
farthing
cocket loaf

only when
wheat is
under 6s. 8d.
a quarter, in
return for
not buying
corn in the
market.

¹ leaf 253. Sheriffs, Tho. Maideford, Will. Hopkyns.

² Marler deleted. ³ Rest wanting.

⁴ *i. e.* each loaf might be lighter by the weight of 24 silver pennies. See above, p. 385.

¹ Mem. that in þe moneth of Decembre the 3ere afore-seid the Bakers of the seid Citie in gret nombre riottesly disposed assembled theym & vnlawefully confedered, intendyng of hight wille þe reproche of þe seid Maire, sodenly departed oute of the seid Cite vnto Bakynnton, levying þe seid Cite destitute of bred; wherthorough not only straungers resortyng to þe seid Cite and þe Inhabitantes of the same were vnvittailed in gretly noysyng² the seid Cite & villany & reproche of þe seid³ Maire & all þe officers perof. Of which riotte diuers of þe seid³ Bakers were indited as appereth of recorde in þe seid Cite etc. Whech seid Bakers callyng theym to theymself resorted & came unto þe seid Maire & humbly submytted theym-self vnto³ his correccion. Wheruppon they were commytte to warde, and their ffyn sessed be þe seid Maire & oper Justices of pease within þe seid Cite at xx li.; of which somme x li. was yffen to theym a3eyn etc., the oper x li. was reseuyed þat be þe advice of þe seid Maire & his Brethern to be enploied³ & distributed eqally amonges þe wardes of þe seid Cite to þe next charge to theym leyd, þat ys to seye, euery ward to haue xx s.

And for a suerte that þe seid Bakers shall not eftesones offende, they be their free willes indented with þe seid Maire, wherof on parte remayneth with þe seid Maire, & þe oper partie amōnges theym-self, that they neuer frohensfurth whils they inhabite within the seid Cite, & vse þe craft of bakyng, woll make eny such vnlawefull assemble, riotte, confederacye, nor departer oute of the seid Cite to þe grife or reproch of eny Maire of þe same Cite, and þat they & euery of theym woll duely obserue & kepe be their willes such due & lawefull assise as be eny of þe seid Maires hereaftur shal-be lymyt & appoynted, vppon þe peyn who so doth þe contrarie to lose at euery defalt xx s., as in the seid indentures more pleynly appereth.

Dec.

"The bakers went to Bagginton,"

leaving the city destitute of bread.

Afterwards they submit;

are fined £20; of which £10 is forgiven;

and give surety to obey the mayor's orders,

and keep the assize for the future,

or pay 20s. fine.

¹ leaf 253, back. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.

² = annoying.

³ Deletions.

THE RECORDER'S ILL-BEHAVIOUR.

"The Recorder reproched the Mayor."

Jan. 27, 1485.

"xlviiijth."

The forty-eight: their names; 50 in all,

¹ To be Rememberyd that ther was Reportyd of Crededyll persons that Herre Botelar, then beyng Recourder, said that he had as gret power as had the Mair: And also he wold a-Rest the Maire at the sessions sitting on the bench. ffor the whech gret Reproche and gret dyshonour of the meralte and dysworshyp of this Cyte² that hereaftur therby shuld Ensew, Herre Kebyll, than Maire of this Cite, for the Refourmacion of the seducious premisses, Commaund to call afor hym at Coventre the xxvij day of Janiver anno Ricardi tercii ij^o at sent Mary Hall xlviiij persones whos names folown:—Rob. Onley, new Chosyn Mair for the 3ere foloyng, Will. Marchall, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wyldgrys, Tho. Bredmedow, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Seman,³ Joh. Thrompton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colens, Herre Marler, Will. Horsseley, Tho. Bayly, Ric. Alen, Will. Taylour, Laur. Sawnders,⁴ Rob. Crosse, Rob. Blewbere, Will. Thistilton, Tho. Bagot, Joh. Gryme, Joh. fyssher, Ric. Cook, Ric. Pulteney, Jeff. Ardourne, Rob. Jakes, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee, Tho. Maidford, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Mathew, Joh. Padlond, Joh. Duddisbury, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Norres, Tho. Chourchman, Joh. Castell, Will. Cramp, Hugh Hyton, Tho. Pyttes, Rog. Sutton, Edw. Hulcottes, Will. Rowley, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Swan, Rob. Grene, Will. Haddon, Rob. Baker.

Hit is and hath ben accostomyd that pat the forsaid xlviiij persones Ordenyth & astablenesshyd for the worshyp of Meralte, bailyffes & Cominalte of this Cite accourdyng to the lawe all the hool Body of the same Cite shuld be Bownd ther-by.

and ordinances. The recorder to take an oath,

The forsaid xlviiij han Ordenyd & establisshyd that the forsaid Herre Boteler shall take is (*sic*) Othe as the Mair doth at Candylnas so long as that he Ocapyth (*sic*).

⁵ Also they have Ordenyd that the Recorder yn all

¹ Scribe of E type.

² Deletions; "for the Reformacion of the sedicious premisses" deleted.

³ Spelled Semans on leaf 254.

⁴ Summoned as a bailiff (see below, p. 522) in spite of his recent disgrace. This would indicate a change of policy.

⁵ leaf 254.

maner of Goynge & assemble shall put the Maister of the Trinite Gyld a-bove hym and not to go with the Mair for the tyme Beyng, Except that the Recourder shall sytt next the Mair yn Cowncelles Concernyng materes yn the lawe at the Jeyll hall and In Jugementes.

and to give precedence to the gild master.

Allso the said xlvij were agreyd that yf the said Herre Boteler wold-not abey¹ and kepe these premyssez afforsaid that then the Mair and his Brethourn shuld Chese another man to be Recourder.

Than the xxviiij day of Janiver per the 3ere aforsaid a-fore these persones whose Names folowen :—

Jan. 28, 1485.
Before 16 persons

Herre Kebyll, m., Rob. Onley, [v. p. 520 for nine following], Her. Marler, Will. Horsseley, Tho. Bayly, Laur. Sawnderes, Rob. Crosse :—

The said Herre Boteler was demaundyd of these wourdes a-for Rehersed; for the whech the said Herre Boteler Remembyrd hym-selff and seid that fro that day forward he wold take his Othe at Candilmas as the mere doth and to go yn all presence accourdyng to the Ordynaunce a-for Rehersed.

the recorder submits,

Vppon the whech the forsaid Mair & all the that had be Mairys heryng hym speke Remenbyrd (*sic*) them that he had ben of long Contynewaunce, and vppon his good aberyng graunted hym the Office of Recourdershyp. And also ²and ever² affended azenst the mair or any that had byn Maires That then they to Renovell³ the Ordynaunce whech was made by the said xlvij.

THE COUNCIL.

The xxix day of Janiver anno *predicto* assemblyd togyddur in sent Mary Hall Her. Kebyll, m., Rob. Onley, Will. Marchall, Joh. Wyldgrys, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Semans, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colens, Herre Merler, Will. Hoursseley, Laur. Sawnders, Rob. Crosse, Will. Tayllour, Joh. ffyssher, Jeff. Ardourne.

Jan. 29.

A-for whom Maister Onley desyred that as for soch Officers as shuld be weytyng vppon hym for the tyme

The in-com-
ing mayor
asks leave to

¹ Characteristic of this scribe.

²⁻² ? = had never.

³ = renew.

appoint his
own officers.

that he is mere, that he myzt take & admyt them whom that hit please hym. All that be a-for-wreton graunted hym to Chese soch officers as shuld pleace hym. And so Maister Onley Chose a-for them all to be Cryer, Joh. Westbury.

Past mayors
to decide
differences
between
mayors.

Also they have Ordenyd that as for any mater that is longyng to any Mair of this Cite or by-twene any Mairys of this Cite that hit shal-be determyned & orderyd by all the Mairys *withyn* them-selff, so that the mater be *perteynyng* to the Cite.

ROB. ONLEY, MAYOR, 1485.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

¶ [1 Election of officers.]

Will. Marchall, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytofte, Joh. Seman, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Will. Horseley, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Coke, Will. Tailour, Will. Thistilton, Joh. ffysshier, Rob. Jekes, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Lee, Ric. Pulton, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Castell.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Onley; cor. Rob. Topclyff; steward,² Joh. Boteler; ch. Tho. Pittes, Rog. Sutton; w. Will. fforde, Edw. Hulcote; mace, Will. Nasshe "de bona gestura"; crier,³ Joh. Shut.

J.Ps.

⁴ Rob. Onley, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Marchall, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgris.

Key-keepers.

[not given.⁴]

TOWN BUSINESS.

The clock.

Also they ordeyn þat Tho. Darlyng haue the keypyng of þe Clok frohensfurth takyng his wages as is vsuelly vsed to gyffe therfore etc., and he to begyn at Candilmasse day next comyng.

The murage.

Also they will þat þe Murage be newe sessed betwixt þis & Estur next comyng be þe Meir and such as he will þerto depute.

¹ leaf 254, back. Sheriffs, Laur. Saunders, Rob. Crosse.

² *Seneschal* in MS. ³ *Proclamator*.

⁴—⁴ I have transposed this passage. In MS. it follows the passage headed here *Town Business*.

ROYAL COMMUNICATIONS.

¹ *By the King.*

May 6.

Richard III
compliments
the authori-
ties for their
late wise
endeavours
to pacify the
city:

Trusty and Wel-belouyd, We grete you wele ; Acertain-
yng yow that hit is Comen vnto our knolege how that ye
have late full laudably with gret diligence applied yow to
thobseruyng and executyng of such sad direccions and
substanciall ordinaunces a-monges yow accourdyng to our
wrytyng late directed vnto yow in that bihalue as *per-by*
loue & vnite is enhaunced amonges yow, And discencions,
variaunces, and discordes sette a-parte to the honour and
wele of our Cite there : ffor the wheche we gretly lawde
& commende yowr sadnisse and circumspect wysedoms,
and thank you hertily for the same, willing and exhorting
you that like as ye haue begonne and doon ye wil diligently
ensue the *perfet* Continuance of the same. And as for-as-
moche as we knowe wele that by your franchises and
libertes by our noble progenitours to yow graunted and
by vs ratified, accept and Conformed, ye haue auctorite to
prouide, make and establishe ordenaunces and Rules
amonges yow for the vniuersall wele and pollitique guiding
of our said Citie, We tendering the honnour and tran-
quilite of the same wol and Commaunde you that all
soche constitucions and ordinaunces here byfore deuised
and Concluded or here-aftur to be made for the contyn-
uance of sad rule, substanciall guiding and sure directing
of our said Citie and inhabitantes of the same ye see to be
obserued and put in plainere execucion : In the wheche
we shall at alle tymes yeve vnto yowe the fauoure &
assistence of our good grace.

exhorts them
to persevere,
inasmuch as
by their
"franchises
and liberties"
they have
power to
make ordin-
ances,

And yf any personne of obstinacie or wilful-hednesse
will withstand or disobeye the said ordinaunces and Rules,
We wol then *wit/out* delaye ye do certifie vs therof, and
we shall prouide suche reformatioun and punicion therein
acording to our lawes, and demerites of thoffendours in
example and fere of other : Wyllyng you that according
to your laudable vsage and Custumes ye see that such
Officers as be made or here-aftur shal-be made amonges
yow doo mak there Othes for the sure obseruyng and

and to inform
lym of any
wilfulness or
disobedience
on the part
of the
citizens.

kepyng of the said ordinaunces : And that ye doo publiſſhe this our Commaundement vnto all thinhabitantes of our said Citie in such convenient tyme and season as ye shall thynk most according and expedient to thentent that noon of them shall haue mater or grownd of excuse, if they offend contrary to our Commaundment in this behalve. And that this be doon with all diligence as ye entend to please vs, and as we may evidently vnderstand the loue and zeale that ye owe and bere to the wele and honour of our said Citie. Yeuen vndur our signet at our paloyes of Westmynstre the vjth day of Maye.

Westminster.

Received
May 20, 1485.

Recevyd by the Maire the xx day of Maye anno secundo Ricardi tercii.

LETTER FROM HENRY VII.

After Aug. 22.
Letter from
Henry VII.

Henry by the grace of God Kyng of Englund and of Fraunce and lord of Irland to oure trusty and wel-beloued the Maire and Justices of our peas *within* the shire of oure Citie of Couentre that nowe be, and that for the tyme shal-be, greting. We reduce vnto . . . [cetera desunt.]

THE RECORDER.

Dec. 26, 1485.

¹The xxvj day of December on sent Stephons day in Christonmas weke anno H. vij primo assembled to-gedur Rob. Onley, m., Will. Shore, Joh. Wyldgris, Tho. Bredmedow, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrompton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Marchall, Ric. Colens, Her. Marler, Will. Hoursseley, Her. Kebull, Will. Rowley,² Tho. Chourchman,² vicecomites.

The whech for diuersse Consideracions for-as-moch as the Recourder is of so grett febulnes they be agreyd that and any Casualtes of disease by Godes visitacion com vnto the Recourder that then Tho. Kebyll, the seriant, to have the next a-voydaunce of the Office of Recourdershupp, and yff he wyll take hit vppon hym aftur the Othe and Charge theruppon ordenyd. And yf he wyll not take hit vppon hym That then Joh. Brown to have the next avoydaunce of the Recourdership aftur the Othe & Charge theruppon Ordenyd.

Tho. Kebull
to have the
chance of the
recorder's
office when
vacant, and
falling him
then Joh.
Brown.¹ leaf 256.² bracketed together.

Also they be agreyd that who-so-ever shall Ocapie the Offesse of Recourdershyps shall not be of Cowncell nor of fee *with* the prior of the Cathedrall Chourch of our Lady of Coventre nor *with* his successoures, nor *with* noo personsown of the Countrey, azenst any person dwelling *withyn* the Cite of Coventre.

The recorder not to take part with an outsider against a townsman.

The vijth day of Janiver, the Setourday next aftur the xijth day *anno predicto* assembled to-gedur: [as p. 524 with the exception of Marler and Kebull.]

Jan. 7, 1486.

ffor-as-moch as soch comynycacion was had & moved by the Mair & his Brethourne on sent Stephons day last past, aftur that the xxvij day of the same monyth of December by the Commaundment¹ of the said Mair & by the assent of dyuersse of his said brethourn, Joh. Smyth was send to London to the said Tho. Kebull & Joh. Broun *with ij lettres* of credence to them—That yf the said Tho. Kebull wold take hit vpon hym according to the copy of the Othe of the office send to hym that he shuld have hit: Whereuppon the said Tho. Kebull hath send to the said Mair & his Brethourn onswere in writing, the which writing as this day the vijth day of Janiver next Ensuyng *per* [in] the *presence* of the Mair & his Brethourn whose names be present was red & declared; Wharby hit aperyth that except that he may be excused of his dwelling and abiding in the Cite, And also licensed to be absent at the ij tymes of the assises and sessions of the peace, he Cannot take hit vpon hym. The which the said Mair & his said brethourn thowt that hit myzt not be for the wele & profet of this Cite, & specially to suffer his absens at the tyme of the assise of the sessions of the peace. ffor wheche Consideracions the said Mair & his said brethourn as this same day be concluded that the said Joh. Broun shall have the graunt of the next a-voydaunce of the said Offese of Recourdershyps.

Joh. Smith sent to London with letters on this subject.

“The Recorder to be at Sise and Sessions,” and Kebull is unable to fulfil these requirements.

²Right worshipfull *sir*, I recomende me vnto you in my most herty wyse desiryng *your* welfare; prayng you that ye wyll gyff credence to the brynger of this letter in all such thynges as he shall shewe vnto you in my behalf & of my brethern, and that we may knowe by his reporte

Letters

¹ One stroke of “m” missing.

² Another scribe.

your intent & disposicions in such thynges as he shall meve you in our be-half. Writtyn at Couentre.

Your true louer Rob. Onley, Mair
of the Citie of Couentre.

to Kebull,

To the right worshipfull Tho. Kebull
be this deliuered.

and to
Broun.

To the right worshipfull Joh. Broun
be this deliuerd.

Jan. 2, 1486.
Maister
Broun

protests his
unworthi-
ness,

¹ Right worshipfull and my verray good maister, I recomende me to you, thankyng you in full hertly wyse for your letter; and that it hath pleased you so to remember me as ye haue don; and of me neuer in eny wyse deseruyd, but I trust hit shal-be my fortune herafter som-thing to doo that shal-be to your pleasure: Yvyng you in knowlege that as to the office, the which by your letter and the credence therof ys remembred, I think my-self full vnable therto, and also I vnderstande ther wil-be labour made for Maister Tho. Kebell for the same, the which is moche more able then I am. Neuerthelesse if God doo his pleasure with Maister Buttelere, and then it be thought to you and to my maisters, your brethern, that my seruice therin may be to your plesure I wil-be glad to doo to you ² and theym therin as good seruice as I can after my symple power. And yf it be put-to me I most only thank you and youre good reporte therefore, for I am not acyquyted with eny other Cytesyn of that Citie, but only with you except Maister Symondes³ and John Smyth, but as ferre as I knowe I am to all other in effect vnknowen. Wherefore I remitte all thyng to you & whatsoever shal-be to the plesure of you and of my maisters, your brethern, in this behalf I shall be glad to do with the grace of Jhesu, who euer haue you in his blessed kepyng. Writtyn at London the Monday next after the fest of the Circumcision of our Lorde.

but shows
willingness
to accept the
office.

