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ENGLISH MISCELLANIES.

I. AN ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN A REMARKABLE CASE OF ADULTERATION AT YORK.

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IN ye name of God, Amen. Yt ys to hafe in mynde yat 1428. whare yar* ys a Constitucion in ye crafte of Girdelers in ye cite of York, yat name of yat crafte wirke any lede amang other metaill, bot yf yt be in souldour, for deceyvyng of ye kyng'ys people, of perill of a certayn Payne, apon thys ane of ye Sercheours, sworn of ye sayd crafte, come befor John Aldstanemor, Mair of ye kynge's cite of Yorke, and other many, and be ye vertu of hys athe he present in a forfeit of John Fysshe girdeler, made in hys crafte, for stuthes of xxxij gyrdels of menged metaill agayn ye ordenaunce of hys crafte, and in deceyvyng of ye kynge's people, ye whilk John Fysshe, impeached befor ye Mair of yis trespassse, sayd yat he boght yat metaill of yase stuthes of John Lyllyng, whilk was proved and founden fals, for tin and lede was menged togedyr; and, wyth thys, grete rumour sprang in the people, yat yar was in cite of York now makers and utterers of fals osmundes, and yat Burn, smyth in Bouthum, and John Holgate, marsshall in the suburbe of Walmegate in York, suld make yam. And so John Burn come before ye sayde Mayr, and be hys athe, made opon the haly Evangill, he sayde yat he cutted abouthe xxvj peces of fals Inglysh iryn of John Lyllyng of York mercer, at ye byddyng of hym, and made yam in shappe of osmundes, and als he sayd he wold

* The y represents the so-called thorn letter, which is generally used in this document.

noght hafe had a pece of yam for a nother wyrkyng, and yay war made to blend with gude osmundes.

And ye sayd John Holgate come befor the sayd Mayr, and he, sworn apon a buke, sayd yat John Lyllyng sent hym with hys awen cariage iij^c & di. of landyren, and iiij^c and mo peces of fals drosseyren, every hundredth of vj^{xx} peces, to make in osmundes to menge with other, for ye whilk ye sayd John Holgate when he had wrought, he sayd he wald noght hafe gyfen iij d. for iiij stane of yam. He sayd, forther mar, yat the sayd John Lyllyng delyvered hym a osmund to make all other of the same shappe.

Item ye sayd John Lyllyng, when he was first examined of thys mater, he wald hafe sworn apon a buke befor ye sayd Mayr and other, had noght Thomas Bracebrygg counseld hym nay and lettid hym, yat he gart make bot xxvj peces, nor yat had na ma fals osmundes in hys house. And than ye sayd Mayr, after ye custume of ye cite, sent to ye Sercheours of ye Iremangers of the cite of York yat John Stertavant Esquier, the Mayr Sergeant, and thay suld wend in to ye house of the sayd John Lyllyng to serche what osmundes he had with in hym at yat tyme ; and so, att ye commandment of ye Mayr, yai yode, and serched, and yai fand yar ij barels of new made osmundes of drosse menged with gude osmundes, and other fals osmundes oute of barells. And the Mayr sent of yam to smyths to se be yayr crafte if yai war abill to putt in werk, and yar yai myght noght abyde ye hamer, bot brake in small peces. And also yai fand certaine smale peces multen tyn menged with other metall, als wele is to shewe in ye chambre.

And, after this, come William Kyam of York merchaunt, and sayd to ye sayd Mayr and other that he was late at Hull, and come to John Bower stathe, and thar John Bower proferd to sell hym a laste of osmundes, and yar this William Kyam saw ij barells of osmundes market with ye marke of John Lyllyng, and he tuke uppe ye heued of a barell and yt semed gude abouen, and he opend ye heued of ye other barell and yt was bot drosse in pecys, and he come to John Bower and told hym lyke als he fand, and John Bower sayd hym yat he had sald sex barells of John Lyllyng's of yat same sorte, every barell for xij s.

Here apon, in ye Vigill of Peter and Paule Apostells, in ye
yer of ye regne of Kyng Henre Sext after ye Conqueste fyft,
the sayd John Lyllyng come befor ye sayd John Aldestanemore
Mayr of York, Richard Russell newly Mayr of ye Staple and
Calyse, William Bowes, John of Moreton, Thomas Gare, Henre
Preston, Thomas Esyngwald, Thomas Bracebryg, William
Ormesheued, Piers Bukcy, John Bolton, Aldermen, Guy Rou-
clyff Recorder, William Gryllyngton ane of ye Shirrefes,
Thomas Doncastre, Geffray Sauvage, Robert Yarom, Th.
Snawden, John Lofthouse, John Gascoyngne, Thomas Aton,
Thomas Kyrham, William Bedall, William Gaytesheued, Thomas
Davy, William Craven of ye xxiiij, and thar he was impeched
of forgeyng of fals osmundes of drosse and of landyren, and of
uttering of yam in foule deceyte and ryght grete harme of ye
kynge's people, and ryght gret skaundre of ye cite of York,
and agayne ye course of trewe marchandise; and to thys he
answerd and sayd yat he perceyved wele yat iren waxed skant
and dere, and he had mykyll with in hym of dross and land-
iren; and tharfor he gart forge yt in shapp of osmundes for
uttering of his iren so into Iseland and so he gart yarof, als
he graunted, ix^{xx} peces & xij, and uttered many of yam at
Hull and oyer places: and for this defaute he submit hym to
abyde and fulfill ye jugement of ye Mayr and ye Counsell of ye
chambre; and be ye avyse of ye Mayr and ye befor sayd
Consell yt was awarded yat John Lyllyng suld fynd seurte of
v^c marke yat he suld abyde thaward of ye Mayr an ye
Counseyll of ye chambre what tyme he war warned for tres-
passes abouensayd, als fer als fell to yair power or auctorite.
And apon yis John Gascoigne and William Bedale become
pleges and seurte for ye sayd John Lyllyng, yat he suld abyde
and fulfill ye awarde of ye Mayr and ye Counsell what tyme he
was warned. And als for a parcell of yair jugement and yair
awarde at yat tyme, yai charged ye sayd John Lyllyng yat fra
yan furth he suld bere ye kynge's pease to John Holgate
mersshall and John Bron smyth abouensayd, wham he thret
with bodily harme, for yai bar recorde agayne hym, and to all
ye kynge's people, of Payne of v^c marke, to be raysed of ye
landes and tenementes of ye sayd John Lyllyng, to ye oeps of

our soverayne lorde ye kyng, yf he did any thyng agayne ye kynge's pease yat myght be proved apon hym lawfully in tyme comyng. And, over this, ye sayd Mayr and ye Counsell of ye sayd cite discharged ye said John Lyllyng of ye Counsell of the chambre, and of hys fredom of franchise of ye cite, and charged hym yat he suld noght occupy in bying nor in sellyng als a concitezin, bot als a straunger, nor yat he suld hald na shopp of his opyn within ye fraunce of ye cite unto ye tyme yat ye Mayr and ye Counsell of ye chambre war in oyer maner avysed, and yat all hys fals osmundes in his house suld be broght in to ye chambre of counsell of ye sayd cite.

And wyth yis ye sayd John Lyllyng was accused and noysed amang mercers and other men, yat girdelers of ye citee had in thar houses fals tyn mengyd wyth other metaill yat was boght of hym, and so the Sercheours of ye Girdelers of yis cite, be commandement of ye Mayr, serched, be vertu of yair office, after ye custume of ye cite, and yai fand in yair crafte certayn peces in shappe and fourme of harowes, multen of tyn & lede and pewtre to gedir, yat was selled for clene tyn, agayne course of clene marchandise, whilk was boght of John Lyllyng, and yase peces yai broght to ye Mayr in to ye chambre, and yat was wele funden and proved y^t John Lyllyng had salde mykell swylk deceyvable tyn to bellemakers in to ye cuntry and other men, whar' thurgh ye cite was gretely greved, scandered, and yai harmed.

And her' apon ye sayd John Lyllyng was examynd befor' John Aldestanemore Mair', Richard Russell, William Bowes, John Moreton, Thomas Gar', Henry Preston, Thomas Bracebrygg, William Ormesheued, Piers Bukcy, aldermen, Guy Rouclif recordour, John Bromflet, William Grillyngton, shirrefs, John Hewik, Thomas Doncastre, Thomas More, Thomas Snawdon, Robert Yarom, Th. Davy, Thomas Aton, Thomas Kyrkham, William Bedale, William Gaytesheued, John Gascoigne, William Craven, Richard Louthe of ye xxiiij^{or}, ye last day of Juyll, in ye yer' of ye kyng beforsayde, bathe of fals osmundes makyng and utteryng, & castyng of fals tyn menged with lede and pewer', and sellyng of yt deceyvably for gude tyn to girdelers and to bellemakers and other persons, and to yis

poyntes John Lyllyng sayd yat he bad John Holgate mersshall make hym ploghstrakes of drosse and landyren yat he sent hym and na osmundes, and yat John Holgate, beyng thar' present befor ye sayd Mair' and Counsell in presence of John Lyllyng, swor' apon a buke and sayd yat John Lyllyng bad hym yat he suld make hym osmundes of ye drosse and landyren yat he sent hym and na plughstrakes, and delyvered hym a osmund to make yam aft', and the same John Holgate sayd yat ye same day he was arrested John Lyllyng come unto hym and promped hym, and bad hym sayd yat he cutt hym bot a hundredth of landyren yat he sent hym, and bot yf he sayd so he myght na langer abyde in ye sayd citee, and yat this was trew ye sayd John Holgate proferd to prove yt wyth hys handes apon John Lyllyng, yf he wald agaynesay this. And so John Lyllyng, seand yat he myght na langer be ryght deny nor defend this mater na langer, he knawleged and graunted his trespass of forgeyng and utteryng of fals osmunds and castyng of fals tyn, in deceyvyng and harmyng of ye kynge's people, and singuler lucre to hym self, and ryght grete sclander to ye said cite, lyked als yt is reherced befor; and in hegh and lawe he submyt hym to ye grace and awarde of ye Mayr and Counsell of ye chambre how yai wald ordayne hym to do for all his trespass reherced abouen; And so ye Mayr and ye Counsell of ye chambre, consideryng ye law submission of ye sayd John Lyllyng, yat tha tuke hym to yair grace in all poyntes yat pertiend to yair power and auctoryte, and yarfor John Lyllyng prayed ye Mayr and ye Consell yat yai wald hafe hym fro open shame and velany, and restor hym to hys franchise of ye cite, and asked what yai wald aske hym yar for; and yt was answerd by yat yai wald aske hym no peny. And yan John Lyllyng tuke avysement, and of his free and propre will he prayed yam yat yai wald vouchesaufe to restor hym to hys fredom of ye cite, and take of hym yarfor c li. to ye oeps and profet of ye co'alte of ye cite, and, if yt lyket yam to take yat of hym, he wald hald hym ryght wele content, and yat yai wald be gude lordes, maisters, and frendes to hym; and whar yai myght be custum of ye cite hafe brynte his fals chafer openly in syght of ye people, to his overe mykell shame and reprove, yai takyng tendyr hede to ye lawly

submission and his besy prayers, yai restor hym agayne to his franchises for c li. yat he proferd, wyth yis yatyf any girdeler, or any oyer man compleynd of hym for any fals osmundes, or fals tyn, or any oyer fals marchandise, yat he had sald yam, yat he suld accord wyth yam and make yam amendes ; and ye Mayr hyght hym yat yf he wald lait yam wytt to helpe to trete wyth yam to make end, yf any compleyned of hym : and ye same John Lyllyng was charged to send all ye fals osmundes and fals tyn yat was in his house at yat tyme in to ye chambre, and so he sent in ij barels of fals osmundes, and sythen was funden half a duzan fals tyn of ye same John Lyllyng in handes of ye shirrefs whilk are brogh into ye chambre.

Forthermar', ye sayd John Lyllyng was noysed yat he suld hafe blended plaster or lyme amang his alom, and so sold yt furth deceyvabily to lytsters, and, in especial, to John Kyrkby and Robert Dowfe, lytsters of York, and so yai war' sent for and examynyd of yis mater ; and John Kyrkby sayd yat he boght of John Lyllyng a porcion of alom, and fand yar' in lyke als yt had beyn plaster and lyme, and if he had wrogh yt in yat kynd yt suld hafe brynt oute his lede bothom, of ye whilk plaster and lyme a sample ys redy in ye chambre to shew.

And Robert Dowfe lytster sais yat he boght of John Lyllyng a c alom, and he syfted oute of yt half a bushell of plaster and lyme and kest yt away for yt wald hafe brynt his lede and he had wroght yt.

And also yar ar in ye chambre xxxijj girdils harnassed as fals tyne, agains ye ordenance of ye Girdelers, ye whilk tyn was boght of John Lyllyng for clene tyn a gude als ys rehersid befor' ; and when John Lyllyng was examynid and blamed for yat fals tyn, he answerd and sayd he boght yt of a man in London in ye same kynde, and yar' he was asked of what man of London he boght yt, he sayd he wist noght what his name was ; and so he was counseld and biddyn noght to sclandyr in na maner bot say fully ye treuthe and let for na shame, and yan he submytt hym, als ys reherced abouen.

And after y^t, ye xij day of August, ye yer abouen sayde, John Aldestanemor' Mayr, Ric' Russell, John Moreton, Thomas Esyngwald, Th. Bracebryg, Piers Bukcy, John Bolton, aldermen,

John Hewyt, Thomas Doncastre, Th. More, Robert Yarum, Thomas Aton, William Bedall, William Craven, John Dodington, of xxiiij, John Bronnflete and William Stillyngton shirrefs, and John Pygott man of law wythalden of ye counsell of ye chambre, war gedird to ye chambre, and yar att yat tyme come Maistre John Selow chanon residencier of ye kyrk of Yorke, Maistre John Carleton, Th. Haselay clerk of ye crown, and Robert Manfeld marsshall in ye kynge's hostell, and yar made grete instance and prayers to ye Mair and gude men to doo ease and favor to ye sayd John Lyllyng, at ye reverence of our soverane lady ye quene, and of ye archibisshopp of York, wham ye quene had spoken to first, and sythen writen unto for yat same mater, and als at ye reverence of ye Lord Beaumont, whilk had writen to Maister John Selowe to pray in his name for ease of ye sayd John Lyllyng, and yar' ye Mairr and ye gudemen abouen sayd gaf yam to answer yat yis mater touched all ye gude men of ye consell of ye chambre, and ye coialte of yis citee, and many of ye consell of ye chambre at yat tyme war absent, with oute wham yai myght gif yam nane answer at yt tyme, and yar for yai wald gedir to gedir mare fully ye Counsell of ye citee, and gif yam an answer, and yat yai suld send upon Monday next folowyng certen gude men of ye chambre to Cawod, to common with ye archibishop for yis mater, and be his consell and ye consell of ye citee yai suld so doo yat our soverrayn lady ye quene, and ye archibisshopp, and y^e Lord Beaumont, and Haseley suld well understand, and for y^t yair praiers suld stand John Lyllyng to availl.

