

ministers as they ought (*ad cohibendum hominum terre nostre Hybernie levitatem qui minus indomiti ministris nostris non obediunt*) and for the correction of whom he intends to expend further resources. Therefore he requires (*fiducialiter vos rogamus mandantes*) the archbishop to convoke bishops, deans, abbots, priors, archdeacons and other prelates, wardens and masters of regular houses, exempt and non-exempt, as well as all the clergy (*totus clerus*) to appear at some place within the province as shall seem appropriate. Both the archbishop, bishops, deans, abbots [*etc. as above*] and each chapter by one proctor, and the clergy of each diocese of the province by two, are to assemble to discuss and consent to a suitable aid. The archbishop is to certify the king of his action and in the matter of urgent necessity (*In hoc tam arduo necessitatis articulo*) to respond with expedition (*nos reddatis merito promptiores*). The archbishop having had diligent discussion with his brethren [*the bishops*] and other learned men (*quibusdam de nostris fratribus et aliis multis peritis*) does not wish to put them to double expense. On his own authority (*vice et auctoritate nostra*) he enjoins the suffragans of his province to warn all deans and cathedral chapters, priors and archdeacons of each diocese that they should appear by one proctor and the clergy of each diocese by two in St. Paul's church, London, on the Monday after the Exaltation [19 September], with prorogation of term and place, to discuss arduous business touching the English church and the business of the realm to be transacted at greater length in parliament (*in dicto parlamento diffusius pertractandum*) and also to consent to such things which are to the honour of God and his holy church and to the benefit of the whole realm. On his authority he directs his fellow-bishops to cite, or to have cited, all deans and chapters of cathedral and regular churches, as well as all abbots, priors, archdeacons, religious prelates (*abbates.. priores.. archidiaconos prelatos religiosos et totum clerum cuiuslibet diocesis*), who are to appear by one proctor and the clergy of each diocese by two in St. Paul's church on the Monday after St. Matthew apostle and evangelist [*i.e.* 26 September 1334].

By authority of the archbishop's mandate [*the bishop of London*]<sup>18</sup> orders the citation of deans, chapters of cathedral and regular churches [*etc. as above*] throughout the diocese to appear as directed and also to appear on 26 September.

By authority of this [*the bishop of London's*] mandate the diocesan ordered the archdeacon of Worcester to cite the prior and chapter of Worcester Cathedral with all haste to appear on the Monday after the Exaltation in St. Paul's and the prior and chapter and individual chapters of regular churches and all abbots, priors, religious prelates, and the whole clergy of the archdeaconry to appear before the archbishop or his commissary on the Monday after St. Matthew. In their certification they are to give the names of those cited and those of proctors of the clergy of the archdeaconry, as well as the names of any disobedient. Memorandum that a similar mandate was sent to the official of the archdeacon of Gloucester dated London 20 August 1334.<sup>19</sup>

### 903 15 September 1334 Hampstead Marshall

Certification of the bishop's execution of the archbishop's mandate, received 19 August. He has duly carried out the citations (*premuniri ac etiam citari peremptorie*). The names of those cited to appear on the Monday after the Exaltation are:

[The prior] of Worcester Cathedral and his chapter;<sup>20</sup> M. John de Orleton, archdeacon of Worcester, Roger de Breynton, archdeacon of Gloucester; the clergy's proctors M. Richard May[el], rector of Preston-on-Stour, official of the archdeacon of Worcester, and M. William de Adelynton, official of the archdeacon of Gloucester.<sup>21</sup>

All the above and those named below were cited to appear before the archbishop or his commissary on the Monday after St. Matthew.

The abbots and chapters of Evesham, Pershore, Halesowen (*Halys*), Bordesley, Alcester

The abbots and convents of St. Peter's Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Winchcomb, Hailes



(Hayles), Cirencester, Kingswood, St. Augustine's Bristol  
The priors and chapters of Studley, Great Malvern, Little Malvern, Holy Sepulchre  
Warwick

The priors and convents of Llanthony-by-Gloucester, St. Oswald's Gloucester  
The priors of Deerhurst, Beckford, St. James Bristol, Horsley, Stanley, Brimpsfield

**904 16 September 1334 Hampstead Marshall**

The bishop to John [Stratford], archbishop of Canterbury, excusing himself from attendance at the convocations of prelates summoned for 19 and 26 September, he being prevented by certain lawful reasons (*certis ex causis et legitimis prepediti*). He appoints M. J[ohn] de H[ildesley], canon of Chichester, as his proctor, with special authority to explain the reasons for his absence and to appear in his name to discuss the arduous business touching the English church, to consent to what shall be to the honour of God, of Holy Church, and the benefit of the realm of England, and to do everything that the bishop could do were he present, with power to appoint a substitute and to reassume his office whenever he should see fit.

**905 22 May 1334 Beverley**

Royal mandate to the bishop. By reason of his recent promotion (*nove creacionis vestre*) he is bound to pay an annual pension to a clerk to be nominated by the king until such time as he can provide him with a benefice. He is to grant a pension under sealed letters to John de Crokford, the king's chosen clerk (*dilectus clericus noster*) and is to send details of his response to the request (*rogatum*) by the bearer.<sup>22</sup>

**906 23 August 1334 London**

Letters patent of the bishop's grant, out of reverence for the king and in response to his request [no. 905], of a pension of 100s. to John de Crokford, king's clerk, payable to him or his attorney annually in equal portions at the feasts of the Annunciation [25 March] and St. Michael [29 September] next, until he can be provided with a benefice.

**907 16 September 1334 Hampstead Marshall**

Letter to the king notifying him of the appointment of M. J[ohn] de H[ildesley] as his proctor for the parliament summoned for the Monday after the Exaltation [i.e. 19 September].<sup>23</sup>

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**908 10 September 1334 Hampstead Marshall**

Letter [in Old French] to the wardens (*gardeyns*) of his prison at Worcester. He has appointed the prior of the cathedral church [Wolstan de Bransford] and M. John de Clipston, his Official, as his commissaries to receive the purgation of William in the Mor' of Sutton Coldfield (*Sutton Colfeld*), John ate Mere, John ate Mere his son, and John Aliceson, clerks imprisoned in the said prison, should they be able to purge themselves, and to perform everything set out in their commission.<sup>24</sup> The wardens are to bring the prisoners before them and then either to take them back or to liberate them as directed by the commissaries or one of them.

**909 9 September 1334 Hampstead Marshall**

Commission to the prior of Worcester [Wolstan de Bransford] and to M. J[ohn] de Clipston, the Official.<sup>25</sup> They are to hear any who, warned by public proclamations, should wish to accuse one or other of William in le Mor' of Sutton Coldfield, Coventry and Lichfield diocese, John ate Mere, John ate Mere his son, and John called 'Aleyson', clerks accused of certain crimes and therefore captured and imprisoned (*super quibusdam criminibus a quibusdam notatos et ideo captos et incarceratos*) and delivered by the royal justices for judgement in the ecclesiastical forum. In the event of no-one coming forward they are to charge them by