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Cleve Abbey.

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THE Cistercians or White Monks, sometimes also called Bernardines, came to England *circa* 1128, having been introduced here by Wm. de Giffard, Bishop of Winchester (1107-1129), who in that year founded the abbey of Waverley, in Surrey, the first Cistercian house founded in England.

They spread very rapidly, all their houses were abbeys, and all were dedicated to the B.V.M.

They were intended to live a life of simplicity, and their churches were not to be very ornate. When in 1193 the monasteries were ordered to contribute to King Richard's ransom, the Cistercians, Gilbertines and Premonstratensians,

who were supposed to possess no plate, were called upon to surrender their wool crop for that year.¹

Here we see in what their wealth consisted: they were farmers, and kept large flocks of sheep, and were, in fact, the principal wool producers in the country.²

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries there were seventy-five Cistercian abbeys in England, thirty-six of these being among the greater houses, and in addition there were twenty-six Cistercian nunneries. Cleve Abbey was the only house of this order in Somerset, and was one of the lesser monasteries: in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* (26 H. VIII) its annual value is given as £155 9s. 5½d.

The most frequent form in which the name of this abbey occurs in the documents is Clyve (Latin *Clyva*), then Clive (Latin *Cliva*), Cleve is rare, Clyffe and Cliffe are not infrequent, especially in later documents.

The origin of the name is Cliff, used in the sense of declivity, or steep hill, as is pointed out by Professor Skeat in his "Place Names of Bedfordshire."³

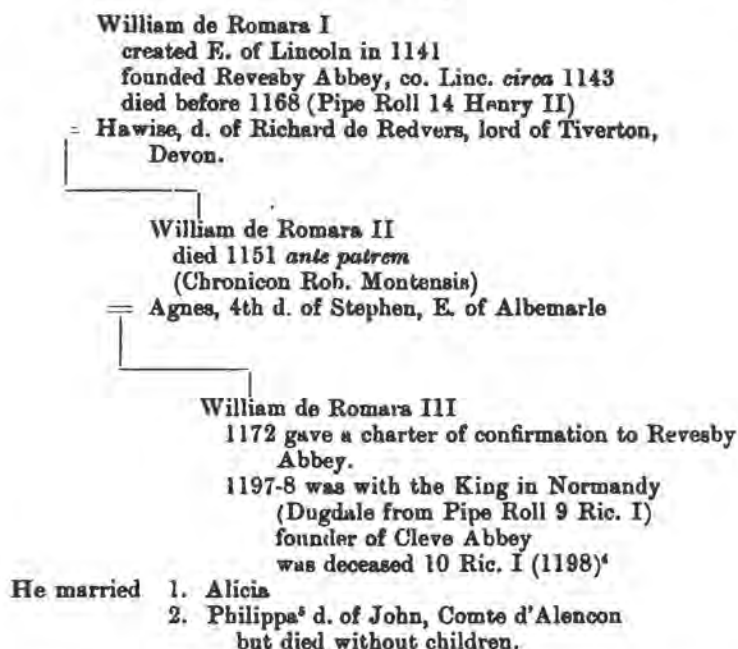
A name of similar origin in Somerset is Clevedon, which, however, has hitherto escaped being spelt Cleevedon.

Cleve Abbey was founded between 1186 and 1191, by William de Romara, grandson of William de Romara, Earl of Lincoln. As many mistakes have been made by previous writers about the three persons of this name, we think it best at the outset to print the short pedigree given in the *Topographer and Genealogist*, i, 19, where the case of the Earldom of Lincoln is learnedly discussed.

1. "England under the Normans and Angevins," by H. W. C. Davis, p. 319.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 349.

3. Cambridge Antiquarian Society, No. xlii, p. 8.



NOTE. The author of this pedigree points out that the assertion in the charter (Dugdale v, 734, No. 11) that the founder's mother was Lucy, countess of Lincoln, is an error.

Some years before the founding of Cleve Abbey William de Romara III granted the advowson of the church of Clive (Old Cleve) to Reginald, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1174-1192) to be held as a prebend in the cathedral church of Wells: there was at first a dispute as to this prebend, but eventually an agreement was come to between William, Abbot of Bec in Normandy, and Bishop Savaric (1192-1206), by which it was arranged that the church of Clive should be held by the abbot

4. In October, 1198, Feltham, co. Midd. *de feodo Willelmi de Romara* was an escheat in the hands of the king (Rot. Cur. Regis, 8vo, 1835, i, 214).

5. Not Philippa, d. of Hubert de Burgh, E. of Kent, as asserted by Collinson, iii, 511.

as a prebend, that he should not be bound to residence, but should pay a vicar four marcs a year.⁶ This church being in existence long before Cleve Abbey was founded, is the reason why it is called Old Cleve. Usually called Cliva, it is named Oldeclyve in 1387 in a document in which the vicarage is presented by the king to John Halleyne by reason of the temporalities of the alien abbey of Bec being in his hands on account of the war with France.⁷

The abbey of Bec soon found it best to farm out its distant property, and we find a confirmation by Archbishop Hubert (1193-1207) of a deed by which Cleve Church (*i.e.* Old Cleve) is let by the chapter of Bec to the abbey of Cleve for forty marks a year.⁸

The foundation deed was written in or before 1188.⁹ The founder, by the hand of Hugh, abbot of St. Laurence, Revesby, founded the abbey and gave to it all his land of Clyve.

The buildings of the abbey seem actually to have been begun on June 24, 1198.¹⁰ The first abbot was Ralph, who with twelve of his brethren from Revesby (the proper number for a new community) came from Lincolnshire and took possession of the property.¹¹

LIST OF BENEFACTORS.

The founder gave all his land in Clyve: this included Old Cleve with its hamlets of London or Lindon, Bilbroke, Washford, Hungerford, Goldencote, Rodewater, Leigh and Bingham.

Hubert de Burgh, Earl of Kent, chamberlain to King John, who is immortalized by Shakspeare as having befriended Arthur of Brittany, gave the church of East Camel and land in

6. Wells Cath. MSS., p. 294.

7. Pat. Roll, Ric. II, 1385-89, p. 370.

8. Wells Cath. MSS., p. 294.

9. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 22.

10. Cotton MS. Faustina, R. vii, fo. 36.

11. Cotton MS. Tib. E. viii, fo. 208.

Rugeham;¹² he also gave a freehold in Clyve¹³ and the manors of Poughill and Treglaston in Cornwall.¹⁴ Poughill is a parish close to Bude, and Treglaston borders on Otterham,¹⁵ a parish in Cornwall, thirteen miles W.N.W. from Launceston and six miles N.E. from Camelford. It is marked on the ordnance map.

This gift was confirmed by Richard, Earl of Cornwall, brother of Henry III.

Reginald de Mohun gave all his land in Slaworth, which is identified with Sloworthy or Slowly, in Luxborough, and also his land in Stortmanforde.¹⁶

Henry III gave the manor of Braunton, which is about six miles from Barnstaple, in Devon.¹⁷ The king made this grant in the thirteenth year of his coronation (*Rot. Hund. Devon*, 3 Ed. i, p. 65). Lysons in his *Devon* (p. 64) makes the amusing blunder that he gave it "on the day of his coronation."

William de Berkerolles gave a messuage and lands in Bere and Clive: the license is dated Jan. 4, 1292.¹⁸ The arms of Berkerolles, a chevron between three crescents, are found on tiles unearthed at Cleve Abbey.¹⁹

Gilbert de Wolavinton gave lands in Fernacre, Crandon in Baudrip and Stanbrok, license dated June 17, 1299.²⁰ He was rector of Huntspil,²¹ and was buried at Cleve Abbey.

Gilbert was evidently a great benefactor, for in 1297, the

12. Probably Rougham in Norfolk, in which county Hubert had large possessions: see Blomesfield's "Norfolk" (index).

13. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 24.

14. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 25.

15. Close Roll, Hen. III, 1227-1231, p. 513.

16. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 27, 28. The latter is called *Schortmanesford* in *Calendar of Inquisitions*, ii, Ed. I, Nos. 306, 593. See also V. C. H., Somerset, i, 505.

17. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 29.

18. Pat. Roll, Ed. I, 1281-92, p. 466, and Rawlinson MS. B. 413, fo. 32 (Bodleian Library). Inq. ad. q. d. part i, p. 30.

19. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, xxxv, ii, 90 [No. 21].

20. Pat. Roll, Ed. I, 1292-1301, p. 422.

21. Papal Letters, vol. v, pp. 278-80.

abbot and convent bind themselves to add in memory of the said Gilbert two to their number of twenty-six monks, and to pay to their monk porter yearly on the octave of Easter 60*s.* to buy cloth for the cowls of fifteen monks. He had built a chapel (dedicated to St. Mary) in the churchyard of Wollavyngton, in which two secular priests were to be sustained by the abbey.²²

The late Mr. Mackenzie Walcott read a paper on Cleve Abbey on January 31, 1876, before the "Royal Institute of British Architects," of which our library possesses a copy. The paper contains a very interesting account of the buildings of the abbey and a fine plan, but it is a disadvantage when dealing with historical facts to have too fertile an imagination. Mr. Walcott writes (p. 111):

"I found some letters of this date (1298) on tiles, and being grouped they formed the inscription

H(ic) C(onditur) GI(1)B(ertus) D(e)
W(O)LAUYNTO(N) M(iles)

moreover, one tile of far larger size than the rest represents a knight charging in the tourney, possibly the friend of Cleeve."