And yan, in ye Vigil of ye Assumpcion of our Lady, ye yer beforesayd, John Aldestonemor Mair, Richardus Russell, John Moreton, Thomas Gare, Thomas Esyngwalde, Thomas Bracebrig, Piers Bukcy, John Bolton, aldermen, Guy Rouclyf recordour, John Bromflete, William Gril[ing]ton shirrefs, John Hewyk, Thomas Doncastre, Thomas More, Gefferay Sauvage, Thomas Snaudon, Robert Yarum, John Loftehouse, John Gascoigne, Thomas Aton, William Craven, Th. Kyrkeham, John Louthe, John Warde, William Bedale, William Gaytesheued, Ric' Louth of ye numbre of xxiiij, Thomas Gare ye yonger, Richard Russell, Nicholas Usflete, chambirlanes, and Thoinas

Ward, war assembled her' in the chambre, and yar Thomas Haseley, clerke of the crown, and Robert Manfeld, be fore sayd, made grete instance and prayers eftesones for ease of the sayd John Lyllyng, and yat mater was putt in respite to that tyme.

And yan, apon ye morn of ye feste of ye Assumpcion of oure Ladye next after, yar' was gedyrde in ye chambre, John Aldestanemore Mayre, Richard Russell, William Bowes, John of Moreton, Thomas Gare, Henry Preston, Thomas Esyngwald, Thomas Bracebryg, Piers Bukcy, John Bolton, aldermen, John Pygot man of lawe, John Brounflete, William Grillyngton, shirrefs, John Hewyk, Thomas Doncastre, Thomas More, Geffray Sauvage, Thomas Snaudon, Robert Yarum, John Gascoigne, William Craven, Thomas Aton, Thomas Kyrkeham, William Bedale, William Gaytesheued, John Warde, Richard Louth, of the numbre of xxiiij, and yar befor yam come ye beforsayd John Lyllyng, and in yar presence and Haseley's the clerke of the croun and Robert Manfeld, cosyn to ye same John Lyllyng, he knawleged and, witht oute distresse or fere done to hym in worde or in dede, he wilfully and openly confessed yat he was gylty and coulpabyll of all ye trespassse abouen sayd yat he was impeched of befor, and for yas trespassse he besought ye Maire and ye gude men of ease of his paymentz, and yar [and] yan he was asked yf he couth or wald say or compleyne yat the Mair and ye Counsell of the chambre had done hym any wrong in yis matiers, and he sayd nay, nor yat he couth noght, nor wald noght say yat ye Mair and ye Consell of the chambre had done hym any manere of wrang in yis matiere, bot y^t he is wele paied of all yat yai had done ; and so ye sayd John Lyllyng was voided ; and yan Thomas Haseley and Robert Manfeld made grete prayers for lessenyng of ye sumes of ye paymentz of ye sayd John Lyllyng. And her apon avyce taken, yt was gifен yam for answer at yat tyme yat ye Mair and ye gude men sulde send certeyn men of ye chambre to the archibisshopp vnto Cawod on Monday yan nexte commyng to commone with hym in yis mater, and take his consell and avys yar in ; and, after yat, yai suld so doo yat the parties yat melled for John Lyllyng suld hald yam plesed. And her apon yai chesed Richard Russell, Thomas Bracebryg, aldermen, Gui Rouclyff, recordour, William

Craven, Thomas Aton, to wend to Cawod for yat cause to commone w^t ye archibisshopp on Monday yan next folowyng; and in ye mene tyme ye Mair and ye gude men war enfourmed yat yat Monday ye archibisshopp myght noght be at Cawod for other occupacions yat he had to doo utteward, and yerfor he assigned yam ye Wednesday next after to be befor hym at Cawod. At the whylk Wednesday Richard Russell and oyer persones next befor nevend, yay war at Cawod for yis mater, and yai war thar honorabely receyved be the archibisshopp, and command wyth him of ye maters abouen sayd; apon whylk commonyng, when yai come hame, was done afterwarde als her fast folowys.

The xxj day of August, ye yer of the kyng befor sayd fifte, John Aldestanemor Maire, Richard Russell, William Bowes, John of Moreton, Henry Preston, Thomas Eysyngewald, Thomas Bracebryg, Piers Bukcy, John of Bolton, aldermen, Guy Rouclif recordour, John Brounplete, William Grillyngton, shirrefs, John Hewyk, Thomas Mor, John Waghen, Robert Yarum, John Gascoigne, William Craven, Thomas Aton, Thomas Kyrkeham, William Bedale, William Gaytesheued, John Warde, of the xxiiij, war assembled her in the chambre of Counsell, whar ye sayd Richard Russell, Thomas Bracebryg, Guy Rouclif, William Craven and Thomas Aton declared yar commynge to Cawod, and ye fourme of yar commynge yar wyth to the archebisshopp, and of yar departyng fra hym. And apon yis declaracion made, ye Consell of ye chambre tuke yar avyse what yam semed and lykyd best to do in yis mater, and yar ye Mair and ye Consell tenderli considred ye lettres and prayers of our soveran lady ye quene, whilk sho had sent to ye archebisshopp for John Lyllyng, and ye bysy prayers of ye archebisshopp, als of Haseley and Robert Manfeld, yai assented yat ane obligacion of ye said John Lyllyng and of John Gascon of xl marc, whylke suld hafe ben payed at ye fest of Seint Hillare next commynge, and also an obligacyon of a statute merchant of fyfe hundredreth mark, in ye whilk ye forsayd John Lyllyng was bundon to Richard Russell, William Bowes and to oyer, to be payed at ye fest of Michelmes yan next folowyng, and a defesance made yer apon yat ye sayd John Lyllyng fra yan furth suld be of gude governaunce and trew in all hys bying

and hys sellyng wyth outen any gylory, fraude, or deceyt, als
 falleȝ a trew merchaunt to doo and by and sell after treu course
 of merchantdyse, suld be delyverd to Haseley and Robert
 Manfelde, and so John Lyllyng be quyt of yam. And her apon
 even furth wyth yais ij obligacions and ye defesance was taken
 and delyverd to Haseley and Robert Manfeld and cancelled,
 and yai thanked ye Mayr and all ye gudemen hertly for y^t yay
 had done be reverence of ye quene's prayers and ye archi-
 bishopp, and yairs, and behight sothely yat yai suld make
 relacion to ye quene, and yai suld wele see and knawe yat ye
 quene sulde thanke yam yerfor in tyme comyng. And her apon
 John of Bolton, alderman, at his first commyng fra ye parle-
 ment, delyvered a lettre fra ye quene to ye Mair, in ye whilk
 lettre sho thanked ye Mair and all ye gudemen of yis citee of
 ease and favour yai had shewed at the reverence of hir prayer
 to John Lyllyng, mercer of York, etc.

'Vnto his wirshipfull Mair, and ye Aldermen, and all ye
 wirshipfull Counsell of ye cite of York shewes, if it lyke vn to
 youre wirshipfull and wyse discrecion, your concitezin, John
 Lyllyng, yat it was never my wyll forto offend ne forto attempte
 any thyng yat langeȝ to yis wirshipfull cite; and, wirshipfull
 sires, what at has bene done or sayd touchyng my person it
 is noght vn knawen vnto you, bot I put na defaute in nane yat
 langes to yis wirshipfull citee, ne noght wyll, bot neveryles
 ye charge is to me full hevy and grevous forto ber yat is put
 vnto me, after ye grete losses yat I have had and sustened be
 diverses ways, als it is wele knawen to diverses gude men of
 yis cite; whafore I pray you and besekes you for the grete
 mercie of God, yat yhe will deme yis matier after gude con-
 science, and as yhe trow yat God wyll yeroft be most plesed, for
 I am hee that wyll noght offend your wyll, ne your ordinance,
 nor na nother suyte make be fully forto be demed be you in
 hegh and in laghe; besekyng you alway wyth al my hert to be
 gude maisters and frendes to me, and gif me your gude worde
 and to graunt me your gude hertes for the werke of the haly
 charite. In ye witnes of ye whilk thynge, to yis byll I have
 put to my seal; writen ye last day of January, in ye yer of ye
 reigne of Kyng Henri sext after ye conquest of Ingland sext'

II. VERDICTS OF THE SEARCHERS CALLED IN TO DECIDE
ABOUT ENCROACHMENTS, ETC., IN THE CITY OF YORK.

[*From the York City Books.*]

Judicium Scrutatorum de terris et tenementis domus Sancti Leonardi, et Roberti Feriby, ex opposito cimiterii Omnium Sanctorum super Pavimentum, ex parte boriali.

For als mykill als we John Ampilford, John Thorp, masons, William Cunsby and John Mosse, wryghts, sercheours of our craftes wyth in the franchise of York, fyndes that a party of the ferrest post of Robert of Feriby standys on Seint Leonard grunde, and that thar ys a cruke of Robert Feriby grund, fra the prive un to the streleward, and a nother cruke of Seint Leonard's fra abouen the myddilpost un to the thrid post, tharfor we award that fra the sole end of the frunt before in to the streleward, un to the third post on the base stane of Robert of Feriby, be drawen a lyne just, and set just Seint Leonard grunde, after that betwix party and party.—[*Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 173.*]

John Ampilford, John Thorp, masons, William Cunsby and John Mosse, wryghts, sercheours of masons and wryghts in the citee of York, chosen be the assent of partys for to dissevir a grounde of a tenement anent Al Halow Kyrk garth wall on the Pament, betwix the Dene and the Chapitre of the Kyrk of York of the ta party, and the Maistre and the Freres of the Hospitale of Seynt Leonard's of York on the other party, demys that a lyne be drawen fra the fore poste before fra the oute syde of the poste before to the oute syde of the poste behynd of Seynt Leonard's in to thair garthwarde, and set Seynt Leonard wall upon thair awen ground, fra post to post, for we fynde well that the mynster beres the ta syde of Seynt Leonard flore. And we demys that the stane that ys taken doun be departyd in twa, and gyf half un to the ta party and the other half un to other party.

John Ampilford, John of Thorp, William Cunsby, and John Mosse, sercheours of the masons and the wryghtes, chosen be the assent of partys to dyssever ground bitwix the Maister and the Freres of the Hospitall of Seynt Leonard's of York of a party, and Sir John Esyngwald, preste of the chaunterey of Seynt Nicholas in the parysh kyrk of Seynt Trinite in Gothromgate, of the other party, awardes and demys that the postys of the alde house of Seynt Leonard's be set in be tham of Seynt Leonard's, so that a lyne may be layde to the oute syde of the poste of the newe howse of Sir John Esyngwald, and drawen lyne ryght un to the poste of the kylne howse of the same Sir John of hys tenement in Gothromgate.

John Ampilford, John of Thorp, William Cunsby, and John Mosse, serchours of the masons and wryghtes, chosen to dissever grounde in Peseholm betwix Sir Robert Irton, prest of a chaunterey in Seint Savourkirk, and Thomas Duffeld, sonne and ayre un to Richard Duffeld Esquier, demys that the hedge fra the corner of the foresayd Sir Robert house un to Fosse syde be Thomas Duffeld, als the stakes are dryfen ; and that Thomas Duffeld hafe sextene yerdis over thwart of the garthe fra the wall of Sir John Darthington, person of the chaunterey of Seynt Mary Magdalayn in the mynster of York, un to the netherest stake safe ane ; and that the foresayd Sir Robert hafe fra the same stake fyfe yerdis of garth, over thwart un tyll hys awen hedge, that standys on the weste syde.

Sept. 22,
1417.

We, sercheours of the masons and wryghtes of the cite of York, demys that John Hesill shall ga lyne right fra the bak syde of hys post that standys in hys hall hend un to hys sole in hys house that he byggys. And that John of Langton shall set in hys poste fote that Hesyll may hafe rowme ther to lay hys sole, and rayse hys house in North strete.—[*Id.* 177b.]

Fest. S. Maurice, 6th Hen. V.

Oct. 9,
1417.

We, serchours of the masons and the wrightes, demys, for ease

of bathe partyes, to take that stuffe of the gutters of lede that thar ys for the ta party the tane hafe, and for the othere party the other half, and that the water be ledde downe of thair bather coste, fra the thrid poste of the house of Dame Alice Plumpton fra the waterward of Use, be a pype of lede closed wyth a loker, and that for cause that John Talkan walles the forsayd Alice all endelang thurgh and thurgh.—[*Id.* 178a.]

Fest. S. Dennis, 6th Hen. V.

We, serchours of the masons and wryghts of the cite of York, awarde that Thomas Bernard gutter of hys costage betwix his tenement that William Garnet dwellys in, endelyng fra the newe poste of Durant chauntery in Crouce kirk, als ferre als that newe house of that chauntery lastys, and bryng of his coste the watergate overthwarte at the ende of the same newe house, so that the water comme downe in a pipe of lede by the alde poste that standys by the walle of John of Moreton; and that the same Thomas Bernard hafe all the alde stuffe of lede that lay thare before, endelang and overthwart, and y^t the forsayd Thomas walle hys awen house behynd the dese of the hall of the foresayd chauntery for als mykill that the chauntery gutters lyin thare. And also yat the foresayd Thomas make hys pryve fensible als it awe to be.—[*Id.* 178b.]

