



INQUISITION

Salisbury

Concerning the repairs of the Bridge of Sarum

Writ dated at Clarendon 21st December, 52 Henry III [1267].

The King commanded his justices in eyre at Wilton diligently to enquire whether the Abbess of Shafton ought to repair and was wont to repair a certain bridge and gate within the Castle of Sarum.

Inquisition made by the oath of John de Bathampton, William le Droys, Sampson de la Boxe, Ralph de Pauleshunte, Warand de Bluntesdon, Stephen de Britmerston, John Aucher, Jordan de Lauerkestok, Geoffrey House, William le Boteler, William Aufrey of Old Sarum, Peter de Kingesmelne, William de Puttleton, and Henry le Dun, who say that:

William Long espeye Earl of Sarum in the time of the war, to wit, in the time of King John, father of the King that now is, who then held the Castle of Sarum, then for the first time distrained Mary, the Abbess of Shafton, once, viz., to repair the said bridge.

They also say that:

Nicholas de Lustrestnull, during the time that he was sheriff of Wilts, distrained once in the time of the vacancy of the said abbey to repair the said bridge, and took by that distraint from the said house of Shafton 100s. And the Jurors being asked whether the said Abbess or her church of Shafton has any land, rent, or tenements by reason that they are held to repair the said bridge or gate, say No.

Chan. Inq. P.m., 52 Henry III, No. 24.