From
London.

Yours J. Broun.

To the right worshipfull Rob. Onley,
Maire of the Citie of Couentre.

Jan. 3.

Right worshipfull, I recomende me vnto you more

¹ leaf 256, back.

² deletion.

³ Mayor in 1477.

hertly then I can write. Please it to you to knowe that I haue receyued by the berer herof a *lettre* of credence from you and haue right well vnderstand such thynges as he on the behalf of you and your brethern hath shewed vnto me concernyng thoffice of Recorder of your Citie. Sir, I hertly thank you for your grete fauour and kyndenes to me of longe tyme passed and nowe shewid in this matier, praying you *with* all my hert to recomende me in most herty wyse to all my maisters your brether, thankyng theym as hertly as is to me possible for their fauour, good wylles & grete kyndenes that they bere to me therin, by the which ye & they haue bounden me while I shall liif to do that may be for the honure, wele, plesur & proufite of the seid Citie or eny of you herafter to my power, whether I haue the seid office or no.

Master
Kebull

expresses
hearty
gratitude for
the offer,

Sir, the seid berer hath shewed to me the oth & charge of the Recorder, which in diuers thynges me thinketh full streyte, as he will shewe vnto you at large. And as to be bounden to be duellyng *within* the Citie, I can[not] bynde me therto as I haue shewed you a-fore this tyme. Also where for-asmoch as I, vnworthy, am named to be *sergeaunt* at the lawe, it is douted I shulde not mowe attende you as were necessary. Sir, I concidre well that Maister ffairfax, beyng the kynges *sergeaunt* was Recorder of York,¹ Maister Starkey,² beyng *sergeaunt*, was Recorder of London, Maister Tremayle, now the kynges *sergeaunt*, is Recorder of Bristowe, which moveth me to trust that not-*withstandyng* I were *sergeaunt* I shulde couenyently doo that shulde be-longe to thoffice of Recorder. Natheless if I be *sergeaunt* I thynke I couth not be with you at thassises tyme. Parauentur I shulde be Justice of assise in som other contrey, and therefore, if I were Recorder, I must *prouide* that all thyng that apperteynyng (*sic*) to the wele of the Citie at thassises tyme shulde be don as well as [if] I were there present. And on-lesse than I may haue liberte to duell out of the Citie, ant³ to be absent at thassises tyme, yf nede be, I can nott occupie that office.

but considers
divers
provisions of
the oath
full strait,

and unless
he can obtain
divers relax-
ations of the
same, viz.
leave of
absence and
so forth,

must decline
the offer.

¹ Sir Guy Fairfax, d. 1495.

² Sir Humfrey Starkey, died 1486.

³ *i. e.* and.

Also, *Sir*, where I am nowe bounden by my fee¹ and more shuld be bounden if I were Recorder to be *with* your Citie a-yenst the Priour of Couentre, yit to bynde me by othe I shulde not be *with* hym nor *with* eny man, kynnesman ne other, a-yenest a particuler man of the Citie, it is to streyte, not resonable, ne in eny Citie vsed, but remitted to the discrecion of the Recorder, ayenst whom he wil-be, and a-yenest whom he will nott. And if *your* wisdomes after that this berer haue reported vnto you myn entent in this matier woll please accordyng to the same to chese me, vnable, Recorder of *your* Citie, if God visite *your* Recorder that nowe is, I will take hit vppon me and applie me to doo that may please you more for the loue that ye haue to me and I to you then for other cause. And yf ye for eny cause can not thinke me expedient for you, yit for *your* lovyng² disposicions towardes me I shall bere my seruice, loue & good hert to the seid Citie as largely as yf I had be Recorder ther-of³ auanced to further degrees in the lawe that hath don in tymes past³ to my power by Goddes grace, who *preserue* you and sende you good lyff and longe. From London the iij^{de} day of Januare.

Your own at *your* comaundement

Tho. Kebell.

To the right worshipfull Rob. Onley
vt supra.

RIC. COKE, MAYOR, 1486.

⁴[Election of officers.]

. Will. Shore, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Brodmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Will. Horseley, Hen. Kebull, Will. Marchall, Will. Tailour, Rob. Colman, Tho. fforde, Rob. Jekes, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Castell, Joh. Swan, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Darlyng.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Coke; cor. Rob. Topelyff; steward Joh. Boteler; ch. Jac. Bailly, Tho. Wardelowe; w. Will. Pysford, Tho. Bonde; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

¹ Kebull had evidently been retained in a suit against the prior. See above, p. 474.

² deletions. ³⁻³ Obscure.

⁴ leaf 257. Sheriffs, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chirchman.

[And they allow the said Richard (mayor) to make choice of a crier, because J. Shut was elected to the office of crier last year; and the then mayor removed him and put J. Westbury in the place.]

Et *proclamatores* remittunt prefato Ricardo ad suam electionem eligendum, eo quod ultimo anno Joh. Shut fuit electus in officium proclamatoris. Et maior tunc temporis eum remouit et Joh. Westbury in officium posuit etc.¹

[Ric. Coke, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Shore, M.G.S.T., J.Ps. Joh. Wilgrys, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Will. Marchall.

The same, except the recorder and Braytoft.]

Key keepers.

THE OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

²Mem. that the seid Maire in the tyme of his office & be vertue of the same resecyued & made certen payementes of money at diuers tymes be the handes of Tho. Bonde & Will. Pysford, then beyng wardeyns, as appereth hereafter.

ffirst, where the wardes of pis Cite were cessed þe laste zere in the tyme of Maister Onley beyng Maire to recontent³ & paye theym that made chevisskans þerof for the tyme of þe present þat was gyffen vnto Kyng Henre the vijth⁴ at his comyng first to þis Cite, which remayned vngadered & nowe be þis Maire gadered, as appereth hereafter, of euery warde.

King Henry's present.

ffirst, resecyued of þe Collectors of Gosseford warde be þe handes of þe seid wardeyns, resecyued . . vij li. v s.

Receipts.
Gosford
£7 5s. 0d.;

[Smithford Street, £5 17s. 8d.; Spon Street £11 8s. 9d.; Bayly Lane £12 8s. 7d.; Broad Gate £2 14s. 2d.; Well Street £5 3s. 10d.; Earl Street £13 15s. 6d.; Jordan Well £2 14s. 2d.; Much Park Street £6 16s. 8d.; Cross Cheping £12 12s. 6d.] From Master Onley of such arrearages as remained in his hands £10 0s. 0d. Sum total £90 16s. 10d.]

total
£90 16s. 10d.

Off which somme the seid wardeyns be the commaundement of the seid Maire & be the advice of his Brethern made repayment vnto such persones þat made þe prest⁵ as sueth:—

Payments.

¹ See above, p. 522.

² leaf 257, back. ³ "re" interlined.

⁴ Henry slept at the mayor's house after Bosworth, and received a cup and £100. ⁵ = loan.

£3 10s. 10d.

ffirst payde to Laur. Saunders etc. iij li. x s. x d.

[To Master Thrumpton £4 0s. 0d. ; to Master Horsley £1 16s. 10d. ; to Master Burnell £3 0s. 0d. ; to Master Draper £7 5s. 10d. ; to Master Colyns £5 0s. 0d. ; to Master Bradmedowe £13 6s. 8d. ; to Will. Rowley £3 6s. 8d. ; to the steward for Mistress (Maistres) Seman £1 9s. 6d. ; to Master Recorder £9 5s. 2d. ; to Master Marchall £7 5s. 0d. ; to Master Shore £2 5s. 0d. ; to Master Marler £2 5s. 0d. Sum total £64 6s. 6d.]

total
£64 6s. 6d.“ Provision
for King
Henry VII.”

Mem. that the seid Wardens paid for brede, ale & wyn & other vitailles þat was hadde to Maister Onleys, he then beyng Maire at the comyng of Kyng Henre.

Bread.
2s. 0d.

In primis to Potell, Baker, for ij dosen bredde ij s.

4s. 0d.

Item, paid to Bredon for iiij dosen iiij s.

2s. 0d.

Item, paid to Joh. Edwardes for ij dosen bredde ij s.

Item, to Harryngton for iij dosen bredde & *dimidium* iij s. vjd.

3s. 6d.

4s. 0d.

Item, paid to Cramp for iiij dosen iiij s.

1s. 0d.

Item, paid to Dav. Vgan for j dosen xij d.

5s. 0d.

Item, paid to Joh. Alyn for v dosen v s.

Item, paid to Laur. Beke for iiij dosen & ij penyworth iiij s. ij d.

4s. 2d.

1s. 0d.

Item, paid to Tho. Oures for j dosen xij d.

10s. 0d.

Item, paid to Jas. Baker for x dosen x s.

2s. 0d.

Item, paid to Pipe for ij dosen ij s.

Item, paid to Joh. Smyth in Gosforde-strete for iiij dosen iiij s.

4s. 0d.

total
£2 2s. 8d.

Summa xlij s. viij d.

Wine;

¹ Paid for wyn.

claret

In primis paid to Will. Webbe pur j pype Claret wyn iij li.

£3 0s. 0d.

red wine

Item, paid to Will. Ekffurth pur j pype Redde-wyn iij li.

total
£6 0s. 0d.

Summa vj li.

Ale;

Paid for ale.

5s. 0d.

In primis to Maister Marchall for iij Cestre ² v s.

3s. 0d.

Item, paid to Ric. Lokyer for ij Cestre iij s.

1s. 6d.

Item, paid to Tho. Hadley for j Cestre xvij d.

¹ leaf 258. ² = sextary, here probably the 6th part of a gallon.

Item, paid to Joh. Buter for j Cestre xviiij d.	1s. 6d.
Item, to Rob. Goldsmyth for j Cestur xx d.	1s. 8d.
Item, paid to Ringold for j Cestur xx d.	1s. 8d.
Item, paid to Eliz. Colet for j Cestre xx d.	1s. 8d.
Item, paid to Barnebroke for j Cestre . . . xviiij d.	1s. 6d.
Item, paid to Will. Tybbottes for ij Cestre . . . iij s.	3s. 0d.
Item, paid to Tho. Grove for ij Cestre iij s.	3s. 0d.
Item, paid to Johane Wynhale for ij Cestre . . . iij s.	3s. 0d.
Item, paid to Hen. flecher for a Cestur . . . xviiij d.	1s. 6d.
Item, paid to Joh. Westbury for a Cestur . . xviiij d.	1s. 6d.
Item, paid to Maude Smyth for ij Cestre . . . iij s.	3s. 0d.
Item, paid to Tho. Bagot for vj Cestur ix s.	9s. 0d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> xlj s. iijij d.	total £2 11s. 4d.
Paid for vitels.	Victuals;
In primis, to Hen. Colyns for xx motons 1 s.	sheep £2 10s. 0d.
Item, paid to Tho. Turnour & Tho. Wardlowe for ij Oxen xls.	2 oxen £2 0s. 0d.
Item, paid to Maister Marchall for iiij stokffysshes ij s.	fish; 2s. 0d.
Item, paid to Rob. Colman for iij stokffysshes xviiij d.	1s. 6d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> iij li. xiiij s. vj d.	total £4 13s. 6d.
Paid for wax.	
Item, paid to Joh. Baron, Barbour, for xv lb. wax and for makyng of the same xj s. iij d.	wax; 11s. 3d.
Item, paid to Joh. Padland for Candell xx d.	1s. 8d.
Item, to the same John for ix peny pottes . . . ix d.	pots 9d.
Item, to the same John for ij dossen Goddardes ¹ xv d.	1s. 3d.
<i>Summa totalis</i> xiiij s. xj d.	total 14s. 11d.
² Mem. paid by the seid wardens to diuers persones, as it appereth writton in a boke That lieth in the Councill house, for such stuff that was fette to the feld of Kyng Richard ³ vj li. viij s. ix d.	"King Rich. 3d.; pro- vision sent to Bosworth field." £6 8s. 9d.
Item, paid to Rog. a Lie for ij dossen & a dimidium bredde xv d.	1s. 3d.
Item, paid to Laur. Beke for ij dossen bred . . . xij d.	1s. 0d.
Item, paid to Spenser, Baker, for j dossen . . . vj d.	6d.
Item, paid to Rob. Mason for xvj Cesture ale . . . vj s.	6s. 0d.
Item, paid to Tho. Bagot for xvj Cesture ale . . . vj s.	6s. 0d.
Item, paid to Maister Marchall for ale x s.	10s. 0d.

¹ A drinking cup or goblet (*N. E. D.*).

² leaf 258, back.

³ Bosworth Field, Aug. 22, 1485.

4s. 0d. Item, paid to Ric. Lee for viij Cestur ale iiij s.
 6s. 0d. Item, paid to Heddes Wyfe for xvj Cestur ale vj s.
 total
 £8 3s. 6d. Summa viij li. iiij s. vj d.

For Maideford, hurt at Bosworth
 2s. 6d. Item, payde be the Meirs commaundement towardes þe hurt þat Tho. Maideford had in þe fylde for þe parte of Rob. Colman, þen beyng Maister of the Gylde of Corpus Christi ij s. vj d.

Item, for reparacion of Rob. Dadyngton house
 3s. 4d. iiij s. iiij d.

total 5s. 10d.
 total of the whole payment
 £88 8s. 3d.
 Balance
 £2 8s. 7d.
 which the mayor delivers to his successor, Jan. 9, 1487,
 and departs quit.
 Further receipts and payments.

Summa v s. x d.

Summa totalis solucionis^{xx} iiij li. viij s. iiij d.

And so the seid Maire rested in arrerages the somme of xlviiij s. vij d. which somme þe seid Maire delivered vnto Tho. Baylly, his successour, þe ix day of Januare, then beyng present with þe seid Tho. Bailly, Maire, in þe Guild hall Hen. Marler, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley & oper. Et sic quietus recessit.

Item, þe seid Ric. Coke beyng Maire resceyued of Jas. Bailly & Tho. Wardelowe then Chamberleyns xli., which the seid Maire delyuered to þe wardeyns aboue-writon to be disposed vppon reparacion of þe lyffelode perteynyng to þe Chambre of þe Townte, wherof þe seid wardeyns maden pleyn accompt as appereth in þe boke of their accompte etc.

Quietus.

THO. BAYLLY, MAYOR, 1487.

"Conentre."

¶ ¹ [Election of officers.]

Ric. Colyns, Rob. Onley, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Rob. Burnell, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Alen, Tho. Bagot, Tho. fforde, Ric. Pulton, Galf. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Ric. Lee, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Swan, Joh. Syssell, Will. Hardy, Joh. Darlyng, Joh. Padland.

Officers.

[m. Tho. Baylly; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Jakson, Will. flecher, Sherman, "manente apud Mil-lane"²; w. Will. Haddon, mercer, Joh. Whitgreve; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

¹ leaf 259. Scribe B. Sheriffs, John Duddesbury, Hugh Huyton.

² dwelling at Mill Lane.

THE MAYOR'S HOSTELRY.

[They will and ordain that the aforesaid Tho. Bailly takes down the sign hanging before his door before the feast of Candlemas.

And that henceforth in future he shall not hold a common hostelry under pain of £100.]

Et volunt & ordinant quod predictus Tho. Bailly citra festum Purificacionis B. Marie proximo futurum deponat signum suum pendentem ad hostium suum.

Et quod deinde in futuro non t[en]eat commune hospicium sub pena Centum librarum.¹

THO. BAGOT, MAYOR, 1488.

² ¶ [Election of officers.]

“ Couentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

Hen. Marler, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Marchall, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Hen. Keball. Ric. Coke, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Chirchman, Joh. Duddesbury, Ric. Smyth, Will. Taillour, Joh. Swan, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Castell, Joh. Darlyng, Will. Hardy.

[m. Tho. Bagot; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ed. Barbour, Tho. Padland; w. Joh. Hadon, Joh. Reynold, walker; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

Officers.

Tho. Bagot, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Hen. Marler, M.G.S.T., Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Marchall.

J.Ps.

The same, except the recorder and Marchall.]

Key-keepers.

THE FIFTEENTH.

³ Here followen the names of þe Collectours of þe half xv peny payable at Missomer next comyng within the Towne of Couentre which cometh to þe some of xxv li.

[*Gosford-warde*: Ed. Hadley, Rob. Steyn, £2. 18s. 0d.

Jurden-well: Tho. Baron, wírdrawer, Ric. Wilson, £2. 0s. 0d.

Mich-park-strete: Joh. Stanlowe, Will. Burglen, Baker, £2. 10s. 0d.

¹ It was illegal for victuallers to hold any municipal office, though the law was frequently infringed. For leet juries see below leaf 335. Was Master Marchall one of the corporation? He was evidently a victualler. See p. 531.

² leaf 259. Sheriffs, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Turnour.

³ leaf 259, back.

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Erle-strete: Nic. Hill, Hen. Palmer, £3. 0s. 0d.

Bailly-lane: Joh. Couper, Ric. Garton, £1. 18s. 0d.

Brode-zate: Raffe ffreman, Maurc. John, Coruiser, £1. 5s. 0d.

Smythford-strete: Rob. Dadyngton, Joh. Bocher, Baker, £2. 0s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Joh. Pope, Joh. Wardelowe, Joh. Gyl-lyng, £3. 16s. 0d.

Spon-strete: Will. Godelad, Joh. Brygges, Capper, £2. 16s. 8d.

Wel-strete: Joh. Gerles, Will. Rose, £2. 16s. 8d.]