We, sercheours of the masons and the wryghtes of the citte of York, at the assignement of the Mair, awarde and deme that John of Langton hafe even uppe thurgh oute als mykill ground in breide als he hafes in the frount before at his tenement in the parysh of Seint Laurence wyth oute Walmegate barr in the suburbs of York, that ys in the holdyng of Robert Duffeld, cordewaner, als that tenement and the gardyn lyse thare betwix the grunde of Sir William Ottelay, the maistre of the Trinites' at Fossebryg hende on the a syde, and the grunde of Nicholas Northfolk on the other syde, and buttes apon the kynge's strete of Walmegate before, and on the north felde behynd.—[*Id.* 181a.]

11 Feb.,
1419.

11 Feb., 6th Hen. V.

Feb., 1419. For als mykill als Maister Thomas Haxey, Tresorer of the Cathedrale Kirk of Seint Peter of York, and other Chanons of the same kirk compleyned un to the Meir and un to the gude men of the cite of York that the kynge's dyke betwix Bouthumbarr and Munkbarr was so stopped, that the water myght noght hafe issue, for the whilk defaute a close of the erchebisshope was drowned yerly, and also, diverse tymes, thaire gardyns in the self manere, and also thaire halles and thaire houses of office of som of tham; and than, be the assent of the Meir and the chanons and the gude men thay went bathe the partys to gyder to se the defautes, and when thay had seen the defautes, it was accorded and assented be bathe the partys that the sercheours of the masons and of the wryghtes of this cite of York suld ga and see what were ryght for ayther party; and, apon thys, the sercheours was warned that they suld ga serche and see and do ryght to ayther party, and that thay went and serched, and demed, and awarded that the Tresorer and the person of Seint John kyrk of Pyke gar remove thayre pryves that standys upon the kynge's dyke, and all other also that hafes any pryves standyng thare apon, betwene the barrys beforesayd; and that thay and all other gar clense of thaire costages all the foresayd pryves and rutes, wedys and erthe, that hafes ben casten thar out of thaire gardyns or thayre houses be any of thaire servants, the whilk lettys the water to hafe the ryght issue; and that all dores that opyns apon the dyke be closed, and all the bryggys taken away that na man hafe na entre un to the kynge's walles bot at bathe the endys; and that nane entir, neyther at the endys na ellys whare, to defoule the walles na the motes, bot thay that has taken tham to ferme, the whilke sall kytte the herbage that grewys apon the mote.—[*Id. 181a.*]

Ult. Feb. 6, Hen. V.

Judicium Johannis Ampilford, Johannis Thorp, Willelmi Cunesby, et Johannis Mosse, scrutatorum cementariorum et carpentariorum Ebor., redditum xxx^{mo} die Maii anno regni regis Henrici Quinti septimo.

May 22,
1419. We awarde that a lyne be drawen lyneyght, thre inches wyth in the poste of John Brynnand, that standes to the strete-

ward, un to the myddys of William of Seleby poste, that standys at the ende of the werkhouse, and that twa postes of John Brynnand be set in of hys coste by Tyseday nexte, that ys fled once, so that William of Seleby may rayse up hys howe besyde hym, als custume and maner ys in the cite of York.—
[*Id.* 182*b.*]

We sercheours of the masons and of the wryghts of the citee of York, awarde that William Acom wryght make of hys cost the wryght note of a gutter betwix the newe house of Robert Hovyngham in Boutham that William Acom made, and the hall; and y^t thare be a gutter made betwix the tenement of Seynt Mary abbay, and the forsayd house of Robert Hovyngham, of the abbay's coste and Robert Hovyngham, so y^t the water may rynne betwix the abbay grunde and Robert Hovyngham; and y^t Robert Hovyngham shall make, of hys propre coste, at the other ende of hys house, a knyttyng; and that the hedge of the este syde of Hovyngham house be Robert Hovyngham.—
[*Id.* 184*b.*]

Sercheours of the masons and of the wryghtes awardes
 betwix William of Alne of the a party, and the executors, heirs
 and assignes of William Pountfreyt, of the other party, that for
 als mykyl that William of Alne in hys tenement in Coppergate
 in York walles even uppe thurgh fra the grunde uppe to the
 panne, that yerfore the executors, heirs, and the assignes of
 William Pountfreyt make the gutter of lede fra the newe house
 of William of Alne, that ys nowe hys buttre, endelang downe
 un to a newe house of William of Alne toward Fosse; and that
 William of Alne, of his costes, shall fynde the brygges, the
 scaches, nayles, and all the tymbre that shall ga un to the gutter;
 and the executors, heirs, or assignes of William Pountfreyt shall
 pay for the werkemanshippe of the gutter makynge; and they
 shall hafe all the lede that ys thare nowe, and perfourmys the
 remenand of thayr costes, and fra thys tyme that gutter shall be
 the heirs and the assignes of William of Pountfreyt; and they

Nov. 18,
1420.

sall uppehalde it alleway of thayre coste; and also that at the hall head to the kyrkward the heirs and the assignes of William Pountfreyt, als farre als thayre syde house gas, sall bryng furthe, all of thayre coste, thayre water into the foresayd gutter, for William of Alne hafes a uppertyghte gavell.—[*Id.* 189a.]

18 Nov., 1420.

Aug. 4,
1422.

Johannes Ampilford mason, serchour, sworn of the masons wyth in the cite of York, John Hexham, Thomas Cunnysburgh serchours of the wryghtes, and William Cunnysby, wryght.

The assent of the partyes before the Maire to deme of certayne thynge under writyn, thay awarde and deme that the perclose that standys betwix the entre and the shop, and all other percloses, the pryve wyth the closet, and the selours, the trelys wyndowe at the somer hall, the glasse wyndows, the bynkes, the paved flore, the herth yt are in the house whare the wyfe of Symond of Stele dwellys in, and the falle wyndow to ye streward abyde still wyth the place, als byggyngs and purtenance of the same place, and yat the lede pype and the shelfs be the wyfe's of Symond of Stele.—[*Id.* 192b.]

4 Aug., 8th Hen. V.

Aug. 12,
1420.

Memorandum, that thys ys the award and the jugement of John Ampilford, John of Thorp, John Hexham, and Thomas Cunsburgh sercheours, sworne of the masons and of the wryghts, in the cite of York, assigned and lymyt by Thomas of Gare, Mayr of the same cite, wyth the full assent of bathe partyes, to serche and to deme of a stane walle that lyggys in lengthe fra the kynge's strete of Conyngstrete bifore downe thurgh un to the water of Ouse bihynd, betwix a tenement of Sir John of Langton Knyght in the haldyng of John Rumby, of the a party, and a tenement of William Selby, in the haldyng of John of Sutton lytster, of the other partie: that the walle of the werkhouse of John of Sutton ys William Selby awen, fra the water of Ouse un to the post that standys thare and reches to the grounde anent the lede in the same werkhouse, and fra theyn all uppe

thurgh in to the strete, that William Selby hafe rowme and space abouen on the walle of stane to hys tenement ward to ryste hys tymbre apon, als he has done before tyme; and that Sir John Langton hafe rowme and space abouen the same stane walle to hys tenement ward to ryste hys tymbre apon, als it has bene in tymes before. And als farre als Sir John Langton has byggyd a newe house betwix the werkhouse beforesayd and the stane house toward the kynge's strete, yay awarde and deme that William Selby hafe abouen the same walle space to ryst hys walleplat apon, als he dyd before, als wele at the ta nende als at the other; and that hath the stanewerk and tymberwerk that John Rumby had gart newe sette abouen the same stane walle at that hend towarde the stone house be taken away, so that yt lette nocht William Selby to herber hys tymber apon the same walle; and that bathe the partyes make and uppehalde the gutter, als ferre als yt reches, of thayre bather costages, and that the stiffe of lede that ys thare nowe be ayther partyes.
[*Id.* 192-3.]

12 Aug., 1420.

We, serchours of the masons and wryghtes of the cite of York, assigned be William Ormesheued, mayr of ye same cite, lyke als we hafe bene assigned, charged, and commaunded be other Maires to serche, deme, and dyssever ye grunde of Kalom hall in ye haldyng of John of Preston irenmangar fra ye grunde of Margaretes y^t was ye wyfe of Adam Hetche, and how y^t ye ta grunde soll be closed fra ye tother, awarde and deme y^t a lyne be drawn stryght fra ye corner of ye stathe of ye chauntery of Syr Thomas Pynchek, un to ye nexte corner of ye stathe of ye common place, in ye haldyng of Ainderby sadler & Wyntryngham smyth; and y^t at ye middeward of yat lyne be set a stake, and fra y^t stake drawe a lyne even uppe un to an ald poste of a house at ye over ende of ye hedge of Mergaretes Hetche, and y^t yan John Preston close hym als y^t lyne delys fra ye ta nende un to ye tother.—[*Id.* 198.]

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Jan. 31,
1442.

31 Jan. 20th Hen. VI.—M^d yat yis is jugementes & award of John Ampilford, John Bould, masons, John Bolron & William Warter, cappenters, & serchours of ye same craftes, yat is to say, yat ye stone wall bitwix ye tenement of John of Bolton, citizin & marchant of York, on y^t oon party, & tenement of yabbot & convent of Cristall, on yat other party, in Mikelgate in York is holy & fully ye wall of ye said John of Bolton, and yat al ye ease yat ye said Abbot has of ye said wall is thurgh sufferanse & paciens of ye same John of Bolton. And ye same day and ye same yere Alice Semer, neuly awner & possessor of said tenement of John of Bolton, swore & opinly affirmed for treweth yat John Lofthouse, & other of ye deput₃ of ye said Abbot & convent w^tdrewe ye said wall unknawinge to ye said Alice.

And ye same day, we, ye said serchours, were and serched a tenement of ye said John of Bolton in Petergate, in ye tenur of John Wetelay, & we fynd yat ye same place has taken mikel herm for default of a gutter, ye whilk shuld be betwix ye said place & tenement of Thomas Holme, ye whilk gutter ye same Thomas Holme shuld make & reparell, to save & isshewe ye wattere fro ye said place of John of Bolton.—[*Enrolment Book Civ. Ebor. B. Y. 87.*]

March 9,
1468.

M^d, that we, Thomas Gaytclyff, John Gaycok, serchours of masounes within yis citee of York, John Forster, & John Meidlay alias Williamson, serchours of wryghtes w^tin ye saide citee, have bene & takyn of a grounde yat stode in variaunce bitwix thabbot & Convent of Rivaux, on that oon partie, & the Dene & Chapiter of ye cath' kyrke of Seint Peter in York, on that other partie, lying buttyng opon ye water in Laiertorp, in subarbes of the saide citee, buttyng opon ye water of Fosse at the weest ende, and on a lane y^t leedes from ye hie strete of Laiertorp unto ij close₃ belangyng som tyme to ye personage of Seint Marye kyrke in Layrethorp, and, accordyng to ye custome of ye same citee, ye ix day of Marce, ye viij yere of ye reigne of Kyng Edwardre ye iiiij, by ye comaundement of William Snauesill, yan beyng Mare of the same citee, and, after

ye examinacion, good advise, & grete deliberacion by us hadde, as wele by substanciall wrytyng undre sealeȝ, as by ye instrucion & recorde of honest personnes, havyng perfite notice & knawlynge of ye saide grounde, we have demed yat ye tennauntes of ye said Abbotes & Convent have wrangwisly halden & occupies xvij poules feet of ye grounde of ye saide Deaneȝ & Chapiter, the whiche xvij fote of ground we have demed & awarde shalbe departed from ye grounde of ye saide Abbot & Convent, and delivered & laide unto ye grounde of ye saide Deane & Chapiter, to have & to halde to yayme & to yare successours for evermore, etc.—[*Id. 331a.*]

Memorandum, that yis is ye awarde and juygement of William Hyndeley, John Sutton, John Haxby, ande Richard Bisshop, serchiours of ye masons and wrightes in the cite of Yorke, assigned ande lymytt by William Lambe, Maire of ye city of Yorke, with the full assente and consente of William Snawsell Aldreman of ye saide cite, for his partye, and Sr William Watson, vicare of Saynte Georg churche in Fisshergate, ruler ande gouernor of a chaunterie belongyng to the saide churche, on y^t othir partie, to serche ande deme a gutter apon a tenement in Walmegate in Yorke, perteynyng to the saide chaunterie, and a pales perteynyng to a tenement of the saide William Snawsell, nowe in ye halding of one Robert Yereslay, at the este ende of Fosse brigge in Walmegate; firste, the saide iiij serchiours awardes ande demes betuyx the saide partieȝ, for thair bother ease, yat ye forsaide William Snawsell shall abide w^t the voydance of y^e waterfall of ye forsaide gutter, and, in like forme, the saide vicare, as by right ande duete belongyng to ye saide chaunterie, shall bere the charge of ye uphaldinge ande makynge of ye forsaide pales at alle dayes, at his owen propre costes ande expenseȝ.—[*Id. 331a.*]

The xxijth day of the moneth of Octobr, in the xvth yere of Oct. 23,
Kinge Edward the iiij^t, William Hyndeley, John Shupton, masons,
John Hirste ande Christofr More, carpentours, iiij serchiours
1479.

w^tin the saide cite, cam in thair propre personnes in the counsail chambre, afore the Maire aboun saide, ande there and thanne made thaire bodelye othe^z uppon the holy Evangelist truely forto serche the mete^z ande bounde^z of a certayn grounde of John Gillyot of Yorke, Aldreman and merchaunt, adjonyng upon ane oyere grounde of William Rakett th'elder, and Thomas Aslacy. Where apon and incontinent after, the said daye and yere, the forsaide serchiours, accordinge to the custume of the same cite, ande by th'assentes ande desiers aswele of the forsaide John Gillyott, as also of S^r Thomas Hambald, attorney of the forsaide^z William Rakett and Thomas Aslacy, yanney yere also presente in the saide counsail chambre, yode unto the grounde of the saide John Gillyottes, lyynge at the baksyde of the saide John Gillyotte's tenement wherein he than dwelled, in Coppergate towardes the kinge's water of Fosse, in the parrishe of Alle Halowes upon the Pavement w^tin the saide cite, betuyx a tene-ment in the haldyng of Henre Williamson on y^t one side, and a tenement of the saides William Rakett and Thomas Aslacy, late in the haldyng of Robert Amyas, on y^t oyere syde. Ande the same grounde y' and yan the same serchiours diligently serched and mesured by gode deliberacon; and incontinent, the same daye and yere, the saide serchiours, after thair serche so made, cam in the saide counsail chambre afore the saide Mayre, and y'e and thanne saide, in vertu of thair othe, that the saide grounde conteyneth in lengthe at the ovisyde in breed, frome the tenement of the saide Henre Williamson unto the grounde of the saide^z William Rakett and Thomas Aslacy, vj yerdes ane ynche lakk, ande at the ney'e syde v yerdes, halfe yerde and halfe quarter, and more by ane halfe ynche as to thair estimacon, etc.

