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which said men ought to take from the lord of the manor for their work in autumn three carts laden with corn, to wit two carts of oats and one cart of barley, services whereby their ancestors held their tenements in the time of William the Conqueror and have ever since held the same until the manor came into the seisin of the abbot. Now the abbot requires of them other services, customs and villein services, to wit to carry his hay and tailiaging them in high and low, and taking from them 'merchet' for marriage of their sons and daughters, and taking from them 2 heriet at his will and grievously distrains them for these services. Wherefore on Monday after St. Gregory the Pope in the present year, at Norwich, in the presence of Richard Roche, Roger Godesman and others they held out to the abbot a royal prohibition against taking other customs and services from them than, &c. but he spurning the prohibition distrains them to their damage of 1,000l. The abbot says that he ought not to answer because they are his villeins. Therefore let the book called 'Domesday' be searched. And because it is found therein that in the time of King Edward earl R. the elder (cettus) held the manor of Acle, it is manifest that the men thereof are not of the ancient demesne of the crown. Therefore it is adjudged that the abbot go without day and the men be in mercy for their false claim.

Aug. 4. Windsor.

Pardon to Geoffrey le Irishe of the king's suit for the death of John le Erberer of Fynesbury, as it appears by the record of William Scot and his fellows, justices appointed to deliver Neugate gaol, that he killed him in self defence.

Aug. 20. Windsor.

Inscriptions and confirmation of an indenture of lease by brother John, prior of Lewes, and the convent of that place to Walter de Croe, 'chivaler,' and John, his brother, parson of the church of Spoofforde, of the manors of Carleton and Willyingham, co. Cambridge, and the advowsons of the churches of Carleton and Willyingham, to hold in survivorship at the rent of two grains of wheat in each of the first twenty years, to be paid at Michaelmas and Easter, and then if they will keep the same on 20l. the lessees agreeing that if such last named rent be ever in arrear the prior and convent may re-enter upon the premises saving to Walter and John their chattels therein and their easements of houses to store their crops and chattels there until Midsummer following, they rendering nothing for such easements. And the prior and convent grant that if the lessees die within the said twenty years their executors or assigns shall retain the premises until the end of that term, rendering as above, and the lessees will at their own charges keep up all buildings with timber from the woods of the manors, and will commit no waste save only for housbote, haybote, carts, ploughs and other necessaries. Dated in the chapter of the prior and convent at Lewes, 12 July 1346.

By fine of 40s. Cambridge.

Aug. 28. Windsor.

Writ of aid directed to lords, masters and mariners of ships bringing wines to the ports of Sandwich, Faverstham, Dover and Hethe, merchants of the same wines and others in favour of Benedict Taverner of Sandwich, whom Thomas de College, king's yeoman, has deputed in those posts as his substitute in his office of ganger of wines in England, during pleasure of the said Thomas.

In like manner Richard Mareschal is appointed to supply the place of the said Thomas in the ports of Suthampton, Lymynton, Hamele, Hamelechok, Portsmouth, Ciestre, Newehavene, Hemelesworth, Facham, Boseham and Hurst.