Here ffollowen the fforeyns, & what eury hamell payeth at a half xv^e, which cometh to þe somme of vj li. viij s. viij d. ob.

[Stychehall 12s. 2d.; Exhall 17s. 2d.; Weston 2s.; Sowe & Caloughden 8s.; Stoke & Byggyng, Pyuley & Whitley, 15s. 10½d.; Wykyn 13s. 6d.; Cowndon & Radford 13s. 6d.; Shilton 8d.; Ansty £1. 5s. 3d.; ffols-hill £1 1s. 10d.; Keresley 13s. 7d. Total £7. 3s. 6½d.]

ROB. COLMAN, MAYOR, 1489.

[¹Election of officers.]

Jan. 25. 7

Electors.

Will. Horsley, Rob. Onley, miles, Joh. Wildegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Rowley, Tho. ffurde, Ric. Pulton, Joh. Dovue, Ric. Smyth, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Maydeford, Rob. Crosse, Will. Cramp, Joh. Swan, Rob. Smyth, Ed. Holcote.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Colman; cor. Rob. Topclyff; steward, Joh. Boteler; ch. Joh. Clyff, Joh. Alen; w. Rog. Baker, Ric. Plumpton; mace, Will. Nasshe, "de sua bona gestura," crier, Joh. Toures "ad voluntatem maioris."²]

THE FIFTEENTH.

³ Her followen the names of the Collectours of the half xv peny payable at Midsomer anno domini M^l iiij c ix

June 24,
1489.

¹ leaf 261. Sheriffs, Rob. Grene, Joh. Padland. A scribe of E. type.

² At the mayor's will.

³ leaf 260. Scribe of E type. For sums in each ward v. pp. 533-4.

wyth-in the tovne of Coventre, the wich cometh to the somme of xxv li.

£25 0s. 0d.

Gosford-ward: Ryc. ffarwell, dyer, Joh. Erle, Smyeth, Will. Bromley, wirdrawer.

Jerden-well-ward: Ryc. Glew, taylor, Ryc. Schemyng, draper.

Mich-parke-stret ward: Joh. Stanlowe, Will. Burglym,¹ bayker.

Erle-stret ward: Will. Rokardyne, Joh. Throwley, Ryc. Stokkes.

Baylle-lane vard (sic): Will. Morley, Joh. Boteler, girdeler, Joh. Wodward.

Broydyate vard: Joh. Sparke, sadler, Will. Rynggold, Joh. Harres, clerk.

Smythford-strete: Ryc. Baron, draper, Herre Myll, Cor[vi]ser, Tho. Inster,² Corviser.

Croschepyng vard: Ryc. Brigman, Joh. Wardelowe, Joh. Pope.

Spon-strete: Laur. Beeke, ³ Bateman, Whyttawer, Will. Carter.

Wel-stret: Tho. Baylle, brewer, Joh. Gerwes, dyer.

Summa xxv li.

Total
£25 0s. 0d.

TALE-BEARING.

⁴ *By the Kynge.*

Dec. 12.

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele; And wher-as by the contynue⁵ of a supplicacion to vs on your behalue by certain of your neighbors lately presented, We perceyue that reapportes haue ben made vnto you that Ric. Reynold and Johanne his wyf at their beyng in our housholde shulde noyse and disclaundre that our Citie, sayeing that ther shulde not be thre true men vnto vs that were scarlet,⁶ and that the substance of all the inhabitantes of the same be false traytours; by occasyon of which reportes ye take grete discourge and hevinesse, feryng that we shulde yeue credence to the same and to estraunge therfore the fauour of our grace from you; We late you wete that we bere noo such miscontent nor oppinion

The king

hearing that the Coventry people are distressed at the bearing of false reports concerning them to his ears,

¹ or Burglymur. ² or Juster. ³ Blank. ⁴ leaf 261.

⁵ = contents. ⁶ *i. e.* of official rank.

assures them
of the con-
tinuance of
his favour;

he has
examined the
tale-bearers,

and punished
Reynold;

who is hence-
forward to be
lawfully and
impartially
dealt with.

From West-
minster.

a-yenst you, ner eny other inhabitantes there, but considering the largesse of your trouthes and duties to vs at all tymes hertofore experimently¹ shewed and naturally approued, we take you all in as singulier and speciall fauour of our grace as we doo any personnes of any other our Citiees *within* this our Reame. And therefore thinke ner haue non other oppinion ner conceipt in vs, for the dede therof shall effectuely folowe, as ye shall parfairly vnderstande in any youre resonable matiers or causes to be poursued vnto vs her-after; Wherin ye may be recomfordted and ioyous and haue full trust and vndoubted affiance therunto; acertaynyng you that for the knowlege of the said disclaunderous langage we haue doo examined as well the seid Reynold as his wyf as the persones rapporters of the same. In part wherof we conceyve the same³ Reynold to be defectyf and gilty to our greuos¹ displeasir; for the which we haue putt hym to punyssment here; Praying you to content your myndes therewith, sith the reproche resteth in hym; And that it like you non otherwise to entreate hym in his matiers and causes² amouges you herafter than other his neyburns and accordyng *with* thequite of our lawes and good consciens as our trust is in you. Yeuen vnder our signet at our palais of Westm[ynstre] the xij day of Decembre.

SEDITIONS.

³ *By the Kyng.*

Dec. 14.

The King

Trusty and wil-belouid, we grete you wele, and vnderstande by your writyng that ye as oure true and lovyng subgettes attached & comytted lately to warde two persones of that oure Cite for disclosure & vtterance of certain seducious langage a-yenst their naturall duete of ligeance, ffor the which your ffeithfull acquitail we can you our speciall thank, Praying you of your good continuance if eny like matier happenne there herafter: Wyllyng & chargyng you that, yf vpon your examinacion ye can

wills that
any one
uttering
seditious

¹ By experience. The first example in the *N. E. D.* is dated 1546, where it is stated that the word occurs only in the phrase *to know experimently*.

² deletions.

³ leaf 261, back.

fynde the seid persones culpable in this behalve, ye than the next market day punysshethaim accordyng to their ofienses aftur your discrecions, whereby ye shall gretely please vs. Yeven vnder our signet at our paleys of Westm[ynstre], the xiiij day of Decembre.

language in the future be punished upon the market day.

To our trusty and wel-biloued the Maire and shirrefes of oure Citie of Couentre.

THE RECORDER.

¹*By the Kyng.*

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you well; and ffor-asmoche as we be enformed that it hath plesyd our blessed Creatur to Calle late ffrom this vncertain and transorite (*sic*) lif vnto hys grett and inestimable mercy your late Recordour, and ffor the wele and politike direction off our Cite there ye must hastely procede vnto theleccion off an-other personne to succede the said office, we, tendingr the weall off our said Cite, and Consideryng that it is oon of moost honor and substance in thys our Royalme, and that he which schall occupie and exercise that Rome must often-tymes haue in hande diuerse matiers Confermyng the said direction and vniuersall wele off the same, woll and desire you that whan yt be condescendyd vpon any persone to occupie the said Rome ye will byffor ye fully determyng therein certefie vs off hys name to thentent that ye may knowe what ys our mynde and plaisir in that partie. By the weche we entende not to lette nor enterupte your liberte but to aduersitese² you for the good disposiccion off that office; and tha[t] ye wyll ffolowe our entent and mynde heren as we trust you. Yeuen vndur our signet at our Manor of Grenewyche the viij day of January.

Jan. 8, 1490. The recorder having died, the king

commands that the name of the

candidate be submitted to him.

To our trusty and wel-beloued the Maire, aldermen and Shirffes off þis our Cite of Couentre and the Commen Counsell off the same.

¹ Scribe C.

² Not in *N. E. D.* Blunder for advertise in the sense of advise, admonish.

VAGABONDS.

Jan. 10, 1490.

¹ *Mem.* that pe xth day of Januare anno quinto *Regis Henrici septimi* ther was delyuered fro the Kynges grace a priue signet vnto *Master R. Colman, Mair of pis Cite*; the tenour wherof hereaftur ensueth.

By the Kyng.

The king,

² Trusty and wel-beloued, we grett you well; and where-as we heretoffor vpon due informaeyon þat many theves, riottours, vacabundes and suspect persones were resortyng & abidyng in diuerse Cites, townes, & burghes within this our *Royaume*, & th[e]re by their Reciptours schortely ³ ffauored, loged and succoured to the gret anoiante, hurt, damage and inquietacion of our subgietes, addressed our *lettres* vnto the Justices off our peas, shirrifes and other officers & Rulers off the same places, straitly Chargyng them by the same that they shulde secretly make due and diligent serche at a certan houre in the night where any such misruled folkes were hauntyng, and therupon to see them taken and punysshed as the cas required: Through thexecutyng weroff thes enormilies ⁴ (*sic*) and misbehavyng, [which] as we vndirstonde were grett, cessed, and our subgietes put to great suretie and quiet. We be enformed þat of late sith such serch was left many like persones mysruled, in especiall haserders, dicers & Carders ben eftesones drawyng vnto diuers places within our Towne there, and within the same by diuers folkes ar recetted, ⁵ couerted ⁶ & socored to the subuercion of goode rule & disturbance of our true liegemen there: Wherefore we intendyng the reformacion of the same & pe punysshement of pe seid mysruled persones accordyng to their offences, woll & desire yewe, and natheles straitly charge yewe, that ye callyng unto yewe such persones as 3e shall thynk necessarie for this intent in as priue & secret wyse as ye shall mowe best diuise, make like serche vpon the xvij day of this present moneth at x of the klok in the nyght in all places within your iurisdiccio[n], where it

hearing of
the congregating
of vagabonds,
gamesters
and suspected
persons in
towns,

charges the
city rulers at

10 o'clock on
the night of
Jan. 18 to

¹ leaf 262. Scribe B. ² Scribe C. ³ *sic*. ? secretly.

⁴ Not in *N. E. D.* Read enormity = a breach of law or morality.

⁵ *i. e.* received. ⁶ To cover, conceal; v. *N. E. D.*

shal-be by yewe thought expedient & nedefull; and all such persones as ye shall fynde noted of suspect guydyng, hasardyng, dysyng or cardyng ye committe to suer warde ther to remayne till hit be sufficiently *proved* whether they be defectyf in the seid crymes or not; procedyng ferther ayenst such of theym as shal-be founde faultie as shall accorde *with* our lawes and as pe case shall requyre. Fayle ye not herof, all *oper* besynes set aparte, as ye & euery of yowe tendre oure singler *pleasir* and woll eshewe pe contrarie. Yeuen vnder our signet at our Manor of Grenewych pe vij day of Januare.

make search
for all such
persons

and punish
them accord-
ing to law.

From Gren-
wich, Jan. 7,
1490.

To oure trusti & wel-beloued *the*
Maire & aldermen of our Cite of
Coventre.

ffor accomplisshyng the Kynges pleasur in the *premisses* the seid Maire pe xvijth day of Januare afforeseid callyng to hym his Brethern, that is to seye, Rob. Onley, knyght,¹ Hen. Kebull, Joh. Wilgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Will. Shore, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Rog. Sutton & Ric. Chapman, shirrifis, which at *pat* tyme callyng to their remembraunces & *perfetly* vndirstandyng be pe seid writyng the kynges pleasur in pe *premisses*, were agreed & ordeyned that all pe *zates* of the Towne shuld be shut *pis* nyght at ix of pe klok be pe *comien seriant*, & *pat* to be doon as *priuely* as coude be, he *perto* to be sworne; and *pat* euery alderman in his warde, callyng to hym x or xij as he thought goode to *accumpeny* with hym & sworne *with* the othe *pat* her foloweth, to make serch, euery alderman in his owne warde; the wach to begyn at x in pe nyght, & such as they fynde suspecte to bryng theym to warde.

"A priue
search for
vagabonds."
Jan. 18.

And in like wyse the shirrifis to make serch all pe *suberbes* of *pis* Cite & Radford.

Also they woll *pat* Joh. Clyff, chamberleyn, or on for hym with pe *parker* of Caloughdon & Robynson, *seriant*, with viij or ix with theym to ride in *fensible*² wyse to Shilton, Anstey, Sowe, Caloughdon to make serch there etc.

¹ Onley was knighted by Henry VII on his visit to Coventry.

² = able to defend themselves.

Item, *pat* Joh. Alyn, the other Chamberleyn, & Step. Weist with hym & viij or ix other such as they woll call vnto theym shall make like serch at Exhale, ffolshill, & Keresley.

Item, Rog. Baker, on of *pe* wardeyns, & Joh. Griffith, *seriant*, with viij or ix with theym in lyke wyse make serch in Stoke, Byggyng & Wykyn etc.

Item, Ric. Plumpton with Joh. Ryngold with viij or ix with theym in like wyse at Whitley, & *pe* Milles & Stychall.

Item, Joh. Dove & Will. flecher, sherman, *with* viij *with* theym to make like serch *without* *pe* Gosseford zate, & without *pe* Newe zate & the Milles there.

RIC. LEE, MAYOR, 1490.

¶ [1 Election of officers.]

“Coentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

Hen. Kebull, Rob. Onley, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Ric. Coke, Tho. Baylly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Will. flecher, Joh. Darlyng, Tho. foorde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Grene, Tho. Maydeford, Rob. Smyth, Will. Roweley, Joh. Castell.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Lee; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Tho. Plant, Rob. Shawebury; w. Joh. Dwale, Tho. Baron, Wiredrawer; mace, Will. Nash; crier, Joh. Toures “ad placitum Maioris.”]

Crier.

²THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11, 1490.

[Collectors of the half fifteenth within the town payable at Martinmas 6 Hen. VII.

Gosford ward: Hen. Townnesyend, Joh. Payne, Deister, Rog. Billyngesley.³

Jordan Well: Will. Huet, Ric. Wylson.

Much Park Street: Hugh Gough, Hen. Cartar.

Earl Street: Hugh Dawes, Tho. Russell, Joh. Smyth, Taillour.

Bayly Lane: Rob. Colas, Tho. Camell.

¹ leaf 263, back. Scribe B. Bailiffs, Rog. Sutton, Ric. Chapman, not elsewhere given.

² leaf 264. Scribe of C type. ³ For sums see p. 533-4.

Broadgate : Mores John, Joh. Crosley.

Smithford Street : Will. flynt, Tho. Bredon.

Cross Cheaping : Ric. Bristowe, Barbour, Hen. Perkyns, Tho. Doue, Will. Burbage.¹

Spon Street : Whaburley Mores, Walker, Ric. Couentre, Capper.

Well Street : Ric. Hykman, Will. Davy, Elys, Bruer.

The "forrens" and "hamells" pay altogether £7 3s. 6½d.

See p. 534 for names of places and amounts. "ffor Boyswast" is substituted for "Weston" here.]

ALE TASTERS' NAMES.

² Ale Tasters.

[*Spon Street ward* : Rob. Coyte, Roper, Will. Bryg, Capper, Stevyn Pynnoke.

Bishop Street warde : Joh. Longshawe, Taillour, Joh. a Lye, dyer, Will. Jakson, Milner.

*Earl*³ *Street* : Tho. Hynde, Tayllour, Mayowe, sherman.

Jordan Well : Tho. Waroun, wyredrawer, Will. Odden, Dyer, Tho. Shuffenall,⁴ Cardemaker.

Gosford Street ward : Rob. ffysshepole, Coruiser, Har. Coke, Coke.

"*With-oute þe yate*": Will. Lokok, Carter, Crysteffer Johnson, peyntour.

Much Park Street : Tho. Tylleot, sherman, Ric. Goldman, coruiser.

Bayly Lane : Hen. Locok, Girdeler, Will. Wyke, Capper.

Smithford Street : Rob. ffleccher, Will. Heth, Taillour.

Broadgate : Will. Herve, Tayllour, Rob. Hunt, peyntour.

Crosscheaping ward : Joh. Broun, weuer, Ric. Brigeman.]

JOH. WYGSTON, MAYOR, 1491.

¶ [⁵ Election of officers.]

Rob. Onley, Miles, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen.

¹ lvj s. viij d. deleted.

² leaf 264, back.

³ "yerl" in MS.

⁴ Shifnal, Staffs.

⁵ leaf 266. Scribe B. Bailiffs not elsewhere mentioned, Tho. Pittes, Tho. Wardelow.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

Marler, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Cooke, Tho. Baylly, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Tho. Chircheman, Will. Roweley, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Maideford, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Ed. Hulcote, Will. ffoorde, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Hadon.

New officers. [m. Joh. Wygston;¹ cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Joh. Whit-
hed, Ric. Clerk, Baker; w. Joh. Broune, Rob. Mason;
mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

WILL. ROWLEY, MAYOR, 1492.

Jan. 25.

[Election of officers.]

Electors.

²Ric. Cooke, Joh. Wylgrise, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft,
Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler,
Tho. Bailly, Rob. Colman, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Rob.
Grene, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Rog. Sutton, Joh.
Padland, Tho. Wardelowe, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Ed.
Hulcote, Ed. Barbour, Joh. Raynold, Ric. Jakson.

Officers.

[m. Will. Roweley; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Rog. Wode,
Dyer, Will. Deister; w. Rog. Chamber, Alex. Horseley,
dyer; mace, Will Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.]³

THE FIFTEENTH.

April 1, 1492.

⁴[Collectors of a whole fifteenth payable April 1, 7 Hen.
VII. Total £50.

Gosford ward: £5 16s. 0d. Ed. Hadley, Will. Kirke-
by, baker, Rob. Kirkeland, Collectours there.