Unfortunately, as we have just pointed out, Gilbert de Wolavyngton was not a *knight* but a *priest*.

If we found the letter M and had to "group" it we should think that it might form one letter of (do) M(inus), or possibly stand, as is not uncommon, for *mille*.

The abbey owned "Rectoria Insul' de Londa" (the rectory of Lundy Island).

In 1534 it was worth 10*s.*²³ and in the list of the abbey property at the dissolution it is entered as:

Lunda—Firm' decim' (farm of the tithes) 10*s.* 0*d.*²⁴

22. See a long document in Calendar of Papal Registers. Papal Letters, v. pp. 278-80 It is dated 17 Kal. May, 1400. This important document is printed at length, see page 19.

23. Valor Eccles., i, 218.

24. Dugdale, v, 734.

William de Pundestoke gave land in Poundstock, Cornwall.²⁵ Lysons thinks that this gift consisted of the manor of Woolston, in the parish of Poundstock, and wrongly adds that it was given by Hubert de Burgh.²⁶ The monastery must have parted with this land, as we do not hear of it again: indeed, their Cornish property was not very remunerative, for neither Poughill nor Treglaston are mentioned in the list of lands drawn up at the suppression: and Mr. Walcott prints a document which asserts that there was no profit arising from them.²⁷

1303. Devon—Hundred of Schyrewill.

The abbot of Clyve holds in Wylaworthy two parts of a fee.²⁸

NOTE. Sherwill in the hundred and deanery of that name is about four miles from Barnstaple. There are places called Wooly, S. Wooly, and Wooly Down in the parish of Sherwill.

1428. Devon—Hundred of Shirewyll.

The abbot of Clyve holds the third part of a knight's fee in Walworthy which John Fogh (or Fouk) formerly held there.²⁹

Hugh Pyrou (a member of the family which gave its name to Stoke Pero) gave lands in Woketrouwe [Oaktrow in Cutcome], the license is dated April 6, 20 Ed. III, and 12*d.* of rent in Dunster.³⁰

Henry Osmer of Tregu gave a moiety of the two mills of Great Hurdyn and Treglaster, and a moiety of the waste of Foymore. The confirmation is dated Oct. 24, 1328.³¹ Tregu

25. S. A. S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 25.

26. Lysons' "Cornwall," p. 270.

27. Walcott's "Memorials of Cleve Abbey," p. 39.

28. "Feudal Aids," i, 361.

29. *Ibid.*, 497.

30. Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1345-48, p. 67. Rawlinson MS., B. 413, fo. 148. The lands at Oaktrow are mentioned in the second of these references.

31. Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1327-30, p. 325.

and Hurdon and Little Hurdon are to be found on the ordinance map [No. 30] a little to the south of the parish of St. Clether.

Henry Bilyng and Robert Curtays Aleyn³² gave land and messuages in Brampton (Braunton, Devon), date June 4, 1329.³³

Hen. III granted two-thirds of the manor of Braunton to the abbey, but he made them pay an annual rent of £18 13s. 4d. This sum is continually appearing in the Patent Rolls as being granted by the king in favour of different persons.³⁴

It is also mentioned in the Close Rolls, as for instance in Close Roll, Ed. III, 1333-37, p. 34, where there is a long account of the descendants of Edmund, Earl of Kent, who once held this annuity.

With regard to the manor of Braunton there is an interesting connection between the abbey of Cleve and the priory of Maiden Bradley in Wiltshire.

Two Patent Rolls of Hen. III, dated 1235 and 1242, mention a grant for life to Margaret Biset of five marks a year of the farm of the king's manor of Braunton by the hand of the abbot of Cleve, and in the latter document at the petition of Margery (*sic*) Biset the king grants to the house of St. Matthew, Maiden Bradley, and the infirm sisters thereof, for ever, five marks out of the farm of Bramton.³⁵ Manser Biset, sewer (*i.e.* the officer who formerly set and removed dishes, tasted them, etc.) to Henry II, founded *circa* 1154, a hospital at Maiden Bradley for poor leprous women under the care of some secular

32. *Sic*, but meant for Robert Curtays, Aleyner, *i.e.*, Aliner, one who lays out things in lines, level places, etc. (N.E.D.)

33. Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1327-30, p. 398.

34. Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1327-30, p. 544.

Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1330-34, pp. 99, 457, 461.

Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1334-38, pp. 109, 468.

Pat. Roll, Ed. III, 1338-40, p. 508. See also Close Rolls, Ed. III, 1349-1354, pp. 531, 594.

35. Pat. Roll. Hen. III, 1232-47, pp. 103, 282.

priests, who were to manage their estates. Hubert, Bishop of Sarum,³⁶ *circa* 1190, changed these seculars into a prior and canons of the order of St. Augustine. The priory was dedicated to the B.V.M., and at the dissolution consisted of eight canons and . . . poor sisters. It still received an annual pension of five marks (£3 6s. 8d.) from Cleve Abbey.³⁷

The Bisset family, who were closely connected with Kidderminster, gave their name to Combe Bissett, a parish in Wiltshire, situated between Salisbury and Blandford.

THE CHAPEL OF ST. MARY BY THE SEA.

One of the most remarkable buildings connected with Cleve Abbey was that celebrated place of pilgrimage, the Chapel of St. Mary by the Sea.

It was situated at first on the shore near Blue Anchor, but was overwhelmed once, if not twice, by the sea and by the fall of the cliff, and then it was built either on the cliff or further inland. The documents which will presently be referred to seem to imply a succession of three chapels.

The first mention of the chapel is in 1320, when the Bishop of Bath and Wells makes a fresh order respecting the vicarage of Clyve (*i.e.* Old Cleve). The vicar is to have besides his manse, all oblations of the church, as well of the chapel of St. Giles, Leigh, with its tithes, the small tithes of Cleve Church and herbage of churchyard. Bec Abbey as rector is to retain all other revenues and privileges, and then it is added :

Cleve Abbey is to receive oblations at Chapel of St. Mary "juxta mare" as it has from its foundation.

The document is dated at Evercreech, Dec. 29, 1320.³⁸

On Dec. 11, 1398, an indulgence was granted to the faithful

36. Hubert Walter, Bp. of Sarum, 1189-1193. Archbp. of Cant., 1193-1207.

37. Dugdale's "Monasticon," vi, 643, and Hoare's "Wilts." (Hundred of Mere), p. 94.

38. Bp. Drokenaford's Regr., S.E.S. i, 186.

contributing to the repair of the Chapel of St. Mary at Clyve which had been seriously damaged by the sea.³⁹

On 17 Kal. Jan. 1400, the Pope grants Relaxation of three years and three quadragene of enjoined penance to penitents who from the 1st to the 2nd vespers of the five feasts of B.V.M. or any one of them or during their octaves or on the Sundays of Lent, visit and give alms for the conservation, repair or fabric of the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, Cleeve, in the diocese of Wells, built in a certain low place on the shore of the salt sea, which there yearly, periodically, and daily flows and ebbs.⁴⁰

On Aug. 23, 1455, a commission was issued to James, Bishop of Bangor, to dedicate a chapel near the monastery of Clyve which David abbot of the said monastery had lately caused to be built anew "decenter et sumptuose" in honour of B.V.M., and the bishop was at the same time to consecrate a certain small portion of land, adjoining the chapel, as a cemetery.⁴¹

On Oct. 22, 1466, there is a grant to David the abbot and the convent of St. Mary Clive that whereas lately upon a certain chapel, from ancient times founded and erected on the seashore in the manor of the same abbot and convent of Clive by the predecessors of the said abbot in honour of the B.V.M. where the only begotten Son of God has vouchsafed to work divers kinds of notable miracles and innumerable restorations of health, a large cliff on the same place by reason of an incessant rain, horribly fell, and in falling had entirely cast down the said chapel with all the adjacent buildings (the image alone of the said glorious Virgin and the altar of the same chapel remaining uninjured) whereby they were greatly impoverished and they have begun to build another chapel in another place within the precinct of the manor, sparing neither labour nor expense, they may henceforward have a market weekly on

39. Regr. of Edm. Stafford, Bp. of Exeter, p. 82.

40. Papal Letters, vol. v., p. 400.

41. Harl. MS., 6966, p. 82.

Wednesdays and fairs yearly at the feasts of St. James the Apostle and the Exaltation of the Cross and the three following days within the precinct of the manor, provided that it be not to the harm of the neighbouring markets and fairs.⁴²

We have alluded to this chapel by the sea as a celebrated place of pilgrimage.

