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granted to him and his successors, archdeacons of Lincoln, by Gilbert Umfraville, earl of Angos, for observing his yearly obit in Lincoln cathedral, and touching the distribution of the 4 marks yearly payable therefor to the chapter from the issues of the said manor, viz. to the canons present through the whole service 30s. to the vicars 10s., to the poor clerks 2s., to the choristers 2s. to the clerk of the chapter 6d., to the sacrist chaplain 6d. to his clerk 3d., to the lay sacrist 3d., to the bell-ringers 12d. to the chaplains of the canons and celebrant chaplains, not vicars, habited and taking part in the office 4s., and to those distributing and celebrating the mass of the obits 2s. 10d., and after the death of Matilda, wife of the said earl, such obits to be celebrated together on the same day, payment of the 4 marks being made the day before; from the residue of the issues of the manor there shall be given ½d. daily to twelve poor inmates of the house of St. Giles without Lincoln for their food, and 4s. yearly for their clothing, needy ministers and servants of the said church and canons not able to work being received therein and preferred to other poor. Sir Richard is to place twelve therein, who may only be removed for just cause, when their places must be filled by him within eight days or after his death by the dean and chapter. If the archdeaconry be at any time void or occupied by any one not living in England, the dean and chapter are to receive the issues of the manor, keep it up and maintain all charges aforesaid thereon.

(2.) Letters patent dated 9 November, 4 Richard II. being a licence for the alienation in mortmain by the said earl to the said archdeacon of the manor aforesaid [styled Great Stretton], for building a mansion.*

(3.) Indenture tripartite dated at Kyme, Thursday the feast of St. John the Evangelist, 4 Richard II. whereby the said earl in accordance with the foregoing licence alienates the said manor to the said archdeacon subject to the yearly rent of 20l. payable to the earl during life, and ½d. daily to twelve poor within the said house of St. Giles and 4s. yearly for clothing, after the earl’s death, for finding a chaplain, nominee of the earl or the lord of the manor of Kyme for the time being, to celebrate divine service in the chapel of St. Nicholas, Dokdyke, for the good estate of the king, the earl and Matilda, his wife, and for the souls of the late king and the late queens Philippa and Isabella and others, paying the said chaplain 10 marks yearly, with power for the archdeacon for the time being, in default of nomination by the earl or the lord of Kyme within fifteen days of the death or resignation of the chaplain, to appoint a chaplain; and whereby the said archdeacon agrees to have the obits of the earl and his wife due; observed every year in the choir of Lincoln cathedral with placebo, dirige, mass of requiem and bell-ringing, and to pay the ministers officiating 2 marks yearly. (Covenants provide for distress in case of arrears and a penalty of 100s. for non-performance of the obits payable to the dean and chapter, and there is a like proviso as above in case the archdeaconry be void or filled by a non-resident.) Witnesses: Robert de Wylughby, lord of Eresby, Ralph de Cromewelle, John de Rocheford, William Haulay, knights, and Thomas de Thymelby, sheriff of Lincoln;

* In the preceding Volume, p. 556.