

nature is satisfied the brethren are to go to the offices of their religion, nor are they to increase the chambers, houses, or corners for private drinking or feasting, especially of meat (*nec multiplicetis vobis cameras domos aut angulos ad privatas potaciones vel comestiones maxime carnum*). For such purposes those places mentioned above should suffice.

10^o. Guests coming at the prior's discretion or that of the guestmaster (*hostilarius*) are to be admitted honourably in a common place appointed for the purpose. They are to be respectably entertained (*honeste procurentur*) but for their refreshment (*pro sua refeccione*) are not to be taken to chambers or obscure places (*latibula*) as has previously been done to their [the monks'] scandal and the defrauding of alms.

11^o. The infirm, for whom food appropriate to the nature of their sickness has to be prepared, should not unasked be given that for the healthy which they neither ought nor are able to eat. Should they request it, it is to be denied to them. No one on his own authority should keep or place a less desirable item (*peiores*) in the infirmary but should only serve what the prior shall have ordered with the advice of discreet persons.

12^o. Money should not be given to anyone for the repair of clothes or shoes (*pro vestibus vel calciamentis sibi emendis*). Rather, the chamberlain should make provision at suitable times for the necessities of all with respect to the repair of old clothes, bedding and shoes.

13^o. No monk by himself, without a monk companion, should be sent or should go outside the house into the neighbourhood (*in patriam*). Young men are not to be sent together for any reason. If they are juniors with respect to regular observance (*si iuniores in regularibus observantiis*) they are to be fully instructed under good guardianship. No monk is to remain alone in any manor. This statute by virtue of obedience and under pain of canonical restraint is to be inviolably observed.

The archbishop's injunctions given above are to be recited before the monks in chapter four times a year at the beginning of each quarter to preclude anyone claiming ignorance as an excuse for transgressing them. To ensure that the purity of religion (*religionis honestas*) be speedily restored to the well-being (*decorem*) of the church, they are diligently to maintain them, together with other observances of their profession, by virtue of obedience and under penalty of deposition of the president should they be convicted by the archbishop or his successors of negligence or slackness. In witness thereof his seal is appended.

1121 1 December 1335 Hampton Lucy (Hampton Episcopi)

Mandate to the archdeacon of Worcester or his official. As he is obliged by his pastoral office he proposes, God willing, personally to visit the clergy and people of the archdeaconry. He is to bring to their notice and to warn religious and others of the archdeaconry whom it may concern, lest they should excuse themselves on account of ignorance, to prepare for his visitation, to be undertaken in the archdeaconry and throughout the diocese as soon as possible and at an appropriate time. On the bishop's authority they are to denounce to all with churches, portions or appropriations, those receiving tithes in alien churches or parishes, those having annual pensions, as well as to all rectors of the archdeaconry who either there or elsewhere hold several churches, benefices or cures (*plures tenentibus ecclesias, beneficia ve curata*), those also who after the Council of Lyons [1274] have been instituted to parish churches and have not secured ordination as priests within a year from the assumption of their rule over such, also those holding chapels, chantries or oratories who claim to celebrate divine service within the limits of another parish, that when they are cited they are to exhibit the special or canonical right that they may have in this respect. They are to intimate to the same that they will be cited to carry out the above with a shorter term and that now they are to be given warning by him subject to an extended delay (*et quod nunc sunt per vos ut premittitur premuniendi sub dilacione diffusa*). Having a care for the indemnity of his jurisdiction he warns the archdeacon and

his official, firstly, secondly and thirdly and in virtue of their obedience, not to do anything by themselves or by others to the prejudice of his ordinary jurisdiction or of his visitation in the archdeaconry or elsewhere in the diocese, whether secretly, openly or in any other manner. They are to inform him of their action in the matter by Christmas.

§ A similar mandate was addressed to the archdeacon of Gloucester or his official.

1122 28 November 1335 Tredington

Mandate to the dean [of Christianity] of Worcester. Because the bishop is proposing to visit his diocese he is to cite the rectors, vicars and parochial priests, of all churches, and chaplains of the said city [of Worcester], as also other priests celebrating divine service there, and from each major church of the city four trustworthy men, from every minor church three, so that they appear personally before the bishop or his commissary on the Saturday after the Conception of the Blessed Mary [i.e. 9 December] in the early morning (*summo mane*). At the visitation rectors and vicars are to show their letters of institution and induction, and they and the other priests their letters of orders, and to receive monitions and canonical mandates. These as well as all those receiving pensions, portions and tithes in alien churches or parishes, those who have not secured ordination to the priesthood within a year of the assumption of their rule, also all who claim to have chapels, chantries or oratories within another parish in which they celebrate divine service, are to show such special or canonical right that they may have. He is to certify the bishop of his action in the matter by the above date.

1123 15 November 1335 Bredon

Mandate to the dean of the jurisdiction of Cleeve (*Clyve*) or in his absence the rector of the church. The bishop is proposing personally to visit the clergy and people of the church on the Monday following [i.e. 20 November]. He orders him to cite the rector, the parochial priests of the chapels of the same, as well as other priests celebrating divine service, and from the parish of Cleeve six trustworthy men and from every chapel annexed to it four, and from every adjacent hamlet four. These are to appear in person before him in the early morning of the said Monday in the church of Cleeve. The rector is to show letters of institution and induction, and with the other priests letters of orders, to receive the bishop's monitions and canonical mandates and to do in the visitation what justice requires. On the above day he is to certify the bishop by letters patent with the names and surnames of those cited.

1124 20 November 1335 Cleeve

Memorandum that on Monday 20 November the lord visited at Cleeve the clergy and people of the jurisdiction and preached there on the text (*thema*) 'The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep' (*Pastor bonus animam suam ponit pro ovibus suis*) [John 10.11].

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1125 11 March 1291 Fladbury

Godfrey [Giffard], bishop of Worcester, to the prior and chapter of the same.¹³⁹ The obligation of pastoral care requires him following visitation to proceed to correction and reformation, lest by long-continued delay danger to souls should arise, and so that those errors detected, should there be such, may be rooted out and the flock committed to him may flourish in the way of truth.¹⁴⁰ At his recent visitation he found certain omissions (*varia pretermissa*) the observation of which is considered necessary by the rule of holy religion and canonical sanctions. Lest in future beneath the shadow of dissimulation (*sub umbra dissimulationis*) they may be neglected, some of them under specific articles included separately with these presents (*quedam illorum sub certis articulis hiiis separatim insertis*) such as are set out in order below under seal. As for other matters touching the visitation he will