Collinson, writing in 1790, says:⁴³

“Betwixt the village of Old Cleeve (which consists of forty houses near the church) and the sea, there stands a small hamlet denominated Chapel-Cleeve, from an ancient chapel erected on the rock to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary, which chapel was in early times frequented by pilgrims, and hallowed by the offerings of devout travellers. Its vestiges are still remaining, and near it stood an hospital, or inn, for the entertainment of those whose piety led them unprovided to this distant country.”

In a writ *de etate probanda* 15 March, 6 Hen. VII, Richard Warre, cousin and heir of Richard Warre, Esq., deceased, asserts that he was born at Chippeley, and baptized in the church of Nyned Florey, on the feast of St. Edmund, the King and Martyr, 7 Ed. IV, (1467), and adds in corroboration of the date, “on the same day Robert Chilcotes daughter Christine was born, John Shepherd bought a tenement in Milverton a mile away from Chippeley, Richard Houper began a pilgrimage to the chapel of Our Lady of Clive.”⁴⁴

In 1534 Sir Richard Playce, Vicar of Kingston, juxta Taunton, in his will ordered his executors to cause pilgrimages to be made to the following shrines :

St. Joseph of Arimathea at Glastonbury.

Our Lady of Cleve.

The Cross of Chaldon (Dorset).

42. Pat. Roll, Ed. IV, 1461-67, p. 527. S.A.S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, p. 43.

43. Collinson, iii, 510.

44. Calendar of Inq. p.m. Hen. VII, vol. i, No. 616.

Our Lady of Pity in Sidbury (Devon).

Bishop Lacy's tomb in Exeter Cathedral.⁴⁵

In 1536, the date of the surrender, there were eleven bells in the monastery and four in the chapel of St. Mary, the total value of the fifteen being £115 17s. 4d.⁴⁶

The offerings at the chapel were an important source of income to the abbey. Even after the dissolution Anthony Bustard gentleman was willing to give £20 yearly rent for the chapel, together with all oblations and profits whatsoever. This rent is equivalent now to £240 a year.⁴⁷

Subsequently the reversion of the lands and rents including the chapel was granted in 1542 to Robert, Earl of Sussex, and Mary his wife.⁴⁸

The following note is given because it may help to identify the site of the chapel of St. Mary.⁴⁹

1543.

"1 acre fursez on the south side of the schortmouthe next to the highway that extendith to the chappell of Clyve."

20 Sept. 35 Hen. VIII.

We place here in order of date some extracts from various records relating to Cleve Abbey.

1215-1221.

Grant by Gilbert de Benigwrthe to Sir Hubert de Burgh (*Burgo*) of 100^s of land in the manor of Cliva which Walter de Benigwrthe held and which descended to him from the same Walter by hereditary right, with all the right that Walter or he or any of their ancestors had therein; to hold to the said Hubert and his heirs or to whom he pleased to give it, whether to a religious house or elsewhere: which

45. Wells Wills, p. 98.

46. P. R. O. R. O. Exch. Augt. Off. Min. Accts. 27-28 Hen. VIII, 169 m. 2d.

47. At the dissolution the yearly value of the chapel to the abbey was no less than £9 3s. 4d. Dugd., v, 734.

48. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, vol. xvii, g. 220 (84).

49. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, v, p. 349.

land William de Romare gave to Matthew de Benigwrthe his uncle (*patruo*) by charter, to wit, all the service of Erkenbald de Craudune and all the land of Golsmithecote with men and all belongings; and all the land of Bilrebroc with men and all belongings and half a virgate of land of "la Torre" which Robert Kinebald held and one quarter (*unam quarter*) of "la Hille" at Wacheford and 30^d from a certain man who is called Wite and 2^s from Henry Cook (*coco*) and one "border" who is called Boie with his holding in and without the town, with all belongings which belong to those lands aforesaid, as the charter which the said Matthew had of the said William de Romara witnesses, for this Hubert gave him 50 marks beforehand.

Witnesses: William and Benedict, bishops of London and Rochester; Eustace de Facumberge, then the King's Treasurer, Robert de Nevill, clerk, Stephen de Sedgrave, Osbert de Giffard, Robert Aguillun, Robert de Nereford, Richard de Dol, Ralph Gernun, Gregory de Turri, Robert de Aubervilla.⁵⁰

NOTE. Wm. Bp. of London (1199-1221) and Benedict Bp. of Rochester (1215-1227) shew the approximate date of this document.

GRANT IN CLIVE.⁵¹

[No date].

Grant in frank almoil by Ranulf, son of Thomas de Lega, to the monks of Clive, of land in Clive called "treis acres" in the place called "Mapelthornheie" lying between lands which the said monks have of the gift of William de Romare and William de Lega.

Witnesses: William de Treberge,
Adam de Wacheford,
William de Lega,
and others (named). [seal].

50. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, iv, 548.

51. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, iv, p. 3.

- 1227, Sep. 3 Grant to St. Mary and the monks of Clive of Windsor. gifts made to them by Hubert de Burgo,⁵² Earl of Kent. [Monasticon v, 734].
- 1229, June 25 Grant to the abbot and convent of Clyve, co. Gloucester. Somt, of the manor of Branton, co. Devon, with the foreyn⁵³ hundred thereof. [Monasticon v, 733].

1231.

A mandate was issued to the Sheriff of Cornwall that the hearing of the dispute between Walter son of William querent and the abbot of Clive defendent respecting the boundaries between the land of the said Walter in Oterham and the land of the said abbot in Treglestan should be postponed till the said abbot should return from the Roman Court whither he had gone on the king's service.⁵⁴

1232.

A mandate was issued to Richard de Wrotham that he should give to the prior (*sic*) of Clive two oaks from the king's park at Neweton⁵⁵ "ad stallos chori sui de Clive faciendos."⁵⁶

1232.

A mandate was issued to the Sheriff of Somerset that he should permit the abbot and monks of Clive to have as many animals "in pastura de Camel" as Josceline de Oye had there and ought to have by reason of the land he held there, which land as is said has been purchased by the said abbot and monks.⁵⁷

1233.

The abbot of Clive made brother Geoffrey his monk and

52. Custodian of Prince Arthur, nephew of King John. Hubert died 1243. Calendar of the Charter Rolls, vol. i, H 3, 1226-57, pp. 59, 98.

53. Forinsecus. At Rye, in Sussex: that part of the parish that lies out of the boundary of the corporation is called "The Foreign of Rye." N.E.D.

54. Close Roll, Hen. III, 1227-1231, p. 513.

55. In N. Petherton.

56. Close Roll, Hen. III, 1231-34, p. 77.

57. *Ibid.* and Close Roll, Hen. III, 1227-31, p. 553.

William Scot his attorneys against Hugh de Baulay, claimant, concerning the manor of Pothull with its appurtenances.⁵⁸

NOTE. This is evidently the manor of Poughill in Cornwall, and the marginal reading *Cumbr'* is a mistake for *Cornub'*.

1234. For the abbot of Clive.

The King has granted to the abbot of Clive that for the present he should have the tallage of the manor of Brampton which he holds of the king "ad feodi firmam," and the collectors in the county of Devon are ordered not to collect on that manor.⁵⁹

NOTE. Tallage is an aid demandable of demesne lands at the will of the lord.

1281, June 6. *Inspeximus*⁶⁰ of a charter of Hubert de Burgo, Westminster. chamberlain of the king [Henry III] granting to the monks of Clyve the church of Camel in frankalmoin, to provide the said monks with clothing.

Witnesses: Luke the chaplain

William de Cancell[is]

Robert Aguilun

Roger la Velye

Henry de Birlingham

Rinaldus de Clyft'

Thomas the clerk

Alan de Wiht[er]

Miles

Oliver de Vaus.