Memorandum, that ye saide^z day, yere, presence ande place, the forsaide John Gillyott promised for his partie that if the saide^z William Rakett ande Thomas Aslacy will at any tyme hereafter have a newe serche of the saide grounde, that yan he will beere his due parte of alle suche costes, as shall be requisite in that behalfe,* etc.—[*Enrolment Book, Civ. Ebor.*, B. Y. 145.]

Aug. 20, 16 Edw. IV. (1476).—John Burgh, Willian Stane-

* A few thorn letters are used in this document.

house, William Cole & Richerd Blakelok, seircheours of ye
wrightes and tilers w'in ye citie of Yorke, ye same day above
written, come to fore Thomas Wrangwish Maire & ye chamber-
leyns, in ye counsell chaumbre uppon Owse brigg, and award &
jugement gaffe of a variaunce of a ground be twix John Gilyot
Alderman of ye on partie, and Ambrose Preston of London
chandeler of ye other partie. First yai deme a gutter yat ligge^z
in lengh frome ye streit of Petirgate, be fore doun thrugh a
tenement of ye said John Gilyot Alderman to ye Kynge's dyke
be hynd of ye on partie, and a tenement of ye said Ambrose
Preston of ye other partie, ye which said gutter and ye leid yer
of, we ye said seirchours fyndes be our discrecions pertenyth
evenly to ye forsaid John Gilyott & the said Ambrose, never ye
lesse we consider ye greit cost and expences yat ye forsaid John
Gilyot maid and done, we y'fore giffes and awardes yat ye said
John Gilyott shall have ye said gutter all hole to hym selff, so
yat he giffe to ye forsaid Ambrose, or to his depute, for cause
of easement in watter fallyng owt of ye forsaid gutter uppon
ye ground of ye said Ambrose, iij s. iiij d. now furthwith, and
never after yis to giff more to ye said Ambrose for ye said gutter,
and els ye said John Gilyott to bere charge of ye watter
commynge of ye said gutter.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. i. 21.*]

M^d, that the xvth day of Decembre, the yere of r.r. Dec. 15,
Henre viijth after ye conquest ye xvijth, by assent and consent of
William White Alderman, on yat oon partie, and Ric' Thornton
Alderman, on yt other partie, John Sclater and John
Stevenson, sersours of the carpenters, Ric' Blakeloke and
William Ellot sersours of the teilers, tofore ye right wurship-
full Sir, John Stokdale Maier of the citie of York, wer sworne
upon the Holy Evangelistes treuly to viewe & serche two
tenemente^z, newly & of late maid & reparared by ye said Ric'
Thornton on North strete & Mekilgate negh Ousebrygge end,
adjoyng unto the tenemente^z of ye said William on ye said
stretes; whiche sersours went unto ye same two tenemente^z &
viewd theym, and after theyr othe^z by assent & consent of the
said partie^z ordered in maner & forme ensuyg. That is to say,

ather of theym shall have theyr esyng drop upon other at theyr tenemente^z in North stret, yat is to wit y^e said Ric' Thornton for his kid helme upon ye tenement or ground of ye said William Whyte, and the said William for his long house opon ye tenement or ground of ye said Ric' Thornton. And William White grauntes yat a grece & a gutter, whiche y^e said (Ric' Thornton) hath laid & festened unto a tenement of ye same William at Ouse brigge end, to stand & abid still as it nowe doth unto y^e tyme y^t the said William or his eyre^z of newe bild or repayre his said tenement ther. And ye said Ric' Thornton grauntes yat the sparre^z & tymbre of ye said William, which is shot & hyngeth over ye ground of y^e same Ric' ther by viijth ynche^z & more anenst y^e pan of his house, shall hyng & abid still as it doth unto tyme yat ye said William or his eyres of new bild or repayr os his above-said; and then he to bild up right from his soile tre upward. And this ordour and award by assent & consent of y^e said partie^z was giffen by the same serchors tofore the Maier, Michell White, George Kyrk, William Neleson, Aldermen, the Chamberleyns, and other, diverse other honest persons beyng present w^t the said Maier in ye Counsell Chambre opon Ouse brigge, the day & yere abovesaid.—[*House Book Civ. Ebor.* viii. 121.]

III. PRESENTMENTS OF THE JURIES AT THE COURTS OF THE ABBOT OF SELBY.

[*From the Originals at Londesbrough.*]

12 Edw. IV. 1472.—Jhesus. Thes er y^e grefis y^t xij men fendes defectyffe. In y^e fyrste we say y^t John Bellynghom maid afrai of Jo & grefesly hurt hem of parell of his deth, y^e bludwytt vj s. viij d., & ton halfe to y^e kyrke warke, & y^e toy ye lord. Item John Dawson maid afrai of John Belyngham, y^e mercymont iij s iiiij d, the ton half to the k & y^e toyere to y^e lord. Item Ryc' Emson maid afrai of John Broun & drue blod on hym, y^e bludwytt vj s. viij d., y^e ton halfe to y^e kyrke, y^e tother to y^e lord. Item ye said Ryc' maid afrai of a man of Fenton, ye fray iij s. iiiij d., the ton

halfe to y^e kyrke and oyere to y^e lord. Item Ryc' Cornner maid afrye of Herse Thorppe, y^e fray, ether of tham, xij d. Item Roger, y^e Merciallse man, maid asalt of strangher, & fraid y^e neghoures, y^e salt xx d. Item Ryc' Emson maid asalt of William Broune at his dore, & afrayd his neyghburs of Palmsondai, y^e salt xx d. Item William Wallas maid asalt of John Balme at his dore, y^e salt xx d. Item gyf yer be anny mane y^t has anny swyne, y^t will not set tham befor the hyrd, y^a sall forfyt for evere swyne iiiij d. W Pallmms pro Domino, Johannes Eleson, Robertus Walker, Barnerde Lignkolne.

Also xij men has ordan & chosyn ij men of ather gatt for to gedyr y^e swyn hyrd hyre³ w^t the constabylle William Baker & Robert Styngton, . . . Gower, John Rowghte, & Robert Wrthe, for Mekylgate.

M^d y^t yes er y^e Artecles y^t . . . y^e whest fenes yam greweid. In y^e fyrste we say y^t y^e bruher y^t bruhis to sell, sall sell w^t in his hus j galon all for ij d., & j quart for j halpeny, be a mesur seald, & j . . . j d. ob. forthe at dore; & also in casse be y^t y^t y^a sall not deny no por man nor woman penyworthe ner halpenyworthe, galon nor halfe galon, when y^t y^a com tharfor for yar monny, & it may be prowyd, & schoy have abown xij galons w^t in hyss hows, opan of forfetynge iij s. iiiij d. as oft as shoy his fone defectyffe. Item we desyer a remedy of owr buschers for sellynge of thar flech, for we thynke y^t y^a sell un to pepyll der fleche y^t y^e pore pepyll gruchis gretly thar wyt, whar for we desyer, be awyse of my Lord & the Stuerd, for to have a serche wekly of the buschers, & se y^t y^a sell a resonabill pennyworth after he byes so. Item, for owr fechers, elykwyss, y^t y^a sell noy feche w^t owt y^t it be abyld be fyche offesers as sall be asegnid be Lord & Stuerd, & at y^e fecher be sworne what y^t it coste at see, & he for to have a competent wennyng; & y^t no man cute hys feche bot y^t at be serched be y^e debetes y^t ar ordane for sersynge. Item we say y^t yer have boght of late in y^e markyge unsesanabill wetyl, y^t is to say, feche & herryng, bothe Thom Smythe & John Clyffe; we amersy the ather of tham xij d.; &, yf thay bryng anny more fyche chafer, y^a for to forfyte thar feche. Item we d(es)yer y^t no bakster y^t has to by to sell, by no corne in ye markythe

to a xj be strekenge to y^e comyne pepyll be servid, opane of vj s. viij d., y^t to be forfyt, y^e ton halfe to y^e Lord, y^e toher half to ye kyrkwarke. Item gyffe anny man that comhis to y^e markythe w^t anny corne sall not set it up fro markyth day to markyde day, bot yf it cane be prewyd y^t he his bed no seler tharfor, bot y^t he sell it as markythe gos, & that y^e markythe of corne be endyd be xij of da, opan of forfetyng of his corne. Item we say that Rychard Atkynson maid afry of the constabyll, y^e mercymant iiiij d. Item we say that John Kokher (mercymant xij d.) maid afry of John Barton.

June, 14th Edw. IV. 1472.—First the constables present that William Couper (iiij d.) made affray uppon Thomas Kirkhous and hym stroke w^t a staff, anno xij. Item Patryk (xx d.) & James Glover, glover, (xx d.) made affray the same, and outhir drewe blode of othir, and rescued the constables. . . . Item Thomas (ij d.), servaunt of John Eleson, made affray uppon Stryngersen, when he made the kynge's wach. Item John Shepherd (ij d.) made affray uppon Th. Michell (ij d.) & stroke hym with his bowe in the felde. Item Gerard Melton (xij d.) made affray, & stroke a straunger w^t a wodknyfe & drewe blode. Item John Kyng (vj d.) made affray uppon the goldsmyth (vj d.) of Selby.

xxj men sworn for the lord and tenant₃ say upon thair othe that Thomas Dransfeld is a theef and has knowelach felony, and now liffe₃ as a vacabond. Item that one Patryk, dwellyng in Midelthorp, is a vacabound, and hath no craft used then lyvelode to lyff uppon, agayns the forme of lawe liffyng, and called avowtrer w^t othir men wyfe₃. Item that John Bek is a vacabound and gos about w^t a lett₃ testimoniall, beggyng to beseke you to see his writtyng, and that he may be warned to be of gode governance. Item Laurence of Lawe is a vacabound, and uses no craft to lyf by, bot lyffe₃ suspicioonlye agayns lawe of this land. Item that Stephen Taillour, dwellyng in Midelthorp, is a vacabond, y^r fore by caus he hath dwellyng bot of short tyme in the towne, it is necessary to charge hym to be of gode reule. Item that William, servaunt of Herry Couper, is a ryotter on nyghtes, sittynge up at

uncovable tyme, and that he drawes to his felyship Thomas Folyfote, John Arott thelder, & John Arott yonger, which be not well disposed. Item that John Hode is a vacabound, and usith to go w^t the Marchalsy, and in a place that he come to he cutt asmych bacon out of a flyk as was worth iij d., unlawefullly. Item that William Broun of the Marchalsye uses unlawefull playes by nyghte³, and syttes up at uncovable tyme. Item that John More, tenaunt to Robert Mascald in Midelthorp, is a receptour of suspect persones, commyng by nyght and goyng by nyght, and liffes as a vacabound. Item that Robert Coureenay receptes mysgoverned persones and suspect of felony, by nyghtes, if he do so from hensforward, to forfeit a Payne of xl s. Item that Robert Broun of the Cowe layne receptes Scottes and othir suspect peple, we Payne to lefe that reule in Payne of xl d. Item that Roger of the Marchalsye, servaunt to William Broun, is a suspect persone, and we desire to have hym out of the towne. Item we desire that ye will commaund John Donkan to be well rewlyd. Item that John Coke fyssher suffers me(n) to play in his hous at the table³ for mony by nyghte³. Item that oone panyermaker houses & harbers suspect persones in his hous, and liffes as a vacabond. Item Hobson of Goldall & Heryson of the same er forstallers of samen comyng toward the markett in Selby; we will that thay lefe; and, if thay be founden gilty herafter, outhir of thame to lese vj s. viij d. Item that no man bot officers bers unlawefull wepyn to the kirk then in the market in Payne of xij d. Item we ordeyn that all vacabondes, bifore writen, kepe gode reule in tyme to come, and, if any of thayme be founden gilty, to voide the toune of Selby by Michaelmes day next for to come in Payne of xl s.

Oct., 12 Edw. IV. (1472).—Jhesus. Thes er ye fawtes y^t xij men fendes defectyve. In y^e fyrste xij men says y^t the crosse in the markythe his defectyff & lyke to fall, & sas the Lord sall reperell be Passee day, in payn of the jeberde y^t may fall thar off. Item the Melne brige his defectyffe, & be longes to the Lord to reperall, & it be maid be y^e forsaid day in pan of perell y^t may fall. Item the Cokreke bryge his defectyffe,

& be longes to the Lord to reperell, & it be maid be the said day. Item we fend y^t Ryc' Derreke his lepere, & his not abyll to felychep emange the pepell, wharfor we desyer y^t he be wodyd be Myrtynmes next comyng, opan of xl s. Item we say that thar sall no man geder non akcornes in the comone wod in pane of xvjd. as of as thay be prewed gederynge. Item we say that John Wryght of Faxflet has broken y^s, he was of Selby, be diveres tymes, for the whylke we amercy him xs. Item we say y^t John Scheperd selld unseuynabyll flech, for the welke we amecy him ij d. Item we say y^t William Broun of Merschalse met women at y^e toun end wyt thar gess, & boght tham or thay com at the merketh, whar for we amercy hym iiiij d. Item we say y^t John Byrd maid afray of Remenghyngton weffe & drwe blod on hym, & Remyngton drwe blud on hym, we amercy ather of tham xij d. Item we saie y^t William Walas & Ric' Thomson maid afray at kyrk dore & frayd paryschens, we amercy ather of tham iiiij d. Item we say y^t Asschomae y^t dwelles next Schepman wyffe maid afray of John Wesmerland, we ameeyc hym xij d. Item we say y^t John Rowthe maid afray of Robert Scheperd & John his son, we amercy hym iiij d., and Robert Scheperd iiiij d. Item we say y^t Milles Wyton & Robert Sumerschals, smythe, maid afray, we amercy ather of tham vjd. Item we say y^t John Corner maid afray of William Bacon, we amercy hym xiiij d. Item we say y^t John Yonge & the correher maid afray, we amercy (a)ther of tham ij d. Item we say y^t John Chaine & fader maid afrae and druwe blud of ather of tham, iiiij d. Item we say y^t John Dawson maid afray of William Resen, we amercy hym iiij d. Item we say y^t Roger Whallay & Ryc' of Backhowes maid afray, we amercy yam ij d. Item we say y^t Thomas Smythe maid afray of Cransfeld and drwe blud on hym, we mercy hym vjd.

