Memoranda 15 and 14—cont.

attornment of the free tenants, to wit thirty-seven, and John went back to the abbey before the ninth hour on the Sunday and asked several persons how Henry was and was told that he was already dead as between the third and ninth hour, and this was commonly said and is the truth as he believes.

Ralph de Riddeford sworn and examined says that on Friday the vigil of St. Andrew, 16 Edward III, he came to the chamber of the said Henry in the abbey and found him sitting in his bed, being of good and sound memory, who told the said Ralph that he would in a short time make him a rich man for he would enfeoff him with John de Brynhill, Robert de Yerdeburgh and Adam Trewe of his manor of Cokeryngton, and he asked him to enfeoff the abbot of Louth Park and his successors for ever of the manor for the augmentation of divine worship in the abbey, but he asking leave of Henry went away immediately and was not present at the sealing of the deed of feoffment, but he came on the Sunday in the morning to the manor when several tenants freely attorned to him and the other feoffees and he says again that Henry was of good memory up to the point of his death, which took place on that Sunday as between the third and sixth hour.

Robert de Yerdeburgh the younger, sworn and examined, says that on Thursday before St. Andrew, 16 Edward III, he went to the abbey of Louth Park to have speech with Henry le Vavasour, whose steward at Cokeryngton he was, who was lying there sick, and with Constance, wife of the said Henry, whom he had met on the way, came to the chamber of Henry, who said to him "Welcome, Robert" and after speech between them he went away and came back on Friday in the morning, and Henry said to him "I have now disposed to enfeoff you, John de Brynhill, Ralph de Riddeford and Adam Trewe of Alvyngham of my manor of Cokeryngton that you may enfeoff the abbot of Louth Park thereof for the augmentation of the abbey by ten monks to celebrate divine service there for the souls of me and my wife and my ancestors and successors for ever. I will, however, that you grant to me and Constance, my wife, and Roger, our son, a rent of 100 marks yearly for life, provided that, after my death and the death of my wife, the said Roger shall have 20 marks yearly only for his life, and in case any of my heirs presume to dispute this my ordinance, I will make a quit-claim to John de Rishre, knight, and his heirs of all the lands which he holds of me for life, which you can sell to maintain a plea and so my heir shall lose both one and the other. And I will that the abbot make me an obligation of 1,000L. to be paid if he do not fulfil this my will within two years. Wherefore I will that you go and order these things with the counsel of the abbot." And Robert withdrew and did so. And afterwards, on St. Andrew, Henry about the ninth hour, sitting in bed, caused to be called before him the said John, Adam Trewe and Robert himself, with several others, he being of good and sound memory, and caused the said deed to be read and a letter of attorney made to William Punchard, William Dase and Ingelram de Tathewell for delivery of seisin of the manor in form aforesaid, and made him seal the deed and letter, the said Constance bringing a girdle with the seal of the said Henry, and the abbot sealed the obligation of 1,000L. and Constance took it. And Henry made him, John de Brynhill and Adam swear to fulfil the promise faithfully, and charged them to be quick about it, Constance also asking the same, who going away took seisin of the manor by livery of the