1308. Oct. 4, Westminster.

To Robert de Kendall, constable of Dover, and warden of the Cinque Ports. Order to release the abbot of Clyve of the Cistercian order, whom he has arrested because he

58. Close Roll, Hen. III, 1231-34, p. 308.

59. Close Roll, Hen. III, 1231-34, p. 387.

60. Pat. Roll, Ed. I, 1272-1281, p. 442.

passed the sea without the king's licence to attend the general chapter at Cîteaux.⁶¹ The like to the same in favour of the abbots of

Niweham [Newenham, Devon]

Letele [Netley, Hants]

Bocloude [Devon]

Donkeswelle [Devon]

Cogeshale [Essex]

Tyleteye [Tiltey, Essex]

1331. May 12. Westminster.

Inspecimus and confirmation of an indenture made between John, sometime abbot of Clyve and the convent thereof of the one part, and Thomas de Luscite of the other, date the day of SS. Cosmas and Damian 1255, whereby the abbot and convent granted to the s^d Thomas and his heirs the entire tenement wh. he held from them, viz. the town of Luscite with its appurtenances that is 5½ ferlings of land of wh. 4 are in Luscite and 1½ in Branton rendering to the monks 4 marks a year: further the abbot and convent granted that the s^d Thomas his heirs and men sh^d be exempt from tallage, but he and his heirs were to do suit at the abbots court of Branton as formerly: the s^d Thomas for himself and his heirs quitclaimed any right wh. he had in any tenement wh. the abbot and convent held in the manor of Branton excepting the s^d 5½ ferlings and a little house in the town of Branton wh. he held of the grant of the s^d abbot and convent and lastly the abbot and convent granted to him common of their pasture as to other men of Branton: witnesses H. de Tracy, William de Raleg', William de Punchard', Philip de Bello Monte, Ranulph de Pyn, Archibald de Pill'o and Philip de Labbe

by fine of 1 mark.⁶²

NOTE. Luscot in the parish of Braunton, co. Devon, was

61. Close Roll, Ed. II, 307-13, p. 79.

62. Pat. Roll, Ed. II, 1317-21, p. 581.

granted by the abbot of Clive in 1286 to Thomas de Luscot, the heiress of which family brought it to Arundel of Lanherne.—Lysons's *Devon*, p. 65.

1339. To the abbot of Revesby in the diocese of 2 Id. Jan. Lincoln, to the dean of Wells, and to Master Avignon. John Petri, canon of Exeter, Mandate to carry out the papal ordinances touching apostates in regard to Bartholomew Ace, Cistercian monk of Clive, who having left the order desires to be reconciled thereto.⁶³

1341. Pardon to William Nofrend of his outlawry in Feb. 12. the county of Somerset for non-appearance before the justices of the bench to answer touching a plea of the abbot of Clyve that he render an account for the time in which he was his receiver, on certificate by Roger Hillary, chief justice, that he has now surrendered to the Flete prison.⁶⁴

Poverty of the Monastery.

We are frequently reminded that the house was not a rich one.

In 1317 Bishop John de Drokenesford writes to the abbot of Clyve: "In consideration of bad crops and heavy burdens, the Rectory of East Camel may be leased to a clerk appointed by the Bishop. All duties to the church and ordinary being saved."⁶⁵

We append some extracts from the Close Rolls, which shew that the abbots had from time to time to borrow large sums from moneylenders, probably to satisfy the king's demands for subsidies, which were frequent about this date.

1342. Feb. 13.

Michael abbot of Clyve acknowledges for himself and con-

63. Papal Letters, ii, p. 545.

64. Pat. Roll, Ed. III. 1340-3, p. 130.

65. S. R. S., i, 169.

vent that they owe to Nicholas Crane citizen of London £100 to be levied in default of payment of their lands and chattels and ecclesiastical goods in co. Somerset.⁶⁶

1343. April 8.

Brother Michael abbot of Clyve co. Somt. acknowledges that he owes to Nicholas Sperling £100 to be levied, etc. Cancelled on payment.⁶⁷

1343. April 8.

Brother Michael abbot of Clyve acknowledges that he owes to Simon Fraunceys citizen and mercer of London £100 to be levied, etc. Cancelled on payment.⁶⁸

1344. Oct. 14.

James abbot of Clyve acknowledges for himself and convent that they owe Nicholas Sperling of London £100 to be levied, etc. Cancelled on payment.⁶⁹

1344. Oct. 24.

Brother James abbot of Clyve acknowledges for himself and convent that they owe to Wm. le Clerk of London "tapicer" £108 to be levied, etc. Cancelled on payment.⁷⁰

1466.

In this year when the market and two fairs were granted by the Crown to the monastery to help to build the chapel of St. Mary, it is expressly stated that "their own means are not sufficient for the completion and full finishing of so expensive a work and for sustaining the other burdens from old time lying on the same Monastery."⁷¹

1346. Nov. 28.

To the sheriff of Somerset. Order to supersede the execution of the king's writ directing him to attach James, abbot

66. Close Roll, Ed. III. 1341-43, p. 469.

67. Close Roll, Ed. III. 1343-46, p. 107.

68. *Ibid.*, p. 108.

69. *Ibid.*, p. 458.

70. *Ibid.*, p. 473.

71. S.A.S. *Proceedings*, vi, ii, 44.

of Clyve, fermor of the abbot of Bee Herlewin, prebendary of Clyve in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, and to have him before the council on a certain day to answer for his farm for a year and for divers contempts and trespasses, as the treasurer and barons of the exchequer have certified the king in chancery that a yearly pension of 44 marks is due to the priory of Okebourn which is a cell of the abbey of Bec Herlewin, by the abbot of Clyve for Clyve church, and that in the 18th year of the late king's reign, when the lands of the alien religious were taken into his hand, answer was made to the prior for that pension by reason of the lands of the abbot of Bec in England committed to the prior, wherefore the king has now ordered the abbot of Clyve to be answerable to that prior for the ^{sd} pension or ferm.⁷²

NOTE. Okebourne, in Wiltshire, was an alien priory of Benedictine monks, and was the chief cell to the abbey of Bec in Normandy. It was founded A.D. 1149 by Maud de Walingford: the tithes, etc., were afterwards given to Windsor College.—Dugd. vi, 1016.

1351. To Hugh Pelegrini, canon of Lincoln, papal 5 Id. Sept. nuncio. Faculty to grant to William de Camel, Avignon. canon of Wells, a faculty to receive and hold to farm the rents of the church Est Camell in the diocese of Wells, appropriated to the Cistercian abbot and convent of Cleyf in the same diocese.⁷³

1390. To William Oliver, Cistercian monk of 3 Kal. Feb. St. Mary's, Cleeve, conferring on him the St. Peter's Rome. dignity of papal chaplain.⁷⁴

1400. Confirmⁿ.⁷⁵ of the grants, &c., made in favour 17 Kal. May. of the chapel of St. Mary, Wolavyngton, in the diocese of B. and W. The petition of

72. Close Roll, Ed. III. 1346-49, p. 178.

73. Papal Letters, vol. iii. p. 457.

74. Papal Letters, vol. iv, p. 274.

75. Papal Letters, vol. v, pp. 278-80.

Thos. Cadecote, Thos. Moy and Thos. Perys, the 3 perpetual chaplains by whom it is served, states that formerly the master and brethren of the Hosp. of St. John, Bridgwater, and the Cistercian abbot and convent of Cleyve made certain grants to the chapel and its chaplains, as a pledge for the observance of wh. the abbot and convent placed the church of Cammel wh. they held to their uses, at the disposition of the diocesan.

Then follows a letter of Gilbert, master, and the brethren and sisters of St. John Bapt. Hospital, Briggewater, dated 1285, saying that in return for the collations made to them and their house by Sir Gilb. de Wolavyngton, rector of Huntspill, they at his instance give in frankalmoin from their goods to Roger de Cornubia and his successors, chaplains of St. Mary's chapel built by the sd. Gilbert in the cemetery of Wolavyngton, the yearly sum of 33s. 4d. and certain corn by way of corrody for Roger and his successors serving the sd. chapel and celebrating divine offices for the souls of King Edw. I, Rob. Burnell, bishop of B. and W., and his successors, Master Walt. de Haselschaue, archdeacon of Wells, and his successors, and the sd. Gilbert, his parents, friends and benefactors and all faithful departed.

The letters *Univ. sancte, etc., Cum Gilbertus* of abbot Henry and the convent of Clyve, dated in their chapter 4 Nov., 1297, and witnessed by Sirs John de Cogan, Robert Martyn, Wm. Tryvet, Robert de Sancto Claro, Gilbert de Bere, knights, Richd. Pyke, Richd. de Avel, Thomas Trivet, Hugh Maundevil, Hugh de Wales, and others, state that whereas Sir Gilbert de Wolavyngton, rector of Hounspull, desires for the benefit of their house, two secular priests to be constituted and sustained by them in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, built by him in the cemetery of the church of Wollavington for the celebration of divine offices therein and also two monks, priests, to do the like in their monastery, they at his

instance grant to Sirs Robert de Wildemersse and John de Sapwicke, secular chaplains, and their successors, to be recd^d through the monk-porter, ten marks a year for their sustentation and one a year for lights and repairs of the chapel, that is 5½ at Michaelmas and the like on SS. Philip and James; the said secular chaplains being bound to say daily the *Placebo*, *Dirige*, *Commendacio*, matins and other canonical hours in the s^d. chapel, for the souls of the s^d. Gilbert, and his parents, of the kings of England, and the bishops of Bath and Wells, of all the benefactors of the s^d. Gilbert and all faithful departed. If payment be wholly or partly in arrear the s^d. chaplains or their envoys with three horses and three servants shall be honorably entertained in the abbey until full satisfaction be made. They shall have their recovery by *novel disseisin* unless the whole of the money be restored to them within three days. The abbot and convent bind themselves to add, in memory of the s^d. Gilbert, two to their number of 26 monks and to pay to their s^d. monk-porter yearly on the octave of Easter 60s. to buy cloth (*pannum estivalem*) for the cowls (*cucullis*) of 15 monks, and on Lady day one mark for the pittance of the convent and 10s. to be distributed in bread to the poor. For the carrying out of the above they appoint the s^d. monk-porter, assign to his office their Church of Cammel as a guarantee, placing it under the control of the bishop, who shall compel observance by ecclesiastical censure.