Thys er ye defawtes y^t xij men fendes deffectyffe at the gret cowrtes at Mykelmes, y^e yer of r. of kynge Edward iiiij^{ti} xv. (1475).

In the fyrste we say that the Mylne bryge is defectyffe, &

lyke, bot it be amend son, y^t it wyll be gret hurt to the ton, whar for, bot it mendyd be Martynmes, we amarce it xl s. Item we say that Skokryke bryge is defectyffe, & lyke to be gret hurt to the kynge's pepyll, w^t out it be amendid, whar for, bot it be amendid be the said day, we amercy it xx s. Item we say that the fotman's cawse be for William Chawe dore is defectyffe, wharfor, bot it mendyd be the said day, we amercy it xij d. Item we say that the said William has incrossid afor his dor of the hy way, bot yff he lay it agane, we amercy hym xij d. Item we say that the hows y^t John Zonge dwells in of the busser rent, and the hows of Robert Raynald next by stoppes the watyr sew that the water may not hawe it reght corsse, whar for, bot it be mendid be Mertynmes, we amercy ather of tham iij s. iiiij d. Item we ordeyne that the new sewes in Gouththorp eu' in defaut of Rauf Babthorp squyer, is defectyve, yerfore payne is that it be mendyd by Martynmes next in Payne xij d.

Oct., 17th Edw. IV. (1477).—Item that Richard Fereby etc has barked ledyr unlawefullly & sold it to the kynge's people wher by the lawe it is noght half barked.

We say y^t John Studherd (vij d.) maid afraiy of Wylliam Underwod (iiij d.) wryght, & John Studherd had his hed brokyng. Item Willian Panter (vj d.) maid afraiy of ij stranghis (ader of tham xij d.), & the panter had his hed brokyn. Item we say y^t Rychard Dyschforth & Robert Smythe, fecher, toke & selld j stranges man heirreng for iiij a penny, agans ordonans of the ton. Item we say y^t Ryc' Dychforthe (xl d.) & John Hodd made afraiy of one Barchand of Rekall, bocher, for brynghyng in of wetell for the welfare of comhons. Item if any man take to sell any oyer man fyssh in the merkett, and any man do the contrary, he to forfett vj s. viij d. Item that the purpressures come in this day xiiij day, to gyf thair presentment bilongyng to their office, in Payne of vj s. viij d. Item that Thomas Berbour, after he was sworn, departed frome the Jury. Item William Bacon holdes ij dogges unlawfull, it is charged to kepe that one in band,

and put away the tother, in payne of xx s. Item that Richard Dysshford had in his shop fyssh by xiiij daes, to it stanke in so mykell it was caried to Ouse, yefore, if he do any more, for to forfett vj s. viij d.

Thys is the wardytte of xxij men & the constabylls, the xix day of Aprill, the xix yer of r. of K. E. iiiijth (1479).

In the fyrst, we fynd a gret defawt in the crosse in the merkythe place, that it is in pounce to fall, & lyke to moy gret hurt bot it be amendid. Item we fynd y^t Stewn Harlynge (ij s.) maid afrai of Kyrlowe. Item we fynd y^t W. Harwod (xij d.) maid afraye of Robert Raner in the merkythe. Item we fynd y^t William Hadfeld (xl d.) maid afrai of Robert Lyndsay & drewe blod of the same Lyndsay. Item we fynd y^t William Paynter maid afrai of John Emson of Thorp, xx d., & blod drawn of the payntor, xx d. Item Robyn Belfeld (ij s.) maid afrai of Bakon man, and of hym drewe blod.

1483.—Jhesus. Item we fend y^t Pereson has a servand y^t is yll disspossid of hyr handes, whar for we wyll y^t schoy be woydyd the ton be twix this & Sant George day, opon pane xx s. Item we fend y^t one Wrodyngton, a waykabound, is avell dyssposid man y^t dwelle her amang us, and has yldyssposid folkis comynge to hym, whar for we well y^t he be woydyd the ton be the said day, opan in prisonment. Item we fend y^t on Breyerton, talzer, has an ewell dyspossid woman to his wyff of hyr handes, and cutes corn in harwyste, & oyere thynges tak in the fyld, as eghes; we woll y^t schoy be woydyd ton be said day, opan of prisonment. Item we fend y^t Herre Warter has ylldysspossid cheldyr, & of brekyng of mens heghis, & takyng of kydes & oyer stiffe, whar for we amercy hym for y^e defawt y^t his maid iiij d.; and yf it may be fonden doynge hurt agane, then we wyll y^t he forfit iij s. iiij d. Item we fend y^t John Herrot has avell dyssposid chylld of brekyng of heghis, war for we amercy hym for y^t y^t is don iiij d., &, yf y^a be fonden anny more in defawt, we amercy tham thar after iij s. iiij d. Item we

fend y^t William Whalley has yll dispossid cheldyr of brekyng
 of heghis, wharfor we amercy hym for y^t y^t is done, iiij d., &
 yf y^a be fonden anny mor in defawt, we amercy hym iij s. iiij d.
 . . . Item we fend y^t the crosse in the merkyth place is lyke to
 fall, and lyke, bott grace be, to myschef sume man, whar for we
 dysyer y^t it may be mendid or anny hurt fall. Item we fend
 y^t melners is not diligent to serve the Lorde's tennandes be for
 owte men, whar for we dyseyer the Lorde's offecer gyff warnynge
 to tham y^t it be mendid, and also y^t y^a take mesurabyll multure
 of men's corne, for ther is diverse men y^t complens of tham,
 wharfor we amercy tham nowe at this tym for defawt y^t is maid
 ij s., ande eftyr, & thay ar fonden defectyffe, to forfyt xx s. Item
 we well y^t yff it may be fonden be the offecer or be anny oyere
 man y^t anny bocher y^t slays flech kep anny ower Thorsday y^t
 was sclayn of Setterday afor, bot yf it be powderd, from May
 day to Makylmes day, to forfyt the flech, & xxⁱⁱd. to the Lord.
 Item we desyer y^t the offecers, y^t y^a make a dew serche weekly
 of the syss of bred & all, for pur pepell y^t lyffhis of the
 penny complens tham grettly y^t the sys is not kepid. Item we
 well y^t our butes in the Owt wod be maid be the tonchype of
 Selby, be maid be Wetsunday next comynge, opan of vj s. viij d.
 Item we fend a gret defawt y^t in Owsgat the ground gos away,
 and lyke in prosisse of tym, w^t owt y^t it be amendyd, is lyke to
 mescheffe all the gates of Owsgate, & all the howynge y^t bondys
 of the watter ; whar for we desyer y^t my Lord & his breyer lye
 ther hedes togeder, y^t ther may be fonden a remdy ther fore, ar
 it be wars. Item we desyer y^t my Lord and his breyer wald
 gyff us tymber, y^t we may mayke a comyne seghe, y^t the pepyll
 may be eassid, for the comyns gretly grughis ther wythe y^t ther
 is non as ther was wont to be. Item y^t evere mane clebs his
 gutters againe the payment for uschuynge of the water for
 drownnyng of payment be Whetsunday, yen evere pec iiij d.

Apr., 16th Hen. VII. (1501).—Robertus Michall (viij d.) of
 the Cowleyne, berker, has sawed okes in the Northwoddes of
 my Lord Abbot of Selby by diverse tymes, and has levetakyn,
 and his ax has bene takyn frome hym, and will noo mend, and

IV. CERTIFICATES OF THE ENGLISH PARENTAGE AND
BIRTH OF CERTAIN PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH BEING SCOTS.

[*From the York City Records.*]

To all trewe Christen men to whome this present writyng 1476.
shal com, Rycherd Salkeld sqwyer, Thomas Becham sqwyer,
John Aglanby gentilman, John Whelpdale gentilman, Robert
Tanyswod yoman, Edward Nycolson yoman, Roberte Graveson
husbondman, and John Iveson husbondman, sendes gretynge
well in oure Lorde Gode. That where as oon John Rycharson,
berer of this, is noysed yat he shuld be a Scottes man and
borne in Scotland, and for asmykell as it is medefull and
meretory thynge to every Cristen man to bere wittnesse of the
truthe, we noteifie and declares to youre audience, that the forsaide
John Richerdson is a trewe ligeman to the kynge of England,
and getten and born in Crossby besyde Karlill, and the names
of his godfaders John Warwyk gentilman and John Rycharson
of Crossby aforesaid yoman, and Elisabeth Tenyswod hys god
moder. And thys wyll we recorde and bere wittenesse be thys
lettre of record sealed with our seales, wyth other mo yf nede
be. Made in the yere of our Lorde millesimo cccclxxvj.—[*Reg.*
Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 343.]

To ye most worshipfull & ther especiall maister, John Tong,
mair of ye cite of York.

Be it credebly certifide to y^{or} moost wirshipfull and honor- 1477.
abyll mastership, y^t whereas off late tym a man of ye citie of
York, cald John Colyn, was notyd and diffamyd . . . iniquite,
be veray malesse, y^t he shud be a Skotte & no Ynglysman,
wherfor we, Maister Robert Symson deane of Darlyngton, Sir
Robert Clerk preste, William Betel. Jamvs Bland Richard
Deman, William Zotson, W. Smart. Rob' Rav. W. Marshall
John Robynson . . . & John Symson declares hym on owr
honeste & trewth, y^t ye said John was born at Cokyrton, &

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cristynede in ye fount of y^{is} Derlyngton, and is a trew Ynglysmen born both of fader & moder; y^t will we vereffy and mak good agan all maner of men y^t sais y^e contrary; oblyssyng also our selve to y^{ev} in cli, yff ye contrary may be lawfully prevyd, be this owr writyng. Also we William Bettl, James Bland, Ric' Demen, William Zotson, in y^e moost humbly wys thankes your mastership, y^t it wald plesy y^{or} goodnes as to do as mych for our sakes as to shew ye sayd John y^{or} favour, for ye qwyh we in tym comyng soll do y^{or} plesour and servyce yff it ly in owr power. And in record y^t this premisses be trew we to ye said have sett to owr sells. Yevyn at Darlyngton ye ijij Sonday of Lentyn.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. i. 62.*]

^{1477.}
John
Saunderson

M^d the xij^e day of Novembre, the xvij yere of Kyng Edward the iiiij [came] into the counsel chaumbre of Ousebrig to fore John Tong maire of the cite of Yorke, Thomas Wranggwish, Robert Amyas aldermen, John Hag, William Letwyn chaumberleys of the same cite, and other thare beyng present, on John Saunderson, of Yorke, fissher, and thar and then shewed howe that he of late ayanest right and gude consciens by the childern of wekydnes was wrongfully noysed, slandered and defamed that he shold be a Scotissheman and born in Scotland; the saide John Saunnderson, willyng to subdieu and avoid the said noise and slander, and declare and prove hym self a trewe Englissheimer, cam afore us in his propre person w^t other ful notable and discret persone^z born w^tin the counties of Northumberland, Westmerland & Cumberland, that is to say Herry Horsey gent, Robert Wivell, Sir Robert Cuttbert prest, Laurence Lelegrave yoman, William Spacy, Nicholas Hay, w^t othere, and there & then in & on the premisses dieulie sworn & examyned, said & confessed that they verelie knewe the said John Saunderson for a trew Englissheimer, and at he was born in Cheswyk in Northumberland, and son to John Saunderson of the same, husband, and Alison the wiffe of the same John, his moder, and at William Saunderson, Robert Saunderson, and Elyn Saunderson war god faders and god moder unto the same John Saunderson fissher, etc.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. i. 76.*]

1478.
Thomas
Bakhus.

Unto all theis untill whome this presentes shal com, we, Sir John Banarsdall ye vicar of Morland, Roland Was, Thomas Fawlofeld, Thomas Saxeld, Thomas Appielby, William Fawlofeld squires,

William Bakus, Robert Bakus, William Cuke, Robert Cuke, John Cuke, John Wenttire, William Abdison, Arthure Bethome, Thomas Reke, of the parrish of Morland, sendes gretynge in our Lorde & recommendaccin unto whome it semys. And for als mykell as it is meretorie and medfull thing anentes God in every case nedefull to witnesse treuth, and specialy where it is effectualy requirit, plese it you to wete that we er newe of late ryplie enformet by diverse credable persones, that on Thomas Bakhus, bringer of this presentes lettres, shold be wrongfully nosed and slandered as for a Scottes man born, and also unrightwisly vexit & turbilled hym to grete hyndrance & scathe, als well in body as in gudeȝ, wherfore we afore writen make opynlie knownen, and trulie beris wittenesse before God and all the worlde, that the forsaid Thomas Bakhus is trewe lige man till our soverand lord ye kyng, and was borne of his modre & gettyn w'in the forsaid towne of Morland, and there was Cristyned at the funte stone, and his godfaders callid Thome Smyth, the whilke is yit of live, and Jellyne Disforthe, & is godmoder Annes Burbake, and therfore if eny will say or bere hym onhand the contrarie bot at he is a trewe lige Inglis man borne till our forsaid soveraynt lorde the kynge and at this forsaide recorde, at we have made in maner & forme afore writen, is veray truthe & suthefastnes, and that we will abide & stand yare by w^t our bodyes & gudes. In wittenes hereof we have setto our sealeȝ. Gevyn at Morland aforsaid, the xxijth day of the moneth of Septembre, the yere of ye regne of Kyng Edward the Fourte ye xvijth.—[Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 326a.]