Jordan Well ward: £4 0s. 0d. Ric. Walton, plomer,
Will. Mirihurst, Will. Stele.

Much Park Street ward: £5 0s. 0d. Ric. Raynold,
Rog. Brette, Rog. Lee, baker.

Earl Street ward: £6 0s. 0d. Joh. Couper, Tho.
fleccher, Joh. Thresher.

Bayly Lane: £3 16s. 0d. Joh. Wode,⁵ Tho. Banbroke.

Broadgate: £2 10s. 0d. Joh. Julyans, Joh. Smyth,
Rog. Bromley.

¹ "This mayor did strive against our Lady place in the *Whit Friars*," Fretton, *White Friars*, 10. This refers to the image of our Lady kept in the Lady Tower by Newgate.

² leaf 268. ³ Other officials wanting. ⁴ leaf 268, back.

⁵ "Ric. Garton" deleted.

Smithford ward: £4 0s. 0d. Tho. Pace, Tho. Plomer, Ric. Kent, sadeler.

Cross-Cheaping ward: £7 12s. 0d. Hen. Sampson, Joh. Gillyng, Rog. Muklawe, Tho. May, Bochour.

Spon Street ward: £5 13s. 4d. Rob. Bateman, Joh. Bote, Joh. Thomlynson.

Well Street ward: £5 13s. 4d. Owen Birches, Will. Potell, Joh. Gibbes. Total, £50 0s. 4d.]

Here ffoloweth þe fforreyns & hamels *within* þe shire of þe Cite of Couentre & what euery hamell & Townte paieth at the hole xv which cometh to þe some at þe hole paie xij li. xvij s. vd.

[Stivichall £1 4s. 4d.; Sow and Calaudon 16s.; Pingley, Bigging, Stoke and Whitley £1 11s. 9d. Wiken £1 7s. 0d.; Coundon and Radford £1 7s. 0d.; Shilton 1s. 4d.; Ansty £2 10s. 6d.; Foleshill £2 3s. 8d.; Weston 2s. "pro Boyeswast"; Exhall £1 14s. 4d.; Kersley £1 7s. 2d.]

Total £14 6s. 5d.¹]

EASTER LEET.

¶² [V. f. p. held before Will. Roweley m., Will. fforth, Tho. Padland b., on Thursday after S. George's day 7 Hen. VII.]

"Couentre." Apr. 26.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Rob. Colman, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wigston, Rob. Grene, Will. Taillour, Ric. Smyth, Geff. Arthern, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Padland, Rog. Wode, Will. Deister, Rog. Chambre, Alex. Horseley, Rob. Smyth.

Jury.

At þis present lete hit was ordeyned that all maner places *within* the Wel-strete-ward, which afore-tyme haue be dwellyng places in which no persones nowe dwell, but be occupied with malt makyng or other wyse, that they shal-be contributorye after the rate of ⁴ there occupying to all charges to be borne within the seid ward.

Orders of leet.
³ "Vacand houses contributorye to þe ward." ³

¹ ? Queer Arithmetic.

² leaf 268.

³⁻³ In contemporary handwriting by this scribe.

⁴ MS. inserts "the" here.

1 "þe wardes
to be newe
extended."

Also at þe same lete hit was ordeyned that all þe wardes within þe Cite shuld be newe extended betwixt þat & Lamas then next folowyng.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre."
Oct. 9.

¶² [V. f. p. held on Tuesday, on S. Dionysius' day, 8 Hen. VII.]

Jury.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Rob. Grene, Will. Taillour, Ric. Smyth, Tho. Chircheman, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Dove, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Rog. Wode, Rog. Chambre, Alex. Horseley, Ric. Alen, Will. Pisford.

1 "Eleccio
vice-
comitum."

[Tho. Bonde, Joh. Haddon.]

1 "for swyn-
sties."

Hit is ordeyned at þis present lete that all maner men þat haue swynsties within þe walles of þis Cite that they avoide theym betwixt þat [and] Christemas þen next folowyng, vppon þe peyn to lese at euery defalt vjs. viij d.

6s. 8d. fine.

1 "for avow-
tere & vsure."

It is also ordeyned that yf hereafter eny man of worship within þis Citie that hath be Maire or eny person that be sclandred in the synnes of avowtre, ffornicacion or vsure which haue be warned to amend them of such vices & woll not, but contynue in the same, and therof detected, that then such persone, yf he haue be Maire to be deprived of his cloke, & of the Councell of this Cite, neuer to procede ferther to other office of worship as Maister of þe Gilde or other; & to be eloynd from all worship & goode companye till he fynde sufficient and suer caucion or suertie of amendement: and in like wyse yf such offendour haue be shirrif or other officer or comiener they neuer to procede nor to be called to ferther worship, nor auauenced but vtterly to be estraunged from all goode company, as is aforeseid.³

Punishment
of officials,

mayor,

sheriff and
commoners.

1 "That
pristes
kepe þe quer
dayly."¹

Also that all Craftes and mysteries within this Cite þat fynde pristes to syng & pray for them, that they gyfe straitly in charge to their seid pristes to kepe the quer dayly as-well vppon the werk daies as vppon the holy

¹ In this scribe's handwriting. ² leaf 269, back.

³ See *Social England* II. 565 for regulations for the suppression of immorality in London, Bristol and Gloucester under Henry VII.

daies, in increasyng of dyuyn *seruice* dayly to be songon in the *parish* Chirches of *pis* Cite.

Also that no *person* within *pis* Cite *frohensfurth* kepe, hold, *resceyue* nor *fauour* eny *Tapster*, or *Woman* of *evell* name, *fame* or *condicizon* to whom eny *resorte* is of *synfull* *disposicizon*, *hauntyng* the *synne* of *lechery*, *vppon* *pe* *peyn* of *euery* *householder* to *lese* at *euery* *defalt* *xx* s. And that *euery* *persone* that hath such *tenaunt* *kepyng* such *suspect* *persones* in his house *after* *knowlech* be made to *hym* of such *guydyng* be an *officer*, but *yf* he *voide* such *tenaunt*, he to *lese* *xl* s.

1 "For Tapsters & harlattes." 1

Also *pat* no *Tapster* nor *oper* *persone* *frohensfforth* *resceyue* nor *fauour* eny *mannes* *prentes* or *seruaunt* of *pis* Cite in his house *ther* to *spend* eny *money* or to *company* with eny *woman* of *evell* name, or other *person* of *vsadde* *disposicizon*, or other *person* *diffamed*, *ayenst* the *will* of his *maister*, *vppon* *pe* *peyn* to *lese* at *euery* *defalt* *vj* s. *vij* d.

1 "For resceyuyng of prentes & mennes seruauntes."

Also that no *senglewoman*, *beyng* in *good* *hele* & *myghty* in *body* to *labour* *withyn* *pe* *age* of *l* *yeres*, *take* nor *kepe* *frohensfurth* *housez* nor *chambres* be *them-self*; nor that [they] *take* eny *Chambre* *withyn* eny *oper* *persone*, but *pat* they go to *seruice* till they be *maried*, *vppon* *pe* *peyn* who doth *pe* *contrarie* to *lese* at *pe* *first* *defalt* *vj* s. *vij* d. & at *pe* *ij*^{de} *defalt* to be *comyt* to *prison*, *there* to *abide* *tyll* they *fynde* *suerte* to go to *seruice*. And that *euery* such *persone* [that] *resceyue* eny such *persones*, or *set* *them* eny *house* or *Chambre*, to *lese* at *pe* *first* *defalt* *xx* s., at *pe* *ij*^{de} *defalt* *xl* s. & at *pe* *ijj*^{de} *defalt* to be *comyt* to *prison*, *there* to *remayn* till he *fynde* *suerte* to *conforme* *hym-selfe* to *pis* *ordenaunce*.

1 "For sengle women pat they take no Chambres."

Fines, 6s. 8d.

Also at *pis* *lete* is *ordeyned* that *pe* *hatmakers* *shal-be* *contributory* to *pe* *Craft* of *Mercers*, & also *obeye* all *goode* *ordenaunces* to be made for the *comien* *wel* & *worship* of *pis* Cite.

1 "Hatmakers contributory to Mercers."

Also *hit* is *ordeyned* that *pe* *Chaumberleyns* of *pis* Cite *frohensfurth* *charge* *euery* *house* for *payement* of *pe* *Murage* but *after* *pe* *rate* of *pe* *rent* of *pe* *seid* *house* & no *ferther*, and not to *distreyn* *ther* for other *housez*, *wech* such *persone* hath not in *possession*.

1 "Howe distresse shal-be taken for murage."

¹ In this scribe's handwriting.

¹ "The orlde (?) wardeyns to be paide be pe maire."

Also hit is ordeyned that frohensforth the Chamberleyns & wardeyns of pis Cite, which shal-be here-after, to whom money shal-be owyng be pis Cite vppon their accompt, shall-be content & paide such dette to them owyng be their successours that shall succede them within pe 3er or at pe ferrest at their accompt, vppon the peyn of such person denying such payement to lese x li., xx s. per- of to pe Maire, & pe residue to pe behofe of pis Cite; and that the Maire frohensfurth ouercharge ne 3it charge eny Chamberleyn or wardeyn to be hereafter within pis Citie with eny payement other then shal-be demed be pe Counceill of pe seid Maire.

THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11.

[² Collectors of a whole fifteenth payable at "pe fest of seynt Martyn in wynter" 8 Hen. VII.

Gosford ward: Rob. Steyn, Joh. Dudley, & ffishepole, Coruiser.

Jordan Well ward: Ric. Wylson, Ric. Glewe, Ric. Crosseley.

Much Park Street ward: Hen. Cartar, Hugh Meke, Ric. Wylson.

Earl Street ward: Rob. Moseley, Joh. Smyth, ³ Alleyne, weyuer.

Bayly Lane ward: Tho. Camell, Rob. Colas.

Broadgate ward: Tho. Saunders, Ric. Lokyer, Joh. Acton.

Smithford ward: Rob. Dadyngton, Hen. ffulnaby, & ³ Dokerell, sherman.

Cross Cheaping: Humf. Grene, Will. Burbage,⁴ Joh. Todde, Will. Logge.

Spon Street ward: Joh. Letys, Ric. Wode, potter, Rob. Andreux.

Well Street ward: Joh. Marchall, Mercer, Joh. Humfrey, & ⁵ Parker, peuterer.^{6]}

¹ In this scribe's handwriting.

² leaf 269. For the amounts see pp. 542-3.

³ blank. ⁴ "Nic. Hobson" deleted. ⁵ blank.

⁶ For the names of, and amounts gathered from, the "forreynts & hamels within pe shire & ffraunches of Couentre," v. p. 543, except that "Weston pro Boyeswast" pays 4s. and not 2s. The sum total is noted as £14 6s. 5d.

THO. CHIRCHEMAN, MAYOR, 1493.

¶ [Election of officers.]

“Coentre.”
Jan. 25.
Electors.

¹Ric. Coke, Joh. Wylgris, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wygston, Joh. Padland, Ric. Alyn, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Pittes, Hugo Heyton, Joh. Sissell, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Edw. Hulcote.

m. Tho. Chircheman; cor. Rob. Topelyff; ch. Tho. Warde, Joh. Gibbes; w. Joh. Throweley, Joh. Smyth, Baker; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures. Officers.

Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Coke, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull. Key-keepers.

Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Emson, rec.,² Ric. Coke, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull. J.Ps.

EASTER LEET.

¶³ [V. f. p. held before Tho. Chircheman, m., Tho. Bande, Joh. Hadon, b., on Thursday before S. George's day 8 Hen. VII.] “Coentre.”
Apr. 18.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Hen. Marler, Will. Shore, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Colyns, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Padland, Rob. Grene, Joh. Dove, Tho. Wardelowe, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Duddesbury, Tho. Pittes, Hugh Highton, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Throughley, Rob. Smyth, draper. Jury.

They ordeyn at pis lete that no maner fliccher nor other Craftesman frohensfurth open theire shoppes nor sell eny ware vppon the Sondag in the tyme of dyuyne seruice [or 6s. 8d. fine.] Orders of leet.
⁴ “Sondag market.”

[Ordayned] that the Tallowe Chaundelers shuld be vnyed vnto þe Craft of smythes, accordyng as it hath be ordeyned be lete afore-tyme; which they nowe conferme; vppon þe peyn of euery singler persone of þe seid Tallowechaundelers that refuse this ordre nowe confermed to lese C s. & his body to prison till he so will doo. ⁴ “The Chaundelers vnyed to þe smythes.”

¹ leaf 270.

² Of famous—or infamous—memory. Empson was evidently put there to please the king. See letter above, p. 537.

³ leaf 270, back. Scribe B. ⁴ Contemporary gloss.

1 "for
acquyting
of open
felons."

ffor-asmoch as diuers open Murders & knowen ffelonyes haue ofte tymes remainyd *within* pis Citeie vnpunysshed, & pe offendours *perof* acquyte & let go at theire large, caused of that that the *parties* greued, which shuld sue, ben peased [and] woll not *perfore* ferther sue ayenst such offendours; so for lak of evidence of pe *partie* pe Jurre oftetyms acquyte pe same offendours to the displeasure of God, hurte of pe *comien* wele, and yf conuenient remedye be not hastely *provided* in *pat* *partie* myght ensue pe losse of pe *ffraunchise* of pis Cite, which afore tyme hath be seased for like offence²; Therefore hit is ordeyned be auctorite of pis present lete that yf eny *persone*, hereafter *within* pis Cite to be enpanelled, acquyte eny *persone* endited of felonye or Murdre, wech ffelonyes & Murdres ben openly knowen be confession of pe *partie* endited, or otherwise for trouth knowen, whether the *partie* sue or not sue, such *persones* so acquyting such felons to be committe to warde, there to abide the space of a hole 3ere, and then to make fyn of a Cs., & neuer after to be enpanelled *within* pis Cite. And yf eny *persone* hereafter excite or in any maner wyse labour eny *person* to be enpanelled to acquyte eny such offendours they to haue like enprisonement, & to make like fyn; and ferther to fynde *sufficient* suerte thereafter neuer to do or comyt like offence; and like punyshement to be had, made & executed ayenst all like offendours in sessions of pease, portmanmote,³ & all other Courtes hereafter to be holden *within* pis Cite & *ffraunches* *perof*.

1 "for re-
paracion of
welles."

At pis lete was ordenauncez made and penaltes vppon aldermen of xls. to make the welles in theire wardes, as appereth more at large in *filaciis*.⁴ Also hit was ordeyned at pis lete that all pe *persons* whos names hereafter folowe & all other that can be founde *within* pis Cite that brue to sale & stepe *witli* pe Cundite watir paye 3erely to pe *reparacion* of pe Cundite as after foloweth, and they that

¹ Contemporary gloss.

² Probably refers to the action of Ric. II in 1384. See below, p. 575.

³ Portmanmote, the court of the mayor and bailiffs, first mentioned in Ranulf's charter, c. 1181-6, Corp. MSS. B. 1.

⁴ In the files.

theire names be not here they to be rated be pe Maire & his Counceill after theire names be presente & knowen. And all that haue suspirals¹ to paye zerey iij s. or els they to lese theire suspirals.—Thos. Bredon, be zere xij s. iij d., Rog. Wode, dyer, be zere vj s. viij d., Ric. Jakson, be zere xij s. iij d., Nic. Burwey be zere x s., Ric. Drake vj s. viij d., Rob. Mason xij s. iij d., Heddes wyfe vj s. viij d.

² "What men shall pay zerey pat brue with pe Cundyte."

³ [Ordnained] for dought of ffyre that euery man pat hath be Maire shuld betwixt pis and Lamas next comyng make ij bukkettes of leder, euery shirref a bukket, Chamberleyens & wardeyns ij to make a bukket, iij Cominers of thrift to make a bukket, such as the alderman woll thynk sufficient, so to doo vppon peyn of euery man doying pe contrarie to lese vj s. viij d.

² "For makyng of leder buketes" for fear of fire.

[Ordnained] pat no maner man within pis Cite frohensfurth make eny Chymney of tree⁴ [or 100 s. fine.] And al tho that haue eny made before pis ordenaunce that they take theym downe, or els fynde suerte pat yf any hurte hereafter hap to fall thurgh such Chymney, he to make goode the losse pat shall fall.

² "For chymneyes of tree."

TOLL AT BRISTOL.

⁵ Memorandum that the Merchautes & inhabitautes within the Towne & Cite of Couentre & the liberte of the same amonges many gret liberteez & ffraunchisez to them graunted be kynges before the Conquest⁶ & sith they owe to be free of Toll,⁷ passage, pontage, pauage, Murage & many other thorough-oute the roialme of Englonde be londe & be watir: and of the same liberteez they ben allowed in London, Hampton, & other portes within pis roialme, and in especiall in Bristoll in the tyme of Kyng Edward the iij^{de}, the xlviij^{3er} of his reigne vppon a writte De non molestando sued be the merchautes of Couentre direct to pe officers of Bristoll in pat partie then being

Notwithstanding the ancient privileges of Coventry anent toll-freedom,

and a writ sued, 48. Ed. III,

¹ v. gloss. ² Contemporary gloss.

³ leaf 271. ⁴ = wood. ⁵ leaf 270.

⁶ Probably refers to the legendary "toll freedom" in connection with Godiva's ride.

⁷ See Corp. MSS. B. 17. Grant of toll-freedom to the tenants of Queen Isabella by Edward III. 1345.