1400. Commission to Matthew Gournay, Ivo Fitz
 Nov. 8. Waryn, John Loterell, Baldwin Malet, John
 Westminster. Wadham, William Stourton, and John Man-
 yngford, to enquire into the report that John,
 abbot of Clyve, brothers Leonard Lythenerstoke, William
 Pulton and John Harewode, his fellow monks, and Walter
 Bannok and Wm. Clerk of Watchet, and others to the num-
 ber of 200 went armed on Wednesday after Whitsuntide
 last to Kansford, co. Somerset, and there assaulted Gilbert

Basynges and cut down and carried away his trees and underwood.⁷⁶

NOTE. The Basing family were of Kentsford in St. Decuman's.—Collinson iii, 492.

1486.

Inq. p.m. of Thomas Arundell, Knt.,⁷⁷ 24 Oct., 2 Hen. VII; he died Oct. 11, 1 Hen. VII; John Arundell, aged 11 and more, is his son and heir. "He held the manor of Brampton (Devon), worth 33*s.* 4*d.*, of the abbot of Clyf, service unknown."

John Arundell (born 1475) was the father of Sir Thomas Arundel, who wrote a letter to Cromwell asking him to spare Cleve Abbey; it is printed by Archbold (p. 84).

1492.

Inq. p.m. of John Gyfford, Esq.,⁷⁷ 2 July, 7 Hen. VII. "He held a moiety of a messuage and 20 acres of wood in Wodeland (Devon), worth 12*d.*, of the abbot of Clive, service unknown."

1496.

Inq. p.m. of John Wroughton, Esq.,⁷⁸ 14 Oct., 12 Hen. VII. "Manor of Washford, worth £4 6*s.* 8*d.*, held of the abbot of St. Mary's, Cliffe."

1497.

Inq. p.m. of Joan Foster,⁷⁸ 20 Jan., 12 Hen. VII. "Lands in Pyte and Chyddesley held of the abbot of Cleeve, as of the manor of Old Cleeve, by knight service."

*Feudal Aids.*⁷⁹

1303.

LUXBOROUGH.

Abbas de Clyve et Robertus Moriz tenent Lokeberg Pyket pro. j. f. de Johanne de Mohun.

76. Pat. Roll, Hen. IV. 1399-1401, p. 413.

77. Inq. p.m. Hen. VII, vol. i, 30, 680.

78. Inq. p.m., Hen. VII, vol. i, 1216, 1232.

79. "Feudal Aids," (Somerset), pp. 303, 304, 342, 347, 391, 393, 431.

1303.

Abbas de Clive tenet j. f. in Lokebergh Pyket per puram elemosinam.

1346.

De abbate de Clyve et Roberto Hamelyn pro un. f. in Lockbergh Pyket quod abbas de Clyve et Robertus Moriez quondam tenuerunt, unde videlicet predictus abbas tenet iij partes et prefatus Robertus tenet quartam partem de predicto abbati (*sic*) xxxs. et de prefato Roberto xs. xls.

1346.

De abbate de Clyve pro. un. f. in Lokebergh Piket quod tenet in puram elemosinam et quod abbas de Clyve quondam tenuit in puram elemosinam. xls.

1428.

De abbate de Clyva pro. un. f. m. in Lollokesburgh Pyket quod abbas de Clyva et Robertus Hamelyn quondam tenuerunt ibidem nichil quia decimabile (*cancelled*) superonerantur de vjs. viiid. (*added*).

1428.

De abbate de Clyve pro j. f. m. in Lollokesburgh Piket, nichil hic quia tenetur in puram et perpetuam elemosinam (*cancelled*) onerantur de vjs. viiijd. (*added*).

1431.

Abbas de Clyve in comitatu Somersete et conventus ibidem fuerunt seisiti etc. de certis terris et tenementis in Lullokesburgh Pyket et eadem terras et tenementa tenuit per servicium trium partium f. m. amortisata citra annum tricesimum regis Edwardi primi.

*Feudal Aids.*⁸⁰

SANDHILL IN WITHYCOMBE.

1431.

Abbas de Clyva et conventus ibidem in comitatu Somersete fuerunt seisiti etc. de certis terris et tenementis in de (*sic*)

80. "Feudal Aids" (Somerset) p. 430.

Saundhill et illa terras et tenementa tenuerunt per servicium quarte partis j. f. m. amortisata citra annum vicesimum regis Edwardi primi.

References to the Abbey in Wills.

1447.

William Stevens, precentor of Wells Cathedral.

"Item to the abbot and convent of Clyve 40s "

S.R.S., xvi, 158.

1532.

James Hadley of Withycombe, Esquire.

"To the abbey of Clef 20s "

S.R.S., xxi, 13.

1533.

Joan Luckwill of Cutcombe.

"To the abbey of Clyve a shepe."

Wells Wills, 71.

1534.

Sir Hugh Roper, V. of Stokegomer.

"To the new bewyldynge of the Clawster in the abby of Clif
£60 "

Ibid., 153.

1536.

William Vicary, V. of Winsford.

"To the monastery of Cleve 20s "

Ibid., 199.

Prouse of Croydon Farm.

1517.

Indenture of demise⁸¹ by William abbot of Clyve and the convent to George Prous and Joan his wife and John, Hugh, William, Joan and Thomas their children for the term of their lives in survivorship of their grange in Crowdon in the parish of Oldeclyve which John Prous of Crowdon held before, they shall find dinner and supper at the grange once a year for the abbot and 20 men secular and regular in attendance on him between Michaelmas and the feast of St. Andrew the apostle, they shall have housebote, haybote,

81. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, v. p. 439.

fyrebote and ploughbote to the value of 40^s. they shall keep the house in repair, and shall do suit of court to the manor of Oldeclyve twice a year, they shall give their best beast for heriot and shall do suit to the lord's mill at Wayschford. Attorneys to deliver seisin Henry Dovell and John Stone.

Note at foot. 160 acr. land, 24 acr. wood, 12 acr. meadow.

Dated 24 May, 9 Hen. VIII.

Abbot Dovell grants a lease of two mills to a relative.

1522.

Counterpart of demise⁸² 23 Aug. 14 Hen. VIII, by William abbot of Cleffe and the convent of the same to Barnard Dovell of Olde Cleffe and Johane his now wife for the term of their lives in survivorship of two corn mills without the abbaye yate of the s^d Monasterye with a Mille house, the Fysshe ponde, with a garden beside it, a pece of the long medowe, containing 3a. on the south of the mill, a close called "the Myller's more" lying a long as the fysche pond of the s^d monastery goith, with a garden adjoining, and three cottages, all sett and lyeing in Wascheford in the parish of Olde Clyffe; also of a close called Lyngosse close which one Lyngosse held, two closes called Sextons closes otherwise called Fowlebrige, and the reversion of a cottage in Wassesford wherein Agnes Dovell moder to the s^d Barnard now dwellith, and with the Perche close, Sexton's close, two furze closes, Mestowe close, Morlese close, and meadow called Vernaker medowe, wh. the s^d Agnes holds for life; rent £4 and after the death of the s^d Agnes 26s. 8d. more; the premises shall remain after the death of Barnard and Johane to his eldyst issue male surviving, for life, at the same rent, or in default to suche issue female as he shall happen to have one lyeff, for life, with reversion thereafter to the abbot and convent; too of the best bestes to be paid in name of a relieff; further the abbot and convent grant

82. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, v, p. 315.

to the s^d Barnard and Johanne and to one of the children of the s^d Barnard which shall happe to be in the s^d remayndre lxxx fote of ground in length and forty foot of brede of grounde next adjoyning to the grete Oke wh. standith and growth by the highwaye ayenst the s^d milles to thentent that they may ther at their pleasure edifie a shamelse upon the same; rent 8d.

Attorneys to deliver seisin, George Michell and Thomas Hye.

Memorandum indented annexed with covenants of the abbot and convent that their tenants shall continue to do suit to the mills, etc.

Endorsed Sir John Ratclyff.

*Grant in Bilbrook.*⁸³

1526.

Grant by William Dovell, the abbot, and the convent of Clyve to John Michell and Joan his wife for their lives of a messuage in Byllerebroke within the lordship of Olde Clyve. Thomas Beryman and David Ivyne to deliver seisin.

12 Sept. 18 Hen. VIII.

*Annuity to the Stephens family.*⁸⁴

1534.