Record pro Roberto Elwald conerour. For asmych as it is right meretorie as medeful to wittenesse ye trewth, be it knawen to all maner of men to whom this present writyng commys, that Robert Elwalde, ye son of John Elwalde, is a trewe Ynglish man, gottyn of his fadre aforsaid, and born of his modre w'in the paryssh of Saynt

1479.
Robert
Elwald.

John Baptist w^tin Hexhamshire, whose godfadre was John Elwalde of the said parysh and John Robson of the Langlee, and Janet Elwalde godmodre, of Hakefurth w^tin the said shire, and was Cristenyt in the founte of the said parich of Saynt John Baptist; Wherfore we, the Prior of Hexham, Sir Thomas Laveroke chaplan and parish prest of the said parich, & William Smyth parishclerke of the same, Thomlyn of Eryngton of Falefelde, Gerarde of Eryngton of Walwykgraunge, Alex Armstrang of Croslee, Thomlyn Armstrang of Bewfrount, Robert of Eryngton of Whittyngton, Robert of Chester gentilmen, William Soureby, Robert of Sourby, Richerd Sourby, John of Whitwhame, Alan Kell, John Denyug, John of Rede, John of Spayn, William Ferlame, John of Greme, and John of Copde in, beseikes you by the way of charitie to repute and halde the said Robert Elwalde as for a trewe Ynglish man, as is afore rehersed, and as for the more trewe certificat to be made to you, we the forsaide Prior, gentilmen, and yomen afore rehersed hath setto our seales. Gevyn at Hexham, the xxvij^t day of August, the yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the iiij^t the xixth.—[Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 326b.]

1481.
William
Broun.

2 May 21, Edw. IV.—Item the same day, tofore all abovesaid, cam personalie Thomas Arcle, dwellyng in Elborth in ye paresh of Dodyngton, countie of Northumbreland, yoman, & Johnes Tailfere, servaunt to Sir Henry Percy Knyght, & yare shewid & said yat on William Broun of Yorke, litster, was a trewe Inglissheman, born in the town of Nesbet, in the parisshe of Dodyngton, ande son to William Broun of the same Nesbet, and had to his godfaders Robert Colstone of Dodyngton & William Gudeneghbhour of the same, & Isabel Clerk, the wiffe of John Clerke of Nesbet, his godmoder, and at the said William Broun was nather of alie ne of blode to eny Scotishman, and y^t he, w^t many others, if nede require it, is & welbe redy at all tyme^z to testefie ye same. And, more, the same day was broght tofore the said Maire and other abovewriten, by the right wirshupful Sr Thomas Danby, thes recordes testefying the premisses under diverse seales, etc.—[House Book, Civ. Ebor. ii. 25.]

For als much as it is both nedeful, medful, & meritory to bere trewe wittenes & to recorde ye treuth of every thynge yat stondeth in doute, yerfore be it knawen to every trewe Christen man yat this present testimonial heris, seis, or redis, yat we, Sir William Eure knyght, Maister John Kelynge chaunceler of Durham, William Pollard esquire, John Stathom jentilman, William Belasys jentilman, James Tippyng forster of Aukeland parke, Cristofer Preston, William Nodder, Thomas Spence, William Blithman, Richard Morton, Richarde Cuke, Richarde Emendson, Jenkyn Batmanson, Thomas Porter, & Thomas Cotis beris witnes, & recordys opon our honestie, be dew examinacion & trewe enformacion, yt whar as John Hans, of the cete of Yorke, glover, is grevouslie vexid & trobilde, to his grete cost & expens, surmysing on hym yat he shold be a Sottys man born, wharfore we aforesaid, and ich on of us, recordes & beris wittenes, yat the said John Hans is an Inglyscheman, & was born in Bishope Aukeland, & diverse honest men yat knewe both his fadir & moder, & had borogage in the same towne, & John Catrike, yit beyng on lieff, recordeth uppon his treuth yat Kateryn his wiffe was his godmoder, & Richerd Blithman, Adame Geme, & Sir Robert Kyngeswod prest was his godfaders. And for the more credence to be gevyn to this our writynges, we abovesaid, and ich on of us singulerly, hathe setto our seals. Gevyn at Bisshop Awkeland, the thirtend day of May.—[*Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 351a.*]

^{1481.}
John Hans.

For as mykell as it is meritable to bere wittenes & suthfast record in any cause whilke myght ben trouble, losyng of goodes, or good fame to any trewe Cristen man, in defawte of soothfast knowlage, therfore it is yat we, S^r Henry Percy, lieutenaunt of th'est Merches of England affornemپtes Scotland, S^r Thomas Grey of Heton, S^r Roger Heron of Forde, S^r Thomas Grey of Horton, knyghtes, & William of Folbery of the same, berith witnes & suthfast record yat John Meldrem, dwelling in Yorke, is Englishman, gottyn by his fadir & born of his modir within ye reyme of England, his fadir dwelling in Folbery apon ye wattir of Tyll, olife callit William Meldrem, ye said John

^{1481.}
John
Meldrem.

Meldrem born in Northame apon Twede, & Cristned within ye founte of ye proche kirke of ye same; his two god fadres, on callit John Rotherford constable of ye castell of Northame olyf at the makynge of this writyng, ane othir callit Robert Maxwell, dwelling in ye castell of Morpath, his godmodir callit Annes Jacson, ye wife of Adam Jakson dwelling in Dudo, both olyfe; wherfor we the aforsaid knyghtes & swyer willith & preith every goode Englishman not to presume nor sey any thing contrery yis our writing, in so mikill if eny wold presume ye contrarie this our record; and witnes of the whilkeȝ to this our writyng we have set our signettes, havyng the strength of our selys, ye ix day of Septembre, the xxj yhere of ye reyne of Kyng Edward the iiiȝt.—[*Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 352.*]

1482.
John
Malson.

Unto all trewe Xpen people to whom this present writyng shall com, see, or heyre, gretynge in our Lorde God. And for as much as evill disposed people and childern of wekidnesse, throughe malice and envy, by the temptacion of an evill sperit, falslie & untrewlie hath noysed & slauderd a trewe Inglisshe-man, cald John Malson, of Yorke, girdler, yat he shold be a Scottisman born, which John Malson was gottyn & born betwix his fader & his moder, Richerd Malson & his wiffe, in the town of Langwathby, and Cristennyte in y^t same kirke, and had to godfaders John Mekyll of Penryth beyng of lyffe at yis day in Penreth, & John Walker of Langwathby, & y^e wiffe of Wilkyn of Carleton y^t late discesyd was his god moder, and many ouer of the said John kyn and frendes at this day dwellyng wtin the conte of Cumbreland; and therfore, be caws y^t every trew Cristen man, by the way of charite, is bunden forto supporte & maynteyn y^e trewth of every trewe Cristenman, and forto subdewe, repreve, & to put down all falssett and untrewit, tharfore we all whos namys eftyr folowes, that is to say S^r Christofer of Moresby knyght & steward of Penryth, & of all the whenys hamys, John of Crakanthorp of Holggull ryssavour of Penryth, & of the whennys hamys, Richerd Musgrave of Hertley Castell esquire, Johannet Musgrave of Edynhall wedowe, William Musgrave & Nicolas Musgrave esquires, Robert of Warcop of Warcop esquire,

John Warcop, John Maunchell, Robert Maunchell esquires, William Hoton of Penreth, Rolland Wharton, William Bethum & John Bost of Penreth gentilmen, John Watson, John Gryndon, John Symson, Richard Robynson, Henry Kirkbeke, Robert of Gyll of Penȝ & John Mekyll of Penry, & god faders of the same John Malson yemon, John of Carleton, Thomas Carlton, John of Wyndshalys, William Wyndshalys, Robert Walkar & John Walkar of Langwathby yemon, w^t many oder mo, will uphold, maynteyn apon our treuth & worshippys at ye said John Malson is a Inglissh born man, gyttyn & born as is abown said. In wittenesse of the same we have setto our sealles at Penȝ, ye xxj day of Januar', & ye xxj yer of our soveran lorde Kyng Edward the fourth.—[*Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 352.*]

Too all maner of men this present writyng seyng or heryng,
 God graunte & gyff thaym joy and comfort. And for as
 mykel as it is meritorie, nedeful & spedeful to every man to
 pupples and declare in ilke mater the treuth, and specially there
 where trewth is liklie w^towte recorde and wittenesse to be
 oppressid and set oparte froym the scewres of right, I, S^r Thomas
 Fleshor, the vicar of Estwitton in the countie of Yorkshire, sayes
 and beris wittenesse of myn prestehode, also declareth opynlie
 for trewth yat I the sayd vicar in my kirk of Estwitton gaffe
 Confirmacion and Cristendom unto Alexaund' Annler w^t all other
 observaunce acordyng to the constitucion of all holy kirke,
 wittenesse of his godfaders, yat is to say Alexaund' Blakborne,
 Thomas Tesedale, Ric' Darley w^t all other neghbores, Alan
 Gaytterd, Will^m Clapeham, Richerd Clapeham, William
 Teysdale, Willyam Bourell, and at every gude person will labur
 forto restore hym into his gude name and fame like as we
 trewlie and dulye woll afferme of o^v wirshippes, and all such
 defamers as wold distrue eny rightful man forto gar hym lese
 his godes w^t thare fals reportes to get thame a thanke w^tall, and
 it wer medeful to punyssh thaym in such fourme yat other fals
 flaterers may tak ensample w^tall. Written at Est Witten, on
 the Monday next after the fest of Saynt James the Appostell.
 —[*Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 351a.*]

1484.
 Alexander
 Ambler.

1484. Memorandum, that ye ij^d day of Novembre, the secund yer of ye regne of Kyng Richard ye Thrid, yer came oon Richard Davis of ye citie of Yorke, glovere, into ye councell chaumbre upon Owse brig, afore Thomas Wrangwisch, yen being Mair of ye said citee; and afore all ye councell of ye said citee yen being yere and yan, and yere shewed a forget testimonyall sormysing in ye same in ye names of diverse of ye honest men of Ripon, wher ye same testimonyall was forget, that oon Alisaundre Aunbler of ye said citie, glovere, shuld be a Skottishman borne; the contrarie wherof was yen & yere proved true in ye presence of all ye said councell by an oyere testimonyall of auctoritee & credence by ye said Alisaundre labored and sued in ye tyme y^t Mastre Amyas was Mair of yis said citee, as in ye regestre of ye said citie in ye last ende yer of, next ye ' Vynters, Ordynaunce more evidently it may apper.

Item on Fryday, ye iij^{de} daye of Decembre, came oon Thomas Watson of yis same citie, tanner, & oon George Hill into ye same councell chambre, afore ye said Mair and ye chaumbrelayns, and yen and yere shewed and declared that thay, and eythre of theym, wer present and herde when William Thomson of Rypon, Rawlyn Cundall of ye same, John Cole of ye same, mercer, & John Watson of ye same, shomaker, said and swor yat thay ne noon of theim wer nevere prevey to ye sealing of ye forsaid forged and untrue testimonyall, shewed & labord by ye said Richard Davis, and y^t thay and every theym wolbe redye on thair owne cost to come hedre & make it good upon a book.

Item Richard Thoneton of yis citie of Yorke, spicer, came ye same day & tyme and place afore ye said Mair, and shewed and pl(a)ynly declared y^t he was present & herde when Robert of ye Wardrop of Ripon aforsaid said and swore y^t he was nevere privey to ye sealing of ye forsaid forged, false testymonyall.

Item William Banes, baker, and Thomas Blande sayd in y^e same place & presence yat ye said Richard Davis proferd eythre of theym a pair of gloves to say yat yay sawe y^e said forget & untrue testimonyall sealed.

Item Thomas Wright of Thriske came into ye same place & presence and offerd to swer upon a booke y^t ye forsaid

Alisaundre Aunbler is a true Inglishe man, borne in Estwitton, and y^t he welbe at all tymes redy to prove & make good eythre upon a book or els with his handes.

The x day of Decembre, in the yere abovesaid, before the said Mayre, in the said chambre, where and when personally appered John Gatescalles, Robert Wilkynson, John Hausse, John Downe, William Pert, John Kirkby, and Richard Watson.

Unto whome the said Thomas Wrangwisch Maire, shewing first the testimoniall approbate of the said Alisaundre in the days of Robert Amyes Maire, and the above writyn declaracion concernyng the desetyng of a fals testimoniall, purchasid by the forsaide Ric' Davys, examined and demaunded of theme severally how they wold accept the said Alisaundre after the forsaide declaracion, which answerd and said, ichone of theme, that they wold accept hym for a true Englishman as they did hertofore surmising none othere upon hym hereafter.—[Reg. A. Y. 354a.]

M^d that the Tuesday next tofore the fest of the Nativitie of Saint John Baptist, that is to say the xxj day of the moneth of Juyn, in the yeres of our Lord God a m^ccccclxxxv, and the reigne of King Richard the Third secund, in the counsaill chambre upon Ouse brig w^tin the citie of York, before the right worshipful Sir Nicholas Loncastre maire of the said citie, one Andrew Lambe of the same, baker, diffamed by certayn of his craft that he shuld be a Scot, borne in the realme of Scotland, appered personally, being present in the said chambre the moost part of his said craft, w^t othre in grete nombre assembled ther, where and when for his perfiter declaracion that he shuld be an Inglissh man, borne w^tin the realme of England, he shewed unto the said Mayre certayne recordes of auctoritie, as foloweth herafter ; which red, serched, and duly examined by hym in the presence of all his craft, chamberleyns and othre being present, and no thing probable object ayenst the same by the said craft, ne othir ther being present, the said Maire, after sad and mature examinacion of the said recordes in the presence forsaide, decreed and finally determyned that noo man of the said craft,

1485.
Andrew
Lambe.

ne othre w^tin ye citie of York, suburbs, or precinctes of ye same, from hensfurth name or call the said Alexandre (*sic*) a Scot, or Scotteshman, under the Payne of vj s. viij d., evere man so doing, and also that the said Alex' geve none occasion to any of his said craft to call hym a Scot under the Payne of forfaitor of vj s. viij d. to be equally employed to the chambre and the craft of bakers.