Maire of Bristoll Will. Cannyng, Joh. Vyell shirrif of Bristoll & Wal. Darby, Customer.

the officers of Bristol levy a toll on Coventry men's wares, called keyage.

This allowance notwithstanding the officers of Bristoll aforeseid compelled diuers of Couentre be coharcion of distresse to pay for euery Tonne bought be theym ther iij d. callyng that Charge Cayage,¹ that is to say, for the passage of their ware fro the selar vppon the key there vnto the watir.

Complaint is made to Hen. VII at Kenilworth, whither come the Bristol officers.

ffor which wrong so doon the Maire of Couentre sent dyuers tymes to pe Meire of Bristoll for reformacion in *pat partie*; and for the same dyuers *communicacions* were appoynted to be had be pe Counceill on both *parties* at London, which was had & kept & no *direccion* had nor *taken*. Wherefore pe seid Maire of Couentre let shewe the *matier* to the *kynges grace* beyng at Kyllingworth. Vppon which shewyng a *priue seall* was graunt ayenst pe shirrifis & Baillyfs of Bristoll to appere afore pe *kynges grace* and his honorable Counceill furthwyth to answer in pe *premissez*, vppon which the Recordour & Townclerk of Bristoll appered at Kyllingworth aforeseid pe Munday in pe Octabis of S. John Baptiste [8 Hen. VII] befor pe seid lodes.

July 1, 1493.

At which tyme was there shewd for pe *parte* of pe seid Cite that Couentre nowe beyng a Cite afor tyme of mynde was a Borough, & sith *pat tyme* so hath *continied*; be which tyme the *inhabitauntes* of pe same & the *liberte* ther-of amonges many gret *liberteez* & *ffraunchisez* to theym graunted, vsed & enioyed, they haue had fre recourse of *with their merchaundisez* to by & sell frely without eny toll or other custome to kyng or *kynges Mynyster* due therfor paying, *gyffyng*, or *zilding* in all *Citeez*, *Boroughes*, *Townes*, *portes* & other places thorough-out pe *roialme* of Englund, Wales & Ireland, be londe & be watir: Of which *liberte* & *fredome* they haue be & ben allowed in London, Hampton, Bristoll, & many other places. This notwithstanding the officers of Bristoll nowe of late han compelled diuers *Merchauntes* of Couentre to paye with theym *kayage*, as is aforeseid etc., of which they aske reformacion & *restitucion* etc.

Coventry pleads toll-freedom throughout the realm,

notwithstanding this, Bristol demands keyage;

¹ Low L. caya = quay.

To which the Recordour of Bristoll answered & seid :— that he withseith not þe ffraunchis of Couentre, nor the allowance þerof had at Bristoll þe seid xlviij 3ere of Kyng Edward þe iij^{de}, nor that þe seid payement of kayage is not ayenst theire seid fredome & liberte, forasmorch (*sic*) as the key of Bristoll is of newe made both for þe ease of þe *Merchaunt denisen* as the¹ *Merchaunt stranger*, which cost gret goode the making & gret charge the 3erely kepyng þerof, to which the *inhabitauntes* of Couentre there vsyng þe same key ought of right to be contributorye etc, not hurtyng their ffraunchis etc.

pleading that the quay is of recent construction and hence not included in the Coventry exemption :

To which was answered for þe partie of Couentre aforseid that inasmoch as they withseid not þe allowance of þe ffraunchis aforesayd which will that they shall nothyng pay to kyng ne kynges *Ministre*, and this kayage is *parcell* of theire fee-ferme þat they pay to the kyng, in which case they ought to be discharged herof etc. Wherefore they desire that they may þerof be discharged.

which the Coventry men deny,

asserting that the keyage is included in the Bristol firm, and hence covered by their exemption.

Then þe seid Recordour of Bristoll seid þat þe allowance of þe ffraunchis of Couentre had at Bristoll, as is aforesaid, was not allowed be so generall termes, and there shewed þe copie of þe writte *De non molestando* sued in þe tyme of Edward þe iij^{de} & þe allowance þeruppon, which was no more but sint *quieti de Theoloneo, pontagio, pauagio & Muragio*, & no more. To which was answerd & seid þat at that tyme be þat allowance in tho termes they were discharged of eny thyng there paying *with* which at þat tyme they were content; nor at that tyme there was other charge then asked them, but such as be the same wordes they were then discharged, & hit is sufficient þis wordes *pauage & Murage* to discharge of þis kayage þat is nowe asked, in-as-moch as the *reparacion* þerof stondesth nowe be þe wall þer made in defens of þe see, and in pauyng of the wharf there etc.

Bristol argues that the Coventry

folk are only quit of toll, bridge-money, paving-money, wall-money; whereto Coventry replies that keyage is comprehended in murage and pavage inasmuch as repairs to the sea-wall and wharf pavement are included.

And then the seid Recorder toke newe title to fortifie þe paying of kayage be *prescripcion* seyng that they haue vsed tyme oute of mynde to paye for euery Tonne iij d. etc, & so wold bynde them be þat measne.

Bristol pleads prescription;

To which was shewed for þe parte of Couentre *interup-*

but Coventry

¹ leaf 270, back.

breaks
through this.

cion first sith þe tyme [out] of mynde be þe allowance
aforseid had in Edwardes dayes þe iij^{de}, & many oþer
persones which wold not pay but leid plegge etc.

The matter
adjourned
until Easter,

So in conclusion direccion was heruppon taken be þe
lordes of þe Counceill þat þe matier shuld be continied till
Estur next; & þe measne season þe merchundisez to be
bought be merchauntes of Couentre at Bristoll there to be
put in writyng be þe baillyfs of Bristoll, & þe seid
merchauntes therupon to put in suerte þat yf such kayage
be demed be þe lordes to be paide þen to pay, & els not.
And that þe seid parties shall apper afore þe lordes of þe
Counceill crastino *animarum proximo* futuro vbicunque
 fuerint in Anglia etc.

Coventry
merchants
putting in
surety to pay
if the case
is decided
against them.
The parties
to appear
before the
Council on
the morrow
of All Souls'
Day, Nov. 3,
wherever
they may be
in England.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre,"
Oct. 10.

¹ ¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after S. Dionysius' day
9 Hen. VII.]

Jury.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton,
Ric. Colyns, Hen. Kebell, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric.
Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Padland, Ric. Alen, Ric. Smyth,
Gal. Arthern, Rob. Grene, Hugo Huyton, Tho. Maideford,
Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Warde, Will.
Pisforde, Joh. Throughley, Joh. Dwale, Joh. Gibbes.

Sheriffs.

[Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Darlyng.]

² "For þe
Reddiche."

They ordeyn at þis present lete that no maner persone
within þis Cite frohensfurth leye eny kyddes³ or make eny
bildyng or oþer Coueryng ouer the Red-dich that begyn-
neth in the Grey-frer-lane & cometh oute at the Jurden
Well, [or 6s. 8d. fine.]

² "ffor
harlottes."

Also they ordeyn that yf eny persone speke or intrete
for þe fauoryng of eny myslyffyng woman to þe Maire
for the tyme beyng, which is knowen for a harlat, he to
lose xx s., and þat he be comyt to warde till he pay hit.

² "For a
comien Cart
to carie þe
filth in
stretes &
howesen."

Also hit is ordeyned þat affor clensyng of stretes &
swepyng of housez ther be ordeyned a Cart to carye wokly
the filth away; and euery hall durr to pay therto quarterly
jd., & euery Cotage & shop ob., and that euery alderman
warne þe Constable to se þis be don wokely; and þe Cartar

¹ leaf 271. ² Contemporary gloss.

³ Faggots of wood; still in local dialect.

to gader his rent quarterly ; and he pat refuseth to pay to be constrayned be þe alderman to pay the dowble.

Item, it is ordeyned at þis lete that þe Chaundelers shuld pay 3erely to þe smythes ij s. towardes their paient.

¹ "For
Chaundlers."

ROB. GRENE, MAYOR, 1494.

² ¶ [Election of officers.]

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.

Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Dove, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Geff. Ardern, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Mathewe, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Ric. Nores, Will. Pysford, Joh. Dwale, Will. fleccher.

[m. Rob. Grene, Grocer ; cor. Rob. Topclyff ; ch. Will. Barbour, Tho. Bredon ; w. Tho. Grove, Rob. Jakson, ffysshemonger ; mace, Will. Nashe ; crier, Joh. Toures.

Officers.

Rob. Grene, m., Ric. Empson, rec., Tho. Bailly M[G.S.T.], Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley.

J.Ps.

Tho. Bailly, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley.

Key-keepers.

EASTER LEET.

³ ¶ [V. f. p. held before Rob. Grene, m., Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Darlyng, b., on Thursday after S. Ambrose's day 9 Hen. VII.]

"Couentre."
Apr. 10.

Tho. Bailly, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Ric. Cooke, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Padland, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Maideford, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Wardelowe, Will. Barbour, Rob. Jakson *alias* Bowear, Tho. Bredon, Tho. Grove, Rob. Smyth.

At which lete was confermed the ordenaunce afore tyme made that euery prentise that shuld be taken frohensfurth within þis Cite shuld be sworn to þe kyng & to þe ffraunches of þe Cite ; & þeruppon þe frendes of þe seid prentise to paye xij d., jd. þerof to þe Tounclerk for þe tyme beyng & xj d. to þe wardeyns of þe Cite to þe vse of

¹ "For
prentyse ;
² sworn ;
pay xij d.
enrolling."
⁴

¹ Contemporary gloss. ² leaf 272. ³ leaf 272, back.

⁴ Gloss of seventeenth century scribe.

Scriveners
forbidden to
draw up
indentures
unless certain
conditions
are complied
with.

Seven years'
apprentice-
ship obliga-
tory.

1 "ffor
peauterers." 1

3 "Search-
ers."

They must
sell well-
made wares,

and the
master of the
craft shall
have power
to lay
defective
goods before
the mayor.

1 "For pyn-
nyng at þe
Towne
pynfold."

þe same. And ferther hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete that no *persone*, scriuener nor *oper*, frohensfurth take uppou hym to resceyue or make eny indenture for eny prentyse vnto þe tyme hit be entred in þe boke *perfor* ordeyned be þe Townclerk or his depute, vppou þe peyn to lese at euery defalt .vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þe Cite; and that no *persone* frohensfurth take eny prentyse *withyn* þis Cite for lass 3eres or *terme* then for vij 3eres.

ffor-asmoche as moche disceyuable ware of peautir, Brasse & other metall not sufficiently medled² nor made is vttered and sold be suche as were neuer prentyse at peauterers Craft nor haue *perfite* Cunnyng ne 3it knowelech in suche ware in disseyvyng not only *them-self* but all *oper* with whom they by & sell to their gret enpouerysshing & also hurt of the Comien wele, hit is therefore ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete that all maner peauterers whch maken & medle metailles *withyn* þis Cite as vessels of brasse, peatur & laten, or eny *oper* frohensfurth put non of their seid wares so to be made to sale, but such as shal be sufficient & able, well-fyned & medled be due *porcion*; nor that they sell nor vtter eny their seid wares to eny Chapman other then such as haue be prentyse at peauterers Crafte, vppou the peyn who so doth to the contrarie to lese at euery defalt xx s. the on half *perof* to þe vse of þis Cite & the other half to þe vse of the Crafte of peauterers to be aploied. And ferther hit is ordeyned *pat* non of þe seid peauterers frohensfurth shall take eny prentyse for lass 3eres then for vij, vppou þe peyn afore rehersed: and that þe *maister* of þe Craft of peauterers haue powiar to take & sease all such wares be theym founde defectyfe, contrarie to þe *premissez*, and to bryng hit before þe Maire & his Counceill for the tyme beyng, and there before hym *proued* defectyfe, then þe peyn *peruppou* to be leyed as is aforeseid.

Also hit is ordeyned that all maner *persones pat* frohensfurth shall pyn eny Catell out of eny pasture or place beyng *withyn* the Inner fraunches that they pyn & dryve them to þe Towne pynfolde, & to no *oper* place [or "lese"]

¹ Contemporary gloss. ² = mixed.

³ Gloss of seventeenth century scribe.

6s. 8d. at every default, to the sheriffs' use]. And yf such persone so offendyng woll not pay such peyn be hym loste, as is aforeseid, then he to be commyt vnto prison ther to abide till he have paide hit, & ouer þat to fynde suerte þat he eftsones offend not in like matier.

Also hit is ordeyned that such ffysshers & Cutters perof, þat cast intrelles & garbages perof vnder theire bordes in þe strete, shall frohensfurth clense þe strete & do carie theym away be iiij of þe klok of þe same day þat they cast such filth there, vppon the peyn to lese at euery defalt xx d. that to be levied & diuided betwixt þe Chamberleyns & þe wardeyns for the tyme beyng.

Also hit is ordeyned þat no ffysshmonger frohensfurth kepe eny corrupt watir in his vessels, but þat they avoyde hit furthwyth & cause the Canels there to be wasshen with ij bittes² with watir be Seturday ij of þe Clok at afternoon, vppon like peyn afore rehersed, to be levied & diuided as is aforeseid.

Also hit is ordeyned accordyng as hath be ordeyned & enacted be dyuers letes in tymes past þat þe Chaundelers & Cookes of pis Cite shall be contributory to þe smythes of pis Cite & to pay 3erely towardes þe Charge of theire priste & pagant, euery Chaundeler & Cooke ij s. (*sic*) euery man faylyng of such payement to lese at euery tyme xl s., & to haue enprisonment till he paye þe seid ijs. with þe arrerages in þat partie, yf eny be, and þe seid peyn; þe Mair for þe tyme beyng to haue a noble perof & þe Craft of smythes a-noþer noble, & iiij nobles to þe wardeyns of pis Cite to þe vse of pis Cite, provided þat no such persone which theire wyfes occupie makyng & sellyng of Candell be constreyned to be maister or keper with þe smythes in no wyse.

³ffor-asmoche as þe vnyte, concorde, & amyte of all Citeez & Cominalteez is principally atteyned & contynued be due Ministracion of Justice & pollytyk gudyng of þe same, forseyng þat no persone be oppressed nor put to ferther charge then he conuenyently may bere, and þat euery persone withoute fauour be contributory after his

¹ "ffyssh Cutters"

to cleanse the street of their refuse.

¹ "ffysshmongers" to keep no corrupt water in their vessels.

¹ "The vnyon of Chaundelers & Cookes to þe Smythes" in

the provision of priest and pageant.

The husband of a woman candle-maker is however exempt.

¹ "Contribution to Craftes."

¹ Contemporary hand. ² Water-buckets. See Gloss.

³ leaf 273.

substance & faculteez þat he vseth to euery charge had & growyng for the welth & worship of the hole body; and where so it is in þis Cite of Couentre that dyuers charges haue be continued tyme oute of mynde for the worship of the same as pagantes & such other, which haue be born be dyuers Craftes, which Craftes at þe begynnyng of such charges were more welthy, rich & moo in nombre then nowe be, as oppenly appereth; for which causez they nowe be not of powier to continue þe seid Charges without relief & comfort be shewed to them in þat partie. And in-asmoche as there be dyuers Craftes in þis Cite þat be not charged with like Charges, as dyers, skynners, ffysshemongers, Cappers, Coruisers, Bochers, & dyuers oper, Therefore hit is ordeyned be þis present lete that þe Mair & viij of his Councell haue auctorite to call all þe seid Craftes & other þat be not charged to þe forseid Charges, and them to adjoyn to such Craftes as be ouercharged with þe forseid pagantes, vpon peynes be hym & his seid Councell to be sette. And yf eny persone refuse such vnyon & contribucion, or such reasonable measne to be taken be the discrecion of þe seid Maire & his Councell, such person so refusyng to forfet & paye such peyn in þat partie so to be sette be þe seid Maire & his Councell. And þat such resonable measne in þe premisseez so to be taken be þe seid Maire & his Councell to be of like force and effect as yf hit had be made at þis present lete.

LAURENCE SAUNDERS AGAIN.

“The wordes of Laurence Saunders.”

¹ Memorandum þat Laur. Saunders, which mysde-measned hym-self on Lamasse day last past both in worde & dede, sterryng the people to comocion & insurrecion, which wordes were as foloweth, spoken in þe presence of xl persones:—“Sirs, here me! we shall neuer haue oure ryght till we haue striken of the hedes of iij or iiij of thes Churles hedes that rulen vs; and yf thereafter hit be asked who did þat dede hit shal-be seid me & they & they & me etc.” as the seid Maire & his Brethern were credibly enfourmed be Joh. Bredon, then j of þe Chamberleyns, Ric. Clerk, Baker, Will. Castell, Joh. Baron & oper, which

Sirs, hear me, we shall neuer have our right till we have struck off three or four of the churles' heads that rule us!

hard hym speke tho & like wordes : and also *pat* he shuld constreyn on Will. Boteler¹ to drive his Cart laden with Otes into þe Croschepyng & there to vnlade the seid Cart, & þe seid Laur. seid :—"Come, Sirs, & take þis Corn who so wyll as your owne."² & after þe seid Laur. *without* auctorite commytte þe seid Will. Boteler vnto warde etc. For which his so demasnyng þe seid Laur., þe Wensday next after þe fest of þe Exaltacion of þe Holy Crosse, be þe advice of þe seid Maire & his Counceill, was comyt to ward, as appereth more pleynty in þe boke of Counceill. And after he put in borowes³ for his ffyn, which was sessed at xli li. & also put in suerte of his good beryng there-after, as appereth in þe seid boke, & in þe boke of reconisaunce etc.

