

526 15 May [1328] Northampton

Commission to Ds. Adam de Herwynton and M. W[illiam] de Fowehope, the Official, canons of Hereford. Because at the king's command he is engaged *in remotis* on royal business and that of the realm, the bishop is unable to administer the spiritualities.<sup>(29)</sup> He appoints (*ordinamus et constituimus*) them vicars in spirituals, with authority (*vices nostras committimus*) to perform, jointly and severally, everything pertaining to the office of the vicariate and to exercise the power of canonical coercion.<sup>(30)</sup>

527<sup>(31)</sup> 22 June 1328 Bredon

Memorandum that the bishop licensed the abbot and convent of Gloucester, who had the church of Hartpury (*Hardepirie*) for their own uses, to have the churchyard there reconciled by any catholic bishop, following its desecration by the spilling of blood.

528 13 June 1328 Hackington<sup>(32)</sup>

Commission of Hugh d'Angoulême (*Engolisma*), archdeacon of Canterbury, for Ds. Adam de Herwynton and M. William de Fowehope, canons of Hereford, and M. John de Radenhale, chaplain of St. Stephen in the palace of Westminster, London diocese. At the instance of Ds. Adam, by God's grace bishop of Worcester, the archdeacon has been asked to make the arrangements — acknowledged to pertain to him by right and custom — for Adam's enthronement in the church of Worcester on the Sunday following.<sup>(33)</sup> Since infirmity (*gravi infirmitate detenti*) prevents him from being present, he authorises them (*vobis et vestrum cuilibet in solidum . . . vices nostras committimus*) to carry out such enthronement, either on the day named or on some other day, leaving nothing undone in the matter. [See below.]

ff. 6<sup>v</sup>–7<sup>r</sup>

529 19 June 1328 Worcester

Memorandum that 19 June, being Sunday the feast of the martyrs Gervasius and Prothasius, the above M. W[illiam] de Fowehope and J[ohn] de Radenhale, after the recitation of their commission in the choir of the church of Worcester next to the episcopal chair, enthroned Ds. A[dam] as bishop with the words:

In the name of God, Amen. By the above authority and that of the church and archdeacon of Canterbury, we, William de Fowehope, canon of Hereford, and John de Radenhale, chaplain of the free chapel of St. Stephen in the palace of Westminster, London diocese, commissaries *ad hoc* of M. Hugh d'Angoulême, archdeacon of Canterbury, install and enthrone you, venerable father in Christ, Ds. Adam, by God's grace bishop of Worcester, in this your church of Worcester, and we place you in corporal possession of the same with all its rights and appurtenances, and may Our Lord Jesus Christ guard your coming in now and evermore.

After this, Br. Wolstan [de Bransford], the prior of Worcester, assisted the bishop to put on the holy vestments and in a loud voice began the *Te Deum laudamus*. These proceedings took place in the presence of Ds. William [de Cheriton], Ds. William [de Herwynton], and Ds. John [of Gloucester], abbots respectively of Evesham, Pershore and Hailes, of Masters T[homas] de Chaundos, archdeacon of Hereford, and Richard de Vernoun, of T[homas] and J[ohn] de Orleton,<sup>(34)</sup> and R[oger] de Breynton, canons

(29) He had been appointed with the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield (Roger Northburgh) to put forward Edward III's claim to the throne of France on Charles IV's death. *C.P.R.* 1327–30, pp. 269, 271; *Foedera* 2, III, p. 13.

(30) Some repetition of phrase is drawn attention to by *dupplicatur* in the margin.

(31) This memorandum is placed here to avoid breaking the sequence of the following entries. It is in fact at the foot of the folio, thus interrupting the continuation of no. 529 from f. 6<sup>v</sup> to f. 7<sup>r</sup>.

(32) *Hakinton*.

(33) For Bransford's enthronement, 28 March 1339, the vicar general of the archbishop issued a commission to the archdeacon: *sed archidiaconus Cant' supradictus dixit se nolle aliquid virtute dicte commissionis facere, asserens contentum in dicta commissione sibi competere iure suo* (Register Bransford, f. 3<sup>v</sup>; *Calendar* no. 24).

(34) The bishop's brothers.



of Hereford, as well as of Richard Hervy, clerk of Hereford diocese, and John de Beautre, clerk of Worcester diocese, notaries public.

**530 13 June [1328] Hackington**  
Commission of Hugh d'Angoulême to M. J[ohn] de Radenhale, chaplain. In other letters [no. 528] he was coupled with Ds. A[dam] de Herwynton and M. W[illiam] de Fowehope, canons of Hereford, for the enthronement of Adam, bishop of Worcester. On account of such enthronement certain items are due from the bishop, as from other bishops of the Canterbury province, as set out in a schedule taken from the register of the archdeaconry and attached to the present letters. By laudable custom they have been received *ab antiquo* and he is to exact them from the bishop in the name of the archdeacon and on his authority.

**531 [Attached to above]**  
Schedule of items due [to the archdeacon of Canterbury] for an enthronement.(35)  
Firstly, lodging for ten horsemen, hay and oats, wood and straw, sufficient for two nights.

*Item*, two large vessels (*tortices*) and six smaller ones for drinking, and twelve prickets, that is, double candles or ones suitable for [use at] supper, others at the table, and six punnets of smaller candles, each punnet with twenty-four candles.

*Item*, the bishop's palfrey from which he dismounted on the day of his enthronement, with saddle, bridle and the complete harness — immediately on his dismounting.

*Item*, a cope, a cape, boots or leggings, gloves and cap.

*Item*, the second table after the bishop's on the right hand side at dinner.

*Item*, the cup from which the bishop drank at table.

*Item*, on the next day, ten silver marks for the expenses of [the archdeacon's] journey to and fro.

Memorandum that the commissary of the archdeacon of Canterbury received the above items in his name from the bishop and subsequently restored them, the bishop being under obligation to account for them when asked.(36)

**532 7 July 1328 Henbury-in-Salt Marsh(37)**

Commission for Br. William Foliot, prior of St. James's church, Bristol, to act as penitentiary in the archdeaconry of Gloucester.(38) He is authorised to hear the confessions of those of the bishop's subjects within the archdeaconry who wish to confess to him; to absolve them, even in cases in which absolution is reserved to the diocesan; and to enjoin salutary penance for their misdeeds. But absolution from excommunication *ab homine vel a iure*, and of those whose excesses are so grievous as to require the intervention of pontifical authority, is reserved to the bishop, or in his absence, the vicar general in spirituals. These cases the diocesan does not wish to be included in his general commission.(39)

(35) *Res que debentur pro intronizacione*. A slightly edited version of this schedule appears in Thomas, *Appendix*, no. 94 p. 109. It differs in detail from that in British Library, Cotton MS. Faustina B. V. f. 104<sup>r-v</sup>. Cf. *Canterbury Administration* 1, pp. 276–8.

(36) *Ita quod teneatur idem episcopus inde respondere prefato archidiacono respondere [sic] cum ab eo petantur*.

(37) *Hambur' in Salsomarisco*.

(38) Rubric: *Commissio penitencie*.

(39) . . . *absolucione excommunicatorum quorumcumque ab homine vel a iure et aliorum quorum excessus adeo sunt graves et enormes quod super eis pontificalis auctoritas sit merito consulenda nobis vel . . . vicario nostro in spiritualibus in nostra absencia specialiter reservata, quam sub hac nostra generali commissione nolumus comprehendere*.