Be it known unto all men that we William Dovell, abbot of the monastery of Clyve, co. Soms. and convent of the same have granted unto Hugh Stephens and Jone his wife for the great benefits that they have done to the said monastery a certain rent or annate of 40s. yearly to be paid them for term of their lives at the four usual terms of the year, and also three yards to the said Hugh of brode clothe price 13s. 4d. in the name of a levery yearly at Christmas, and after the decease of the said Hugh and Joan the said rent shall be paid to Hugh Stephens and John Stephens their sons and the said Hugh the younger to have for his life three

83. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds, iii, p. 246.

84. Rawlinson MS. (Bodl Libr.) B 419, fo. 383.

brode yards of cloth price 13s. 4d. and after the decease of the said Hugh that then the said three brode yards of clothe price 13s. 4d. to be paid to the said John Stephens at Christmas for the term of his life. We the said Abbot and convent have delivered to the said Hugh the elder xv^d that is to say every of us one penny. In witness whereof to these presents we have put our convent seal, 26 Oct. 26, Hen. VIII [1534]. Wherefor we decree that the said Hugh, Joan, Hugh and John have four marks to be paid out of the revenues of the said monastery and their arrears from the dissolution of the said monastery.

Dated, 20 Feb. 31 Hen. VIII [1540].

*Divers persons to whom debts, etc., were owing by the abbey.*⁸⁴
1536-7.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Waterman, smith, pro lez shoyng [shoeing] and other iron work		xliij.	iiij.
Margaret Jobson, widow for spices and other necessaries bought <i>ad usum hospic'</i>		xlix.	i.
George Bartlett for 4 sheep for the use of the same		xij.	.
John Wyndam arm. for 49 sheep and 1 ox for the use of the same		viiij.	ij.

For Wages.

John Michell, xxvj.^s viij^d ; William Burynton, xj.^s viij^d ;
John Leigh, x^s ; Walter Barbor, vij.^s vj^d ; James Hol-
combe, ix.^s iiij^d ; John Chechan, v^s ; Hugh Williams, vij.^s ;
John Hoore, xviii.^s ; Thomas Howe, viij.^s iiij^d ; John
Soper xvj.^s ; Thomas Cooke, v^s ; Christopher Hilton, vj.^s
viij^d ; William Webber, v^s ; William Chilcote, viii.^s iiij^d ;
William Hoyotte, xx^s ; William Golde, xx^s ; John Howe,
v^s ; Agnes Barbor, viij.^s iiij^d ; Alice Keper, xij.^s ; Agnes
Upcote, x^s vj^d ; Clement Hale, x^s ; William Stevens, vj.^s
viij^d ; Robert Sheperde, x^s.

84. R.O. Exch. Augt. Off. Min. Accts. 27-28, Hen. VIII, 169, m. 2d.

To John Webbe, lately sub-prior there, £4 3s. 10d. and superplus 40s. 1d., for his reward, in gross £6 3s 11d.⁶⁵

The abbot received a pension of £26 13s. 4d. per annum, and was still living 24 Feb., 1555-6 (Card. Pole's Pension Book). Save these two, none of the monks were pensioned, but each received, 26s. 8d., *pro regardo suo*, i.e. as a present. The thirteen monks were: John Gaye, John Grene, Richard Dogle, Hugh Clyve, John Benett, John Baker, John Elys, Thomas Webber, George Howe, John Hooper, David Dovell, Nicholas Rowe, John Gethen, total £67 0s. 2d.

This list agrees with the one in S. A. S. *Proc.* xxxviii, ii, 333, except that John Baber should be John Baker.

John Hooper—probably the Bishop of Gloucester and Worcester, who was burnt at Gloucester in 1555. (See *S. and D. N. and Q.* vii. 259).

To the Earl of Bath seneschall there for his fee pro $\frac{1}{2}$ a year at 40^s per ann. for life, under the convent seal xx^s

James Holcombe in part payment of £6 5s. 0d. lx^s

Thomas Holcombe in part payment of £17 6s. 8d. c^s

To Margaret Jobson widow and John Michell (each viij^s jd) for their corrodies granted to them outside the monastery for term of their lives under the convent seal, viz., to the said Margaret every week seven loaves five gallons of ale 5^d 12lbs of candles and 8 wagon loads of wood within the precincts of the said monastery and to the said John Michell every week seven convent loaves each weighing 1lb. five gallons of convent ale 7^d and seven dishes (*ffercula*) of flesh or fish with an honest chamber and four cart loads of fuel.

The value of the jewels of the abbey was £12 6s. 8d.

The value of the bells £115 17s. 4d.

The lead (not yet sold) was worth 24s.

An Antony Bustard and Barnard Dovell paid £48 2s. 6d. for goods and chatels sold by the commissioners of the King.

85. For a further account of him, see S.A.S. *Proc.* xxxviii, ii, 340.

Grant to Robert Earl of Sussex.

1537.

Rob. Earl of Sussex, grant⁸⁶ in tail made, for his services against the northern rebels, of the reservations and rents reserved upon the following crown leases, viz. :—

(1). To Anth. Busterd, 27 Feb. 28 H. 8, of the house and site of the suppressed abbey of Clyve, Soms. with 632 acres of arable land, meadow and pasture in Olde Clyve belonging to the same late abbey : with reservations, for 21 years ; at £42 2s. 8d. rent.

(2). To the same, at the same time, of the chapel of St. Mary, Clyve, belonging to the ^{sd} late abbey for 21 years ; at the annual rent of £20.

Also grant, as above, of the lordship and manor of Clyve ; and all messuages, granges, &c., in the vills, fields, &c., of Olde Clyffe, London, Billbrooke, Wassheford, Hungreford, Golsyngcote, Roodwater, Leygh and Bynham, Soms., belonging to the ^{sd} late abbey ; which came into the King's hands by virtue of the Act 27 H. 8 ; with reservation of the rectory and vicarage of Old Clyve. Annual value £109 14s. 8½d. ; rent £33 14s. 8½d. and exemption from all dues (amounts specified) to the dean and chapter of Exeter, the abbey of Dunkeswell, Devon, and the free chapel of St. George's, Windsor ; Grenewyche 29 Dec. 29 H. 8 [1537]. Vacated on personal surrender 22 Mar. 33 H. 8 [1542] in order that the premises mt. be granted to the same Earl and Mary his wife in another form.

1539.

Hugh Stucley, grant⁸⁷ of the manor of Braunton Abbots, Devon, formerly belonging to Clyve Abbey.

28 Feb.

1540.

John Wyndham of Orcharde, Soms., and Elizabeth his wife,⁸⁸

86. Letters and Papers, H. 8, xiii. i. g. 190 (42).

87. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, vol. xiv, Pt. 1, p. 609 (No. 36).

88. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, vol. xv, g. 282 (106).

grant in fee for £267 8s. 4d. of the manors of Browne and Trebarowe, Soms., the advowson of the parish church of Trebarowe Soms., and all messuages, lands, &c., called Octro, Smalcombes, and Sloworthe; and all those lands, &c., in the parishes of Cutcombe, Timbercombe, Luxborowe, and Carehamton, Soms., which belonged to the late monastery of Clyve, Soms.

Annual value £14 13s. 3d., rent 29s. 4d.

Del. Westm., 25 Feb. 31 H. 8.

1544.

Grant⁸⁹ to John, E. of Oxford and Dorothy his wife, of lands in Wythycombe, Som., formerly belonging to Clyve Abbey.

23 April, 36 Hen. VIII.

1544.

Thomas Hyll of Kingston, Som.⁸⁹ Grant in fee for £106 18s. 4d. of the manor of Fons Georgii and 4 tenements in Tobridge in Kingston parish, lately belonging to Taunton Priory; and a tenement in Petybagborowe, within the parish of Bysshopes Lydeard, in tenure of Thomas Seyman, in right of Ilonda his wife, lately belonging to Clyve Abbey.

Dated 21 Aug. 36, Hen. VIII.

1561.

Demise⁹⁰ by Sir John Radclyff, Kt., to Robert, John, and Michael Wyllycumb for their lives of all his seaweed (*ore*) on the foreshore within his manor of Olde Clyve.

12 April, 3 Eliz.

89. Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII. vol. xix, i. g. 444 (15) and vol. xix. ii. g. 166(35).

90. Catalogue of Ancient Deeds iii. p. 186. "Ore" is a local English word for sea-weed; especially such as is cast on the shore and used for manure (N. E. D.)

EARLY CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, II, p. 59.

Bundle 44. No. 151.

David, abbot of Clyve, *versus* Philip Bemond, sheriff of Devon, and other commissioners, concerning the wreck at Poghwell and Treglaston of the ship *Raphael* of Bristol.

NOTE. The date of this document is given by the name of the sheriff, Philip Beaumont, Esq., who was sheriff of Devon from Nov. 5, 1467, to Nov. 5, 1468.

