



Inquisition

Durrington

Gilbert Chynne and others for the Prioress, etc., of Amesbury. 1299.

Inquisition made at New Sarum on Monday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 27 Edward I [1299], by the oath of Thomas de Beauvieer, Richard de la Chambre, John de Neyvill, John Michel, Henry le Templer, John Louuer, Henry de Mundayne, Robert le Cumyner, Peter de Andeuere, Hugh le Nhug, John Bishop, Elias le Wympler, Stephen Regal, and John de Brytford, who say that

It is not to the damage or prejudice of the King if he should grant to the Prioress and nuns of Ambresbyr' that they may hold to them and their successors according to the form of the enfeoffments for ever one messuage in New Sarum, which they acquired to themselves in the said city by the enfeoffment of Gilbert Chynne, and one messuage in the same city which they acquired by the feoffment of Peter, formerly Bishop of Exeter, except in this only, that in the time of a vacancy the King has the custody of the said city because the Bishop holds the said city of the King in chief; and if there shall happen an escheat of the said messuages in the time of the vacancy, which rarely or never happens, because the tenants of the said messuages hold the same to them and their heirs, and may, according to the custom of the said liberty, alienate those messuages to whosoever they shall wish, saving nevertheless to the said Prioress and nuns certain rents coming therefrom yearly, and to the Bishop, the chief lord of the said city, the rents and all other services due therefor; neither from henceforth can it be to the prejudice of the Bishop of Sarum, the chief lord, as the said Prioress and nuns have peacefully held the said messuage which they acquired from Gilbert Cheynne for the last 16 years and more, and the messuage which they have of the feoffment of Peter, Bishop of Exeter, for the last 25 years and more ; nor to the damage of the city, because the said tenants are geldable with the other citizens in all manner of tallages and aids to the King, the Bishop, or the commonalty of the said city in what way soever emerging. The said Gilbert Chynne and Peter the Bishop had no other lands as they recollect which may happen to their heirs. The said tenements are held of the Bishop of Sarum for 6s. 8d., and in 2 suits at 2 law days by the year. The said messuage that was of Gilbert Cheynne is bound in 20s. of silver of yearly pension to the church of Mellebyre', and is worth per annum, clear, 40s. The messuage that was of Peter, formerly Bishop of Exeter, is worth per annum, clear, one mark of silver.

The Prioress of Ambresbury.

Writ dated at Westminster, 2dn August, 27 Edward I [1299].

The King to the sheriff of Wilts, commanding him to enquire whether it be to the damage of the King or others if the (the King) should grant to the Prioress and nuns of Ambresbury that they may hold to themselves and their successors, according to the form of the feoffments for ever, one messuage and one virgate of land in Duryngton, which they acquired by the feoffment of Robert Goiun, and one messuage and the moiety of one virgate of land in Induryngton by the feoffment of Ermesuis de Durynton, after the statute published concerning lands and tenements not put to mortmain, or not, etc., etc.

Inquisition made before the sheriff of Wilts at Ambum (?), on Monday next after the feast of St. Michael, 27 Edward I [1299], by the oath of John Mychel, Henry le Templer, Robert le Frankeleyn, William Beyschyn, John Lower, Richard de Middleston, William Sylle, Henry Trussehavre, Robert Mychel, Richard Bratholomeu, Henry le Yreys, and John de Bottokesham, who say that

One messuage and one virgate of land in Duryngton, which the said Prioress has of the gift of Robert Goion, is held in chief of John de Neville by the service of 5s., and moreover, is worth per annum 10s. It is not to the damage of the country, because the residue demised to the heirs of the said Robert Goion suffices to do the customs and services which the said Robert was wont to do. One messuage and the moiety of one virgate of land in Hynduryngton, which the said Prioress and nuns have of the feoffment of Ernesius de Duryngton, are of the fee of the said Prioress, and held of the same by the service of 5s. by the year, and moreover it is worth yearly 5s. The heir to the said Ernesius has sufficient to do the customs and services, so that there is no damage of any other.

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