Will. Boteler's corn.

Sept. 17.

He is committed to ward.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

⁴ ¶ V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 10 Hen. VII.]

"Couentre." Oct. 6.

Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Lee, Tho. Chirchman, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Joh. Dove, Will. Taillour, Joh. Padland, Gal. Arthern, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Will. Hopkyns, Tho. Padland, Joh. Mathewe, Will. Barbour, Tho. Bredon, Tho. Grove, Rob. Jakson.

[Will. Pisforde, Joh. Dwale.]

Sheriffs.

Also they woll & ordeyn *pat* Joh. Hobyns, Bitter, paye to þe reparacion of þe Brodewell xx d. Joh. Grene, Bitter, xij d., and Joh. Smyth, Bitter, xij d., and þe remanent to be gadered in the wardes.

The Broad Well.

⁵ Also hit is ordeyned at þis present lete at þe request of þe Tanners of þis Cite that no maner persone frohensfurth regrate or bye in grete eny Rawe hides *within* þis Citee of eny Bochour, [or 40 s. fine and the seller as much.] And *pat* euery Bochour ley furth his hides on þe market day in þe hygh strete before he make sale of theym, vppon peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese for euery hyde so sold

⁶ "Tanners" request that no butcher be allowed to sell hides wholesale.

¹ No doubt a relative of the steward and late recorder.

² Probably corn sown on the common ground.

³ = sureties. ⁴ leaf 273. ⁵ leaf 273, back.

⁶ In a seventeenth century hand.

xl d. And also that no forren Tanner frohensfurth bye eny hides before ix of þe clok on þe market day [or 40 d. fine.]

¹ "þe standyng for paiautes ² in Gosford Street." ²

[Ordayned] at þe request of þe Inhabitautes dwellyng in Gosseford-strete that þe pageantes 3erely frohensfurth be sette & stande at þe place there of olde tyme vsed, lymyt & appoynted, vppon peyn of euery Craft þat doth to þe contrary to lese at euery defalt³ vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þis Cite to be levyed & paide.

¹ Contribution of Crafts." ¹

Where hit was ordeyned at the laste lete that such Craftes, that were not contributory to the Craftes, as bere 3erely charge in þis Cite to þe worship of the same, shuld be vnyed & adioyned to the Craftes so charged be þe discrecion of the Maire & his Councell; which ordenaunce hath not be put in execucion caused be dyuers self-willed persones, wech be their willes wold obbeye no other rule ne ordre but after their owne willes grounded without reason, wech may not be suffred yf þis Cite shulde prosper & contynue in welth. Hit is perfore ordeyned at þis present lete that all maner Craftes & persones occupying eny Crafte within þis Cite not beyng charged to eny yerely charge that is had & made in this Cite for þe worship of the same, as paiautes & such other, that they betwixt þis & þe fest of seynt Martyn next comyng of their toward lovyng disposicion applye them-self to Joyn & vnye themself or to be contributory to other Craft that is charged, as is aforeseid, in relief of their charge, which their so doyng shall principally please God, and contynue the goode name & fame þat þis Cite hath had in tymes past. And þat euery Craft & persone that woll not of their goode willes be þe seid fest applye them to such vnyon, as is afore rehersed, that then such persone & Crafte that refusyng [to] obbeye, stand & perfourme such ordre & direccion of þe Maire & his Councell in þat partie to be ordred & made, vppon þe peyn of euery person & Craft þat disobeieth to lese at þe first refusell Ċ s., at þe ij^{de} x li. & at þe iij^{de} xx marc'.

⁴ "All freemen to hold off some Company," ⁴

under heavy penalties.

¹ "Prentyse¹ to be sworne."

Also where hit hath be ordeyned at dyuers letes þat all maner prentisez to be taken within þis Cite shuld paie

¹ In contemporary hand. ² In a seventeenth century hand.

³ MS. defalf. ⁴ In later hand.

xij d. to þe vse of þe Cite & to be sworn to þe kyng & fraunchise of þis Cite, as appereth in þe seid letes,¹ hit is nowe ordeyned be auctorite (etc.) that enquerre be made of such *persones pat* haue resceyued eny printyse contrarie to *pat* ordennaunce that *peruppon* he be compelled to make satisfaccion in *pat partie*. And *ouer pat* hit is ordeyned that yf eny *persone* hereafter resceyue eny prentise contrarie to the seid ordennaunce & woll not reforme hym, then such *persone* so offending be furthwyth comyt to warde, there to abide vnto þe tyme he haue paide such peyn & fyn, & *ouer that fynd suerte pat* estesones he shall not disobeye eny goode ordenaunce be auctorite of lete made; and like punysshement & suerte to be had & taken of euery such *persone pat* hereafter shall disobeye eny ordenaunce made be auctorite of lete that woll not be reformed be the Maire & his Councell.

BUTCHERS AND WHITTAWERS.

Jan. 12, 1495.

Mem. pat the ffeliship & mysterye of Bochours in Couentre, remembryng þe ordennaunce lately made be auctorite of lete for contribucion to be had & made be such craftes as be not charged to such ordinary charges and Costes as be 3erely made & boren for þe worship of þis Cite, callyng also to theyr mynde the olde acqueyntaunce & amyte *pat* of long tyme hath be & contynued be measne of entercours & of bying & sellyng betwixt them & þe ffeliship of whittawers, wech be ouercharged to the charges aboue rehersed, & for their relief in þe premiszez at Couentre aforeseid [Jan. 12, 10 Hen. VII] in þe presence of Rob. Grene, then beyng Maire, were agreable & ther graunted to bere & pay 3erely frohensfurth to þe seid ffeliship of whittawers towardes þe 3erely charge of their paiant as long as they ther shal-be charged with þe seid paiant xvj s. viij d., be the handes of þe kepers & maisters of þe seid ffeliship of Bochers to be paide to þe kepers & mastirs of þe seid feliship of Whittawers 3erely in þe vigell of þe holy Trinite *withoute* ferther delaye, without eny other or ferther charge or besynesse be them to be made or doon to þe seid ffeliship of whittawers.

² "Contribucion made be þe Bochers to þe whittawers."

¹ See p. 553.² In contemporary hand.

APPRENTICES.

¹ "Swearing
of prentices,

² Memorandum, that accordyng the olde ordennaunces made in þe Cite of Couentre in tymes past & at þe lete þis zere holden etc., confirmed That euery persone to be reseuyed as printise within þis seid Cite frohensfurth shal-be sworn before þe Styward of þe Courte in þe seid Cite or his depute, and his name entred in a boke remaynyng with þe seid Styward as a Registre; vppon which othe so taken þe frendes of such printise to paie furthwyth xij d. to þe seid Styward, j d. therof for þentre & þe xj d. residue to be delyuered to þe wardeyns of þis Cite to þe vse of þis Cite to be aploied etc.

and enroled."

Here foloweth þe othe.

¹ "The othe."

I shal-be goode and true to oure soueraign lorde, the kyng, the Maire & þe shirrifis of þe Cite of Couentre that nowe be & hereaftur to be, and the ffraunchies of the same Cite to my powiar maynteyn & susteyn; I shall no ffelony nor treason doo nor therto consent, and yf I shall knowe eny to be doo I shall do shewe it to þe kyng or his officers; and true man be frohensfurth, and duely obbey, observe kepe & perfourme all goode rule & ordennaunces made & to be made within þis Cite in & for the contynuance of þe goode name & fame of the same, so God me help, & all sayntes & be þis booke.

[On Apr. 25, 1494, at Coventry, Tho. "Preston," son of Joh. Preston of Stafford, became apprentice to Joh. Bixston of Coventry, grocer, to live with him from May 8 next to come until the end of the term of nine years next coming, taking 12*d.* each year, and in the last year .³ And he took the oath to the freedom.]

[On S. Mark's day, 9 Hen. VII] apud Couentre Tho. Preston, filius Joh. Preston de Stafford in Comitatu Staffordie, Gentleman, deuenit apprenticius Johanni Bixston de Couentre, Grocer, secum commoraturus a festo Ascencionis Domini proximo futuro, vsque finem termini novem annorum ex tunc proximo sequencium capiendo quolibet anno xij d. Et in vltimo anno .³ Et Juratus est ad libertatem.

⁴ "Sprag."

[July 8 1494 at Coventry came Will. Sprag, son of Joh. Sprag, formerly of Ingelton,⁵ Staffordshire, husbandman,

¹ In later hand. ² leaf 274. ³ Blank.

⁴ In contemporary hand. ⁵ Engleton, near Brewood.

and became then and there apprentice to Rog. Bret of Coventry, baker, to live with him from Holy Cross day (Sept. 14) last past until the end of the term of eight years taking each year ¹, and the last year 13s. 4d. And he took the oath to the freedom.

[July 10 1494 at Coventry came Joh. son of Will. Bukland of "Wendlyngburgh" Northants, mercer, and became apprentice to Hen. Marler of Coventry, grocer, to live with him from the Nativity of S. Joh. Baptist next to come (June 24) for eight years, taking for the first seven years 12d. a year, and in the eighth 13s. 4d. And he took (etc.)

² "Bukland" of Wellingborough.

[July 16 1494 at Coventry came Christofer, son of Will. Straughton of "Dirrham," husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. White of Coventry, "hatmaker," to live with him from the feast of the Translation of S. Thomas martyr next to come (July 7) for seven years, taking for the first six years 4d. a year, and 6s. 8d. for the last year. And he took (etc.)

³ "Straughton."

[July 26 1494 at Coventry came Tho. son of Tho. Robyns of "Stoneley" and became apprentice to Will. Gest of Coventry, weaver, to live with him from the feast of the Relics³ in this year for seven years, taking 12d. a year the first six years and 7s. 4d. the last year. And he took (etc.)

² "Robyns."

[Oct. 29 1494 at Coventry came Joh. Griffith of Coventry and became apprentice to Joh. Darlyng of Coventry, capper, to live with him from the feast of All Saints next to come (Nov. 1) for seven years (wages like those of Robyns). And he took (etc.)

² "Griffith."

[Oct. 31 1494 at Coventry came Ric. son of Ric. Speyght, formerly of "Notynggham," and became apprentice to Will. Bowyes, "lokyer" to live with him from the feast of SS. Simon and Jude last past (Oct. 28) for five years, taking for the first four years 16d. a year and the last year 10s. And he took (etc.)

² "Speyght."

¹ Blank. ² In the same contemporary hand.

³ Relic Sunday is the third Sunday after Midsummer Day. A family of the name of Robbins dwelled at Stoneleigh Grange within living memory.

¹ "Richardson" of (P) Langworth.

[Nov. 1 1494 on All Saints' day at Coventry came Tho. Richardson, formerly of "Long Collyworth" Lincs. twenty four years old, and became apprentice to Tho. Wardlowe of Coventry, butcher, to live with him from the said feast for seven years, taking for the first six years 4s. a year, and the seventh 3s. 4d. without food and clothing for that year. And he took (etc.)

¹ "Daugh."

[Nov. 15 1494 at Coventry came Tho. son of Will. Daugh and became apprentice to Rog. Chambre of Coventry, draper, to live with him from Christmas next to come for eight years taking the first seven years 12d. and the eighth and last 20s. And he took (etc.)

¹ "Egynton" of Staffordshire.

[Dec. 24 1494 at Coventry came Rob. son of Will. Egynton "in Comitatu Staffordie," butcher, and became apprentice to Gunter Paules of Coventry, hatmaker, to live with him from Christmas day next to come for five years, taking the first four years 12d. and the last 6s. 8d.

¹ "Downes."

[Jan. 3 1495 came Hugo, son of Joh. Downes of "Totnowe,"² husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. Pova, mercer, to live with him from S. Nicholas' day last past (Dec. 6) for six years, taking the first five years 4d. and the last year 25s. And he took (etc.)

¹ "Worseley."

[³ Jan. 8 1495 at Coventry came Rob. son of Rob. Worseley of "Cowalker"⁴ and became apprentice to Will. Barbour of Coventry, capper, to live with him from Christmas last past for seven years, taking for the first six years 12d. a year, and the last year 14s. And he took (etc.).

¹ "Brettebe."

[Jan. 8 1495 came Tho. Brettebe, son of Gibben Brethe (*sic*) de Nantwych, husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. Brikwode, "sherman," to live with him from the Purificacion (Feb. 2) next to come for six years, taking for the first five years 2s. a year, and the last year 6s. 8d. And he took (etc.)

¹ "Hynde."

[On Jan. 12 1495 at Coventry came Tho. son of Joh. Hynde of "Westbronwych," Grasiour, and became apprentice to Joh. Brixston of Coventry, grocer, to live with him

¹ In the same hand.

² Totternhoe, Beds.

³ leaf 274, back.

⁴ (?) Cowarch, Merioneth.

from the Purificacion next to come for seven years taking every year 12d. And he took (etc.)

JOH. PADLAND, MAYOR, 1495.

[¹ Election of officers.]

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytofte, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Will. foorde, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Turnour, Joh. Duddesbury, Tho. Bonde, Joh. Hadon, Tho. Padland, Joh. Sissell, Ed. Barbour, Rog. Chambre, Ric. Nores, Will. Hardy, Will. flecher.

"Couentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

[m. Joh. Padland; cor. Rob. Topcliff; ch. Tho. Grene, Tho. ffolshill; w. Ric. Lansdale, Hen. Crosse, Grasyer; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

Officers.

Joh. Padland, m., Ric. Emson, rec., Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley.

J.Ps.

The same, except the recorder.]

Key-keepers.

EASTER LEET.

[V. f. p. held before Joh. Padland, m., Will. Pisford, Joh. Dwale, b., on Tuesday before the Invention of the Holy Cross 10 Hen. VII.

"Couentre."
Apr. 29.

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrompton, Will. Shore, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Wygston, Will. fforth, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Gryme, Galf. Arthern, Rob. Grene, Ed. Hulcote, Hugo Huyton, Rog. Sutton, Tho. Bande, Joh. Hadon.

Jury.

Hit was ordeyned be auctorite of pis present lete that pe Garden place *withoute* pe Coke-strete-zate which per-teyneth to pe Gilde of *Corporis Christi* and which was delyuered to pe *Maister* of seynt Johnes in satisfaccion for such grounde as the seid *Maister* had vnder pe parke syde, shal-be sufficiently closed be pe wardeyns of pis Cite

² "*Maister* of seynt Jones."

¹ leaf 275. The crier is henceforth mentioned as one of the officers chosen.

² Contemporary gloss.

be þe ouersight of þe seid *Maister* within xx daies next comyng, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d.

1 "Laurence
Saunders."
2 "Laur.
Saunders
discharged
from Ryding
with the
Chamber-
leynes."

Also hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þe same that Laur. Saunders for þe vnsadde demeasnyng & dealyng þat he hath be of in tymes past, & 3it contynueth in þe same, be frohensfurth discharged for euer of & for ruydyng with the Chamberleyns 3erely on Lammasse day, so þat yf eny tyme hereafter he take vppon hym to ruyde on þat day contrarie to pis ordenaunce he to lese at euery defalt xli. And also hit is ordeyned & be auctorite of pis present lete the seid Laurence is discharged fro þe Meirs Counceill, Comien Counceill, & all oper Counceils hereafter to be taken & kept within pis Cite for þe welfare of þe same.

1 "Carde-
makers."

Skinners and
barbours to
contribute to
their pageant.

Also hit is ordeyned at þe peticion & desire of þe Craft of Cardmakers towardes their charge þat they 3erely ber in kepyng their pageant that the Craftes of Skynners & Barbours shall 3erely frohensfurth bere & pay to þe seid Craft of Cardmakers xiiij s. iiij d. in þe forme suyng:—þat is to sey, þe Maisters of þe Crafte of skynners & þe *Maister* of þe Barbours shall 3erely in þe vigill of þe holy Trinite pay unto þe *Maister* of Cardmakers either of them vj s. viij d. And yf eyther of þe seid Craftes fayle of payement at þat day, they & euery singler persone of either of þe seid craftes that payement denying to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d. & in defalt of payement their bodies so forfetyng to be comytte to prison, their to remayn vnto þe tyme they haue paide þat fyn, & ouer þat to fynde suerte þat eftsones he shall not defende (*sic*) in þat partie.

viz. 6s. 8d.
each craft.

2 "Carpen-
ters."

The wrightes'
pageant.

³[Ordnained] at þe peticion of þe Crafte of Wryghtes & Tylers & pynners that these persones whos names here folowen shal-be ioyned & contributorye to þe Crafte of wrightes frohensfurth for euer, & to pay & bere 3erely after their porcion as other wrightes doo towardes þe charge of their pageant, vppon þe peyn of euery person doying þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d., & in defalt of payement of þat peyn their bodies to prison till they haue paide hit, & ouer þat fynde suertee that he eftsones offende not in þat partie. These be þe names, Joh. Okley, kerver, Ric. Percy, wright, Joh. Cokkes,

¹ Contemporary gloss.

² Later hand.

³ leaf 275, back.

wright, Nic. Slough, Cartwright, Joh. Norton, whelewright, & Joh. Knyght, whele-wright.