1468. To the right Reuend Fader in God Robt Byshopp of Bathe and Welts Chaunceler of Englund.

Mekely besechith your Chapeleyn David Abbot of Clyue that where Kyng Harry the third noble p̄genitor of the Kyng oure souayn lord that nowe ys by his tres patentes allowid afore Justices in Eyre and confermyd by the Kyng that nowe ys hath gūntid to John⁹¹ Abbot of Clyue p̄decessor of the seid nowe Abbot and to his successors for eūmore wrekk de meere in aff his demene londes and teñtes in Poghwell and Trelasteñ⁹² in the Countie of Cornewett as in the seid tres patentes more pleynly appith by reson of which gūnte the seid Abbot that now ys and his p̄decessors fro the tyme of the seid gūnte haue beñ seisid and possessid of wrekk in aff their demene londes in the seid Townes of Poghwell and Treglasten And nowe late certeyn godes and

91. 1421, John Stone. 1435, David Joyner.

92. The united manors of Alternon *alias* Penpont, Treglasta, and Trewinneck, extend into the parishes of Alternon, St. Cleather, Davidstow, and Lameast. Treglasta, the site of which seems to have been Treglasta, in Davidstow was parcel of the estate of Richard Lucy, Chief Justice of England, whose daughter, Rohesia, gave a moiety of it to Wm. Briwers, a powerful baron in the reign of King John. The widow of this William brought it in marriage to Hubert de Burgh, Earl of Kent, by whom the manor of Treglasta was given in 1234 to the abbot and convent of Clive in Somersetshire.—Lyson's *Magna Britannia*, Cornwall, pp. 13, 14, which cites Dugdale's *Baronage and Monasticon*.

cattails comyng by wey of wrekk w^tyn the seid londes and teñtes of the seid Abbot in Poghweff aforeseid were seysid by certeyn ſūntes and teñtes of the seid nowe Abbot and to his vse Whereuppon ooñ John May of Bristowe marchante late possessor of a Shipp callid the Raphaett of Bristowe chargid w^t dyūs godes and merchaundices at Dansk in Pruce to seyle into this Royalme of Englund vnto Bristowe foreseid whiche was perysshed vpon the high see made sute and peticōn vnto youre good Lordshipp to haue a Comysyon directid to the Lorde Fitz Wareyn and other to enquere whether the seid Shipp godes and m̄chaundices were wrekk or not surmyttyng in the seid peticōn that c̄teyn m̄chauntes and maryñs of the seid Shipp shuld lande in dyūs portes w^tyn the seid Royalme of Englund and that the seid Shipp shuld be perysshid and aventrid at Bedebay [Bude Bay] in the Counte of Corneweff where hit was perysshid vppon the high see oute of the Corpe⁹³ of eūy Counte Which Comyscion was gūntid vppon the same peticōn and theruppon hit was founde afore Philip Bemand Esquier⁹⁴ Sheriff of the Counte of Deuonshire John Orchard and Water Geyncote Comysseyñs in the seid Comyscion that c̄teyn psons beyng in the seid Shipp landid at Sandewich in the Shire of Kent and c̄teyn psons landid at Plymmoth in the Shire of Deuonshire And that afterward the seid Shipp was perysshid at Bedebay in the seid Counte of Corneweff and that diūs godes of the seid Shipp came to the handes of dyūs ſūntes and teñtes of youre seid besecher And oū that whether the said Shipp and godes were wrekk or no they knewe not and more they founde not by the whiche inquerre youre seid besecher vnderstondith that he was not ne ys excludid to clayme the seid godes by resoñ of wrekk And notwithstanding this the seid Comysseyñs ayeñst all trowth and

93. *Corpus Juris*.

94. Philip Beaumont, Esq., was sheriff from Nov. 5, 1467, to Nov. 5, 1468.—*P.R.O., Lists and Indexes*, ix, 1898. *Sheriffs for England and Wales*.

conscience haue retornyd and certefyed that after the seid Shipp so perysshid Richard Herlok and Thomas Donne and other maryns of the seid Shipp beyng in the same Shipp tyme of the perisshyng therof came to land at Bedebay foreseid alyfe wherof the contfy ys trowth the which youre seid besecher at altymes shall to pue afore youre Lordshipp by the grace of God Vppon the which retorne and ctificath at the speciatt sute and peticoñ of the seid John May a Commyssyon was awardid and directid to Humfray Erle of Deuonshire and other to direct suche psons to make . . . restitucõ of all suche godes that came to their handes accordyng to the seid inqysicõ found And yf they refuse to comytte them to pson ther to abyde vnto the tyme that they will make restitucõ And also to enquire to whos handes the residue of the seid merchaundices came and theruppon to make like restitucõ by force of whiche Comyssiõ the same Comyssiõs entendith and proposith to compelle the seid suntes and teñtes to make restitucõ of the seid godes w^out due . . x auns[wer?] of youre seid besecher his seid suntes and teñtes the which youre seid besecher vnderstandith consideryng the right and title that he hath to the seid wrekk and the wrong retorn and ctificat made contfy to the was founde on the inquest wherof your seid Lordshipp was not acerteynyd, ys ayenst right and conscience Please it youre good Lordshipp to consider the pmysses and hough yf the seid godes shuld so be takyn oute of the handes of [the seid] tenñtes and suntes whereas youre seid besecher vnderstandith that he hath very right and title to the seid godes hit will neu^{er} lye in his power to recoyl them ayen Therfor that hit myght like your seid Lordshipp to gũnte a Supsed . . . to the seid Erle of Deuonshire and the other Comyssiõs to surcesse in the execucoñ of the seid Comyssiõ vnto the tyme that they haue of youre seid Lordshipp other in comãdement and to

gūnte a writte sub pena directe to the seid John
 comādyng hym by the same to appe afore youre seid Lord-
 shipp̄ in the Chauncye at a certeyn day by youre seid Lord-
 shipp̄ to be lemyttid ther to aunswere shew and aley⁹⁵ suche
 mat̄ as he hath for his intesse in the p̄myases and theruppon
 to do and . . . seyve as by youre seid Lordshipp̄ shalbe
 considerid resonable in that behalf and this for the love of
 God and in the wey of charyte.

Pleḡ de p̄s Johes Hoppyng de Londoñ Gentilman.
 Thomas Caañ (?) de Clyve in Coñ Deuoñ
 (*sic*) yoman.

[Endorsed.] Fiat responsio coram Rege in Cauñ x̄v Mich.

NOTE. In places the above document is illegible, but it is
 easy to supply the missing words.

We have given the foregoing suit in full as it is interesting,
 and note two others for reference.

<i>Plaintiff.</i>	<i>Defendant.</i>	<i>Cause of Action.</i>
William, ⁹⁶ abbot of Clyve.	Jane, wife of Robert Hayward of Taunton.	Detention of deeds relating to the manor of Old Clyve.
Ratclif ⁹⁷ Sir John, Kt.	Wyndam Sir John, Kt.	Old Cleeve abbey, &c.

STAR CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS.

Hen. VII, p. 4, No. 77.

<i>Plaintiff.</i>	<i>Defendants.</i>
Alexander Hamleyn.	John, abbot of Cliffe, John Ewan, Richard Western, George Pytte, John Prouse and others.

95. Allay (aley), to allege. [*See N.E.D., allay, v. 2*]

96. Early Chancery Proceedings, iii, p. 146.

97. Chancery Proceedings, series ii, vol. i, p. 348.

re Blocking of a road and destruction of hedges and timber at Luxborough, Somerset.

Date. 2 July, 21 Hen. VII [1506].

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland to his beloved in Christ John, prior of Taunton, Master John Harrows,⁹⁸ vicar of Pederton also to his beloved John Sydenham of Orchard juxta Cleve and John Portman of Orchard juxta Taunton greeting.

Concerning the truth of a complaint in a certain petition before us and our Council at Westminster by Alexander Hamelyn *versus* John, abbot of Cleve, John Ewen, Richard Western, George Pytte, John Prouse, John Herward, John Baydon and John Herward as well in a certain answer to the said petition made by the abbot and the others before us and our council as in a certain reply by the said Alexander.

