

= Simon of Southwell =

Simon of Southwell (sometimes Simon of Sywell , or Simon of Siwell) was a medieval English canon lawyer and canon who became treasurer of the cathedral chapter of Lichfield Cathedral . He served in the household of Hubert Walter , who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1193 to 1205 . Pope Celestine III appointed Simon as a papal judge @-@ delegate , and Simon also served Walter in Rome on two legal cases . A number of the glosses on a late @-@ twelfth @-@ century copy of Gratian 's Decretum are ascribed to Simon .

= = Early career = =

Simon was treasurer of the cathedral chapter in 1203 . He also held a prebend at Lichfield until 1209 . Previously he had been a lecturer in canon law at Bologna , Paris and at Oxford . In Paris , Simon argued a case before Peter the Chanter that dealt with papal mandates , and his arguments won over Peter to his side of the discussion .

While at Oxford , Simon , along with John of Tynemouth , Honorius of Kent , and possibly Nicholas de Aquila are the first securely attested lecturers on law known for Oxford . Simon may also have studied canon law at Bologna .

= = Service to Hubert Walter = =

Simon served in the household of Hubert Walter , who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1193 to 1205 . Simon served along with other canon lawyers including John of Tynemouth and Honorius of Kent . He had previously been with the household of Hugh , Bishop of Lincoln , transferring to Walter 's household about 1195 .

Pope Celestine III appointed Simon as a papal judge @-@ delegate , and Simon also served Walter in Rome on two legal cases . In 1202 , while Walter was on the continent , Simon was named as administrator of the diocese of Canterbury during the archbishop 's absence .

In 1203 , Thomas of Marlborough , who was a monk of Evesham Abbey , pleaded a case for Evesham before Archbishop Walter , and later , in his chronicle , he noted that Simon , John of Tynemouth , and Honorius , all canon lawyers from the archbishop 's household , sided with the abbey . He also described the three men as *magistri mei in scholis* . Surviving evidence shows that Simon and John frequently found themselves on opposing sides of cases , which suggests a rivalry between the two over their expositions of canon law . Thomas appears to have studied under Simon , John and Honorius at Oxford .

One of the cases that Simon pleaded for the archbishop was Walter 's case against Gerald of Wales , who had been elected to the Bishopric of St David 's in Wales . Walter opposed Gerald 's appointment , and Simon , along with John of Tynemouth and another canon lawyer , were sent to Rome to argue Walter 's case against Gerald .

= = Teachings = =

Like John of Tynemouth , a number of the glosses on a late @-@ twelfth @-@ century copy of Gratian 's Decretum are ascribed to Simon . These take the form of notes from his lectures that were later added to the margins of copies of the Decretum . This combined work is now at Gonville and Caius College at Cambridge University , catalogued as manuscript (MS) 283 / 676 . Another set of student notes from his lectures , this time entitled *Quaestiones* , survives as part of British Library MS Royal E.VII. This work includes lecture notes not only from Simon 's classes , but from John and Nicholas ' as well .