*Copia literæ testimonialis domini Comitis Northumbriæ pro
Andr' Lambe.*

Henry Erle of Northumberland, lord of thonours of Cokirmouth and Petworth, Warden of the Est and Middel marches of England anenst Scotland, and Justice of all the Kinge's forestz from Trent north, to all men to whome this writing shalbe shewed, greting. For asmoch as my welbeloved Andrew Lambe, of the citie of York, baxter, by indisposed personnes onely of malice have, as I am enformed, troubled hym, surmising hym to be a Scottes man, I for a due prove in this behalve to be had have caused serch to be maid, whereby I am veralie accertayned that the said Andrew is the kyng our soverain lorde's true ligeman and subgiet, borne w^tin this his realme of England, in the towne of Brenklowe, of the parissh of Pont Eland in the countie of Northumberland; wherfor, on the king our souverain lorde's behalve, I, the said Warden, charge you, and on myne desire, that noo maner of persone, of what degré or condicion he be, vex, trouble, or annoy the said Androw Lambe in persone ne in goodes, by reason of the said surmise, but quietlye and feasably to have and rejoise his fre libertie according onto our said souverain lorde's lawes, as ye woll eschewe the punycion than may ensue unto you, or any of you, for the contrary doing and os ye woll that I doo for you if thing require. Yeven undre my signet and my signe manuel, in my castell of Alnewik, the xvijth day of Juyn, in the twenty yere of the reign of our souverain lord King Edward the Fourt.

J. Newton.

HENRY NORTHUMBERLAND.

Copia literæ testimonialis Abbatis de Alnewek et aliorum pro eodem Andrea.

Unto all good Christen people to whos knowlage thies present; writing shalcome, Thomas Abbot of the monasterie of our Ladie of Alnewyk, John Herbotill recevour unto my Lord of Northumberland w'in the same cuntry, John Heron of Bokkenfeld gentilman, William Dokson, Th. Hedle, Thomas Stedeman of Morpath, Robert Dobson of Thriston, Edward Dobson of Felton, John Dobson, Robert Gibson of Acton, Thomas Hall, and John Bradelee of Anewik forsaid yoman sendes greeting in our Lord everlasting. For asmoch as it is meritorie and medefull to witnesse and certifie the truthe in evere mater, and, in especiall, ther as it is meritorie and medefull may gender or cause prejudice, hurt, or hinderance unto the innocent, we, therfor, the forsaid Abbot, gentilmen, and yomen testifie, record, and bereth witnesse that Andrew Lambe of York, baxter, wonnyng in Ousegate, is an Inglysh man, borne in the parish of Pont Eland in the towne of Brenklow, where his moder decessed in child bed of the same Andrew, having too oone of his godfaders John of Kalom, to whome his fader was servaunt in the same Brenklow, and oone othre, William Haton of Shetryn, and to his godmoder Eden of Peyth; wherfor we, as affore, exorte, pray, and require all good lordes, masters, and frendes not for to molest, vex, ne trouble the said Andrew in that behalve, bot to accept and admit, repute, and hold hym as a good true Inglysh man borne, at our record and testificacion. In witnesse wherof we the forsaid Abbot, gentilmen, and yomen have putto our sealles to this present writyng, writtyn the xiiij day of the moneth of Juyn, the xxj yere of the reigne of our souverain lord King Edward the iiiij after the conquest of England.

Alia record pro eodem Andrea.

Be it knawne to all men that this present writing heres or sees, and in evere mater of truthe is meritorie and medefull to record the truthe, there as conc' Andrew Lambe is noysed in the citie of York by his neghbours, and specially by his adver-

saries, to be a Scotteshman borne ; it is not so, for the truth in the mater is serchid, understand, and fondon contrary, for the said Andrew was borne in the towne of Brenlay in Pont Eland parisshe, and Cristynd in Pont Eland kirk, as it is fon by men of age and substance in the parissh ; wherfor the said Andrew, w^t othre worshipfull men of his frendes, hath required ye vicar of Pont Eland to record ye same w^t other diverse gentilmen and yomen, y^t is to say Sir Thomas Harbotill vicar of ye same kirk of Pont Eland, Alex Mitfurth gent, Ric' Cocour, Will Barnewell, John Gateshened, Thomas Andreson, William Watson, John Wynship yoman ; wherfor we, forsaid rehersid, in witnesse settes to our sealles. Also ther was iij men of York her xiiij days affor, and desirid to understand if any sike man had any record lat tyme affor or noo, and we certified yem y^t ther was none y^t tyme requirid, and we certified yem at y' was required noone or now. Wharfor we forsaid vicar, gentilmen, and yomen settes to our sealles, the Sunday after ye Magdaleyne day, the yere and reigne of King Edward xx.—[Reg. Civ. Ebor. A. Y. 327b.]

*To the right honorable Sirs, the Maier, Aldermen, & Comon
Counseil of the Citiie of York.*

Your awne Sir John Aske.

1486.
John Harington.

Right honorable Sirs, I commaund me unto you and thank you for the tender favour that ye have unto my kynseman, M. John Harington, the cleric of your Couneseil. And where I am informed that he at his late being w^t the Kinge's grace, understode, by his good lordes and maisters y', that he was reputid to be a Scot, which grew on the report of one Thomas Wharf of (your) citie, whome ye have examyned, and fferder entendith to examyne in that behalve, I desire you to have knawledge for truith that the saide M. John was borne in Estrynge ton besides Houeden, of his moder, a poore gentil-(wo)man, whose fader was to my fader, whome God assoile, at the third and third degré of consanguinitie, which I wold have comen and shewid unto you in propre person, if it had semed

to my saide kynseman that I shuld soo have done: and soo I wol at his pleasour hast. If this slaunderous report come to the eers of some yongmen of the blode that he is of, it woll grewe theyme, I doubt not, which I pray you desire the saide Thomas Wharfe to remembre. As for his fader, I trust he woll declare hym unto you to be an Englishman and a poore gentilman borne, thof he never weir taken heir bot for a yoman, which he haith been right wele at ease before this, and yit may lif to his honestie, blissid be God, the better, if my saide kynseman his sone fare wel, to whome I pray you, for my sake, to be more singler good lord and maisters, if ye can soe be in eny wise. And our Lord God preserve you to His pleasour. From Aughton the xxijij day of Septembre.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. vi. 41.*]

To the right worshipfull Sirs, the Maier, aldermen, and common counesell of the citie of York.

Right worshipfull Sirs, I commaund me unto you. And for so much as I understand that M. John Harington hath been lately inquietid by untrue report maide of hym above in the court, and emonges you also by one of his neghbours, which haith been called afore you and dar not avowe the same, bot that which he saide he denied ayene, in the which behalve and oderwise ye have shewid your self luffing and kynd unto the saide M. John, as I am enfourmed, I hertly thank you, latting you wite that the saide M. John is my kynseman, and soo I have taken hym and yit doith, as he can and woll more largely show unto you by petiegrew. This I pray you to report, if the case require, and for my sake and othre unto whome he is of kyn, and I shalbe glad to doo what I can for you by Gode's grace, Who preserve you. Frome Cartemell, iij^d day of Novembre.

And hertly I pray you, and everych of you, to remembre the premisses, as my speciall trust is in you. And if y' be eny malicioouse person that wrongfully wuld vex or trouble my saide kynseman, I pray you to be his good maisters according to right. And who so ever it be that soo doith I shall put me in

devour to remembre hym in my power w^t Gode's grace.—
W^t the handes of your good lover, Sir Robert Harington,
knight.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. vi. 48.*]

*To my right worshipfull sirs, the maier, aldermen, sherrifes and
common counsell of the citie of York.*

Your loveing freynd Jhon Conyers, Knight.

Right worshipfull Sirs, I commaund me unto you. And where I am enfourmed that my trusty and right hertly welbeloved M. John Harington haith be put to grete trouble and noted a fals Scott, in the which behalve, as I understand, he haith not onely declared hym self before you one English man, bot aswele a gentilman borne in the parishing of Estrington, w^tin xiiij miles of the citie of York, and also a graduate of the Universitie of Cambridge, w^t record under the seal of the same Universitie testifying his demenaunce there; and for somuch as the saide M. John, after his commyng frome the saide Universitie, come into this couentre to my service, I certifie you that he was in my service by divers yeres my cleric and secretarie in the rowme of a gentilman, and soo taken unto the tyme of his commyng to York to offic for demeaning hym to me that I had hym in my singler favour, and for his trueth, wisedome, and lernynge accept hym to be of my fee and counesell as yit he is, which I desire and hertly pray you to recorde as the case shall require. And if y' be thing that I may doo for your feas', I shalbe more glad for his sake to accomplish the same by Gode's grace, Who preserve you. Frome Horneby, the xxiiij day of Octobr'.—[*House Book, Civ. Ebor. vi. 49.*]

1496.
Robert
Elwald.

To all trewe Cristen people to whom y^{is} present writyng shall come or be shewed, Roland Prior of Hexham, Gilbert Eryngton, John Ridlee, squyers, Robert Eryngton of Whittyngton, Nicholas Eryngton, Symon Armestrang, Charles Eryngton, gentilmen, Sir Robert Whitqwam chaplyn & parysch prest of Saynt John ec, & William Smyth, parysche clerk of the

same, Thomas Sourby, John Denyng, John Spane, Robert Lee, Thomas Grene, John Copden, yomen, sendes gretynge in our Lord God everlasting, & to whome it belongeth, dieu recomendacion. And for so mekyll as it is meritory, medefull, and a speciaill dede of charite to certiffie and witnes the trewth in every rightwise mater, therfor we make it knawen to your universite that Robert Elwalde, the son of John Elwald, is a trewe Ynglischeman, getten of his fader beforsayd and born of his moder, w^tin ye parysche of Saynt John Baptist within Hexham shire, & his godfadyrs callyd John Elwald of the said parische, & John Robson of ye Langelee, and his godmoder callid Janet Elwald of Hakefurth within ye said shire of Hexham, & Cristened in ye fount of ye said parische of Saynt John Baptist. Wherfor we pray & charitably exhorte all our good loufers, welwillers, and frendes that ye walde help & supporte the said Robert Elwald in his right, as ye walde we did to frendes and neghbours of yours, if the case require. In witnes herof we above said hase setto our seales. Gyffen at Hexham, the xxvijth day of Octobre, in the xijth yere of the regne of our soveraigne lord Kyng Henre the vijth.

Litera testimonialis pro Roberto Elwald de Eboraco conyour.—

[*York House Book*, viii. 12.]

Be it knownen to all Cristen pepill to whome this present writting shall here or see, that where it is meritorie to every Cristen creature to certifie a mater of trewth, we, Thomas Darnwater of Lepington, gentilman, Sir William Darnwater, his broder, chantry prest of Saynt Mary kirk in Castellgate, John Bell of York yoman, Janet Bell wiff unto William Wright of York, and Issabell Materson wiff to Robert Abell of York fyscher, certifieth & recordeth that William Robynson of York, never, is a trewe Ynglisch man borne, & was borne in a towne called Boulton in Westmerland, & Cristined within All Halowe kyrk within the said town. His fader name was William Robynson, & his moder name Katerine; his godfader's name Adame Wolfe, & his other godfader's name was Adam Kedy, & his godmoder was John Dernwater wiff of Boulton gentilman, moder unto Thomas of Darnwater & S^r William Darnwater

1496.
William
Robinson.

above written; and John Percevall of Ousby godfader unto ye said William Robynson under ye bischop hand, and Janet Bell above written god suster unto ye said William Robynson, John Bell, & Issabell Materson above wrytten, borne in ye said town wher the said William Robynson was borne. And for more declaracion of treuth in the premisē, we the abovesaid Thomas Darnwater, & oyer tofore named, ar & shalbe redy to record & testifie thees premyses at every tyme when we yerto shalbe reasonably requyred. In witnes & record herof the partiez abovesaid hath setto theyr sealez, the xxijth day of moneth of Decembre, the xijth yere of ye regne of Kyng Henry the vijth.
---[*York House Book*, viii: 14a.]

1497.
John,
Thos., and
Ralph
Nelson.

Unto all Cristen men to qwome this present writtyng shall come, we, Sir James Strangways . Knyght, Thomas Prior of Montgrace, Sr John Pekett vicar of ye parysche kyrke of Osmonderley, Thomas Loraunce, James Balderston, John Baxster, Henr' Thomson, George Thomson, William Lowraunce, Robert Balderston, John Hudson, Thomas Dixson, William Noddyng, Thomas Hudson, Robert Laken, John Balderston, John Seneer, Robert Seneer, William Prud, Thomas Lokwod, John Cruke, Robert Appilby, John Laken & Thomas Laynge yomen. In asmyche as it is medfull & meritory to every trewe Cristen man for to certifie the trouth in every mater, therfor we certifie to yowe for trewth & recordie yat John Nelson, Thomas Nelson, & Raufe Nelson ar Ynglyschmen, & born in town of Osmonderley, & Cristient at ye same kyrk. In witnes wherof we have setto our seales. Geven at Osmonderley, the viijth day of ye moneth of Septembre, ye yere of our Lord m^lcccc iiiij. xvij.

John Nelson	James Clerk, godfader. William Evynwood, god-fader. Agnes Darley, godmoder.	Th. Nelson	Thomas Corte, godfader. James Balderston, godfader. Issabell Wellerby, god-moder.
Raufe Nelson	Sir Rauffe Surtes, godfader. Robert Makynson, god-fader. Agnes Yngilby, godmoder.		

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VI. CUSTOMS AND LIBERTIES OF THE BURGESSES OF NEW
MALTON. sec. XV.]

[*From the Original Roll.*]

Thies er the custumes and libertes, the qwhyche was concess
and graunted to the Burgese of New Mallton at the fyrst fundacyon of the sayd Malton be the Lorde of y^e same, and in all tymys hydryward hath ben usyd.

