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Inspeximns and confirmation in frank almoine for the provost and chaplains of the chapel of St. Nicholas, Stoke under Hameldon, of (1) letters patent, dated 17 October, 31 Edward I., being a licence for the alienation in mortmain by John de Bello Campo of Somersete to five chaplains to celebrate divine service daily in the said chapel for him, his ancestors and successors of a messuage and four virgates of land in Stoke under Hameldon, and the advowson of the church of that town; (2) letters patent dated 12 December, 2 Edward II., being a licence for the chaplains to retain the above and to appropriate the church; and (3) ordinance of Walter, late bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Banewell, 4 October 1304, made after careful deliberation in his chapters of Bath and Wells, in answer to a petition of John de Bello Campo of Somersete, knight, with the consent of lady Cicely de Bello Campo, his mother, whose heir he is, that the bishop would order at his discretion the lands, fruits and obviences of the free chapel built in honor of St. Nicholas in the said Sir John's court of Stoke under Hameldon, then void by the voluntary resignation of Henry de Wyke, late rector, and the lands comprised in the above licence, to maintain for ever five chaplains to celebrate five masses daily and offer prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ and St. Mary his mother, for the souls of Sir John de Bello Campo, his father, Robert de Bello Campo, his brother, and their progenitors and successors, as also for the good estate of Sir Edward, the king, the peace of the realm, the good estate of Walter de Heseldawe, the said bishop, the said lady Cicely, John, lady Joan his wife, their children, Eleanor and Beatrice, his sisters, and his relations, friends, and benefactors in life, and for their souls after death. The ordinance, after reciting that the bishop has admitted five chaplains, Reginald de Monketon, Henry Cros, Thomas de Atte Bere, John Chaumpionn and William de Shepton, on the presentation of the said Sir John, and has set the first named over the chapel and four other chaplains as provost, provides for them a rule of life and dress and the order of services to be held for the persons named in the petition, and appoints that on the anniversary days of John the father, Robert the brother, Cicely, John and Joan, there shall be a solemn service and a distribution of bread to the poor to the value of 2 marks yearly, to wit, for John, Cicely and John, ½ mark, and for Robert and Joan, ½ mark; that the provost shall have for the sustenance and dwelling of himself and fellows, the messuage which Henry de Wyke held while rector of the chapel, with all lands, tithes, &c., pertaining to the chapel in his time, (the said tithes for the avoiding of doubtfulness being fully set out in the ordinance), and that the provost and his fellows shall have the messuage and land late of Roger Oliver in Stoke with the advowson of the church of that parish and that the right to present in every voidance shall be in the said John de Bello Campo and his heirs, such right in the case of the provost to lapse to the bishop if he be not presented within four months of the voidance and in the case of the chaplains to lapse to the provost after two months; forbids the provost and his fellows, on pain of loss of estate, from receiving anything from others for masses whereby the services appointed herein may be withdrawn, and makes it unlawful for John or his heirs to send their horses, hounds or birds to stay with them or to molest them if they refuse to receive these; directs that on the death of Robert de Bello Campo, now rector of the church of Stoke, two parts of the tithes and other profits of his church shall be appropriated to the provost and chaplains, and the third part with a manse and a competent curtilage shall remain to Stoke church to be assigned by the bishop to a vicar to have the cure of souls there, such vicar to be presented in this and future voidances by the provost and fellows; and apportions between them and the vicar the ordinary and extraordinary charges falling on the said church of Stoke, and payments to be made to Wells Cathedral and the archdeacon of Wells, for the time being, in recom,