Also where hit was shewed at pis present lete be bill put in be pe Girdelers, that pe Crafte of Cappers² & fullers² of theire goode will were agreable to paye in pe fest of pe vigell of pe holy Trinite to pe Maister of pe Crafte of Girdelers 3erely xiijs. iiij d. towardes pe charge of their priste & pageant etc., hit was ordeyned & stablissed be auctorite of pis present lete that pat agrement & acorde shuld stande stable & be perfourmed & kept frohensfurth for euer, with more pat yf payement 3erely be not made in pe seid vigill then euery person pat denyeth such payement to lese at euery defalt vjs. viij d. with imprisonment as is aboue seid in pe Crafte of Carpenters.

[Ordeined] pat no maner person within pis Cite frohensfurth resceyue ne 3it suffer eny straunge person bryngyng clope to pis Cete to be solde vppon pe market dave to open his pak or put hit to sale vnto pe tyme they bryng hit into pe draperie, vppon peyn who doth to pe contrarie to lose at euery defalt vjs. viij d., & pe fynder perof to haue for euery pak so opened iiij d.

[Ordeined] in-asmoch as in tymes past per hath be dyuers riottes & offences & gret discordes don & commytted vppon Lammasse day caused be pat pat many in nombre vn-desired ryden with pe Chamberleyns, hit is perfor ordeyned be pese present lete that frohensfurth for euer ther shall but ij or iiij at most of a warde ruyde with pe seid Chamberleyns vppon Lammasse, & they to be assigned & named be pe Meire & his Counceill v or vj daies before Lammasse. And yf eny Chamberleyn here-after assigne eny oper persone pen is assigned be pe Maire, or eny persone vnassigned take vppon hym to ruyde contrarie to pis ordenaunce, they to lese at euery defalt x s. & for defalt of payement perof his body to prison till he make payement, & ouer pat to fynde suerte pat eftsones he shall not offend etc.

Also hit is ordeyned that all persones pat haue shopes in pe draperie that they shall swep & make clene wekely

1⁴ "Girdelers."

Cappers and fullers pay to the girdlers' pageant.

1⁴ "Draperie."

3⁴ "Cloth to be sold ther and not elsewhere."³

1⁴ "Quot equitabant cum Camerariis in festo quod dicitur ad uincula S. Petri = " how many shall ride with the chamberlains on the feast which is called S. Peter in chains, i. e. Lammas day.

1⁴ "Swepyng in pe draperye."

¹ Contemporary gloss. ² interlined.

³ In another hand.

before theire shopes, euery man vppon the peyn who doth to the contrarie to lese at euery defalt vj d.; and that no maner persone frohensfurth pisse in eny other place in þe draperie but in the gutter there [on the same fine, half to the sheriffs and half to the master¹ of the drapers' craft.]

THE LAMMAS RIDE.

Jul. 10.

Mem. pat þe seid Maire with his Councell þe xth day of July þen next folowyng in *perfourmance* [of] þe forseid ordenaunce in & for ruydyng with þe Chamberleyns on Lammasse day next comyng assigned *certen persones* in euery warde to ryde þis 3ere with þe seid Chamberleyns, whos names folowen :—

Gosseford ¶ : Ric. Clerk, Ed. Hadley, Will. Wygston, Joh. Wodnet.

Jurden-well ¶ : Will. fliccher, Will. Huet, Ric. Semyng, Will. Barbour.

Michpark-strete ¶ : Joh. Whitehed, Rog. Brette, Baker, Will. Bagot, Will. Audeley.

Erle-strete ¶ : Joh. Throughley, Will. Wrobwardyn, Ric. floxale, Hug. Dawes, Ric. Hassale, Joh. Sparrowe.

Baylly-lane ¶ : Ric. Lansdale, Joh. Saunders, Capper, Tho. Camell, Rog. Muklowe.

Brode3ate ¶ : Joh. Baron, Barbour, Joh. Clerk, hosyer, Maur. John, Ric. Lokyer, Joh. Lemyng.

Smythford ¶ : Alex. Horsley, Dauid Chirke, Ric. Baron, draper, Will. Cartar, Tailour.

Spon-strete : ¶ Hen. Crosse, Rog. Wode, Joh. Letys, Rob. Bateman, Tho. Moradok, Will. Trumper.

Croschepyng ¶ : Will. Hardy, Rob. Jakson, Ric. Drave, Joh. Shepey, Joh. Pope, Tho. Kirvyle,² Rog. Billingsley.

Wel-strete ¶ : Tho. Warde, Tanner, Joh. Humfrey, Will. Potell, Dauid Blakwall, Rob. Tedde, Smyth, Will. Pratte.

THE CITY IS BOND.

Mem. pat within viij dayes after Lammasse ther was a bill sett vppon þe north Chirch durre in seynt Mighels

¹ *Maister* (?) or plural.

² or Kirbyle.

Chirch be some evell disposed person vnknown the tenour wherof hereaftur ensueth :—

Be it knownen & vnderstand

This Cite shuld be free & nowe is bonde.

The city
is bond!

Dame goode Eve¹ made it free ;

Once Godiva
made it free.

& nowe þe custome for woll² & þe draperie.³

Also hit is made þat no prentes shalbe
but xiiij penyes pay shuld he.

Apprentices'
fees.

þat act did Robert Grene,⁴

þerfore he had many a Curse, I wene.

Curses on
Rob. Green.

And nowe a noper rule ye do make

þat non shall ryde at Lammas but they þat 3e
take.⁵

Lammas
riding.

When our ale is Tunned

3e shall haue drynk to your Cake.

When harvest
is over—

Ye haue put on man like a Scot to raunsome.

þat wolbe remembred when 3e haue all forgotten.

Saunders put
to ransom.

Caviat'.

Beware!

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 11 Hen. VII.]

" Couentre."'
Oct. 5.

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrump-
ton, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will.
Roweley, Tho. Chirchman, Rob. Grene, Ric. Smyth, Joh.
Dove, Will. fforth, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Wardelowe, Tho.
Bonde, Joh. Hadon, Tho. Padland, Will. Tailleur, Joh.
Mathewe, Galf. Arthern, Joh. ffolshill, Ric. Lansdale.

[Ric. Jakson, ffyshemonger, Rog. Chamber, draper.]

Sheriffs.

They woll, ordeyn & conferme the ordennaunce afore

7 " For them

¹ Godiva. See Introduction. See Sharp, *Antiq.* 235.

² No recent rules on the subject of the sale of wool entered, but see above, p. 192.

³ See above, p. 565. For the illicit cloth market in the church porch see above, p. 281. The drapery was the property of the omnipotent Trinity gild.

⁴ May 1494, v. p. 553. 12 not 13 is the number of pennies given in the order of Leet.

⁵ See p. 565.

⁶ leaf 276.

⁷ Marginal glosses are in the same hand.

pat refuse
offices etc."

tyme made vpon such persones that be of substaunce to bere office in pis Cite that woll refuse such offices as shalbe leide vnto them be pe Maire & his Councell that they forfet & pay such peyn as in that ordenaunce is lymyt & imade. And that pe seid ordenaunce be sufficiently made be Maister Recorder in lawe pat hit may be at all tymes executory frohensfurth for euer. And ouer pat they nowe ordeyn pat yf ther be eny man pat here-aftur woll labour to fauour eny persone contrarie to pat ordenaunce he to lese at euery default Cs.

1 "For
vacabundes."

fferther they woll & ordeyn that all maner vacabundes & beggers myghty in body within pis Citie or suberbes perof voide pe Citie within iij day next after proclamation in this behalf made, vpon peyn of Inprisonment & to lese all pat they may lese; and pat no maner person frothensfurth harborough or comfort eny such vacabund or begger within pis Cite, onlesse he knowe cause resonable of his resorte hider, & woll answer for his dedes, vpon peyn to lese at euery such default xx s.

1 "Maydens
& sole-
women."

² And also pat euery Maide & sole woman beyng within pe age of xl 3eres pat kepeth eny house sole be hir self, that she take a Chambre within an honest persone, which shall answer for his (*sic*) goode demeasnyng, or els to go to seruice betwixt pis & pe fest of All Halowes next comyng, vpon peyn of inprisonement, there to abide vnto pe tyme they fynde suerte so to doo, or els to voyde pe Cite. And that pe shirrifs wokely make serch & doo execucion of & in pe premissez, vpon pe peyn to lese Cs. at euery tyme they be founde laches³ in serch-makyng, & non-executyng of pe premissez, that fyne to be levied be pe Mair for the tyme beyng to pe vse of pe Cite.

1 "For
makyng of
pavementes."

Also they ordeyn that euery person inhabite within pis Cite make his pauement before his dwellyng betwixt pis & pe fest of Cristmas, [or 40d. fine at every default]. And yf so be pat hit be not made that then pe comien seriant haue auctorite to let make sufficient such pavement then not made; and to rere as well be distresse pe seid peyn as such money as pe makyng of pe seid pavement shall coste,

¹ Marginal glosses are in the same hand.

² See above, p. 545. ³ = defective.

where-so-euer he may fynde any goodes of theirs þat such pavement shuld make.

Also they ordeyn þat no maner person frohensfurth bye eny see fisshe of panyermen or other ffyssher hider resortyng wokely to sell ffysshe nor house nor kepe oute of þe market eny such fishe, but suffer such ffyshe to come into þe market there to be sold be them þat bryng hit, or els such persones as þerto be lymyt be þe Maire for þe tyme beyng, vpon þe peyn, who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery default x s.

¹ "For housyng of ffysshe."

[Ordayned] þat Joh. Smyth, peauterer, & Joh. Duddesbury² for mysbehauyng them-self ayenst men of worship & diuers oper their neighbours, for þe which & such oper like they afore pis haue ofte tymes be put vnder suerte, & be labour of their frendes haue þerof be dismyssed as appereth of recorde etc. & zit can-not establish them-self; therfor they woll þat they be putte vnder suertie fro session vnto session, vnto such tyme þat þe Maire & Justices of þe pease may be suerly acerteined of their good behauyng & demasnyng them-self accordyng to þe goode rules of þis Cite.

¹ "Smyth [and] Dudderbury."

³ "Nota bene, bound to ther good behaviour."³

Also hit was ordeyned at þe request of þe Craftes of Carpenters, Tylers & pynners, & vpon their compleynt made be bill etc. that Joh. Okley, kerver, & Joh. Cokkes shuld be contributory & paye 3erely vnto þe seid Craftes, as other of þe seid craftes 3ere[ly] doon & payn accordyng [to] þe laudable custome & goode ordre of þis Cite, vpon þe peyn of either of þe seid Joh. Okley & Joh. Cookes doyng the contrarie to lese at euery default xiiij d.

¹ "Okley & Cokkes."

Also at þis same lete at þe request of þe ffeliship & Craft of Barbouris that all leches & soiourns⁴ inhabityng within þe Cite of Couentre or suberbes þerof shuld be contributory & pay 3erely to þe charges of þe seid Craft of barbouris, as other of þe seid Craft doth etc. vpon peyn of hym þat refuseth so to doo to lese at euery default vj s. viij d.

¹ "Leches & soiourns."

¹ Marginal glosses are in the same hand.

² Duddesbury was a tanner, v. *Life in an Old English Town*, 240. See above, p. 557 for tanners' orders; and p. 554 for those of pewterers.

³⁻³ In a later hand.

⁴ *i. e.* surgeons.

¹ For repara-
cion of þe
Brodwell."

Also hit is ordeyned at pis present lete & be þe same assigned [to] Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Humfrey & Tho. Waren to ouerse þat þe Brodewell be repayred *with* such money as is ordeyned be lete þat þe bitters shuld pay þerto, & with other such as they shall gader þerto; and yf þe seid bitters refuse to pay them, then to leve of them vj s. viij d. ouer þe somes vppon them assessed be distresse & oþerwyse etc.

The S. John's
Hospital
fields

² Mem. that at pis present lete Tho. Smyth, Maister of þe hospitall of seynt John in Couentre compleyned þat where he & his predecessours tyme oute of mynde haue be seased of a close with þe appurtenaunces in Couentre³ lying before þe Chapell of seynt Marie Magdalene⁴ without þe Spon Barre, & hit hath holden as seuerell all tymes of þe 3ere vnto nowe of late that certen evell disposed persones, whos names be vnknowen, han broken vp þe seid close, & hit claymen & vsen as their comien ayenst all right & goode consciens as þe seid Maister surmysed.

broken up
and used for
common by
ill-disposed
persons.

Which compleynt to be determyned accordyng right be þe assent as well of þe Maire & his Brethern & other at þe seid lete assembled, as of the seid Maister, the seid compleynt was put vnto þe determinacion of these persones here folowyng, they be deliberacion to see þe grounde, & the Evidence in þat partie; and þeruppon to determyn & to gyffe sentence, such as shuld remayn for euer.

The matter
to be deter-
mined by
these persons,

Ric. Alen, Tho. Plant, Rog. Wode, Will. Huet, Ric. Clerk, Baker, Ric. ffoxale, Rob. Jakson, Will. Boteller, Ric. Baron, draper, Tho. Grove, Joh. Smyth, Baker, Ric. Lansdale.

Whch persons had day yffen vnto them vnto þe next generall sessions, *videlicet* þe Tewesday next before þe fest of þe Natirite of our Lorde⁵ þen next folowyng, and fro thens vnto þe Thursday next after þe fest of þe Epiphanie of our Lorde,⁶ and fro that day vnto þe Thursday in Estur weke then next folowyng, at which day þe seid persons appered & yaf vp their verdyt ther & then seying that they aftur their lernyng & knowelech the[y] had examined

who on Apr.
7, 1496,

¹ Marginal glosses are in the same hand.

² leaf 276, back. ³ MS. Couenentre.

⁴ The leper chapel, commemorated in Chapel Fields.

⁵ Dec. 22. ⁶ Jan. 7, 1496.

as deply as they coude mynde them-self of the seid close, & as ferforth as they coude haue knówelech they coude no oper-wyse fynde, but pat þe seid Maister & his predecessours han had & kept þe seid close with þe appurtenaunces as seuerell all tymes of þe yere, and so of ryght he ought so to haue & kepe without interupcion etc.

give their verdict in favour of the hospital.

JOH. DOVE, MAYOR, 1496.

[¹¶ Election of officers.]

"Coentre."
Jan. 25.
Electors.

Ric. Lee, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Rob. Colman, Joh. Wigston, Will. Roweley, Rob. Grene, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Ardern, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Wardelowe, Tho. Turnour, Joh. Sissell, Will. Hardy, Ed. Barbour, Rob. Bowyer, Tho. Grove, Will. Barbour.

[m. Joh. Dove; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Rog. Mason, Glouer, Will. Wigston; w. Joh. Strong, Ric. Hassale, draper; mace, Will. Nash; crier, Joh. Toures on his good behaviour.]

Officers.

And hit is ordeyned at þis present eleccion pat frohensfurth duryng þis zere to come the Maire shall kepe Counceill wokley at seynt Mary hall vppon þe Wensday yf gretter cause let not etc. with viij of his brethern lik as hit hath be vsed in tyme past.

"Wednsdaie þe Counceill daie."

Also the ordeyn that þe Styward, Chaumberleyns & wardeyns with þe comien seriant shall betwixt þis & Michelmas next comyng ryde & ouer-see the meerez & boundes of þe Shire of Coentre, & to renouell þe Mere stones yf nede so requyre that they remayn not out of knowla[c]h.

Meets and bounds.

EASTER LEET.

¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Dove, m., Ric. Jakson, Rog. Chambre, b., on Monday after the close of Easter 11 Hen. VII.]

"Coentre."
Apr. 11.

Ric. Lee, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Rob. Colman, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chirchman, Rob. Grene, Ric. Smyth, Will. Taillour, Joh. Gryme, Gal. Arthern, Rog. Sutton,

Jury.

Joh. Padland, Will. ffoorth, Ric. Chapman, Tho. Padland, Edw. Hulcote, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Dwale.

Orders of
leet.
1 "Peyn for
pe well at pe
Chirche
durre."
20s.

10s.

6s. 8d.

1s. 8d.

Whech ordeyned that the well before the Chirch durre of Seynt Michaell shuld be sufficiently made betwixt *pat* and pe fest of Pentecost pen next folowyng, vppon peyn of *Maister* Bailly there alderman xx s. ; euery person *pat* hath be Maire dwellyng in the seid warde xs. ; euery person *pat* hath be shirrif vj s. viij d. ; euery other person in pe seid ward *pat* is worth xx li., xx d. to pe vse of pe Cundith be the Maire for the tyme beyng to be leyed, and he to haue to his owne vse vj s. viij d. of pe seid forfeites.

1 "Peyn for
bochours
Tubbes
fettyng water
at pe Brode-
well."

1 "For repa-
racion of pe
lifode &
Cundite."

Also they ordeyned *pat* no maner Bochour frohensfurth shuld fette watir with their tubbes at pe Brodewell, [or 6s. 8d. fine.]

Also they woll that *Maister* Maire call his Counceill in goode Nombre to pe nombre of xxiiij to forse & prepare for pe reparacion of the Towne lyfflode & for the Cundite of pis Cite betwixt pis & pe fest of Pentecost next comyng.

1 "Peyn of
buttes."

Also that euery Craft make their buttes sufficiently betwixt *pat* & Pentecost next folowyng, vppon peyn of euery Craft xx s. to pe vse of pe Cundite, & pe Maire to gisse warnyng to euery *Maister* of pe Crafte *pat* pis order be kept & put in execucion.

1 "For repa-
racion of
welles."