Fyrst it was graunted to the for sayd Burgeses a wast of ather syde of the town of New Malton, y^t the Burgeses and thare successors schall in the sayd wastys gett stone, and fro thens stone and erd take and cary to the edyfacion and beyldyng w^tin y^e sayd town, when som ever y^a wyll, and als ofte as thay wyll, w^t owtyn impedymet of any man. And thay schall haffe iiiij portes, that is to say iiiij zattes, and y^e walles of ye sayd Burgage undyr . . . awn kepyng w^t fre entre and goyng oute w^tin the sayd walles of y^e Burgage, w^t all y^e proffettes of y^e sayd walles, to the mendyng of y^e sayd walles, and also of y^e sayd zattes. And the sayd Burgese ever more hathe usyd for to pastur' and to fede y^r bestes in y^e fore sayd wastes.

Also it was grauntyd y^e fore sayd Burgese common pastur' to all y^r bestes in y^e feyldes and in y^e more, fer and ner, and in all othyr places, excepptt severall of y^e lorde, w^t fre entre and goyng owte to y^e mor' by a large way, the qwhyche is called y^e owtegang, w^towtyn any styntyng; and y^e pastur' and y^e owtegang war graunted and gyffen to y^e fore sayd Burgese of y^e lordi's lande of y^e fore sayd Burgage.

Also it was graunted and usyd y^t y^e Burgese afore sayd schulde haffe y^r fre cowrtt for to be haldyn w^t in y^e Burgage a fore sayd; and thay schall haffe two Ballyffes and two undyr Ballyffes, j Burgese clerke resydentt and bydyng w^t in y^e sayd Burgage, for to hold the fore sayd cowrtt of ther own fre will . . . be xij sworne Burgese be thar fayth y^t thay made to the lorde and to y^e commonte of y^e sayd Burgage. And y^t noo othyr Balyffe schal make no tachement nor somond w^t in y^e fore sayd

Burgage w^t owte y^e Balyffe of y^e Burgage y^t is sworne. And y^t no distreyn y^t is made w^t in y^e sayd Burgage schall be remevyd w^t owten y^e libertye of y^e sayd Burgage.

Also [it] is grauntyd and usyd y^t y^e fore sayd Burgese schall make bott ij suttis by y^e 3er' to y^e sayd cowr^t, that is to say, at y^e grete cowr^t next eftyr y^e fest of Sayntt Myghell, and at y^e grett cowr^t next eftyr Sayntt Hyllare day, exceppyd thay haffe prisoners for to delyver, or jugement of any playntt for to be gyffen. And yai schall haffe y' viij days of somondes; and at all y^e fore sayd cowrtes may y^e Burgese assoyn yame ons or twyse, and iffe yai make a defawte and apper after ye seconde assoyn yai schall be amersyd iiiij d., and no more.

Also it is usyd y^t noo man y^t haldes of thame schall haffe noo cowrte bot alonly y^e Burgese cowrte, and also y' schal noo cowr^t be halden w^t in y^e liberte of y^e Burgage bot y^e sayd cowrte of ye Burgage.

Also it is grauntyd and usyd y^t no Burgese, nor noo odyr man that dwellys w^t in y^e Burgage, schall sew one a nodyr bot alone in y^e cowrte of y^e Burgage; and iffe any Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage be sewed be any man of y^e contre, or any neghbur of y^e sayd Burgage, the sayd Burgese schall haffe hys viij days respett; and iffe so be y^t and he come in to y^e cowrte y^e fyrst day after he be atachyd, and aske viij days fro y^t day and also he schall haffe hys delays, that is to say twa assoynys after every apperyng; and that als well y^e playntyffe as y^e defender in all maner of playntes als well of dett as of trespass, and also in pley of lande and als wele wagyd os be fore.

And iffe so be y^t and a Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage sew hys neghbur of y^e same town, no Burgese or any man of y^e contr . . . e schall haffe cowrte fro day to day w^t hys delays, y^t is to say two assoynis, als wele ye playntyffe as the defender.

And iffe so be y^t he apper not after y^e seconde assoyn, than schall y^e foresayd soyn be turned in to defawte, and he schall be amerced be y^e aferyng of xij men.

Also it is usyd y^t yffe any man that dwellys w^t in y^e sayd Burgage, als wele a foraner as Burges, be sommonyd or atachyd to any cowrte w^t owte ye Burgage, or to the wapyn-tak, the Balyffes or Subbalyffes of y^c said Burgage, or any

mynister of ye Lorde's haffyng lett' patant of the lorde, come to thame y^e hold y^e sayd cowrtt or wapyntake the fyrst day of somondes or atachement, and aske y^e prevalege of y^e Burgage, he y^t holdes y^e cowrte or wapyntake schall graunte it, so y^t y^e ryght jugement be done to every man.

Also it is graunted and usyd that y^e jugement of all maner of playntes and consideraconys in ye sayd Burgag cowrte schall be gyffen and jugyd be y^e sutterys of y^e sayd cowrte, and all mercyamentes fered, excepyyd alonely the amercyamentes of y^e comon backster and assyse of brede, and of alle odyr transgrescyons y^t towchys the lorde's persons.

Also it is grauntyd y^t alle Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage schall be fre of all maner of toll of y^e lord in all maner of merchauntysse, bot iffe yai be assocyat w^t any foroner or stranger, and than the foroner and the stranger schall gyffe toll als wele for ye Burgese as for hym selfe, excepyyd common bucherys, the qwyche gyffes toll dayly of old custom, and excepyyd Burgese y^t sellys heryng in Lentyn, y^e qwhyche schall gyffe for sellyng of m^l heryng j d., or ellys for sellyng of ye same thay schall gyffe to y^e skattegylde iiiij d.

Also it is grauntyd to thame a fre prison for all maner of evyll doers that er takyn w^t in y^e Burgage, that in y^e sayd cowrte, by y^e commonte of the sutterys, thay may juge the sayd prisoners or mysdoers and delyver thame. And y^e sayd Burgese schall w^t in y^e Burgage ordan a pelory and a thew, lawfull and strang.

Also it is usyd y^{at} y^e Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage schall answe be fore the justyse of pease in all sessyons and inqwyres w^t xij chosyn of the same; and also before the scheryffe in hys Turne holdyn w^t in y^e liberte of y^e Burgag, and in no nodyr place; and that y^e sayd Burgese schall make y^r a panyll of y^e sayd xij, and y^t panyll schall be presentyd and delyvered be fore y^e Justicie or y^e Scheryffe by y^e Balyffe, or Subballyffe of y^e same Burgag.

Also it is grauntyd to y^e sayd Burgese a liberte for to grynde y^r corne and y^r maltt at the mylne of y^e lord, that is to say, when j qwharter wheytt is said for iiijs., than schall y^r corne be multyrd at y^e xvij vessell; and qwhen j qwharter

qwheytt is sold for iiij s. vj d. and mor to it come to vj s., yan y^r corn schall be multeryd at y^e xx vessell; and qwhen j qwharter qwheytt is sold for vj s., than y^r corn schall be multeryd at y^e xxiiij vesell.

And yai schall haffe in y^e sayd mylnes two mylners and j page chosyn by y^e assent of ye commonte of ye Burgage, the qwhyche mylners schall be sworn in y^e cowrtt at two tymes in y^e yere, that is to say, at y^e two hede cowrttes to y^e commonte off the Burgage, and non of the mylners schall take no maner of thyng of thame y^t grynd y^r corn for y^r labor, bott alonly of hym y^t is y^e chefe mylner.

Also y^e sayd Burgese schall grynd iiij qwhartars maltt for j d., and it be broght to the mylne all to gedyr and at o tyme; and ȝhe haffe bott j quarter at o tyme, thay schall gyffe for y^e sayd quarter gryndyng a farthyng.

Also it is used that all maner of mesurys of y^e mylne that yai take multyr w^t schall (be) proved in y^e sayd cowrte of the Burgage by y^e Balyffes two tymes in y^e ȝhere, and y^r schal no mylner be remevyd fro y^e sayd mylnes w^t owtyn y^e assent of y^e commonte of y^e Burgage, nor y^r schall no mylner be putt into y^e sayd mylne w^t outyn ye assent of y^e commonte, nor mynst' in y^e sayd mylnes be fore y^t he be sworn to be trew to y^e commonte.

Also it was grauntyd and usyd y^t all ye Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage, and all y^t dwels w^t in it, may grynde y^r corn and y^r maltt y^t yay by in y^e contre, or in y^e markytt, qwher some ever yay wyll, w^t owtyn any impediment so y^t y^e corne or maltt com never w^tin y^r howses.

Also the sayd Burgese schall haffe y^e standard, that is to say the buschell, halff a buschell and j quartir of j buschell, and j galon, j potell and j quarte, j ȝerde wande, and weghettes w^t j pare of balanys, the qwhyche mesures schuld agre w^t the kynge's standard, and be merkyd w^t y^e merke that is ordande y^r fore; and all maner of mesurys y^t er fondon w^tin y^e sayd Burgage, als wele in y^e mylne as in any odyr place, schall be schewed and prevyd be fore y^e Balyffes and y^e commonte of y^e Burgage, and be merkyd w^t ye merke afore sayd; and y^e standard be fore sayd schall be selled w^t y^e common seall, and y^e

merke schall be kepyd undyr y^e seallys off iiij Burgese chosyn for the same intent.

Also it is grauntyd that al maner of bakars and buchers schall be sworn two tymes in ye yere to y^e commonte of y^e Burgage, that is to say at y^e two grete cowrttes, y^t yay haffe done trewly in y^r ocupacyon and schall do trewly; and if so be the buchers wyll not doo so, thay schall be amersyd at y^e sayd cowrtt; and the bakars schall be amersyd als ofte as yai fayll; and also ye sayd bakars schall haffe holle brede aftyr y^e ordinance of y^e Ballyffes; and also y^t no bakar y^t bakys qwhytte brede schall bake brown brede for to sell, nor he y^t bakys brown brede schall bake no qwhyte brede.

Also it is usyd and grauntyd that every Burgese of ye sayd Burgage may lawfully sell y^r maltt and y^r ale y^t commys owte of y^r garnes w^t owtyn any interrupcyon of ye Lord or of y^e Ballyffes, and yai may sell y^r ale w^t in y^r awn howses of qwhat pryc som ever thay wyll, and yat, als wele of ye malt y^t thay by, as of y^t that yay hafe in y^r garnes, every tyme in ye ȝere.

Also it is grauntyd and usyd y^t all men y^t dwellys w^tin yis sayd Burgage may sell bred and ale of all maner of pryc y^t yay wyll in the fest of Sanct Myghell and in y^e feste of y^e Byrthe of oure Lorde, un to the next cowrtte aftyr y^e sayd fest, w^t owtyn any interupcion of ye lord or of the Ballyfes.

Also it is grauntyd and usyd that every common brewer y^t wyll sell ale w^t owtyn y^r howses, y^t thay schall mak y^r fyne j tyme in y^e ȝere w^t y^e Ballyffes of y^e Burgage, that is to say at y^e fest of y^e Puryfycacyon of oure Lady, for all y^e ȝere: and thay schall pay halfe y^r fyne att y^e fest of Saynt Petyr callyd y^e Ad Vincula; and y^e todyr halfe at ye fest of y^e Puryfycacyon of oure Lady in y^e ȝere next folowyng, exceptyd the brewers y^t holdys of y^e knyghty's fee: and y^e brewers y^t holdes of y^e Prior of Malton, the qwhyche makes noo fyne nor gyffes no thyng to y^e Lorde.

Also it is usyd y^t the sayd Burgese schall chese in y^r cowrte two ale tastars, y^e qwhyche two tastars w^t j subballyffe shall taste the ale of all common brewers every weke; and yai fynde any ale not sufficient for j peny a galon, than y^e sayd tasturs schall sett it at iij farthynges j galon; and iff so be y^e brewers wyll sell it abown y^t price, thay schall be amersyd, and y^e ale schall be forfett: and y^t sall be als wele of y^e

brewers that hold of y^e Prior of Malton, and of y^e Knyghte's fee, as of oþyr brewers of y^e sayd Burgage.

Also it is usyd and graunted y^t every Burgese schall gyff to y^e Lord one tyme in y^e ȝere a farme for hys tenement, the qwhyche is called the gaffelege, that is to say, for every tenement y^t hath j dore j d. And yf so be it be lattyne in farme to y^e cowrte of y^e burgage aftyr y^e fest of Seyntt Myghell: and for every howse y^t is lattyn to farme that hathe two doores ij d. in ye ȝere to y^e sayd cowrte; and for every tofta y^t is nott beldyd j d. by y^e ȝere, exceppyd yay be tenementes of y^e Knyghte's fee, or of y^e Prior of Malton, y^e qwhyche gyffes no thyng to ye Lorde. And if so be a Burgese appropyr many tenementes lyng all to gedyr, and hold yam to hys propyr use, he schall gyffe butt j gaffelege to y^e Lorde, as it war for j tenement.

Also yffe so be y^t any Burgese haffe dyverse tenementes to hys awn use in dyverse places, or yf he make of j tenement dyverse tenementes w^t dyverse tenandes dwellyng in thame, he schall gyffe hale gaffelege, and it is lefull to every Burgese to sell hys tenementes, or to gyffe yame, or to wyll yame in hys testament w^t owtyn impedymet of the Lorde or of y^e Balyffes, and the Lorde of y^e fee schall not haffe, nor never hade, y^e warde of y^e herytage of any Burgese of y^e sayd Burgage, nor he schall never clame no thyng of y^e herydance, bott alonly hys faythe for hys tenementes or hys lande aftyr y^e decesse of hys predecessors.

Also it is ordanyd y^t no groser of fysche awe to cutt hys awn fysche be hym selffe, nor be a nodyr man, bott yffe y^e sayd fysche be boght w^t odyr men; and yff he doo he schall be amersyd and the fysche sall be forfeit.

Also it is ordanyd that no schomakar that makes schone schall nott occupy nor use the tannar^s crafte, nor a tannar schall not use nor occupy schomakar crafte.

Al thytes lybereteis and customes [above] wrytyn, w^t many oþyr moo liberteis, the qwyche un to the lib . . . Burgage pertenys, the fore sayd Burgeses claymes for to hafe . . . and y^r antecessors liberally hafe usyd be fore tyme, [the qwhyche ty]me is w^t owtyn man's membraunce or mynde, the qwhyche . . . in y^e clayme of y^e sayd Burgeses and also in tyme . . . to be claymed.