He says further that these constitutions were afterwards abused and badly kept by some of the masters, whereby many scandals occurred in the hospital.

And upon this the inquisition is taken, and the jurors say on oath that all these constitutions and many others used to be observed in the hospital, that the hospital was founded long before time of memory, by some king of England, whose name they know not, for the sustenance of thirteen lepers, men and women, a master, being a chaplain, resident and singing mass at his will, and a chaplain singing mass daily for the benefactors of the hospital, which said king gave to the master and lepers as brethren and sisters, and their successors, great possessions of lands for the perpetual support of the said alms, appointed for them a chapter, and a common seal which should remain in the custody of the master, and of two, three or four of the lepers, and ordained that the lepers should always be clad in cloths of russet, and enjoy the aforesaid rules for ever. They say also that those constitutions were observed until by lapse of time the greater part of the lepers died, when, by common consent of the master, brethren and sisters, their places were filled by poor impotent folk under the same rules, that afterwards one Hugh de Morvill, sometime lord of Burgh on Sands, granted to the said master, lepers and poor persons, and their successors very many possessions for the relief of the estate of the hospital, on condition that they should have for ever three poor persons, lepers or others, of the presentation of him and his heirs, receiving from the hospital for life as much yearly as any brother or sister had, should stay therein and be ruled as brethren and sisters; also that the commonality of the city of Carlisle long before the time of memory, granted to the hospital on every Sunday for ever a pottle of ale from each brewhouse of the city and a loaf of bread, price 1d. from each baker exposing bread for sale on Saturday, in return for which the master, brethren and sisters granted that they would receive into the hospital, on the presentation of the mayor and commonality, all the lepers in the city, by virtue of which grants the said Hugh and his heirs and the commonality of the city have possessed the right to present lepers and other poor persons to the hospital down to the present time; that it has been the custom that when any would give goods for the sustenance of a brother or sister in the hospital, he or she should be received into the hospital as such, and if any one should be received in any other manner or other sustenance granted to any one there, it should be held as null; that it was appointed at the foundation of the hospital that the master as well as the brethren and sisters should common together within the precinct of the hospital in form aforesaid, saving this, that the master might appoint a temporary vice-gerent if he had to attend to business of the hospital elsewhere; that the hospital from the time of its foundation was well and sufficiently kept by the master according to the rules and constitutions aforesaid, until the beginning of the war between England and Scotland; at which time it was partially destroyed and impoverished by the war, wherefore it was arranged between Richard Oriell, then master, and the brethren and sisters that each of the brethren and sisters should receive yearly from the hospital by the hands of the master for sustenance two skips of barley, two skips of oats, two skips of oat flour, three strikes of wheat, if there was wheat enough from the wainage of the hospital, and if not, as much as could be reasonably had, according to his portion, two cart and two wagon loads of wood, a portion