Also *pat* the Maire let send for the persones that were assigned to gader for reparacion of the welles within pis Cite and to comaunde them to gadre & make pe well and to certefie pe names of them *pat* woll not pay *pat* they may be compelled so to do.

THE CAPPERS.

Memorandum that at pis lete was shewed & brought be pe Maistirs & ffeliship of Cappers within pis Cite, whos names hereafter ensuen, the boke of their ordenaunces, wech here-after also ensuen, wech ordenaunces were there be deliberacion ouerseen & admitted & as a lawe to

¹ In the same hand.

bynde þe seide Craft frohensfurth forth was there ordeyned & auctorisid etc.

Tho. Padland, Joh. Darlyng, Ed. Barbour, Ed. Wall, Joh. Norton, Will. Brigges, Joh. Saunders, Nic. Heynes, Ric. Stonley, Joh. Dove, Ric. Spysyer, Tho. Swetnam, Rob. Williamson, Joh. Grene, Ric. Hunte, Joh. Touney, Will. Hawes, Joh. Broune, Will. Austeyn, Tho. Gates, Will. Mason, Tho. Aweston, Ric. Synger, Joh. Synger.

first, that all the Craft shall mete on seynt Anne day then to chose kepers for þe 3er folowyng; and what persones þat be absent þat day vpon warnyng shall pay xij d., half to þe Maire & half to þe Craft, and what persones þat be chosen & admitted to be keper & woll not take vpon hym shall pay xl s., half to the Maire, & half to þe Craft, *without* he can shewe cause resonable & that to be demed be þe Maire & his Brethern.²

³ Item, what persone of þe Craft that cometh not to þe kepers for þe worship of þe Cite & profite of þe Craft vpon due warnyng he to lese at euery defalt vj d. half to þe Maire, half to þe Craft.

Item, þat no Maister frohensfurth haue no moo prentisez in his seruice but ij at ones, and theire indenture to be sealed before þe Maire & þe kepers of the Craft for þe tyme beyng, and for no lesse 3eres then vij 3ere, and þat he bryng in at euery indenture of eny prentise sealyng ijs., xij d. to þe Cite & xij d. to þe Craft, and yf the prentise within his terme departe *with* consent of his maister, then þat Maister so suffryng his prentise to departe shall take no more prentisez till þat vij 3eres be spente *without* licens of the kepers of þe Craft, vpon þe peyn of xx s. half to þe Maire & half to þe Craft.

Item, ther shall no Journeyman make no Cappes of his owne nor of no other mannes safe only of þe maister þat hireth hym be the 3ere or the woke, and hit may be proved to paye at euery defalt xx d. half to þe Mair half to þe

¹ "For Cappers."

To meet July 26.

^{12d.} for absence;

^{40s.} for refusing to be keeper.

¹ "Cappers."

To come vpon warnyng or 6d.

⁴ "Apprentices to be entered before the mayor."⁴

⁷ years' apprenticeship.

A departing apprentice cannot be replaced.

No journeyman to make caps of his own,

or 20d. fine;

¹ In a contemporary hand.

² At the bottom of the leaf is written "the articles residue apperen in þe lefe before þis lest."

³ leaf 276, back. This is headed "The residue of þe articles & ordenaunces of þe Cappers."

⁴⁻⁴ In later handwriting.

but he may
fresheu old
bonnets.

Crafte; fforseyn alwey that hit shal-be lefull to them to
scoure & fresche old bonettes.

1s. a week
journey-
men's wages.

Item, ther shall no maister hire no Journeyman be pe
woke for no more Wages but for xij d. a wyke and to come
to his warke at vj of pe clok in pe mornyng, and to leve
at vj at nyght; & who-so gyffeth more to lese vj s. viij d.
half (etc.) And pat as well pe maister as Journeyman
gyffe either to other warnyng viij daies before their
departyng.

8 days'
notice.

The masters'
licence
required for
setting on
fresh
workers.

Item, ther shall no man set no Journeyman on wark
without licence of pe Maisters of the Craft, & to knowe
the cause of his departyng fro his olde maister, [or xx s.
fine, half (etc.)]

Item, there shall no persone of pe Craft set no straunge
Journeyman on warke without license of pe Maisters of pe
Craft, and they to see that he be a warkman.

Teaching
trade to
outsiders
forbidden.

Item, that no persone of the Craft teche no poynt of his
Craft to no persone save to his prentes and his wyfe, [or
100 s. fine, half (etc.)]

Apprentices
13s. 4d. fine
for freedom
of craft;

Item, that no maister make no brother to pe Craft yf he
haue be prentes in pe Cite no lesse pen xij s. iiij d. & his
wax siluer, & to paye hit in iiij 3eres, and yf he be a
forener & was not prentes no lesse then xxvj s. viij d.,
and to pay hit in iiij 3eres; and yf eny forener after a
twelmonyth & a day refuse to paye pat fyn, then no
Journeyman worche with hym, [or 20 s. fine half (etc.)]

foreigners
double.

LAURENCE SAUNDERS.

"Laurence
Saunders
paied xl li."

¹ *Mem.*, that Laurence which was assessed to pay xli.
for his ffyn for such offences & mysdemeasnyng made on
Lammas day was Twelmoneth² as appereth befor in pe
tyme of Maister Grene beyng Maire, & of which xli.
xx li. was forgyffen, and x li. of pe oper xx li. was paide
be Alex. Horseley & Rob. Barlowe, suertez for pe seid
Laurence; after which doon pe kynges grace at pe instant
labour of pe seid Laurence sent his lettrez of priue signet
vnto pe seid Maire desiryng to haue pe seid Laurence
pardoned of pe oper x li.; wyll yng ferther pe seid Maire to

Laurence
by his instant
labour with
the king
obtains a
privy seal
to be sent
to the mayor;

¹ leaf 277, back.

² v. p. 557.

ordre goode direccion & pease to be had accordyng right¹ in þe variance as touchyng a Comien, which þe seid Laurence had informed the kynges grace to be in pis Cite. And for-so-moch as þe seid Laurence had shewed the kynges grace þat variance shuld be for comien where no such variance was, wrytyng was sent to *Maister Recordour*² of þe grete & many offences þat þe seid Laurence had doon in tymes past, praying hym to shewe his demeanyng vnto þe kynges grace, which was doon. And in þe measne season the seid Laurence, & before þe seid wrytyng sent to *Maister Recordour*, cam to þe house of J. Dove, then beyng Maire, & seid þes wordes vnto hym:—"Maister Maire, I advise yewe to loke wysely on your-self, for or Lammasse day ye shall here other tythynges. & ffor many of these catifes þat loke so hy nowe, shal-be brought lower. & ye knowe wele amongist yowe ye haue of myn x li. of money, which I dought not I shall haue ayen or Lammasse day, or ells iij or iiij of þe best of yowe shall smart. Therefore I advise you bere vp-right þe swerd³ at your perill, for ye shall knowe more shortly."

whereupon the recorder is bidden to inform the king of Laurence's unsad conduct.

Laurence and the mayor's sword.

Item, þe seid Laurence cam vnto þe seid Meire the xx day of same moneth the Meire then setting & his brethern in þe kynges Court in þe gaile hall of þe said Cite: And then & there the seid Laurens openly before grett audiens seid:—"Maister Meir, I haue brought you a byll here, I pray you it may be redde openly in this Court." The seid Meire answered it required non hast. "Com to-morrow and ye shall haue a reasonable ansure at ix of þe Clok, for I vnderstande the tenour of this bill is no mattier to be determynd in this seid Court."

? Jul. 20.

Laurence presents a bill;

Then the seid Laurence seid in the seid Court:—"Maister Meire, hold vp-right your swerde, for as for *Maister Recorder* I haue Rekened with hym before the kyng, and he shall be easy Inough" etc.

he taunts the mayor.

The tenour of which bill þat þe seid Laurence then brought there to be red in þe seid Court here-after ensueth:—

The bill contains a list of common pastures,

¹ "betwixt parties" deleted. ² Empson.

³ In allusion to Richard II's order (1384) that the sword should be borne behind John Deister, for failing to do justice.

concerning
which
enquiry was
made in 1480,
the year of
Laurence's
chamberlain-
ship.

Memorandum, these ben the ffeldes & pastures inquired of in the tyme of Will. Shore be wrytynges & revelisshen¹ of wolde men of þe Cite & fforreyns of þe same anno E. iiij^{ti} xx^{mo}, Laur. Saunders & Will. Hede, Chamberleyns, vnto the worshipfull Maire & his Councell to inquire for my Comen.

In primis, þe Myryfeld in Stichall hyron closed be þe Maister of þe Trinite Gilde.

Item, ij ffeldes that Rob. Bradmedowe holdeth of þe Trinite Gilde.

Item, þe Brodwokwast & half þe Bysshopes, & ij ffeldes cald þe Strypes, & a quarell withoute þe Newe-3ate, & a lane calde Lazars-lane strecchyng be þe procession weye, the priour encloseth.

Item, a lane cald Guphill-lane Joh. Hadley incloseth.

Item, a lane strecchyng be Hen. Smythes house & fro thens to Maydons Mille & fro thens to Childrous Buttes & fro thens to Coundon lane, comen all þe 3ere.

Item, a lane ledyng fro Hethsale to Blakorchard strecchyng to a lane be Goldynges felde goyng thurgh Hill-feld to Barkers-buttes, comen all þe 3ere.

Item, a lane ledyng fro ffukkers Grove² strettyng to Radford Mille.

Item, a Grounde be Dilkokks Mill Ric. Drewe incloseth.

Item, þe hall 3arde inclosed & bylde apou my comien grounde.

Laurence
will not
be content;

Of which ffeldes þe seid Laurence hath be ofte tymes answered sufficiently accordyng to þe Evidences of þis Cite, as he nowe at þis tyme was in þe premissez, & 3it he can not be content: Wherefore vppon wrytyng sent fro Maister Recordour, which had shewed þe holde demasner to þe kynges grace at the desir of þe seid Mair, as aboue is specified, the kynges grace was content þat þe seid Laur. shuld be ordred aftur þe goode & laudable custome of þis Cite; wheruppon be wrytyng sent fro Maister Recordour þe seid Laurence be-cause he refused to fynde suerte of his goode demasner here-after he was commytte to warde. And after þe seid Laurence made labour be his

and is
committed
to ward.
His friends
intercede
with the

¹ = revelation. ² Printed wrongly "Sukers," p. 52.

frendes to my lorde of Rochestre,¹ which [sent] þat seid writyng to Maister Maire to put hym vndre suerte þat he myght appere before þe kynges Counceill at Wodstoke, at which tyme he, þe seid Bishop, desired that such matier as coude be leyed to þe Charge of þe seid Laurence shulde be there shewed. Wheruppon þe seid Laurence offered suerte þat were not sufficient, as appereth in þe boke of Counceill, seyng þat he wold fynde no oper, what-soeuer fell þeruppon, with oper seducious wordes be hym ther vttered, as ther appereth in þe seid booke of Counceill, wherfore he remayned still in prison. Wheruppon ij seducious billes were founde i-sette vppon þe Mynster durre in þe feste of seynt Anne, & a noþer was cast etc. Wherof the tenour here-after ensuen :—

Bishop of Rochester, and he is summoned before the king's council.

Laurence offers insufficient surety and remains in prison.

Verses are found on Jul. 26 on the minster door.

Jhesus be your spede, }
I hope hit be nede, } Thus to pray.

You have hunted the hare, }
You holde him in a snare ; } Hit had be as goode nay.

The hare is in a snare, i. e. Laurence is in prison.

Ye þat be of myght, }
Se that ye do right, } Think on youre othe.

ffor where þat ye do wrong, }
Ye shall mend hit among, } þough ye be neuer so loth.

Litell small been, }
þat all aboute fleen, } They waggen their whyng.

Small bees sting.

Where as they light, }
The been will byte, } And also styng.

Loke þat ye do right, }
Both day & nyght, } Be-ware of wappys.

Beware of wasps.

Both erly & late, }
Kepe well your pate } For after-clappys.²

pars primo (sic).

³ The cyte is bond that shuld be fre.
The right is holden fro þe Cominalte.

The city is bond.

Our Comiens þat at Lammas open shuld be cast
They be closed in & hegged full fast.

¹ Tho. Savage. ² = unexpected disasters. ³ leaf 278.

The commons' champion is a prisoner.

And he *pat* speketh for our right is in *pe* hall,¹
And *pat* is shame for yewe & for vs all.

You cannot denygh hit but he is your broper ;
& to bope Gildes he hath paid as moch as anoper.²

They *pat* woll be broper to *pe* Gildes or *perto* pay,
We haue no more to lose, *pe* soth for to say.

Pick away our thirft and make us all blind!

ffor eny fauour or frenshipp *pe* comiens *with* yowe fynde
But pyke away our thryfte & make vs all blynde.

And euer ye haue nede to *pe* Cominalte
Such fauour as ye shewe vs such shall ye see.

The commons are estranged.

We may speke feire & bid you good morowe,
But luff with our hertes shall ye haue non.

Cherish *pe* Cominalte & se they haue their right
ffor drede of a worse chaunce be day or be nyght.

pe best of you all litell worth shuld be
And ye had not help of the Cominalte.

Mend that is amiss.

He luffeth me well *pat* telleth me for my goode,
Mend *pat* is amysse for movyng of your mode.

On may her be a no^{per} *pat* he shall not fynde,
But ye shall here of sum o^{per} what shal-be *pe* ende.

Nov. 10.

Aftur *pis* *pe* x day of Nouembre folowyng ther cam ij priue seals at *pe* labour & besy suyte of *pe* seid Laurence, on of them direct vnto *pe* Maire & his Brethern commaundyng them be the same to take suerte of *pe* seid Laurence to Cli. & *per*uppon to enlarge hym, that he myght immediately appere before *pe* kynges grace & his Counceill to shewe his greves ; and *pat* at the same tyme there shuld appere ij or iij of *pe* Meirs Brethern sufficiently instruct with such matier as myght be leyd vnto *pe* Charge of *pe* seid Laurence, that yf *pe* seid Counceill determyned *pat* matier then *pe* seid Laurence to zild hymself to prison eftesones. And a-no^{per} priue seall was direct vnto Ric. Alen, Will Huet, Joh. Marchall, walker,

Another summons for Laurence to appear before the king's council.

¹ *i. e.* the jail-hall.

² It seems as if the guild-brethren occupied a class apart. Probably they alone were eligible to office.

R. Norfolk, Will. Corby & ¹ to apper before þe kynges Counceill at þe seid day. Which priue seall was sued ayenst them to pentent þat they shuld tēstyfie with hym in such matier as he wold allege for his greves etc. Vppon which wrytyng the Maire let call his Counceill þe Munday þe xiiij day of Nouembre anno xij^o Regis H. vij : whos names here ensuen :—

Nov. 14, 1496.

Joh. Dove, m., Will. Roweley, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Tho. Chirchman, Will. ffletcher, shirrif, Ric. Alen, Will. fforde, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Turnour, Tho. Padland, Joh. Dwale, Will. Taillour, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Hadon, Ric. Lansdale, Tho. Plant, Will. Wygston, Rog. Glouer, Will. Hardy, Ric. Hassale, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Throughley, Ric. Nores, Ric. ffoxale, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Pase, Bowyer, Ric. Brigeman, Tho. Camell, Hen. Carter, Joh. Bromley, Joh. Humfrey, Joh. Gerves, Hugh Dawes, Ric. Drake, Will. Brigges, Capper, Will. Perkyns, Baker, Will. Bagot, Will. Bromley, Rob. Swyft, Ric. Baron, Dan. Blakwall, Laur. Yonge, Hen. Hynde, Tho. Bredon, Humf. Mollesley, Humf. Grene, Tho. Moredok, Will. Potell, Joh. Norton.

“The Maiors Councell,”

Be whos advice & consent *Maister* Roweley, then *Maister* of þe Gilde, *Maister* Braytoft & Joh. Boteler, styward, were appoynted to ryde to London, there with *Maister* Recordour, *Maister* Coke, *Maister* Grene & Will. Pisford then beyng at London to shewe þe demeasner of þe seid Laurence at large etc. Accordyng which appoyntement þe day was kept at London before þe kynges Counceill in þe Sterre Chambre, þe Friday next after seynt Martyn day ; and there continied dayly vnto þe Tewesday next before þe fest of Seynt Andrew þen next suyng. At which day before my lordes of Caunterbury,² London,³ & Rochestre,⁴ þe chief justice *Maister* ffyneux & many *oper* lordes, the hole matier was hard at large, both þe compleynt of þe seid Laurence, þe answer *perunto* ; þe replicacion of þe seid Laurence & þe reioynder *peruppon*, with þe disposicions of

who advise that the gild master and others be sent to London to lay Laurence's case before the king's council,

which from Nov. 18 till Nov. 29 they do.

The case is heard and

¹ Blank. ² Joh. Morton. ³ Tho. Savage.

⁴ ? Savage had been translated from Rochester. Fitz-James his successor was not appointed till the succeeding year.

“Laurence is
committed to
the Fleet”
prison to
abide the
king's
pleasure.

þe witesse & proves of þe seid Laurence. Wheruppon þe seid Laurence was there & then comyt vnto þe Flete, there to abide vnto þe tyme the kynges pleasure were knowen what ferther punysshement he shuld haue. All wech materes apperen in papirs in þe kepyng of þe seid styward :—wherof the tenour here ensuen.¹

¹ Only unfortunately they are not copied ; and the Star Chamber records for these years are not preserved.





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