A. Hamlyn's Complaint.

Humble shewith and complayneth unto your most noble grace your true subject and liege man Alexander Hamelayne that where as he your oratour was lawefully seaid yn his demesne as of the tayle of certain londes &c. in Lullokkesburgh [Somt.] by which grownd ther ys a high waye lying called Sydewaye for all your liege people to cary, ryde and to goo at all tymes which highwaye hath ben there usyd by the time that no man can remember the contrary tille nowe of late John, Abbott of Clyffe, John Ewen, Richard Western, George Pytte, John Prouse of Crowedon, John Herward of Treburgh thelder, John Herward of Slowurthy, John Beydon of Lye thelder and John Herwerd of Lullokkesburgh with other riotouse and other evyll disposed persones to the number of 12 persons to your supplyaunt unknowen riotously with force and armes, that is to say with staffes, bylles, swordys, long knyves

98. John Harrow, V. of N. Petherton, 1476-1523. "Somt. Incumbents," 415.

and other defensible wepyns yn manner of a newe insurrexion the fryday next after the fest of St. George last passed came into a certeyn grounde callyd forty acres in Lullokesburgh and stopped uppe the said high waye that no man may ryde nor goo in the same and there and then with there wepons kutte and brake down the hegges of your said supplyant being for his closure between his grounde and the high waye, and then made the high waye over the grounde of your said supplyant where as was never any high waye usyd, and so the said ryotouse by meyntenance and greate supportacion of the said abbott contynually usyd the same high waye upon his severall grounde and so doe all other your subjects that come that waye because the olde comen high waye ys so stopped and dyked and also the said riotous persons have cutte down 23 carte lodes of Wodes of your said supplyant which was growing at Lullokesburgh and caryed awaye the same as to there owne use contrary to all reason and concyens and for as much as the said abbott ys a man of great myght and powre yn that countree and chief causer and meyntener of all the said injuries and wrongs done, your said supplyant dare not nor ys not of power to cause reformation and remedy for him to be hadde yn the premisses by the course of your common lawes please yt therefore your most noble grace the premisses graciously to consider and to commawnde your gracios letters under your prevye seale to be directed to the said abbott and other forsaid riotous persons commanding them and every of them of the same to appere personally before your grace and your most honorable Councell atte a certain day and under a certeyn payne by your grace to be lymyted there to answer to the premisses and further to do therein as shall be thought reasonable by the advyse of your most honorable Councell and that for the love of God and in the way of charyte and your said supplyant shall dayly pray to Godd for the long preservation of your most noble grace.

The answer of John, Abbot of Cliffe, &c.

They say that the said bill is uncerteyn and insufficient to be answered unto also the mater faynes and untruly ymagence to thyntent to put the said defendants to troble and losse of ther goods whereof they pray allowance and also the matter therein contayned as determinable at the common lawe and not in this court wherunto they pray to be remytted and the advantage therof to them saved, for answer saying as to any riott, unlawful assemble, or any other thing by them committed or doon contrary to your lawes they be nothing giltie, and over that they sayed that the said John nowe abbot and his predecessors be and have been seased of the said parcell of grounde called forty acres in their demeanis as of fee in the right of ther said church as there severall freehold and the said complaynant entending to put the said abbot from the advantage and profit of the said grounde utterly, claymeth and pretendeth to have a high waye within the same whereas there is not nor by the time that any man can remember have been eny high way had or used within the same ground, without that the said defendants or eny of them have stopped the said high way called the Sidway as in the said bill is surmised, or that they or any of them brake downe the heggs of the said complainant or made any high waye over the ground of the said Alex. Hamlyn and that the said defendants or any of them except the said John Ewen as in the said bill is surmised cut downe the said 23 cart lodes of wode. John Ewen saith he was and is tenant of certain ground in Lullockesburgh unto the said Alexander by reason of which lesse he according to the custom of the countre ther hath cut resonable fuell and frithe⁹⁹ for his heggis groeng upon his said tenour and denies that the said defendants or eny of them by the mayntenance and supportation of the said abbot usen eny day over the severall grounde of the said Hamlyn. All which matters they ben redie to

99. Brushwood, underwood for making hedges. (N. E. D.)

prove as this court will award and pray to be dismissed from the cause and that they may have their reasonable costs and charges for their wrongful vexacion sustained in this behalf.

Depositions for the parte of Alex. Hamelyn.

Roger Westcote, aged 80, sayth that he hath seyn a waye over the xl acres but whether it be the waye called the Syde-way or not he knoweth not and he herde saye there was a crosse yn the same way ; also that the said John Eweyn stopped the said high way lyng over the 40 acres, but he knoweth not that the other defendents were prevy thereto.

John Westcote (40), John Baydon (46), Wm. Darche (66), Robert Herward (60), John Syterffin (40), John Pole (60), corroborate.

Depositions on behalf of the Abbot.

Thomas Coke *alias* Thomas Richerds (60) sayth that he hath seyn that men have gone and Rydyn yn the way over the 40 acres but he knoweth not who stopped the said way.

John Chapman (80) saith that he hath known a way over the 40 acres by the space of twenty years.

John Vycar *als.* John Truscombe (50), John Chester (50), Robert Vycary (60), Robert Heo (50) corroborate.

Abbots of Cleeve.

1198	Ralph	MS. Cotton. Tib. E. VIII, fo. 208.
	Hugh	
1219	William	S.R.S. vi, 35.
1237	John	Pat. Roll, Hen. III. 1232-47, p. 191.
1242-1254	Simon	S.R.S. xi. 306, vi. 157.
1255	John	Pat. Roll, 14 Ed. II, p. 581.
1297	Henry	S.R.S. ix. 356, Cal. of Papal Reg. Papal Letters, v, p. 279.
1315	Richard le Bret	S.R.S. i, 97.

1321	Robert de Clyve	S.R.S. i, 193.
1342	Michael	Close Roll, Ed. III, 1341-3, p. 469.
1344-6	James	Close Roll, Ed. III, 1343-6, p. 458.
1367	James	S.A.S. <i>Proc.</i> vi, ii, 50.
1400	John	Pat. Roll. Hen. IV, 1399-1401, p. 413.
1407	John Mason	S.A.S. <i>Proc.</i> vi, ii, 40.
	John Plympton	<i>Ibid.</i>
1416-8	Leonard	Rowe's "Cistercian Mon. of Devon," p. 155.
1419	Wm. Seylake <i>als</i> Dunster	Gent. Mag. p. 247.
1421	John Stone	Bubw. Reg. 187.
1435-66	David Juyner	Stafford Reg. 145, and Pat. Roll. Ed. IV, 1461-7, p. 527.
1487	Humphrey	Walcott.
1500	Henry	Walcott.
1506	John Paynter	Star Chamber <i>Proc.</i> , Henry VII, p. 4, N. 77.
1510	William Dovell.	

Abbey Seals.

Cliff, or Cleeve Cistercian Abbey of St. Mary, co. Somerset.

David Juyner, Abbat.

2960. [A.D. 1435.] Sulph. cast. $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ in. [xlvi. 473].

Pointed oval: the Virgin, seated in a canopied niche with tabernacle work at the sides, with crown, the Child, with nimbus, on the R. knee. In base, under a round-headed arch, the Abbat, with pastoral staff, kneeling in prayer; betw. two shields of arms: L. three lions passant guardant in pale, a label of three points, *England*, or *Juyner*; R. seven lozenges, three, three, and one, *Cleeve Abbey*¹⁰⁰

100. These arms are a modification of those of Romara the founder (Walcott, p. 126).

S' : DAVID : JUYNER . ABBATIS . DE . CLEYUA.

Laing's MS. Catal., No. 348; Add MS. 30,294, ff. 32-36, where the engraver has blundered the bearings of the L.H. shield of arms.

2961. Sulph Cast [lxxi. 60.]

The above description is taken from Catalogue of Seals in B.M. (Dr. de Gray Birch) I. 511. This seal is engraved in S.A.S. *Proc.* vol. vi, together with another one, which bears the inscription

SIGILLVM COMMVNE ABBATHIE DE CLYVE.

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NOTE.—My object has been not to print again documents which are to be found in the above works.

Since this Paper was written, another volume of *Charter Rolls* has been issued, which contains the following interesting document (*Charter Rolls*, ii, 1257-1300, p. 69).

1267, Jan. 12. *Inspezimus* of a grant of Hen. III, as follows :
Grant to the abbot and monks of Clive, in frank almoin, of the abbey of Clive and of all their lands to hold with sac and soc, thol and theam, infangenethef, utfangenethef, quit of geld, danegeld, murder and money pertaining to murder and larceny, of hidages, shires, hundreds, hosts, assises, sommons, conduct of treasure, aid of sheriffs or their serjeants, sheriff's tourn, and of all other aids, of amercement of counties, of passage, pontage works of castles, bridges, fishponds, walls, dikes (*vallorum*), parks and all enclosures, of warpeni, haverpeni, lestage, stallage, hengwite, flemenewite, bladewite, fictwyte, and thethingpeni, with further quit-tance for their lands of essart, waste and regard of the forest ; and the said abbot and monks shall have wreck of sea in all their lands ; and none shall put them in plea of any tenement, which they hold, save before the king or his chief justices ; and they shall be quit of toll, pleas of the forest and scutages :

Witnesses : Hugh de Burgo, earl of Kent, justiciar of England, William Marshal, earl of Pembroke, Walter de Clifford, Stephen de Segrave, John de Monemue, William son of Warin, Philip de Albinaco, Ralph son of Nicholas, Ralph de Raleg, Richard son of Hugh ; given by the hand of Ralph, bishop of Chichester, chancellor, at Hereford, 20 Aug. 12 Hen. III, and renewal of the same under the king's present seal, the impression of the seal of that date having been broken.

NOTE. Most of these words are explained in the first glossary at the end of *Munimenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis*, vol. ii, pt. ii (Rolls Series).

Lestagium. Tributum exactum in nundinis ex mercibus (*Ducange*).